

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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Some of the newest residents  
in the village.

## VILLAGE DIARY

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

### JULY

Tuesday	2nd	7pm	Parish Council Meeting preceded by discussion with County Council officer regarding the River Crossing	Village Hall
Tuesday	2nd	7.30pm	Spiritualist Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesdays			DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT (see page 11 for details)	Village Hall
Fridays			Stay & Play Group (see page 13 for details)	School
Thursday	11th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Sunday	14th	2pm-5pm	The Abbey Garden Party	The Abbey
Tuesday	16th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Saturday	20th	10am -12noon	WI Coffee Morning	53 Bradstocks Way
Thursday	25th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Tuesday & Wednesday	30st& 31st		Holiday Club (see page 9 for details)	School

### AUGUST

Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Spiritualist Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	20th		WI Garden Party	
Wednesday	21st		SEPTEMBER SCN COPY DEADLINE	
Saturday	24th	10am-1pm	Garage Sale	63 High Street

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday	7th		Produce Show (see pages 18 & 19 for details)	Village Hall
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**Sutton Courtenay News** **www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk**

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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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.



### ***New Parish Councillors***

The Parish Council, at its June meeting, was very pleased to welcome to the Council, 2 new councillors, Eileen Daw and Merouan Hemamda. Eileen has lived in the village for 5 years, and now having settled, has more time to give to community matters. Merouan too has lived in the village for 4 years and being home based for work will be able to invest in village life. The Council is currently involved with supporting the steering group undertaking the Neighbourhood Plan, monitoring the Didcot Garden Town plans, Oxford Cambridge Expressway, as well as immediate issues within the village. If anyone is interested in joining the Council, there are still some seats available. Please contact the clerk for further information. Please come and join and help shape the future of the area in which you live.

### ***Minutes of Parish Council meetings***

In addition to placing the approved minutes on the Council's website, the Clerk sends out an electronic copy of the draft minutes to those who wish to see them beforehand. There are approximately 30 residents who receive the draft minutes and agenda for the meetings. By receiving these, you have information as to the latest items being discussed by the Parish Council, and information as to the current planning applications in the parish. Should you wish to be added to the list of those who receive an electronic copy of the agendas and minutes then please contact the Clerk. If you prefer to receive them by post, then this too is possible, but the cost for copying and postage is charged.

### ***Landfill Site – Composting***

Now that the warmer weather is here, there have been some issues with odours coming from the composting area on the FCC site. Often when a complaint is recorded, by the time anyone has had time to investigate it, the issue has subsided. Should you experience any problems with odours, then please contact the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. It is important to record the issues that arise, as over time, a clearer picture of all the problems emerges.

### ***Proposed New River Crossing***

The Council is very concerned that a decision has been reached, without much consultation with local people, on the route of the new river crossing. Whilst there was an exhibition last year, the whole project has been wrapped up in what is called Didcot Transport Plans, to improve transport links for Didcot. There are no clear base facts, or information as to the assumptions that have been used in the studies. The Parish Council has challenged the consultation and has asked for an

officer from the County Council to attend a meeting to discuss the matter. At the time of writing an officer will be present on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall to talk about the proposed new road.

### ***Harwell Road – temporary road closure 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 for 8 days***

Southern Gas networks will be carrying out replacement pipe works, and have applied to the County Council for a road closure order in the section of Harwell Road north of Bradstocks Way to the roundabout at the High Street/Milton Road junction. Currently the plans are that the road will be closed for approximately 8 days from 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019.

### ***New Parish Clerk***

Interviews have been held for the post of Parish Clerk and an appointment has been made. Further details will follow later.

### **Planning Applications**

**The following planning applications have been considered :**

**P19/V1114/HH** Single storey rear extension at 23 Tyrrells Way. Council had no objections

**MW.0048/19** and **MW.00049/19** To haul phase 5 and 6 mineral across B4016 road, and to import inert fill to effect approved restoration scheme in phase 5 at Bridge Farm Quarry. To also continue working without complying with certain planning conditions. The Council objected, as there were traffic issues and vehicle congestion near to Sutton bridge, and more vehicles crossing would only add to the traffic difficulties already experienced and to the dust and atmospheric pollution in the area.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

**in the Village Hall, Frilsham Street.**

**At the beginning of the meeting there will be discussion with an officer from the County Council on the proposed new river crossing.**

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

## MILLENNIUM COMMON

The Common is looked after and maintained by a Management Committee that meets twice a year (February and July) but which is administered through Oxfordshire County Council. It is a facility that was given to the villages of Appleford and Sutton Courtenay under the terms of a Section 106 Undertaking in 1998, the duration of which will expire in 2078.

The overall management objectives for The Common are:-

- To manage it as a nature reserve with a diverse range of habitat types to support a wide range of plant and animal species; and
- To provide an open-access public open space for local residents.

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

Whilst the Committee would wish to encourage residents of both villages to make greater use of the Common, we have become aware this year of one or two incidents of fly tipping. Not only is the fly tipping unsightly, it can also be hazardous depending on the nature of the deposited rubbish. We would ask that residents respect The Common and the gentle pleasure that it brings to the many people who enjoy walking it.

If anyone is aware of fly tipping or has seen someone dumping rubbish on The Common, please, do give me a call or email me and I will speak to The Vale of White Horse DC – it has recently, successfully prosecuted fly tippers elsewhere in the District. In addition, if anyone would like more information about The Common, I would be pleased to hear from you either on [hignells@btinternet.com](mailto:hignells@btinternet.com) or 01235 847753

David Hignell - Chairman

## SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATOR



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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
ARE PROVIDED AT THE TIME  
OF USE

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



## FROM THE EDITORS

### Thank you

This summer two of our volunteer distributors are retiring. The Editorial Team would like to thank them for all their help. A replacement volunteer has been found for one of the routes but we are still looking for one more volunteer for the remaining route. If you would like to help. Please contact any one of the Editors (Diane on 07553 801032, Clare Pennicott on 07778 284193 or Bernie on 07761 375991) for more information.

### Another thank you

One of our readers has kindly made a generous donation to our funds. Thank you.

### Happy Summer Holidays

This edition is the combined July & August edition. We will be back in September. The copy deadline is **21st August**. We hope the weather improves and all our readers, contributors and advertisers have a great summer break.

### Produce Show

Entry forms on page 18.

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Stunning field  
margins this  
summer.

## SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

A wide range of key Post Office products & services are available at

Burgrey Stores in the High Street.

The opening hours are:

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





# SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## The Final Term

We can't quite believe it is the final term of the school year. This is the term where we assess how far children have come, write reports, and make plans for careful handover to each child's next teacher. For our Year 6 children, it is the term where they begin their transition to secondary school, with all the excitement and independence that this will bring. It is a term when we can all celebrate the results of our hard work and be very proud.

It has been quite a year for us! We started the year biting our nails to see whether our new classrooms would be ready and wondering if we were going to have to put two classes in the hall for the first weeks of term! Luckily, that didn't happen, and our Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed a settled calm year, making very good progress. This was also the year that we joined Ridgeway Education Trust, with all the opportunities that brings. As I write, we are finalising the plans for the timetable next year. Staff from the secondary schools will be working with our children in English, maths, drama, Mandarin Chinese and music, which really enhances the richness of the curriculum we can offer.

## Local Studies

There was a local theme to the work in school last term. Year 4 and 5 have been studying the picture book 'The Lost Words' and observing nature closely around the school and village. As part of this, they had a day away from school following a walking route around the village which included various activities including measuring how fast the stream travelled. There were a lot of very wet feet! Luckily the sun was shining and everyone kept their spirits up.

Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 were also thinking about our local area and planning how it could be improved. They too went out for a walk and picnic, investigating the facilities in the area (particularly the park!). They have made a marvelous model of all the changes they would like to see in the village, which has had pride of place in the entrance hall.



## Marley Takes Positive Action!



Marley was very concerned about the plight of the orangutans after our recent assembly from Year 4 on the problems with palm oil production and the impact this is having on their habitat. She decided she would like to raise money to adopt an orangutan, and so held a cake sale after school. We are very proud that Marley did something so positive to stand up for something she believes in. Well done!

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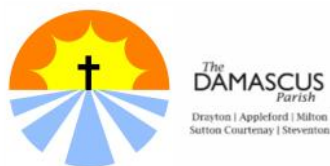
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**Come and Join Us!**

We currently have spaces in most classes for September 2019. Contact the school office on 01235 848333 to arrange a visit.

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the Ministry Team...

'What has happened to all that time that gets saved?'

We bought a kettle the other week, and one of its selling

features, it proudly announced on the packaging, was that it could boil a cup of water in so many seconds. Wow, I smiled, at the thought of what I could do in the seconds that had been saved by boiling a cup of water ... the seconds I could save finding the shortest queue in the checkout ... or the time saved finding quickest route to anywhere ... what shall I do with that time? Do more things, get things done quicker?

Yet the rhythms of work and rest are fundamental to our wellbeing – to slow down, savour what's around us – give ourselves time to breathe emotionally and mentally as well as physically. Regular periods of slowing down to give ourselves time to think about what really matters in our lives, time to retune ourselves to the right key, to see where we're being pulled out of shape. Making time to be with those around you – relationships can help us to see what matters in life. Holidays can also be a good time to think about these things, when the lifestyle is a bit simpler and conversations can be had in a more leisurely manner. Often at the end of a holiday we feel more relaxed and rested – life has been lived at a slower pace. What about those times between the holidays? We still get tired in body, mind and soul and need 'time out' or rest. Christians believe that God put the rhythm of rest into our way of being. A day that was blessed by Him a day of healing, restoration – retuning. A day where we can enjoy just being in the world, enjoy doing those things that energise us, give us life. A day that reminds us that we're loved by Him and that He enjoys our company, that He is in charge. Maybe try to begin a regular time of stopping with a cup of coffee/tea/etc, may be walk the dog, with your mobile off and look around you – appreciate what you see. Give thanks. May be lengthen the rest time to an activity that you enjoy – listening to music, gardening, cooking, jigsaw puzzles, carpentry, or reading - and talk to God about it as you would a friend. Tell Him how life is going, how you feel about it. Become aware of God's love for you. As Jesus says in the Bible:

*'Are you tired, worn out ... Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.'* Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

May this summer bring times of enjoyment and refreshment and a discovery of the real rest that Jesus offers.

Meg Heywood, Associate Minister in the DAMASCUS Parish

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

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## YOU STAY – WE PRAY!

All Saints' Church (now part of The DAMASCUS Parish) prays on a weekly basis for all Sutton Courtenay residents who live and work in each road. In a 26-week Rota, everywhere 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. As well as the monthly Rota in .S.C. News, is 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!

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

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

Sunday 7 July to Saturday 13 July – Courtenay Close, Drayton Road

Sunday 14 July to Saturday 20 July – Frilsham Street, Hillyard Barns, Long Barns

Sunday 21 July to Saturday 27 July – Harwell Road, Southfield Drive, The Green, Ginge Brook

Sunday 28 July to Saturday 3 August – Harwell Road, Southfield Drive, The Green, Ginge Brook



We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were married in All Saints' Church recently:

Dean William CHESHIRE

&

Emma Sarah Rose GRISBROOKE

both of Sutton Courtenay (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June)



## Holy Baptism

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

Dylan John WYATT (26<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

Service conducted by the Reverend Karen Hyde

Vicky Lorraine HERMON (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019)

Gabriella Everleigh BRIND (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019)

Service conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

## CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 19:30 Baptism Preparation in Drayton

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 12:30-13:00 Silent Prayer in St Blaise, Milton. 19:30 Singing Saints

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** – 14:00 Steventon Church Fete, Steventon Village Hall

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting, Appleford

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30-12:00 Community Café, SC

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Leavers' Service at All Saints – END OF TERM!

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30-12:00 Community Café, SC

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** – 10:00-15:00 Summer Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds – see advert for details.

## CHURCH DIARY FOR AUGUST

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 15:00-17:00 Cream Teas in the Church

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 Baptism Preparation at All Saints' Church

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** - 12:30-13:00 Silent Prayer in St Blaise, Milton. 19:30 Singing Saints

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30-12:00 Community Café, SC

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 15:00-17:00 Cream Teas in the Church

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** - 15:00 Wedding at All Saints

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 15:00-17:00 Cream Teas in the Church

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 15:00-17:00 Cream Teas in the Church

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 19:30 Singing Saints

## COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**10.30am-12noon**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July &  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

*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 18<sup>th</sup> May – perhaps some Abba Songs!

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick 848297.

14 people and 1 dog completed the DAMASCUS Parish walk on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from Appleford to Sutton Courtenay via Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden. A few more joined in with the tea at journey's end – cucumber sandwiches and hot crumpets and plenty of tea! Look out for details of next year's walk!

## 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

### Sutton Courtenay Community Showcase THANK YOU!

It was wonderful to see so many people, from across the village and beyond, supporting the Showcase. The sun shone and the people came to enjoy delicious teas (thanks to Fiona and her team), tasty paella (thanks to the Swan), bbq (thanks to the George & Dragon) and to wander around the different stalls showing all that goes on in the village as well enjoying the music from various village choirs and the antics of the Red Barrows (courtesy of SCIDS).

All expenses were funded by the Vicar's Fun Day Fund and the day raised **£1829.66** which included:

Raffle: £324	Books: £32.50
Teas: £512.56	Plants: £303.40
Tombola: £283.00	Bouncy Castle £116.20
£230.00 from the delicious Paella stall run by The Swan	
Plus other donations	

The proceeds will be shared as follows amongst various community groups:

- The Stay and Play Toddler Group (£75)
- Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School (£330.93)
- The 26<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Scout Groups (£330.93)  
(for the refurbishment of their hut)
- The DAMASCUS Youth Project (£330.93)
- Sutton Courtenay Football Club (£100)
- Provision of a defibrillator near the Village Green (£330.93)
- Furnishing of the River Room at All Saints' Church (£330.93)

Thank you to every one who made the day possible – from those who turned up at 7am to erect the marquees and gazebos and to move chairs and tables - to all the stallholders - and to those who stayed until the end to help clear everything up. It was a real community effort and great to see so many new faces in the village turning up to support the event and work so hard. You were all AMAZING!

### Exploring Questions of Faith & Confirmation



Come and find out more...  
*for young people & adults alike*



**Register interest now**  
for courses on offer  
from September 2019



For more information contact:  
Rev'd Karen Hyde / 07526 985395  
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**The River Room is on it's Way..... and now.....?**



**The Sutton Courtenay Great Summer House Doctor Scheme**  
**Search your loft - Ransack your garage - Empty cupboards you have not been through in ages!**  
**If you are able to find any good quality items no longer wanted in your home - they might be just what someone else needs - and the River Room Finance Group can help!**

**Any item you can donate will be welcome, (although we do reserve the right to reject those not suitable) please let anyone one of us listed here know. Then we will arrange the sale and keep you informed. Any profit will go towards the River Room**

**Garden furniture to household equipment, jewellery to useful ornaments, anything goes!**  
**But this is not a Jumble request, please keep quality in mind!**

**Alex Landsbert   01235 847443   Janet Knowles   01235 847443   Morna Whitlock   01235 848335**





# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



**BOOK EARLY FOR  
£5 DISCOUNT**

**PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL – RETURN COMPLETED FORMS WITH PAYMENT TO THE RECTORY, 3 TULLIS CLOSE, SUTTON COURTENAY, OX14 4BD by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> JULY to qualify for early bird offer of £15 per child for TWO DAYS or £20 per child for TWO DAYS if booked after 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **TWO DAY HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July - 10-3pm**

Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School, Bradstocks Way

**£15 per child for TWO DAYS – if booked by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
**£20 per child for TWO DAYS – if booked after Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Booking Forms from Burgrey Stores **please complete one per child**

*For further information please contact:*

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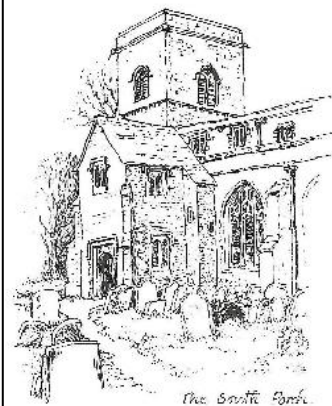
The DAMASCUS Parish  
 Group of Anglican Churches  
 in the Diocese of Oxford



***It's  
 Summer Time!***  
 Come and celebrate  
 the English Summer  
 (whatever the weather)



***With a Cream Tea  
 £3.50 per person***



***Every Sunday  
 afternoon in August  
 (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>)***

**15:00-17:00**

***All Saints' Church  
 Sutton Courtenay***

*(Raising money for the  
 River Room)*

## **RIDE+STRIDES for Churches**

**Walk, cycle...or skip?** September 14<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's Ride & Stride event when over 500 religious buildings in Oxfordshire are opened up to welcome visitors participating in the fund-raising event. Skip? Well you have every reason to skip lunch as so many of the places extend a welcome with refreshment! You can take whatever transport (bus, car or even boat) into Oxford, for example, and then visit some of the 40 buildings (15 in the city centre) of different ages, size and faith and, with sponsorship, raise money for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choosing.

Four cyclist from the Village visited 75 places last September, raising over £750. It's a great way to explore our religious heritage, have some exercise...and eat biscuits!!

Visit [www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride) for everything you need to know including an interactive route planner. Alternatively, contact Fred Cabbage on 01235 848768, the local co-ordinator on behalf of The Friends of All Saints' Church, who has forms and first-peddalling experience.



Oxford has Christ Church Cathedral (above left) and churches of many other faiths including St Nicholas the Wonderworker, New Marston (right), a Russian Orthodox church in New Marston.

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Christopher Barnard Grimwood Taylor (Chris)** who died on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. His funeral was held in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Various tributes were given by members of his family and friends from across the world.

**Kenneth John Vaughan (Kenny)** who died on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was born on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1952. Kenny was born on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1952 to his parents Leslie (always known as Jack) and Joan Vaughan. He spent his early years in the Nissan Hunts in Kingston Bagpuize before the growing family moved to a newly built house in Sutton Courtenay, when Kenny was about six. He was the second oldest in a family of six girls and three boys. On leaving school, which he had not particularly enjoyed, Kenny went to work with his brother on the Mushroom Farm in Culham. For his first week of work he earned half a crown which he then proceeded to spend on food at Rant & Tombs – the old shop in Sutton Courtenay. Kenny was so proud that he had been able to do this but his father apparently went mad that he had spent his entire weekly wage on food! Kenny proved from an early age that he was hardworking with a variety of jobs over the years – including farm work; working on cars alongside his Dad; several years spent at Didcot Power Station and general building, maintenance and landscaping gardening work. He thrived in the outdoors and loved tree cutting and pruning. He was always a grafter – physically very strong. His favourite clothes were jeans and cowboy boots – usually worn without a shirt – revealing, in his son Sam's words, "his ridiculous biceps" – developed through lifting heavy concrete blocks. Kenny and Sue became parents at a young age and he was an immensely proud father of Emma, Sara and Sam. Sadly the marriage did not last but he did his best to be always there for his children as they were growing up and Sam remembers him being very supportive at moments of crisis. To his children he was their hero – and reminded them of Sylvester Stallone or, as Sam said, "He looked like Rambo and behaved like Rocky!" And he inspired in Emma and Sam particularly, a lifelong love of the Rocky movies. Kenny was devastated by the

tragic death of his daughter Emma in October 2016. Kenny was a great teller of stories - a tease and a wind-up merchant. He used to tell people that his finger had been shot off by a sniper during the war – when in reality he had lost it whilst working on a farm as a young man. In his younger years he was the family comedian who often got his sisters into trouble for laughing. He was very popular with his nieces and nephews and he loved children and was proud to be a grandfather. He also loved dogs – particularly Alsations. Kenny was a man who knew his own mind. He had several favourite sayings – such as, 'Nobody tells Kenny what to do' or 'Don't be defeatist.' But his stubbornness, determination and desire to be independent did not always make it easy for those around him. His sisters, in particular, learned to adapt to his bad habit of always keeping people waiting! Kenny knew he had made mistakes along the way but he would always say, 'never live with regrets as they consume you'. He always liked to be active – didn't like sitting down and watching TV – and took great pride in always working. He was very practical and could fix anything. He could never have worked in an office and always wanted to be outside. In later years he took on the task of keeping the family graves neat and tidy and he took great pride and comfort in looking after them. Kenny developed a great love of travel and ventured all over the world from Gibraltar to Prague to Las Vegas – making many friends along the way. He was a good friend and would always try and help out if he could. He was always sociable and loved to drink – at the Plough in Sutton Courtenay and at the Waggon and Horses in Culham. He always seems to have a wallet full of cash – prepared to buy anything for anybody - and was very generous. Sadly his love of a drink led to alcohol dependency and eleven or twelve years ago he began to develop health problems - which he tried to keep hidden from his children. As his health failed he was grateful for the care of his family, particularly that of his sisters Maggie, Caroline and Christine – who helped with his washing and housekeeping. A week before he died he was admitted to hospital and drifted into a coma. He died peacefully, with family beside him.

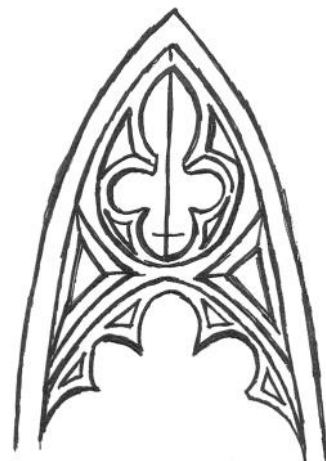
*His funeral took place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at All Saints' Church and this is an edited extract of the address given at his funeral by The Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

### GARAGE/ YARD SALE

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019  
63 HIGH STREET  
SUTTON COURTENAY  
10.00am – 1.00 pm

Many items including brand new ladies clothes and shoes, garden equipment, kitchen equipment, ladies & gents bikes and much, much more.

50% PROCEEDS GOING TO THE CHURCH FUNDS  
FOR THE RIVER ROOM PROJECT





# THANK YOU

## A huge Thank-you from Bryony for support in the National Three Peaks Challenge.

The group travelled to Scotland on Thursday 30th June, watching several weather forecast sites as we went. The weather was quite frankly looking disastrous and so seeking the best of the bad weather we started climbing Ben Nevis at 3:01am with head torches. As dawn approached the views were breath-taking, but then it started raining and raining... and cold. Unsurprisingly there weren't many other people on the mountain, so I very much enjoyed 5 minutes on my own at the summit being the highest person in the UK! 5 hours 38 minutes after starting the climb I was back at



the bottom of the mountain where we enjoyed breakfast in

the youth hostel before setting off for England and Scafell Pike. Unfortunately, a bus hit the minibus wing mirror as we were going around Loch Lomond, which meant we had to stop the clock for nearly 4 hours whilst the minibus had running repairs.

We finally reached Scafell Pike at 7:30pm, just as the weather was closing in. After 4 hours 45 minutes of more rain and head torches, this time with strong winds and very little visibility, it was abundantly clear that the weather wasn't going to allow us to complete the challenge in 24 hours. Having had very

little sleep, and having fallen up Scafell Pike and hurt my knee, I decided it was sensible not attempt Snowdon the next morning. None the less in less than 18 hours, I had done 60,000 steps, climbed the equivalent of 820 flights of stairs, and burnt 5,000 calories. I had twice been soaked to the skin and had 1 big bag of very soggy clothes. My third mountain was destined to be one of washing!

I'm satisfied with this. You can't book good weather and I climbed the two most difficult mountains in very difficult conditions

I would like to that each of you has sent support my way and /or donated to the Damascus Youth Project over the last couple of months. Each of your donations has meant a great deal to our local youth project and to me personally. Together we have raised an encouraging £3105 (including gift aid). Support for young people is sadly very thin on the ground and we are more than fortunate to have this youth project within our villages.

**It is still not too late if you would like to donate through my 'wonderful' fundraising page. Just Google 'wonderful fundraising Bryony', adding gift aid if you are able.**

Thank you

Bryony Landsbert



## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Well done to Elektra, Alfie, Kayla and Touni who spent some time over the half term cleaning our streets, litter picking with Roxy from the DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT. They thought to do this on their own. So well done. Some lovely young people who care about our village. So let's try and keep it tidy after such a great effort by these four youngsters who gave up part of their holiday to tidy up our village.

Margaret Hamilton,  
Bradstocks Way

## THE ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT



WEDNESDAYS

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Year 6,7 & 8: 6-7pm

Year 9+ 7-8pm

It is £1 entry and a tuck shop is available.



## SUTTON COURTENAY WI



On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May the Sutton Courtenay WI supported the Village Community Showcase by running the bottle stall. With thanks to our members and the villagers for their generosity, we made £283! This will go towards all the good causes in the village. We also had our WI stall which highlighted some of the crafty things we get up to! Hopefully some of the ladies we met on the day will pop along to one of our forthcoming meetings. You will be made very welcome.

Here are some dates for your diary:

16<sup>th</sup> July – Ken Jacks from Broadway Butchers

20<sup>th</sup> August – Garden Party

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

In July we also have our coffee morning. This year it is on July 20th at 53 Bradstocks Way from 10am till 12 noon plants, cakes, books and more.

All welcome.

### SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP

ONE HOUR'S NORDIC WALKING NORDIC WALKING  
EQUALS SEVEN HOURS FEEL GOOD FACTOR

Latest medical research has shown, following a one hour walk in the countryside, benefits can last for seven hours.

Why not come and join us. A friendly group, consisting of mainly ladies, who have become nordic walkers following a short course of instruction. One hour of nordic walking expends the same amount of energy as two hours of normal walking.

Before joining most, who are village folk, never realised just how many lovely walks there are.

It is not just about walking, but also about talking a lot, and trying, where the footpath allows, to always walk in pairs for company and reconnect with nature.

Everyone who joins us is treated as an equal no matter what age or with any possible health impairment.

Give it a try, and enjoy each new week with new friends, and check out the seven hour pay off for yourself.

To find out more please contact Annalie at go active

gold [annalie.thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:annalie.thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk)



### SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday June 4th we had our service with David Chapman and Kath from London who work very well together and gave us an excellent evening. David and Kath mostly go round the London area and we are pleased to have them.

We thank you all for your good support and helping with the chairs and tables.

Any enquiries? Ring Pat or Sam on 01235 847460

#### DIARY

Tuesday, July 2nd, Village Hall, 7.30pm. Spiritual Meeting with Sylvia Thorne.

Tuesday, August 6th, Village Hall, 7.30pm, Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman.

### CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE

Through most of the early part of May I was away, luckily I have a fine body of reliable lieutenants, who have come to the fore yet again, as this time at the end of the month, I am incapacitated.



But back to the lake, the fish have finished spawning and we appear not to have lost any, they have settled back and are recuperating and eating well.

We have three new fish introduced, a fully zipped mirror carp, (a row of small scales down its back either side of the dorsal fin,



a bit like a ladies clutch bag) with some other odd large scales. Plus a full scaled mirror carp that looks like a body builder.

Unfortunately neither the swans nor the Canada Geese were successful in rearing young this year, I think they pestered each other into giving up. All other avian friends seem to be doing well, swallows, kingfishers, moor-hens, and the like are great, we have even had an Oyster Catcher parading the margins. The lilies are now in bloom and at their best.

I had the pleasure of meeting and showing the lake off to a Welsh gentleman a couple of weeks ago, who is a fellow villager and angler, and I look forward to seeing him up there again soon.

We have had some rain, nothing like other parts of the country, and we still need more to soak through to the water table to bring the levels up. Remember "In every life a little rain must fall, but there is always a silver lining".

Roger 01235847241

## SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE



The Steering Group has been busy with consultations and with preparation of various reports that will feed into our Neighbourhood Plan. A new team of officers has been appointed at The Vale and we are working to bring them up to speed on progress so far and to get their help in drawing up the Plan for Sutton Courtenay. Two of our members will be taking part in a day's seminar with them in early-July.

The "pizza evening" with young people of the village produced a range of valuable ideas. Priorities emerged around the need for more facilities, particularly in the southern part of the village around Bradstocks Way, including space for ball games and recreational activities and if possible some form of fast food outlet. Improvements to the village hall and recreation ground also featured highly in how the young people would like to see the village develop.

At our stand at the community showcase on the Green, comments echoed the need for more and better facilities for young people. Traffic management and better footpaths and cycle tracks were widely emphasised. Running through the

feedback from these and earlier consultations is the wish to enhance the village atmosphere and green spaces that make Sutton Courtenay special. There remains widespread opposition to any significant additional housing development. While the Neighbourhood Plan won't be able to "magic" the resources to meet all the aspirations residents might have, it can provide a framework that will help to shape the future of the village.

To keep up to date with our progress, please visit the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website at:-

<https://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk>.

If you would like to get involved in producing our community's Neighbourhood Plan please email Joanna O'Callaghan at

[oatlands32@btinternet.com](mailto:oatlands32@btinternet.com).

## 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)

5<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> July

**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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5(NAG 5)SAFETY CORNER



### Cyber crime

Half of all reported crime is fraud and cyber crime and it's believed that many more go unreported. Some of the most common cyber crimes are hacking (gaining access to accounts); phishing (bogus e-mails asking for security information and personal details) and malicious

software (including ransomware, where criminals hijack files and hold them to ransom). To avoid becoming a victim please consider the following.

- Secure passwords are essential, and should be different for each separate account.
- Change passwords regularly.
- Use a password comprising of three random words. Use upper- and lower-case letters within the password.
- Password managers are an excellent way to securely store passwords. Ensure you use a unique and very strong password to access your password manager.
- If you want to write down your passwords ensure you store the information in a secure location.
- Consider using 2FA (two factor authentication), for your accounts. This adds a valuable second layer of protection.
- Keep all security software and operating systems updated.
- Never use public wi-fi to access your e-mail, bank or social media accounts. Never assume places such as coffee shops, hotels, restaurants, shopping centres, shops have secure sites. Always use a mobile network, such as 4G, or a VPN (virtual private network) instead.
- Use <https://haveibeenpwned.com> to see if your information has been involved in a data breach. If it has you should immediately change any associated passwords.
- Twitter users can keep up to date at @TVPCyber\_Fraud.

### Thinking of booking a holiday?

Last year £6.7million was lost due to holiday and travel related fraud, with an average loss of £1,380 per person.

- Check the web address is legitimate and hasn't been altered by slight changes to the domain name e.g. going from .co.uk to .org for example.
- Do your research and don't just rely on one review. If a company's defrauding people it's likely that consumers will post details of their experiences, warning about the company.
- Check if the company's a member of a recognised trade body, such as ABTA. If you have any doubts you can verify membership of ABTA online at <https://www.abta.com>.
- Whenever possible pay by credit card, and be very wary about paying directly into a private individual's bank account.
- Check receipts, invoices and terms and conditions and be very suspicious of any company not providing these. If booking through Timeshare or a Holiday Club get the contract thoroughly checked by a solicitor before signing up.

### Find more information and advice at:

- National Cyber Security Centre <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk>
- Cyber Aware <https://www.cyberaware.gov.uk>
- Get Safe Online <https://www.getsafeonline.org>
- If you've been a victim of cyber crime or of fraud please report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or use the reporting tool on the website at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

**To contact the police about non-emergencies use the online reporting tool on the police website at: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>. You will be contacted within 24 hours of filing the report.**

**If you don't have online access please call 101 for non-emergencies.**

**Call 999 in the case of emergency.**

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com)

### **Spotted unexpectedly on The Green on Friday 7th June!**

Members of the Singer Owners Club en route to Blenheim Palace



where 70 of them met for their annual rally. They came from all round the country and the world - including The Netherlands and Australia!





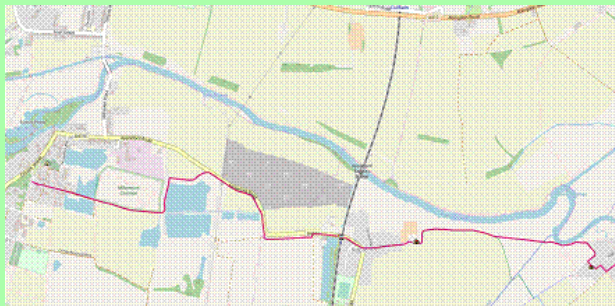
## HOUSE OF WESSEX PROJECT, LONG WITTENHAM

### Public Open Weekend

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

10am-4pm

Sylva Wood Centre, Long Wittenham



A perfect day for families, you will be able to watch the building of the House of Wessex, the reconstruction in authentic materials of an Anglo-Saxon building which was discovered on the site in 2016. Meet members of the Wulfheodenas, a living history society, to see and join in with Anglo-Saxon crafts, play traditional games and much more.

Free entry and parking.

### Launching the Kingdom of Wessex Trail

The Kingdom of Wessex trail is a walking trail enabling people to follow in the footsteps of the Anglo-Saxons. The walk between Dorchester Abbey and Sutton Courtenay, via the Anglo-Saxon House, is in the landscape rich in Anglo-Saxon heritage. A leaflet provides information about the walk and highlights some of the key historic features. A web page gives a more detailed background to the Anglo-Saxon history of the area. The route is available to download from the web page – [sylva.org.uk/wessex](http://sylva.org.uk/wessex)



### Milton Hill Bowling Club, Potash Lane, Milton Hill



Milton Hill is the closest bowling club to Sutton Courtenay and has some major differences from the more formal ones at Abingdon or Didcot. Our green is a carpet on a solid base so it requires much less effort to bowl to the other end and it can withstand a variety of unorthodox delivery actions that might get you banned from a grass one more susceptible to damage. It's sort of a long short-mat. We play about 70 matches a year in two leagues, plus friendlies and in-house club competitions. The green can withstand any amount of play so roll-ups can be whenever you like.

We have now started our summer programme with Year Six from the school to give them a weekly taster of, and introduction to, bowls. The first session was interrupted by a downpour but when it stopped

we were straight out playing again but now the woods left tracks on the wet surface to act as guides. The following week's event was cancelled due to the weather but we live in hope that summer will come soon. Flaming June!

Other matches have also been damp affairs this month but we are a healthy fourth place in both the KLV and A-B Leagues. Our friendlies are social occasions which we enjoy whatever the conditions, even if play is minimised we can always fill up on tea and cake.

We draw our members from local villages and would be pleased to help anyone interested to have a go. Monday evenings from 6 p.m. are our club nights when coaching is available. We are situated on Potash Lane between Milton Heights and the Pack Horse, along a drive off Mitchell Way by Redrow's new Blaise Park development.

Derek,

[derekrees@msn.com](mailto:derekrees@msn.com) or 01235 834105.

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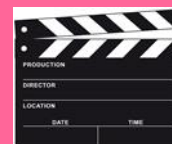
# ABBAY

ABINGDON UPON THAMES

### CINEMA QUIZ RESULT!

Congratulations to Kerry !

Winner of the competition in last month's edition and the Gift Voucher for the Abbey Cinema in Abingdon.



## COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

### Growth. – good thing or bad thing?

Oxfordshire has grown spectacularly over the past few decades with more houses, more jobs, fewer people in poverty, and an increased standard of living for most.

But at what cost? Reducing air quality, increasing congestion and the gap between rich and poor increasing. So is the economic growth that has given us all this a good or a bad thing?

It seems that it depends on what we mean by economic growth. If we mean, that in order to increase prosperity, there is no alternative to spreading ourselves further and gobbling up the earth's resources ever faster, then the growing concerns over congestion, plastic and air pollution would suggest that we need to think carefully before we go for "growth at all costs". I am no economist, but I understand that there is economic growth in science and technology allowing us to do things ever more efficiently. Such growth need not involve increasing consumption of the earth's resources, we simply get more and more for our money by using resources more efficiently. And there is no evidence that the process is finite.

Somewhere, in all that, there might be an answer in how to continue growing whilst reducing pollution, reducing congestion and reducing poverty. Perhaps we need to redefine what we mean by "growth".

"The Growth Board" (made up of Council Leaders and others) has received some bad press for seeming to be entirely about growth at all costs, more roads, more traffic and more pollution. Along with "The Growth Deal" (the agreement with Government to deliver 100,000 houses by 2030 in return for a contribution towards the cost of extra infrastructure), the Growth Board is seen as part of a relentless drive to destroy the County. If we were to redefine what we mean by "growth", some of the potential benefits of the Growth Board might be more apparent. Getting Leaders of all Oxfordshire Councils together to address common problems and find common solutions should be a good thing. It would encourage joint planning of Oxfordshire's housing, a joint approach to the Green Belt and be a bigger voice with government than is currently our six competing Councils are able to achieve.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC 01235 534001

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## THE ABBEY

**The Abbey Sutton Courtenay Garden Party  
Sunday 14th July from 2pm to 5pm.**



The Abbey Community invite you to our With Tea and Cake on the lawn, live music, a raffle and a tour of the House and a chance to meet the fellows running Shed Oxford.

A family friendly event offering a great opportunity to meet new people and connect to community.

Please RSVP to Wendy, so we know how much cake to bake.

email: [admin@theabbey.uk.com](mailto:admin@theabbey.uk.com)

For more information check out [www.theabbey.uk.com](http://www.theabbey.uk.com)

## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Things have been moving at a bewildering speed in local politics in the last few months. The new administration is settling in well and working hard. With 31 Councillors (24 with little or no prior experience), there is much for everyone to learn. The temptation to go in all guns blazing is strong, but I am relieved to say that everyone is behaving very responsibly as we understand the full implications of anything we may wish to do. I have no doubt there will be changes in the next few months but every one will have been carefully assessed to ensure that it is in the best interests of Vale residents. Of our new councillors, most are under 40 and come from all walks of life.

As for the impact of the change in control on Sutton Courtenay, I would like to reassure all residents that I intend that the Sutton Courtenay Forum will continue at least until the Redrow application in Hobbyhorse Lane is finally rejected and that the Neighbourhood Plan is properly supported by VWHDC.

Meanwhile, with the unexpected change in control in neighbouring South Oxfordshire District Council, we are all watching and waiting to see the impact on the Growth Board (where SODC hold the Chair) and the progress of their Local Plan and its implications for the whole County.

And finally, a further appeal for volunteers to join the Parish Council. With everything that is going on around us, it is essential that we have a full and balance PC with representatives from all parts of the village. For further information, please contact the Clerk ([info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)).

Richard Webber—as opposite

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

### **Universal Credit being used in new scam**

Scammers are using the benefit as a pivotal part of a new sting to target vulnerable people.

Citizens Advice says scammers are offering loans to their victims and then using their personal banking details to apply for Universal Credit in their names.

The scam is usually carried out by telephone, so do not accept a loan if you have been contacted by cold calling. If you are contacted in this way, just hang up. In general, personal details should not be divulged on the telephone or in an email.

The Universal Credit scam is also being carried out in public places. As victims leave job centres and pubs, they are approached by smartly dressed people claiming to be from the Department of Work and Pensions, who then offer "government loans". Instead, the victim is signed up for Universal Credit. The scammers then apply for an advance payment of the benefit. This payment goes to the victim's bank account but the scammers then charge a huge fee, around 50 per cent, for this unnecessary "service".

Citizens Advice has its own free service to help those applying for Universal Credit for the first time. "Help to Claim" is available over the telephone, face to face, and online through "webchat" and Internet content.

The national Freephone number for Help to Claim is **0800 144 8444**. Telephone and webchat services are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

## We're 30 this year!

It's difficult to believe we opened our doors 30 years ago! We have had and will have more events to celebrate this significant birthday.



30 years at Matrix Arts Centre, some highlights:

**1984** Lindsay MacKenzie and George Taylor have a dream of an arts centre in our village!

**1988** Yamaha Music School and Adventures in Music lessons are the first activities and start at one end of the building while the rest is completed.

**1989** Building works finish and other activities start, including children's art, aerobics, ballet, ballroom and music workshops; an inaugural concert is given by the celebrated Prussia Cove ensemble.

**1992** Matrix becomes a registered charity.

**1993** Our first few students gain places in the National Youth Orchestra, the National Children's Orchestra, Chetham's, and other music institutions. We continue to see such successes today.

**1998** Music at Matrix: a concert series with accompanying workshops is created.

**2001** A link with Oxford Brookes University is established; we participate in Oxfordshire's Artweeks for the first time.

**2003** The National Children's Orchestra hold the first regional auditions at Matrix, now an annual event.

**2008** Matrix holds the first Young Composers' Concert in the UK, now an annual event for us.

**2009** One of our Yamaha students represents the UK at the European Young Composers' Concert held in Paris. Subsequent years have seen students performing their compositions in Hamburg, Venice and Vienna (you can hear some on our website).

**2013** Anna Shackleton from Sutton Courtenay, who started her music education at Matrix when she was 3 years old, joins our teaching team giving voice/singing lessons. She studied voice at Birmingham Conservatoire.

**2016** Matrix hosts the National Young Composers' Concert in the Amey Theatre, Abingdon School.

**2017** Music at Matrix concert series re-launched.

**2017** Sarah Jenkins (Matrix Yamaha student 2003 – 16) wins the BBC Proms Young Composers Competition, this leads to two further BBC commissions, the last one being performed in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, December 2018 and broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

**2018** With a grant from VWHDC and lots of fundraising, we move into our beautiful extension.

**2019** Celebrations! Including an exhibition by local artist/architect Graeme Jones – do pop in and have a look - barn dance (6 July), teachers' concert and cream teas (14 July), new children's art course (Sept), big student concert in Oxford Town Hall (end Nov).

The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay  
01235 847264



# SUTTON COURTENAY PRODUCE SHOW

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September -Village Hall

The show is open to anyone, you do not need to have exhibited before and we would love to see any of our new residents in the village taking part. Please look at the wide range of classes – produce including vegetables, fruit and flowers, flower arranging, crafts, cookery, art, photography and also children's classes that this year are divided into 2 age groups to make this fairer to all.

The committee would welcome additional help with setting up the hall and also clearing away at the end.

Any offers to 01235 848633 please.

Val Dalby

### Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Village Hall, Frilsham Street

#### ENTRY FORM

Please make sure your entries are staged between 9.45 and 11.00a.m promptly as after this the doors will be locked for judging to begin.

Late entries cannot be accepted.

Entries to either: Mrs Val Dalby, 6 High Street, Sutton Courtenay

or

Mrs Brenda Budd, 25 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay

on or by

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

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Entry fee 20p per item up to maximum of £5.00 per family – please remember to include this with your entry form. Entry for children's classes are free. Please use separate forms for different family members or indicate on one form.

Only one entry in each class per person please.

Please circle class numbers entered:

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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For further information, telephone Val Dalby 01235 848633

# SUTTON COURTENAY PRODUCE SHOW

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Show open for viewing at 2 pm.)

*Please note: Entries must be staged strictly between 9.45 and 11am when judging begins.*

*Early or late entries cannot be accepted.*

## PRODUCE

1. A seed tray with a mixture of vegetables
2. 1 sweetcorn - kernel to be ½ exposed
3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
4. 6 runner beans
5. Bunch of fresh herbs
6. 3 onions (trimmed)
7. A lettuce
8. 3 tomatoes A truss of tomatoes – any variety
9. 2 courgettes no larger than 6 ins
10. Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)
11. 3 carrots -with 3" tops
12. 3 beetroot - with 3" tops
13. 5 shallots (trimmed)
14. 3 dessert apples
15. 3 cooking apples
16. 5 plums
17. 3 pears
18. 2 sweet peppers
19. 1 cucumber
20. An odd vegetable
21. 3 leeks

## FLOWERS

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

## COOKERY

32. Jar of jam
33. Jar of marmalade
34. Jar of jelly
35. Jar of lemon curd
36. Jar of chutney
37. Victoria Sandwich \*given recipe & tin size must be used
38. 4 Chocolate Brownies
39. 4 fruit scones
40. 4 decorated cup cakes
41. A shortcrust treacle tart
42. 4 ginger biscuits
43. 1 sausage plait – max 9" long

## DRINKS

44. 1 bottle home-made lemonade
45. 1 bottle home-made fruit flavoured spirit
46. 1 bottle home-made wine

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

47. New hand knitted hat
48. An item of crochet

49. An article of hand embroidery, c ross stitch or canvas work
50. A decorated felt purse
51. A quilted item – maximum 1 metre square
52. 'Something new from something old'
53. An item made from fabric
54. A hand-made birthday card
55. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood
56. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood  
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## ART (NB: ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK AND NOT HAVE BEEN SHOWN BEFORE)

57. Drawing (pencil, charcoal or pen-and ink) - max 2'x2'
58. Picture (any medium including collage - max 2'x2')

## PHOTOGRAPHY (PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE TAKEN BY EXHIBITOR AND NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED; MOUNTED, OVERALL SIZE MAX 14"x10")

59. Black and white photograph
60. Colour print – general
61. Colour print – 'Wet'
62. Colour print – 'Generations'

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

63. A picture of a cartoon character- age 6 and under
64. A picture of a cartoon character - age 7 - 11
65. A decorated pebble ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
66. Garden on a plate ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
67. 4 jam tarts ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11
68. 'A vegetable animal' ages a) 6 and under b) 7 -11

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

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70. Arrangement for a top table (max 9" ht x 24" wide)
71. Arrangement in a teapot- garden flowers only
72. Flowers for Harvest  
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\*Class 38: Victoria Sandwich

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3 eggs beaten  
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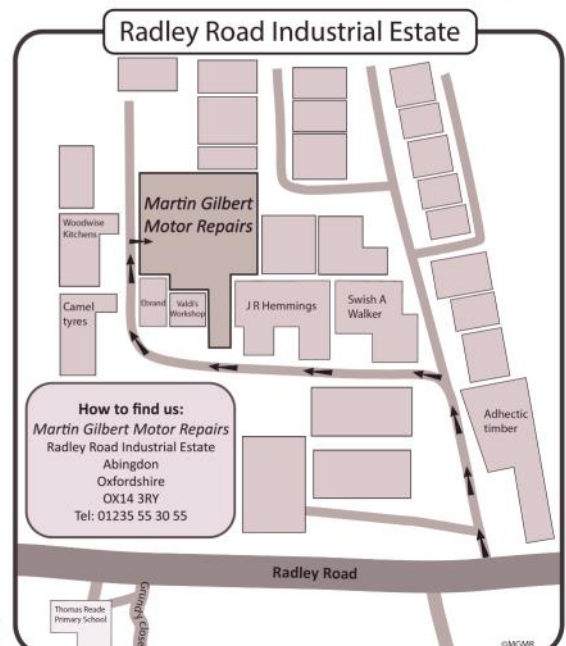
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