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VILLAGE DIARY

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May

Wednesdays	6pm-8pm	DAMASCUS Youth Project (see page 5 for details)	Village Hall
Thursday	2nd	Local Council Elections	Village Hall
Fridays	9am-10.30am	Stay & Play (every Friday except May 31st)	School
Friday	3rd 8.30am	River Room First Spade	Church
Sunday	5th 3pm	Toe Tapping Tea	Church
Tuesday	7th 7pm	Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm preceded by Thames Water presentation	Village Hall
Tuesday	7th 7.30pm	Spiritualists meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	7th 7.30pm	Friends of All Saints Church AGM	Church
Thursday	9th 10.30am-12 noon	Community Café	Church
Tuesday	14th 7.30pm	Local History Society	Village Hall
Wednesday	15th	SCN JUNE EDITION COPY DEADLINE	
Saturday	18th	Community Showcase	Village Green
Tuesday	21st 7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Thursday	23rd 10.30am-12 noon	Community Café	Church
Monday	27th 2.15pm	English Music Festival	Church

More photographs
of the amazing
scarecrows inside!
What fantastic sights
around the village.
Well done to all who
took part.



Also look for
The Abbey Cinema
in Abingdon
Prize Quiz.

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Vale of White Horse DC **www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk**

Oxfordshire CC **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Ministry Team

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Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am
2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
5th Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Parish – please see church noticeboard for details
Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

SUTTON COURTENAY 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 or email **scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com** or telephone **Jackie** on 01235 847817 Hire Charges vary depending on 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.



Thames Water – Drainage Plans for the Village

Thames Water have now progressed their studies on drainage for Sutton Courtenay taking into account the impact that the new housing developments have made. Representatives from Thames Water will give a presentation about their studies and the solutions they have in mind at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 7th May in the village hall. The presentation is open to the public, so please attend if you are interested in hearing the latest information.

Local Council Elections - 2nd May, 2019

New Parish Council is formed

The term of office for the current Parish Council is coming to an end and a new Parish Council will be formed from the 4th day after the election to serve for the next 4 years. There are 11 seats on the Council and 4 local people have been nominated to fill the seats. As the election is uncontested, no formal ballot is needed. Currently your new Parish Councillors will be:

Rita Atkinson	Chapel Lane
Teresa Field	Drayton Road
Michael Jenkins	Churchmere Road
Jennifer Corrigan	Appleford Road

The following existing Parish Councillors: David Butler, Christopher Campbell, Karl Gebhart, David Hignell, Martin Howell, and Claire Myerson have decided not to stand as candidates for election, and they will therefore be standing down from the Council. The Council wishes to express its thanks to them all for their efforts on the Council and on behalf of the community over the last 4 years.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

As only 4 parishioners were nominated for 11 seats, there are 7 seats on the Council which remain to be filled. The Parish Council can proceed to co-opt others within a statutory timescale. The Parish Council maintains the cemetery, recreation ground, and village green, and is currently busy with the Didcot Garden Town and its transport suggestions, the Oxford Cambridge Expressway and supports the Steering Group undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. It has a statutory right to be consulted on all planning applications in its area and its views are taken into account when the planning decision is made. It is often consulted on other local matters as well, having a representative on local committees such as WRG and RWE nPower at the Power Station. The Parish Council plays a vital part in representing the interests of the community which it serves and is an effective lobby group influencing the other decision makers. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council to help work towards improving community well-being, then please contact the Clerk, whose contact details

appear below, or can be found on the Council's website, as soon as possible.

Cllr. Gervase Duffield – Vale of White Horse District Council

The members of the Parish Council would place on record their thanks to Cllr. Gervase Duffield who has decided not to stand for re-election as the parish's representative on the Vale of White Horse District Council. Gervase has regularly attended meetings of the Parish Council in his term of office, and has helpfully guided the Parish Council in matters relating to the District Council. He has been committed to working for the benefit of Sutton Courtenay and has been a great support to all.

Parish Council Website – www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

Have you looked at the Council's new website yet? Whether you are a villager or visitor to the site, there is a lot of new information which you will find useful. The site has been organised to make navigation easy, is updated regularly and includes information about Council business, news, meetings, finances and it has several pages for the Neighbourhood Plan, where agendas, minutes, consultations and project plan are all contained. If you would like to see certain information on the site, which is not currently listed, then please contact the Clerk whose details appear below, or send an email via the website.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P19/V0420/HH Removal of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension at 125 Drayton Road. The Council had no objections

P19/V0572/HH Single storey rear extension at Jasmine Cottage Abingdon Road. Council had concerns regarding flooding in that location, and the impact on nearby cottages, and possible loss of parking

P19/V0573/HH Single storey rear extension at Rosemary Cottage, Abingdon Road. Council had concerns regarding flooding in that location, and the impact on nearby cottages, and possible loss of parking

P19/V0539/HH Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to existing dwellinghouse and associated alterations including replacement of existing roof at 14 Abingdon Road. As the area was in a flood zone, the Council had concerns that construction could impede water flow, and the Environment Agency was not a consultee.

P19/V0702/LB Minor proposal to supplement existing listed building consents at Tudor House, 20-22 Church Street. Council had no objections

P19/V0580/HH and **P19/V0581/LB** Demolition of rear projection. Erection of new two and single storey extensions. Insertion of new window on west elevation. Removal of brick wall at Cross Trees, 1 Church Street. Council had no objections

P19/V0706/D Removal of section of off site discharge pipeline between Churchmere Road and Appleford Road.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th May at 7.30 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. This will be preceded by a presentation by Thames Water on village drainage plans at 7.00 p.m.

Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The transcript of the report given by the Chairman of the Parish Council to the Annual Meeting of Electors on 2nd April 2019 can be viewed on the Parish Council website:

www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/

[Chairmans_Annual_Report_24933.aspx](http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/Chairmans_Annual_Report_24933.aspx)

The report covers, amongst other things:-

- Member's attendance at Parish Council meetings 2018/2019
- Significant Planning Issues - The application by Redrow Homes to develop the site adjacent to The Village Hall is still awaiting determination by VWHDC.
- The Council has been awarded costs against London Regeneration for their Harwell Road application. It remains to be seen if the company has sufficient assets to claim against.
- Neighbourhood Plan :The Council is extremely grateful to members of the Steering Group, chaired by Joanna

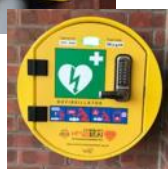
O'Callaghan, for developing our plan. After a number of frustrations, outside the control of the group, the plan is now progressing with some pace. Regular updates may be found on the new Parish Council website and also Sutton Courtenay News.

- Planning applications considered
- Applications outside of Sutton Courtenay considered by the Parish Council
- Planning breaches
- Major Items with which the Parish Council has been involved
- Representation
- Consultations
- Other Meetings
- Talks and presentations at Parish Council meetings.
- Council's Administration
- Other Involvement

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCIES

The Council has vacancies for councillors. It is the tier of local authorities closest to the people and provides some local services within the parish. It acts as a consultee on many issues putting forward the views of residents. The Council meets 11 times in the year to discuss matters relating to the village and immediate surrounds. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the role, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

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SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE



A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available at Burgrey Stores in the High Street.

The opening hours are:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 08.00 – 18.00,
Wed - 08.00 – 17.00,
Sat - 08.30 – 13.00,
Sun - 09.00 - 12.00.



SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The school has exciting news this month. Too much for just one page! To find out more please go to pages 16 & 17



Ridgeway Education Trust
Excellence through Partnership

THE ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

Registered Charity 1098966



Youth & Community Acting Together

**AMAZING BRYONY -
SEE PAGE 17**

WEDNESDAYS
SUTTON COURTENAY
VILLAGE HALL

Year 6,7 & 8: 6-7pm
Year 9+ 7-8pm

It is £1 entry and a tuck shop is available.

SUTTON COURTENAY SCARECROW TRAIL

You may have spotted some new friends in Sutton Courtenay over the Easter holidays. Over 40 scarecrows were made by volunteers and displayed across 2 trails around the village. We had sea creatures, pirates, super heroes, princesses, animals and a whole range of other super characters.

It is the first year of holding the event but through word of mouth and the power of social media, we had 100's of people visiting the trails from both inside the village and from neighbouring villages and towns. We even had the local police taking photos of themselves by a naughty burglar scarecrow which was hanging down from a window on the High Street. BBC Radio Oxford also rang asking to feature the story!

The Scarecrow Trail has raised over £500 for our village school and OASIS a local autism charity. Well done to all those families, the school and local businesses who made scarecrows and those who went on the trail which made this such a great success. It may need to return next year.....!



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The
DAMASCUS
Parish
Drayton | Appleford | Milton
Sutton Courtenay | Steventon

From the Ministry Team...

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12-18TH MAY 2019

I remember, as a child my Grandmother telling me that "charity begins at home". I also remember thinking "so if it begins at home, where does it go to and where does it end?"

There are numerous charities, all having specific interests. You can probably think of a few straight away. You may regularly donate to a charity special to you. There are particular times and events when charities will want to highlight their work and fundraising. Every year in May the charity Christian Aid has one week where it aims to do just that. It is a charity that has seventy years of experience helping those at home, wherever that is, and overseas. Christian Aid campaign for change to tackle the root causes of poverty and challenge the systems that keep people poor. It works in thirty-seven countries with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. Christian Aid believes in life before death and are part of a global movement for change, particularly poverty, which also includes climate change.

There are many disaster appeals due to the effect of climate on people living in poverty. The most immediate disaster has been in south east Africa where two million people have been affected by Cyclone Idai. There are, at the same time Christian Aid appeals for those affected by the Tsunami in Indonesia, floods in Kerala, South Asia floods, affecting almost seventeen million people, not forgetting the Syria crisis.

Christian Aid week is an important and busy time to raise awareness and funding for the challenges of charity beginning at home and spreading out to reach our neighbours near and far. The motivation is of human nature, of wanting to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and it is also a Christian one, by following what Jesus taught and did.

More information on Christian Aid, how to get involved and how to make a donation can be found on www.christianaid.org.uk, or look out for Christian Aid envelopes for collecting donations in your village and in your church.

A prayer for those affected by cyclones and flooding:

Shelter in the storm

Light in the darkness

Hope even in a living hell

Behind the numbing numbers are the names of loved ones

Behind the staggering statistics are the life stories to be told.

As the world is our global neighbourhood, help us to find the rain-driven path together, for only together can we weather the storms.

Rosie Bruce Associate Priest in the DAMASCUS Parish

We are delighted to announce that Ann White has been appointed as Parish Administrator for the DAMASCUS Parish. She can be contacted on admin@damascusparish.org.uk or via the Parish Office on 01235 848297.

YOU STAY – WE PRAY!

All Saints (now part of The DAMASCUS Parish) prays for all those who live and work in Sutton Courtenay, by each road on a weekly basis. As roads are of different lengths, some are prayed for twice (on consecutive weeks) and some for three weeks. There is a printed Rota in the Prayer Space of the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church. In addition to the Rector's prayers as she travels round the village, the specific roads are prayed for by name at Sunday Services and at each Wednesday's Morning Prayer, and of course we can all remember each specific area as we move around Sutton Courtenay!

During May 2019 we will pray for those who live and work as follows:–

Sunday 21 April to Saturday 4 May 2019 – All four churches in The DAMASCUS Parish – St.Peter's Drayton., St.Peter & St.Paul Appleford, St.Blaise Milton, All Saints Sutton Courtenay, St.Michael & All Angels Steventon

Sunday 5 May to Saturday 11 May 2019 – Abingdon Road, All Saints' Lane, Brook Street

Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May – Amey Close, Appleford Road

Sunday 19 May to Saturday 25 May – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane

Sunday 26 May to Saturday 1 June – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane

THE RIVER ROOM

Just a confirmation of the start of the River Room building! It is planned that the builders will shortly begin to move onto the site, the ceremonial 'First Spade' will be wielded by Bishop Colin Fletcher on Friday May 3rd at 8.45am. The ceremony will be followed by a Bacon Butties Breakfast with tea; coffee or fruit juice. All villagers are welcome but please let us know if you wish to stay for breakfast.

All of us on the committee would like to apologise in advance for the inconvenience of the build. It is important that attendees/visitors approach the Church from the side gate along the footpath, definitely not the NW gate (next to the George & Dragon). Please be aware of contractors vehicles!

On a lighter note - we bring to you "The Sutton Courtenay Summer Clearout"

This is to help 'declutter' our village homes! Please watch this space in next months Sutton Courtenay News for all the details.

An even lighter note! You have seen the posters and advertisement for the exciting musical extravaganza on Sunday 5th May. As well as coming along to listen or dance at this musical afternoon we would be grateful for the loan of pretty cups and saucers and tea plates to grace the tea that comes with your ticket. Mugs hardly live up to this event! Please contact any of the names below if you can loan a few. We will arrange collection. Janet 01235 847903; Alex 01235 847443; or Morna 01235 848335

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY

- **Wednesday 1st** – 19:30 Sutton Courtenay Local Church Committee Meeting
- **Friday 3rd** – 8:30 'Blessing the Spade' – a short ceremony led by the Bishop of Dorchester, to mark the start of building work for the River Room - church building project – all welcome – but if you wish to stay for breakfast please let admin@damascusparish.org.uk know
- **Sunday 5th** – 15:00-17:00 Toe-Tapping Tea with the Titanic House Band – tickets £12.5- for adults, children free – available from Burgrey Stores or by emailing admin@damascusparish.org.uk
- **Tuesday 7th** – 19:30 Friends of All Saints' Church AGM
- **Thursday 9th** – 10:30-12 noon Community Café
- **Monday 13th** – 19:30 DAMASCUS Parochial Church Council Meeting, St Blaise Milton
- **Thursday 16th** – 12.30 Funeral of Chris Taylor
- **Saturday 18th** – 11:00-16:00 Community Showcase on the Village Green – see advert for details
- **Thursday 23rd** – 10:30-12 noon Community Café
- **Monday 27th** - 14:15 English Music Festival Concert 'Like as The Lute Delights' see www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk for info
- **Thursday 30th** – ASCENSION DAY – 19:30 Holy Communion for the DAMASCUS Parish, St Michael's and All Angels, Steventon

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12noon

Thursday 9th May &

Thursday 23rd May

Run by the church for the whole community



All Saints' Church

Why not drop by for coffee, delicious homemade cake & conversation and to browse the books on offer? Open to all – a good place to meet with friends. If you need transport to and from the church please 'phone Helen on 848297.

Sutton Courtenay Community Showcase



Saturday 18th May 2019

11-4pm

**The Village Green
Sutton Courtenay**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

THANK YOU! To all the organisations and individuals from across the village who want a stand at the Showcase to promote their organisation or activity or business.

We still need volunteers to help run stalls (can you spare an hour or two?); to help set up (7am-11am) and clear up (at 4pm). This will involve putting up and taking down the marquees and gazebos and moving tables and chairs. If you can help please email Ann

White at admin@damascusparish.org.uk

We also need:

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola – contact Val Meville tel 01235 847612

Raffle prizes – contact Sue Jenkins 01235 847174
Bottles and Raffle Prizes can also be left at the Rectory, 3 Tullis Close

Plants for the Plant Stall – contact Alex Landsbert at landsbert@west-manor.co.uk

Cakes for the Tea and Cake stall – please contact Fiona at

The event is seed-funded by the Vicar's Fun Day Fund. If you would like your organisation or business to take part or you would like to volunteer to help in anyway then please contact:

Helen or Ann at

**admin@damascusparish.org.uk
01235 848297**

Singing Saints - Come and Sing! Singing is Good For You!

We are a group of singers (the Singing Saints) meeting on Tuesdays in All Saints' Church from 19:30 -21:00 under the expert leadership of Paul Francis. We are a mixture of existing choir members, experienced singers and enthusiastic novices – all are welcome! Our aim is to build singing confidence at our services; to learn new music and to lead the singing at the Easter services. We are also rehearsing for the Community Showcase on 18th May – perhaps some Abba Songs!

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick 848297.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Transport to & from All Saints' Church

If you'd like transport (or can offer a lift) to Church on a Sunday, or to other events, please contact Diana Hasting:
3 Chapel Lane, OX14 4AN Tel/Ansafone: 01235 847430

For all baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick on
01235 848297 or email: rector@damascusparish.org.uk



Dominic SAUNDERS (7th April 2019)

Service conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick

Hadley-Jean Margaret BICKELL

(14th April 2019)

Service conducted by the Reverend Karen Hyde

Hear some exceptional music.....

Toe-tapping Tea with THE TITANIC HOUSE BAND *

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

Sunday 5th May 3 – 5 pm

£12.50 adult. Children FREE

Tickets available from **Burgrey Stores** (your local Post Office)

Unique opportunity to dance in a cleared area of the Church.

Sandwiches/cake and a glass of prosecco! (included)

Proceeds towards the **Church Building Project**

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**www.titanichouseband.org*



All Saints' Church

*Art & Craft Weekend**

Bringing Local talent together

22nd & 23rd JUNE 2019

INVITATION TO EXHIBIT.

Following the success of the last four year's events, potters, painters, photographers plus craftspeople of all types of media are invited to 'phone (01235) 848768 or email : lynne.cubbage@btinternet.com

for details.

No charge for exhibition space

RESERVE THE DATE !

Sales income to assist with the

Church Building Project

SUTTON COURTENAY

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

SATURDAY

18TH MAY

11:00-16:00

The Village Green

Come and find out what YOUR community has to offer YOU and what YOU can offer YOUR community!

Groups, individuals and local businesses will be hosting a variety of stalls

Fantastic food, fun for all ages and a chance to meet your neighbours

Tea and Cakes

Giant Paella

Bouncy Castle

Plant Stall

Toasting Marshmallows on a bonfire

Bottle Tombola

Grand Raffle

Music & Entertainment

The Showcase is being seed-funded by the Vicar's Fun Day Fund - any proceeds will be shared between various village organisations

For more information please contact:
Ann White admin@damascusparish.org.uk
01235 848297



THE
THIRTEENTH

ENGLISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Join us here at All Saints', Sutton Courtenay, for a glorious concert of lute songs and duets by John Dowland and John Danyel. Over in Dorchester Abbey you can hear the world première performances of a concerto by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, of a Symphony by Robin Milford, and orchestral works by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Lord Berners, played by the BBC Concert Orchestra. Other events range from song-cycles by Finzi, Ireland and Howells through choral, orchestral and chamber gems by Elgar, Holst, Parry, Britten and Delius to 1930s English jazz. Informative talks, convivial social events and glorious and historic venues will complete a wonderful second May Bank Holiday!

Please contact Festival Director Em Marshall-Luck at The English Music Festival, PO Box 123, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 7BP or email: em.marshall-luck@englishmusicfestival.org.uk.

www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY
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24-27 MAY 2019

REST IN PEACE

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

Mary Veronica Catherine Dalglish who died on 10th March 2019 was born on 14th September 1945 and had lived in Sutton Courtenay for several years with her husband Paul before moving to Abingdon. Her funeral was held in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on Thursday 28th March 2019 and tributes were given by, and on behalf of, her brother Peter, her sister Ruth, sons Sasha and Nick and her granddaughter Olivia. This is an edited extract of the tribute given by her brother: Mary, known as Ethel to her family, was warm, generous and big-hearted, small in stature with a large personality. She was the second eldest of four siblings and she took her role as older sister very seriously and was fiercely loyal and supportive. Though she grew up in rural Lancashire, Mary never felt like a country girl and from her early teens had a romantic outlook, craving the glamorous life she read about in magazines, much to the dismay of our stern Grandmother who was rather Victorian in outlook and thought Mary should be meek and demure. Conforming and being seen and not heard was not for Mary; she was exuberant and talkative. After school she went to work in the rag trade, a profession that would influence her for the rest of her life; she was always immaculately turned out with not a hair out of place. Her romantic nature also extended to the books she read, being especially fond of historical novels; in particular the glamour and intrigue of the Tudors. Mary was always an avid reader and remained one throughout her life; in later years she would get through up to five books a week. Her love of literature, history and the arts was certainly a formative influence on me as she enthused about all the wonderful things that the world of culture could bring. To my young eyes it seemed that she occupied a world that was completely different to home; a

world of glamour, extravagant dinner parties, concerts and nightclubs. The premature death of her father had a profound effect on the family coinciding with the grown up siblings moving to different corners of the country. Mary met and married Paul and moved to the South. Mary was pivotal in keeping the family together and many wonderful weekends were spent at her beautiful home in Kingswood. Mary was a fantastic and enthusiastic host, her lavish dinner parties were legendary; she would be there at the centre of things, refreshing peoples glasses and keeping the conversation flowing. These occasions allowed her to flaunt her passion for cooking, possibly inspired by stories of the feasts of the Romanovs, with extravagant dishes like salmon mousse in aspic, which tasted just as good the next morning for a hungover breakfast. She became mother to Sacha and Nicolas – again a romantic connection from novels set in the Russian revolution. She committed to motherhood with the same passion she gave to everything in life, encouraging her boys through the usual ups and downs of childhood, with tenderness and love, as a result she raised two polite and kind young men. Mary was initially ambivalent about becoming a grandmother; not anything to do with children, but because she thought that being called granny would make her feel old. She got that wrong - when Olivia, Charlotte and Xander arrived she was utterly beguiled by their natural loveliness and would talk incessantly about them. Mary was always accompanied by a variety of tiny shivery yappy Yorkshire terriers with names that ended in 'y. Mary was always fantastic company, her energy and enthusiasm for any subject was admirable. She was a good listener and her advice was always heartfelt and based on observation and empathy. She was uplifting, life enhancing and had a real joie de vivre which never seemed to flag. This is how she will be remembered - as a person who lived life to the full and treasured her family and her friends.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Friends of All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay
Registered Charity No. 294227

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Saints' Church

TUESDAY 7th May at 7.30pm

Guest speaker:

Work of the OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
Basil Eastwood, Development Officer, OHCT

EVERYONE WELCOME

Admission free
Refreshments.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Summer Garden Party is on the 30th June

SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE



The Steering Group hope that everyone who attended the Sutton Courtenay Youth Consultation Pizza and Games Evening on 24 April enjoyed the event. Thank you to the younger residents of our village for all the valuable contributions and thanks to Roxy and James of DAMASCUS Youth for facilitating the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our stand at the Sutton Courtenay Showcase on 18 May on the Village Green.

As you know we welcome your comments and contributions at any time and you can keep up to date with our progress by visiting 'The Neighbourhood Plan' page of the Parish Council Website <https://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk>. Should you wish to receive additional information or would like to play your part in producing our community's Neighbourhood Plan please email Joanna O'Callaghan at oatlands32@btinternet.com.

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



TUESDAY 14TH MAY

Village Hall 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting

“FOCUS ON SUTTON COURTENAY: MORE PICTURES THAT TELL A STORY”

The AGM will be followed by several presentations by members on different aspects of Sutton Courtenay's history, including many pictures to illustrate the chosen topics.

We look forward to seeing you to learn more about the village's past or to revive memories.

Everybody welcome: Members free, visitors £3

Mary Thompson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Fancy joining the RBL Poppy Appeal team in 2019?

The Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November. It is made possible thanks to amazing volunteers across the country like door to door collectors and Poppy Appeal Organisers, and paid support staff at the RBL to name a few. The Sutton Courtenay & Appleford team has a Poppy Appeal Organiser who brings together 17 door to door collectors and 14 static collections points. Together, a record £3,799.44 (plus a potential £259.01 Gift Aid) was collected for the 2018 centenary Poppy Appeal which is amazing. Fancy joining the team in 2019? We are looking for a [new Poppy Appeal Organiser](#) and [more door to door collectors](#) to cover the growing areas of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford (where there are currently no collectors). If you are interested please contact Georgia Broome at poppyappealsca@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' SINGERS

The All Saints' Singers, Sutton Courtenay was inaugurated almost forty years ago and gave its first performance in 1982 of Haydn's Little Organ Mass. There have been many changes since then but we remain a non-auditioned community choir meeting once a week over the winter to rehearse for two concerts a year one in autumn and one in spring.

We have an excellent music director: Sebastian Thomson and we use professional musicians and soloists at our performances in the All Saint's Church.

We rehearse on Fridays at 19:30 in the Matrix. We are looking for new singers so please check our website <https://allsaintssingers.org> to find more about us and when rehearsals will start.

Do not hesitate to contact the chairman, Steve Fisher <dr.s.m.fisher@gmail.com> 0781 203 7530 if you would like more information. You might like to go to <https://allsaintssingers.org/subscribe> to subscribe to our infrequent newsletters Steve Fisher 0781 203 7530

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP5 (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER



Can the police be trusted?

A Didcot resident was the victim of a particularly convincing scam recently. Fraudsters had visited her, saying that the police were involved in a scam and that her help was needed with undercover work to identify corruption in the police and in banks. When the police called to

visit the woman, to tell her she was a victim, she wouldn't be persuaded and thought that the police officers concerned were involved in the scam. The police then resorted to posting plain-clothed officers outside the woman's house and they followed her to where she was meeting the person to hand over the money. It was only at that point that she began to realise she had been duped. **The police will never ask a member of the public for this sort of assistance.**

A local man was asked to buy £1,500 of gift vouchers from Argos and then read the voucher numbers over the phone to the fraudster, who said that they were invalid and suggested he try again with the same amount of Wilko vouchers. Once again the victim was told that the numbers he read out were invalid and that he should go to the bank and withdraw the cash. It was only when the alarm was raised by bank staff that the scam was picked up and, luckily, the victim did not lose his cash.

Fraudsters usually target people who live alone. If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who are elderly or vulnerable they are amongst those most likely to be the targets of scams. Please tell them about the two described above and stress that they should never use an organisation's telephone number that's been provided to them by a caller at the door, during a phone call, in a letter or an e-mail. They should look up the number themselves and make the telephone call using a different phone from the one on which they received the call.

Finally, if you are the victim of a scam or know someone who is, please report it to the police. Don't be embarrassed. You'll be helping the police to prevent it happening to someone else.

Garden equipment and tool thefts

There have been thefts in both Sutton Courtenay and Drayton over the past few weeks and the numbers of shed and garage break-ins continue to be high. Padlocks and bolts can be cut through quickly and residents are urged not to keep valuable items in insecure sheds and garages. If you do store things in a shed consider using a shed alarm, motion sensor padlock and dusk-to-dawn lighting, which are all effective deterrents. Mark tools or equipment clearly, in large text, with your postcode using an indelible pen such as Cre-mark (available online). It will not only make items less attractive to thieves but it will also ensure that, should your property be recovered by the police they can quickly and easily identify the owner. You can download Thames Valley Police's FREE Home Security Guide at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/thames-valley/advice/home-security-guide.pdf>. If you don't have online access you might consider asking a friend, neighbour or family member to download and print the Guide for you.

Construction sites have also been targeted, with container locks being cut through and large sections of the sides of containers being cut out in order to remove the contents.

To contact the police about non-emergencies use the online reporting tool on the police website at: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>. You will be contacted within 24 hours of filing the report. If you don't have online access please call 101 for non-emergencies.

Call 999 in the case of emergency.

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com

SUTTON COURTENAY STAY AND PLAY



All parents, grandparents and other carers - please bring your babies and toddlers to join us for play and chat on a Friday morning (term time only - no group 31st May)

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DETAILS!!

New day and time - Friday morning, 0900-1030

New venue - Sutton Courtenay Primary School

New price - £1 per family (includes coffee and tea for grown ups but snacks will no longer be provided for the little ones)

Please note there is no parking available in the school car park - please park on the street outside

Please keep an eye on our **Facebook page (@SCstayandplay)** to find out the latest news!



Some very good news – the Government have announced a **£218million investment** in roads and bridges for southern Oxfordshire. This is not only great news for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse but for the whole of Oxfordshire. This is a great example of how councils working together with MPs, local businesses, community groups and residents can submit a significant bid to the Government resulting in success.

A number of constituents have contacted me with their concerns about the proposed change in **Scanning services** available at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford: the service was previously provided by Oxford University Hospital Trust but it was recently announced that NHS England had accepted a tender from a private provider InHealth to run the services. Whilst in principle I do not oppose competitive tendering for medical services I am concerned about the handling of this tender process by NHS England. I wrote to NHS England to ask for an explanation and I am pleased the decision is now under review. No changes will be made to the current PET-CT service at the Churchill while this process is ongoing.

In Parliament **Brexit** continues to be the issue that dominates both the headlines and Parliamentary time. As I write this column some weeks in advance of its publication it is difficult to predict where we will be when you read this. I will continue

to support the Prime Minister's efforts to secure a workable withdrawal agreement and, if need be, vote to increase Parliamentary control of the process to avoid a no deal exit. I provide regular Brexit updates via email so please do contact my office if you would like to be added to that list.

In the constituency I have enjoyed visiting the Didcot Railway Centre for the unveiling of their new train (by none other than Prue Leith), Wallingford Museum, and the reopening of the recently renovated The Extraordinary Hare Pub in West Hendred. I have also met with GPs in Didcot, taken a walking tour along the A420 to see first-hand residents' concerns, and been campaigning alongside local colleagues for the Council elections.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

NATIONAL CROQUET DAY AT BLEWBURY

Sunday 12th May 2pm



Come and celebrate National Croquet Day on Blewbury's brilliant lawns! Have a go, learn what it's like, and afterwards a glass of bubbly or cup of tea, and home-made cake. We think croquet's the ideal sport – played by all ages, at your own walking pace out in the open air. A game of skill and strategy. Can you get your balls through the hoops and peg out before your opponent? Blewbury Croquet Club is throwing open its lawns to everyone from 2pm on Sunday, 12th May, to try the game, with help from our expert coaches. No entry fee, no special clothing needed – but do wear flat shoes please, for the sake of the flat lawns. And a short follow-up coaching course is on offer to everyone who'd like to come again.

Croquet offers sport, friendships, fun, competition and a whole lot more. Come along and see for yourself what this game is about – just off the A417 in Blewbury, opposite Savages.

For more details, call Paul Wolff on 01235 850520 or email croquet@parabola.uk, or visit www.blewburycroquetclub.org.uk



SUTTON COURTENAY PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

This year the show will be on Saturday, 7th September Here is the list of categories. It will also be available at The Sutton Courtenay Community Showcase event on the Village Green on Saturday, May 18th.

The Show will be open for viewing at 2 pm.

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

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show 7th September 2019 (Show open for viewing at 2 pm.)

Please note: Entries must be staged strictly between 9.45 and 11am when judging begins.

Early or late entries cannot be accepted.

PRODUCE

1. A seed tray with a mixture of vegetables
2. 1 sweetcorn - kernel to be ½ exposed
3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
4. 6 runner beans
5. Bunch of fresh herbs
6. 3 onions (trimmed)
7. A lettuce
8. 3 tomatoes A truss of tomatoes – any variety
9. 2 courgettes no larger than 6 ins
10. Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)
11. 3 carrots -with 3" tops
12. 3 beetroot - with 3" tops
13. 5 shallots (trimmed)
14. 3 dessert apples
15. 3 cooking apples
16. 5 plums
17. 3 pears
18. 2 sweet peppers
19. 1 cucumber
20. An odd vegetable
21. 3 leeks

FLOWERS

22. Vase of 3 stems of roses
23. 1 specimen rose
24. Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (Different varieties)
25. 4 dahlias
26. 3 stems of gladioli
27. Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers (inc. shrubs)
28. A potted cactus or succulent not exhibited before
29. A potted fuchsia
30. A potted flowering begonia
31. 1 pot plant shown for foliage

COOKERY

32. Jar of jam
33. Jar of marmalade
34. Jar of jelly
35. Jar of lemon curd
36. Jar of chutney
37. Victoria Sandwich *given recipe & tin size must be used
38. 4 Chocolate Brownies
39. 4 fruit scones
40. 4 decorated cup cakes
41. A shortcrust treacle tart
42. 4 ginger biscuits
43. 1 sausage plait – max 9" long

DRINKS

44. 1 bottle home-made lemonade
45. 1 bottle home-made fruit flavoured spirit
46. 1 bottle home- made wine

CRAFTS (NB: ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK AND NOT HAVE BEEN USED OR SHOWN BEFORE)

47. New hand knitted hat
48. An item of crochet

49. An article of hand embroidery, c ross stitch or canvas work
50. A decorated felt purse
51. A quilted item – maximum 1 metre square
52. 'Something new from something old'
53. An item made from fabric
54. A hand-made birthday card
55. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood
56. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood
For age 12 - 18year olds

ART (NB: ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK AND NOT HAVE BEEN SHOWN BEFORE)

57. Drawing (pencil, charcoal or pen-and ink) - max 2'x2'
58. Picture (any medium including collage - max 2'x2'

PHOTOGRAPHY (PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE TAKEN BY EXHIBITOR AND NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED; MOUNTED, OVERALL SIZE MAX 14"x10")

59. Black and white photograph
60. Colour print – general
61. Colour print – 'Wet'
62. Colour print – 'Generations'

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (MUST BE CHILD'S OWN UN-AIDED WORK- AGE TO BE GIVEN)

63. A picture of a cartoon character- age 6 and under
64. A picture of a cartoon character - age 7 - 11
65. A decorated pebble ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
66. Garden on a plate ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
67. 4 jam tarts ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
68. 'A vegetable animal' ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11

FLOWER ARRANGING (ACCESSORIES MUST BE WITHIN SIZE LIMITS)

69. Petite – maximum 4" all dimensions
70. Arrangement for a top table (max 9" ht x 24" wide)
71. Arrangement in a teapot– garden flowers only
72. Flowers for Harvest
(max 20'sq, unlimited height. Accessories allowed)

*Class 38: Victoria Sandwich
for the cake:

175g (6oz) softened butter
175g(6oz) caster sugar
3 eggs beaten
175g (6oz) self-raising flour (sifted) Pinch of salt.

Preheat oven to 180C, 350 F, gas mark 4. Grease and base-line two 8in/ 20cm round tins.

Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs beating well between each addition. Gently fold in flour and mix to a soft dropping constituency. Add a little water if necessary.

Place mixture in tins and cook for approximately 25 minutes.

Leave to cool on wire rack. Sandwich together with strawberry jam when cold.

THE ABBEY CINEMA QUIZ

THE ABBEY ABINGDON UPON THAMES

The Abbey Cinema is bringing films and live events to Abingdon which has missed having its own cinema for nearly 30 years! The team behind it also owns and runs a Grade II listed, art deco cinema in Evesham and they love showing films in unique locations.

The Abbey Cinema is offering the readers of Sutton Courtenay News the chance to win a Gift Card to the value of £50 (which can be spent on film tickets and/or food and beverages and which will be valid for a year) by entering the competition below. The winner will be the first correct entry drawn by the The Abbey Abingdon on Thames judges. The judges' decision is final. There will only be one winner. Entries should be posted to Abbey Cinema, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JD or emailed to boxoffice@theabbey.ac to be received no later than Monday 8th May. Please ensure that your entry includes your phone number or email. The winner will be drawn on Friday 12th May. The results will be published in the June edition of Sutton Courtenay News. Good Luck.

Question 1

Use your crystal ball to see which of the following films sold most tickets at the Abbey Cinema over Easter Weekend (Good Friday to Easter Monday)

- a. Dumbo
- b. Missing Link
- c. Fisherman's Friends

- d. Captain Marvel
- e. Peppa Pig
- f. White Crow

Question 2

What is the most popular retro cinema food purchased at the Abbey Cinema?

- a. Freshly made popcorn
- b. Handmade pizza
- c. Tasty burgers
- d. Nachos

Question 3

What is the Abbey Cinema's most popular designer gin?

- a. Rhubarb and ginger
- b. Elderflower
- c. Cotswolds Dry
- d. Monkey 47
- e. Nettle

Question 4

How many of the following is the Abbey Cinema planning for 2019?

- a. Autism friendly films
- b. Dementia friendly films
- c. Sub-titled films for hard of hearing
- d. Audio description films for hard of sight
- e. All the above?

Question 5

Who has won the most Oscars for acting?

For further details on The Abbey Cinema and the latest screenings, please visit www.theabbey.ac



Culham Station Celebrating 175 years of the Didcot to Oxford line!

Saturday 15th June 9:00am - 4:00pm & Sunday 16th June 10:00am - 2:00pm

The **Old Ticket Office** will be open early on Saturday to give the early birds who come to watch the Flying Scotsman pass by the opportunity to also view the inside of this fine building. Explore the original Brunel broad gauge era building and its surroundings. See the old ticket office window, original tickets dating back to the 1890s, and Edmondson date punches.

At the Old Ticket Office there will be displays of:

- original GWR memorabilia
- model railway

- history of Culham station
- items from 1935 celebrating the centenary of the GWR

As well as many free souvenirs and memorabilia for sale.

Travelling to and from Culham will be easy:

- Special buses between Abingdon and Culham Station
- Local trains between Oxford and Didcot will stop at Culham. Combined tickets will also allow entry to Didcot Railway Centre and travel on the special buses
- Free parking

Refreshments and toilet facilities will be available on both days at The Railway Inn which is adjacent to Platform 1

Further information www.culhamstation.co.uk

DON'T FORGET!

Flexicare Annual Community Walk Snells Hall at East Hendred Sunday 12 May. www.flexicare.org for further details.

June 15th Appleford country fair also celebrating 175 years of the Oxford Didcot railway. For more information e-mail Appleford175@gmail.com or ring 01235 848336 (Chris & Mary) or 7768 490 277(Greg)

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sutton Courtenay Primary School is now part of Ridgeway Education Trust

This means that we are working in partnership to deliver the highest standards of education with Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School and the Didcot Sixth Form.

Children from Sutton Courtenay Primary School will now have priority entry to the Ridgeway secondary schools when they transfer at Year 7



Ridgeway Education Trust
Excellence through Partnership

"We are delighted to be working in partnership with Sutton Courtenay Primary School and look forward to many years of happy and successful collaboration." **Rachael Warwick, Executive Headteacher of the trust.**

We offer:

- A strong ethos based on our values
- Experienced, highly skilled staff
- Exceptional Early Years provision, offering 30 hours care for eligible families
- A rich curriculum, enhanced by our partnerships with secondary colleagues
- Happy children, parents and carers



Contact us: 01235 848333 to speak to Mrs Appleyard

Or e-mail us at office.3243@sutton-courtenay.oxon.sch.uk to enquire about places



This month's news...

A Fabulous End to the Spring Term

As usual, everyone was working hard right up to the end of term to provide an outstanding curriculum for the children. Barn Owls Nursery visited Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre for a Teddy Bears Picnic in the woods. Key Stage 1 children went to the Natural History Museum in Oxford to finish their dinosaur topic. Year 3 travelled all the way to Blists Village in Telford as part of their history work, and put on a fabulous production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' – a musical set in a country house. Year 6 also visited SCEE for an outdoor day in the pouring rain, building their resilience before SATs, and then headed to All Saints Church (in dreadful weather again) for Experience Holy Week on Thursday. We finished the term with our Easter celebration service in Church, which gave us all time to pause and reflect. It has been a lovely term and everyone now deserves holiday!



Photograph of Year 3 taken at Blists Village, aged with digital technology!

Science Week

11th-15th March was National Science Week. On Wednesday, the children came out of their usual classes and joined together in their house groups for a morning of science. They moved round four different activities: classifying trees, reacting chemicals to make lava lamps, investigating static electricity and competing to make paper planes that flew the furthest. Extra house points were awarded for outstanding contributions!

Sports News

The football team celebrated a win on Wednesday 13th March. They played against The Hendreds School and it was a real team effort which paid off with a 3-0 victory. This was a great confidence boost before the tournament later in the month. There were 8 teams, 4 in each group. We came 2nd in our group so went through to the semi-final! Unfortunately, there was no time for a break so we started our third game in a row feeling a little tired! Whitchurch are a strong team and they beat us 2-0, and then went on to win the final. It was a great afternoon of football and a good result making it to the semi-finals.

Outdoor update

After much discussion, our wonderful school business manager Mrs Willis persuaded those in charge that we would need the area around the new classrooms turfed if the children were going to be able to play on the area during the summer term. Hopefully we will finally see the fencing disappear over Easter! Meanwhile, Mr Greenough has been very busy and the new Early Years play area is now complete. Next year, we are saving up for an all-weather track for the Daily Mile that will go around the school field. This has been a hugely popular addition to the school day for both children AND teachers- it is a lovely, social break with fresh air that blows everyone's cobwebs away. Thanks to Tom in Year 6 for all the work he did leading us on this.

Poetry Corner...

Dandelion

Dawn comes; determined seeds escape the depths.

Damp dirt clings to the darling sapling discovering a new world.

Midday is here; the defiant damsel prepares to dominate.

Miniature sun, dazzle me!

Quilt of daisies, darned by Dent-de-lion.

Dusk arrives; darkness falls; the damsel becomes mother.

A morning wind blows: her dryads detach and they duck, dive,

dart and drift away.

Decaying demigod, your purpose has been done.

By Norah, aged 8



CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



A new month, how quickly they come round. A fifteen odd pound carp, so not huge, was caught by Jim McLaughlin, the colour and patterns of its scales were fantastic, well done Jim.

Rob Beardsley had a very good session, three fish, one weighing in at twenty six pounds, I'm pleased to say that is not unusual for Rob, he's a good angler. Odd fish from various other swims have been caught, but no real pattern.

The Water Lilies are showing well, as are the Iris, and should be up and flowering making a fine display for anglers and walkers. I was pleased to meet some bird watchers last week, they identified a Reed Bunting, most pleasing. Kingfishers have been in evidence, as well as Gold Finches, it is not all about fishing, there is much to see, if you are looking.

Just a few places left for new members. Application forms are available from Roger 01235847241.

Roger Rance

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday April 2nd Diane Lytolis gave the service in her own style with excellent mediumship, which was appreciated. We hope to have her again next year.

There were some new people and also a fine, friendly atmosphere. Everyone is most welcome.

Any enquiries ?
Pat or Sam 01235 847460.

DIARY

Tues May 7th 7.30pm
Village Hall.
Spiritual Meeting with Judith Ford.

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Although a quarter of the year has already past there is still lot's of time to come join us. You will be made very welcome.

Here are the dates for our next meetings:

21st May – Barbara Hateley will coming to talk about 'Changi Quilts'

18th June – Our summer Trip TBA

16th July – The Broadway Butcher (not a horror film!) 'Meat for a Treat'

Ken Jacks from the Butchers in Didcot will be here.

We meet in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like more info please call Val on 01235 847612

SC-CYCLE

Declutter sustainably!

Advertise any item you would like to give away to someone in the community for free, or £1 per item if you are charging. If you would like to advertise here please contact the Editorial Team (contacts on page 2)

For Sale:

3 Piece suite. Grey/beige fabric. 11 Months old. Excellent condition. Genuine reason for sale

£300 ono. Sutton Courtenay. Tel 01235 847579

SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP



(established September 2018)

We will be at the SHOWCASE COMMUNITY VILLAGE EVENT on the 18th MAY ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, when you can book a FREE FOUR WEEK NORDIC WALKING CLASS, and be able to chat to the instructor and to members.

If unable to get to this event, but are wish to join this class please ring the instructor on 01235847322 to find out further details.

Our group is supported by Go Active Gold, who will be present, and who seek to encourage ,and support over 55 year old's in villages in Oxfordshire to take control of their own health.

However anyone who is younger can still learn the technique providing spaces are available in the class.

All instruction, along with the community hour long Nordic walks, twice a week, are FREE.

Since September over 30 people within the village, and from other local villages, have learnt how to Nordic walk and we are still growing month by month.

So please come and join us, and experience this great health giving activity. Today an estimated 15 million people, worldwide, enjoy this outdoor activity all the year round.

Wonderful Bryony

Sutton Courtenay resident Bryony Landsbert is walking 23 miles – not a lot you say? After all that is like walking 4 times to Abingdon and back? Well, in that 23 miles and all within a 24-hour time span, Bryony is also attempting to climb over 11,000ft (equivalent to going up a domestic 15-step flight of stairs over one thousand times all within 24 hours!!).

Yes, Bryony is doing the **National Three Peak Challenge**: climbing Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis all within 24 hours on the 30th of May.

Why? Bryony says she is no mountaineer but does like a challenge (and this is a big one!). Having decided to do the National Three Peaks she was clear that she wanted to raise funds for:

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
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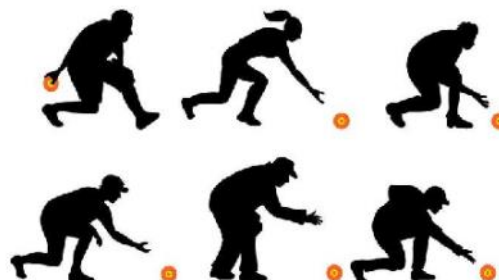
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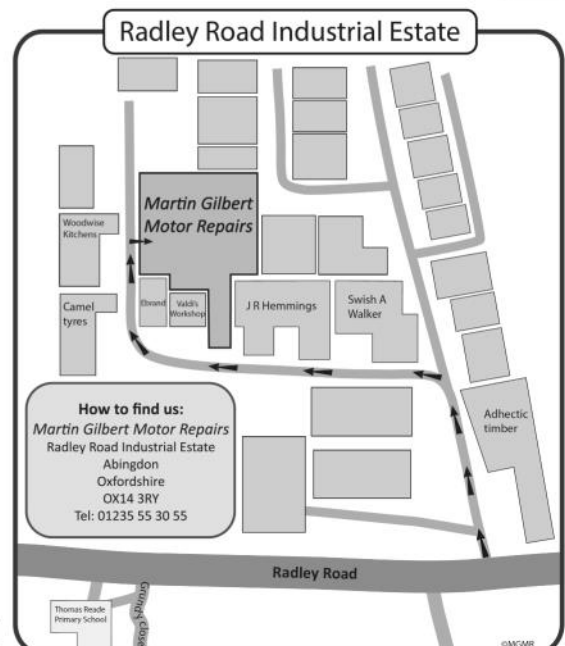
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