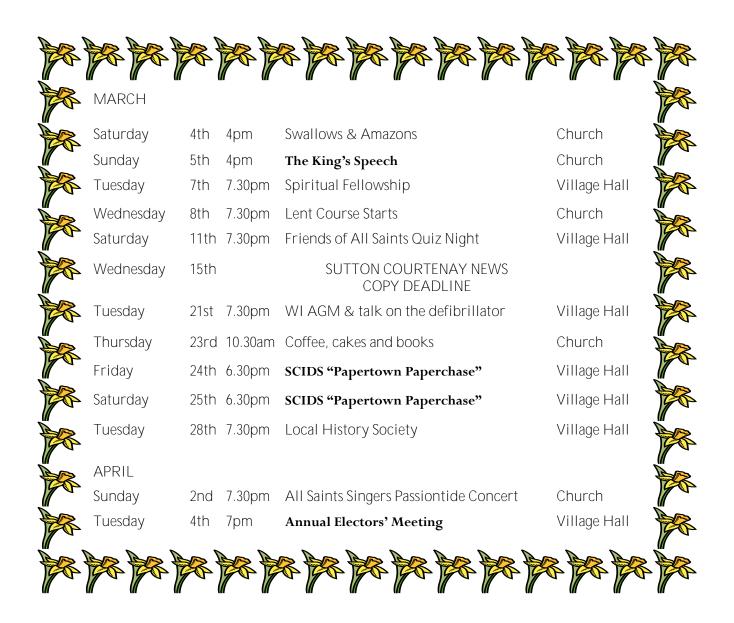
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VILLAGE DIARY

The Diary is compiled from entries in the Village Diary kept at Burgrey Stores. Please enter your events in this Diary.



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MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

and Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

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 Group —

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 (post code 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 <u>scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com</u>. 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.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Photographic record of issues in the village

A year ago in the March 2016 issue the Council said that there have been various occasions when it would have been useful to take photographs of the problems in the village. Again the Council repeats its plea and would encourage people to take photographs, for the sake of the record, of any flooding in fields, HGVs in breach of weight limits, potholes, street furniture that require repair, traffic issues such as long queues and any other general items where a photographic record would be helpful in the future. This could help in dealing with planning application responses to the District Council, reporting road problems to the County Council and the like. To help with the record a date and preferably time stamp should be on the photograph.

<u>Vale Local Plan Part Two Preferred Options Consultation</u> <u>The Local Plan Part Two</u>

Consultation on part two of the Local Plan will go live on Thursday 9 March and will run until 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017. The District Council is keen to ensure that members of the public have a range of opportunities to become aware of the Local Plan and they understand the importance of giving us their feedback on the plan. A series of public events is being organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan and to share their views on the proposed changes. Please check the District Council's website for the dates and venues.

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building.

There are a range of ways you can become involved in the consultation from Thursday 9 March to Thursday 4 May. These include: • Providing feedback at the events • Participating in the online survey, • Completing a paper based survey, available at local libraries and council offices • Submitting your comments by post or email using the comments form.

A34 Nigh Time Closures

The A34 southbound will be closed from 27th Feb for 8 nights, and northbound from 7th March for 8 nights between the Marcham and Milton interchanges. This is to allow resurfacing works. If you usually travel this road, then please look out for the advance information signs displayed on the A34 itself.

<u>Unitary Authority</u>

The Vale of White Horse District Council is joining Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council to submit a joint bid to the government for a single unitary council. The aims and objectives are set out on the

District Council's website

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-02/council-leaders%E2%80%99-statement-single-unitary-council-oxfordshire. A formal proposal will be put to the government in the Spring. Over the coming weeks and months the District Council will be working with the parish and town councils to discuss the proposals in more detail.



Church Street/Appleford Road - poor road surface

The Parish Council is pursuing the poor state and condition of Church Street and Appleford Road with the County Council, and asking for a proper inspection and reinstatement to take place. Some repairs have been carried out following trenching work, but these are insufficient, and in general the surface is in a poor state and condition. Large potholes still exist.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered:

P16/V0646/O Residential development of up to 354 houses — (gas risk assessment, revised drainage strategy) on land off Harwell Road. The Council maintained its objection. This application has now been refused by the Vale of White Horse District Council.

P16/V2446/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new chalet style dwelling at 98 Milton Road. Previous comments had been taken into account and the Council had no further comment to make on the revised application.

P16/V2999/FUL Side extension to accommodate additional bedroom at Lapwing Barn, Peewit Farm Drayton Road. The Council thought that the barn, originally a small agricultural unit, was fast becoming a large 3 bed dwelling.

MW.0039/16 Extraction of sand, gravel and clay, new access, processing plant, offices, weighbridge, concrete plant on land at Fullamoor Plantation, Clifton Hampden. The Council supported the parishes close to the site which objected. It also asked for a routing agreement to restrict vehicles through the village.

P17/V0124/HH Single storey extension to provide garden room at 13A Tullis Close. The Council had no objections.

P16/V0254/FUL Retrospective application for retention and construction of earth bund. Change of use of land to private

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recreational use at Eastwest, All Saints Lane. The Council maintained its objection owing to water run off and the immediate visual impact on neighbouring properties and the area

P17/V0179/HH Erection of single storey side extension at 3 Milton Road. Council had no objection.

P16/V2693/FUL Erection of 83 houses (amended plans) on land south of Appleford Road (Former Amey site). The Council maintained its objection owing to the increase in density and impact on the traffic.

MW.0005/17 Demolition of asphalt plant and construction and operation of replacement asphalt plant at Appleford Sidings, Appleford Road. The Council asked for a routing agreement to ensure vehicles did not pass through the village, and also for restrictions on the hours of operation.

P16/V2365/HH Proposed double garage with bedroom accommodation ancillary to main dwelling (amended plans) at 93 Bradstocks Way. The Council maintained its objection as the amendment did not address the Council's earlier concerns.

Planning Decisions

P16/V0646/O The Erection of up 354 dwellings off Harwell Road and the associated facilities has been refused by the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Date of Next Meeting:

Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores for the date of the next meeting. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

ANNUAL MEETING

FOR ELECTORS IN THE PARISH

This meeting is not a Council meeting, but is a public meeting of Local Government electors in Sutton Courtenay and an opportunity for electors in the parish to raise any items relating to parish matters.

This parish meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them.

You are invited to take part.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity will be meeting in April and will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and recreation and any other general charitable purposes. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, and who has not yet applied, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts.

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Oxon

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SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS WEBSITE

The Sutton Courtenay News is proud to announce the launch of its own website.

www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

Full editions of the News will now be available for digital download in pdf format from this website, as well as previous editions, and other material from the News. From time to time, we may also place additional material on the website for readers to refer to. We would welcome any comments and suggestions. We would also like to invite any budding photographers who would like to see their photos of the village and village life featured on the website, or used as page backgrounds, to submit them to us by email.

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available at Burgreys 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, and Sun 09.00 -12.00.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

No Winter Blues For Us!

January and February are often regarded as rather gloomy months — and indeed this year has delivered its fair share of wet playtimes and illnesses in school as we all struggle on through the dark mornings and parky weather. However, the curriculum here at school is exciting enough to capture everyone's interests, and there have been some amazing trips this term to get us out and about.

We began the January term with a visit to the Oxford Playhouse to see the Pantomime 'Cinderella'. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 went (our Foundation Stage had been to the Cornerstone Theatre in Didcot just before Christmas). This was made possible by a generous contribution from the Friends of Sutton Courtenay School (FOSCS), who do an amazing job of working to raise money for lots of 'extras' for the children. Not only was it a fabulous show, but for many children, just the experience of being in a real theatre and experiencing the atmosphere of a live performance is very special.

Kestrels Class did some inspired creative writing the week after this performance, retelling the ballroom scene with some amazing adjectives and adverbs to enhance the quality of their description. Even English grammar can be brought to life this way!

The following week, Key Stage 2 children were off out again – this time to the City of Kidzania in London. Their thematic topic has been 'Bright Lights, Big City', and Kidzania was just the place to inspire that learning. It is an interactive centre for children where they experience city life – they have to 'earn' Kidzanian money by getting a job! The children did lots of work that day, from manning the checkouts at the supermarket, to making pizzas and fighting fires. The school staff and I were very impressed as we watched them moving around the city – the levels of initiative and the confidence with which the children tackled a whole variety of experiences was a to watch.

Another week went by and some of us were in London again — this time, the choir made the trip to the O2 Arena to sing in the Young Voices performance with seven



thousand other children. This has historically been an annual event for the school choir, so many of the children had been before — but for me it was a first. It was a truly spectacular event, although the logistics of getting all those children safely back to their coaches at the end of the performance took some organising! Once again, it was an occasion for me to be proud of the children, and of their energy and commitment.

Finally, it was Key Stage 1's turn to go on another trip. They travelled to The Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell to bring their 'Seasons' topic alive. Here they were able to experience interactive science activities. Particularly popular was the Woodlands and Water zone, where the indoor stream with the toy boats fascinated many of the children.

As I write this over half term and while the children are having a well-earned break, our teachers are busy planning more exciting activities for next term, which promises to be equally busy, as we prepare for Pancake Parties, Book Week, and Easter.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – how do you see yourself this Lent?

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, "At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!"

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in three key areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We too can think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, 'who am I?' Lent, which begins on Wednesday 1st March (Ash Wednesday) can be a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep the season of Lent this year? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence! Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

With love and prayers Helen

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Priest in Charge of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford

NEWS UPDATE

The advert for two new Associate Priests (for the soon to be formed DAMASCUS Parish — covering Drayton, Appleford,

Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon) is being published on Friday 10th February. Closing date: 13th March. Shortlisting: 15th March. Interviews: 31st March. If all goes well we hope to have two new ministers in post for the summer.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday 23rd April – 11.30am, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the church.

This is a joint meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll, together with 'persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a Register of Local Government Electors' Churchwardens Measure 2001 paragraph 5(1) and is held for the purpose of electing Churchwardens.

Following straight on from the Annual Parish Meeting will be the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.15pm. This is a meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll for the purposes of presenting the annual report and accounts for 2016 and for electing Parochial Church Council Members and Deanery Synod Representatives.

PROGRESS REPORT: CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

On the recommendation of the Planning officer the Parochial Church Council have temporarily withdrawn the planning application for 'The River Room' project whilst we gather further information requested by the planners — including a full archaeological survey. We will be re-submitting in due course.



Holy Baptism

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

Edward Theodore BRETT

(29th January 2017)

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS Thursday 23rd March 2017 10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

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

CHURCH DIARY

CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH

Wednesday 1st ASH WEDNESDAY – 7.30pm Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

Saturday 4th – 4pm Movie Matinee – Swallows & Amazons

Sunday 5th – 4pm Movie Matinee – The King's Speech

Monday 6th – 8pm Baptism Preparation in the church for all those interested in baptism for themselves or their children

Wednesday 8th – 7.30pm Lent Group – based on the King's Speech - see advert for details

Saturday 11th – Friends of All Saints' Quiz Night

Monday 13th – 8pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 15th – 7.30pm Lent Group

Wednesday 22nd – 7.30pm Lent Group

Thursday 23rd - 10.30-12noon Coffee, Cakes & Books

Wednesday 29th – 7.30pm Lent Group

Friday 31st – Interview Day for prospective Associate Priests for the soon to be formed DAMASCUS Parish

CHURCH DIARY FOR APRIL

Saturday 1st – Marriage Preparation Day at Milton Methodist Church for all couples wishing to get married in the DAMASCUS Group of churches in 2017

Sunday $2^{nd} - 7.30 pm$ All Saints' Singers Concert in the church

Wednesday 5th – 7.30pm Lent Group

Sunday 23rd April – 11.30am – the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the church

Thursday 27th – 10.30-12noon Coffee, Cakes & Books

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 27th May — as part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer initiative launched by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York we will be 'Walking the DAMASCUS Road' in a day through all five parishes of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon, stopping for breakfast, coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and supper along the way! Anyone is welcome to join us — look out for more details soon.

Saturday 24^{th} / Sunday 25^{th} June — 'Arts & Craft Weekend' in All Saints' Church with visit from George Orwell



A Lent Course based on

*'The King's Speech'*Wednesdays in Lent 2017
7.30pm

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

8th March - The Stuff of Nightmares & the Power of Friendship

15th March - Chasing the dream or fulfilling the calling

22nd March - Pressing forward and breaking through

29th March - Poisonous words and profane responses

5th April - Eloquence for evil and stammering for good

Come and see the whole film at 4pm on Sunday 5th

March in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

– tea and cake provided

All welcome!

For more information please contact The Revd Helen Kendrick, 01235 848297 or helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk





Movie Matinées

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

Both starting at 4pm

Saturday 4th March Swallows & Amazons (cert. PG) fun for all the family

ENTRANCE FREE – DONATIONSWEL-COME - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Sunday 5th March (cert. 12A)

The King's Speech

(especially helpful for those wishing to join in the Lent Groups)

REST IN PEACE

Freda Jones

Freda was born in Appleton on 23 April 1925 to Frank and Maud Woodward.

Along with her siblings, Marjorie, Nancy, George and Frank, who have all sadly predeceased her, they moved to 31 Harwell Road, Sutton Courtenay as children and with the exception of Nancy, they spent the majority of their life in Sutton Courtenay.

During the second world war Freda joined the Red Cross as a nursing auxiliary and was working at a convalescent home in Burcot when she met Ron, who was a patient. When he had sufficiently recovered from his injuries, Ron returned home to Teignmouth, Devon and Freda followed. They married on 20 May 1947, and returned to Sutton Courtenay to live at The Sheiling, a wooden bungalow along Ginge Brook. As the family grew they moved to Dry Sandford before moving back to a new house in Barrett's Way in 1958 where they remained until moving into a bungalow in Milton in 2004.

Both Freda and Ron were active members of the Sutton Courtenay community. Freda helped Ron with the Football Club (as tea lady), Friday night bingo, Christmas draw and weekly lottery raising funds for the Football Club.

She was a member of the WI, the Evergreens, Christian Fellowship and on the village hall committee. She loved going on the organised outings and holidays with her friends.

Freda worked as a home help for many years and then as an escort on the transport taking children to Kingfisher and Teasdale schools in Abingdon, as well as caring for her mother and then her husband Ron during his ill health. She was also a volunteer at the League of Friends coffee shop at Abingdon Hospital.

Besides being a loving Mum to Peter and Helen, she was affectionately known as 'the outlaw' by Simon, Grandma Freda to Sam and Kelly, Amy and Martin, Chloe and Scott,

Great Grandma to Beth, Jessica, James, Aiden, Chase and Zara, and a good friend to many.

After a fall, Freda moved to Winterbrook Nursing Home where she passed away peacefully on 02 January 2017.

Barbara Manning

Barbara was born on 10th January 1934. She was the only child of William and Doris Crooks. She grew up in Hanwell, Middlesex.

As a child she was evacuated to a farm just outside Brackley, until her mum took her back home where she spent the remainder of the war.

She always loved animals as a child and was devoted to Timmy her cat. She loved school and was head girl in her last year; in fact she didn't want to leave school.

Her teenage years were difficult as she had TB and she spent time in hospital, most of Barbara and Peter's courting was spent in the hospital, as Peter says around her bed or in the grounds of the hospital.

On one occasion poor Peter cycled all the way to see Barbara on his bicycle in the smog, falling off on the way and by the time he got there visiting was over and they sent him away.

Barbara and Peter met at Sandersons. She was 16 and worked in the studio office. She met Peter as she gave out the time sheets and sorted out patterns.

They married in July 1955 and were married for 62 years. Initially after getting married they lived with her mother and father until they moved to a newly built bungalow in Stubbington in Hampshire.

Barbara had always loved the Wizard of Oz and fell in love with the Cairn Toto and before moving to their own home she got Mac the first of many Cairns that would find a loving home with them. While living in Stubbington they had Beverley their only child, who caused them many a sleepless night.

After several years Peter got a new job and they moved to Uxbridge and Barbara worked at lunch time as a dinner lady. While in Uxbridge a neighbour gave Barbara an African grey parrot called George which she loved and who later started to lay eggs and was really Georgina.

They then moved to Haddenham in Buckinghamshire and had many happy years there. Barbara worked at the primary school at lunchtime as she always wanted to make sure that Beverley had someone to come home to after school. While working at the school she went on a camping trip with the children to make sure that they were all safe and had fun. She helped with the Brownie pack and with fundraising for the Scout and Guide Hut.

They eventually moved to Yate in Bristol where Barbara worked as a volunteer at a speech therapy group for children with speech difficulties. She also worked in the summer time at a children's day group.

Barbara and Peter finally moved to Sutton Courtenay in 1984 where she worked with Joyce escorting children with learning difficulties to and from school. They had quite a few treacherous journeys in winter but Barbara and Joyce had lots of laughs together.

Barbara then went on to work for many years in Sutton Courtenay play group. She had many happy times working with the children and really missed them when she retired.

As a family they had many happy holidays in Charmouth, Wales and Norfolk, always taking their dogs with them.

- She always loved her gardens and flowers. She regularly rescued dying plants from garden nurseries. Unfortunately she was often telling off Peter when he helped with weeding the garden and pulled up one of her prized plants.
- Barbara always liked a laugh and had a very cheeky sense of humour.
- She liked a nice drop of red wine especially a good Shiraz which she liked to share with Mark.
- She liked knitting and although she never really liked cooking she was a very good cook.
- Barbara was a very caring mother and wife who always did her best for Beverley and Peter.

When Beverley left home to become a nurse, they would

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spend hours laughing and chatting on the telephone until Barbara would say better go now your dad's coming.

Sadly Barbara developed vascular dementia and Peter cared for her until she went to a nursing home in Oxford and Westgate House Nursing home. She spent her days watching her favourite musicals surrounded by teddies which gave her comfort. She had amazing hearing and in the nursing home she was always interested in what was happening outside her room which caused a lot of laughter when Peter and Beverley visited her. She had some happy visits when Beverley took her kitten to see her and she told all the carers about "the boy". Even as her dementia deteriorated Beverley and Peter were grateful that Barbara always remembered them, telling Peter I still love you, you know. She passed away on 19th January 2017.



EASTER LILIES

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



At Easter we provide an opportunity to remember loved ones with a display of lilies in church. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this year's lilies in memory of someone, please put your donation in an envelope with the name(s) of those to be remembered and deliver to Ann White (see Village Contacts page) at 24 Frilsham Street. A list of those remembered will be on display in Church.

MILTON METHODIST CHURCH

Services at Milton Methodist Church in March

- March 5 Mrs Libby Bolton, Water
 - 12 Mr Geoff Caudle, Energy
 - 19 Rev Katherine Pickering, Holy Communion, Reducing waste
 - 26 Mrs Barbara Kershaw, Shopping thoughtfully

We are seeking to achieve eco- congregation status and, as we are thinking about reducing our load on the planet, our March services all address environmental issues. You are very welcome to join us, all services start at 10.30a.m

Car boot and coffee morning with sales table Saturday 18 March, 10-12 noon

As part of our effort to register as an eco church we are holding a car boot and coffee morning to encourage recycling and reuse. Please come and support and enjoy a chat and a coffee, purchase some good cakes or marmalade, peruse the car boots! We have a big car park so lots of space. Car boots, £5 per pitch, must be booked in advance by ringing Mary Hancock, 01235 848336

Lunch Club Tuesday 7 March, 12.15 for 12.30 We prepare and serve a home cooked lunch each month with

meat supplied by Bobs of Harwell. After lunch we have a speaker. In March the speaker will be Jim Haydon talking about his collection of Russian dolls and how he has himself made some nested dolls. Anyone is very welcome to join us. Lunches cost £3.50 and must be booked in advance by phoning Geoff Caudle (AB 531409) or Mary Hancock (Ab 848336)

Knit and Natter, Tuesday 28 March, 10-12 noon Our group have made 100s of little jerseys for Knitone2saveone and items for the JR. At the moment, organised by Anne Tolley, we are knitting small chicks (to fill with Cadbury Creme eggs) to fund raise for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Come and join us for a chat and to work on one of our projects or to progress your own project. £2/session to include refreshments

Art group, Friday afternoons 2- 4.00p.m.

Art group meets on Friday afternoons to enjoy progressing individual projects in the company of the group. Occasional organised classes too. Cost £2/session to include refreshments.

Mary Hancock, Church family Secretary home phone 01235 848336

VALE LOCAL PLAN

Part Two Preferred Options Consultation

The Local Plan Part Two Consultation will go live on Thursday 9March and will run until 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017.

In line with our Statement of Community Involvement, we are keen to ensure that members of the public have a range of opportunities to become aware of the Local Plan and they understand the importance of giving us their feedback on the

How to take part in the consultation:

A series of public events are being organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan and to share their views on the proposed changes. We will be running seven Local Plan events in March and April across the district. The dates and venues will be published in our Vale Local Plan bulletin and on our website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-andbuilding

How to comment:

There are a range of ways you can become involved in our consultation from Thursday 9 March to Thursday 4 May. These include:

Providing feedback at our events

- · Participating in our online survey, available from our website
- www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planningand-building
- Completing a paper based survey, available at local libraries and council offices
- · Submitting your comments by post or email using our comments form.

All our consultation materials will be available from the consultation start date, Thursday 9 March 2017, until Thursday 4 May. They will be accessible on our website and paper copies of the plan and comment forms will be available at all Vale libraries and our council office.

We will be contacting everyone on our consultation database to invite them to take part in the consultation and to inform them of local events. Please use the contact details below if you would like to join our consultation database. The consultation period is being extended to eight weeks (instead of six) due to the Easter Break and we hope this will encourage greater participation in the consultation.

For more information on the consultation process please contact Louise Rawlins, Community Engagement Officer at planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or call 01235 422600.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

OCC Budget

It is a sad fact that the voices that speak up to defend Adult Social Care(ASC) are fewer and quieter than those speaking up in defence of Children's Services. Compared to the army of protestors lined up outside the OCC offices on budget day 2016, this year was peace and quiet.

is why Government decided to allow Councils to raise an their wisdom, have used some of that money to support the delighted. general budget — an opportunity missed - in my view. A suggestion that by borrowing £10m while interest rates are low, such that many of the potholes in our roads could be fixed Richard Webber Cllr quickly was defeated as "too risky". The administration's budget proposals were passed – albeit narrowly (31/29) and with the support of 2 of the independents.

In an otherwise calm and uneventful budget day, one piece of 01235 534001 potentially exciting news is the likelihood that a major review of

the County's property portfolio will yield many millions something many of us have been asking for for a long time.

Unitary

It seems that Government have effectively ruled out a Combined Authority (with Mayor), are no longer interested in a 3 Unitary solution for Oxfordshire, and that Devolution deals Yet, as so many of us are living to extreme old age, the pressure are not likely to be on offer. This is behind the apparent U turn on the ASC budget is increasing fast. As a proportion of the by the Leaders of VWHDC and SODC who are now in full overall budget ASC is already much the largest component. This support of the single Oxfordshire Unitary solution. The pressure is building on those still resisting to join the table for additional 3% on Council Tax per year for two years. OCC, in fear of missing out on the benefits. As you may imagine, I am

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Flexicare is a very small, charity, serving local families who have disabled children, using local volunteers. It is currently looking for a new, paid, part time coordinator.

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ED VAIZEY MP



Over the last few weeks I held two public meetings to discuss Brexit, the first in Wantage, the second in Didcot, attended by about 250 people in total. Both meetings produced a lively discussion, with

representatives on both sides of the debate airing their opinions. The feedback I had helped me consider my position in the run up to Article 50 being triggered, and will continue to inform my views as the Government begins its negotiations on leaving the European Union.

Last month I also hosted a cross-party debate in Parliament on funding for NHS fertility services, which are woefully under-funded in Oxfordshire. Following the debate, the Minister, Nicola Blackwood, said she would tell NHS England that the Government expects all clinical commissioning groups to provide the recommended three cycles of treatment.

While we are on the subject of the NHS, I met with the CEO of Oxfordshire CCG, David Smith, to seek clarity on the priorities of the Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Consultation and its implications for residents across my constituency. The first phase of the consultation opened this month, and is due to conclude in April, you can take part here: https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/ BigconsultationPhase1/consultationHome

I also raised the issue of capital funding for the expansion of GP's surgeries in both Wantage and Faringdon, and will lobby the Department of Health and the NHS during the next round of bidding.

There is good progress being made on improvingrail services through the constituency. I organised a meeting for a group of MPs, council officers and Local Enterprise Partnerships from Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Swindon, to discuss the opening of a new rail link from Swindon to Oxford, which would help the case to re-open Grove station. It is still early days, but there is desire from all parties involved to make progress.

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.

ALL SAINTS SINGERS

The All Saints Singers Passiontide concert Sunday April 2nd

All Saints' Church 7.30pm

Antonio Bononcini: Stabat Mater

Henry Purcell: O Sing unto the Lord, Thou knowest Lord,

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Bach: Brandenburg concerto No.3

Our main work, The Stabat Mater is a sensitive and profound tribute to The Virgin Mary, written in the first half of the 18th century by Antonio Bononcini, a little known composer but distinguished by skilful craftsmanship and the richness of his harmonies.

As always, we will have excellent soloists and our own professional orchestra under the direction of our new leader Elizabeth Nurse. We are delighted to welcome the return of Penelope Appleyard, Soprano, Clemmie Franks, alto, Felix Leach, Tenor and John Lofthouse bass.

We are very pleased to welcome back for his second concert our conductor Sebastian Thomson, an established, leading choral scholar and conductor within Oxfordshire.

Tickets will be on sale shortly from Burgrey Stores, Pamela Vivian (01235 848205) or from any choir member. Should any reader wish to join our choir, you are invited to attend rehearsals in The Matrix music school building on Friday evenings at 7.30pm, where you will be given a warm reception, especially if you have a soprano or tenor voice! No auditions take place, just come along, sing and see if you like us.

Readers may be interested in the significant and ground breaking Oxford based research on the benefits of choral singing for health and wellbeing, put simply,

Singing in a choir is good for you!

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



The fabulous ladies of the Sutton Courtenay WI would love to welcome you our group.

Joining us will not only lift your spirits but you will also learn something new.

So whether you are new to the area or would just like to make more friends, come along and meet us for a cuppa, slice of cake (homemade of course!) and a good old chat.

Sutton Courtenay WI meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the village hall.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm. For more info or if you have any questions please call Sally on 848924.

Many of our ladies made green hearts to wear at our February meeting to turn Valentine's day green, to make us aware of the effects of climate change. Bayley Eyley the voice coach joined us for our meeting to help us be more confident with public speaking.

March 21st. We will be Swishing and having an informative talk about first responders and the **Defibrillator that** has been installed in the village. It is also our AGM meeting.

April 18th We will be welcoming Alan Brewer who is coming to talk to us about Life in the Clouds, an ex BA steward with lots of stories to tell!

Tina Wade

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Tuesday March 28th Village Hall 7.30pm

THE HISTORY OF LOCAL RAILWAYS: THE GREATWESTERN RAILWAY and ITS IMPACT Illustrated talk by Laurence Waters

The building of a railway system throughout the country had a major influence on its development. In this talk Laurence Walter will describe the history of the Great Western Railway and how it affected life in this area. He is a retired teacher and professional photographer, the author of several books on the GWR and a volunteer at the Didcot Railway Centre.

Everyone welcome: Members free: Visitors £3

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, February 7th our speaker and medium was Ian Smith. This was his first visit to us, but he is an experienced medium, as was shown at the meeting. The important part was the congregation were happy with him.

Quite a few people came, about 40. Thanks for turning out on a cold evening.

Next month on March 7th we have our old friend David Chapman, and Kath if she is not working

Tues. March 7th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman.

Tues. April 4th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Brenda Manning.

SUTTON COURTENAY BROWNIES & GUIDES

Brownies are girls aged 7 - 10 years old; we meet every Monday evening in term time in the Scout and Guide Hall (next to the Village Hall) from 6pm till 7.30pm. We enjoy many activities, games, crafts, trips, badges and friendship.

If you would like to come to see what we do, please contact Sarah on 07855 544609, or for more information please visit our website www.girlguiding.co.uk/joinus





Guides are girls aged 10 - 14 years old and meet in the same Hall as the Brownies (see above), on Tuesdays from 7pm till 8.30pm. We have great fun - do join us!

Brownies and Guides will welcome adult helpers or Young Leaders, perhaps D of E students, to help run the unit; this is a volunteer role and very rewarding as well as being great fun! There is lots of support and opportunities for training

Please contact Sarah -for Brownies -on 07855 544609 and Rowena -for Guides- on 07958 588091 — or Mary Thompson , Abbey District Commissioner email *steventonrainbows@* gmail.com

DIDCOT U3A

Didcot & District U3A meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Didcot Civic Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to ensure you are all seated for the 2pm start.

Tuesday 21st March 2017 Alistair Lack will give a talk entitled A light hearted History of Oxford University

It's never too late to expand your horizons...

The University of the Third Age offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting of the Didcot & District U3A and find out what we are all about.

A member of our committee will be on hand to make you welcome

For more information phone 01235 211291 or 01235 510048 or email secretary@didcotu3a.org

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STEVENTON AND DISTRICT

The Branch will continue to hold routine meetings at 7.00pm in the Sports and Social Club, Steventon. All members are most welcome, and meetings are now held on a more informal basis. Forthcoming meetings for 2017 remain on the third Monday of every second month, as follows:

20th March,

15th May,

17th July,

18th September,

20th November

As ever, the Branch is always available to support and advise, and key contact details for current Committee members are:

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SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY



Invitation to all Senior Residents of Sutton Courtenay Tea Party Sunday 30 April 2017 Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Young people of Sutton Courtenay extend a warm invitation to all Senior Citizens to an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments. The event is being organised under the responsibility of the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project.

Please look out for more details in the next issue of the Village News. Meanwhile if you would like to share any suggestions or thoughts please contact us via our DAMASCUS Youth Workers - Roxy Elford (07875649008) and of course if there are any other young people who would like to be involved do get in touch please.

Ellie Greenaway

SUTTON FEST

Date for your Diary

Saturday 26th August 2017 Sutton Fest on the Recreation Ground



This aspirational event depends on your support. It is to promote:

The spirit of community in Sutton Courtenay
Welcome new neighbours
Involve all – young and old

A small group of enthusiastic residents attended the open meeting and ideas for a village carnival were floated! All were agreed to have fun and enjoyment while organising the event.

Next planning meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm in the village hall. Do come along – individuals guaranteed a warm welcome – give as little or as much time as you can to making this your community event.

If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested please ring or email ritaatkinson@googlemail.com

Margaret Hamilton (01235 847472) and Rita Atkinson (01235 848694)

Saturday 11th March Friends of All Saints' ○UIZNIGHT

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Tickets required in advance for this year's event at only £5.00

Available at Burgrey Stores from 1st February or by contact with *fred.cubbage@btinternet.com*

01235 848768 before 9th March.

Admission at the door is £7.50.

Tables of 6 maximum.

Up to 6 rounds including General Knowledge, Music, Gardens etc.

Prizes. Cash Bar

An event by the Friends of All Saints' to raise funds for the Church fabric



After "Plotters" comes Papertown Paperchase! There are 25 young people with some wonderful adult helpers rehearsing in the Village Hall

"Papertown Paperchase"

SCIDS is hoping to follow the 'sold out' fun of last year, so please put the dates in your diary — Friday 24th March and Saturday 25th March in the Village Hall at 6.30p.m. Tickets will be on sale from the Whitlocks (848335) or the Dubocks (847707)

All Saints' Church

Art & Craft Weekend*

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OTHER LOCAL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The fifth annual Culham Quiz will take place on Saturday 4th March at 7.30 pm in the Schumann Hall of the European School. Tickets, priced £10, are available from Philip Owen, 6 The Green, John Ward, 'Winton', Thame Lane, or from Burgrey Stores, Sutton Courtenay.

On Saturday 25 March 2017, Oxford Harmonic Choir performs Tippett's A Child of our Time (Oxford Town Hall at 7.30 pm). Tickets are £15— £18 (concessions available) from Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305, ww.ticketsoxford.com), and on the door from 7pm. Visit www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org for more information.

Long Wittenham Pre-School Nearly New Sale, Sat 1st April, 10-12 noon, Long Wittenham Village Hall nearlynew@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk

PAST TIMES

Sutton Courtenay Eagles & Sutton Wasps



The Editors have been contacted by Bob Frampton, a volunteer at Abingdon Museum. He is researching pedal cycle speedway teams in the 1950s and has found that Sutton Courtenay had at least one team; the Sutton Courtney Eagles and possibly the Sutton Wasps. He also believes that they may have been a 'stadium' — possibly a small one called 'The Willows' Sutton Courtney, opened in the 1950s. If anyone knows anything about these teams or the stadium please contact the Editors and we will pass the information on to Bob.



DARBY & JOAN

Joyce Rayner has kindly sent us this photograph. She thinks that it is a photograph of Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Norman at a Darby & Joan gathering, possibly one Christmas judging by the decorations but she doesn't know the year. Can anyone help date it please?

EARTH TRUST

Sunday Drop-in: IncrEdible Adventure

Sunday 5th March, 10am-2pm

At this month's Sunday drop-in celebrate spring by foraging for dandelions to cook on the fire and planting herbs and salad to take away. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Wildlife Photography Walk

Saturday 11th March, 8am-10am

Join photographer Andrew Walmsley for a morning stroll around the nature reserve. Check out our beginner and intermediate workshops too. £20; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Beginners Wildlife Photography

Saturday 18th March, 10am-3pm

Professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will help you get to grips with your camera and provide guidance on capturing images of wildlife. There are a series of workshops running throughout the next few months — book one or more as a course: first workshop £80, subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Intermediate Wildlife Photography

Sunday 19th March, 10am-3pm

In each of these workshops professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. Future intermediate workshops: 22nd April, 14th May and 18th June; book one or more as a course: first workshop £80, subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Lambing Weekends

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April, 11am-4pm.

Come and see us down on the farm during our annual Lambing Weekends! Meet lambs, piglets, goats and more. Craft activities and refreshments available. £7 adult, £3 child, £17 family (discount for online bookings), FREE for Earth Trust Friends.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP—NAG5

With the considerable increase in the number and the variety of cons and scams, thieves are adapting their methods to come up with new ways to steal your personal data and other information.

You will see a wireless symbol on most new credit and debit cards. This symbol indicates that your card uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, which allows card users to simply tap their card on card-readers to make payments of up to £30.

However, this comes with security risks, as criminals can create an RFID reader with minimal effort, and steal your details. They can also download an app onto their Smartphones to achieve the same results. They only need to brush past your pocket or bag with their device to do this. You might not even notice it happening.

You can prevent this happening with the Card Defender. This is a sleeve card holder that provides RFID - blocking technology and it protects contactless cards from being read. A similar device was demonstrated on a recent edition of BBC TV's 'Rip of Britain'.

We recommend that everyone carrying contactless cards should have one or more Card Defenders. This also applies to Oyster cards and students' ID cards.

Card Defenders are now available from Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association for just £1.00 each, 5 for £4.00 and 10 for £7.00 plus postage.

To order please contact us at: naomi.arnold33@gmail.com

Payment diversion alert

Fraudsters are emailing members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer. Once payment is made the victims of the scam soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

Protect yourself

- Always check the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact. For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.
- Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.
- Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal which offer protection and an avenue for recompense.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can either report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/ report_fraud or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

Contact the police by calling 101 (for nonemergencies) and 999 (for emergencies).

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

Age UK Oxfordshire needs your nimble knitting needles!



Age UK Oxfordshire is taking part in the Big Knit fundraising initiative, now in its 13th year. Age UK Oxfordshire Oxfordshire and its local supporters knit little hats (about the size of an egg cosy) to go on top of *Innocent* smoothie drinks bottles. For every hat that Age UK Oxfordshire sends to Innocent, 25p is donated by Innocent towards the charity's unfunded Information and Advice Helpline.

This year, Innocent has challenged Age UK Oxfordshire to double the number of hats that they made last year and to create a whopping 28,000 little knitted hats.

"Our helpline supports over 3,000 people each year, giving them advice on a wide range of topics affecting older people and a SO linking them in to essential local services. As an organisation we have such close links to local services across Oxfordshire that we can assist in ways that national helplines can't." Rachel Boland, Head of Information and Advice at Age UK Oxfordshire said.

To spread the word near and far that their Helpline needs your knitting needles to be active, Age UK Oxfordshire did the mannequin challenge. The mannequin challenge is a viral internet video trend whereby participants freeze in motion, like manneguins, whilst a camera films the scene. Staff and volunteers at the charity froze in frenzied motion of knitting and counting little woollen hats. The comedian, Bill Oddie, gave the charity permission to use his 'Knitting Song' in the video. The video Can be viewed on their website: http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/news--campaigns/the-big-knit/

For more information about Age UK Oxfordshire's Big Knit and how to get involved please call 07827 235 405 or visit us online at *http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/news--campaigns/the-big-knit*



OXFORD'S FESTIVAL OF WOMEN & BICYCLES ANNOUNCES NEW SPEAKERS

The volunteers at Oxford's Broken Spoke Bike Co-op have announced the full programme for the weekend of Women & Bicycles they are hosting the event in partnership with The Adventure Syndicate on March 4th-5th 2017.

Excitement is building for the two-day festival, which will be the largest the UK has ever seen — tickets are selling briskly, with early-bird tickets already sold out. People are attending from as far away as Edinburgh and Wales.

The latest speakers to be announced include:

Rickie Cotter — mountain bike champion and adventurer

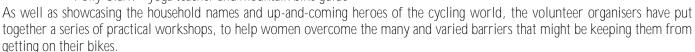
Sarah Connolly – women's cycling commentator and podcaster

Kimberley Tew – founder of The Roasting House

Lee Craigie – Adventure Syndicate director and cycling legend

Naomi Mahendran – founder of The Cycling Store

Polly Clark – yoga teacher and mountain bike guide



"It's about helping people find practical solutions," says organiser Karen McCallum. "Broken Spoke and The Adventure Syndicate share an ethos of helping women to acquire the tools and skills they need to take matters into their own hands."

There'll be a focus on fitting bodies to bikes, with yoga sessions aimed at improving riders' strength and flexibility, and ISla Rowntree's much-anticipated workshop on 'The Science of Saddlesore' – part of her lifetime quest "to improve the usability, fit and comfort of bikes, particularly for those other than medium-sized, fit, adult men."

Attendees will also have the opportunity to get out on their bikes, with famously female-friendly local cycling clubs: the Cowley Road Condors and the Isis Cyclists, leading rides of varying lengths, and there's the chance to go off-road with Lee Craigie, or enjoy a meandering tour of Oxford's feminist history. Breeze champion Maryam Amatullah will be running a cycle training session for first-timers and 'not-for-a-long-timers'.

A highlight of the weekend will be Saturday's keynote lecture by endurance junkie Rickie Cotter, an "utterly gobsmackingly infectiously hilarious" speaker whose races and adventures have taken her all over the world. Cotter was one of the team of seven women who launched The Adventure Syndicate by riding Scotland's North Coast 500 route in 36 hours last May, and stars in a short film about the journey, which will be shown for the first time at the festival.

The event is open to people of all genders, and will be held at the East Oxford Community Centre, 44 Princes Street, Oxford, OX4 1DD. Tickets are on sale now, booking in advance is recommended. The event is part of Oxford International Women's Festival.

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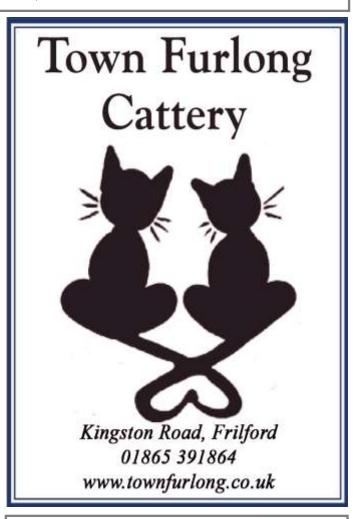
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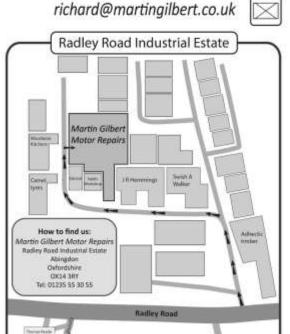
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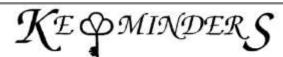
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