

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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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.

JUNE

Saturday	3rd	3pm	Unveiling of Blue Plaque to Edmund Bradstock	Orchard House
Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sunday	11th	12noon	Summer Garden Party	The Croft, High St
Tuesday	20th		WI Windsor River Boat Trip	
Wednesday	21st		SC NEWS COPY DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST EDITION	
Thursday	22nd	10.30am	Coffee, Cakes and Books	Church
Saturday	24th	12noon	SC Primary School Summer Fete	Recreation Ground
Saturday & Sunday	24th & 25th	1pm	Art and Craft Weekend	Church

JULY

Sunday	2nd	10am	Kwik Cricket Festival	Recreation Gound
Sunday	2nd	1pm	Charity Cricket Matches	Recreation Ground

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		Oxfordshire CC	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH : SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am	4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church) and Book of Common Prayer (BCP)	5th Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Group – please see church noticeboard for details
3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)	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 scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com. 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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Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The annual meeting of the Council took place on 2nd May. Cllr. Michael Jenkins has been elected Chairman for the forthcoming year, with Cllr. Christopher Campbell as Vice-Chairman. The Council has representatives on the WRG Landfill site committee, RWE Power Station, Culham site, Harwell Site and MEPC. If anyone has issues or questions relating to these sites, then please contact the Clerk who can pass on the information to the relevant person.

Virgin Media – Road Closures

Unfortunately at the last minute, the road closures planned for May to allow for the installation of virgin media cables were postponed. The Parish Council will let residents know when the revised closures will take place, once the dates are known.

Vale of White Horse D C – Parish Partner Programme

Sutton Courtenay is one parish in the Vale of White Horse area where a Parish Partner Programme with the District Council is commencing. Sutton Courtenay Parish Council along with Faringdon Town Council is trialing training sessions in planning issues such as how the District Council operates in regards to planning, the changes and challenges it is facing, and the development management process. The Parish Council has **appointed Cllr. Hignell to be the parish's contact in regards to planning issues** and, at the time of writing, he will be attending a meeting at the end of May to hear more about and take part in the trial. The District Council will be rolling out its planning training programme to other parish and town councils later in the year.

Churchmere Road – Give Way lines

The repainting of give way lines at the junction of Churchmere Road and the village green is long overdue, and the Parish Council has asked the County Council when this will be done as it had previously indicated the work should be completed within the 2016/17 year. The Council would ask motorists that use this area to be vigilant and pause as they emerge from Churchmere Road. Not only are the white lines missing, but cars are being parked at the junction, possibly closer to the street light for security reasons, which adds to the problems in this area, as other motorists seeing parked cars are less aware of **the junction's location**.

Overgrown Footpaths

It is that time of year again when we experience either warm or wet weather and the grass and tree growth is exceptional. There are some paths in the village which are impassable. The Parish Council would kindly remind landowners adjacent to footpaths that it is their responsibility to keep anything overhanging trimmed back to the boundary to allow people to get through. The Council is receiving reports of obstructions to paths, so would occupiers of properties please cut back their overhanging hedges.

Steventon Rail bridge

The Parish Council has been notified that a planning application has been lodged by Network Rail to demolish the Grade II



listed rail bridge in Steventon in connection with the electricification of the Great Western Line. This will obviously have an impact on Steventon High Street and access to the Milton Interchange for some considerable time. Anyone wishing to view the application or comment on it can find it at <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V1154/LB> on the Vale of White Horse District Council's website.

Closure of Clifton Hampden bridge for one day on 12th June

Please note that Clifton Hampden bridge will be closed on 12th June owing to cabling works taking place. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles. The alternate route suggested by the County Council is the A415, Tollgate Road, Sutton bridge and Appleford Road.

The following planning applications have been considered :

MW.0005/17 Demolition of asphalt plant and construction and operation of replacement asphalt plant with ancillary plant and machinery, a new weighbridge and portable office at Appleford Sidings, Appleford Road. Council re-considered the application and the placing of a condition tying the end date of the asphalt plant to the end date for the rail sidings rather than the end date of the whole site. It however, maintained its original view that the asphalt plant should cease when the use of the site came to an end, in order to prevent other uses from developing.

P17/V1023/FUL change of use of storage barn to 2 bedroom residential accommodation at The Barn, Church Street. The Council objected owing to lack of vision emerging into Church Street, unsatisfactory parking the possibility of overlooking and lack of identifiable amenity space.

P17/V0814/HH and P17/V0815/LB Repairs at 22 Church Street. The Council had no objections

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONT

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R13.0030/17 Salt barn, hardstanding, vehicle washdown, drainage, lighting and landscaping. Oxfordshire County Council Depot, Milton Road, Drayton. The Council had concerns regarding the size of the building, light pollution, and the impact it would have on the area

P17/V0947/D Demolition of existing offsite discharge pipeline at Milton Park. Council had no objections

P17/V0868/HH Double and single storey rear, and single storey side extensions at 13 Tullis Close. The Council had no objections

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th June, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Thames Water has confirmed that they intend to be present at the next meeting of the Council to provide an update regarding sewers and drainage in Sutton Courtenay

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**NEARLY THREE MILLION OLDER
PEOPLE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY
DESPITE BILLIONS GOING UNCLAIMED**

Nearly three million over-65s – that's one in four – are struggling financially, according to new research from Age UK, despite an estimated £3.5 billion in Pension Credit and Housing Benefit alone going unclaimed each year.

In fact, if people who are eligible for Pension Credit make a claim, it could increase their income by an average of £42 a week – **that's £2,184 a year**

To find out if you, a friend or a relative could be missing out on an entitlement please gather some details regarding income and capital then contact Age UK Oxfordshire's information and advice helpline on 0345 450 1276.

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's photos submitted by Susie Jones (age 8)

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

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

The opening hours are

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 08.00 – 18.00,

Wed 08.00 – 17.00,

Sat 08.30 – 13.00, and Sun 09.00 -12.00.

A New Reading Scheme for Everyone

Reading is a vital foundation for all educational achievement. If a child cannot read fluently, they will struggle in all their subjects in school. Good reading does not just mean being able to work out the words on the page. It means being able to understand those words, talk about the ideas in them, and be able to approach a wide range of text types confidently. Nowadays, with so many distractions, it can be harder than ever to encourage children to spend time and effort practicing their reading. Yet research shows children who read at home for just 10 minutes a day are much more likely to reach the expected level. We all want our children to do the very best they can and eventually leave school well qualified to make choices for their whole lives.

Staff in our school have been working incredibly hard to set up a new reading scheme, coming in during the holidays and returning to school in the evenings to sort the books. The Friends of Sutton Courtenay School (FOSCS) have raised money to improve the shelving in our Library area. We have invested lots of money in new books and have also included many of our old favourites and children's classics. EVERY child will be involved, from the youngest to the oldest. The scheme consists of 20 levels, each divided into 5 boxes. In each box there are 10-15 books to read – that's a lot of books! The boxes build up progressively in difficulty and contain a range of text types, so there is always challenge.

We are all very excited about launching the scheme last month!

Times Tables Challenges

Last Term, all children in Key Stage 2 began a times tables challenge. Each day the children have a quiz against the clock, answering as many multiplication questions as they can in 3 minutes. It is a fast paced and fun session, and the children enjoy collecting awards along the way. I have given out certificates in assemblies to some children who had reached level 10, answering 50 questions with 100% accuracy in the time! With a bit of practice, everyone can improve their scores and work their way up through the levels, so everyone gets a chance to celebrate their own successes.

Wild World

Topics across the school focused on the natural world, as the summer term is such a lovely time to be outside and give real context to the learning. Staff from Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre came into school to work with the children looking at wildlife in the school grounds. It is amazing how many different species we managed to find! Meanwhile, we are busy working with FOSCS again to prepare for our Summer Fete, which is being held on Saturday 24th June 2017. The theme of the fete is 'Wild World', so our preparations support other areas of learning. We are hoping to involve the whole community. One of the stalls at the fete will be a Green Fingers stall. Do you have any spare home grown produce in June? If so, we would be very grateful for your donations, which we could sell in aid of the school. If you do, please contact us at:

friendsofsuttoncourtenayschool@outlook.com

Spread The Word...

From September 2017, our Nursery Class will be offering free places for 30 hours a week for eligible families. Both parents need to be working (but not full time) so it is well worth checking if the offer applies to you or maybe a friend or relative you know.

We are offering two Nursery sessions per day, one between 8:40am to 11:40am, and one between 12:10pm to 3:10pm. Children will also be able to stay in school for a half hour lunch break at an additional daily charge of £4.00, which will include a hot school meal. You will be able to check your eligibility for 30 hours free childcare through the following website:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you would like to visit, to find out more about our school and the opportunities we can offer. I would be delighted to show you around. Please telephone or email the office for an appointment.

SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS OF THE SCHOOL FETE



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the Ministry Team

'The words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two Persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love.' (CS Lewis).

Trinity Sunday takes place this month (11th June) and it is often said that it is the one Sunday in the year on which preachers really dread having to speak! The idea of One God in three Persons is not easy to get our heads around or to explain. CS Lewis was right in saying that we have to understand the doctrine in relational terms. So why is the Trinity so important for us as Christians?

First, the Trinity provides us with a model of community. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate to one another in love

and work together to accomplish God's purpose in the world. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father's purpose, who declares His approval and the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry.

Secondly, we find our mission in the Trinity. As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out, as the church, to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God.

All three persons of the Godhead are at work in our lives and church, as well as in the world around. If we live with a renewed awareness of the Trinity, our spiritual lives will take on a new vitality and urgency.

With love and prayers Helen

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

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

From 31st May 2017 The Reverend Helen Kendrick's email will be: rector@damascusparish.org.uk
helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk will no longer exist. Please use rector@damascusparish.org.uk for all email communication with Helen.
Thank you!

Draft pastoral scheme

The Draft Pastoral Scheme to draw the five parishes of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon together in a single parish has now been published by the Church Commissioners. The public notices are on the door of each church in each parish and a copy of the full scheme is available for anyone to view in each church. Full details of how representations can be made to the Church Commissioners are also provided. Alternatively you may contact the PCC Secretary, Diana Hasting on 01235 847430.

At the request of the parishes concerned, these proposals allow for the three benefices in the existing group ministry (The DAMASCUS Group) to become a single parish benefice (The DAMASCUS Parish). This will allow the new benefice and parish to use the gifts and skills of clergy and lay people more effectively for the growing mission and ministry of the parish; to simplify administration and structures; to share resources and costs more efficiently and to support and encourage one another.



Fancy a Sunday without preparing lunch?

The FRIENDS of ALL SAINTS'* extend an invitation to everyone to come along to the

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

On Sunday 11th June from 12 noon

This year the Garden Party will be held at

The Croft, High Street by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Dan Knowles

Admission by ticket only. Adults £12, Children (5+) £6

Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £30

Ticket includes generous buffet lunch and complimentary first punch drink.

Cash bar and raffle

Tickets from Burgrey Stores, your local post office from 26th May or 01235 848768

*The Friends of All Saints' Church is an independent charity that has been in existence for 30 years to assist with the preservation and upkeep of the Grade I listed church in the Village.

CHURCH DIARY

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

Sunday 4th – 10.30am Family Communion with Baptism of Eleanor Mai Hamling & 12.15 Holy Baptism of Grace Baillie.

Monday 5th – 8pm Baptism Preparation

Sunday 11th – Friends of All Saints' Garden Party at The Croft, High Street, SC – tickets in advance from Fred Cabbage

Monday 12th – Interviews for Associate Priests for the DAMASCUS Parish

Thursday 22nd – 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books @ All Saints' Church – all welcome!

Saturday 24th 1-5pm / Sunday 25th 12.30-4.30pm – 'Arts & Craft Weekend' in All Saints' Church with visit from George Orwell Society at 3pm on Sunday.

CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY

Saturday 1st – 10am Ordination of Karen Hyde as Deacon in Christchurch Cathedral – all welcome!

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 22nd June

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.



Holy Baptism

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

Bella Grace SODEN (7th May 2017)

Wilf Oliver HOLLOWAY (7th May 2017)

Cameron Andrew DRUCE (14th May 2017)

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 plus PLANTS

Contact (01235) 848768 to book a space and join those who have already committed to exhibit (No charge to exhibit.)



FREE ADMISSION

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



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



At our April meeting we welcomed Alan Brewer who gave us an entertaining talk on what life was like as an Airline Steward. Including meeting people like the Queen and Richard Gere.

We don't just drink tea and eat cake you know. Each month we have a speaker who could come in and make us laugh, cry, sing or inspire us to make or do something fabulous! Why not come along and see what you are missing?

The 20th June is our Members Summer outing; we are off on a River Boat trip to Windsor.

Join us on the 18th July and meet Analiza Jones who will be giving us a talk on the Making of Handbags in the Philippines. She will also be bringing some along with her to sell.

We also have a lunch a month, where we go to local pubs, restaurants etc. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. If you would like any more information, please call Val on 01235 847812

MATRIX ARTS CENTRE, THE NURSERY



significant grant from the VWHDC, but we are still fundraising. There are some fundraising events listed below that you and your friends are most welcome to.

Sunday 11th June— Colli&Rubini duo

Some of you may know Rossella Rubini as she has been part of the Matrix teaching team for a number of years. She is joined by her piano partner Martina Colli. Together they will travel through music across Spain, France, Italy, Russia and America. Refreshments available

More information: info@rossellarubini.com

Sunday 18th June— Pianofest 2017

A 12 hour celebration of the piano! The Oxford Piano Group along with contributions from Matrix teachers and students will play the piano non-stop from 8.30am to 8.30pm. More details www.theoxfordpianogroup.org.uk/pianofest-2017

We are delighted that building work for our extension will start very soon. Last year we were fortunate to be awarded a

Grade one-a-thon

The challenge is on! Matrix music teachers, trustees and friends have hired, begged or borrowed instruments this term in order to try to pass Grade 1 in the summer - on an instrument they've never played before! There will be a short concert at 5.30pm on 1st July (just before our Barn Dance) so sponsors can hear **the achievements (or lack of)**. **Do come and listen!** If you're interested in donating please visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/matrixartscentregradeone/440777>

Saturday 1st July— Our annual Barn Dance

Dancing in The Nursery Courtyard with family and friends from 6.30pm (bring food and drink to share) - please email **Matrix for more details or if you'd like to join us.**

Regular Courses and activities

Yamaha Music School, individual instrumental lessons, watercolour, children's art, ballet, tai chi, pilates

Matrix Arts Centre registered charity 1022336

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01235 847264 www.matrixmusicschool.co.uk

S.C.I.D.S

On the 24th and 25th March S.C.I.D.S (Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society) staged their second production. "Papertown Paperchase" successfully and with a great deal of fun carried the message of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling litter. The show sold out on both nights.

Every member of the cast was superb, and equally valued by the audience; most of the lines were delivered!! It is impossible to pick out any character in particular, the lead parts of the Salamander, Litterbug; Tissue and Lady Carrier Bag were wonderfully supported by Copy and Paste; Fireman Silver, Professor Paperback, Spike and Biro and all the rest. The dramatic death of the Chief Firefly was something not to be missed, as were the bouncing Paperweights; and all the townspeople were beautifully portrayed by some quick change cast who doubled as fireflies and the village community.

S.C.I.D.S would not be possible without some wonderful adults, there were many but our special thanks have to go to Sally Dubock, who does most things during rehearsals!! Kirsty

Butler who took on musical direction; Bernie Jones, set designer/builder supreme, complete with sound and a backdrop of "flames" when required. Lynne Cubbage and Vivienne Maunders for multiple and great costumes; Tim and Alison Budd for lights and Andrew Dubock for programmes and production of the DVD.

Thank you all very much, including all those who did teas, craft, makeup and scene shifting, what a wonderful village we live in.

Our thanks also to Rita and the hall trustees for putting up with us, the school for trusting us with the stage, and All Saints Church for the loan of the digital piano.

S.C.I.D.S will return next spring, and the September Newsletter will hopefully have the details of the production and how to become involved in what should be another great show.

Morna Whitlock

SUTTON COURTENAY CRICKET CLUB

July 2nd – Kwik Cricket Festival

At 10am on Sunday 2nd July, our junior team will be facing players from other local teams in Kwik Cricket. Please come along and support Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club.

Stay for the afternoon as the Seniors take part in a series of **charity matches with Davis Tate and other local teams...**

July 2nd - Charity Cricket Matches

In partnership with Davis Tate, Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club are holding a Charity Cricket Match on Sunday 2nd July. Start-

ing at 1pm at The Recreation Ground, Davis Tate staff team will face teams from Sutton Courtenay and other local clubs throughout the afternoon.

There will be plenty of entertainment throughout the day including bouncy castles for the children, BBQ and other games as well as the opportunity to try your hand at some cricket.

Proceeds from the day will go to MND, SANDS and DAMASCUS Youth Project. If you would like to help or play, please email secretary@suttoncourtenaycricketclub.co.uk



Summer Fete

Saturday 24th June

12pm until 3pm

CHANGE OF
LOCATION!

Sutton Courtenay
Recreation Ground

Amazing Raffle Prizes

Fantastic raffle with prizes including a hotel break, wonderful family days out, champagne, restaurant voucher, a vacuum cleaner, and much much more.....

**Wild World
Theme**

Flag Parade

Balloon Modelling

Bouncy Castles

Coconut Shy

BBQ, Cakes, Tea

**Entertainment,
Games & Stalls**

**Green-Fingered
Friends**

Please bring some of your home grown produce or plants to be sold at our plant and produce stall in aid of the school!

The Flag Parade will leave from Old Wallingford Way (Recreation Ground) near the carpark 11:50 am – All Welcome. Judging will take place on arrival at the Fete.

SUTTON COURTENAY BROWNIES AND 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.

This term we will be doing the Fire Safety Badge which will include a trip to the Fire Station. We will also be doing crafts for Father's Day, and our new Brownies will be making their Brownie Promises.

At present Sarah runs the unit on her own and we would love to find a regular helper -or two people to share - to come along too.

If you would like to come to see what we do, please contact Sarah on 07855 544609

Guides

I am sorry to report that we have had to suspend the Guide unit in Sutton Courtenay due to the low number of girls. Rowena Worthington has run Guides for 10 years and is on maternity leave; if there are enough girls moving on from Brownies and we can find a new leader, then I very much hope that we will be able to open again in the future.

I would like to thank everyone for their support.

There are several units in Didcot for girls of 10 -14 who want to join Guides, and for those of 14 -25 there is Senior Section.

For more information about Girl Guiding or to register interest, please visit our website www.girlguiding.co.uk/joinus

Mary Thompson, Abbey District Commissioner
Email steventonrainbows@gmail.com

DIDCOT AND DISTRICT U3A

At the latest U3A AGM, Anne Hales, the Chair since the inaugural meeting in January 2013, was required to relinquish her position in accordance with the Committee Rules (maximum of 3-years in the same post) and handover the 'baton' to Shirley Rouse, the Vice-Chair; it must be highlighted that the continuing success and growth of this community spirited organisation would not be where it is today without the hard work of all the Committee, commandingly led by Anne, and there is no doubt the status quo will be maintained by Shirley and the Committee, but a Big Thank You must go to Anne for her leadership and enormous contribution, steering this newly formed U3A to its current healthy position.

The University of the Third Age offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and to learn from them in friendly surroundings, indeed, at the time of 'going to press' there are no fewer than 31 Interest Groups,

ranging from, Art Appreciation, Family History, Languages (various), Photography, Science & Technology, Ukulele to Wine Appreciation!

The Didcot & District U3A meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Civic Hall, at the next meeting on;

16th May, David Tinker will give a talk on 'The World of Travel Posters - their effect on the holiday industry'

and 20th June, John Caldicott will talk on 'The Foundling Hospital - the children who were taken in'.

The monthly meetings always commence at 2pm and it advisable to arrive 15 minutes before the start, there are always members of the Committee on hand to act as Meeters & Greeters to make any newcomers most welcome. For more information call: 01235 510048 / 815384, email secretary@didcotu3a.org or visit www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

EARTH TRUST

Little Explorers Thursday 1st June, 10am-11.30am

Sensory buggy/sling walk for babies and toddlers. We will use our senses to learn about the natural world around us – stopping to smell, touch, taste, listen and look! £4 suggested donation per child; accompanying adult(s) free.

Discover and Play Friday 2nd June, 10am-12pm

Forest School fun for the under-5s. Join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Sunday Drop-in: Forest School Fun Sunday 4th June, 10am-2pm

Explore the woods and get creative in the great outdoors. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Natural Dyeing Sunday 11th June, 10am-4pm

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Bats of the Clumps Friday 16th June, 7pm-8.30pm

Take a peek into the mysterious world of these amazing animals... Meet some bats and enjoy an informative talk by Dave Endacott from Oxfordshire Bat Group. £8 per adult, £4 per child; booking essential.

Beginners Wildlife Photography Saturday 17th June, 10am-3pm

Professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will help you get to grips with your camera and provide guidance on capturing images of wildlife. There are a series of workshops running throughout the next few months – book one or more as a course: first workshop £80, subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential.

Intermediate Wildlife Photography Sunday 18th June, 10am-3pm

In each of these workshops professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. This workshop will cover cataloguing and pressing. Book one or more as a course for a discount: first workshop £80, subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential.

Book events by telephone 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee). More information can be found on our website www.earthtrust.org.uk.

All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated.

DAMASCUS GROUP SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY THANK YOU



We would just like to say what a wonderful time our WI ladies had at the SC Tea Party on 30th April, and to thank the Damascus Group and young people of Sutton Courtenay for putting on such a lovely afternoon's entertainment. We were all

looked after so perfectly, and the food was delicious and

beautifully served. All those involved deserve a very big thank you.

Well done the Youth Team from Damascus and the helpers for a very pleasant afternoon Tea Party and entertainment. We all enjoyed it very much.

Roderick, Margaret Hamilton, Keith and Yvonne Hastings, Barbara Murison

School parking

We understand from the Neighbourhood Policing Team that fixed penalty notices were recently issued to vehicles which were illegally parked outside Sutton Courtenay School. Please be aware that parking on corners, blocking dropped curbs and parking on the yellow zig-zags outside schools puts both your own and other people's children at risk. Please park considerately and do not block residents' driveways and footpaths.

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The increase in crime reports is reflected nationally (see ONS Crime Survey of England and Wales <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/>

crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingdec2016), and is largely attributed to improvements in compliance with National Crime Recording Standards, following recommendations made by HMIC in 2014.

Overall crime levels in Thames Valley still remain low compared with five and ten years ago. There were 66,976 fewer crimes recorded in this timeframe compared with five years ago (205,686), and 8,357 fewer recorded offences compared with ten years ago (147,067). Following the release of the figures, Superintendent Rory Freeman, LPA Commander for South and Vale said: "Whilst we have seen some increase in reports of crime this year, this is similar to the national trend.

"Despite this, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse continues to be a very safe place to live and work. The future is challenging and our priority is constantly trying to match the right resources to our areas of greatest harm and demand whilst seeking to maintain and enhance public confidence in policing.

"Our officers work hard with communities to prevent crime and we are encouraging people to take simple steps that will protect them, their property and businesses. Campaigns such as #Protectyourworld in the Autumn and our February rural crime campaign are good examples of how we have raised awareness and confidence in our communities to report incidents to us.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff and our partner agencies for their hard work over the last year and most importantly extend my gratitude to our communities for their continued support."

Further details can be found on the Thames Valley Police website at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/general/crime-statistics-thames-valley-police-201617/>

Call the police on 101 for non-emergencies and dial 999 for emergencies.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No sooner have we finished one election, we are into another." Not again!" has already gone down in the political annals of 2017. The purdah period rules (where what can be said is strictly limited during elections) mean that I will keep my comments to generalities and, for the next 3 weeks, keep my opinions to myself.

"Spoilt papers"

How these are decided is down to the Returning Officer who makes his decisions based on whether or not the voter has made his/her intention clear. Of the dozen or so spoilt papers I saw, one artistic voter had 3 miserable faces in my opponents boxes and a smiley face in mine. A clear intention displayed? Not so, said the Returning Officer. And the lesson? Full marks for creativity but if you want your vote to count, better to put a cross like everyone else.

"Catching up"

I have a sizeable to do list which has built up over the last few weeks and am starting to make some inroads into it. Please be patient, but if you have any concerns, ring or send an email and I will make sure you are on the list.

"Thanks"

Thank you to everyone who voted for me. And to those who voted for my opponents, please be assured that I will be working for everyone for the next four years. Although, If I have my way we will have gone "Unitary" well before then. At which point, we will be back for yet another election!

Richard Webber

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UNEXPECTED FIND OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

The Fish has had an expected glimpse into its history. Sebastien has been contacted by a brother and sister from Oxford who have found photographs of the The Fish from the late 19th century/ early 20th century while going through boxes belonging to their grandparents. They have established that their great- grandparents, Henry and Ellen Taylor, were the proprietors of ,what was then known as, The Fish Hotel. The photographs can be seen in more detail on the Sutton Courtenay News website (<http://suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk>) and the Sutton Courtenay Local History Society website (<http://sclhs.org.uk>), which also has some other interesting historic images of the village. Please keep sending us any old photographs you may find.

You can just make out the large coal tip, rising above the roof height. It appears to be in the area now known as the Coalyard.



Possibly at the side gateway onto All Saints Lane



Apparently the bowling green was built by Henry Taylor himself. Can anyone name any of players? Does anyone have any memories of bowls being played in the village? What happened to the club?





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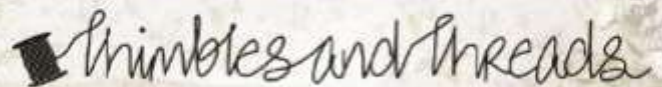
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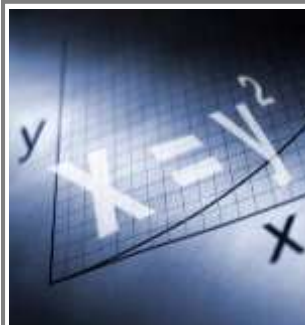
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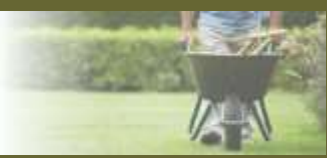
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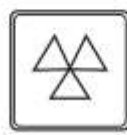





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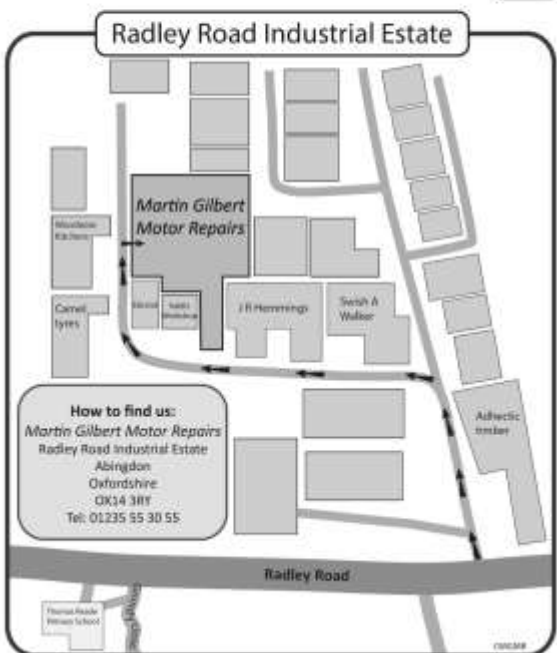
		
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