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Sutton Courtenay
Community Showcase
18 May 2019

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VILLAGE DIARY

The Diary is compiled from details sent to the Editors or added to the Village Diary kept at Burgrey Stores.

June

Tuesday	4th	7.15pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Spiritualists Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesdays			DAMASCUS Youth Project (see page 13 for details)	Village Hall
Fridays		9am - 10.30am	Stay & Play Toddler Group (see page 10 for details)	School
Saturday	8th		Closing Date for Prize Quiz (see page 11 for details)	
Sunday	9th	2pm	Parish Walk	Appleford Church
Thursday	13th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Tuesday	18th	7.30pm	WI	
Wednesday	19th		JULY/AUGUST SCN COPY DEADLINE	
Thursday	20th	7.30pm	Local History Society	Village Hall
Friday	21st			
Saturday	22nd	1pm - 5pm	Art & Craft Weekend	Church
Sunday	23rd	1pm - 4pm	Art & Craft Weekend	Church
Thursday	27th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Sunday	30th	12 noon	Friends of All Saints Church Summer Garden Party	53 High Street

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Ministry Team

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Authorised Preacher: Paul James (848129)

Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

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

3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

5th Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Parish – please see church noticeboard for details

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



The village hall is a registered charity available for hire for community related recreational activities. It is located in Hobbyhorse Lane (OX14 4BB). It has a large main hall, a smaller meeting room and kitchen. There are regular activities that take place on some weekday evenings. To find out more or book the hall please contact the Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee **Rita Atkinson** on **01235 848694** or email **scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com** or telephone **Jackie** on **01235 847817** Hire Charges vary depending on the use of the hall. The maximum hire charge for the main hall is £16 per hour. Commercial bookings and regular hire are negotiated separately. Visits prior to hire are welcomed.



Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The annual meeting of the Council took place on 7th May. Cllr. Michael Jenkins has been elected Chairman for the forthcoming year, with Cllr. Jennie Corrigan as Vice-Chairman. The Council has representatives on the WRG Landfill site committee, RWE Power Station, and Culham site Committees. It also attends meetings of the Harwell Campus, and Milton Park as well as meetings of the group that manages the Millennium Common. If anyone has issues or questions relating to these sites, then please contact the Clerk who can pass on the information to the appropriate person.

The Council was pleased to be able to welcome back to the Council David Butler, who has been co-opted to fill one of the vacancies remaining following the elections. See advert elsewhere for residents to fill the vacancies.

Thames Water – Drainage proposals

Prior to the last meeting of the Parish Council Thames Water gave an update presentation on its latest plans to improve the sewerage system within Sutton Courtenay. There are 2 areas within the village where they are thinking of upsizing the existing pipe. One is in Brook Street, and the other is at the Southern end of the High Street. The proposal is to have a full road closure for approximately 10 weeks in late Summer in Brook Street, and then after those works are complete, to close one traffic lane at the Southern end of the High Street for approximately 8 weeks from the Autumn of 2019. This will allow larger pipes and a parallel storage pipe to be laid. They have discussed with the bus company and others, the likely impact on the area that the road closure and restrictions will have. Various questions were asked of Thames Water, particularly if likely development at the southern end of the village no longer went ahead whether the works at the southern end of the High Street to accommodate additional flows were required. Thames Water undertook to speak with the Vale of White Horse District Council on development plans for housing, to take up the poor reinstatement of Appleford Road area following works at the Persimmon site, to look into low fresh water supply pressure in the village and to decide how best to communicate their planned works to residents, such as drop in exhibitions and newsletters. They realised it was important to minimise the impact for local people. They were hoping to be able to provide another update presentation in July.

Walk the footpaths

It is some while since the rural footpaths were walked, and in the past, residents have helped councillors check these for

issues and problems. Sometimes they are impassable owing to the fact that they are overgrown, or occasionally problems are found with gates and stiles. The Council has been thinking of walking the footpaths again, particularly after some have had recent works carried out owing to the removal of the discharge pipeline. If anyone wishes to help check the state and condition of the rural footpaths, and to help identify any problems, then please contact the clerk who will co-ordinate the arrangements.

Defibrillator Northern end of the village

The Parish Council is supporting plans for a defibrillator at the northern end of the village. This has been ordered, and is being installed at The Fish public house, in Appleford Road. Once, in situ, training will be arranged in its use, and the session will be open to all interested residents.

Art Funding

Developments at both Milton Road and Appleford Road have contributed the Vale of White Horse District Council's active Public Art policy. The plan is to have an artistic trail through the village, to include engaging art and seating, sculptures, and key way finding points on the public footpaths. The Arts officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council has prepared a brief and is looking for artists to develop the project with her.

The following planning applications have been considered :

P19/V/0769/HH Alterations to first floor to extend bedroom and relocate bathroom at 139 Drayton Rd. Council had no objection

P19/V0758/HH Single storey extension at 9 Lady Place. Council had no objections

MW.0039/19 Erection of 3 containers for the storage of tools, equipment, spare parts and welfare facilities, and sprinkler valve housing at the Waste Transfer Station, Landfill site. The Council had no objections

P19/V0914/FUL Site clearance works, removal of trees, landscaping, bunds and spoil heaps. Removal of all concrete and structures above and below ground, at Didcot A Power Station. The Council expressed concerns that the works had already started, trees removed and that, if approved, they should be carried out at appropriate times of the year bearing in mind the flora and fauna.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th June, 2019 at 7.15 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change.

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



Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

There are vacancies on the Parish Council

Applications are invited from residents who wish to join the Parish Council.

Please send a letter of application or email to the Clerk

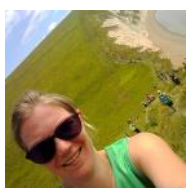
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month from 7.15 p.m.

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin

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DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT—WONDERFUL BRYONY



Bryony

Sutton Courtenay resident, Bryony Landsbert, is aiming to complete
the **National Three Peak Challenge:**

climbing Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis **ALL WITHIN 24 HOURS** on the 31st of May.

Why is Bryony, who is not a mountaineer, doing this? To raise funds for:



The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
Registered Charity 1098966



Youth & Community Acting Together

Embedded in the community, the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project provides vital support to so many of our often vulnerable young people by supporting them and nurturing their mental health and wellbeing as they go through the challenges of transition to secondary school, their teenage years and into adulthood. Bryony works with young people and has seen other support for vulnerable young people dwindle rapidly over the past few years. She realises how very fortunate our community is to have a fantastic youth project like this, and wants to help ensure that it receives the financial support it needs.

How is she preparing for this feat? Training has taken three months of planning as Bryony works full time and there is not a great many hills locally! All the footpaths at Wittenham Clumps have become very familiar as well as the dog walkers (or rather their dogs!). She has found that that the equivalent of up (and down) 100 flights of stairs in an hour has become common place. The donations are coming in, and she would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. She is very grateful for people's words of encouragement and each and every donation. They are really helping to keep her motivated.

There's still time to sponsor her! To find her sponsorship page Please Google '**wonderful fundraising Bryony**' or go to **www.wonderful.org** and search for '**Bryony**' to find out more and do donate (and gift aid) if you can. Wonderful.org ensures that 100% of donations reaches the beneficiary charity. If you do not wish to pay online, please contact Roxy Elford on 07875649008 or Rita Atkinson on 01235 848694 who will have sponsorship forms. – it will mean a lot and be received with grateful thanks. Thank you.

SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATOR



A DEFIBRILLATOR IS
LOCATED
OUTSIDE THE FRONT
ROLLER DOORS OF
SUTTON COURTENAY TYRES
ON THE HIGH STREET.



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TIME OF USE

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

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Burgrey Stores in the High Street.

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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 08.00 – 18.00,
Wed - 08.00 – 17.00,
Sat - 08.30 – 13.00,
Sun - 09.00 - 12.00.



Headteacher: **Mrs Rachel Hornsey**

Pupils and Families' Manager: **Mrs Helen Appleyard**

Contact: office.3243@sutton-courtenay.oxon.sch.uk Telephone 01235 848333

Miss Courtenay's New Home

The Scarecrow Trail was a huge success over the Easter holidays and so many families walked around the village enjoying over 45 scarecrows on two different routes. Hopefully lots of you saw Miss Courtenay the teacher scarecrow and her pupils on the school gates! Several other school children made scarecrows and hosted them in their gardens. We estimate at least 700 people visited the trails. The trail made over £750 to be split between OASIS and the school. The trail had coverage in the Oxford Mail and on BBC Radio Oxford. As you can see, Miss Courtenay is now watching over the school gardens to keep the naughty birds in order! A huge thanks to Hannah Knowles who did so much to organise this.



Stay and Play for Toddlers

This term, we are welcoming Sutton Courtenay Stay and Play group into school on Friday mornings between 9 and 10.30am. If you know anyone in the village who might be interested in attending, please do encourage them to come along. For a £1 donation, they can come and share toys in the school hall and the Reception outside play area, and enjoy being with other parents and carers. We know that young children do best in school when they have had good social experiences prior to starting, and when their carers have a good support network. So what better place to hold the group than in our school?



Summer Playtimes

As promised in the last newsletter, we now **at last** have our playground back! This is fantastic news, and as you can see from the photographs the children are loving the space and the new equipment to play on. Everyone has adapted very well to the new flag system in place so we all know where we are allowed to play depending on the weather.

PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER STILL AVAILABLE - SEE PAGE 15



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the Ministry Team...

Loneliness week – 17th to 21st June

Britain is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. A survey by the Jo Cox Commission in 2017 revealed that nine million of us in the UK are affected by it. So, no wonder that last year the Government even appointed the world's first loneliness minister, Tracey Crouch. And no wonder that the Marmalade Trust aims to raise awareness of isolation in the UK. Loneliness hurts you physically as well as mentally. It has even been said that it can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can raise blood pressure, and cause diabetes and obesity. Technology is a big factor: we send emails rather than talk, we have virtual team workspaces rather than speaking in person. We use LinkedIn and Facebook to keep in touch. One health expert said, "We're getting out of the habit of actual conversations." People who work from home and who also live alone can go days without speaking to anyone. No wonder that the millennial generation, for whom technology accounts for an increasing percentage of their interaction, are reporting high levels of anxiety. Experts advise that you simply try and make as many social connections as you can, however brief. Make tea for someone at work, or chat to your neighbour. All our churches across the DAMASCUS Parish offer opportunities for meeting people and making friends – whether it's the Community Café in Sutton Courtenay; the weekly Pebbles Group in Drayton for Babies, Toddlers and their carers; Tea and Chat in Milton; the monthly coffee morning in Appleford or the Church Fete on the Village Green in Steventon coming up on 6th July; the summer holiday club for children or just meeting regularly for worship and fellowship on a Sunday morning. All these, and many more events are part of the fabric of our communities and help individuals to reach out to one another and extend the hand of friendship. When you see something advertised in your parish magazine why not join in? You just might be surprised at what you gain!

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish

To contact Ann White, the DAMASCUS Parish Administrator please use: admin@damascusparish.org.uk or via the Parish Office on 01235 848297.

YOU STAY – WE PRAY!

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

In June 2018 we will pray for those who live and work as follows –

Sunday 26 May to Saturday 1 June – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane
Sunday 2 June to Saturday 8 June – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

Sunday 9 June to Saturday 15 June – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

Sunday 16 June to Saturday 22 June – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 23 June to Saturday 23 June – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 24 June to Saturday 29 June – Bradstocks Way

Sunday 30 June to Saturday 6 July – Church Street, Mill Lane

Each week in St. George's Chapel prayers are said for one of the Dean & Canon's Patronages.

Please let the parishioners of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford know that prayers will be said for them, particularly on 16 June 2019, and convey to them the good wishes of all at St. George's.

Quote from letter sent from The Chapter Clerk, College of St George, Windsor Castle

The River Room

After many jumps through varied hoops, and acknowledging the need to continue to raise funds, the working group for the improvement and extension of All Saints' are proud that the building of the River Room has begun. A meeting place for Sutton Courtenay!

The committee ask for your patience with the inevitable inconvenience, particularly for near neighbours, and we also highlight the need for care accessing the Church. The entry by the George and Dragon will be closed during the build.

The cutting of the first spadeful of turf was duly carried out by the Right Reverend Bishop of Dorchester, Colin Fletcher, on the morning of Friday May 3rd.

The ceremony, attended by representatives of many of the grant aiding organisations, local councillors, parishioners and Sutton Courtenay residents went smoothly - the turf was cut, the project was blessed and all retired into the Church for breakfast!



Scarlett Rae CARTER (12th May 2019)

Service conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick

Sutton Courtenay Community Showcase

At the time of writing the final plans are being put in place... a full report of the day will appear in the July issue of the SC News but a HUGE thank you to all those who are making the Showcase possible

For all baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297 or email:

rector@damascusparish.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

- **Monday 3rd** – 19:30 Baptism Preparation in Milton
- **Sunday 9th** – 2pm-4.30pm DAMASCUS Parish Walk from Appleford to Sutton Courtenay via Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden along the Thames Path.
- **Thursday 13th** – 10.30-12.00 Community Café, SC
- **Saturday 15th** – 1pm Wedding in All Saints' Church
- **Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd** Arts and Crafts Weekend with Act of Commemoration with the George Orwell Society at 3pm on the Sunday.
- **Monday 24th** – 19:30 SC Local Church Committee
- **Thursday 27th** – 10.30-12.00 Community Café
- **Sunday 30th** – 9:15 DAMASCUS Parish Service of Holy Communion, Appleford. Please note that there will be no other services in the parish on this Sunday – come and join together in praising God!

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12noon

Thursday 13th June &

Thursday 27th June

Run by the church for the whole community



All Saints' Church

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

Singing Saints - Come and Sing!

Singing is Good For You!

We are a group of singers (the Singing Saints) meeting on Tuesdays in All Saints' Church from 19:30-21:00 under the expert leadership of Paul Francis. We are a mixture of existing choir members, experienced singers and enthusiastic novices – all are welcome! Our aim is to build singing confidence at our services; to learn new music and to lead the singing at the Easter services. We are also rehearsing for the Community Showcase on 18th May – perhaps some Abba Songs!

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick 848297.



A DAMASCUS Parish Walk along the Thames Path

2pm - 4.30 / 5pm - Sunday 9th June 2019

An open invitation to walk with us from Appleford (St Peter & St Paul) to Sutton Courtenay (All Saints) via Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden along the Thames Path

Total Distance about 6 miles and it should take about 2 ½ - 3 hours.

We will start at Appleford Church at 2pm with a short prayer and aim to be in Sutton Courtenay for **Tea and Cakes at 4.30 / 5pm**

Dogs are welcome!

If you are unable to walk you are welcome to cycle or drive and join us for tea.

If you want to take part please add your name to the lists at the back of each church so we know for catering purposes.

If you need a lift, or can offer one, please indicate from where to where on the sign up list.

Any questions? Please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick 01235 848297

Transport to & from All Saints' Church

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



All Saints' Church



Art & Craft Weekend*

Bringing Local Talent Together

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

13.00-17.00

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

13.00 -16.00

Visit by **ORWELL SOCIETY** at 15.00

CREAM TEAS. Paintings – Photography – Jewellery –Pottery etc plus **PLANTS**

CONTACT (01235) 848768 TO BOOK A SPACE AND JOIN THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO EXHIBIT (No charge to exhibit.)

FREE ADMISSION

**Sales income to assist with the Church Building Project*



Fancy a Sunday without preparing lunch?

The FRIENDS of ALL SAINTS' extend an invitation to everyone to come along to this year's*

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SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

On Sunday 30th June from 12 noon

This year the Garden Party will be held at

53 High Street

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs P. Galliver

Admission by ticket only

Adults £12 Children (5+) £6 Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £30

Ticket includes generous buffet lunch and complimentary glass of summer punch

Cash bar and raffle

Tickets from Burgrey Stores, your local post office, from 6th June or 01235 848768

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

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Here are the dates for our next meetings:

18th June – Our summer Trip TBA

16th July – The Broadway Butcher (not a horror film!) 'Meat for a Treat' Ken Jacks from the Butchers in Didcot will be here.

We meet in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like more info please call Val on 01235 847612



WI at the Sutton Courtenay Showcase.



It is with great pleasure that Sutton Courtney WI presented Fred Cabbage with a cheque for £450 towards the river room project. Thanks to all the members that helped raise this through the last year fundraising.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Members of the Steventon and District Branch, their families and friends are invited to come and take tea at No 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon from 3 to 5.30 pm on Saturday 22 June 2019.

We hope that the weather will be kind to us, but we do have a barn for shelter in case it rains. There is no charge for the event, but a box for donations to the RBL Branch will be available.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

Nick Thompson, Branch Chairman



SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP

Why is Nordic Walking good for me?

It works your neck and upper and lower back muscles, reducing tension and improving posture.

It is based on normal walking and therefore a natural and safe form of exercise. Using the poles with the correct technique can take some stress off your hips and knees-up to 15%.

It is social and therefore fun.

Exercising outdoors has a positive on your mood and mental wellbeing. Blow away those cobwebs.

Like all moderate intensity physical activity it lowers the risk of lifestyle diseases such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and some cancers.

If you wish to take some classes held on a Friday from 0930 for an hour at the Recreation Ground, please contact the British Nordic Walking qualified Instructor on 01235847322 for free lessons, poles included for these. Once taught continue if you wish with free Village walks on a Wednesday and Friday starting at 1030 for an hour each.



Go Active Gold support this Sutton Courtenay based activity.

SUTTON COURTENAY STAY & PLAY GROUP



All parents, grandparents and other carers - please bring your babies and toddlers to join us for play and chat on a Friday morning (term time only)

7th June, 14th June, 21st June, 28th June

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DETAILS!!

New day and time - Friday morning, 0900-1030

New venue - Sutton Courtenay Primary School

New price - £1 per family (includes coffee and tea for grown ups but snacks will no longer be provided for the little ones)

Please note there is no parking available in the school car park - please park on the street outside

Please keep an eye on our **Facebook page (@SCstayandplay)** to find out the latest news!

Contact details: Farzana Akter: 07935553595

& Rebecca Roberts :07920401526

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



THURSDAY 20th JUNE
VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

THE HOUSE OF WESSEX, LONG WITTENHAM
By Lesley Best

In 2016 an Anglo-Saxon hall was discovered on the site of the Sylva Wood Centre. It is now being reconstructed using authentic methods and materials. Lesley Best, the Project Manager, will describe the project's progress and how it will be used in a variety of ways for the public and for educational purposes.

A Kingdom of Wessex Trail is being created to link Sutton Courtenay, which is thought to have been a Saxon royal centre, with other settlements between the village and Dorchester.

(Please note this meeting is on a Thursday evening).

Everyone welcome: Members free, visitors £3

Mary Thompson, (Chair)

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 7th May we enjoyed a great evening with Judith Ford who is a very gifted and experienced medium. Many thanks for the raffle prizes.

DIARY

Tuesday June 4th 7.30pm Village Hall
Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

A clip from a national daily newspaper

Fly-tipping soars 40%

"The majority of councils now charge the public for bulky and garden waste collections which is thought to encourage fly tipping"

A clip from the Oxford Mail

"Fly tipping fears grow as new charges (put people off) at recycling centres".

Well there's a surprise.

Brian Johnson, Sutton Courtenay

Fundraising concert in honour of Refugee Week

Thanks to the generosity of the exciting new musical group Chesaba, The Abbey will host a concert in honour of Refugee Week, with all the proceeds supporting Host Abingdon, a group of dedicated volunteers working locally to help re-settled Syrian families adapt to life in the UK. This will be a real treat on Fathers Day, 16th June

Chesaba – cello, kora, n’goni, African percussion, double bass and voice

“Chesaba is an electrifying trio of African celebration! Basking in Africa’s sheer diversity, they play music from the Ivory Coast to South Africa. They create sound from an eclectic blend of cello, kora, n’goni, African percussion, double bass and voice, accompanied by the languages of Bambara, Zulu, Sotho, Tswana and more.

Embroidered around their music are improvisations influenced by African, jazz and classical music. Chesaba has a vibrant and virtuosic rhythmic expression coupled with powerful traditional melodies. Their music is made of a raw and colourful blend of African cultures, from Griot music – a tradition spanning centuries of civilisation in West Africa, being passed down through the generations, carrying with it an ancient culture of story-telling and musical celebration – to the soulful South African township music that expresses its powerful history.

As award-winning artists, they have played in prestigious festivals and venues such as the BBC Proms at The Royal Albert Hall, Womad Festival, The Bridgewater Hall and on BBC Radio 3. The trio also has a passion for instilling diversity within its community through education and workshops.”

All concerts commence at 7.30pm. Attendance is by donation (£15 suggested). Reserve your seat by emailing dylan@theabbey.uk.com Further concerts are being added frequently to our schedule so keep informed by joining our Music at the Abbey mailing list. Just send an email with “subscribe” in the subject line to: dylan@theabbey.uk.com

THE ABBEY ABINGDON UPON THAMES

PRIZE QUIZ



The Abbey Cinema is bringing films and live events to Abingdon which has missed having its own cinema for nearly 30 years!

There were no winners of last month’s Quiz. The Abbey Cinema is offering the readers of Sutton Courtenay News another chance to win a Gift Card to the value of £50 (valid for a year which can be spent on film tickets and/or food and beverages) by entering the competition below. The winner will be the first correct entry drawn by the Editors. The judges’ decision is final. There will only be one winner. Entries should be emailed to the Editors at editors@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk or sent to 8 Church Street Sutton Courtenay to be received no later than Saturday 8th June. Please ensure that your entry includes your phone number or email. The winner will be drawn on Monday 10th June. The results will be published in the July edition of Sutton Courtenay News. Good Luck.

How old is Sir Elton John?

- A – 70 years old
- B – 75 years old
- C – 72 years old
- D – 69 years old

What was Elton John’s first UK number 1 single?

- A – Candle in the wind
- B – Don’t let the sun go down
- C – Sacrifice

D – Don’t go breaking my heart

Before going solo, what was the name of Elton John’s band?

- A - Funkology
- B – Popology
- C - Blueology
- D – Rockology

Which one of these songs did Elton John compose for Disney’s The Lion King?

- A – King Of Pride Rock
- B – Hakuna Matata
- C- Circle Of Life – correct answer
- D – Under The Stars

What middle name did Elton John give himself?

- A – Hercules – correct answer
- B – Zeus
- C – Apollo
- D – Poseidon

What is the name of Elton John’s husband?

- A - David Furniture
- B - David Furnish
- C - Dave Chair
- D - David French

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Oxfordshire is a major contributor to the national exchequer. It is understandable, therefore, that Government wishes to capitalize on the County's economic success. This push for further rapid economic growth has been behind the proposals for the Expressway, the Reservoir and, via the "Growth Deal", the push for accelerated housing growth. For many, it has seemed a little desperate – a push for Growth at all costs and impossible or irresponsible to challenge.

But two things have happened to change the argument. The first and most important by far was the UN Report on climate change. The impact on Carbon output of major road building, reservoir building and quarrying has been little considered up to now. It is now under a sharp spotlight. Major infrastructure projects will now have to justify themselves in terms of carbon output. Some may well fail that test.

The second recent occurrence was our own local elections in Oxfordshire. Until then, Government had had a reasonably free ride with Councils, mostly of the same political

persuasion, being ready and willing to accept vast infrastructure projects and accelerated housing growth in return for the £215m offered by the Growth Deal. With two of Oxfordshire's Councils changing hands, that assumed willingness is cast into doubt. Many questions will be asked, not least challenging the figures (the SHMA figures) on which all this growth is predicated. Every decision of the Growth Board (the Leaders of all Oxfordshire's councils) will have to be scrutinized very carefully. The way the Growth Board operates (with major decisions being made out of the public eye) is likely to have to change.

With a government under so much pressure on other fronts, it is at least likely that there will have to be a pause for reflection on the "Growth at all costs" agenda.

I have no doubt Oxfordshire residents will welcome that.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank all those who elected me and to assure everyone who voted (for either candidate) that I will be working hard on your behalf.

The mandate which you gave me was truly humbling, and I will be using it to get things done on the District Council. As I said to many on the doorstep, being District and County Councillor for Sutton Courtenay and Appleford gives me a real opportunity to encourage and persuade the two Councils to act together for the good of residents.

The Ward of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford has been through some tough years recently. With hundreds of new houses, an expanding Didcot, a thriving and growing MEPC, Milton, Didcot B, an expanding Didcot Garden Town together with a potential Quarry, Reservoir and link Road and bridge over the Thames, it is easy to argue that this Ward is a special case in the whole County.

I have already been asked how I intend to begin to address some of these issues. Here are some first thoughts.

The Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan has been facing particular problems. Some of these have, in my view, been exacerbated by the District Council taking a too distant interest. That, I hope to change.

Whilst the major infrastructure issues will have to be fought one by one, I will keep up the pressure on the Councils to accept this Ward is indeed a special case.

The rapid growth of Sutton Courtenay brings benefits as well as challenges – not least the arrival of many young families. I will be working hard to encourage them to engage in community life.

The SC Parish Council is critically short of Parish Councillors. In a village facing such enormous challenges, we have to do something about this. I appeal to all residents, particularly new residents, to get involved.

The arrangement of housing in Sutton Courtenay does not lend itself to the feeling of "one village". This is a testament to years of poor planning and speculative development. I have no doubt that everyone wants the best for Sutton Courtenay - trying to get everyone to work together to achieve that aim is my major challenge.

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CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



3rd May. As I start to tap this out it is less than a week since the SC News came out and we have had three fish over thirty pound banked, plus a number of twentys.

I know I am always winging about the lack of rain, but we are in May now and the water level is still down by over a foot, this could be critical as Summer looms

The swans are snuggled down on the point, we think they have five eggs, but I don't want to get to close to check.

9th May very busy over the holiday week-end, at least half the

swims in use, then as usual Sunday mid-day a huge exodus and not an angler in sight. Swans still no action, and the geese have nested in amongst the iris, but the male swan(cob) keeps harassing them.

14th May as I am now away for a few days I await new that the fish are spawning, no news from the front line at present. I have had the good news that we have had an appreciable rain-fall, I look forward to seeing if the levels have risen.

Roger 01235847241

ED VAIZEY MP



The local elections saw the Conservatives lose our majority on both the Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. I was very sad indeed to see so many hard working local councillors lose their seats, and new candidates who had been hoping to serve fail to achieve their goal.

The newly elected councillors will face similar challenges to those they are replacing, and there are no easy answers. I have always worked with politicians of all parties to get the answers we need locally, and will continue to lobby central government for the support that we need.

Many councillors who lost their seats will rightly blame Westminster. While local issues are very important, there is no doubt that voters use them to send a message to government. I will be taking the message of frustration felt on the doorstep of the campaign and at the ballot box back to Westminster: it is wrong that local politicians who have worked tirelessly for their local communities should bear the brunt of a Westminster failure.

I am working with the AEA Technology Pension Campaign to secure the pension rights of scheme members that may be otherwise lost because AEA Technology entered a pre-pack administration. If you are a member of the AEA Technology pension scheme, please do contact my office for more info.

In Parliament this month I was delighted to see Fitzwaryn School from the constituency at PMQs and have the

opportunity to meet staff and pupils afterwards. Fitzwaryn School is an Outstanding school for SEN pupils in Oxfordshire and I asked Theresa May to support more high needs funding in rural areas.

In the constituency this month I was delighted to welcome HRH The Duke of York to the constituency to open Wave Optics New HQ at Milton Park, Oxfordshire.

On other constituency visits I met GWR Managing Director Mark Hopwood at Didcot Station, 6th Formers from Didcot with an interest in Politics, I attended a meeting of Didcot First at the New Marriott Courtyard hotel in Milton, I was interviewed by a local 6th form student as part of her International Baccalaureate project, and met with local residents and senior management of FirstPort at Alfredston Place in Wantage to discuss issues there.

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

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would be. Thames Valley Police has a FREE Home Security Guide on their website, which can be downloaded here

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Neighbourhood Watch

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Drayton Players have recruited a few people from the Steventon Pantomime for their latest play which they have entered into the Abingdon and Wallingford Drama Festivals to be performed on 7th and 14th June respectively.

"Actors include Mirja Boyd from Drayton - a long standing Players member.

From Steventon - Curtis Manners, Rebecca Lake, Caroline Livingstone, Mike Davies and Sue Hadley who all starred in Robin Hood Pantomime in February. James Beckett who did the sounds for Robin Hood is also doing lighting and sound for the play assisted by Chris Price from Drayton.

Last year the Players entered a play written and directed by Sue into the Drama Festivals and it gained second place for the "First Time Director's awards".

Sue says "she is hoping to win other accolades this year as she is no longer a First Time Director!".

Abingdon Drama Festival is from 3rd – 8th June in the delightful Unicorn Theatre in the old abbey, and Wallingford Drama Festival is from 10th – 14th June, at the Corn Exchange Wallingford. More details of both Drama Festivals can be obtained at www.OxfordshireDramaNetwork.org



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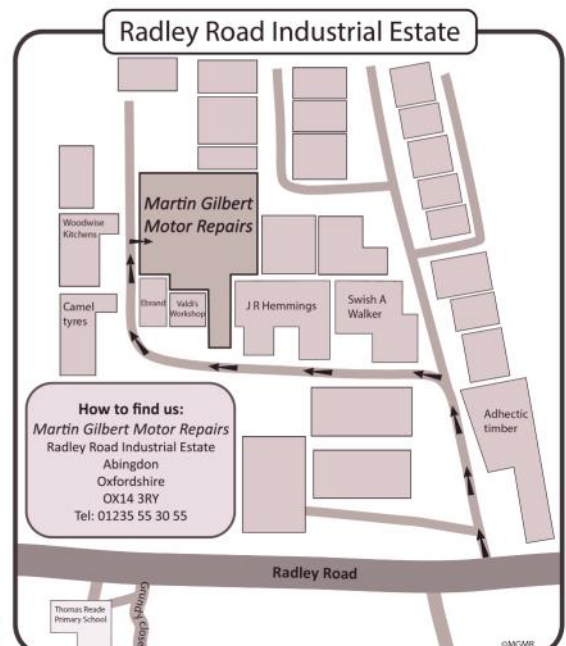
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