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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.

APRIL				
Sunday	2nd	7.30pm	All Saints Singers Passiontide Concert	Church
Tuesday	4th	7pm	Annual Electors' Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Wednesday	5th	1-7pm	Consultation on Part 2 of Local Plan	Cornerstone
				Didcot
Thursday	6th	7.30pm	Sutton Fest meeting	Football Club
Sunday	9th	10am	Palm Sunday Procession with donkey	Tullis Close
Tuesday	11th	6-9pm	Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme pop up Village hall	Village Hall
Tuesday	18th	7.30pm	WI meeting, Life in the Clouds	Village Hall
Wednesday	19th		SC NEWS COPY DEADLINE	
Thursday	27th	10.30am	Coffee Cakes and Books	Church
Sunday	30th	3pm	Senior Citizen's Tea Party	Village Hall
Sunday	30th	7pm	Lyra Ensemble Concert	Church

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH : 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@gmail.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

Vale Local Plan Part Two Preferred Options Consultation

<u>The Local Plan Part Two</u> Consultation on part two of the Local Plan is now live. A public information drop in event is being held on Wednesday 5th April at the Cornerstone, Didcot between 1 – 7 p.m. Information is also available on the website of the Vale of White Horse District Council at *http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2.* There are no further specific housing sites in Sutton Courtenay, but a section of land at the northern end of Peep O Day Lane has been safeguarded for use in connection with the Upper Thames Reservoir if needed.

The Vale of White Horse District Council is inviting comments on the Plan, so please make an effort to respond with your views. You can participate in the online survey, complete a paper based survey, available at local libraries and council offices, or submit your comments by post or email using the comments form.

Village Green – trees

Residents may have noticed that a start has been made to pollard some of the trees on the village green. The chestnut trees have been pollarded from time to time for quite a number of years. This is to ensure their shape is preserved and to rejuvenate the trees. The remainder of the trees will be considered for work later in the year or next year. This will prevent the Green looking too sparse, and will keep the trees properly managed.

MEPC Field South of Bradstocks Way

Residents may notice works in the field to the rear of the primary school. These are to remove a section of pipe which runs in the field, and is being undertaken by Magnox in connection with its decommissioning works at the Harwell site.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

The area for the parish neighbourhood plan has now been designated by the Vale of White Horse District Council. Unfortunately the District Council did not agree to the inclusion of the whole parish, and has removed the power station site and Milton Park from the area that can be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan group can now work on the next stage and an application is being lodged with the Vale of White Horse District Council for the first available grant.

Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency is hosting a drop in event in the village hall on Tuesday 11^{th} April, between 6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. and will have exhibition boards on display to explain the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme, and what is proposed as far as the flood relief channel is concerned. Please see the Environment Agency's article on Page 8 in this issue.

<u>Proposed footpath/cycleway between Sutton Courtenay</u> <u>and Appleford Station</u>

At the recent meeting of the Parish Council, the Council agreed to support a proposal by the Appleford Rail Group and Appleford Parish Council for a cycle link to the village from



Appleford rail station. The existing B4016 between the two villages and no pavement or verge and has a number of blind bends. This presents a risk for pedestrians and cyclists. The route would be along Churchmere Road, around the millennium common, and then parallel to the B4016 to Appleford. The proposed facility will not only help residents of Sutton Courtenay but also those who live in Culham.

Drayton Road - traffic calming scheme

As residents will know, the proposed traffic calming scheme in the Drayton Road is very short of funding. Some monies have been allocated to the County Council from the housing schemes in Milton Road, and the Parish Council has enquired whether the shortfall could be funded by housing developments which have already financially contributed to the County **Council's road schemes.**

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P17/V0280/HH Side and front extension at 70 Tyrrells Way. Council requested adequate on site parking. P16/V2999/FUL Erection of barn style dwelling together with pergola and patio at Lapwing Barn, Peewit Farm Drayton Road. Council had concerns that further bedrooms could be created from living accommodation and requested restrictive.

created from living accommodation and requested restrictive conditions within any consent.

P17/V0371/FUL Erection of dwelling and detached garage including access and parking at 51 High Street. Council believed this to be an over development of the site. P17/V0440/HH Extend first floor over existing one storey ground floor area. Extension to kitchen that connects house to garage at 72 Milton Road. Council had no objections

P16/V2814/A New signage at 183 Park Drive, Milton Park. Council had no objections.

P17/V0317/LDE Certificate of lawful development for an

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artists studio with occasional living accommodation at 4-5 The Green. Council considered that the studio had been used ancillary to the main house and was not used separately.

P17/V0511/FUL Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling and attached garage and erection of replacement double garage at Swan Acre, All Saints Lane. Council requested a highway condition survey before and after of any construction that may take place.

Planning Decisions - P15/V2353/O - The Erection of 200 dwellings off Hobbyhorse Lane.

This application was considered by the planning committee on 1st March, 2017. The site had been recommended for approval. The District Council became aware that further consideration needed to be given to several highway issues, and some points on site drainage. The planning officer applied a cooling off period to allow time for the issues to be considered. Any **revised reports will be available on the District Council's** website. The application will go back to planning committee in due course.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30 p.m. The Council meeting will start after the annual meeting for electors. 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 will take place on Tuesday 4th April at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall. In addition to a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council on the **Council's activities over the past year, Thames Wa**ter too will be present to talk about their future investment plans in general and to give an update on Sutton Courtenay matters.

> Contact for information: Linda Martin email *info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk* or tel: 01865 391833

Thank you for finding my phone

On Wednesday March 8th I lost my mobile phone in the village on my way to youth club. We looked everywhere for it.

Luckily my Aunty asked in the post office and somebody had handed my phone in.

Thank you to the kind person who took my phone to the post office.

Alfie

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the Sutton Courtenay News website for more information. 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. This month, the website features local images from reader Geoff Hill.

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SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Local History Detectives

It is lovely to see the spring weather again now. Today the school field was finally dry enough for the children to play on at break time, and they were able to spread out beyond the tarmac playground.

This term, there is a real focus on our local environment. Children in Key Stage 2 are studying the local history and geography of the area around Abingdon. They have already enjoyed a visit from some of the staff at the County Hall Museum, who brought lots of interesting artefacts into school. The Roman helmets were particularly popular, and the children were very intrigued by the examples of monks' habits that the inhabitants of the abbey might have worn! They will be going on a visit to the museum itself later this term, and will no doubt find lots more to stimulate their curiosity.

In Key Stage 1, the focus is closer to home, with all the children playing 'Street Detectives' here in the village. They too have been looking in detail at local maps and developing an impressive knowledge of the symbols. Over the next few weeks, they will be finding out all about the history of the village and will be taking a walk around to look for clues about the past.

Meanwhile, today the fire engine came to school for some of our youngest children, who were able to find out how the fire fighters help to look after everyone in our community. The children had lots of questions for the fire fighters about their work and how they use their fire engine to reach fires quickly and safely.

Changes in School

It is important for children to understand that change is all around us, and that we are all making history every day. The history of the school is fascinating – the first school in the village was in the tiny upstairs room in the church. In my office I have a large number of log books, carefully filled in by past head teachers going back to 1875. The current buildings were opened in 1965 and caused much excitement. Big changes are about to happen again here in the next few weeks, as the builders arrive to construct our new classrooms. Of course, this will cause a considerable amount of disruption to the village community as well as to school life, as they come and go. We worked hard to try and provide an alternative access for



construction traffic from Harwell Road across the adjoining field. MEPC, who own the field, were willing to help and allow us to have a temporary access. Unfortunately, for various reasons including archaeology, OCC and their contractors have been unable to take advantage of this kind offer and will need to use the main school entrance off Bradstocks Way. OCC have appointed Capita as Project Managers and Carillion, as their contractors. They have assured us that they will do their utmost to minimise disturbance to local residents. If however you do have any issues please contact them direct to report your concerns and let me know as well. The Project Manager is Makol Malwal, whose email

is Makol.Malwal@capita.co.uk or telephone 01865 780218.

There are other changes happening around school too. Our garden area will have to be relocated, including our wonderful greenhouse made from plastic bottles that our clever caretaker Mr Greenough made. He is also very busy at the moment working on our Reception and Year 1 outside area, creating a large sandpit and a water feature that includes a working pump. This is sure to engage the children and will develop their early mathematical skills as they experience concepts like weight and volume in real contexts. We are very fortunate at school to have such a thriving Friends of Sutton Courtenay School (FOSCS) Association who raise funds for such exciting projects.

If you do have children that are about to be three years old, or are looking for a school place for your child to start school in September 2017, please do make an appointment to come and visit the school.

Our website www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk has a lot of information on it too, but a visit will enable you to really get a feel of our school and the special ethos that we have within it.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

From the Ministry Team

Why Easter will never go away

How do we make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise? At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!" How did they know this? Because of experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord.

Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus. Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So did they pretend they had seen Him? This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and escaped. The disciples nursed Him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit.

If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: "He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me', and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."



Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

With love and prayers *Helen*

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

Progress report: Church building project

A full archaeological survey of the north area of the churchyard affected by the proposed extension has been commissioned and will be carried out imminently. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Helen or one of the churchwardens.

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. 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.

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.

CHURCH DIARY

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 2nd 7.30pm All Saints' Singers Concert in the church
- Monday 3rd 8pm Baptism Preparation for all those wanting baptism for their children
- 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
- Friday 7th 9am Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Easter Service
- Sunday 9th PALM SUNDAY 10am Meet with the donkey at Tullis Close to walk to the church for the Palm Sunday Eucharist with Baptism at 10.30am.
- Monday 10th 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection
- Tuesday 11th 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection
- Wednesday 12th 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection
- Thursday 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Supper with Communion (see advert for details)
- Friday 14th GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am Family

Service. 12 noon Holy Hour Service.

- Saturday 15th from 9.00am Spring Cleaning of the Church for Easter – many hands make light work – please come and help us look after our beautiful church
- Sunday 16th EASTER DAY Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia! 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday 23rd 11.30am Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- Thursday 27th 10.30-12noon Coffee, Cakes & Books
- Sunday 30th 7pm Lyra Concert (see advert)

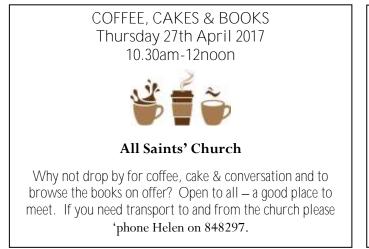
CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY

 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th June 'Arts & Craft Weekend' in All Saints' Church with visit from George Orwell Society at 3pm on Sunday.

REST IN PEACE

Paul Townsend, or 'My Paul' as his partner Pauline called him, who died on 3rd February 2017 was born 1st February 1963 at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon to Joan & Pete. Joan & Pete never planned on having children, but Pauline is glad they did. When Paul was 4 weeks old Joan went shopping and on her return to 8 Victoria Road Paul's grandmother went outside looking about. Joan asked what she was looking for and the reply came, 'Where is the baby? Where's Paul?' Only then did Joan realise she had left Paul outside Woolworths! Nine years later along came brother Neil. As a teenager, Neil wanted to follow big brother Paul about, but Paul was having none of it saying it ruined his street cred but the two of them grew up to be close and shared the same sense of humour. Paul



attended Larkmead School, where he met Carol who eventually became his wife. They went on to have two children - Shaun & Sabrina. Paul was a bricky through and through and he loved being outdoors. But when the recession hit he went to work at British Rail at Cowley. During this time he met Pauline, after his divorce, through their mutual friend Mary. Although they had been to the same school and were in the same year they had been in different gangs. They were together only four weeks when they took their first holiday to Sidari Corfu and they returned almost every year for the last 24 years. Holidays became their hobby and they travelled all over the world - meeting some amazing friends and lovely people *(Continued on page 8)*

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (Charity #294227)

Please make a note in your diaries that this year's Garden Party, which is open to everyone, will be held at The Croft, High Street from 12 noon

The annual Ride & Stride event will be on Saturday, 9th September. A fun opportunity to walk or cycle between most churches in Oxfordshire (or even further afield!) and raise funds for the Historic Churches Trust as well as All Saints'.

Finally, the charity's AGM is on 9th May. The meeting, held in the Church at 7.30 will this year include a talk by Mr David Knowles, past Clerk of Works at the Church, on what is involved in caring for a building dating from 1190.

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who have remained part of their lives ever since. Pauline & Paul had talked of getting married but both decided that after so long they did not have to prove how much they loved each **other**. **Paul helped look after Pauline's Mum throughout her** illness and the three of them were very close until Paul himself became ill. In his early days Paul enjoyed a drink in The Plough in Sutton Courtenay and a game of dominoes with the regulars.

He only gave up going out when Pauline's Mum needed more care. Paul was an avid Manchester United fan all his life. Pauline and the family are very grateful for all the support they have received from friends, neighbours and work colleagues who all attended the funeral which was held at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 15th February 2017.

This is an edited extract of the tribute written by Pauline Stanton and given at his funeral by Ben Tonks.

OXFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme information pop-up is coming to Sutton Courtenay. The project team are visiting locations within the scheme area and in communities downstream of Oxford to answer questions about the scheme. We will be at Sutton Courtenay village hall on Tuesday 11 April, 6 to 9pm.

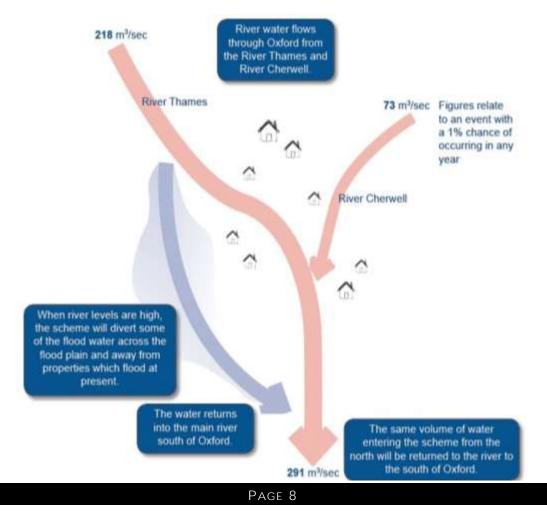
How will the scheme work?

We are working with local partners Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, Thames Water, the Oxford Flood Alliance, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, and the University of Oxford, to reduce flood risk in Oxford. This partnership was formed in 2014, after the city had been affected by flooding for many years. The scheme has been developed using evidence about past floods and modelling and exploring various options to come up with the best solution to reduce the impact of flooding in Oxford. At the moment, although the Oxford floodplain takes some water during river flooding, many houses, businesses and transport links are impacted. The planned scheme will increase capacity in the floodplain by lowering areas of the floodplain and widening some of the existing rivers and streams that run through it. This will divert flood water across the floodplain and away from properties that flood at present. The same volume of water entering the scheme from the north will be returned to the Thames to the south of Oxford. We always work to reduce flood risk, not to transfer it, and we will not increase flood risk to downstream communities like Sutton Courtenay.

For further information or to receive updates on the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme, email us at

OxfordScheme@environment-agency.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/government/collections/reducing-flood-risk -in-oxford-and-abingdon



FROM JUBILATION TO UPROAR AND CONFUSION

LONDON REGENERATION APPLICATION — East Harwell Road; 354 Houses

Our efforts in objecting to this application were rewarded when it was rejected out of committee. London Regeneration has, however, stated that it will appeal. This follows the rejection of the 15 houses on the old catholic church site. Well done all!

REDROW APPLICATION — 200 houses behind the Village Hall (P15/V2353/O)

On 1 March there was a wonderful display of Sutton Courtenay in action, with people from every corner of the village demonstrating in Wantage against the East SC application and attending the planning committee meeting. It just shows what we can achieve when we pull together!

After a lengthy debate, it was obvious that our arguments over access, drainage, and pollution had really registered, as the committee voted to reject the application, to great cheers. That was followed however, by uproar, when the planning officer **invoked a rarely used "cooling off period". Villagers and it** seems councillors, were left utterly confused when their cele**brations were crushed by this decision.** The **'cooling off period'** was apparently invoked because of concern over the potential costs if it went to an appeal, and because of the doubt raised by the OCC Highways Officer on the traffic evidence.

What happens next?

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is now to conduct a traffic survey to understand the traffic impact on our river crossing (Sutton bridge). It will include the roads either side of the bridges, Appleford Road, Church Street and the Triangle junction. It will also consider the planned new traffic lights on the junction Appleford Road / Abingdon Road up to the bridge and the traffic to and from the yet to be giant warehouse at the end of Harwell Road. This also has implications for the North of Appleford Road (P15/V2933/O) and South of Appleford Road (P16/V2693/FUL) planning applications. We have also requested a site visit for the access with OCC and we are hopeful that they will recognise that it cannot provide a safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

In addition, the Vale will conduct an independent review of the drainage for the East Sutton Courtenay site.

All this will take time, at least 4-6 weeks, and will involve further public consultation. The officers will then re-write their report and it will go back to Planning Committee for a decision. This is unlikely to be before the end of May. The Officer's report could be for or against the application. There is, therefore, still a great deal of work to be done in opposing the application. Thanks meanwhile to all those who attended the Planning Committee meeting.

Help. To offer to help or contribute to the campaign fund please email *action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk*. To keep up to date with the campaign, register with the facebook page Sutton Courtenay Action.

SUTTON COURTENAY IN ACTION! For update on Sutton Courtenay Forum see below



Update on Sutton Courtenay forum

Since the Planning Committee meeting, the SC Forum have met with Matthew Barber and Emily Hamerton. OCC traffic officers and the Vale Enforcement Officer also attended.

The main subject was the outcome of the Planning Committee for the Redrow houses and the impact on the various applications in the village. Moving forward we are still hopeful that the cumulative impact of development here and in the surrounding area will be taken into account.

Everyone present was aware that traffic is at capacity given the infrastructure. OCC accepted the need for an in depth traffic survey which will be set up in the next few weeks. We were hoping that the survey would cover a wider area. However, OCC stressed the priority to have the baseline for the bridge and have assured us that it will be conducted effectively. We were pleased to be able to meet the Vale Enforcement Officer. She was able to share with us the actions they are taking at Cross Trees Farm and apologised for the delays. Positive progress is being made, we await the outcome.

We took the chance to discuss the possible contamination issues at the warehouse site and the challenges to enforce planning conditions particularly related to sewage.

One other item which we will take forward is enforcement of lorry movements, including Hansons, within the village.

Finally, the meeting enabled us to make a constructive start to having holistic discussions on issues that have a cumulative impact on the village and to put down markers on future areas for discussion.

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 plan.

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:

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

Fair Deal for Sutton Courtenay – (and Appleford!)

The new Forum set up between residents of Sutton Courtenay Action Group. the Parish Council and the District Council is beginning to show signs of bearing fruit. Whilst we wait for the East Sutton Courtenay application to return to the Planning Committee, the Local Plan Part 2 is published which for once holds no unpleasant surprises for Sutton Courtenay. It seems that there is a growing realization by County and District Council that the village has had a tough time of it for some years and the cumulative impact of all planning developments is being taken seriously. The County Council is about to embark on a detailed traffic analysis at Culham Bridge to try to understand the impact of any development on that pinch point.

The calm, reasoned approach of all those behind Sutton Courtenay Action has certainly been a major contributor to this change in approach. With the continued pressure for ever more house building, they will need the continued support of all residents in coming months.

Didcot Garden Town

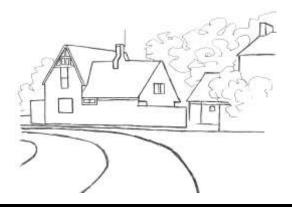
One of the perceptions around the planning process – be it District Housing or County Highways and infrastructure - is that planning is something that is "done" to people by authorities behind closed doors. If the Didcot Garden Town project is to succeed, it is surely essential that the authorities listen carefully to the needs and aspirations of all residents in the surrounding villages. "Consultations" must be just that and not used as a box ticking exercise as authorities do exactly what they wanted to do in the first place.

As a passionate supporter of Neighbourhood Planning as a way of taking out some of the angst around planning, it is essential that authorities listen to local people. They have information on how their villages and towns function as communities that no authority could possibly be expected to know. By allowing local people into the conversation at an early stage, better functioning communities will result. I am not sure that traditional County and District planners really "get" that message. Didcot Garden Town has potential benefits as well as threats to surrounding villages. It is important that residents stay involved to make sure their voices are heard.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

Richardwebber777@gmail.com

01235 534001



ED VAIZEY MP



"March saw the final Spring Budget as the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, announced a few months ago that future budgets will be delivered in autumn. Within the budget there were announcements to freeze fuel

duty for the seventh successive year, an increase in the national living wage to £7.50, a rise in the personal allowance to £11,500, £2 billion more for social care over the next three years, and £100 million for A&E departments to help them better manage demand ahead of the next winter.

I was especially pleased to see that the Chancellor announced an extra £270 million for Research and Development, which is an important boost to our local and national economy. The Chancellor also announced new Tlevels for 16-19 year old technical students from autumn 2019, and area of education that our constituency is leading in. £200 million was also announced to further support the roll out of broadband, along with £16 million for a national 5G Innovation Network to trial the new technology.

In other news, the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, dubbed the "MBE for voluntary groups", is currently open for nominations. The Queens Award for Voluntary Service is awarded annually, and currently there is a maximum of 200 awards per year. Any member of the public can nominate a group of volunteers for the award by completing the online *formhttps://qavs.direct.gov.uk/*.

Finally, congratulations to Oakman Inns and Restaurants, operators of the Old Post Office in Wallingford, as their exceptional staff policies and human resources record got them to the eight position in the Sunday Times 100 Best Companies Awards 2017. The list of other winners is *http://appointments.thesundaytimes.co.uk/article/best100companies/.*

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*

ENQUIRY ABOUT H.E.L. PORTER, MOUNTAINEER

The following is a copy of an email recently received by the editors:

Dear Editor, my name is Dave Bohl the Club historian of Sefton Rugby Club in Liverpool, a team formed by Schoolteachers in 1907.

I'm trying to research one of our early members H.Porter. Your 1970's resident Harold Edward Lionel Porter was born up here in Birkenhead in 1886 died in 1973 in Sutton Courtenay.

The dates and profession fit together for your esteemed climber.

I have a photo of him in 1913/14 (on the right) attached and I wonder if any of your readers would remember him so I could confirm or discount the association.

Any clues would be gratefully accepted.

Kind Regards

Dave Bohl



An extract from his obituary:

'The trials of old age certainly did not prevent him from leading an obviously contented life, supremely happy in his marriage and happy in his garden and in entertaining old and young friends in his house in Sutton Courtenay and in various ways rendering service to his neighbourhood.'

If anyone has any information, please respond to Dave Bohl, *davidbohl@virginmedia.com*, copying in *editor@suttoncourtenynews.co.uk*

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Sutton Courtenay WI needs you!

Are you new to the area? Or just never been to a WI before?

Come along to one of our meetings and see what we are all about! Our lovely ladies will make you very welcome.

Learn new skills, share ones you already have, but most of all have Fun, a giggle and a cuppa. Visit the WI on Facebook/Twitter for the latest news.

Also check the Sutton Courtenay News for upcoming activities

We meet on 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, OX14 4BB

For more information please call Val on 01235 847612

Next meetings:

18th April – Life in the Clouds. Alan Brewer an ex BA Steward

16th May – Mary Thompson gives us a talk about notable and interesting people who have lived in Sutton Courtenay.

Note from Margaret Hamilton:

Wanted again for fund raising please: books, flower baskets, pretty flower pots.

Call 847472 or leave at Burgray Stores. Thank you in advance.

SC ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Family Fun: Easter Eggsplorers Tues 11th, Wed 12th and Thurs 13th April, 2017 10:00am - 3:00pm

Find out about all the amazing lives of egg-laying animals on a trail around Sutton Courtenay and complete the challenge for a chocolate reward. Enjoy some eggcellent craft activities in our delightful education centre too – wild fun for all the family. Suitable for children aged 4 -11 years. Booking Essential. £4 per child, accompanying adults free.

Workshop: Zoologist for a Day Tues 18th April, 2017 10:00am - 2:00pm A day of sweep-netting, bug-hunting, bird watching and pond-dipping. Plus a chance to discover what an owl eats for lunch by dissecting an owl pellet. Spend the day out on our wonderful reserve with time for a picnic lunch (please bring lunch). This workshop is for children aged 7 and older only – no under 7's to accompany please. Booking essential. £10 per child, accompanying adults free.

> All bookings can be made through our website: *bbowt.org.uk* Tel 01235 862024, email*sceec@bbowt.org.uk*

Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre, Sutton Courtenay Road, OX14 4TE

FLEXICARE FUNDRAISING WALK

Does the sound of a lovely walk of 5 or 10 miles on and around the Ridgeway, followed by as many (free) home made cakes and sandwiches as you can possibly eat, sound appealing to you? If the answer is "yes", read on!

Flexicare (a small local charity supporting families with severely disabled children in their own homes, and now in it's 32nd year) is holding its annual fundraising walk on Sunday 7 May from Snells Hall in East Hendred. Booking out is from 910am and there is a 10 mile ,5 mile or a 2-3 mile wheelchair/ buggy route to choose from. You can register, free of charge, at *www.flexicare.org.uk* where you will find access to registration and sponsor forms, also more information if required.



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



Melhuish Farm Opera

A date for you diary – tickets <u>now</u> available The Regents Opera Company will performVerdi's masterpiece RIGOLETTO

'in the round' in the aircraft hangar at Melhuish Farm, North Moreton on Friday 30 June and Saturday 1 July 2017

This will be a black tie event to which you can bring a picnic and enjoy a very special evening This is likely to be a sell-out occasion. For more information and application form, please write to: <u>melhuishfarmopera@gmail.com</u>

"There have been many eccentric productions of great operas, some of them in our major houses in recent times, which have not come remotely near to the charm of this new look by Regents Opera. For anyone fortunate enough to find it billed at their theatre, it should be a must!" -British Theatre Guide



This year all profits go to ROSY, a local Oxfordshire charity providing respite nurses for terminally and chronically ill children.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH Art & Craft Weekend*

Bringing Local talent together 24th & 25th JUNE 2017

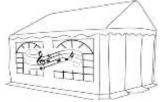
INVITATION TO EXHIBIT.

Following the success of the last two 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 general building maintenance

SUTTON FEST 26TH AUGUST 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

Plans are slowly developing. Some ideas so far: Some of the suggestions: Celebrity scarecrow in wheelbarrow/pushchair/bicycle — inter-street competition Sports and games for the young Arts and Crafts Tent — opportunity for local craftsmen and women to show case and sell their work — and lots more

Possibilities are:

- Gourmet game burgers from The Wandering Kitchen
- Tacos and Burritos from California Taco
- Hot dogs and Chilli dogs from ChilliDogs
- Fish and Chips from Go Fish and Chips
- Steak Frites from Gourdans
- Filipino street food from Simply Food 2 Go
- Pizza from Soleluna
- Gluten Free, Polenta based Italian food from Boo Fes
- Pancakes from Hack the Stack
- Artisan Ice Cream from Gelarto

The next planning meeting is on Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm in the Football Club. 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 gailjohns36@yahoo.co.uk: <u>kellybreakspear@googlemail.com</u> <u>ritaatkinson@googlemail.com</u>; David McKenzie <u>d.j.mckenzie@hotmail.com</u> Margaret Hamilton <u>maggie.70@iplough.com</u> or ring Margaret on 01235 847472 or Rita on 01235 848694



Food by

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On March 7th once again a great service with David Chapman. Again trains were late, so I spoke with the congregation for 30 minutes and handed over to David who spoke to many present. A very pleasant evening.

Any enquiries 01235 847460

Pat & Sam

Diary

Tuesday April 4th Spiritual Fellowship with Brenda Manning Tuesday May 2nd Spiritual Fellowship with Linda Abbott

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Beginners Wildlife Photography Saturday 8th April, 10am-3pm

Intermediate Wildlife Photography Sunday 9th April, 10am-3pm

Booking is essential.

For further details telephone 01865 407792 or visit www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson



International Vocal Quartet returning by popular request

In Concert at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AE

Sunday 30 April 2017 at 7pm

Tickets £10 (inc. Russian-style canapés) in advance from Burgrey Stores, or on the door Cash bar (wine, Moscow Mules etc!) Further details: IAN MILES 07788 715873

SUTTON COURTENAY CRICKET CLUB

Winter nets for the seniors have concluded for 2017 and our attention now focuses on junior and senior fixtures - All of our fixtures can be found on our Facebook page and on our website - some notable dates:

May 14^{th} – First home Sunday fixture for the seniors July 2^{nd} – Junior Kwik Cricket tournament

On July 2nd, Sutton Courtenay are hosting junior cricket teams from around the area in a Kwik Cricket fixture, a BBQ will be available and drinks will be available from the Football Club bar, please come along support the Sutton Courtenay junior cricketers.



The Cricket Club in conjunction with the ECB will soon be running "All Stars Cricket" coaching as part of nationwide initiative to get more children from the age of 5 playing cricket. Please check our website and Facebook pages for more information. This is being run by qualified coaches and we expect it run to run on Tuesday evenings from 6pm at The Recreation Ground from the end of May.

We would like to thank the football club for the use of their facilities on match days this year. We are also pleased to announce support from following organisations – Davis Tate, Aspera and Dan Housego Cricket Coaching.

We want more people playing - from All Stars Cricket for children aged 5 to 8. Juniors from 8 upwards and Seniors from 16 years upwards. Training sessions are held on various evenings during the week at The Recreation Ground - and we actively encourage parents to train with their children.

The club can provide all the equipment to get you started and it really is a cheap way to get some exercise

For more information please see

Website: www.suttoncourtenaycricketclub.co.uk Facebook "Sutton Courtenay cricket club" Twitter @cc_scourtenay

PRINTER HELPLINE SCAM

National Trading Standards is warning consumers about a new financial scam, targeting those who call printer helplines. Victims usually come across the fake 'helpline' numbers on online adverts placed high on search engines or social media. Cases seen by the Trading Standard eCrime team have involved fraudsters behind the 'helplines' gaining remote access to people's computers – under the guise of helping them to resolve their technical problems – only for the criminals to steal personal information, including bank account details, and to infect computers with malware.

NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS IS ADVISING PEOPLE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- When seeking technical support for your printer, make sure you use the contact details provided by the printer manufacturer. These can be found by visiting the manufacturer's official website, listing on its product packaging and literature.
- Be suspicious of helplines asking to take remote control of your computer to fix printer problems.
- Ensure your anti-virus and online security software is kept up-to-date in order to reduce the risk of unwanted popups on screen that may advertise fraudulent services.

WAYS TO SPOT AN ONLINE HOLIDAY BOOKING

- Are prices way out of line?
- Unwitting victims can be caught out by the offer of ultracheap airline tickets. Bear in mind that, while many online agents will claim to have the best fares, prices for a particular flight are usually in a fairly narrow price band. A quick check on Skyscanner at https:// www.skyscanner.net/ can provide a good estimate of the price. Be wary if you see much lower prices.
- Do they make too many demands?
- Scammers aren't just interested in your money; they'd also like your identity. A scan of your driving licence or passport will never be requested by a genuine business unless there are specific, and good, reasons that you can verify, such as a local law insisting on identity checks.
- ABTA protection?
- If a business claims to be a member of ABTA, the travel

association, you can use their very simple checking system *https://abta.com/find-a-member* and also call the landline number to ensure you are dealing with that particular company.

- Is the marketing material suspect?
- Extracts are often copied and pasted from genuine travel company web sites to set up scam sites. If something looks odd try a bit of copying and pasting yourself. The odd phrase may take you to a genuine holiday company.
- Is a fraudster pretending to be the real owner?
- Emails to and from genuine companies can be intercepted by criminals. Ensure you're dealing with the genuine owner by insisting on a landline number (not a mobile), check that the dialling code is correct for the location and call the owner. Ask questions about the property and facilities and if you're not satisfied ask for more in-depth questions, such as things about the area that you can check -up on yourself — perhaps the name of the nearest restaurant that you can find the number for, and call.
- Demanding payment by bank transfer?
- Many genuine villa owners request payment by bank transfer to keep handling costs to a minimum. Bear in mind that bank transfers are the equivalent of handing over cash, in that banks will not refund you, and double check before you click to confirm your payment. Be particularly suspicious if the destination bank account is in an unlikely location.
- Trying to hurry you to make a booking?
- Criminals want to get hold of your money as quickly as possible and may try to pressure you to pay by saying you will lose the property to someone else if you don't make an immediate commitment. Another tactic is to promise a 10 or 20% discount for fast payment. If you sense they are getting agitated you could suggest communication by post. A genuine owner is likely to agree to accept your deposit in cash through the post, and the associated delay.

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

Contact the police by calling

101 (for non-emergencies)

and

999 (for emergencies).

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

SENIOR CITIZEN'S TEA PARTY

Organised by young people in Sutton Courtenay under the supervision of The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

> Dear Senior Citizen You are invited to our... TEA PARTY! At Sutton Courtenay Village Hall Sunday 30th April 2017 3pm to 5.30pm

Entertainment by Amy and Sutton Courtenay Street Dancers – a group of young people who have been training with Amy King and The Groove Company Duo with their repertoire of songs and music from the 1920s to present day

Martin on piano/vocals & Tracey on sax/flute/percussion

RSVP with any dietary requirements Roxy Elford on 07875649008; Rita Atkinson 848694; Rev. Helen Kendrick 848297. If you would like a lift please inform Rita. We acknowledge support from Evergreens and SC National Power Trust Invitation designed by Ellie Greenaway

DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT SAYS GOODBYE TO...

It is with sadness but great pride that we say farewell to Gary Hibbins who has been an integral part of the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project for the past fourteen years.

Gary has a deep sense of community and has been able to assimilate and implement the ethos and belief of the trustees that young people need to be empowered by positive engagement that promotes a shared sense of belonging, commonality of purpose and real ability to effect change, so that they build resilience to make a difference in their personal lives and in the communities in which they live. Gary has extremely strong interpersonal skills and very quickly can form a

relationship with even the most disengaged or reticent young person which he has used to great effect over the years in supporting many young people to improve their life chances. The DAMASCUS model that emerged from the hours and hours of discussions, implementing, reviewing, refreshing would not have achieved the results it did in those early years had it not been for Gary's superb ability to grasp the bigger picture. It established a tradition and expectation which is embraced by all DAMASCUS staff to this day.

DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT SAYS GOODBYE TO

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Gary will be starting as the part-time manager and trainee counsellor at The Abingdon Bridge from April 1st. Gary has found his niche career as an integrative psychotherapist and this is the perfect move for him.

On behalf of all the trustees and communities you have served – Thank you Gary and we wish you all the best and know that you are just down the road and our engagement will continue albeit in another context.

And Gary says

"I remember starting my journey with the Abingdon

DAMASCUS Youth Project on the DAMASCUS bus when I was just 18 years old and what a journey it has been. I have grown and developed so much, not just as a youth worker but also as a person. This is truly an amazing project that enables young people to positively contribute to their community. The trustees have supported me all the way, the sudden death of my mother, the birth of my first child, this list goes on. I can say hand on heart DAMASCUS has changed my life, just as it has changed the lives of so many young people. For the past three years I have been training as an integrative psychotherapist In London. I am now nearing the end of my training. This would **not have been possible without the trustees' support and not**

just with time off for studies and a bursary but moral encouragement and a belief that I could finish the course.

Having grown up in one of the DAMASCUS villages I know too well what the issues are for local young people. I have seen the project grow from three nights a week on the bus to an award winning project the model of which is being applied by other **local youth charities to their work. It's been an honour to be** part of this growth and witness young people develop a sense of **community and positively benefit from it. I'm excited about my** future with The Abingdon Bridge – I am a DAMASCUS graduate and that will stand me in very good stead not only as I develop my role as the Manager of The Abingdon Bridge but also as I help facilitate a partnership between the two projects which can only be for the benefit for all our communities and young people.

To all you young people – thank you. It's been a pleasure being a part of your growth and development. I wish you all the best. Know Roxy and Holly are there and I am only down the road so pop in and say Hi any time"

Rita Atkinson on behalf of the Trustees and Staff and young people of the Abingdon DAMASCUS* Youth Project.

*DAMASCUS is an acronym for the five villages, Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay, and Steventon

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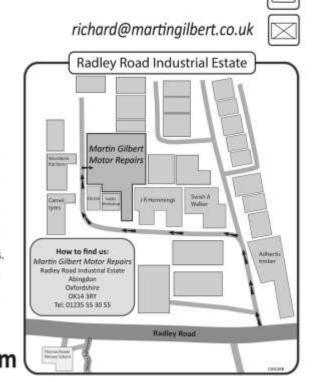


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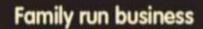
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