

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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VILLAGE DIARY

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

															
	March														
	Saturday	3rd	7.30pm		Friends of All Saints Quiz										
	Tuesday	6th	7.30pm		Parish Council Meeting										
	Tuesday	6th	7.30pm		Spiritual Fellowship										
	Wednesday	7th	9.30am		Stay and Play Toddler Group										
	Tuesday	13th	7.30pm		Local History Society										
	Wednesday	14th	9.30am		Stay and Play Toddler Group										
	Wednesday	14th			SC APRIL COPY DEADLINE										
	Friday	16th	6.30pm		SCIDS - The Land of XYZ										
	Saturday	17th	2.30pm & 6.30pm		SCIDS - The Land of XYZ										
	Sunday	18th	7.30pm		All Saints Singers Concert										
	Wednesday	21st	9.30am		Stay and Play Toddler Group										
	Thursday	22nd	10.30am		Coffee, Books and Cakes										
	Sunday	25th	10.00am		Palm Sunday Donkey Procession										
	Wednesday	28th	9.30am		Stay and Play Toddler Group										
															

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Co-ordinators for Distribution of SCN to the Distributors

After a number of years of much appreciated service our two distribution co-ordinators have decided that they would like to retire. We would like to thank them for all their work over the years getting SCN to the distributors around the village each month. What is involved? The boxes of SCN are usually delivered to the co-ordinators on the last Friday of the month. They then need to be put in bundles to distribute to each distributor.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Ministry Team

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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 scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com Hire Charges vary depending on the use of the hall. The maximum hire charge for the main hall is £16 per hour. Commercial bookings and regular hire are negotiated separately. Visits prior to hire are welcomed.

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Parish Council Vacancy

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council is looking for someone to serve as a councillor. Are you interested in current local affairs, do you wish to serve your community, be part of government and the appointed voice for the local residents. If you are interested in joining the Council, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk to find out more about the role. The term of office would be only until the next elections in May 2019. So why not give it a try for a year.

Council Tax Payers who pay by standing order

The bank details have changed for the Vale of White Horse District Council. This means changes for some council tax payers and business rate payers. A new sort code has been issued which is 20-01-25. The bank account number remains the same. Those residents that pay by standing order are requested to update their payment details with their bank, otherwise payments may not get through. Those that pay by direct debit are not affected, as the new sort code will be amended as part of the direct debit service. Those who wish to change from paying by standing order can pay on line, by phone or by direct debit. Contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's council tax section by calling 0345 302 2315. Or visiting www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/counciltax

Thames Water – Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Thames Water has opened its public consultation on its water plan. It has the job of providing a reliable supply of safe drinking water to 10 million household customers and 215,000 businesses. Many people think there is plenty of water in the UK, but the South East of England is one of its driest regions and London is drier than Rome, Dallas and even Sydney. The area is designated as seriously water stressed by the Environment Agency. Every 5 years a Water Resources Plan is produced which sets out how Thames Water plans to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of water to its customers. To find more information, to have your say on the plans, visit www.thameswater.co.uk/yourwaterfuture.

Planning Appeals

The public inquiry for both appeals was due to start on Tuesday 23rd January. However on Thursday p.m. 18th January, London Regeneration withdrew its appeal for the land rear of Harwell Road. Then, unfortunately the barrister acting for Redrow Homes became ill, so whilst the Inquiry into the Sutton Courtenay East site, commenced, it was adjourned. The Inquiry will commence again on 17th July under a new Inspector Mr. Phillip Major.

Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011 to shape

development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Legislation provides for the



Parish Councils who have chosen to produce a plan to establish a steering group of members of the community who are interested in neighbourhood planning to prepare the plan. The role of the steering group is very separate from the formal functions of the Parish Council. There is a steering group in Sutton Courtenay which is busy progressing through the various stages of plan preparation. It was reported to PC at the February meeting the questionnaire is in draft form ready for scrutiny by VWHDC. It is hoped to distribute the questionnaire to all households in early spring.

South Oxfordshire District Council – Local Plan

Some readers may have seen the programme on BBC TV in January called The new builds are coming: The battle for the countryside which focused on development in Culham. The proposal is to remove a significant area from the protected green belt to permit a housing

development comprising some 3500 homes. This has been included in the final draft Local Plan. The evidence, supporting documents and the Plan will go to the Secretary of State, and a planning inspector will then be appointed to carry out an independent examination. The Parish Council has commented on this plan in regards to the road network, and the fact that no account had been taken of recent studies by Oxfordshire County Council which show traffic congestion and the inability of local roads to take more traffic. The Transport Topic paper recognised and promoted wider benefit of transport schemes, but it did not recognise the impact on rural villages which would become a cut through route to link Didcot to the Culham Science Centre and beyond.

Land junction of High Street/Frilsham Street

The Parish Council has become aware that land at the start of Frilsham Street, that it maintains, has had clearance works done to it. Whilst the Council appreciates the assistance, it would be grateful if anyone wishing to do works and cut back bushes etc, would kindly notify the Council beforehand.

The following planning applications have been considered:

P18/V011/HH Revised application for rear kitchen extension to include parapet wall at roof level and amended lantern arrangement to replace consented scheme at 42 Lady Place. The Council had no objections itself, but was aware of concerns of nearby residents.

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P19/V0069/O Residential development of 91 dwellings including access land at Appleford Road. The Council objected to the proposed new access closer to the junction with Abingdon Road. It asked for sight of the CIL information submitted with the application.

P18/V0185/HH Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension and 2 storey side extension with front porch at 29 Bradstocks Way. The Council has no objections.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 6th March, 2018 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@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.**

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

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

The opening hours are:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 08.00 – 18.00,

Wed 08.00 – 17.00,

Sat 08.30 – 13.00,

and Sun 09.00 -12.00.



THE ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
Registered Charity 1098966



Youth & Community Acting Together

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



Parents, grandparents, carers - please join us with your babies and toddlers for fun and games and a cup of tea every Wednesday 0930-1130am Village Hall, Frilsham Street, Sutton Courtenay



Cost now only £2 per family (includes kids' snacks and tea/coffee)

First visit free - come give it a try!

For more information

Facebook @SCstayandplay Tel. Sally 848664 or Ann 847662

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everyone Working Hard!

It was a busy term before the half term holiday, as we began several new initiatives to boost learning in our school. We have welcomed Miss Atkins and Miss Ralph into our school, who are English and Maths specialists at Didcot Girls' School. They are keen to learn about how teaching works in a primary school, and have been very impressed, taking some of our strategies back already. They will also be able to help us prepare Year 5 and 6 for the challenging Key Stage 2 tests and the transition to secondary school.

In the Nursery, Mrs Kapsawarah is part of an Oxfordshire Early Language project. This enables us to work with other schools to make our environment as language rich as possible to support the development of children's speech and vocabulary, as this is a big indicator of their future achievement.

It is exciting to get to know colleagues in other schools as we develop our school, many of whom face similar challenges. Everyone who visits praises the positive attitudes of the children and staff, and the work we are doing to raise standards.

Last term in assemblies, I talked to the children about what hard work looks like. I began by talking about what hard work looks like in books, showing them some examples of where children have pushed themselves to do a little bit more, or try to act on a suggestion from their teacher, or present their work beautifully. I then talked to them about hard work in the classroom, listening carefully, focusing on their learning, and working together. Finally, I talked to them about hard work at home, and we looked at good examples of reading records and homework books.

One of our school values is **We persevere**, and we want the children to understand that the things they can be most proud of are the things that have taken effort, often for a sustained period of time.

A Kind And Caring School

School Council have been busy interviewing other children in

the school. They have asked two questions: "What makes our school special?" and "What do we want children in our school to be like?" They have collected all the responses and are putting them



together as a word cloud poster. The three top things they would like to be are **caring, polite** and **friendly**. The four top things they think make our school special are **the lunch, the teachers, learning** and **technology**. They will be reporting their findings to their peers in an assembly later this term, and also to governors.

In assembly this term, we will be thinking about our value **We Are Kind**. This week, the children heard a story called 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?' The story says that everyone has an invisible bucket that holds kindness, and that you can fill up other people's buckets with kind words or actions. School council are on the lookout for 'bucket fillers' this week and will be presenting awards in assembly on Monday to children they have observed being kind.

Playing As A Team

On Friday 9th February our football team played an away game against South Moreton. We lost 5-0 but there was some excellent goal saving. Then on 20th February, they played another away game, this time against Whitchurch Primary School. Whitchurch has a very strong team with a reputation going back years. At half time we were down 2:0, but the Sutton Courtenay team rallied and played a brilliant second half, scoring a goal and defending strongly so the final score was 2:1 to Whitchurch. Mrs Knight was very impressed with the attitude and perseverance of the team.

Rachel Hornsey, Headteacher

Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram, Assistant Headteachers

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SCIDS

This year SCIDS brings you a beautiful story, almost (but not quite) a world premiere. With 26 junior members and 5 slightly more senior members on the stage "The Land of XYZ" is set in the principality of Suttocourto, somewhere in middle Europe!

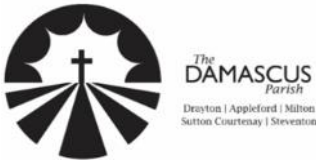
Show dates **Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March 2018**

Times - evenings at 6.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.00pm

Venue **The Village Hall, Sutton Courtenay**

**Box Office - opens for bookings on
Monday 19th February**
01235 848335 or alanwhitlock@hotmail.com
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From the Ministry Team –The Reverend Meg Heywood, Associate Priest, introduces herself!

It has now just been over a couple of months since I moved to DAMASCUS Parish. We have felt very welcomed into the community here – both the church and by members of the villages. Thank you.

Moving house has been one of the main features of my life. My father was in the Army and we were posted all over Britain and Germany. I followed suit and also joined the Army after school with the hopes of travelling the world...only to move around a 50 miles radius of London! After leaving the army I did a degree in Environmental Science in that famous seat of learning – Luton College. It was in Luton that I met David, my husband, who was a teacher. We led the church youth group together and the rest as they say is history. In the following years I followed him around the country as a vicar's wife, and full-time mum to four children.

The most adventurous journey of my life is the one that has brought me here to Drayton and the DAMASCUS Parish: discovering Jesus' love for me. It first began at school in the RE classes when I was attracted to the excitement in the Bible stories. Later on, when I was in the Army I was given a book which revolutionised my idea of God: He was both intimate and wanting to be involved in everything I do yet was awesome and won't settle for second best in my life. It was while in Luton that I discovered that Christianity was true, and that God loved me, and I knew that there was a deeper purpose to life. Like many things in life that are worthwhile following Jesus has been both costly and joyful. My call to the priesthood is a call to share the love and purpose that God has for all of us. One of my favourite bible stories also involves a journey. Two people are walking back home, after a weekend in the city. They are devastated, their best friend had just been killed. As they talk about this, a stranger joins them. He asks them what's the matter and they tell him, and he walks with them all the way back to their home. They invite him in to share a meal. It is only when they set the table, prepared the food and sat down to eat that they realised – it's Him! It's their friend! It's Jesus! He then promptly disappears! I like this story as it shows that Jesus walks with us in dark times and is always willing to listen to us without judging. Not only this, but it shows Jesus also has a sense of humour!

May you find God alongside you in the journeys of your life: supporting you in the dark times as well as being there in the celebration and fun.

With love and prayers, Meg

BROKEN

A six week study course for Lent (by Dr Paula Gooder, Director of Mission Learning & Development, Diocese of Birmingham).

The TV series, Broken, written by Jimmy McGovern and starring Sean Bean is set in an estate parish somewhere in the UK. The series focuses on the life and ministry Father Michael Kerrigan, a Roman Catholic, priest who, despite past trauma and anxiety about his own inadequacies, attempts to bring the light of Christ into the lives of the people amongst whom he ministers. The series portrays real life at its most gritty and unvarnished, and in doing so raises many questions along the way about how to live faithfully when life is very hard. The series raises far more questions than it ever answers. The idea of this Lent Course is to provide the space for people to pick up the questions raised in the series and to explore how they might want to answer them.

Each session starts at **7.30pm** on the following **Wednesdays in Lent**, rotating around the churches of the DAMASCUS Parish:

7th March, Milton

14th March, Appleford

21st March, Drayton

28th March, Sutton Courtenay

Even if you have missed the first two sessions in February you are still welcome to join in the course as each session can stand alone.

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 22nd March 2018

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.

CHURCH DIARY

NOTICE

Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm – the Annual Parish Meeting of the DAMASCUS Parish will be held in St Blaise, 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) and is held for the purpose of electing Churchwardens.

Following straight on from the Annual Parish Meeting will be the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is a meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll for the purposes of presenting the annual report and accounts for 2017 and for electing Parochial Church Council Members and Deanery Synod Representatives.



EASTER LILIES ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

At Easter we provide an opportunity to remember loved ones with a display of lilies in church. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this year's lilies in memory of someone, please put your donation in an envelope with the name(s) of those to be remembered and deliver to Ann White (see Village Contacts page) at 24 Frilsham Street. A list of those remembered will be on display in Church.



Holy Baptism

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

Bailey Noah PARROTT (4th February 2018)
Service conducted by the Reverend Phil Sutton



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MARCH

Saturday 3rd – 9.30-4pm Marriage Preparation Course for all couples getting married in the DAMASCUS Parish in 2018.

7.30pm Friends of All Saints' Quiz Night in the Village Hall

Monday 5th – 7.30pm Baptism Preparation in All Saints', Sutton Courtenay for all families seeking baptism for their children in the DAMASCUS Parish

Tuesday 6th – 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay Local Church Committee in All Saints' Church.

Wednesday 7th – 7.30pm Lent Group in St Blaise, Milton

Sunday 11th – MOTHERING SUNDAY – 10.30am Family Eucharist at All Saints with flower posies to give to someone you love and bubbly and cake!

Monday 12th – 7.30pm DAMASCUS PCC in St Peter's, Drayton

Wednesday 14th – 7.30pm Lent Group in St Peter & St Paul, Appleford

Wednesday 7th – 7.30pm Lent Group in St Peter's, Drayton

Sunday 18th – 7.30pm All Saints' Singers Concert in All Saints

Thursday 22nd – 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books @ All Saints

Sunday 25th – PALM SUNDAY – 10am meet with the donkey at Tullis Close for procession to All Saints' Church for Palm Sunday service at 10.30am. Followed at 12 noon with Hungry Saints and a presentation by Tim and Alison Budd on their recent pilgrimage to Ethiopia – all welcome – bring and share lunch – soft drinks will be provided.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 26th – 7.30pm-8.30pm – A Journey through Holy Week – Part 1

Tuesday 27th – 7.30pm-8.30pm – A Journey through Holy Week – Part 2

Wednesday 28th - 7.30pm Lent Group in All Saints', Sutton Courtenay

29th - MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7.30pm Supper with Communion (see advert for details)

30th - GOOD FRIDAY – 10.30am Hot Cross Bun Family Service. 12 noon Holy Hour – a service of reflection on the crucifixion

Saturday 31st – HOLY SATURDAY – from 9am Spring Cleaning of the church – many hands make light work – if you can spare some time to help care for our parish church!

APRIL

Sunday 1st – EASTER SUNDAY – 10.30am Parish Eucharist with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

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:

Pamela (Pam) Clarke nee Baker, who died on 18th January 2018 was born 5th April 1932 and grew up in Marcham. She attended school in Marcham before moving in 1939 with her siblings Joan and Brian to live with their grandparents in Tubney where they attended Fyfield School. In 1940 the family moved to Sutton Courtenay, so Pam had another change of primary school before going on to 'The Council School' in Abingdon, where the pupils, including Pam, cooked for evacuees during cookery lessons. Pam started work at Vineys in Abingdon at the age of 14. She was in the sewing room with several other girls and, when that side of the business closed, Doris Goodenough, who also worked there set-up her own dress-making business in The Vineyard, Abingdon, and three of the girls Pam, another Doris and Maisie went with her. Pam also did home sewing - making wedding and bridesmaids' dresses which were beautiful. During the late 1950s Pam made clothes for a little boy with limb deformities. Ordinary clothes did not fit and required extensive alterations. Pam was a very talented seamstress and dressmaker and made some beautiful pieces. Pam married Bill Clarke on Boxing Day in 1963. They were devastated when in 1965 they lost their first baby, Judith, at birth. Thankfully, the safe arrival of Jill two years later brought Pam and Bill much joy. When Jill was young Pam became a childminder for Penny & Richard Lloyd-Jones so their young daughter Kathryn could be company for Jill. Penny & Richard went on to have 3 more children, Ellen, Daniel & Laura who were all cared for by Pam and became a huge part of their lives. When the Lloyd-Jones emigrated to Australia they kept in touch and whenever they visited the UK they would always pay Pam a

visit as she was held so dear to them all. Both Pam & Bill loved gardening with Pam taking care of the flowers & shrubs and Bill the vegetables. Pam frequently won the majority of the prizes in the village horticultural show and her garden was always a show piece. And the love of gardening also developed into a love of flower arranging and she was a regular in this Church creating floral masterpieces for any occasions but her particular favourites were weddings. She was also an able Assistant Verger to Bill. She would often accompany him to services – particularly weddings because she loved to see what everyone was wearing. The arrival of Candy, the family Labrador was a delight to them all. Pam did not give up dressmaking altogether, making Jill's ball gown and wedding dress when she married William in 1991. When Jill's daughters were born, Hope in 1995 and twins Hannah and Chloe in 1998 both Pam and Bill were overjoyed. Pam was a huge support to Jill & William when the girls were young and she was always known as 'Grandma Curly Hair' due to her permed hair. Both Pam and 'Grandad Bill' shared many holidays with Jill and family in the New Forest, Mudeford and Isle of Wight. Hope, Hannah and Chloe enjoyed crabbing off Mudeford Quay with them when they were young in the same way Jill had with Pam and Bill when she was a child. When Bill died in 2012 Pam's health further deteriorated due to Alzheimer's requiring her to move into Osborne House in 2013 to be closer to Jill and her family. Even as Pam's memory faded she loved the garden at Osborne House and her visits from her girls, Jill, Hope, Hannah and Chloe. Pam found happiness throughout her life by caring for others. She especially enjoyed time with her own family which they will always remember with love.

This is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.

Thomas (Tony) Ballantyne

Tony passed away suddenly at home on the 7th January. He was a loving husband, dad, grumpy and great grumpy. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him. Jill, Carol, Diane, Anthony and their families would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the service and for your support, cards and flowers at this very difficult time.



Friends of All Saints' QUIZ NIGHT

**Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
Saturday 3rd March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm**

**Tickets required in advance for this year's event:
only £6.00**

Available at **Burgrey Stores** from 1st February or
contact fred.cubbage@btinternet.com 01235 848768
by 1st March.

Tables of 6 maximum.

Up to **6 rounds** including General Knowledge, Music,
Gardens etc.

Prizes, Cash Bar, Admission at the door is £7.50.

**An event by the Friends of All Saints' to raise funds
for the Church fabric.**

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 13th March

Village Hall 7.30 pm



James Sadler of Oxford: the First English Aeronaut Illustrated talk by Mark Davies

We have often seen colourful hot air balloons in the sky above the village, but how did it all begin? Born in 1753, James Sadler lived for a time in Abingdon. He was an early daring balloonist, being the first Englishman to build and fly an air balloon. He was also an inventor, engineer and scientist and his many adventurous exploits will be described in this talk.

Everyone welcome: Members free: visitors £3

Website: sclhs.org.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Nearly a quarter of the year gone already, and you still haven't popped in to see us! Come along and meet us all. Make new friends, learn something new.

As usual at SC WI we have a packed programme ahead. Here are a few dates for your diary.

19th March is our Members only AGM meeting.

On 17th April Some of our Crafty Members will be sharing their wonderful hobbies and handmade creations.

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

If you would like more info, please call Val on 847612

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday February 6th we had a service with a difference. Joh Scotcher, who stepped in for Julie Ridgeway who had the flu, took us into some very relaxing meditation followed by some meaningful clairvoyance, which held all our attention. We look forward to seeing John again.

DIARY

Tuesday March 6th

Village Hall 7.30pm

Spiritual Meeting with Brenda Manning

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

This letter is in response to the letter from Tony Furze about fireworks in the February edition:

I feel that we are losing the idea of 5th November, the observance of a failed plot, with fewer bonfires and even fewer Guys. It is felt that 5th should be celebrated on the 5th or the Saturday following. Any personal celebrations on other dates, there should be notification to surrounding households so their pets and older folk may be cared for.

To celebrate Fireworks Night, I have attended concerts where Tchaikovsky's 1812 have been played, on two occasions real cannons were used, on other times timpani (kettle drums) were substituted, as fireworks can't always be timed to the conductor. As to Chinese New Year, the oriental residents of Sutton Courtenay are somewhat thin on the ground, so I would suggest a trip on February 16th 2018 to China Town,

Gerrard Street, Soho. If we are to have an added holiday and firework festival why not Empire Day, Commonwealth Day, St George's Day, or the Queen's Birthday, something that encompasses everything joyful.

To see the New Year in with pyrotechnics is now acknowledged. As to helicopters and military air craft they are the sound of freedom, and bird song on a spring morning is why we live in the country, though that may be drowned out by the expected increase in road traffic.

In reply to the honourable gentleman's comment on dog faeces, I must wholeheartedly concur.

Roger Rance

EASTER RETREAT AND MASS MEDITATION AT THE ABBEY

Rest and Renewal Retreat

13th to 15th March 2018

One of our founders' hopes was that The Abbey might provide a place to 'stop and think'; The Abbey's Rest & Renewal Retreat provides both the time and space to do this.

The wonderful atmosphere of The Abbey provides a nurturing peaceful space for self-guided meditation, contemplation, prayer and relaxation. For 3 days you are invited to join The Abbey community for silent meditation and home cooked vegetarian meals.

Whether you are seeking spiritual direction, conversation or simply a little time out from your busy schedule, The Abbey's unique medieval building and extensive grounds provide the perfect environment to 'stop and think'.

Our monthly Rest & Renewal Retreats run from Tuesday to Thursday.

Mass Meditation

Sunday 25th March 5pm to 6.30pm

To celebrate British Summer Time and the clocks going forward, The Abbey is hosting an hour long silent group meditation. The first event in a series of open mass meditations to be held at The Abbey, during the coming months. Please bring a meditation cushion, stool or yoga block and blanket with you.

This will be a free event, however donations to The Abbey are welcome.

2018 Easter Retreat

4pm Maundy Thursday 29th March to 4pm Easter Sunday 1st April 2018

The Abbey Easter Retreat offers you the chance to have an extended stay with us, from the afternoon of Maundy Thursday

through to after lunch on Easter Sunday.

The Abbey provides a welcoming environment, where you can connect with community around shared experiences such as silent meditation, meal times, campfires and a few gentle activities (should you wish to partake). We offer a space to simply stop and think encouraging the development of a deeper connection to inner peace and guidance in contemplative silence.

During the weekend the resident community will be providing delicious home cooked vegetarian/vegan meals, egg decorating, connection round the campfire, daily silent meditation as well as longer afternoon periods where silence throughout the house will be observed.

We are delighted to have additional contributions to the retreat from dear friends of The Abbey, plant empath Alissa Pemberton and Interfaith Minister Adrian Race-McGregor.

Alissa Pemberton of Wanderwoven will be joining us for the duration of the retreat, offering a guided Mindfulness Plant Walk for those interested in connecting to the awaking of spring in the Abbey grounds and themselves. She is also available for one to one plant oracle readings for those who wish to delve deeper into the energetics of plants and trees in relation to their own spiritual journey.

Adrian Rance-McGregor, our local Interfaith Minister, will be leading our service, open to all faiths and none, on Easter morning, exploring the theme of 'Resurrection and Personal Transformation'.

The Easter Retreat offers a chance to reflect on the themes of this sacred time, recharge your energies and share joy in this beautiful nurturing space.

If you have any questions about any of the above please ring The Abbey on 01235 847401 or email admin@theabbey.uk.com

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For all enquirers please email: vicki@theabbey.uk.com

Or call Wendy on: 01235 847401

Dates for the directory: 6th and 20th March, more dates to be confirmed after Easter

SUTTON COURTENAY FORUM (SCF) UPDATE

The SCF has been meeting regularly ever since it was set-up following the village's march for "A Fair Deal for Sutton Courtenay". The Forum consists of representatives from the SC Parish Council, the SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, SC Action and our District and County Councillors.

As a reminder the purpose of the Forum is to enable a frank exchange of views between the Leader of the Vale DC and his officers, SC Parish Council, the SC Neighbourhood Plan Committee, SC Action, SC residents and other bodies as relevant such as OCC, Didcot Garden Town, MEPC and LEP; to ensure that Sutton Courtenay's unique situation is fully acknowledged and acted upon, in both forward planning and planning decisions, and that a "Fair Deal for Sutton Courtenay" is achieved.

From the Vale DC, the forum is attended by Matthew Barber, Leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council and Emily Hamerton, Development Manager.

To date, the majority of the Forum meetings have centred on the major planning applications that are still active in the village. Namely: East Sutton Courtenay (P15/V2353/O and P17/V1963/O), East of Harwell Road (P16/V0646/O) and North and South of Appleford Road.

The current status for East Sutton Courtenay is that Redrow have appealed the original application for non-determination and the duplicate application has been granted an extension. The planning inquiry set to hear the appeal has now been scheduled for 17th July 2018. The original date for this was in January but the Redrow barrister was unable to attend and it resulted in a postponement. Redrow has asked for an extension for the existing duplicate application. The Vale DC has accepted their request. To the lay person the fact that they are appealing for non-determination but looking for a six month extension is at best contradictory. Our expectation was that the duplicate application would be refused planning permission. We suspect that Redrow wanted to avoid this happening ahead of the appeal. The open application also allows them to submit further documentation.

London Regeneration withdrew their appeal for planning

permission at East of Harwell Road at the last minute. There are ongoing cost claims as a result of their appeal. There is also the possibility of them submitting an additional application. This should be refused in principle since it would be speculative development that is not included in the Local Plan and there is a robust 5 year housing land supply.

North of Appleford Road is on hold with an unsigned section 106 agreement until such time as the traffic related issues can be resolved.

We also discussed at the Forum some of the wider national planning related actions. These include the HIF (Housing Infrastructure) bid. If sufficient funds were raised via the HIF bid, the new bridge crossing could be built. This would take away the "severe harm" traffic issue any current applications are facing. To date the funds fall far short of the amount needed County wide. However, this may change in the future. A bridge crossing would be in the region of £130 million pounds. There are no funds allocated to this at the moment and any the bridge would need to be connected to an adequate road network.

There is also the new GIANT warehouse application to consider. This has not yet been submitted but villagers will have seen PR material.

Enforcement is also on the agenda for the Forum such as the issues the new residents of the Linden Homes (name) development are experiencing.

There are two major developments in Culham, the 3500 in the Local plan and the activity farm park (P17/S4416/FUL) which would add to the cumulative impact of development in the area. These are not within the Vale DC remit as they are in the South Oxfordshire DC area.

For the time being we must address the current planning applications with the Vale but we look forward to more constructive discussion in the future.

The next Forum meeting is scheduled for the 20th April 2018. If you would like to be involved or would like a topic to be raised please contact: action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk.

SHED OXFORD @ THE ABBEY

Shed Oxford is now established and meets regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30 until 4pm.

This new "Shed" at the Abbey is part of a national movement which is spreading like wildfire across the country with new 1 or 2 new groups opening somewhere every week. These Sheds are now being recognised as a great way for combating loneliness and isolation and bringing people together with skills to carry out community projects.

Up to now the group have been meeting in a disused outbuilding at the Abbey but have big plans. "We're busy planning and preparing the ground for where our new purpose

built shed will go," says John Butler, chairman of Shed Oxford. "We've started the foundations but are now on the look out for any donations of materials so we can proceed with the build. We're looking for joists, concrete blocks, posts, flooring - in fact anything and everything you need for a shed!"

This is an exciting time in the evolution of Shed Oxford and new members are very welcome to come and contribute ideas and shape the future of this community project.

If you have any unwanted items which could advance the build please contact shedoxford@gmail.com or call John on 07484 819106

ALL SAINTS' SINGERS CONCERT

The All Saints' Singers Passiontide Concert

Sunday March 18th

All Saints Church 7.30pm.

Haydn: Little Organ Mass

Works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saens, and Purcell

Soloist: Clare Kirk

A full programme of popular works and some lesser known choral gems.

Mozart's *Misericordias Domini* for example, a little performed but beautifully written work and which contains the theme "borrowed" by Beethoven and used shamelessly in his *Ode to Joy*.

Some gorgeous and sumptuous works by Mendelssohn and the choir's favourite Haydn work, the masterly *Sancti Joannis de Deo*.

Our most recent choir recruit Clare Kirk brings a wonderful voice and an utterly professional performance to the *Benedictus*

The concert will be directed by our conductor Sebastian Thomson, in his third year with the choir and now a firmly established, much in demand choral scholar and conductor within Oxfordshire. The orchestra will be a quintet formed from within our resident orchestra and again lead by Elizabeth Nurse.

Tickets will be on sale shortly from Burgrey Stores, Pamela Vivian (01235 848205) or from any choir member. Should any reader wish to join our choir, you are invited to attend rehearsals in The Matrix music school building on Friday evenings at 7.30pm, where you will be given a warm reception.

No auditions take place, just come along, sing and see if you like us.

READERS PLEASE NOTE; the significant and groundbreaking Oxford based research on the benefits of choral singing for health and wellbeing, put simply,

Singing in a choir is good for you!

SUTTON COURTENAY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Workshop: Be a Zoologist for the day

Thursday, 5th April 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Pond dip, bird watching, sweep net in our meadow and use a dissecting kit to find out who our barn owls have been eating. Spend the day out on our wonderful reserve with time for a picnic lunch (please bring lunch). BOOKING ESSENTIAL, £10 per child, accompanying adults free.

This workshop is for children aged 7 and up only - NO UNDER 7s TO ACCOMPANY PLEASE. Please arrive promptly. Children must be accompanied at all times during the workshop.

Workshop: Secret Agent Training

Tuesday, 10th & Wednesday, 11th April 2018

10:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Can you complete our training to become a secret agent? Test your senses across a series of challenges set by the wildlife of Sutton Courtenay to find out if you have what it takes. Complete all tasks and receive your special secret agent medal. BOOKING ESSENTIAL, £4 per child accompanying adults free. Activities suitable for children aged 4-11.

For all bookings please head to our website: www.bbowt.org.uk

CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE

I have to say that the fishing has been dire since the new year. One day it's mild next day extreme cold and a night frost, no continuity for the fish, they don't know whether to eat sleep or find a depression on the lake floor and just sit in the doldrums. All be it a common carp of 32.1 was caught and weighed on Saturday 10th February.

We have had a fair drop of rain, but not enough, the lake is still

over a foot down, and we worry that we could lose depth through evaporation this summer as we did last year, it could be a disaster. We are keeping an eye on the cormorants roosting in the trees on the lake next door, as they eat 1lb of fish a day and kill or injure the larger fish that they cannot eat.

Roger Rance.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Growth Deal.

I am not an accountant. I never wanted to be an accountant. I find it hard to get my head around figures in excess of a hundred thousand. So when people talk in millions, let alone billions, I tend to delete the last zeros in my mind in order to try to get my head around the figures.

So, for the benefit of all like-minded spirits, I will endeavor to explain my understanding of "The Growth Deal", how it may affect Oxfordshire residents, and what it may cost.

Many of us have been arguing for some time now that we cannot accept any more housing without more infrastructure – roads, schools, hospitals and so on. You may see figures above £5billion for the estimated cost of bringing our infrastructure into line with our present housing growth.

Point one seems to be that much of that infrastructure will come from sources already in place – s106 planning contributions and other government sources.

Point two is that the true figure of what *extra* money is needed (to bring our infrastructure up to scratch is a more modest, but still eye-watering £1.5billion).

Point 3. Under the Growth Deal with Government, Oxfordshire Councils will be expected to deliver (as per their Local Plans – almost all in place) 100,000 houses by 2031, meanwhile Government will provide £215million over the next 5 years as "a downpayment." – i.e. about 1/5 of what is needed.

Accountants will spot that the £215million will be appearing

within the first five years of the delivery plan. i.e. for the first time in years, there will be some of the much-needed infrastructure well before the houses appear. Furthermore, some of the hard-pressed OCC transport budget will be released to carry out much needed repairs to our roads and pavements. All good news.

But. (There is always a but). The whole deal is based on the assumption that more money will be forthcoming (More than £1billion if my sums are right) if infrastructure is ever going to catch up and match housing growth.

So there are risks to all this. Here are a few I can see:

- What if we cannot build houses at the right rate?
- What if the Government fails to come up with the rest of the money?
- What if there are changes of Government between now and 2031?
- Are there enough opt out/break clauses in the agreement if either side defaults?
- Will the arrival of new infrastructure simply herald a Government demand for yet more houses?
- Is it absolutely clear that the Growth Deal has nothing, but nothing to do with the Oxford Cambridge Expressway and its predicted 1 million houses, and that neither is conditional on the other?

The Oxfordshire Growth Deal has been signed with almost indecent haste and no consultation with Oxfordshire residents. We must all hope that all these risks have been taken into account and covered.

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TRI SWIM COACHING MINI TRIATHLONS

Tri Swim Coaching are hosting a series of small mini triathlons this Spring and Summer and would like to let the villagers know that athletes will be passing through the village by bike and on foot on the following Sunday afternoons between approximately 3.00-4.00pm: 25th March, 22nd April, 20th May, 24th June and 22nd July.

The event is based from the Park Club Milton and starts with a 200m pool swim, followed by an 11k bike and 3k road and cross country run. It's open to all ages from 15 years, you don't have to be super fit and anyone can give it a go!

The cycle route exits Milton park turning south onto High Street, turns left onto Park Drive, left at the final Milton Park roundabout onto Sutton Courtenay Lane, left onto Milton Road in Sutton Courtenay, left onto High Street through Milton, back onto Park Drive for a second lap of the same route and finally turns left back into the Park Club. There will be no road closures and signage will be put up and removed on the day. The running route exits the park Club, cuts through Milton Park on the north side onto the footpaths on the fields to the East of Milton between Milton Park and Sutton Road, then

loops back to the Park Club down Old Moor, Pembroke Lane and finally along the pavement on High Street. It will be sign posted and marshalled.

****PLEA!****

As these are low budget races aimed at improving accessibility to sport for juniors and adults, we need at least 15 volunteers per race to ensure they can go ahead smoothly and safely. Duties would include marshalling and general cheering, manning a water station in warmer weather etc. You'll be handsomely remunerated for your time, with either a free entry to a Go Tri Milton race this season of your choice or a £15 Tri Swim Coaching voucher to put towards improving your fitness. Please let me know if you can help in any way! Thank you so much in advance.

If anyone would like more information about the event or would like to enter please visit: <http://www.triswimcoaching.com/go-tri-events>, email the Event Organiser Annie Hollest on annie@triswimcoaching.com or call 07429830696.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER

Assistance for vulnerable missing people – Herbert Protocol

A new tool to help find missing people with dementia was launched last month in partnership with search and rescue teams across the Thames Valley. The Herbert Protocol is a form to record key information about a person with dementia. This should be completed by carers or family members in case they go missing. Memory problems are one of a number of symptoms that people with dementia may experience, which can lead to feelings of confusion, fear and vulnerability and consequently can result in a person going missing.

Adopting the Herbert Protocol will help to ensure that the police and partner agencies, including the volunteer search and rescue teams, have the best possible information should someone with dementia go missing and a search needs to be conducted to find them. It will help avoid any unnecessary delays as the right information is immediately available. The form may include if the person is on medication, favourite places they like to visit or key people they know.

For more information and to download the form please visit <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/herbert-protocol/>

If you don't have access to the internet please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and ask them to print out the paperwork for you. If you're not a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please call 07762 597118 for more assistance.

Parking

A reminder to parents, grandparents and others who drive children to and from school to park safely, legally and considerately. Please don't block residents' access to their drives and properties, and bear in mind that parking on dropped kerbs can put everyone's children in danger.

Help keep your children safe online

The internet is a fantastic place for young people to learn, play

and socialise but it's vital that they're aware of its dangers and how to stay safe. Here are a few tips to help your child to stay safe online.

- **Make** sure your child knows what personal information is and that they're share aware (visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>).
- Ensure you understand the social media your child is using. If you don't know your *Roblox* from your *Snapchat* or are getting in a *Twitch* trying to keep on top of the social media networks your child is using, visit the Net Aware website (visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>).
- **Follow** the NSPCC's TEAM approach:
- **If you need help** setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings or need advice on social networks call the free O2 & NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 800 **Talk** – to your child/children about staying safe online, what worries them and you about them being online, the emotional aspects of social media (jealousy, self-esteem etc.)
- Explore their online world together
- Agree rules about what is ok and not
- Manage parental controls on all your family's devices.
- **Repeat – make it part of everyday life**

If you need help setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings or need advice on social networks call the free O2 & NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5002.

To contact the police call either 101 (for non-emergencies) or 999 (for emergencies).

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

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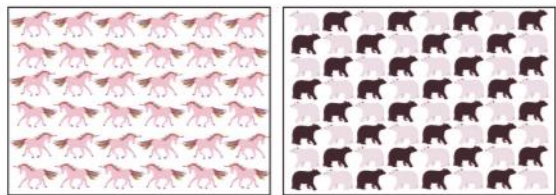
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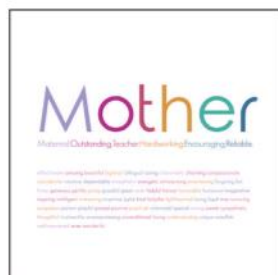
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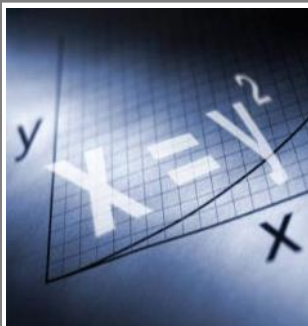
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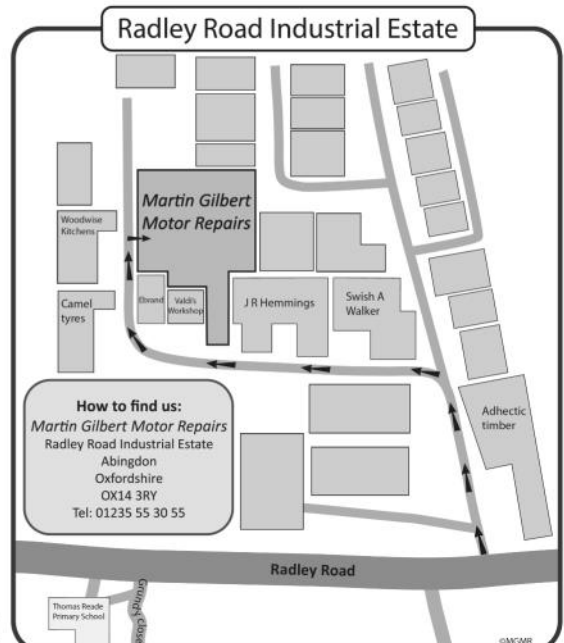
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