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## **VILLAGE DIARY**

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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)
5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <u>scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com</u> 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

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## No Elections this Year in the Vale of White Horse

The Vale of White Horse District Council has been approached by some people making enquiries about elections in May. Unlike other parts of the county, there is no election here on  $3^{rd}$  May. No poll cards or postal votes will be sent out. The next elections which are due in this area will be in 2019. These will be Parish and District Council elections.

## Oxford Cambridge Expressway

Highways England has given a briefing to the County Council on the Oxford Cambridge expressway proposals. The Parish Council has had sight of the slides shown. Not surprisingly, as the route is intended to link the science areas, whichever corridor is eventually selected, it seems that the area in the vicinity of Sutton Courtenay will be common to all proposals. The Parish Council is disappointed at the poor consultation, and the fact that it has not been formally consulted. It finds it impossible to form any opinion on what is currently available in view of the lack of evidence based information. The Council has requested that all route options be presented fully to the local councils whose parishes are affected, and that the matter is progressed by way of public inquiry, so that all interested parties can have an opportunity to be heard.

## 7.5 tonne weight limit

The Parish Council has been notified that Trading Standards will be placing an "A" frame notice on the verge in Church Street, on the approach to start of the High Street, to remind drivers of heavy vehicles, that there is a 7.5 tonne weight limit southwards from the triangle. Trading Standards is committed to helping protect Sutton Courtenay's road environment, in so far as is possible with limited resources, through enforcement of the HGV weight restriction orders which apply in the village. Please note that it is a criminal offence to cause or permit a prohibited vehicle to travel on a restricted road except in limited circumstances (e.g. to make a delivery within the weight restriction area).

## Road Works

The Clerk has received enquiries as to whether the Parish Council was aware of certain road works in and around the area. The Council is notified by the County Council when a formal Traffic Regulation Order has been made, but for minor road works often involving utility companies no advance notice is given to the Parish Council. Information as to current roadworks can be found at *https://roadworks.org.* Just zoom into the map and click the symbols to learn what is happening on the roads.

## Abingdon Flood Alleviation Scheme

Modelling of the rivers Ock, Stert and Thames are still ongoing, as well as studies to use Abingdon Common as a flood storage area. The results of studies will update the flood map. The Council has asked the Environment Agency if they could



give a presentation to the Parish Council in due course as local people need to be consulted and made aware of any impact that there might be for the village. The Environment Agency's newsletter about the whole project including the Oxford Scheme is available from them. To contact the project team or to request to be added to the newsletter mailing list, email *enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk* 

## <u>The following planning applications have been</u> <u>considered :</u>

**P18/V0491/HH** Erection of new ancillary annexe within curtilage at 48 Milton Road. The Council objected as the unit appeared to be completely self contained and there were no indications as to who would occupy it. It was unclear whether additional parking was required.

**P18/V0319/HH** Demolish existing garage, rebuild extending footprint by 1m in length to create new garage with annexe over at Ashburnham, Churchmere Road. Council stated that

if the application were approved, then conditions should be imposed that it should remain strictly ancillary to the main dwelling, and obscure glass should be used together with restricted window openings in elevations which had views into neighbouring properties and gardens.

**P18/V0568/FUL** Demolition of garage and erection of attached 2 bed house with parking at 39 Tyrrells Way. Council noted that the Vale of White Horse District Council had refused permission for a house in Hobbyhorse Lane owing to impact on traffic and asked that they be consistent in their decision making.

**P17/V1154/LB** Demolition of listed railway overbridge and provision of replacement bridge (additional information) at Steventon Overbridge, High Street, Steventon. The Council did not support demolition, and preferred the bridge to be retained if an engineering solution could be found.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will follow the Annual Meeting for Electors on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 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.

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and Sun 09.00 -12.00.

# THE ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT



Weekly event: Sutton Courtenay Drop-ins (@ the village hall: Wednesdays SchoolYear 6, 7 & 8 – 5-6pm SchoolYear 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



## Open every Wednesday 0930 to 1130

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

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On the website you can view each edition in colour, find details of any last minute events that have been notified to us and more.



# SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome To Spring!

Spring is finally here and we are all enjoying the warm sunshine we have returned to. What a shame the Easter holidays were so cold and miserable! Unfortunately, we still have no further news on a completion date for our build. The latest problem is that there is apparently much more work to complete that Carillion had led Oxfordshire County Council to believe. This means that inevitably it will cost far more than they had budgeted, which is slowing down the decision making process. It is incredibly frustrating and disruptive for school life. We are in constant communication with the council to try to speed things along.

However, congratulations are in order to FOSCS who have secured a  $\pm 1000$  grant from Tesco Bags of Help, to be used towards the completion of our garden area. Many thanks to all those of you who shopped and then posted your tokens at Tesco stores over the past weeks. Mr Greenough can now complete the fencing around the area. Planting has already started for the summer. We are also working hard on the other garden areas around school, despite the continued disruption!

#### A Break From The Classroom

On the last Monday before the Easter holidays, Year 6 took a break from learning in the classroom and went up to the Hill End outdoor centre near Eynesham for the day. We were really lucky with the weather, which was fine and bright. The children were involved in activities such as map reading and orienteering, as well as having quite a bit of time for free play in the woodlands and fields that are part of the grounds. It was lovely to see them helping each other to climb trees and jump over muddy ditches—they did get rather muddy! They also took part in some focused activities helping them to consider the impact of their actions of others and developing empathy skills. After a delicious meal of pasta Bolognese made by Mrs Greenough our school cook, they enjoyed hot chocolate and toasting marsh mallows around a camp fire. The whole day was prepared and organised by Miss Tristram and Mrs Vickers, who were keen to test some of what they have learned on a recent Restorative Practice course. It was a great day and will have given the children special memories.



#### Celebrating Easter.

On Tuesday 27th March, before the rest of the school arrived for our Easter service, Year 6 were lucky enough to 'Experience Easter' with Reverend Helen and the team. A series of interactive activities encouraged the children to reflect deeply on the message of Easter and what it means for them. As well as being an important spiritual and cultural experience, considering fundamental questions builds children's thinking skills and emotional intelligence.

On the last day of term, we had a very interesting visitor to Forest School! A huge dinosaur had come to hide the Easter eggs. Robins class had great fun searching for their eggs, helped by some of the older children. They then sat down to eat them round the fire with their hot chocolate. In the run up to the Easter egg hunt, the dinosaur had been hiding in one of the adult toilets—he gave some of our visitors a bit of a shock when we forgot to mention it! It was a lovely end to the term for Robins class, and a change from an Easter bunny!

Rachel Hornsey, Headteacher Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram, Assistant Headteachers email: office.3243@sutton-courtenay.oxon.sch.uk telephone: 01235 848333

## SCIDS

If, by chance you don't know already, S.C.I.D.S stands for Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society. The incredible bit was proved in this year's performance of "The Land of XYZ" The drama group ranges from 7+ upwards, and this year we were joined by five keen adults who were a great addition to our growing village event.

We met every Sunday afternoon from January where we made new friends from the local community; had fun and lots of giggles! This year we had many new faces, Ella who has been a committed member since the start of SCIDS says 'having looked forward to being part of S.C.I.D.S again it did not disappoint.' Jessica says 'I loved making new friends, wearing cool costumes and all this wrapped up with a party that had silly games, food and a real laugh particularly when we ended up wearing tights on our heads.'

If you missed this year, watch out for news of dates and join S.C.I.D.S next year, all the cast want a part with a big laundry basket to hide our scripts in!

Ella Hale and Jessica Dubock (aka Tristan Von Lesson and Prince Nicholas)

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the village show. A lot of hard work went into it. Thank you to all the adults who gave the children the chance to perform and show their talents.

Margaret Hamilton

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the Ministry Team

Back in January I joined a group of 25 people from the Diocese of Oxford on a pilgrimage to Ethiopia. We

went in order to spend a couple of weeks studying the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and its history. The country has had links with Judaism since the Ethiopian Queen of Sheba married Israel's King Solomon getting on for 3000 years ago and Christianity has been the state religion since the fourth century AD, so our own Christian heritage looks modern in comparison.

The church today is thriving, with well over half the population identifying as Christian and the church is very much part of the life of the country. Church life is full of colour and ceremony. We witnessed the two day festival of Timkat which celebrates the Baptism of Jesus. The first day is marked by huge processions through the centre of major cities and people gather in their thousands to view massed choirs and priests in colourful costumes carrying replicas of the Ark of the Covenant through the streets. On the second day there are large out door services where people are invited to renew their Christian Baptismal vows and are sprayed with holy water or invited to swim in huge swimming pools filled for the occasion.

The Ark provides a visual reminder of God's covenant with his people, made first with the Jews, and then extended to all people through Jesus. The Easter Story we celebrated here a couple of weeks ago is the culmination of this story of God coming to earth to share his love for us, his people. Jesus, through his death and resurrection created a covenant relationship in which God offers each of us his presence, his love, and the gift of eternal life. We are called to respond to that love by joining with the Ethiopian Christians in remembering our common Baptismal vow to "Turn to Christ". His offer remains open to all.

Tim Budd (Lay member of the DAMASCUS Parish ministry team and based in Sutton Courtenay).





Bringing Local talent together 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

# INVITATION TO EXHIBIT.

Following the success of the last three year's events, potters, painters, photographers plus craftspeople of all types of media are invited to 'phone (01235) 848768 or email : <u>lynne.cubbage@btinternet.com</u> for details. No charge for exhibition space EVERYONE MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

Tea & cakes available each afternoon (from 13.00). PLANT SALES.

\* sales income to assist with general building maintenance

## CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay Local Church Committee
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm Life as Paddington's Grandparents – an illustrated talk on the making of Paddington 2 with Marmalade Sandwiches and Tea and a showing of Paddington 2 – see advert for details
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Friends of All Saints' AGM in the church. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation in St Blaise, Milton – for all those interested in baptism for their children
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day in St Peter & St Paul's, Appleford
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> DAMASCUS Parish Treasure Hunt and Tea Party – 2.30pm Start at St Peter's, Drayton for a Treasure Hunt Walk to St Michael's, Steventon via St Blaise, Milton. We hope to arrive at St Michael's in time for tea at 4.30pm. This event is suitable for all ages and dogs!
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm DAMASCUS PCC in St Peter's, Drayton
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> The Royal Wedding
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books @ All Saints.
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm English Music Festival Concert in All Saints'

# YOU STAY – WE PRAY!

Starting on Sunday 29 April 2018, All Saints' Church (now part of The DAMASCUS Parish) will pray on a weekly basis for all Sutton Courtenay residents who live and work in each road. With a 26-week Rota, every area is prayed for twice in each calendar year. As roads are of different lengths, some will be prayed for twice (on consecutive weeks) and some for three weeks. We will publish each month's weekly rota in Sutton Courtenay News and there is also a printed Rota in the Prayer Space of the Lady Chapel at All Saints.

In addition to the Rector's prayers as she travels round the village, the specific roads will be prayed for by name at each Sunday Service and at each Wednesday's Morning Prayer. And of course we can all remember each specific area as we move round Sutton Courtenay!

## **CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE**

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 3pm Wedding in All Saints
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Baptism Preparation in St Peter's, Drayton
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-5pm Craft Fair and Cream Teas at All Saints.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ordination of The Reverend Karen Hyde to the priesthood at Dorchester Abbey. 1-4pm Craft Fair and Cream Teas at All Saints. 3pm Commemoration of George Orwell at his graveside with the George Orwell Society. 6pm Celebration of The Reverend Karen Hyde's First Eucharist



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.

From May 2018 we will pray for those who live and work as follows –  $\,$ 

Sunday 29 April to Saturday 5 May – Abingdon Road, All Saints' Lane, Brook Street

Sunday 6 May to Saturday 12 May – Amey Close, Appleford Road

Sunday 13 May to Saturday 19 May – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane

Sunday 20 May to Saturday 26 May – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane

Sunday 27 April to Saturday 2 June – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

Sunday 3 June to Saturday 9 June – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

For all baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297 or email: *rector@damascusparish.org.uk* 

## **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:

MARGARET (PEGGY) LONGSTAFF SPARKES who died on 16th March 2018, aged 96, was born in 1921 in Morpeth, Northumberland and grew up in Radcliffe - a mining village which no longer exists. Her Father, Jack, was a miner and her Mum, Harriet, was a cook in service. Peggy grew up with a younger sister, Audrey, in the middle of an extensive but close knit family and community. She left school at 14 and went into service but when war broke out she went to work on the buses as a 'clippie'. It was whilst working on the buses that she met her future husband - Derek Sparkes - when he caught her bus whilst serving as an Engineer in the RAF. They married in Amble in 1941 and only came south when Derek was posted back down here. For Peggy, home was always in 'the North'. After the war, they lived in Abingdon, where Derek had a job at the MG factory and went onto have their two children - Ernest in 1947 and Susan in 1949. They moved to Barratts Way in Sutton Courtenay in 1956 before moving into the Thatched Cottage next to Halls Garage in 1961 which became their home for the following 57 years. Derek had bought Halls Garage with his Dad, who was the Mayor of Abingdon, and it became a true family business. Peggy did all the book-keeping for many years and was often seen helping serve customers with petrol. She also worked as an escort on the bus transport for children with special needs a job she very much enjoyed. Despite working and living in close proximity to a garage most of her life she never learnt to drive - apparently she tried it once in St Aldates in Oxford and it didn't go quite as well as hoped so she never got in the driving seat again. She was focussed on her family, her children, of whom she was so proud, and doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was regarded by many of Susan and Ernest's friends as a second mum - or 'Mum Sparkes' - and there would always be biscuits available for any visitors. She was a good cook and for many years provided hot dinners for all the workers in the garage. She knitted and spent time in her garden. But perhaps nothing gave her more pleasure over the years than returning home on the train to Northumberland to take her children to spend the summer with her family. In later years she and Derek enjoyed holidays abroad to Malta and Peggy also enjoyed travelling to Gran Canaria and Tenerife. Peggy enjoyed going abroad more than Derek did – he liked his home comforts – but Peggy had an adventurous spirit and loved to try different things. She particularly enjoyed spending time in France with the family. As her physical health deteriorated she greatly appreciated the care she received from her family and from the team of carers who looked after her so well and enabled her to continue living independently in her beloved home. The whole family are immensely grateful for the support of friends and neighbours and all the carers who did so much for her. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family. This is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral in All Saints' Church on Monday 9th April 2018 by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.

WILLIAM STANLEY GEORGE SHUREY (STAN) who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 was born in Hounslow on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1927, to Doris and William Shurey. He grew up with his brothers, Leslie and Derrick, and sister Pauline, before joining the Army where he served in Palestine, Jerusalem and Italy and then became a long distance lorry driver. He met the love of his life, Joy, at Richmond ice-rink. By his own admission Stan couldn't really skate but he took an instant liking to Joy and fought off her other suitor so determined was he to court her! After a courtship spent iceskating and going to the Chiswick Empire to see many of the celebrities of the time - including The Inkspots and Johnny Ray - they were married on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1951. They spent the early years of their married life living with Joy's parents in Hounslow where they had their first two children, Carole and Martin, before Stan got a mechanic's job working for Mr Sinclair at Lady Place in Sutton Courtenay which came with a house and so they moved to Oxfordshire. They eventually moved into Barratts Way in 1960 and they made many longstanding friends among their neighbours - particularly Jenny and Alan - who provided a lot of support to Joy and Stan over the years. From the very beginning of their life together Joy and Stan developed a great love of Dorset and they would holiday there every year at first camping in a tent and then in a caravan. In 1968 they discovered Church Knowle Farm and year after year they returned and their BBQs became legendary. Stan and Joy shared many happy times with family and friends over the years. They met countless people and made life-long friends across the generations. Sadly Martin died in 2005 - a tragic event which devastated Stan and Joy but they continued to love and support one another through difficult times. In later years Stan cared for Joy as she suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis and he was devastated by her death in 2014 but with the help of family and friends he rebuilt his life as best he could. Stan was diagnosed with dementia but he still enjoyed spending time with Lyn and Carole and all the grandchildren. The family did all they could to make him happy and give him a good quality of life. He had his own bedroom at Lyn's with photos of Joy and Whiskey the Cat to make him feel at home. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Sadly he suffered a stroke in January 2017 and it soon became apparent that, with the dementia, and his increasing frailty, he needed more specialist care and he went to live at The Close in Burcot. The family are grateful for all the care and support he, and they, received from all the staff - cooks, cleaners, carers and managers. Lyn made sure that she, or another member of the family, visited every day and every two weeks she would take neighbours to have lunch with Stan in the Bistro where he would often enjoy a sherry. He also continued to enjoy trips to the river fishing or to a local pub for a sherry or a beer and walks around the village in his wheel chair. Unfortunately his health continued to deteriorate and he died peacefully in his sleep on  $2^{\,\mathrm{nd}}$  April 2018, with Carole by his side. He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends who filled the chapel at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on Monday 16th April 2018 for his funeral. This is an edited extract of the address given at his funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Are you able to help?

In last month's newsletter we reported that we were in the process of preparing a questionnaire for all residents in Sutton Courtenay to complete. The questionnaire is now ready and we plan to distribute it to all households this month.

We are looking for more volunteers to initially help with distribution and collection. Later on volunteers could get

involved in working towards the production of a draft neighbourhood Plan which will reflect the views of villagers obtained from the completed questionnaires.

If you are interested in how our village should grow and develop into the future and have some spare time please get in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Tel: 01865 391833 or Email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

The Charity's AGM is on 8th of May in the Church. This year Robert Montgomery, an architect associated with the building for many years, will talk about all the various interesting projects he has been associated with including those involving churches. Meeting commences at 7.30.This year's Garden Party on 8 July moves south of the Village, to the home of David & Sue Page in Harwell Road. Details to follow.

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI



The nights are lighter and the days are getting slightly warmer.

It's a great time of the year to come along and meet us all.

Lots going on, so come for a chat and a cuppa. Learn a new hobby or listen to someone

speak about something fun, exciting or interesting they have done in their life.

Our next three meetings are:

**May 15th** Barbara Hudson 'Can you turn your life around at 60'.

June 19th Our summer outing.

July 17th Micheal Palmer 'Working as a Met man in the Falklands'.

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

Hope to see you soon.

## SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday April 3rd Patrick Cadbury gave us an address and Clairvoyance to a very high standard.

We had no music that night, as Sam was rather poorly but is now improving.

We pray for those not well at this time as there is a nasty bug going around.

Thank you all for your kind attention and help clearing up etc.

Pat &Sam 01235 847460.

## <u>DIARY</u>

Tues May 1st Village Hall 7.30pm Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman

Tues June 5th Village Hall 7.30pm Spiritual Meeting with Jackie Day from Wales.

# CHURCHMERE CARP SYNDICATE

At last the water in the lake has risen and is at its proper depth, so those of you praying that it would stop raining, that's OK now. Mid week members are reporting that the fish are well on the move and are eating well, Crinkle tail, (one of our fish) came out this month at 32lb, and some mid twenty s have been recorded. Bream have been making a show, six to seven pounders with the odd double weight. Cormorants have not been in so much evidence, long may this continue.

It has been a late spring and the iris and other flowering plants

are a little behind. I have planted out some more water lilies, kindly donated by local villagers. Trees are budding up and getting ready for their green regalia.

Last night I was watching bats as they went about feeding after their hibernation, and today  $12^{\text{th}}$  April I saw my first swallow of the year, so Spring is on the way, listen out, cuckoo could be about.

Roger Rance Tel. 847241.

# SUTTTON COURTENAY HISTORY SOCIETY



# Thursday 10 May Village Hall: 7.30 pm AGM & FOCUS ON SUTTON COURTENAY PICTURESTHATTELL A STORY

We look forward to seeing you for a more informal evening with refreshments – so come and reminisce or discover, if you are a newcomer, what the village was like.

Using images from Sutton Courtenay's past, several contributors will describe the history behind the pictures on the screen, as well as showing collections of pictures.

We hope to have a display of interesting photos which you may like to add to on the night, but please ensure you mark them with your name to avoid confusion.

Everyone welcome: Members free: visitors £3

# **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

With Growth Deals, Expressways and Reservoirs, there is much to talk about affecting the residents of Oxfordshire. However, these issues will be occupying us for many more months and for that reason, I propose to give these issues, important though they are, a miss this month and focus on a long standing issue that has affected us all for many years now – the issue of Enforcement.

There is a growing public perception that local councils are not willing or not prepared to carry out enforcement action to support their rules and regulations.

Complaints over the lack of enforcement of speed limits are increasingly common. The police will point out that their resources are increasingly stretched and that their priority is to cut crime.

With cutbacks in police numbers, council officers and environmental health officers, there are now many fewer people available to enforce our rules and regulations than ten years ago. There are fewer parking wardens on the street and more and more obstructive and anti-social parking. Complaints over noise and smells seem to take longer to resolve than ever before. Conditions applied to planning applications seem to be increasingly ignored or flouted.

All this leads to a lack of trust in and damage to the reputation of the authorities. Whereas shortage of funding and people has certainly not helped, and doubtless, the authorities have not always been as quick to or as keen to react to breaches of regulations as they might have been, there is, I believe a more striking reason for the perception that enforcement is not happening. In almost all cases, the laws that support enforcement are too loose and not fierce enough. To persuade someone to abide by a regulation, the law often says that the public authority must have tried many times over a period to get the perpetrator to co-operate. Some offenders can play these laws to their advantage for years.

Planning in particular is beset by problems of this sort. Plans to build houses, waste disposal plants and quarries is always going to be contentious. An apparent reluctance by authorities to enforce conditions helps to bring the whole planning system and the planning authorities into disrepute.

Much of this could be solved by wholesale revision and tightening of the laws surrounding enforcement. With so much being planned for Oxfordshire, residents need to know that rules and regulations are there to be obeyed and will be strictly enforced.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC SC and Marcham Division *Richardwebber*777@gmail.com 01235 534001



# ED VAIZEY MP



"Three pieces of excellent news on new investment in roads and infrastructure this month. The first is about the A34, the bane of many of our lives. After months of

campaigning by myself, local MPs, councils, LEPs and the A34 Action Group, the government has agreed to fund some much needed safety improvements. Upcoming changes will include improved laybys and digital signage, which will change depending on traffic flow. A new sign has also been recommended, to make it clearer to HGV's where they are not allowed to overtake. Removal of vegetation from junctions was another recommendation and this will be improved. The second piece of news concerns support for new infrastructure for the new homes being built in our area – an issue that is raised with me regularly. The government has announced up to £150 million to build much needed bridges, roundabouts and roads and £60 million to support new affordable homes. In total the government has committed up to £215 million of funding.

Finally, I was very pleased to open the Harwell Relief Road last month. The road will provide a route from housing development west of Didcot at Great Western Park and Valley Park to Harwell Oxford Campus and support delivery of planned housing growth. The road will make the journey to work easier for the five thousand people who work at Harwell Campus and I am particularly pleased that it will relieve the



pressure of through traffic on Harwell village.

Other news - the National Lottery tell me that they are funding 4 projects in Wantage worth £30,905. Well done to all those who applied for funding, you can still do so at *www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding.* 

Last month I met with Fyfield and Tubney parish councils about the A420, and visited local social enterprise Maymessy in West Challow, which offers gardening, kitchen craft and family-style sit-down meals and picnics for disadvantaged children and volunteer groups. I received 523 items of correspondence (emails and letters) from constituents. Subjects raised with me included local infrastructure, Brexit and new data protection rules.

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 OAA, *dicksonce@parliament.uk* or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, *https://www.vaizey.com*. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. You can sign up here: *http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP*.

## From the family of Steve Noys

Steve Noys sadly passed away on 30 March with his family by his side after his battle with cancer. Sally, Chris, Jonathan and Emily would like to say thank you to family, friends and neighbours for all their support and kind words during this difficult time.



Felix Wilkinson

# 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR JOHN RADFORD



John first lived in Sutton Courtenay in 1936 and celebrated his 90th birthday on 16th April. His family want to celebrate his birthday by including some details of his long residence in the village in the Sutton Courtenay News. Here are some of his memories of his life in the village, as discussed with his daughter Theresa.

He was born in Sutton Wick to a family who had moved from London to find work. His father worked at Cowley and the family moved into a bungalow on Harwell Road, which was then called the Cinder Track, because it was exactly that. He attended the village school and remembers evacuees arriving here from London during the war. He was in the local scout group and would accompany the evacuees to their new homes. He remembers bombs being dropped on the depot by Milton Road, possibly by a plane which had got lost and was trying to damage the railway line.



When he was around 13 he delivered groceries for Rant and Tombs, the local grocer, on a bike. One customer was Colonel Johnson, and his wife would ask him in for cocoa and cake each time he delivered to their house.



When he was 17 he joined the Navy. He wanted to join the Marines but was half an inch too short. Had he waited another six months he would have been tall enough!

When he returned to the area, he worked first for a local company, but was involved in an industrial accident. After that he worked at the MG factory in Abingdon until the day it was closed down.

He met his future wife Joyce in the New Inn pub in May 1951, and they went on to have three children, Stephen, Theresa, and Michael. John still lives in the same house he moved to in 1961.

A party was held for John in the Harwellian in Harwell on the 14th April. Family, old friends and neighbours joined him to celebrate, and there were lots of old photos to look at. (John is the little one in the photo above!)

Editors' note: Many thanks to John's daughter, Theresa, for supplying the photos and information. If other readers would like us to record their celebrations, please contact us, editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

## The Royal British Legion Lunch Sunday 17 June

## Fathers Day curry lunch at Steventon Village Hall 12.45pm

Steventon and District Royal British Legion Branch, which includes Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Drayton and Milton, are holding a special Curry Lunch on Sunday 17th June in Steventon Village Hall. Please put this in your diary now!

The lunch, provided by Tiffins, will include chicken, lamb and vegetarian curry dishes with ice cream to follow.

There will be a bar, kindly provided by the Steventon Sports and Social Club, and also a raffle. Everyone is welcome to come along regardless of whether or not you are a member of the Legion.

It is excellent value at £11 per head, children under (18) £7 and under 6 free. For us to get the quantity of food correct it is important that you book in and pay in advance.

Booking and tickets are available from:

Nick Thompson (RBL Chairman), 27 STOCKS LANE, STEVENTON, ABINGDON, OX13 6SS Tel: 01235 832077

Please enclose payment and a stamped addressed envelope for dispatch of tickets. Cheques should be payable to N H Thompson.

Please note that this is not a fundraising event but that if any surplus should be made this will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER**

.<u>Help to keep children safe while they are online</u> Thames Valley Police has recently been raising awareness of online child abuse as part of their Hidden Harm campaign. The internet plays a huge part in most of our lives, especially for younger people and, while it brings a great deal of positive opportunities, it can also be misused by some people. It's therefore really important that everyone understands the risks associated with being online and takes some simple steps to help to keep children safe when they are online.

- Understand the types of social media available to children and young people, including age restrictions. Net Aware has been developed by the NSPCC and O2, and can help you to explore sites, apps and games that young people use most. https:// www.net-aware.org.uk
- Know what your child is doing online and talk to them about it. No matter how old they are it's important to have regular conversations about the types of sites they're accessing, what the dangers are and how they can stay safe. The NSPCC's Share Aware pages at https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/ keeping-children-safe/share-aware give some good advice on how to start these conversations.
- Set-up and manage parental controls on all your family's devices. Watch our videos on how you can quickly and easily do this on a PS4 at *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1yL1xN1oSo* and an Xbox One at *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuXwjBsp3ts*. You can also call the free NSPCC and O2 Helpline on *0808 800 5002* to chat to an expert advisor.
- Reassure your children that they can talk to you about anything that's worrying them. We can all do our best to keep children safe online, but sometimes things can go wrong, so it's important that they know where to go should this happen. Encourage them to talk to you or, alternatively they can contact Childline on 0800 1111 for free confidential advice and support.

## **Reports of thefts from vehicles**

The police have had several reports of vehicle break-ins in the local area. When leaving your vehicle please consider the following.

- Remove everything including removeable stereos and sat navs – from your vehicle. Don't leave anything in the glove compartment.
- Close all windows and the sunroof.
- Lock your vehicle, using the alarm system if you have one.
- Park in garage or on a drive whenever possible. Otherwise park in a well-lit/busy area.

If you see anyone, or any vehicle, acting suspiciously in the area call 101 (non-emergency number) or call 999 in an emergency.

## Message in a Bottle and Message in a Wallet

When the Emergency Services are called to the home of someone who has collapsed or been involved in an incident, they are faced with many questions. Inside the small, plastic, 'Message In a Bottle' container is a yellow form on which the owner has provided vital information - medical conditions, regular medications, allergies, doctor's details etc. This information could obviously prove critical in deciding any appropriate treatment or other necessary action. The bottle is placed inside the fridge on the door shelf just above where the milk is kept and a green sticker is placed on the outside door of the fridge. A second sticker is placed on the inside of the main entrance door. The 'Wallet' folds, concertina style, to the size of a credit card and should be kept in a wallet or purse. Ideally you need a bottle and a wallet so that the information's available if you have either an incident or accident at home or while you're away from home.

NAG5 has stocks of these two items, which are available <u>free of charge</u>. Please order yours by calling 07762 597118 or by emailing **neighbourhoodactiongroup5**(*a***hotmail.com** <u>Please ensure you provide your name, a contact telephone number or email address and also tell us which village you live in.</u>

**N.B.** Apologies to all who have already placed orders for the delay in getting them to you. You will be receiving them shortly.

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

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

## FLEXICARE COMMUNITY WALK

Does the sound of a lovely walk on and around the Ridgeway, followed by all the (free) cakes and sandwiches you can possibly eat, sound appealing to you? If the answer is "yes", please read on!

Flexicare (a small local charity supporting families with severely disabled children in their own homes, and now in it's 33rd year) is holding its annual fundraising walk on Sunday 13th May from Snells Hall in East Hendred. Booking out is from 9-10am with a choice of a 10 or 5 mile walk, or a 2-3 mile buggy/wheelchair route to choose from. If you would prefer to run any of the routes, please book in at 8am, if we know you are coming, we will have bacon butties ready for your return. You can register (free of charge) on *www.flexicare.org*, where you will find registration and sponsor forms and more information if required.

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From June we will be working towards a short performance for the 19th June, at The Abbey to mark Refugee week.

Dates in April 17th only

Dates in May 1st and 15th

Dates in June 5th 12th 19th (performance at The Abbey)

7.30pm to 9pm

£5 per session per person

vicki@theabbey.uk.com, or call Wendy 01235 847401

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## Monthly Mass Meditation at The Abbey

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Sunday April 29th

Sunday May 27th

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## Craft and Cake at The Abbey

Every Other Wednesday

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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.

Time to catch up with friends and meet new people in the community.

All Welcome.

Bring Cakes to share.

Tea and Coffee are provided by The Abbey for a small donation

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# SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

This year the show will be on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. As well as the usual classes for children, we have added a class for 12 to 18 years old for a piece of original craft work of metal, ceramic or wood. Also we have included a class for all those who like to do quilting - for an item not to exceed one metre square.

The committee would welcome additional help with setting up the hall for the show as many of us are finding the tables seem to be getting heavier each year! Any offers to 01235 848633 please.

The show is open to anyone and you do not need to have exhibited before. We would love to see any of our new residents to the village taking part. We would also like to encourage any grandparents caring for grandchildren in the summer holidays to look at our classes for children.

Entry forms will be available nearer the time. Any enquiries to Sally Furze 848924 or Val Dalby 848634.

Val Dalby

## SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW CONT.

## 1st September 2018

(Show open for viewing at 2 pm.)

Please note: Entries can only be staged between <u>10 and 11am, when judging begins</u>. Early or late entries cannot be

#### accepted.

#### PRODUCE

- A seed tray with a mixture of vegetables 1.
- 2. 1 sweetcorn - kernel to be 1/2 exposed
- 3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
- 6 runner beans 4.
- 5. Bunch of fresh herbs
- 3 onions (trimmed) 6.
- 7. A lettuce 8.
- 3 tomatoes 9.
- A truss of tomatoes any variety
- 10. 2 courgettes no larger than 6 ins
- Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each) 11.
- 3 carrots -with 3" tops 12. 13.
- 3 beetroot with 3" tops
- 14. 5 shallots (trimmed)
- 15. 3 dessert apples
- 16. 3 cooking apples
- 17. 5 plums
- 18. 3 pears 19. 2 sweet peppers
- 20. 1 cucumber
- Two longest runner beans displayed end to end 21.
- 22. 3 hen's eggs

## **FLOWERS**

- 23. Vase of 3 stems of roses
- 24. 1 specimen rose
- 25. Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (Different varieties)
- 26. 4 dahlias
- 27. 3 stems of penstemon
- 28. Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers (inc. shrubs)
- 29 A potted cactus or succulent not exhibited before
- 30. A potted geranium
- 31. A potted flowering begonia
- 32. 1 pot plant shown for foliage

## **COOKERY**

- 33. Jar of jam
- 34. Jar of marmalade
- 35. Jar of jelly
- 36. Jar of lemon curd
- 37. Jar of chutney
- 38. Almond topped Apricot Cake \*given recipe & tin size must be used
- 39 4 melting moments
- 40. 4 cheese scones
- 41. 4 butterfly cakes
- 42. A shortcrust Bakewell tart
- 43 4 pieces of shortbread
- 44 4 cheese straws

#### DRINKS

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

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

- New hand knitted item not a garment 48.
- 49. An item of crochet

- 50. An article of cross stitch
- 51. Hand-made book- mark
- A quilted item maximum 1 metre square 52.
- 'Something new from something old' 53.
- 54. An item made from fabric
- 55. A hand-made Christmas card
- 56. A piece of original craft work - ceramic, metal or wood
- 57. A piece of original craft work - ceramic, metal or wood For age 12 -18 year olds

#### (NB: ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE YOUR <u>ART</u>

- OWN WORK AND NOT HAVE BEEN SHOWN BEFORE)
- 58. Drawing (pencil, charcoal or pen-and ink) max 2'x2'
- 59. Picture (any medium including collage max 2'x2'

#### PHOTOGRAPHY (PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE TAKEN BY EXHIB-ITOR AND NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED; MOUNTED, OVER-ALL SIZE MAX 14"X10")

- Black and white photograph 60.
- 61. Colour print - general
- Colour print Patterns in Nature 62.
- Colour print Reflections 63.

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

- A decorated paper plate- age 6 and under 64.
- 65. A decorated paper plate- age 7 - 11
- Painted design on a pebble 66.
- Garden on a plate 67.
- 68. 4 Rice Crispie cakes
- 69. A scarecrow in a flowerpot of maximum diameter 9"

#### FLOWER ARRANGING (ACCESSORIES MUST BE WITHIN SIZE LIMITS)

- Petite maximum 9" all dimensions 70.
- 71. Flowers for a Royal Wedding
- 72. (max 21" ht x 20" sq. Accessories allowed)
- 73. Arrangement in a jug-garden flowers only
- 74. Flowers for Remembrance
- (max 20"sq, unlimited height. Accessories allowed) 75.

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#### \*Class 38: Almond topped Apricot Cake for the topping: for the cake:

- 175g (6oz) softened butter
- 50g (2oz) butter 175g (6oz) caster sugar 50g (2oz) demerara sugar 1 tbsp. golden syrup 3 eggs
- 175g (6oz) self -raising flour (sifted) 50g (2oz) flaked almonds

75g (3oz) ground almonds

100g (4oz) ready-to-use dried apricots, chopped

Makes 1 22.5cm / 9in round cake

Preheat oven to 180C, 350 F, gas mark 4 .Grease and base-line a 9 in/ 22.5cm loose-bottomed round tin. Beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time adding a tablespoon of flour with each. Fold in the remaining flour, ground almonds and apricots and mix well. Turn into prepared tin and bake for 40 minutes. Meanwhile prepare the topping. In a small pan mix together the butter, sugar and syrup and heat gently until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in the almonds. When the 40 minutes cooking time is up remove cake from oven and spoon the topping over. Return to oven and bake for a further 10-15 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven and leave to cool in the tin.

# **BIRD-BOX CAMERA**

This month, the bird (we presume the female) started by completely emptying the old bits of twig out of the box, and then started to build the new nest. She was very careful to make a nice cosy hollow in it, lined with her feathers, for the eggs to go in. In the last picture, you can just see the first egg! We think these are Great Tits, incidentally. Visit the News' website for daily updates!



# **DIDCOT & DISTRICT U3A**



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

#### **Examples of forthcoming rides:**

May 12th – Two-star half-day ride [c. 30 miles], starting Grove @ 9.30 a.m.

May 19th – Easy afternoon ride [10-20 miles] starting Grove @ 2.00 p.m.

May 20th – Three-star ride [c. 50 miles], starting Wantage Market Place @ 9.30 a.m.

May 26th – Two-star half-day ride [c. 30 miles], starting Grove @ 1.00 p.m.

#### http://www.cyclingukwantage.org.uk

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