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VILLAGE DIARY

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

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	Friday	1st	5pm	Allotment Challenge Judging	Allotments	S-X-
	, Saturday	2nd	2pm	Craft & Produce Show	Village Hall	
	Tuesday	5th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	NYA S
	Tuesday	5th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall	
	Saturday	9th	All day	Ride & Stride	Churches around the county	
	Sunday 7	10th	10.30am	Education Sunday Service (no service in Church)	School	
	Sunday	10th	7pm	Founders Day Lecture (see page 11)	The Abbey	
	Wednesday	13th	7.30pm	Inaugural Annual Parish Meeting DAMASCUS Parish	St. Blaise Church Milton	
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	Tuesday	26th	7.30pm	Local History Society	Village Hall	
	? Thursday	28th	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer Supprt	Church	
	? Saturday	30th	6.30pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	
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	Sunday	1st	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church	

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH : SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Sutton courtenay village hall



The village hall is a registered charity available for hire for community related recreational activities. It is located in Hobbyhorse Lane (post code OX14 4BB). It has a large main hall, a smaller meeting room and kitchen. There are regular activities that take place on some weekday evenings.

To find out more or book the hall please contact the Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee Rita Atkinson on 01235 848694 or email <u>scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com</u> Hire Charges vary depending on the use of the hall. The maximum hire charge for the main hall is £16 per hour. Commercial bookings and regular hire are negotiated separately. Visits prior to hire are welcomed.

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CIIr. Ms. L. Tyler - resignation

Councillor Lesley Tyler has moved out of the village and has decided to resign from the Parish Council. A casual vacancy has been declared. The Council would thank Lesley for her efforts on behalf of the parish during her time on the Council, and wishes her well in her new home in Abingdon.

Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan

The Parish Council has submitted a response on the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan.

It has expressed an objection to the inclusion of the field south of the primary school as an accessible green space, and managed landscape area. In order to prevent coalescence between Didcot, Milton Park, and the village, and the direct link to industrial and business areas of the parish, the council supported an agricultural open field with no play areas. That field too, is included in part of the Parish's neighbourhood plan being prepared by the steering group.

The Council too wished to have direct routes for representation on the delivery of the Plan as a considerable amount of its parish is within the Didcot Garden Town Plan area.

Recycling Food Waste

Residents in the Vale of White Horse district can now use thin plastic bags in their food kitchen caddies and food waste bins. These include, pedal bin liners and bread bags, as well as newspaper or other paper wrappings. Compostable bags are also still acceptable, as well as putting food straight into the food bin without a liner. All food waste collected is taken to Agrivert's anaerobic digestion plant near Wallingford to be recycled.

<u>Vale of White Horse District Council – Council Tax</u> <u>Reduction – Single person reduction</u>

All those claiming the single occupancy reduction in Council Tax are asked to check their position and notify the District Council if their circumstances have changed. The Council is carrying out checks to ensure that only those entitled to the discount are receiving it in order to protect the public purse, and to update their records.

Equally anyone who thinks they are eligible to receive the Council Tax reduction and are not currently claiming it, should get in touch with the Council at *VOWH.counciltax@secure.capita..co.uk* or telephone 0345 302 2315.

Parking on Verges/Dog Fouling

The Council is continuing to receive comments regarding cars parking on verges and pavements, causing destruction to the grass, and obstruction to the paths, making it impossible for those with pushchairs and mobility scooters to pass. In addition complaints about dog fouling and dog walkers not clearing up are being received. The Council will be debating these two issues at its September meeting in view of all the comments received.



The following planning applications have been considered :

R3.0043 Erection of single storey double classroom portakabin at Sutton Courtenay Primary School. The Council had no objections provided the time limit was adhered to.

P17/V1591/HH Formation of 2 single storey extensions and replacement and alteration of existing fenestration to the rear at 25 Church Street. The Council had no objections.

P17/V1770/FUL Extension to ancillary building to form granny annexe and carers room at 19 Harwell Road. The Council had no objection provided no separate dwelling was created.

P17/V1335/LDE Use as private garden ancillary to dwelling house. Council did not wish the land to be used for a separate dwelling.

P17/V1431/FUL Proposed dwelling adjacent and alterations to existing semi- detached dwelling at 9 Hobbyhorse Lane. The Council had concerns about inadequate parking, overdevelopment of the plot and vehicles having to reverse out into the Lane. It asked that if consent be granted conditions should be imposed to prevent materials stored in the Lane or village hall site.

P15/V2353/O Outline planning application for up to 200 dwellings off Hobbyhorse Lane (additional information). Council was of the opinion that the transport survey submitted by the applicant was inadequate, and comparisons with urban areas elsewhere was inappropriate mistakes within the survey were brought to the attention of the Vale of White Horse District Council.

P17/1964/FUL Proposed extension on north side of the Church to provide meeting room with kitchen and wcs All Saints Church, The Green, Sutton Courtenay. The Council continued to have concerns regarding parking for vehicles.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th September, 2017 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:info@suttoncourtenaypc.gov.uk.

Editors' Note

See page 14 for an article about Public Art in Sutton Courtenay

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Council has a vacancy for two councillors. It is the tier of local authorities closest to the people and provides local services within the parish, such as the recreation ground and cemetery. It acts as a consultee on many issues putting forward the views of residents, and as agent for the County Council in regards to grass cutting. The Council meets

approximately 12 times in the year to discuss matters relating to the village and immediate surrounds. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the role, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email *info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk*

SUTTON COURTENAY ACTION

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT INTENSIFIES

TWO APPEALS AND A PARALLEL APPLICATION! The developers are ramping up the pressure on the village. Redrow and London Regeneration, have now lodged appeals over their applications to build 200 on the field behind the village hall (East SC) and 350 east of Harwell Road.

Disgracefully. to cap this, at the beginning of the holidays, Redrow manipulated the planning system even further, by submitting a virtually identical application for 200 houses (P17/V1963/O) on the East SC site, to try to force the application through before it gets to the appeal.

Both appeals are some way off, but in the meantime, it is vital that villagers object in large numbers to **Redrow's latest application.** The objections to the original application do not automatically carry forward, despite their remaining valid. Please therefore use them to comment on the new application. Whilst the deadline for comments is 30 August, remember the Vale still have to consider submissions received later. Your comments could cover issues such as traffic, drainage, flooding, odours, site access and contamination.

SOME GOOD NEWS. Due to villagers' pressure and the Fair Deal for SC campaign, the County Council had to carry out a fresh traffic survey in the Spring. As a result, it reached the conclusion that the East SC development would have a 'severe effect on the local highway network' and have recommended its rejection, though no doubt Redrow will challenge that. This conclusion also has implications for both the North and the South Appleford Road applications

CALL TO ACTION. It is virtually a year since villagers came out in force and marched on the council offices in Milton Park to protest against further largescale development. It is vital now that villagers rally round in support of the campaign and repeat their objections, if the Council is to accept that it has a 'Duty of Care' to reject the latest Redrow application and the appeals are to be defeated.

Fighting Fund. With the two appeals and this new application, there will be a need for more funds to access expert assistance and perhaps legal support. Please do consider donating via the email below.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO OBJECT TO THE LATEEST REDROW APPLICATION - P17/V1963/O

SC FORUM. All these and wider issues will be discussed at the next SC Forum with the Leader of the Vale on 11 September. Anyone wishing to have issues raised or to participate please let us know.

To offer to help or contribute to the campaign fund please email <u>action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk</u> TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE CAMPAIGN DO REGISTER WITH THE FACEBOOK PAGE:



Sutton Courtenay Action

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Busy End of Term

It is wonderful to be able to reflect back over the children's achievements throughout the year now that we are enjoying the relative peace of the summer break - although as I write from my office, the site is a hive of activity with busy builders! I cannot quite believe I have been the headteacher here for a whole year, and have had the privilege of seeing the events of each season come and go, enjoying some of the very special traditions here.

During the penultimate week, Year 5 and 6 put on their performance of The Jungle Book. It was an amazing production which really showcased the high standards in creative arts at our school. The children had been involved in the costume and scenery design, creating amazing props from cardboard tubes and hand printing fabric for the back drops. They acted, sang and danced their way through the show with energy and enthusiasm. The confidence they had developed through the performance was a delight to see. On Wednesday afternoon we were pleased to welcome members of the wider community who enjoyed the show whilst being served afternoon tea!

Kestrels class enjoyed a wonderful day out at Butterfly World on Wednesday 12th July. This trip enhanced their learning on the term's topic, Brilliant Brazil! Children were luckily enough to see and hold animals that can be found in the rainforest. The expert keepers' information and facts on the various animals was inspiring. They walked through the butterfly house, seeing many different varieties, and one of them decided to rest on Rudie! They also saw the otters and racoon being fed and learnt about their habitat and diet, linking to their science topic. After lunch, it was time to complete the trail to show how much they had learnt and to copy some of the climbing animals of the Amazon in the adventure playground!

My first sports day here at the school was another highlight. The school has three house teams: Rubies, Sapphires and

Rachel Hornsey

Headteacher

Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram

Assistant Headteachers

Emeralds, and the winning team was Sapphires! The three house teams took part in a variety of races, including running, relays, and various obstacle challenges. Whilst the races



were taking place there were also jumping and throwing field events taking place where teams were able to clock up more points. It was lovely that we were joined by the children from Barn Owls Nursery as well, who were taking part in their very first Sports Day. The children behaved beautifully and we were particularly proud of the way they supported their team mates.

Happy Memories and Hopes for the Future

On the final Friday we started the school day at All Saint's Church for our Leavers' Service, as we said goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 cohort of 20 children. We were led in prayer by Reverend Helen, and during the service the children had a chance to reflect on their memorable time in the school and their hopes for the future. They are leaving us to go to four different secondary schools: Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School, John Mason, and the new Aureus Academy. We will miss them but know that they are well prepared for the next phase of their education, and ready for new challenges.

This summer will be a busy one for staff as we re-arrange and move to occupy our temporary classrooms which are arriving over the holidays. It will be an exciting year next year as we grow further and welcome new teachers. I am very proud of all we have achieved this year, and am really looking forward to leading the school through another great year to come.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team

On 1st July 2017 the five ecclesiastical parishes of Dravton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon became a single parish and this historical moment was marked with a special service of celebration on Sunday 30th July at St Blaise Church, Milton. The service was conducted by the Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester and the preacher was the Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester. During the service the re-ordering work at St Blaise was dedicated; the Reverend Helen Kendrick installed as Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish; the Reverend Rosie Bruce licensed to the new parish; The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde welcomed as the new Assistant Curate and the ministry team re -commissioned to work in the single parish, across all five villages. This was followed by a splendid lunch prepared by the congregation of St Blaise. This is a challenging time for the church as we adapt to a new way of working but it is very exciting as we join closer together across our villages. We are committed to be a living Christian presence at the heart of our communities: nurturing faith, bringing hope and sharing love.

And to help in this endeavour it is good to be able to introduce the Reverend Dr Karen Hyde as she joins us as Assistant Curate of the DAMASCUS Parish:

Karen writes, "Studying biochemistry led to a research career in molecular genetics in Oxford where I met my husband Jonathan. He works for the National Nuclear Laboratory and we live in Radley. We're blessed with four wonderful teenagers (aged 14-19) - the eldest, Oliver, is studying physics at Portsmouth University but you're more likely to see him in the bell towers as he's a ringer! The girls are all at school in Abingdon: this coming academic year Vanessa will take 'A'

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



Hadley Juliet Furze CROGHAN (2nd July 2017)

Service conducted by The Reverend Karen Hyde

Isla Lucy CLARK (6th August 2017) Beatrice Anya CLARK (6th August 2017) Giles Ernest Latimer PAYTON (13th August 2017) Charlie James McGILL (13th August 2017) Mason Christopher McGILL (13th August 2017) *Services conducted by The Reverend Helen Kendrick*

St Peter's, Drayton

St Peter & St Paul, Appleford

St Blaise, Milton

All Saints', Sutton Courtenay

St Michael and All Angels, Steventon

levels and Heather GCSE's, whilst Juliet will begin her GCSE subjects. Their passion is dance in various combinations through ballet, modern, tap and street! I enjoy walking, gardening and playing saxophone, but my love of wine evolved into a passion for teaching others through wine appreciation courses which I ran in Oxford between 2001-2012 as Wine-Matters, before being called to explore ordained ministry. I've just finished 3 years of training on the Oxford Ministry Course at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and was ordained deacon on 1 July 2017 in a wonderful service at Christ Church Cathedral — many thanks to those of you who came and supported me! I'll be working part-time with Helen during my curacy, so as another exciting chapter begins, I'm really looking forward to getting to know you, the people and Parish of DAMASCUS."

The inaugural parish meeting and annual parochial church meeting will be held on 13th September 2017 in St Blaise, Milton at 7.30pm. We are still working to recruit two Associate Priests (part-time) to the new parish but in the meantime, if you need the services of the church, please do not hesitate to contact one of us:

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Lay Ministers: Tim Budd (527853), Jack Jarvis (831395) & Alex Landsbert (847443)

Authorised Preacher: Paul James (848129)







The Inaugural Annual Parish Meeting for the DAMASCUS Parish Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm in St Blaise Church, Milton This is a joint meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll, **together with 'persons resident in the parish whose** names are entered on a Register of Local Government **Electors' Churchwardens Measure 2001 paragraph 5**(1) for the nomination and election of churchwardens.

And following straight on from the Annual Parish Meeting will be The Inaugural Annual Parochial Church Meeting This is a meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll for the nomination and election of PCC

Members and Deanery Synod Members.

Since 3. Saturday 14th advert for deta

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 28th September 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.

The proceeds from the September Coffee Morning will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support – in their vital work of helping people to live their lives.

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th – 7.30pm Baptism Preparation for all those interested in baptism for themselves or their children.

Saturday 9th – Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride – see advert for details

Sunday 10th – 10.30am Education Sunday Service at Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School (NB no service in church)

Wednesday 13th – 7.30pm Inaugural Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the DAMASCUS Parish in St Blaise, Milton

Thursday 28th – 10.30-12noon Coffee, Cakes & Books – raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 30th – 6.30-9.30pm Harvest Supper & Barn Dance – Fun for all the family! See advert for more details.

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st – 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service

Monday 2nd – 7.30pm Baptism Preparation

Tuesday 3rd – 1.30pm School Harvest Service

Saturday 14th October – "A Day of Books" – see advert for details

HARVEST GIFTS

The Porch charity runs the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford, providing day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives, away from street-life and addiction.

Each year, at our Harvest Festival, we collect harvest goods and money to help support their work. This year they need either cash donations, to buy fresh produce through the year, or any of the following:

- coffee, tea, squash, sugar, honey, jam
- tins of: tomatoes, beans, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, corned beef, ham, fish
- stock cubes, herbs, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, cooking oil, biscuits
- washing powder, shaving foam, deodorants, disposable razors

• New socks, boxer shorts, hats, scarves, gloves. *gloves.*

Please bring your donations to the Harvest Festival Celebrations on

Sunday 1st October 2017 at 10.30am at All Saints', Sutton Courtenay. Thank you!



Over 500 churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open on the 9th September. Take part in a sponsored



cycle, walk or, even, a horse ride around Oxon's churches. All funds raised go to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and 50% can be passed on to a church of your choice.

To find out more about how you can visit the local (or more distant) places of worship contact Fred Cubbage (01235) 848768 *fred.cubbage@btinternet.com*. Last year participants from the Village raised over £700. Explore the locality by bike or foot and have a rewarding, **satisfying day...and hope for good weather!**

All proceeds from the monthly COFFEE & CAKE at All **Saints'Church** in September will go to the MacMillan Cancer Support charity.

Come along on Thursday 28th September between 10.30 and 12 noon for refreshment, conversation and a wide selection of second hand books.

Please make special effort to support the Charity.



Everyone Welcome. Save the date

HARVEST SUPPER & BARN DANCE

With the popular PANDEMONIUM Band

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Saturday, 30th September from 6.30 – 9.30 *Family friendly*

Tickets (incl. two-course meal) Adults £15, Under-16s £6, Family £38 (2 adults + 2 children) Tickets available from Burgrey Stores your local Post Office (from September) and Lynne Cubbage (848768) or Alison Budd (820942)

A Village Community event <u>for all</u> ages



Saints' Church – please come along to the school to worship with us and to give thanks for all those involved in the world of education

FINAL CALL!

Craft and Produce Show SATURDAY September 2nd at 2 pm

<u>Allotment Challenge</u> <u>FRIDAY 1st September at 5pm</u> Contact: Val 01235 848633 or Sally 07766 883560



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:

Cyril Walter Milbank who died on 25th July 2017 age 91 was born on 8th July 1926 was born in Cholsey, one of nine children to parents, Walter and Maud Milbank, of whom there is now only his sister, Phyllis known as Aunty Phyl, left alive. Their father, Walter, was a baker and Cyril could remember him making deliveries around the villages on his horse and cart. The family moved to Steventon when Cyril was still a young boy and that is where he spent his childhood. He had fond memories of attending school in Steventon – where he acquired the nickname of Chib or Chibbo – but the family have no idea why!

Whilst serving in the Army Cadets, Cyril met the Royal Family and the then Princess Elizabeth asked him if he wanted to be in the Army to which he said, 'Yes'! And, on leaving school, that is exactly what he did. He served across Northern Europe in the latter part of the 2nd World War and acquired another nickname – 'Blondie Milbank'. He would often say that the years he spent in the Army were, despite some of the horrors he saw, the best time of his life and he had some great memories of deep friendships and shared adventures. In 1955 he met Ann Prior, who had grown up in Appleford, but who lived in Sutton Courtenay from 1946. They were married in 1957, in All Saints' Church, forging closer links between the two families as Ann's sister, Diane, had already married Cyril's brother, Frank!

They started married in life Sutton Courtenay before moving to Steventon and then back to Town Close in 1970. In the early '80s they moved round the corner to the house in Frilsham Street where Cyril has lived ever since. They went onto have four children -Vanessa, Julie Paul and Karen.

Over the years Cyril had a variety of jobs – most of them involving hard, physical labour from which he never shirked. One of his earliest jobs was laying the sewage pipes through the village for the new housing estates. He also worked for many years at the Power Station – first of all helping to construct it and then on the coal heaps once it was operational – and he remained there until retirement. Although his retirement **didn't last very long as he would lie in bed listening to all the** machinery starting up at the Power Station and Ann got tired of his running commentary so told him to go and get another job! He then started work at Millbrook School as a handyman and gardener and he also began gardening work for several other individuals, including Lily Marlow in Milton.

Cyril was always prepared to lend a hand to family and friends. He had a high level of practical skills and would turn his hand to anything. He was a fantastic cook. Karen has many happy memories of coming home to roaring fires and delicious homecooked meals. Over the years he enjoyed participating in beating for many shoots around Oxfordshire, and tried to pass on this love to his grandsons. He loved going to the agricultural shows around the area and never tired of watching the ploughing matches. All his life he was passionate about motorbikes. His motorbike and sidecar were his prized possession and a familiar sight around the village. He would often take Vanessa and Julie out for a ride and would give his nephew, David, lifts wherever he needed to go. But there was one memorable occasion when taking Ann to Weymouth she came off the back – he turned around to speak to her and she wasn't there! Cyril and Ann loved to go on caravan holidays and the family share many memories of happy times spent with their great friends – Vi and Richard. Both Ann and Cyril were always very sociable and really enjoyed parties with family and friends. They were members of the Country and Western Club and loved to dance. One memorable New Year's Eve Party involved Cyril making bacon sandwiches for a houseful of people at 2 o'clock in the morning. As most of us here can testify, Cyril loved to talk. He was a great storyteller and a great entertainer. He and his brother Frank, were really good singers and were the life and soul of any party and would happily 'do a turn'. Cyril was a founder member of the Steventon Friendly Association and spent a lot of time running events to raise money for the people of the village. Cyril loved gardening and he was rightly proud of both the vegetables and flowers that he grew. Most of the flowers he brought to the family graves were all his own. Ann died in 2000 but their married life had been an enduring and supportive partnership lasting 43 year and Cyril had fulfilled his marriage vows by caring for Ann, in sickness and in health. Although Cyril grieved deeply he rebuilt his life and continued to focus on supporting his family in every way he could. Karen said to me that she couldn't have asked for a better Dad. He was always there for his children through all the tough times and it was his family that mattered the most to him. He always wanted the best for them and did everything in his power to support and help them. He created a wonderful life for all the family. He was very much a hands-on Grandad and devoted to them all. Sadly, Cyril was taken seriously ill a few years ago, and his health continued to deteriorate but thanks to the loving care of Karen, all his family and a team of carers, he was able to remain in his own home until the end. I know that Karen is grateful for all the support that made this possible. And so we remember Cyril – as a kind, generous, hard-working, publicspirited individual, with a deep love for his family and great loyalty to his friends. A man who, despite experiencing much tragedy and sadness in his life, outliving all but one of his children, never became bitter but remained thankful for the life he lived and the love he shared. A man who never lost his sense of joy and fun and who was grateful for the many blessings he received.

This is an edited extract of the address and tribute given by the **Reverend Helen Kendrick** at his funeral in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on 14th August 2017





Sutton Courtenay's Special Book Event

Saturday, 14th OCTOBER 2017

a.m. - 4.30 pm

Ben Jeapes THE WRITER'S PATH Rod Hunt READING MATTERS The Creation Theatre THE STAGING OF GEORGE OF GEORGE ORWELL'S 1984 Kev Reynolds WALKING IN THE CLOUDS

Come for the day or one or more presentations. Optional guided walk. Book stalls. ALL DAY TICKET (including drinks, lunch and tea) only £25. Different session prices from £7.00

Tickets available from Burgrey Stores High Street, Sutton Courtenay. <u>Further details</u>: Morna Whitlock morna 28 whitlock@gmail.com or Fred Cubbage fred.cubbage@btinternet.com

Collect programme from various outlets/stores.

Proceeds towards Church Building Project

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 26th September

Village Hall 7.30pm



"PREHISTORIC, ROMAN & SAXON DISCOVERIES AT BRIDGE FARM, SUTTON COURTENAY"

Illustrated talk by Ken Welsh

If you've driven towards Appleford you will have been aware of the excavations taking place in the fields beside the road. These recent excavations by Oxford Archaeology have revealed important interesting and significant discoveries from this site which throw light on earlier local life at different times throughout our history and which will be well illustrated in Ken Welsh's presentation. Ken Welsh is the Regional Manager of Oxford Archaeology South, has managed a wide range of archaeological projects and directed the investigations at this site.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings; Visitors £3; Members free.

Visit our website at sclhs.org.uk for information about the Society.

Mary Thompson

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

DIARY

On August 1st our Medium, Maureen Bright, was unable to come at the last minute. However Sharon Higginson and John Scorcher stepped in and gave us a great evening. Again we were pleased to see some new people who are always welcome. We much appreciate the help we had with the clearing up. We have quite a lot to do and we, Pat and Sam, are no longer young. Queries - Pat or Sam 01235 847460

Tues. Sept 5th 7.30 Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman.

Tues. Oct. 3rd 7.30 Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Patrick Cadbury.

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Refugee Resource people move around the world for

a variety of reasons. Whether in search of better life chances, safety from war or to escape the effects of a changing climate, it seems "a world on the move" is a trend set to continue.

In our efforts to understand these issues in greater depth, this year's Founders Day Lecture at the Abbey will be given by Sushila Dhall, Therapeutic Services Manager, at Refugee Resource in Oxford on Sunday 10th September 2017 from 7pm in the Great Hall.

For 13 years Sushila has worked with refugees and asylum seekers suffering from trauma, displacement and complex grief. Her talk will draw on this experience and will cover why people flee, the journey they undertake and what happens to them when they reach the UK. She will also suggest ways we can best offer them our solidarity.

Refugee Resource provides psychological, social and practical support for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants to help them build new lives as part of Oxfordshire's diverse community.

All welcome. This is a fundraising event. Tickets are by donation, proceeds will be divided between Refugee Resource and The Abbey Sutton Courtenay. Refreshments will be provided.

Booking is advised: to reserve a seat please contact Wendy: admin@theabbey.uk.com or call Wendy on: 01235 847401

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A warm welcome awaits new members to this friendly social club. Regular Bingo and a tea/coffee break with biscuits or cakes. Meetings are on Wednesdays and Fridays with Bingo starting at 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm. Annual membership is £5. For more information, please contact Ann Tolley on 848479

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



If you didn't come along to our July meeting you missed the lovely Analiza Jones giving us a very interesting and informative talk on how bags are made from natural materials in the

Phillipines. She also came with lots of fabulous bags to sell. Let's just say she didn't take many home again, Girls and their bags!

On 17th October we will be welcoming Muriel Pilkington who will be talking to us about Lost villages of Oxfordshire.

Our own lovely Sally Furze will be giving us a demonstration on how to make Christmas decorations from you own garden winter plants. Come along on 21st November to get some fab ideas.

Why not pop in and see what we have going on, tea, cake and a natter too.

Join us on the third Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall in Sutton Courtenay. 7.30pm

If you would like any more information, please call Val on 01235 847612

H.E.L PORTER, MOUNTAINEER

In the April edition of Sutton Courtenay News the Editors published a request from Dave Bohl for information about Harold E. L. Porter, who died in the village in 1973. A few readers contacted us with information which we passed on to Mr. Bohl. The Editors have now heard that Mr. Bohl has completed his research about this mountaineer and it can be viewed on

http://home.btconnect.com/seftonrufc/PorterHEL.html

COMPETITION WINNER

The July edition of Sutton Courtenay News included a competition to win a signed copy of Tina- Marie Miller's debut novel " Everything Happens for a Reason". The winner was Lisa Bolton. The Editors hope that Lisa enjoys the book and lets us know what she thinks of it.

Thank you to Tina– Marie for donating the book (Tina– Marie was born in the village and lived here for a number of years).

www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

Don't forget to check out the Sutton Courtenay News website for updates about village events and to see all adverts and photographs in colour. Complete editions of the News are available for digital download in pdf format from this website, as well as previous editions, and other material from the News.

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.

ED VAIZEY MP



Regarding the A34, as many of you will know, I initially brought the issue to Parliament by securing a Westminster Hall debate last October. This resulted in a commitment from the Roads Minister to commission a safety review. This was

followed in November by the Chancellor confirming £50 million for the area as part of the 2015-20 Road Investment Strategy.

Highways England presented a first draft of the safety review in April this year. While statistically this proved that the A34 was no more dangerous than other roads, it did acknowledge the particular issues on the stretch by East IIsley. It also recognised the huge economic impact caused by hold ups and collisions, given the increasing importance of the road as a major northsouth transport link.

Addtionally, I am pleased that last month Communities Secretary Sajid Javid pledged more than £9 million of Government funding to a major upgrade to the A34. Two new south-facing slip roads at the Lodge Hill Interchange will help end years of congestion and pave the way for up to 1,700 new homes in Abingdon. Oxfordshire MPs will now meet with Highways England in the coming weeks on completion of the safety review and I look forward to working with stakeholders to implement the results.

Last month, I also began a campaign to urge the government to retain our membership of Euratom after we leave the European Union. Euratom is a sixty year old treaty that allows the UK to trade freely with its European partners in the nuclear industry. It's vital for our local area, as hundreds of millions of pounds, and many thousands of jobs, are centred around Culham, the home of nuclear fusion research. Since the start of the campaign, this issue has grown in prominence. I am pleased that the case for remaining in Euratom is increasingly gaining support from across parties and from prominent voices outside of Westminster too. Retaining membership will best serve the national interest – as has been unequivocally stated by representatives of the UK nuclear industry – and I hope that ministers are listening to the genuine concerns being raised.

In other news, I am pleased to hear that Oxfordshire County Council placed third in the country for tackling anti-LGBT bullying in schools in Stonewall's 'Education Equality Index 2017'. The council has developed nationally recognised strategies to tackle anti-LGBT bullying and has a huge array of online resources and guidance for schools and young people. Stonewall – Britain's foremost lesbian, gay, bi and trans equality charity – paid tribute to the progress made in our local area and I am proud that our schools are at the forefront of addressing this issue.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Air Quality / Traffic and Infrastructure

Whether or not you live in Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Marcham or Shippon, you will be aware of and affected by the number of housing developments in our area. The expansion of Didcot and Abingdon and the threat of coalescence of our villages are going to affect us all, if it has not done so already.

Most of us accept that the country needs more houses and that our part of Oxfordshire, with its high employment and thriving economy, is an obvious prime target if houses are to be close to jobs.

Unfortunately, in the keenness (some might say desperation) to get houses built, the problem of lack of infrastructure (particularly adequate roads) has been playing second fiddle. Our road system is beginning to reach capacity. Every new development has an impact on every other. There are increasing traffic jams on major roads through our villages; even the rat runs are filling up, and air quality is becoming a major problem in many areas.

It is hard to see a solution to this, without a large-scale investment in new roads. Housing developments do not, in

themselves, generate enough money to pay for this, so we depend on Government money to make up the shortfall.

And Government is beginning to address this problem. In north Abingdon, a pot of £9m is to be provided to make the Lodge Hill interchange 4 way to allow for over 1,000 more houses. If Marcham is to take another 500 houses, Shippon another 2000, and Sutton Courtenay any more at all, even more investment is needed. OCC transport officers, who have the unenviable job of trying to make our road system work, are pointing out the problem to government and District planners with the result that we can expect many more objections to planning developments. The message is stark, but clear – "Without more infrastructure, we cannot take more houses".

But is the solution simply building ever more roads? We know that more roads generate more traffic. Would the major investment be better spent on better bus services and cycle ways?

Richard Webber Cllr Sutton Courtenay & Marcham Division *Richardwebber777@gmail.com* 01235 534001

DIDCOT AND DISTRICT U3A



It is hoped you all have had some time enjoying this wonderful English Summer, we have actually had the sunshine that

traditionally comes with Summer, long may it continue?!

Meanwhile, we are pleased to advise the Guest Speaker for October whilst reiterating the subject of the September Speaker;

'19th September - Soldiers of the English Civil War - Speaker Tony Cullen'

'17th October - Enigma, Bletchley and the Hunt for Hitler's Secret Weapons -

Speaker Phil Judkins'

'The monthly U3A meetings take place on the third Tuesday of every month in the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2 o'clock, to ensure a good seat it is advisable to arrive 15 minutes early! If you are retried or semi-retired come and enjoy a convivial atmosphere over tea and biscuits and learn more about the numerous interest groups that are on offer, you will be made very welcomed.

For more information call: 01235 510048 or 01235 815384, email <u>secretary@didcotu3a.org</u> or

visit www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

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.

During the summer term activities the Brownies have done their Fire Safety badge, made gifts for Fathers Day and ended the term with water balloons games and enjoyed getting wet !

We were really delighted that 9 new Brownies made their Promises and their parents were entertained to tea and cakes.

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

Footnote !

Drayton Brownies are planning to celebrate 60 years this year and would love to hear from anyone who was a Drayton Brownie during the years from 1957. They can be contacted on *drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk*

Mary Thompson

Abbey District Commissioner steventonrainbows@gmail.com



Following the 'sell out' houses we enjoyed with both "Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner" and "Papertown Paperchase" this is to confirm that SCIDS is alive and well!

<u>"The Land of XYZ"</u> will be produced with your help on March 16th / 17th next year. As a group we look to expand, so if you were not involved last year but would like to join – just drop me an email. No need to be an actor or singer, this is just for fun and is an all Sutton Courtenay group.

"The Land of XYZ" is close to being a pantomime and involves one or two adult roles, and there are 29 parts to fill, so although SCIDS is a group for 8 – 16 year olds, please join us if you feel you would be like to be a SCIDS performer! We need you; and we always need a backstage team!

Dates Sunday 3rd December @ 30, Chapel Lane - 3.30 5.00pm – sign on This is a very informal get together to sign up and start casting. If you cannot make it but would like to join the cast just let me know beforehand.

Sunday 7th January 2018 in the Village hall – rehearsals start 3.00 – 5.pm. Do get in touch if you would like to know more, MornaWhitlock (*morna28whitlock@gmail.com* or 01235 848335)

Your ideas and comments please on Public Art in Sutton Courtenay

At the July SC Parish Council meeting, Ms Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer, Vale of White Horse District Council, gave a presentation on section 106 public art contributions from building developments in the parish.

In summary, the law requires that developer contributions (also known as S106 contributions) be paid by developers in order to mitigate the impact of new homes and other buildings, which create extra demands on local facilities. The Vale of White Horse District Council will normally encourage developers to dedicate between 1% and 5% of the associated construction costs of the capital to be spent on Public Art. This money is ring-fenced and must be spent on Public Art.

Public Art must be original and can be a permanent or temporary piece, as an integral part of a building, or freestanding in an open space. It can be large or small scale reflecting or contrasting with the built, natural, urban or rural environment in which it is to be located. Materials and processes used to develop the piece can involve woodwork, stone carving, metal work, painting, glasswork, lighting, photography and textiles.

Ms Brown has already received a number of ideas for Public Art projects in Sutton Courtenay. The projects that have been suggested are as follows:

POPPY APPEAL

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BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Last year's appeal in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford was our best ever, totalling £2,972.06. This reflects £2,909.81 collected, and £62.25 in gift aid following recent HMRC approval of

collections supported by valid Gift Aid declarations.

House-to-house collections play a vital role in the amounts raised and I urgently need some additional house -to-house poppy collectors to help with this year's appeal, including the Linden Homes development off Milton Road in Sutton Courtenay. The collection period this year runs from 28th October to 11th November. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours of your time during the collection period to help with the forthcoming appeal.

Mark Haffenden Poppy Appeal Organiser Tel: 01235 847177 Roadside artwork / signage to mark the entrance to the village A circular walk with marker posts and information points around the village

An update to the village map / board on the village green and perhaps new maps at additional sites in the village

Roadside artwork as mile markers throughout the village Seating / benches on the Millennium Common Roadside artwork to indicate that traffic should slow down A new stained glass window for the proposed extension to the

church to provide a meeting room

A community art project on the recreation ground

The parish council has agreed to support adding to the above list and to co-ordinate the creation of a long list of public art project ideas that reflect feedback from the community and that can be put forward for short listing and funding when the monies become available through the section 106 process.

If you have project ideas, recommendations on local artists that might be interested in working on a public art project, and comments on this process, then please let us know by emailing the Parish Clerk *info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk*. Please also do get in touch if you are a local society and would like to get involved.

As always please also feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council with your input and views generally.

Thank you for your support.

ARCHIMEDES SCREW HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT AT THE POOLS

The Editors have received a few enquiries about the Hydro Electric Project at the Pools.

The Editors understand that the project is in Culham parish. In response to readers enquiries, as the Editors have not received anything specifically about the Project, they have contacted the developers of the Project and asked for information about the Project. The developers have replied. They have said that they will supply us with information that can be included in Sutton Courtenay News. At the time of going to print nothing had been received. As soon as anything is received, it will be included in a future edition of Sutton Courtenay News.



NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER

We are fortunate to live in an area with low crime, but that doesn't mean crime doesn't occur, including thefts and burglaries. An increase of shed and garage break-ins has recently been reported to the police. Opportunist thieves identify sheds and garages as easy pickings because security is often basic or non-existent. They frequently contain items that can be sold on, or tools that can be used to force entry into a home.

Shed and garage security

- Keep your shed or garage in good condition.
- Use a closed shackle padlock on doors.
- Bolt any fittings through the door and conceal any screws. It's easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and, on some occasions, to replace the screws to make it look as if a shed has not been tampered with.
- Shed owners can make it harder for a would-be thief by using tamper-proof screws, or coach bolts, together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close-shackled padlock.
- Bond any window glass with mastic to prevent easy removal. Fit grilles or mesh to the windows to slow down any thief.
- Lock away all equipment and tools when not in use.
- Consider installing a shed or garage alarm.
- Use an ultraviolet pen or forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smartwater or engravers to make all property- such as lawnmowers, bikes and tools- with your post code.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent and use plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, locate it where it is most visible to you and your neighbours.
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage, so that they can't be used to reach top floor windows.
- Chain large items together, such as bikes, to make it much more difficult for a thief to carry the item away.
- Fit a wire cage inside a shed where more expensive items can be locked away.

• Thieves don't want to spend any more time than necessary so make it harder for them to get their hands on your property.

Home security

- Keep ground floor and accessible windows shut and locked in rooms you're not using.
- Lock up properly before going to bed (insurance companies often won't pay out if a burglary has been aided by an insecure door or window).
- Don't leave accessible windows and doors open if you're out in the garden.
- Keep wallets, credit cards, house and car keys and other valuables out of sight.
- When carrying out repairs or DIY jobs don't leave tools, ladders and power tools out. Keep them safely locked away.

Cycle Security

- Always lock your bike even if you are leaving it just for a couple of minutes!
- Chain your bike to a non-moveable item like a bike rack
- Use a good quality chain or D-Lock
- Lock your bike in a well-lit area
- Lock any quick release wheels
- Remove any lights from your bike and take them with you
- Have your bike postcode marked so that if it is stolen it can be identified and returned to you
- Even lock your bike at home when it is in a shed or garage.

Cycle Safety

As autumn sets in and the nights draw in - please don't forget lights on bikes and high visibility clothing.

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

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

EARTH TRUST

Discover and Play

Friday 1st September, 10am-12pm

Forest School 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: Fantastic Foraging

Sunday 3rd September, 10am-1pm

Drop in to find out what food is growing around the Earth Trust Centre and learn what yummy things you can cook over the campfire. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Drawing from Nature

Sunday ^{3rd} September, 2pm-5pm

Take a walk around Little Wittenham Wood with your sketchbook and get top tips on how to perfect your drawings from artist Gareth Lloyd. Gareth Lloyd is an Oxford-based artist working primarily in pencil and paint. His work is

typically based around endangered and protected species, and he welcomes the opportunity to work with conservation organisations to help preserve the animal kingdom through art. £20; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at *www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson* (incurs a booking fee).

Children's Fun Run

Sunday 10th September, 10am start

A 1km race around the Wittenham Clumps for kids! Please register online and bring a donation on the day. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Bat Walk

Saturday 9th September, 8.30pm-10pm

A guided walk with the addition of bat detectors to find out more about these marvellous mammals. £6 per adult, £3 per child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at *www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson* (incurs a booking fee).

EARTH TRUST (CONT)

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10k Run

Sunday 10th September, 11am start

After a break last year we're pleased to announce that the 2017 10K Run will take place on Sunday 10th September.

The Earth Trust 10K is a unique cross-country run that meanders through wildflower meadows, woodland, farmland, along the Thames and ends with a challenging hike up (and down!) the iconic Wittenham Clumps.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete, a novice runner taking on their first race or a Nordic walker looking for a new challenge, all are welcome!

This is a chip-timed race. Advance entry: £15 adult, £12 child aged 14-17. On the day entry: £18 adult, £15 child aged 14-17.

Wildlife Photography Walk

Saturday 16th September, 8am-10am

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

Foraging Walk

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Sunday 24th September, 11am-3pm

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