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VILLAGE DIARY

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Oxfordshire CC www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

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

<u>Virgin Media – Prohibition of through traffic and waiting</u>

Fibre optic cable ducting works by AFL Global on behalf of Virgin Media will take place in the village in May. Restrictions on vehicle movements and road closures will take place in All Saints Lane, The Green, Churchmere Road, Hobbyhorse Lane, Mill Lane and Old Wallingford Way as indicated below. Traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force. There will be exemptions for emergency services and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of roads.

All Saints Lane: 2 May to 11 May 2017; The Green: 9 May to 18 May 2017; Churchmere Road: 9 May to 22 May 2017; Hobbyhorse Lane: 16 May to 25 May 2017;

Mill Lane & Old Wallingford Way: 23 May to 1 June 2017



There is no real progress with the determination of this planning application. As reported last month, the application was considered by the planning committee on 1st March. The site had been recommended for approval, but when being put to the vote, members voted 6:5 against it. A cooling off period was called for to allow time for additional reports to be obtained, in the light of concerns from planning committee members. Highway issues and drainage issues will be reviewed in due course. The application is unlikely to go back to planning committee for several weeks. The County Council is organising a traffic survey, and the Council has written to County Council officers to seek clarification as to the extent of the area to be included. If the survey is not done correctly and fully representative of the traffic impact, it will be worthless.

The Parish Council started corresponding with the County Council a year ago regarding its acceptance of the narrow byway open to all traffic into the Sutton Courtenay East site as a suitable access to the proposed new development. The Clerk arranged a site meeting with the County Council's officers and the Parish Council invited representatives from Sutton Courtenay Action too to be present, as well as the Development Manager from the District Council. This took place at the end of March. The Council was able to directly raise various issues including its land ownership in front of the village hall, the long narrow pinch point, safety of cyclists and pedestrians, and gradients into properties should the alterations to Frilsham Street go ahead as planned.

A number of parishioners have asked about the planning decision taken at the District Council's committee meeting on 1st March. The minutes of that meeting will be available for viewing at http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=102&Mld=2165&Ver=4 once they are in the public domain.

Didcot Garden Town Governance

The proposed governance system is being set out in the proposed delivery plan that is to be issued for public



consultation on 15th May. The Council would encourage residents to look out for this document, and comment accordingly. The Parish Council is seeking to meet with officers from the Vale of White Horse District Council, to discuss the Council's input into the Governance structure.

Neighbourhood Plan - grant

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Vale of White Horse District Council towards the cost of the neighbourhood plan. Thanks go to Rita Atkinson who completed the application on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Dragon Patcher

Skanska has been trialing the pothole fixing lorry named the dragon because of its fire emitting nozzle for the past 2 years. The firm, working for Oxfordshire County Council, will employ a second road patching machine to help combat the number of potholes in the county. Using this lorry, the potholes can be fixed 5 times as fast as previous methods, and at a reduced cost.

The following planning applications have been considered:

P17/V0681/FUL Erection of building to be used for storage, distribution and sale of hard wall and floor finishes and associated products and/or use at Trident Park Basil Hill Road. The Council had no objections.

P17/V0764/HH and P17/V0765/LB Extension and alterations to provide a new kitchen and entrance hall arrangement at The Manor House, Church Street. The Council had no objections.

P17/V0746/LB Replacement of French windows at rear of cottage with similar style windows constructed from Sapele and 18mm toughened argon filled soft coat double glazing at Howes Cottage, 6 Chapel Lane. The Council had no objections.

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P17/V0783/FUL Construction of 2 detached dwellings at 90A Milton Road. The Council had no objections.

MW.0028/17 Operation of existing rail sidings without complying with condition 5 of SUT/APF/616/7 (6th October 1976) to allow trains delivering aggregate to unload up until 2100 Monday to Friday on up to 150 days per calendar year at Appleford sidings. The Council thought that this was creeping intensification and requested that the extended arrival times should not be permitted beyond 150 days in any one year.

P17/V0824/FUL Change of use of triple garage to ancillary building at 19 Harwell Road. The Council requested that if consent be granted that there be adequate on site parking for the existing dwellings, as well as additional spaces required for the building to be changed from garage to residential accommodation.

P17/V0700/FUL Variation of conditions 2 and 11 of P14/V2362/FUL for the demolition of 74 and 78 Milton Road and erection of 28 units, to permit tarmac in lieu of blocked paving and minor alterations to the development at the Linden Homes site in Milton Road. The Council had no objection to the minor amendments, but stated its preference for the original scheme of blocked paving as the change would affect the overall final appearance.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May, at 7.15 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.

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

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS 2017 REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS BE INCLUDED WITH THIS MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: SEE BELOW

SCPC Chairman's Report to Annual Meeting of Electors, 4th April, 2017.

Co-option to Council

At the start of the year there was one vacancy on the Council. Lesley Tyler was co-opted on to the Council. Welcome Lesley.

Members' attendance at Parish Council meetings 2016/2017

Possible no. of meetings		Actual no. of meetings attended	As a %
Michael Jenkins	12	11	92
Rita Atkinson	12	11	92
David Butler	12	9	75
Christopher Campbe	ell 12	7	58
Teresa Field	12	7	58
Karl Gebhart	12	12	100
David Hignell	12	11	92
Martin Howell	12	9	75
Claire Myerson	12	11	92
Stephen Noys	12	8	66
Lesley Tyler	9	3	33

Planning

The pressure of development within the parish continues, although there are early indications that The Local Plan, emerging Neighbourhood Plan and increased pressure from residents through SC Action, will lead to more sustainable development in the future

A total of 80 applications for the parish including Certificates for Lawful Use, Local Development Orders were submitted to VWHDC

These include: SC East - Redrow, Harwell Road - London Regeneration, Hobbyhorse Lane - Catholic Church site, Landfill site - Asphalt plant, weighbridge, Bridge Farm and Fullmoor, SC Primary school - new classrooms, plus small developments for new housing in Drayton Road and Milton Road..

The Parish Council was represented, and spoke, at planning meetings when an objection to an application was registered. Meetings with developers – Redrow re: s. 106 arranged by Cllr. Webber, warehouse proposal, Didcot Technology Park

Presentations at PC meetings

Developers and their agents - London Regeneration regarding Harwell Road Damascus - work of youth group within the parish Virgin Media - cable/broadband Emily Hamerton Development Manager Vale DC

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONT

The Parish Council was represented on the following

FCC - Appleford / Sutton Courtenay Liaison - EA withdrawn from attending these meetings

RWEnPower Liaison Committee

Didcot Community Forum

Harwell Chilton Stakeholder Group

Culham Stakeholder Group

Neighbourhood Action Group

Reservoir Affected Parishes Group – no meetings

Oxfordshire County Council - Parish Transport Representative- reduced number of meetings

Village Hall Management Committee

Millennium Common Committee

Damascus Advisory Committee

Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Stakeholder Forum – no meetings

Milton Park Liaison Committee

Abingdon Children's Centre Advisory Group Meeting

Didcot Garden Town Stakeholder meetings

Also attended Vale Town/Parish Forum meeting.

SC Action /Vale Forum

Unitary Authority workshops

Air Quality site meeting Church Street/Appleford Road

Selecction of items with which the Parish Council has been involved

Installed defibrillator

Flood Allevation

Neighbourhood Plan – Area designated

Planning enforcement

Drayton Road accidents/traffic calming/speed reduction

FCC gas bubbling

Eastwest bunds

Play Area repairs

SC/Appleford cycle track

Street naming

Potholes

Harwell Road vandalism

Extension of 30 mph limit Sutton Courtenay Lane

Bus Service changes

Unitary Authority

Local Plan / CIL

Closure of Police office

The Plough – Asset of Community Value

Ginge Brook lorry

Parish Boundary and bid by Abingdon Town Council to take section into Abingdon

Land rear of Church

Planting of tree/bench seat in cemetery

Traffic lights Appleford Road/Abingdon Road

Application for support for s. 106 money to Church

All Saints Community Room

CIL consultation

SC Action Group

Pollard village green trees

Local Plan part 2 – no sites immediately in SC. Some land saved for reservoir access

point

Didcot Garden Town Governance

Parking issues

Grants received

£5000 from Vale DC for recreation ground repairs to play equipment

£10,000 from Vale DC for Neighbourhood Plan

£128 from Vale DC for Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

And Finally

My thanks to all councillors who give so willingly of their time to attend meetings, the unrecorded hours spent in working parties, discussion groups and on case work.

Our clerk, Linda Martin, continues to ensure the council runs efficiently and effectively, her contribution is very much appreciated

Michael Jenkins 4th April, 2017





Abingdon flood schemes

Scheme progress

March 2017

Introduction

The Abingdon flood schemes package was started in 2014 with the Vale of White Horse District Council. The aims of our work in Abingdon are to reduce the number of properties at risk, reduce the impact of flooding on essential infrastructure and reduce the need to deploy temporary flood defences.

This newsletter provides an update to the following Abingdon schemes:

- St Helen's Mill
- River Ock Flood Alleviation Scheme

Scheme Progress:

St Helen's Mill Flood Wall

A 33.6 metre flood wall will be built to protect the residents of 5 properties at St Helen's Mill from flooding. There will be no increase in flood risk to any properties on the opposite bank.

We are getting the final approvals needed to award the construction contract, which we plan to award in early April 2017. We will start construction in May and the work should be complete by July.

Over the next few weeks we will be contacting the community directly affected by the work. We will need to provide formal notices, and arrange necessary surveys before the work can go ahead.



The St Helen's Mill work plan

www.gov.uk/environment-agency



What the finished flood wall at St Helen's Mill will look like

River Ock Flood Alleviation Scheme

The aim of the scheme is to reduce flooding in Abingdon from the River Ock. Several options are being considered, including flood storage schemes, permanent defences and natural flood management.

We have updated the existing flood models for both the River Ock and the River Thames. Our models are always independently verified and take climate change into account. We are now running scheme scenarios through our models. This allows us to check which options provide benefits to Abingdon.

Contact & links

Find out more about the Abingdon flood schemes at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/reducing-flood-risk-in-oxford-and-abingdon

To contact the project team, or to request to be added to the mailing list email:

OxfordScheme Denvironment-agency.gov.uk

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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.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Out and About in Our Local Area

Our topics last term have involved getting out and about, and making the most of the spring weather. It has also been lovely to see the children in Robins Class enjoying their outside area, newly developed by our clever caretaker Mr Greenough and funded by the Friends of Sutton Courtenay School (FOSCS).

On 6th April our youngest children in Barn Owls Class went to the Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre for a teddy bears' picnic! The weather was beautiful and they had a lovely time in the forest there, playing games and learning about the environment.

Our Kestrel Class became 'Street Detectives' on Wednesday 29th March, exploring and investigating Sutton Courtenay village. They used a map to follow a route, recording what they found on the way from the different buildings, facilities and how the village has adapted and changed over time. The route took us along water, over fences, through fields and then we finally stopped at the park for a picnic lunch. Then it was back to work! The children used the playground equipment to build on their science knowledge, deciding which force was needed to make the equipment move.

On Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March, Years 5/6 and then Years 3/4 were taken back in time to discover the history of Abingdon. Led by Museum staff, they each enjoyed a walking guided tour of Abingdon learning all about the oldest buildings, the construction and then destruction of the Abbey, as well as listening to the sound of the River Stert flowing beneath their feet. They explored the galleries of the Museum including a chance to see the splendid views from the rooftop of the Museum. They then spent time handling original artefacts, some dating back to prehistoric times, which have been found in the locality. This was teamed with a picnic in the park, accompanied by an ice lolly. Thankfully the weather was kind over both days. According to some Year 3 children their favourite bits were looking at the real MG motor car in the Museum and being brave enough to look out over Abingdon

from the top of the Museum roof!

On Thursday 6th April, Falcons Class visited All Saints' Church for 'The Holy Week Experience' – a series



of interactive activities to bring their knowledge of this important Christian Festival to life. Organised by The Reverend Helen Kendrick, it was a wonderful afternoon and the children were really encouraged to think deeply. We finished Term 4 with the whole school returning to All Saints' Church for our Easter Service. Each class contributed poetry and the children sang beautifully. Our Year 5 children had written their own verses on the theme of the Easter Story, and these were particularly powerful.

Spread the Word.....

It's all change here, with the building work on our new classrooms started during the holidays. We have successfully recruited three new teachers to join our growing team. We are also excited to announce that as from September 2017, our Nursery Class will be extending its hours, so that we are able to offer 30 hours per week of provision to all eligible families. The scheme is designed to help families where both parents work, even part time. To check your eligibility, you can go to this website:

https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/ moreinfopar/2

We have yet to finalise details, but it is likely that we will offer two Nursery sessions per day, one between 8:45am and 11:45am, and one between 12:15pm and 3:15pm. Children will be able to stay in school for a half hour lunch break, and either bring a packed lunch or have a hot school meal at the usual price. If you are likely to be interested in this service, please let us know, and also do tell others in the Community who may also be interested.

Our website *www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk* will keep you updated with all the latest information.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

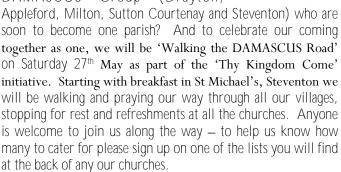
Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your

Son and your love for all.

Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

Additionally can I invite you to pray for five parishes — the five parishes of the DAMASCUS Group (Drayton,



With love and prayers Helen

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

CHURCH DIARY

Monday 8th – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting

Tuesday $9^{th} - 7.30 pm$ Friends of All Saints' AGM in the church

Monday 15th – 8pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 17th - 7.30pm Local History Society AGM in the church

Sunday 21st – 2.30pm Sutton Courtenay Duck Race in Mill Lane

Thursday 25th – 10.3-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books at All Saints'. 7.30pm Holy Communion for ASCENSCION DAY.

Saturday 27th — 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 — please use the sign up list at the back of church to indicate if you would like to join us.

Monday $29^{th} - 2.15 pm$ English Music Festival Concert in the church – the Carice Singers – tickets available on the door or from the EMF website

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

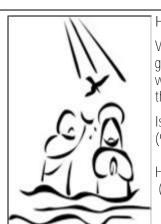
Saturday 3rd – 3pm Unveiling of a blue plaque on Orchard House, Appleford to commemorate Edmund Bradstock

Monday 5th – 8pm Baptism Preparation

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 14th October – A Day of Books - Sutton Courtenay's 1st One Day Literature Festival – more details coming soon



Holy Baptism

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

Isaac Joshua Peter MORRIS (9th April 2017)

Henry Elijah SMITH (16th April 2017) COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS Thursday 25th May 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.

REST IN PEACE

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

Walburga (Val) Wellman who died on 24th February 2017 was born on 11th July 1927 and grew up near Dortmund in Germany, older sister to Bert, Doris and Hansel. She met Sidney Thomas Wellman – always known as Tom - at a dance, when he was stationed near her home village just after the end of the 2nd World War. I remember Val telling me that it wasn't quite love at first sight but they 'grew together' - and as time proved their relationship was certainly one that endured. In those times of great hardship Tom would take food from his barracks to help feed Val and her family – who like many others at the time were near starvation. When Tom had to return home to England Val was determined to join him, and, in an act of great bravery and independence, showing great strength of character, she finally arrived here in 1947, bringing with her their son Tom, but speaking no English. They were married on 28th August 1947 in St Edmund's Church, Abingdon with just three wedding guests! They had two sons Tom and Michael and lived for the first four and a half years of their married life with Tom's mother in Bath Street, Abingdon until they got a brand new council house in Berry Croft where they lived for 11 years. Through a lot of hard work and careful saving they eventually brought a house of their own on Oxford Road. In 1972 they moved to Sutton Courtenay. Val worked hard all her life. She had a variety of jobs including working for a grocer in Abingdon; cleaning for many different people and working for over twenty years at M&S in Oxford. She loved this job and she was very popular and well-liked by fellow staff and customers. She loved spending time in her garden and was gifted with green-fingers. She appreciated nature — or as son Tom told me she loved 'All Creatures Great and Small except spiders!". She could walk for hours in the woods and relished being amongst the trees. In later years she took up painting and produced some beautiful pictures — although she was always modest about her achievements. She was a talented seamstress and knitter and made her own dresses and curtains. She was always a great fan of the Royal Family and was

incredibly proud to be invited to a special celebration at Greys Court to share in the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh because they were married in the same year as Tom and Val! She also enjoyed holidays abroad – particularly going to Germany to meet up with her family - going to Spain with Tom and Sylvia and even venturing to Morocco with husband Tom to support him with his work for MG. Son Tom remembers her as a strict and protective Mum and a good cook who always made sure there was food on the table for her hungry family. She was devoted to her grandchildren and enjoyed looking after them when they were young and she was thrilled to have great-grandchildren. As her husband Tom developed dementia Val became a devoted carer to him. Val pushing Tom in his wheelchair was a familiar sight and everyone in SC recognised Val as she continued to walk for miles through the village and the roads around after his death. She had a beautiful smile that lit up her entire face and any room she was in. Determined to be independent but devastated by Michael and Tom's deaths she was stoical in her grief and remained one of life's optimists and was always very positive. Above all Val was someone who loved her family and her friends and neighbours and she always put the needs of others before her own. She was a good friend to her neighbours and I know that she, in her turn, was grateful for all the love and support they gave her treating them as part of her extended family. She suffered her first stroke in December 2015 and it was due to her resilience and determination that she pulled through but she gradually became frailer and needed fulltime care so went to The Close, Burcot where she was well looked after until her death. This is an edited extract of the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at her funeral which was held at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 20th March 2017.

Marion Hodgkins who died on 27th February 2017 aged 95. Her funeral was held in All Saints' Church on 20th March 2017. Family tributes were given by her grandsons.



SUTTON COURTENAY DUCK RACE
A Family Fun Event

Sunday 21st May - First race 2.30pm Start line in Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay

Sponsor a duck for only £1.

Tickets available from Pat Napper, 848292 or
Helen Kendrick, 848297

(Proceeds to All Saints' Church Fabric Fund)

Event to be held subject to adequate water level in stream!



Friends of All Saints'
Church,
Sutton Courtenay
Registered charity.

Summer garden party

Sunday 11th June at 12 noon The Croft, High Street, Sutton Courtenay. EVERYONE WELCOME

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH Art & Craft Weekend*

Bringing Local Talent Together

Saturday 24th June 13.00-17.00 Sunday 25th June 13.00-16.30

Visit by ORWELL SOCIETY at 15.00

CREAM TEAS. Paintings - Photography - Jewellery - Pottery etc

Contact (01235) 848768 to book a space and j oin those who have all ready committed to exhibit (No charge to exhibit.)

Sales income to assist with general building maintenance of the Grade I Church

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP5 (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER

<u>Police and Crime Commissioner launches new Police</u> and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Anthony Stansfeld, has launched his new five year Police and Crime Plan for the Thames Valley.

The document sets out the priorities for policing and other crime reduction organisations. It consists of five strategic priorities which are:

Vulnerability — Managing demand on services through working together with a particular focus on mental health, elder abuse, hidden abuse, and the criminal justice experience for victims.

Prevention and Early Intervention — Improving safeguarding in both the physical and virtual space including tackling cyber crime, road safety, peer on peer abuse, hate crime and female genital mutilation (FGM).

Reducing Re-offending – Targeting and managing harm and risk with a focus on substance misuse, violence involving weapons and offender management.

Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism – Improving the local response including increased public awareness, promoting a 'dare to share' culture, and preventing violent extremism and exploitation of vulnerable people.

Police Ethics and Reform – Increasing the pace of change with a focus on improved support for victims, uptake of new technology, and improving the perceptions of police among young people

The Plan was informed by the views of nearly 5000 residents, including over 1000 young people, who took part in the PCCs policing and crime survey in 2016.

It was also developed using a broad range of information

including academic research, analysis of crime trends and consultation with partners including the police and local authorities.

Anthony Stansfeld said: "Demand on policing and community safety issues have changed over the last few years and my new plan reflects this. The Plan focuses on many new and emerging issues for policing but crimes such as household burglary and rural crime will also remain a priority.

"Tackling new demand, as well as maintaining support for the investigation of more traditional crimes, won't be an easy task. However, as recent Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) inspections have shown, Thames Valley Police is a force we can be proud of and I have faith that they will be able to rise to this challenge and continue to safeguard the communities of Thames Valley.

"I will now be working closely with partner organisations to understand how they will address the issues identified."

For more information and to view the full Police and Crime Plan visit the PCC website at

https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/news-and-events/thamesvalley-pcc-news/2017/03/police-and-crime-commissioner-launches-new-police-and-crime-plan/

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

PRODUCE SHOW

SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW 2nd September 2017

This year's show will be in the Village Hall, Frilsham Street on Saturday 2nd September and it would be really good to see of our new residents entering the show this time. We have included some new classes so hope there is something for everyone. The schedule and application form will also be on the Sutton Courtenay website to download.

The Produce Show Committee

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show 2nd September 2017 (Show open for viewing at 2 pm.)
Please note: Entries must be staged by 11am when judging begins. Late entries cannot be accepted.

PRODUCE

- 1. A seed tray with a mixture of vegetables
- 2. 1 sweetcorn kernel to be % exposed
- 3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
- 6 runner beans
- 5. Bunch of fresh herbs
- 6. 3 onions (trimmed)
- 7. A lettuce
- 3 tomatoes
- 9. A truss of tomatoes any variety
- 10. 2 courgettes no larger than 6 ins
- 11. Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)
- 12. 3 carrots -with 3" tops
- 13. 3 beetroot with 3" tops
- 14. 5 shallots (trimmed)
- 15. 3 dessert apples
- 16. 3 cooking apples
- 17. 5 plums
- 18. 3 pears
- 19. 2 sweet peppers
- 20. 1 cucumber
- 21. Two longest runner beans displayed end to end
- 22. 3 hen's eggs

FLOWERS

- 23. Vase of 3 stems of roses
- 24. 1 specimen rose
- 25. Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (Different varieties)
- 26. 4 dahlias
- 3 hollyhocks
- 28. Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers (inc. shrubs)
- 29. A potted cactus or succulent not exhibited before
- 30. A potted geranium
- 31. A flowering African Violet
- 32. 1 pot plant shown for foliage

COOKERY

- 33. Jar of jam
- 34. Jar of marmalade
- 35. Jar of jelly
- 36. Jar of lemon curd
- 37. Jar of chutney
- 38. Lemon Drizzle Cake *given recipe & tin size must be used
- 4 chocolate brownies
- 40. 4 sultana scones
- 41. 4 cup cakes
- 42. A shortcrust pastry apple pie
- 43. 4 pieces of flapjack
- 44. 2 Scotch eggs

DRINKS

- 45. 1 bottle home-made lemonade
- 46. 1 bottle fruit gin or vodka
- 47. 1 bottle home- made wine

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

- 48. New 4 ply hand knitted garment
- 49. New hand knitted item not a garment
- 50. An item of crochet
- 51. An article of cross stitch

- 52. Hand-made lavender bag
- 53. Hand-made flower any material
- 54. 'Something new from something old'
- 55. A garment made from fabric
- 56. An item of paper craft
- 57. A piece of original craft work ceramic, metal or wood

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY (PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE TAKEN BY EXHIBITOR AND NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED: MOUNTED, OVERALL SIZE MAX 14"X10")

- 60. Black and white photograph
- 61. Colour print general
- 62. Colour print 'selfie'
- 63. Colour print Bridges

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

- 64. A collage max size A4 age 6 and under
- 65. A collage max size A4" age 7 11
- 66. Flowers in a jam jar
- 67. Garden on a plate
- 68. 4 decorated biscuits
- 69. 'A flower-pot person' max 30cm height

FLOWER ARRANGING (ACCESSORIES MUST BE WITHIN SIZE LIMITS)

- 70. Miniature maximum 4" all dimensions
- Flowers for a Sapphire Anniversary (max 21" ht x 20" sq. Accessories allowed)
- Arrangement in a stemmed glass or dish

 garden flowers only
- Flowers for Harvest Festival (max 20"sq, unlimited height. Accessories allowed)

*Class 38: Lemon Drizzle Cake

for the cake: for the syrup:
175g (6oz) self raising flour 80ml lemon juice
175g (6oz) softened butter 80g (3oz) caster sugar

175g (6oz) caster sugar 3 medium eggs

2 tblsp milk for the glaze:
1 tsp baking powder 1 tblsp lemon juice
Finely grated rind of 2 large lemons 55g (2oz) icing sugar

Grease and line the base and long sides of a 1kg (2lb) loaf tin with one piece of baking paper leaving an overlap at the sides to lift cake from tin when baked. Mix all cake ingredients together with a hand mixer until smooth. Spoon mixture into tin and level. Bake in preheated oven at 180C (160Fan), 350F, Gas 4 for 45 mins to 1 hour (depending on your oven) or until cooked. Leave to cool slightly for 5mins in the tin. Put syrup ingredients in saucepan and heat gently until sugar has dissolved and liquid is clear. Pour syrup over slowly so that it soaks into the cake. When syrup has been absorbed remove from the tin and place on a wire rack. When completely cold make the glaze by mixing the lemon juice and icing sugar together in a small bowl and drizzle over the cake.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday 17th May

All Saints' Church at 7.30 pm

AGM and "PAGANS & PURITANS: THE STORY OF MAY MORNING IN OXFORDSHIRE"

Illustrated talk by Tom Healey

Tom Healey is a broadcaster, author and musician. He plays an active part in the May Day celebrations which are the subject of this talk. The Society enjoyed a previous talk by Tom Healey. Everyone is welcome but please note that on this occasion the meeting will be held in the church.

Members free: Visitors £3

Mary Thompson

LOCAL HISTORY - UPDATE

<u>Sutton Courtenay Eagles and Sutton Wasps Speedway</u> teams

In the March edition of Sutton Courtenay News we published a request from Bob Frampton for information about the Sutton Courtenay Eagles and Sutton Wasps Speedway teams, and the speedway track in the village. One reader has written to the Editors to say that he recollects that the speedway stadium was at the lower end of the football ground on the right hand side below the clubhouse, near the footpath at the lower end of the recreation ground. He also remembers riding around the track in the early sixties as a school boy. He and his friends even cleared the overgrown grass etc. to be able to use the oval track to its full length and width. He says that there is no trace of it now.

Bob has also let the Editors know that he has found a very brief mention of both Sutton Courtenay Eagles and Sutton Wasps on the website www.cyclespeedwayhistory.org.uk. Bob has a lot more information on local speedway in the past. He is happy for people to contact him on bframpton0128@hotmail.com if anyone has more information or would like more information.

H.E.L.Porter, mountaineer

The plea from David Bohl for information about H.E.L.Porter, mountaineer in the April edition of Sutton Courtenay News has also been answered. The Editors have been able to write to David Bohl to confirm that H.E.L.Porter did live in Sutton Courtenay and that, amongst other things, he officially opened the swimming pool at the village primary school which had been built with money raised by the Parent/Teacher Association.

BLUE PLAQUE FOR EDMUND BRADSTOCK

The Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Board has given its approval for a plaque in honour of Edmund Bradstock, "benefactor to the poor of Appleford and Sutton Courtenay who left land and money to endow a school". It will be placed at Orchard House, Appleford (junction of Church Street and School Lane) where he lived with his wife Jane (née Justice) until his death in 1607.

In approving the proposal the Board commented that although "there are many villages which have local charities going back a long was......unique features here are the named individual concerned and the continued survival of the house". Both villages continue to enjoy Edmund Bradstock's generosity today, more than four centuries after his bequest was made.

The plaque will be unveiled by the Revd. Helen Kendrick at 3pm on Saturday 3rd June when anyone interested is warmly invited to attend.

Christopher Owen, Appleford

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FISH PUB

Sebastien at The Fish has been contacted by the great grand daughter of former proprietors of The Fish in the 1930s, Henry and Ellen Taylor. He has been given copies of some amazing photographs of gentleman playing bowls at The Fish in the 1930s as well as some other photographs. We hope to include more on this story in the next edition of Sutton Courtenay News and also hope to be able to feature the photographs on the Sutton Courtenay News website.

The Editors

ED VAIZEY MP



Thank you to all those who contacted me after the incident which took place in Westminster last month. My team and I are fine and offer our sincerest condolences to each of the victims and their families. PC

Keith Palmer lost his life protecting MPs and their staff and his bravery and professionalism will never be forgotten.

The Government have now invoked Article 50 and formally commenced the UK's process of withdrawing from the European Union. Over the next two years, the Government will now be tasked with negotiating a positive new partnership with the EU's remaining member states. The Prime Minister has made clear that she will attempt to deliver an outcome that works in the interests of the whole of the UK and will not ignore those who voted to 'Remain'. MPs will be able to debate, scrutinise and vote on important negotiating decisions and I will make sure that the voices of the constituency are heard throughout.

Some of you may be aware of the 1940s film "Magic Town" in which the owner of a company which performs consumer surveys lacks the funds to compete with its larger rivals in the field. Instead, he comes across a small town which he believes is perfectly representative of the nation's views and uses it to conduct his research. This month, the team at ASI Data Science used modern data science methods to establish an English "Magic Town" - an area that is most representative of the whole

country. Their verdict? Our very own Didcot! Of course, we have always known that Didcot is indeed a "Magic Town", but it is great to see it finally get the official recognition it deserves!

I am pleased to see that the Oxfordshire Cycling Network has launched its vision of a future Strategic Cycle Network for Oxfordshire. This will be a county-wide 'all ages, all abilities' cycle network linking major towns, workplaces and transport hubs with safe, direct and attractive routes. The 366-mile network could cost £120m and take 15 to 20 years to build, but it would bring transport and health benefits of worth at least 7 times that in the 20 year period alone.

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 OAA, 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 on my website.

EDITORS' NOTE

Usually when an election is pending we do not include any items from any candidates. We have, however, decided to make an exception for the above as it was received before the forthcoming General Election was announced.

DIDCOT U3A

Didcot & District U3A - 4th AGM 18th April - Going from Strength to Strength in 2017!

Having had an inaugural meeting in January 2013, the Didcot & District U3A, under the watchful guidance and endless enthusiasm of Chair Anne Hales and Committee, will be holding its 4th AGM on 18th April with every expectation of continued growth and success under a new Chair and Committee; details to be advised after newly elected members confirmed on the 18th April!

Nationally, the U3A was founded in 1982 and has grown steadily since then (with our own U3A forming in 2013) and organises learning for people in their 'Third Age', that is, who no longer have responsibility for children or full time work! The U3A offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings with like-minded individuals.

The Didcot & District U3A boasts over 26 interest groups, ranging from Art, languages, science & technology, ukulele, photography, family history, wine appreciation, the list goes on! Why not come along to the next meeting and find out

what we are all about? Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the Didcot Civic Hall; visitors are most welcome to come to a meeting as a 'taster' before joining, a member of our Committee will be on hand to answer questions and to make you most welcome.

At each monthly meeting, after discussing 'U3A business and interest group updates', there is a Guest Speaker on hand to provide a presentation on a subject interest or personal experiences;

16th May - David Tinker presents 'The World of Travel Posters - their diversity and how they influenced the tourist industry'

20th June - John Caldicott will enlighten us on 'The Foundling Hospital - its history and the stories of the children taken in'.

So, if you have ever thought, 'I now have the time and would love to learn ?' the Didcot & District U3A could be the answer you were looking for?

Hope to see you there?'

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



The Sutton Courtenay WI is a fun and friendly group that will welcome new members of any age.

You don't need a twin set and pearls, in fact you would more than likely be asked to wear fancy dress or some lycra, optional of course!

Dates for your diary:

16th May, Mary Thompson will be talking to us about notable people who have lived in Sutton Courtenay.

20th June is our Summer trip, TBA

15th August, Garden party

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in Sutton Courtenay.

If you would like anymore info please call Val on 01235 847612

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday April 4th, at the last moment, Sharon Higginson volunteered to take the chair which she did very well, as Pat was somewhat ill. Sharon also did the raffle.

Our speaker/medium was Brenda Manning, who is very experienced, took the service giving an excellent address and clairvoyance.

We appreciated the help with the chairs etc.

Enquiries - Pat or Sam, 01235 847460

Next meetings:-

Tues. May 2nd 7.30pm. Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Linda Abbot.

Tues. June 6th 7.30pm. Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Sylvia Thorne.

LOCAL CYCLING RIDES WITH CTC

The Cyclists' Touring Club [CTC] is the UK's national cyclists' organization and several local groups organize regular rides in our area, all led by an experienced cyclist. The groups cater for all



types of recreational riders: beginners, families, and more experienced riders. Rides are graded with a star system and are always conducted at a pace to suit all participants. Café stops are usually included! Non-members are welcome to come and try. Examples of forthcoming rides:

April 16th - Back-on-your-Bike ride [c. 16 miles], starting Grove @ 2.00 p.m.

April 17th – Three-star [all day] ride [c. 55 miles], starting Wantage @ 9.30 a.m.

April 17th – Two-star ride [c. 30 miles], starting Wallingford @ 1.30 p.m.

April 19th – Ten Mile Club ride [c. 10 miles], starting Grove @ 6.30 p.m.

April 23rd – Two-star ride [c. 35 miles], starting Grove @ 1.00 p.m.

For more details — and a full listing of rides - see the websites below or talk to Nick Dunton on 01235-848580.

http://www.ctcwantage.org.uk/ http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk/ https://ctcmidweek.wordpress.com/

SAVE THE HEDGEHOG

Hedgehog numbers are falling. There are several ways the public and conservationists alike can help to combat falling hedgehog numbers. British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) set up Hedgehog Street in 2011, a citizen science campaign which offers advice and encourages people to connect their gardens and other green spaces to improve hedgehogs' access to food, shelter and mates. Since its launch, Hedgehog Street has inspired over 43,000 volunteers (Hedgehog Champions) to create hedgehog-friendly neighbourhoods, by linking up their gardens. Other small changes people can make to help hedgehogs include;

- Pledge to make a small hole no bigger than a CD case – in your garden fence, wall and other barriers, to allow hedgehogs access to different garden
- Log your 'hog sightings dead or alive on The BIG Hedgehog Map
- Provide suitable food for hedgehogs, such as hedgehog food or meaty pet food, and water to drink.

Visit www.hedgehogstreet.org for more information.



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.

Last term we made slime, did lots of Easter crafts and ended the term with a pack holiday to PGL which was huge fun!

If you would like to come to see what we do, please contact Sarah on 07855 544609, or for more information about Girl Guiding 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 are looking for more girls to come to join us

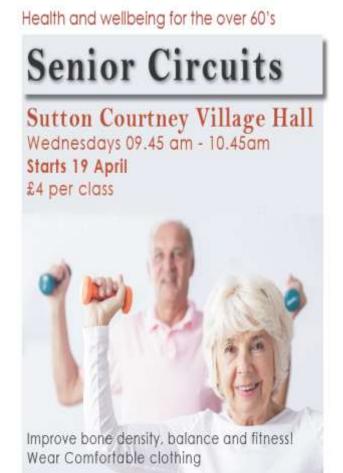
Come to see what we do!

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 for Guides or Brownies

Mary Thompson , Abbey District Commissioner email *steventonrainbows@gmail.com*



To book contact:

Annalie Thomasson on 07766 991487 annalie.thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk







Age UK Oxfordshire and Action for Carers Oxfordshire are moving office

Local older people's charity Age UK Oxfordshire is moving fromWest Saint Helen Street, in the centre of Abingdon, to Unit 9/10 Napier Court, Barton Lane, Abingdon, OX14 3YT during the week of the 10th April. They will be joined the following week by their sister charity, Action for Carers Oxfordshire, who are moving from The Charter, Abingdon.

The charity has made the decision to move as a result of a number of leases coming to an end around the same time and have taken the opportunity to relocate into a single premises in Abingdon.

Acting Chief Executive, Penny Thewlis, said, "This is a really important move for us and we are very excited about it. For the first time, all parts of the charity will be in the same building, which will enable us to work together much more closely for the benefit of older people and carers. We are planning an open afternoon as soon as the dust has settled in May and we hope members of the public and partners will take the opportunity to come and see us in our new home."

Age UK Oxfordshire's contact details will stay the same and more information surrounding the move and opening times will be available closer to the time on the website and social media.

For more information about Age UK Oxfordshire please visit the website: http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/ or ring: 0345 450 1276

For more information about Carers Oxfordshire please visit the website:

http://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/ or ring: 0345
050 7666

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



RATS....RATS....EVERYWHERE!!!!

"Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats, Brown rats, black rats, grey rats, tawny rats. From The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Robert Browning

Has anyone noticed that there seem to be more rats around this year?

Not only at night, but in daylight too!

Could it have anything to do with the daily (it seems) pumping of impacted sewage?

Could this be due to the sewage system being over loaded and unable to cope?

Or, could this be because of the Grampian Conditions being breached which said that occupancy should not take place on the new developments until the sewage system had been updated?

Or, do we just need a piper to pipe them away?

Lesley Clements

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

To each of you who kindly stopped and cared for my husband, Raymond, when he fell in Milton Road on the morning of March 23rd while he was walking our dog, Purdie.

Raymond sustained a broken hip. He has undergone surgery and is currently recovering in the John Radcliffe Hospital.

You all did so very much even just by being there, phoning for the ambulance, which came really quickly. Holding umbrellas over Raymond as it was raining; holding his head off the wet ground; holding Purdie on her lead; helping the ambulance crew to make him more comfortable to get him onto the stretcher then into the ambulance; talking to him to comfort and reassure him; coming to our home to alert me to his plight. I came straight away and was deeply touched at the sight of you all helping in any way you could.

I don't know all of your names. Some of you were just visiting the area or passing through. Some were from the village.

I'm so very grateful to you all. You were wonderful. I shall never forget your kindness.

Thank you from my heart.

Best wishes to you all

Dorothy, Raymond & Purdie McGovern



LOST CAT

A lovely cat was found a few weeks ago near the row of houses on the hill between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay.

A Vet check shows him to be a Neutered Male, 3/4 years old. He is in good condition but does not have a microchip. He have lovely markings and distinctive eyes. He is very vociferous and a little hesitant but very affectionate when he gets to know you. He is being fed by the lady who found him but she can't take him as she has three cats of her own. For more information contact Iris on 01235 526299

LOCAL & GENERAL ELECTIONS



The local County Council Election takes place on Thursday 4th May. The Polling Station will be in the Village Hall, Frilsham Street. The Polling Station will be open from 7am to 10pm.

The General Election will take place on 8th June. The Editors are advised that for those who have not already registered to vote, in order to be eligible to vote on the 8th June you must register to vote by 22nd May. The Editors are told that it only takes a few minutes and can be done online at *gov.uk/register-to-vote*. If you are unable to vote in person on the date, you can arrange a postal vote or a proxy — when you nominate somebody to vote on your behalf. Anyone who is registered to vote can apply for either of these voting methods a n d in structions can be found at *www.yourvotematters.co.uk*.

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Sunday 28th May 2017

Time: 10am-5pm

Location: Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

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LOCAL BOOKS FOR SALE

Most of you will know that Appleford House and related buildings contain a large specialist library of some 50,000+ volumes. As small part of that library is a section on local Oxfordshire and Berkshire interest books, which we have recently expanded. In the course of buying those books we have inevitably acquired duplicates and even triplicates, which we intend to sell to cover some of our costs since the library is a charitable institution. Before I do that, I wondered if any locals would like to have a look and see if there is anything they want to buy. Our intention is only to cover our costs, and prices will go from £1 paperbacks to quite rare and specialist hardbacks. Anyone interested in what we intend to sell is welcome to look; please phone me on 848319 after 5pm weekdays.



Gervase Duffield



earth trust The Earth Trust has a selection of events during May including:

Moth Night- Saturday 6th May, 8pm-10pm Sunday Drop-in: Go Wild! - Sunday 7th May, 10am-2pm Dawn Chorus Walk - Sunday 7th May, 4.30am-6.30am Green Woodworking Course - Tuesday 9th May, 6.30pm

Tree Climbing - Saturday 13th May, 10am-5pm Scything - Sunday 14th May, 9.30am-4pm

Intermediate Wildlife Photography - Sunday 14th May, 10am-3pm

Bat Walk - Saturday 20th May, 8.30pm-10pm Drawing from Nature - Sunday 21st May, 2pm-4pm Natural Dyeing for Families - Tuesday 30th May, 11am-

Woodland Adventure - Wednesday 31st May, 10am-12pm Wildlife Wednesday at Thrupp Lake - Wednesday 31st May, 2pm-4pm

For more information and details of other events go to www.earthtrust.org.uk or telephone 01865 407792.

SC-CYCLE -SEE PAGE 19

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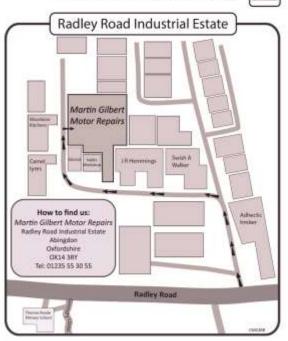
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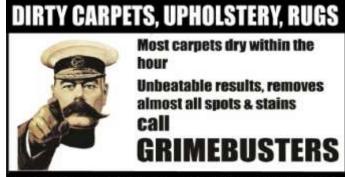
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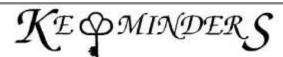
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