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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.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all our readers, distributors and advertisers
from Diane, Clare & Bernie – your Editorial team



DECEMBER

Sunday	2nd	3.30 - 5.00pm	Meeting to sign up for next SCIDS play	30 Chapel Lane
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Tuesday	4th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday	5th	9.30 - 11.30am	Stay and Play (see page 4 for further dates)	Village Hall
Saturday	8th	6.30pm	Friends of All Saints Yuletide Evening	The Abbey
Monday	10th until Feb 22nd		Closure of footpath from Old Wallingford Way to Frilsham Street	
Thursday	13th	10.30am	Community Cafe	Church
Thursday	20th	6.00pm	Carol singing around village	55 Milton Rd
		7.00pm		Lady Place
		8.30pm		Chapel Lane
Sunday	23rd	6.00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Church
Monday	24th	6.00pm	Torchlight procession to Church and Carol singing around bonfire	School

JANUARY

Wednesday	16th		SC NEWS COPY DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY	
Tuesday	22nd	7.30pm	SC History Society, History of Culham and Abingdon bridges	Village Hall

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Each month, on the inside cover of SC News appear the contact details for the parish council, the village hall, the church, many local and village groups, as well as some other useful numbers. If you run a group or organisation based in the village and we have not included your contact details and you would like them included, please contact the editors.

All contributions for the next edition should be e-mailed to [editor @ suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk](mailto:editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk) or taken to Burgrey Stores in the High Street before the copy date entered in the Diary above. To have any contribution published you must provide your name & contact details to the Editors. To advertise, e-mail [advertising @ suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk](mailto:advertising@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk) or telephone 07761 375991

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Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

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

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 Parish – 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 scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or telephone **Jackie** on 01235 847817. 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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All Saints Church – River Room

At the last Parish Council meeting, the church gave a presentation about declining churches and how the creation of new facilities at the church in Sutton Courtenay would enable it to be equipped for a variety of community uses thereby ensuring future survival of the church as a building. It was very interesting to hear a different aspect. The Council understands that there is a shortfall still to be raised to enable the project to go ahead. The Council has supported the project in a small way, bearing in mind that its resources are small and that there is the village hall which needs maintenance.

Footpath 27 Closed Frilsham Street to Old Wallingford Way

A temporary closure of the footpath, which runs from Old Wallingford Way next to the Cemetery along the rear of Lady Place houses, to Frilsham Street will take effect between 10th December, 2018 to 22nd February 2019. This is to allow the removal of the pipe by Magnox, which was referred to in last month's issue of The News.

Bradstocks Way – Gas works

Direct Mole, on behalf of SGN are carrying out gas pipe replacement works in Bradstocks Way. This is relining existing pipes, so there will be holes dug at intervals in order to push through a new pipe within existing pipes. There will be the need for traffic lights when they are working in the vicinity of the junction with Harwell Road, but mostly, the works are in the verges or gardens of properties. SGN is talking to those affected by their works, such as the primary school. The works are likely to take several weeks and will be ongoing into the new year.

Village Green – Poppy Display

The Council's thanks go to Georgia Broome, Poppy Appeal organiser for the Royal British Legion who organised the poppy event on the village green leading up to the Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI. A big thank you too to the many village organisations who made the poppies from mosaics, recycled plastic, ceramic, acrylic wool, felt etc. It was a magnificent representation of the different local skills, bringing all sections of the community together at a time when we joined with the Royal British Legion who led the nation in saying Thank you the First World War generation who serviced, sacrificed and changed our world.

Thames Water – Water Resources Management Plan

Thames Water, in the latest consultation document has brought forward the date of needing a reservoir on land west of Stevenston and Drayton. This they say is partly on the basis of overwhelming support for the scheme. The Parish Council has objected as the water stored would be sold on to other companies and not used for local need. They have not given sufficient economic, or environmental justification for the reservoir, and the overall case for the reservoir has not been made.



Appeal for village photographs

Have you taken sent your photographs of the local area to the Parish Council? The Parish Council is arranging a new website and is appealing for photographs of the village itself, other areas within the parish, village events, or anything that reflects life in Sutton Courtenay. If you have any photographs from the past, or are a keen photographer then please take your camera or mobile phone when you go out and about and send your pictures into the clerk.

High Sheriff Awards

Nominations are invited for the High Sheriff Awards for 2018/19. Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. Nominations will be welcome for people who have made outstanding contributions to any aspect of community life but in the current year nominations in the following area will be particularly welcome from individuals who are, or have been, involved in:-

- **Coaching or volunteering in Youth Sport and Youth Leadership organisations.**
- **Youth projects associated with the Arts and Education.**
- **Mental health work in the community.**

Communication initiatives in communities.

Nominations should arrive with the High Sheriff before **Thursday 10th January 2019** and sent via email to Oxfordshirehighsheriff@outlook.com or by post to: The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, c/o VSL & Partners, 22 Bankside, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1JE.

School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2019

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (inclusive). You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school> . The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2019. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone the schools' admissions team on 0345 241 2487 for further information.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

The following planning applications have been considered :

P18/V2474/D Proposed demolition of existing discharge pipeline on land between Frilsham Street and Old Wallingford Way for: Magnox Ltd. Council wished to see an arboricultural report and restoration plan.

P18/V2531/LDP Creation of outbuilding for uses incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse and single storey rear extension at East Wilden, Brook Street. The Council had no comment to make.

P18/S3067/FUL Redevelopment of Waggon and Horses public house at Culham, with extension to dining room, erection of 12 bedroom motel and 8 dwelling houses. The Council objected owing to additional road traffic in an area already deemed by the County Council as being at peak capacity.

P18/V2539/FUL Demolish 2 semi-detached cottages, garages and outbuildings and construct 2 x 4 bed dwellings and garages at 3 and 4 Mill Lane. The Council had no objection in

principle, but had concerns regarding the possible impact of flooding.

P18/V2617 FUL Variation of Planning Applications P16/V1257/FUL and P17/V0371/FUL to rectify garage design and position on site due to conflicting application details. The Plough, 51 High Street. Council had no objections.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th December, 2018 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. The finance meeting of the Council, when grant applications will be considered, and the budget set for the next financial year, will be held on Tuesday 11th December, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham OX13 6PU, Tel: 01865 391833 or email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and new year

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE



A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available at Burgrey 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.



THE ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
Registered Charity 1098966



Weekly event:

Sutton Courtenay Drop-ins (@ the village hall:

Wednesdays

School Year 6, 7 & 8 – 5-6pm

School Year 9+ - 6-7pm

SUTTON COURTENAY STAY & PLAY GROUP



Please Join us with your Babies and Toddlers for fun and games

@ Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

between 9.30-11.30 am

Dates for December

5th, 12th, 19th (Christmas party)

26th Dec -closed

Dates for January

2nd - closed

restart on 9th January, then 16th, 23rd & 30th



£2 per Family (First visit free) –

includes children's snacks, tea/coffee.

Contact us – facebook@stayandplay

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Academy Conversion News

We have had some good news regarding our academy conversion. Our application has been accepted and we have a conversion date for 1st April 2019, after which we will become part of

Ridgeway Education Trust rather than being accountable to Oxfordshire County Council.

Some of you may have seen in the media that there have been quite a few negative stories recently about academy chains. These usually concern larger trusts which often have had commercial interests. Ridgeway is a small, local trust with only three schools (Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School, and the Didcot 6th Form) and we are in the exciting position of being their first primary. They have a very strong record of school improvement and have already had a big impact through the support they have given us prior to our official joining date. They are able to offer us a much better support package to improve the education we can offer than the local authority is able to do at this time. So we are all very pleased that the move seems to be proceeding smoothly!

Choose Respect!

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week. Every year, we hold a week to focus special assemblies and PSHCE lessons around this very important topic. We need all children to understand exactly what bullying is and how they can all work together to prevent it.

This year, the theme was respect, which fits very well with our focus on our three core values: *readiness, respect and responsibility*.

We encouraged the children to see that *everyone* deserves respect, and that our differences make us interesting. We started the week on Monday 12th November by joining schools up and down the country in an 'Odd Socks Day', where children wore their craziest socks to school to show their understanding of how being 'odd' is nothing to be afraid of!

Our three new, fully trained Anti-Bullying Ambassador presented an assembly on Tuesday to explain their role and how they will help children report any worries.

Bishop Colin's Visit

We had a wonderful day with Rt Reverend Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester yesterday. Bishop Colin blessed our poppies as we planted them on the green in what was a very moving and memorable occasion. He then came back to school with us and officially opened our classrooms, cutting a green ribbon across the door. Bishop Colin also praised the children's respectful behaviour in his assembly.

Sports News

Well, the new school year has got off to a great start with the delivery of lots of new sports equipment and that is all thanks to all of you! You raised over £800 in the Sports for Schools event and as a result both PE lessons and play times are going to be even better now.

The football season is just beginning with 3 matches to play before Christmas. The school team has entered the Small School 7 aside League so look out for the results and updates as the term goes on!

Rachel Hornsey, Headteacher

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SCIDS

"Alice's Adventures in Wifiland"

SCIDS is going for another world premiere, the story is in real pantomime style, old jokes, romance and adventure all set in the world of Alice's computer! Our apologies to Lewis Carroll – falling down a rabbit hole was simple compared to this!

We need a cast – aged from 7 to 70+ (yes adults too!)

There is a wicked Baron, a PCC meeting with mad Hattie!, a Walrus and Carpenter of course. Then we have Emojis, Playing cards, 2 principal girls; one principal boy, two stooges aptly named Bug and Virus, and loads of Candy Crushers - the mind boggles!

Performances on Friday March 22nd & Saturday March 23rd 2019

We need a great deal of help, backstage, on stage, wherever you can help you will be welcome, it's for fun & is a Sutton Courtenay special.

This is sign up and casting Sunday!

Sunday 2nd December from 3.30 until 5.00pm at 30, Chapel Lane

For any more details please email Morna on morna28whitlock@gmail.com

or telephone 01235 848335

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The
DAMASCUS
Parish
Drayton | Appleford | Milton
Sutton Courtenay | Stevenston

From the Ministry Team...

The Christmas Robin

Perhaps you've heard the story about a family who have a tradition on Christmas Eve where the Mum and children go to church, and Dad stays home to read the paper? Then, when the family return home from church, they gather to open their presents. Dad doesn't go with them as he no longer believes in the childhood stories of God coming as a baby in a manger. So as the family leave for church, he opens up the evening paper and begins to read by the fireplace.

Suddenly, he hears tapping on the window. It's a robin flying against the glass trying to get inside to the warmth. Dad has compassion for the robin and goes outside to try and bring her in. But as he approaches, she flies even harder against the window and then drops into the thorn bushes below, exhausted yet too afraid to be caught. So the more Dad reaches for her, the more frantic she becomes. Unable to stand seeing the robin injure herself further, Dad cries out in frustration "*why can't you understand that I'm trying to help?*"

Dad paused and thought, "*If only you understood ... if only I could become a bird, and get you to understand.*" Just then, the church bells ring, as they always have on Christmas Eve. But when Dad hears them this time, he falls to his knees and begins to cry, saying, "*Oh, God, I didn't understand.*"

All those caught up in the Christmas story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us. It's incredible to think that the Saviour of the world would make

his entrance in an inconvenient messy birth in a stable. I wonder how it would rate today?

Perhaps it wouldn't be noticed at all. But God intentionally chose to work his greatest miracle through 'invisible people' like some overwhelmed parents and terrified shepherds. Stumbling from their fields to the stable, smelling of sheep and totally bewildered at being dropped into to the role of ambassadors for God. All the shepherds knew, like the Dad in the story above, was that their lives had been changed by meeting Jesus.

As you prepare for Christmas this year, why not join the unexpected assortment of people gathering to meet the baby Jesus?



You're invited to come along, just as you are, to any of the services taking place across the Parish (details included elsewhere in this magazine). **All are welcome.** Look out too for the **#Follow the Star** booklets to take home and continue the journey through the 12 Days of Christmas – and we wish you every blessing this Christmas.



The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde

Assistant Curate in the DAMASCUS Parish

YOU STAY WE PRAY

All Saints (now part of The DAMASCUS Parish) prays for all those who live and work in Sutton Courtenay, by each road on a weekly basis. As roads are of different lengths, some are prayed for twice (on consecutive weeks) and some for three weeks. There is a printed Rota in the Prayer Space of the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church. In addition to the Rector's prayers as she travels round the village, the specific roads are prayed for by name at Sunday Services and at each Wednesday's Morning Prayer, and of course we can all remember each specific area as we move around Sutton Courtenay!

At the end of the year 2018 we will pray for those who live and work as follows:–

Sunday 2 December to Saturday 8 December – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

Sunday 9 December to Saturday 15 December – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 16 December to Saturday 22 December – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 23 December to Saturday 29 December – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 30 December 2018 to Saturday 5 January 2019 – Church Street, Mill Lane

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12noon

Thursday 13th December

(No café on 27th December)

Run by the church for the whole community



All Saints' Church

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

For all baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick on

01235 848297 or

email: rector@damascusparish.org.uk

CHURCH DIARY

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd - 10:30 Family Service for Advent

Tuesday 4th – 14:30 An Advent Reflection - exploring the story of Advent using Godly Play - in All Saints' Church, followed by tea and cake – all welcome.

19:30 Singing Saints (see advert for details)

Thursday 20th Carol Singing around the Village (*see advert for details*)

Friday 21st – 9:00 Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School End of Term Christmas Service in All Saints' Church.

17:00 "The Longest Night" - A short service of reflection for those who find the jollity of the Christmas season painful because of loss or bereavement – all welcome.

Sunday 23rd - 10:30 Sung Eucharist.

18:00 Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

CHRISTMAS EVE – 13:30 Crib Service rehearsal. 15:00

Crib Service (Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men to tell the Christmas Story).

18:00 Torchlight Procession (Meet outside Sutton Courtenay School at 18:00 and process through the village to All Saints' Church for carols around the bonfire, where a collection will be taken for VIVA).

23:30 Midnight Mass at Appleford Church for the congregations of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford – if you need a lift please contact Helen Kendrick, 848297

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10.30 Family Eucharist

Sunday 30th - 10:30 Parish Eucharist

CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY

Monday 14th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting, Steventon

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 3rd February 2019 - 10:30 Christingle Family Service (Make a Christingle and raise money for The Children's Society)

UPDATE ON THE RIVER ROOM CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our bid for LEADER Funding (from the European Union) for Rural Development and have been given a grant of just over £57,000 which brings our total raised so far to £450,000.

Thank you to all those individuals who have donated and to the WI who are supporting us this coming year. Building work will begin in 2019 and the fundraising continues with our Wine Tasting Evening and Grand Raffle on Saturday 9th February – see advert for more details!

Singing Saints - Come and Sing!

Singing is Good For You!

We are a group of singers (the Singing Saints) meeting on Tuesdays in All Saints' Church from 19:30-21:00 under the expert leadership of Paul Francis to learn some new music, hymns/carols and anthems, to sing at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 23rd December at 6pm – plus some other music along the way. We are a mixture of existing choir members, experienced singers and enthusiastic novices – all are welcome!

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297.



TORCHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Will be on sale from mid-December from: Burgrey Stores; Changes and the Church (at Sunday Services)

Price: **£3.50** each (NOT FOR SALE TO UNDER 16s). Glowsticks for Children will also be available for **£2.50** each

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

The 'Singing Saints' will be singing around the village raising money for Viva, our Christmas Charity, the Oxford based international children's charity passionate about releasing children from poverty and abuse.

Please come and join us or listen out for us at the following stops at the approximate times:



6pm outside 55 Milton Road

7pm Lady Place

8pm at 30 Chapel Lane



Transport to & from All Saints' Church

If you'd like transport (or can offer a lift) to Church on a Sunday, or to other events, please contact Diana Hasting, 3 Chapel Lane, OX14 4AN
Tel/Ansafone: 01235 847430

and of course we will be at the Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening on Saturday 8th December at the Abbey from 6.30-8.30pm; at the Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 6pm in the Church; on Christmas Eve singing round the bonfire in the churchyard following the Torchlight Procession and singing at 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Appleford and 10.30am on Christmas Day in All Saints' Church.

A Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday 23rd December 2018

6.00pm

**All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay**

All are welcome!



A Service of Quiet Reflection for the Longest Night

*For all those who find the jollity of the Christmas
season painful because of loss or bereavement
a short service of quiet reflection with music and
readings*

Friday 21st December from 5pm-5.45pm

All Saints' Church

Sutton Courtenay



Wine Tasting Evening



7.30pm

Saturday 9th February 2019

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Starts with a glass of Prosecco,
followed by the tasting of six wines
led by the Reverend Dr Karen Hyde AIWS,
former Tutor with WineMatters-Oxon

Tickets: £25 per person
(includes glass of Prosecco, all tasting wines and canapés)
Available from Burgrey Stores or by phoning: 01235 848297
or email: rector@damascusparish.org.uk

A GRAND RAFFLE will be drawn at the end

Prizes to include:

A week for up to eight people in a converted water mill in Pembrokeshire
A day on the river in a Thames Cruiser for 4 people (inc. picnic & Captain);
quality wine and much more

**All proceeds to The River Room Church Building Project
at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

For all the family

10.30am

**Sunday 3rd February 2019
to celebrate Candlemas**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
SUTTON COURTENAY**



Come and make your own Christingle!

***A Collection will be taken for the work of
The Children's Society and refreshments
will be served after the service.***

REST IN PEACE

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

David Alan Venables (Dave) who died on 28th September 2018 was born in Abingdon on 9th April 1957. He was the youngest brother to Karen, Philip, Jan (Janette), Lynda, Carol and Audrey. Sadly Lynda died in 2014 and Carol in 2016. All were brought up by their hardworking mum, Win Venables, who died in 1984. Dave was an Uncle to an extended network of nephews and nieces plus their children and grandchildren. Most people knew him as Dave, but his family called him David or "Boy" and to others he was also known as Veno, Hagar or Uncle Buck and on one occasion called Earthquake by a small boy in Abingdon who thought he was a wrestler on TV and asked for his autograph, Dave duly obliged! Dave's family was one of the first to move onto the estate in Sutton Courtenay in 1957. This was just a few months after he was born, so essentially, he has spent his whole life living in Tyrrells Way, making him the longest living resident on the estate. He attended Sutton Courtenay Primary School before going to Fitzharry's Secondary School in Abingdon. A clay "figure" he made during Art lessons has held pride of place in his home ever since! Dave worked for six companies from the age of sixteen, starting out at Dorchester Refrigeration in Milton; and including Federal Express and Abingdon Carpets and more recently at Bookpoint where he worked from 1994 to 2011. He only changed jobs as a result of companies closing, moving from the area or "reorganising", until he became self-employed at the start of 2012, working as a warehouse transport training instructor. Apparently Dave held 10 driving licences for fork lift trucks and other vehicles used in distribution warehouses and light engineering works. But he never had any interest in getting a car driving licence, instead preferring to ride around on his distinctive push bikes. Despite the enforced change of jobs Dave was an upbeat person, with a slightly warped sense of humour who always made the most of each career opportunity and found something to laugh about most days of his life: even during his hospital visits to deal with various health problems that cropped up over the years. He was a friendly and approachable person who always seemed to be smiling and who loved to stop for a chat. He loved this village and this community and would never fail to help his neighbours if he could. Sadly he died in the JR on 28th September 2018 after a very short illness with cancer. He will be greatly missed by his family and wide circle of friends from the village and beyond.

This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at the service of thanksgiving for Dave's life which was held in All Saints' Church on Friday 19th October 2018.

Allen Edward Bennett who died on 29th September 2018, was born on 30th October 1938 within earshot of Bow bells in London. His father was called up in 1939, and, despite the ever present danger in wartime London, his memories of early childhood were happy ones in the company of his Mother Iris, his Grandmother, sister Doreen, Aunt Edie and cousins - although conceding, as the only male child, he was rather

spoilt. His family had a lucky escape in January 1945 when a V2 rocket fell in an adjacent road killing and injuring 223 people, mostly children, and which also badly damaged their home. At the time, Allen and Doreen had been evacuated to Leicestershire. Returning to London he started school and a lifelong friendship with Alby Lethbridge. Allen and Alby progressed to Tottenham Grammar School, but he left aged 15 when his family moved across London. He got a job as a shipping clerk in the City, in Pudding Lane. He loved the job because there were "lots of girls in the office" and he got to ride around the city delivering documents and wages! Aged 17 he enlisted as a regular in the Army and trained in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as an Ammunition Examiner (a bomb disposal expert). This however was not his first experience with explosives - aged 11 he and Alby were given the job of digging over the back garden. A hard day's labour in prospect the mischievous pair devised a more exciting plan. They rigged the garden with homemade explosives. The ensuing blast deposited all the top soil in next door's garden. They were deaf for days and Alby needed hospital attention but in no way did it dull their enthusiasm! Allen spent 27 years in the Army, serving in Malaya, Singapore, Germany, Cyprus and Northern Ireland; attaining the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1 aged only 33, and later awarded the honoured title 'Conductor'. His many stories from those years are worthy of a novel, ranging from high adventure - being lowered into a snake infested ammunition dump in Singapore Harbour, to the comical - defusing a bomb in a Norfolk ditch in his underpants.... and looking up to find a class of schoolgirls peering at him over a wall! In Allen's last year in the Army he was stationed at Didcot. It was 1977, and as the senior Warrant Officer he was asked to select a worthy recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, he chose the longest serving Warrant Officer. Presentation day duly arrived, all the men turned out, filling the entrance hall and staircase...Allen positioned himself out of the way at the top of the stairs. The commanding officer read out the name of the recipient of The Queens Silver Jubilee Medal, WARRANT OFFICER 1 ALLEN BENNETT! Allen was stunned at this subterfuge! He walked down the stairs to tumultuous applause and much laughter at his complete astonishment! His forthright character, strongly held views and unfailing integrity had not always endeared him to army superiors, but his courage, his extraordinary positivity and sense of humour was appreciated by all who knew him, then, and throughout his nearly 80 years of life. Retiring from the army in 1978 aged 40, there was a brief spell working as a Planning Inspector at The Vale of the White Horse, before embarking on a new career in financial services - first at 'Save & Prosper', then joining Malcolm Sydenham at County Insurance Services in Kidlington - eventually retiring again in 2004! Alongside work, during the 1980's and 90's, Allen trained and practiced as a counsellor for The Samaritans and Marriage Guidance-Relate. Allen would say that the most important event in his life was meeting Barbara, at her cousin Beryl's birthday party in 1960. Having just returned from Singapore and about to leave for Germany, they managed just one date Continued

REST IN PEACE CONTINUED

'Fings Ain't What They Used To Be' at The Garrick Theatre, when he asked her to be his 'pen-pal'! They exchanged hundreds of letters but met only 24 times before becoming engaged in 1962. They married in February 1963 and celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary this year. In 1964 and 1966 Allen and Barbara were joined by daughter Lisa and son Robert. The Bennett household moved frequently before making their home in Sutton Courtenay 1977. Allen filled his life with activities and interests. As a younger man playing rugby and cricket in the army later, he thoroughly enjoyed watching matches on TV, completely immersed in the action! For 50 years he's grown runner beans and dahlias, and every year on holiday in Provence he made wonderful apricot jam with apricots 'scrumped' from the hedgerows. Allen loved the Provençal wines and food, he and Barbara visited France four times a year - but he vehemently denied being a Francophile! He was always busy with DIY projects, he had made wonderful

wooden toys for his children and grandchildren and lately made extraordinarily detailed and beautiful model boats. He loved Jazz and Opera and going to concerts and simple pleasures like doing the Daily Telegraph crossword, reading spy novels, and walking 4 miles a day with his much loved golden retriever Alfie (and his predecessors Figgy and Teddy). It won't surprise any of you to learn that Allen left all his affairs neatly filed with lots of notes. One set of notes concerned his funeral. He wanted you all to know he was the happiest of men, with a full life, wonderful wife, children to be proud of, and his three Grandchildren, Ruby, Laurel and Cassian, the icing on the cake. Small in stature, but never lacking in self-belief, Allen was very much his own man.

This is an edited extract of the tribute given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick, on behalf of the family, at his funeral on 22nd October 2018 in All Saints' Church.

MILLENNIUM COMMON

For those of you who are new to the Village and who are not aware of the existence of the Millennium Common I would like to draw your attention to this wonderful, natural community facility. It is an area of land in the northeast quarter of the Village, immediately to the south of the old Amey site in Appleford Road – the site now being developed by Persimmon Homes. It was formally handed over to Sutton Courtenay and Appleford villages by WRG (now FCC Environment Ltd) in December 2001, having been set up originally in December 1996 for an 80-year period under the provisions of a Section 106 Undertaking involving both WRG and Hansons and with a grant from the latter.

The site is controlled by a Management Committee that meets twice a year (February and July) but which is administered through Oxfordshire County Council. The overall management objectives for The Common are:-

- To manage it as a nature reserve with a diverse range of habitat types to support a wide range of plant and animal species; and

- To provide an open-access public open space for local residents.

There are a number of footpaths crossing and circulating The Common although these footpaths are permissive rather than statutory and all are accessed via four separate access points in Churchmere Lane – off statutory Footpath No 373/12. It is reasonably well used by local residents for informal recreation purposes and the Management Committee occasionally undertake some management work in order to keep the Common open and unobstructed.

The Committee is, however, aware that more could be made of the Common from a local amenity perspective and with that in mind we would urge local residents from both villages to make greater use of The Common.

If anyone would like more information about The Common, I would be pleased to hear from you either on hignells@btinternet.com or 01235 847753

David Hignell - Chairman

CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



Sad to say I missed the last copy date, but we are back. The weed has gone at last, though the main aquatic weed was an asset, it was a sanctuary for the fish in the heat of this summer. However the blanket weed that followed was detrimental with no help to fish or anglers, thankfully it's gone, but another hot summer could see it return. Cooler weather has now sent the fish down but as soon as they acclimatise they will be back taking bait. In my last offering I advertised for some active help, this was successful and the team and myself will soon be in evidence. We are now offering a limited number of winter tickets which will run through till the end of March.

Roger Rance

BROWNIES

Calling girls of 7–10 years old ! we would love to meet you – why not come along on a Monday to see what we do ?

We have great fun – making friends, playing games, doing crafty things, going on trips, and gaining badges, and lots more.....

We meet every Monday evening in term time in the Scout and Guide Hall (next to the Village Hall) from 6pm till 7.30pm.

If you would like to come to see what we do, please contact

Sarah Anns on 07855 544609, or email

sarahanns@sky.com to find out more about Brownies look on the website at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Mary Thompson Abbey District Commissioner

steventonrainbows@gmail.com

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, 22nd January

Village Hall 7.30pm

THE HISTORY OF ABINGDON & CULHAM BRIDGES

Illustrated talk by Jackie Smith

Both these bridges have played a part in local history over the centuries which will be described by Jackie Smith. She is the honorary archivist to the Town Council and the Abingdon & Area Archaeological & Historical Society. Jackie Smith has produced many articles on various aspects of Abingdon's history, many of which have appeared in local newspapers.

As there is no Sutton Courtenay News in December please make a note about the meeting in your new Diary.

Everyone Welcome: Members free, Visitors £3

Visit the History Society website: sclhs.org.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP

Readers may know that this activity takes place for an hour every Wednesday and Friday from the Recreation Ground from 1030 until 1130. When the group of ladies, men always welcome of course, Nordic walk along the footpaths surrounding the village and open countryside enjoying the exercise and company.

As a qualified Nordic Walking Instructor, living in the Village, people have told me though whilst keen to try they are unable to because weekdays do not suit. I am proposing that a walk on a Sunday Morning might be of interest to these people.

I offer a free (all walks are free) one to one hour's tuition for anyone over 55 to enable them to use the poles in the correct way to obtain the massive health benefits without the wear and tear and possible damage to one's joints etc that can happen with running or incorrect walking technique. They will then be very welcome to join any of the walks.

The Sunday walk would start at a time most suitable for the majority and last for an hour with warm up and cool down. The start venue would again be chosen to suit the majority.

This is only possible through auspices of Go Active Gold and Annalie Thomasson of South Vale Gov Uk must be contacted to register,

Annalie's e-mail is

Annalie.Thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk.

Thank you

Graham Wells

11 ,Milton Road,

01235847322

EDITORS' NOTE

The following has been drawn to the attention of the Editors by a faithful reader! Graham is far too modest to tell us himself!

A fantastic achievement Graham.

GOLD for Graham!

Huge congratulations go to Graham Wells of Sutton Courtenay. Graham won the VWHDC's Go Active GOLD award in the 'Best Volunteer' category. Proposed by fellow Nordic walkers, Graham's activities within the community were recognised at a presentation event which took place on 14 November at SODC's offices in Milton Park.

Go Active GOLD is a scheme supported by VWHDC and SODC to encourage and support those aged 55+ to have fun and make new friends while staying active and healthy.

To find out more about Go Active GOLD, telephone 01235 422226. (see separate advert)



SUTTON COURTENAY FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE



to create something beautiful and moving, people fell silent and remembered, they researched their family trees and they donated to support today's veterans. A wonderful £729.75 was raised for The Royal British Legion. The Sutton Courtenay & Appleford Poppy Appeal total will be in the next edition. #ThankYou100

EDITORS' NOTE

Many people from the village and from the wider area have commented to the Editors on how spectacular and moving the Field of Remembrance was. It was so eye catching as people passed through the village. Well done to everyone who contributed and particular thanks to Georgia who co-ordinated it so well.



After months of hard work by all the groups involved the Sutton Courtenay Field of Remembrance was made up of 2,232 poppies! It has now been removed but it's isn't forgotten. A portion of the poppies will be kept for a legacy project I am working on (more on that in the next edition). But there is already a lasting legacy: our village came together



**Don't miss out on one the Village's
traditional events.....**

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'*
YULETIDE EVENING AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 8th December 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.

In the The ABBEY Great Hall, The Green, Sutton
Courtenay OX14 4AF

Admission by ticket only: Adults £12, Children (under
12) £6

Available from BURGNEY STORES, High Street -
your local post office or Fred Cubbage
fred.cubbage@btinternet.com : 01235 848768

Everyone welcome!

**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.*



Nordic Walking in Sutton Courtenay

Go Active Gold recently held a 4 week Nordic Walking Course in Sutton Courtenay.

Following on from this successful course there will be two walks taking place weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.30am from the Recreation Ground in Sutton Courtenay.

In order to benefit fully from Nordic Walking, it is important the right technique is learnt so we are offering free 1:1 introductory "Learn to Nordic walk" sessions for anyone who hasn't completed the 4 week course, which will enable you to then join the main Nordic Walking groups during the week. Poles will be provided for the introductory session.

Walks are all free of charge and will be approximately 1 hour long which includes a warm up and cool down. The walks are suitable for all fitness levels you will get a chance to walk along local footpaths and enjoy the scenery.

For more information or to book contact GO Active GOLD:

Annalie Thomasson 07766991487

Annalie.thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Planning

Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are the province of District Councils. However, County Councils become heavily involved over roads, schools and other infrastructure. I have been asked to write an article on NP to clarify the pros and cons, so the Expressway will have to wait until next month. I was heavily involved as a District Councillor in Drayton's NP from the outset and watched its progress, its achievements and its mistakes (as the first such plan in the Vale there were plenty of those).

More than 5 years ago, Drayton residents attended a public meeting and saw maps of Drayton between 1720 and 2010 as evidence of inexorable growth. "Can we/should we stop such growth?" they were asked. Most thought we could not and should not and, after some persuasion, accepted that Neighbourhood Plans were not about stopping growth. So what is the point of them? For many years, *where* houses were built was wholly the concern of distant planning "experts" with an overarching strategic view, who had little understanding or knowledge of any one village or town. Local people were not trusted to be part of the decision making process as "they never want more houses". NPs were an attempt to build local knowledge of how a community functions into the decision-making process. This, it was hoped would take some of the acrimony out of the planning process. The Drayton NP strapline was "Our chance to plan our future". So what has it achieved?

By sitting down with VWHDC and OCC Planners, with landowners, developers and residents, everyone began to see that there were some potential gains for all. The planning system would run more smoothly – less anger and frustration and, if done properly, it could result in better connected communities with decent infrastructure, and decent housing.

Drayton would get decent sports facilities, an improved village hall, a purpose built pre-school, and road improvements. Drayton would change from a village that everyone drove through (and no-one noticed) into a place that people wanted to live and feel part of one community. £2m+ of infrastructure was negotiated with landowners and developers. The appearance of the new houses would complement the old. And looking forward, the Drayton NP would run until 2031 with opportunities for new speculative development being drastically reduced because local people would have already decided where development should take place.

Of course, it has not all run smoothly. It took some time to convince Drayton residents that for the first time they had some power. Even now, there is some resistance from the authorities to being asked to give up some of *their* power and make room for local knowledge. In the current nationwide building frenzy, there is no doubt that some developer/builders have ignored planning conditions and been remarkably disinterested in the feelings of new residents. Some houses have been poorly built. A few last-minute, very cheeky but small additional housing developments have been allowed.

(mistakenly in my view). However, the overwhelming aims and aspirations of the Drayton NP have been, or are being achieved.

And what does the Drayton experience have to do with Sutton Courtenay and Marcham?

Sutton Courtenay: The OCC decision to object to any development, at least or until a new bridge over the Thames has been constructed, gives us a breathing space of at least six years (a luxury not given to Drayton)– plenty of time to produce a well worked out NP – work which is well under way. The village faces many additional issues to those faced by Drayton –an expanding MEPC, Didcot B. the Didcot Garden Town project, the landfill site, potential quarrying and so on. It is going to take much work from many local people, but the prize will be a better-connected village planned with the help of Sutton Courtenay rather than in defiance of them.

And the alternative? No NP and back to the speculative development that the village has had to cope with over recent years with all its frustration, anger and unhappiness. I would urge all residents of Sutton Courtenay to get behind its developing Neighbourhood Plan, criticize and modify it if necessary, but help it to achieve as much and more than the Drayton NP has achieved and make maximum use of the breathing space that the OCC decision has created.

Marcham has naturally been pre-occupied in recent years with the Anson Field project, the new Village Hall and Sports facilities, but meanwhile it has been subject to endless speculative development over recent years. I have no doubt the village itself could have planned things better had it had a say via a Neighbourhood Plan. Marcham's problem is that it is surrounded by developable land in all directions. For the life of the emerging Local Plan (up to 2031), the likely development has now been determined. However, I have no doubt that after 2031, Marcham will once again be under great pressure to grow. A Neighbourhood Plan will not stop the growth, but it will give residents the opportunity to have a say in how it develops at the same time as capturing a maximum amount of infrastructure money in the process.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC
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01235 534001





Some good news over the summer for the broadband roll out in our area. The government have announced an extra £45 million investment in rural broadband. The new funding for the government's Rural Broadband Infrastructure Scheme adds to the £30

million investment announced last year, increasing the total pot of funding available to £75 million. In other broadband news, East Hagbourne have clubbed together to obtain ultrafast broadband for the village. More information in doing this in your area can be found at communityfibre.openreach.co.uk.

Oxfordshire hospitals are being given a major funding boost to to improve care ahead of winter. The Oxfordshire NHS Trust has been allocated an extra £3.21 million to improve diagnostics and patient flow. This is part of £145 million of capital investment in the NHS from the Department of Health.

Two projects in Didcot have just been awarded a combined £19,331 from the National Lottery. Didcot TRAIN, where I am a patron, has been awarded £9,531. TRAIN works with young people in the area to fulfil their potential and overcome barriers that may limit their social integration. The second, SOFEA, has been awarded £9,800. It works with young people and their families to overcome a variety of issues and build confidence and skills.

Kellogg's are running the Schools Breakfast Club Awards to celebrate best practice in breakfast club provision and recognise the role played by the schools, teachers, parents and children in helping them run. If your school runs a breakfast club, they can enter at kelloggsbreakfastclubawards.co.uk.

I was very pleased this month to visit a number of excellent organisations in the constituency. Skoob Books in Didcot have an enormous second hand book collection, and supply film sets with books for background shots. Milton House Hotel has come under new ownership and are planning a range of improvements. I was also pleased to meet with the Changing Places team, who are campaigning for fully accessible disabled toilets, and Bpas in Oxford who provide specialised reproductive health services to the area.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. 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. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

MAGNOX REMOVAL OF HARWELL PIPELINE

Following the presentation by Magnox Ltd at the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd October, it was requested that an article should be submitted to this newsletter regarding the work being performed by Magnox, so people unable to attend the meeting know what work is planned in the village.

The two pipelines from the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, (AERE), at Harwell to the River Thames were constructed through the village in the late 1940's. These pipelines carried fresh water to a waterworks on All Saints Lane before pumping it to the Harwell site, and also discharged treated water effluent from Harwell into the Thames via a weir at the water of Mill House. The discharges were under a licence from the Environment Agency.

The water discharges from the Harwell site finished in March 2013 and to date 4.75km of the pipeline has been excavated and removed, (from the Harwell site to a point south of Sutton Courtenay village, including Milton Park and the railway which has allowed the re-opening of the Backhill Lane Underpass).

The next and final phase of work is to remove the pipelines from the village. The intention is to start this work in early December for completion around June 2019. The pipelines follow a number of footpath, road and bridleway routes from Frilsham Street and Footpath 27 via Old Wallingford Road and Footpath 7, and All Saints Lane, to Appleford Road. The work will require the temporary closure of these routes, to allow the

work to be undertaken safely, as it proceeds through the village. A number of properties fronting onto these routes will be directly affected by our works and we have written to those households separately to explain the effects on them for access and possible alternative routes.

Starting in December 2018; the current plan is to remove the pipes from these areas during these dates:

Frilsham Street to Old Wallingford Way, December 2018 to February 2019

Old Wallingford Way to Churchmere Road, March 2019 to April 2019

All Saints Lane, May 2019 to June 2019

A small team of 6 workers and two excavators will expose two lengths of pipe at a time, approximately 6 to 12 metres. This rolling process will slowly work its way through the village over a period of a few months. All excavations will be back-filled and the work area made safe at the end of each day; there should be no more than 1 or 2 lorry movements per day.

If you have any questions on our works, please contact Emma Burwood at emma.burwood@magnoxsites.com.



Community Consultation

Community Consultation is not only a statutory requirement but also, and we believe, the keystone to an inclusive Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to deliver and collect the questionnaires for the village survey. Following the completion of the data collation and feedback, the Steering Group is proposing to hold two community consultation events in mid to late February 2019.

- A workshop facilitated by an independent group – Oxfordshire Community First. It is an open event for everyone in the community. Date will be published widely and in the February Village News. It is an opportunity to contribute further as well as for those who, for whatever reason, were not able to complete a questionnaire.
- A Pizza Night for young people to contribute in focussed group sessions.

Evidence Base

What is this? Evidence is extremely important as it ensures that the choices made in our neighbourhood plan are backed by facts. The Independent examiners may recommend that a

policy is deleted or modified if it is not underpinned with appropriate evidence.

For example, if affordable housing is identified as a priority for the community, this will require policies on type and tenure, design / layout. These policies will need to be underpinned with data on current population, trends and projections, current housing stock (type and tenure), housing need (objectively assessed) in the area, housing prices (purchase and rent) and affordability, existing housing and development policies and strategies.

Policies to fulfil the aspirations expressed in a Neighbourhood Plan on heritage, green spaces, footpaths and other amenities will similarly require gathering of data and facts on the status and justification provided for the changed need.

Some data sources are available, and the District Council has a duty to support us in gathering data. Please do get in touch if you can spare some time to gather data and carry out local studies where data is not available. To minimise the risk of providing a weak evidence base and to ensure timely making of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group is proposing to use expert input to produce the following assessments:

- Green Space Assessment
- Landscape Character Assessment
- Village Character/Heritage Assessment
- Housing Needs Assessment

Funding

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £10,000 to offset some of the costs. Once the technical specification for the assessments are better defined, further grant applications will be made.

Please contact Joanna O'Callaghan (oatlands32@btinternet.com) for further information or to play your part in producing our community's Neighbourhood Plan

VACANCY



In the new year we will have a vacancy for a distributor of Sutton Courtenay News in part of Tyrrells Way. If you think you could help please contact Shirley on 01235 847241 or Sue on 01235 847158 or any of the Editors for more information.





Monthly Meditation Sunday

Sunday December 2nd 5pm to 6pm

- First Sunday of the Month •
- Monthly Meditation •
- Open to All Faiths & None •

Connect with The Abbey Community through
Silent Meditation & Prayer.

Our meditations are primarily silent and self guided, however we will be inviting guests to lead some of the sessions, who may offer some guidance and structure.

This is a Free Event, however donations for refreshments are welcome. Contact Wendy: admin@theabbey.uk.com
Call: 01235 847 401 www.theabbey.uk.com

Adrian Brendel – Solo Cello Recital

2nd Dec 2018

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

An intimate recital in the Abbey's beautiful Great Hall, featuring music by J. S. Bach performed by acclaimed cellist Adrian Brendel.

For bookings or enquiries email dylan@theabbey.uk.com

Grace Notes a Woman's Chorus

Thursday 6th December & 13th December

Performance Friday 21st December

7.30pm to 9pm

No need to book in advance.

£5 per person

For bookings or enquiries email dylan@theabbey.uk.com

Circle Dance at The Abbey Sutton Courtenay

Monday 10th December

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Join us for an evening of gentle dancing to beautiful music from around the world.

Second Monday of the month.

Dancing in The Abbey's Great Hall and gardens.

New Dancers always welcome, no experience or partner needed. Suggested donation £4 to £8 per person.

No booking necessary.

Rest & Renewal Retreat

December Tuesday 11th 10am arrival to Thursday 13th 2pm departure

Our monthly Rest & Renewal Retreats run from Tuesday to

Thursday, two nights full board, with delicious freshly prepared vegetarian food.

Contact Wendy: admin@theabbey.uk.com

Call: 01235 847 401 or visit our website for more details:

http://www.theabbey.uk.com/?page_id=217

Craft & Cake

Wednesday Fortnightly

12th December

Come and get crafty with knitting and crochet, tea, coffee and cake. Bring your own projects or knit squares with wool provided by The Abbey to make new Abbey Meditation Blankets.

All Welcome. Bring Cakes to share. Tea and Coffee are provided by The Abbey for a small donation.

Taize by candlelight

With Jackie Singer, Marguerite Wallis and Anne L Ryan

20th December 2018

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Please RSVP to admin@theabbey.uk.com so we know you are coming.

Suggested donation £12 Pay on the door

Grace Notes Women's Chorus ∞ Songs for the Turning of the Year

Friday 21st December 2018

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

SOLSTICE SINGING with EMILY MARSHALL

Please RSVP to: admin@theabbey.uk.com

So we know you are coming.

Suggested Donation £5 Pay on the door

JANUARY 2019

Rest & Renewal Retreat

January Tuesday 15th 10am arrival to Thursday 17th 2pm departure

Lassus String Quartet – Chamber Music Recital

Saturday 26th January 2019

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

An exciting programme of chamber music performed by the acclaimed Lassus String Quartet.

Attendance is by donation on the night. We suggest £15 for a concert of this quality but all are welcome and all proceeds support the Abbey Sutton Courtenay. 8-25 years old attend free. For bookings or enquiries email dylan@theabbey.uk.com

Olivier Sandberg – Solo Piano Recital

Thursday 31st Jan 2019

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

A solo recital by brilliant young

French pianist Olivier Sandberg.

For bookings or enquiries email dylan@theabbey.uk.com

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Recent Correspondence to The Sutton Courtenay News has attracted to attention to my mind for all the wrong reasons. Living in the village since 1980 I take great interest in any planning proposals, and for that matter general village plans for the future.

I believe anyone living here should do the same. Can we all row together instead of internal bickering. The Sutton Courtenay Action Group which I support whole heartedly is not a secret society, nor is its Face Book page which I contribute to myself, but purely an exchange of village information.

Does it really matter who thought up the village plan or for that matter who funded it, surely common sense tells a village plan is better than no village plan? I do not believe anyone has a secret agenda. Residents are free to choose whether they want to contribute or not.

Meanwhile, aged 80 I am thrilled to be call an 'Activist' slightly disappointed at the dictionary definition, I had visualised a balaclava suited person with maybe a 'hoodie' armed with a brick! Not so, it is a 'person who campaigns to bring about political or social change', nothing new there.

Sheelin De Freyne (ACTIVIST.) High Street.

FIREWORKS, 2018

This year, the fireworks have been louder than ever. I cannot sedate my dog every day, it would not be good for her health. So, she spends the time during the fireworks shaking and drooling, trying to find somewhere to hide. This is very distressing for us both.

The money neighbours spend on these fireworks could surely be spent on tickets for organised displays and would then, not terrorise animals nearby.

Last night, the 11th was particularly bad considering that it was such a special day....what awful memories this must have brought to people who have experienced and suffered war, and who were remembering people who had lost their lives. I don't want to spoil anyone's fun but could we not enjoy fireworks on November the 5th, not for the whole month around this date?

Lesley Clements. Milton Road.

2018 has been the worst year ever for fireworks being let off on other days than November 5th.

The distress this causes not only animals cats, dogs, chickens and horses are more than upset. The vets have remarked that they have been asked for sedation far more this year than ever. It's also distressing to people with PTSD can you just imagine if you have been severely injured in a recent war zone the sound of these very loud bang could have. There are also older people in the village who were bombed out in London during WW2. they were remembering their families and friends on the 11th, only to have huge fireworks again overhead. Enough is enough everyone I speak to is saying the same, Have your fireworks if you must but on the 5th Nov or better still go to a public event it would be better for all and cost a lot less.

Sheila Stevens. Milton Road.

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday November 6th a very uplifting service was held with very experienced medium Judith Ford, and Joe who gave a lovely closing prayer.

We had a larger attendance, about 52 in all.

We thank you all for attending throughout the year, your loyalty, and all the help with chairs and tables. We will continue into the New Year and send you all love and good wishes.

On Tuesday January 1st there will be no service. The first service in 2019 will be on Tuesday February 5th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Enquiries - Pat or Sam 01235 847460.

DIARY

Tuesday December 4th 7.30pm
Village Hall
Spiritual Meeting with Adrian Oliver

No meeting on Tuesday January 1st

Tuesday February 5th 7.30pm
Village Hall
Speaker/Medium to be announced

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Extortion scams

Cyber criminals are attempting to blackmail unsuspecting victims by claiming to have used the victim's password to install spying malware on the victim's computer. The criminals claim that they've recorded videos of the victim watching adult material by activating their webcam when they visit these websites. What makes this scam so convincing is that the email usually includes a genuine password that the victim has used for one of their online accounts. It is believed criminals obtain the passwords from data breaches.

If you receive one of these emails:

- Don't reply to it or feel pressured into paying.
- Trying flagging the email as spam or junk if you receive it multiple times.
- Perform a password reset as soon as possible for any accounts where you've used the password given in the email.
- Always use a strong, separate password for important accounts, such as your email account.
- Where available enable two-factor authentication (2FA).
- Install or enable anti-virus software on laptops and computers and keep it updated.
- Always install the latest software and update apps.
- Report the email to Action Fraud as a phishing attempt at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or call 0300 123 2040.
- If you've paid the ransom in response to one of these e-mails please contact the police (see contact details below).

Data breaches

If you have been, or think you may have been, affected by any of the recent data breaches please consider the following.

- If your password was compromised you should change it. If you've used the same password for other accounts ensure that you change those passwords too.
- There's a possibility that you may receive very convincing e-mails, texts and calls as the result of a data breach. Be suspicious about unsolicited requests for your financial or personal details.
- If your financial data was compromised be on the lookout for any suspicious activity in your bank accounts. If you notice any unauthorised transactions contact your bank or card company.
- If you think you've been the victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or use their online reporting tool at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>.

Advice for dog owners

Following an increase in reports about dog attacks Thames Valley Police would like to remind dog owners that it is their responsibility to ensure that their dog is under control at all times, and to consider the following.

- Consider keeping your dog on a lead in public places.
- Ensure your dog is comfortable off a lead and will return when you call.

- Use a muzzle if you're concerned about your dog's behaviour in public places.
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There is also a Facebook page for Neighbourhood Watch in Sutton Courtenay, which is regularly updated with information and alerts from the police and associated agencies aimed at preventing crime, fraud and scams. Important local information, such as road closures, long term roadworks etc, is also provided. The information on this page is publicly available, so it's not necessary to be a Neighbourhood Watch member to access it. If you use Facebook why not take a look?

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SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Thank you for all your contributions in 2018. Please keep sending your contributions to us in 2019. It's your contributions that make the newsletter. Unless otherwise stated, the copy deadline is the 3rd Wednesday of each month. It may change when there is a Bank Holiday but we will include the date in the Diary on the front cover. If you are uncertain please contact Diane, Clare or Bernie, the Editorial team (see page 2 for contact details).

Next year we are hoping to enhance the newsletter with the introduction of some colour to the paper edition. The newsletter can already be viewed in colour on the Sutton Courtenay News website:

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On the website you can also find details of any last minute events or other matters that have been notified to us between editions together with previous editions, photographs, local contact details and more.

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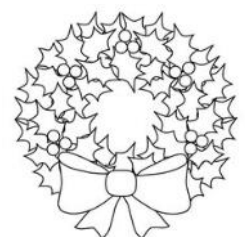
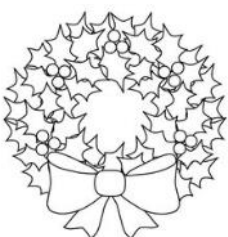
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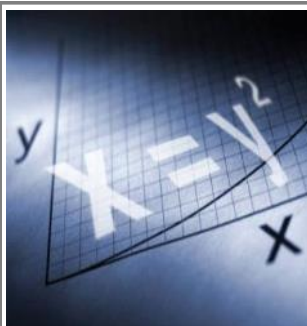
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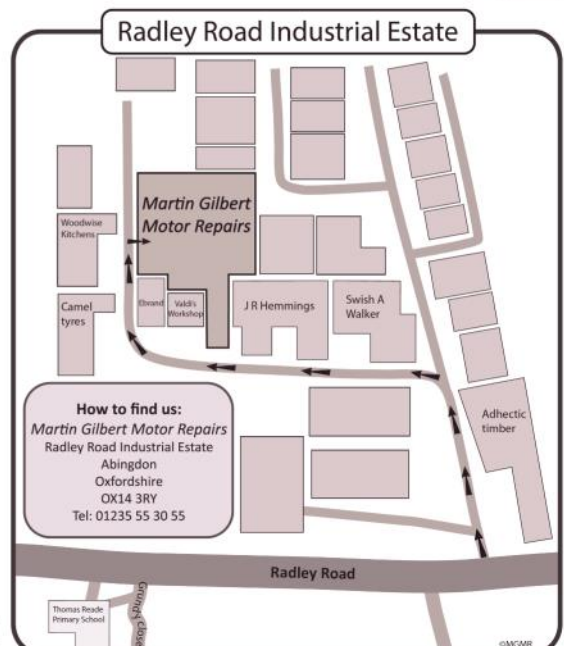
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