

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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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.

OCTOBER

Tuesday	1st	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Spiritualist Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesdays		See page 4	Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project	Village Hall
Fridays		See Page 12	Stay & Play Toddler Group	School
Sunday	6th	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church
Thursday	10th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Sunday	13th	5pm	Talk - An Appreciation of British Gardens	Church
Monday	14th	7.30pm	Sutton Courtenay Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Tuesday	15th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Friday	18th	6pm	School Fundraising Magic Show	School
Sunday	20th		Abingdon Marathon Road Closures	
Thursday	24th	10.30am - 12noon	Community Café	Church
Thursday & Friday	31st & 1st Nov		Half Term Holiday Camp	School

NOVEMBER

Saturday	2nd	2pm -5pm	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

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

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

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

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

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



The village hall is a registered charity available for hire for community related recreational activities. It is located in Hobbyhorse Lane (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.



Footpath checks

In the June issue of SC News the Parish Council appealed for volunteers to walk the footpaths and to let the Council know of any problems with gates or

stiles, or any that were impassable. The Council would thank the residents that have taken the time to walk the village paths, and provide reports back to the Council. The Council is collecting the reports, producing a list of issues identified, and will be dealing with these as appropriate, such as passing them on to the rights of way officers, or landowners.

Footpath 27 Closure

The footpath will be closed between Frilsham Street and Old Wallingford Way from 30th September to 28th October to enable the removal of the Magnox discharge pipe. Any difficulties with the path where Magnox has been working, should contact Oxfordshire County Council, as the rights of way authority at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/countryside/countryside-access/public-rights-way/report-footpath-issue>

Thames Water – proposed works Brook Street/Drayton Road and High Street

Thames Water has indicated that they are still in discussions with Oxfordshire County Council regarding the proposed road closure of Brook Street and Drayton Road. Whilst Thames Water's preferred start date in Brook Street, was October, this is now cannot happen until arrangements with the County Council are complete.

New Parish Clerk

Helen Savery has started in her role as Parish Clerk. She will be working with the outgoing clerk, Linda Martin, for a few months with a gradual handover taking place. We are working on getting a new phone number in place but the Council can be contacted on the usual number (01865 391833) for the time being. The email address info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk will remain the same.

Councillors Thanks

The Councillors have asked that the member/s of the public who removed the tree which was overhanging the footpath be thanked for their efforts. The Councillors would also like to take this opportunity to thank all residents who help around the village for their efforts.

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council Grants

We are now into Autumn and the Parish Council soon will be considering any requests for grants in time for its budget for the next financial year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Sutton Courtenay residents benefit, which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant for next year, then please write to the Clerk, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts, by Friday 1st November. The Council can then consider all applications when setting its budget later in the year. Email applications to info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk, and any applications sent via the post should go to Helen Savery at the address below.

Parking at the recreation ground

The Council have been asked to look at the access to the parking at the recreation ground for safety reasons. This is being investigated and further details will be provided when available.

Planning Applications

The following applications have been considered:

MW.0064/19 Regularisation of planning position in relation to a number of small structure utilised in the management of the Southern landfill. Cemex Ltd – South of Bassett Lane, Sutton Wick. Council had no objections, but expressed concern that the application was retrospective and had not been submitted before construction had commenced.

MW. 0060/19 Additional access into block recycling area off Corridor Road Hanson Quarry Products Ltd - Block Recycling Facility – Appleford Sidings. The Council had no objections

P19/V1745/HH Erection of detached garden store and associated works, 14 Abingdon Road

Council requested that a condition be made that this may not be used for residential purposes.

P19/V1903/HH Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to provide combined agricultural and private access, and to expand curtilage, Lapwing Barn, 95A Drayton Road

The Council expressed regret that the application was retrospective and the approved access route had not been observed. The emerging Neighbourhood Plan had provision to prevent coalescence and Council regretted the fact that it was being proposed that more agricultural land was to become residential.

P19/V1799/LB Installation of satellite dish, The Old New Inn, 44 High Street. Council had no objections

MW.0071/19 s.73 application to continue the development permitted by MW.0122/18 (for continued operation of an asphalt plant for a temporary period) without complying with condition 9 to retain the temporary asphalt plant in place until 31st December, 2021. (Condition 9 required the removal by April 2019) Asphalt plant, Hanson Site, Appleford Sidings. Council had no objections for non-operational use, but requested due care and maintenance, and an end date by which it had to be removed.

MW.0076/19 Non material amendment to MW. 0142/18 to erect gas metering kiosk. Re-siting of kiosk. Landfill Site, Appleford Road – Waste Recycling Group. Council had no objection.

R3.0072/19 Details pursuant to condition 3 salt barn colour and condition 4 boundary planting

Oxfordshire County Council Depot, Milton Road, Drayton. The Council had no objections.

P19/V1992/FUL Demolition of pair of cottages and construction of new detached dwelling and detached garage. 3 and 4 Mill Lane. The Council objected on its former issues involving potential flooding and the impact on the Highway.

P19/V1746/HH Reinstate old attic space across bedrooms 2 and 3 and stairwell. Add dormer window in rear roof section above bed 2 at 3 Drayton Road. Council had no objections.

P19/V2078/LB Internal alterations and installation of in-tile vent in roof, Tudor Cottage, 20-22 Church Street. Council had no objections.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Frilsham Street

Please check Noticeboard outside Burgrey Stores in case arrangements change.

Clerk designate: Mrs Helen Savery, 10 Sovereign Place, Wallingford Tel: 01865 391833 (Linda Martin)

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SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS DISTRIBUTOR VACANCIES

Some of our long standing distributors are taking a well deserved retirement.

The Editorial Team would like to thank them for all their help over the years.

We are therefore now **URGENTLY** looking for volunteers to deliver **SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS** to parts of Bradstocks Way and Drayton Road, and Amey Close and the Heritage Park development. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information about volunteering please contact the Editors -

editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk or 07778284193

ABINGDON MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES



This is a notice to inform local residents that road closures and traffic management will be in force on the day of the 2019 Abingdon Marathon, scheduled for **Sunday, 20th October 2019**. For full details

please view the following online document:

https://abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2019_AM_RoadClosuresNoticeR02.pdf

Dene Stringfellow - 2019 Abingdon Marathon Course

Director

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS ADDITIONAL COPIES

The Editors have been contacted by a few people who are moving away from or who have moved from the village and who would like to continue receiving a copy of Sutton Courtenay News. The Editors are delighted that they want to keep in touch with the village in this way.

Sutton Courtenay News can be viewed on line at

<https://suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk>

If you are unable to access the website or know someone who like to receive a copy, please contact the Editors at

editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

and we will discuss what arrangements can be made.

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Wed - 08.00 – 17.00,

Sat - 08.30 – 13.00,

Sun - 09.00 - 12.00.



ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT



Years 6,7,and 8, 6-7pm, and Year 9+, 7-8pm

Activities at the Village Hall every Wednesday

Entry is £1 and a tuck shop is available

APOLOGY

In the September edition of Sutton Courtenay News we featured some wonderful photographs of the construction and demolition of the Didcot Power Station Towers. We omitted saying that the photographs were taken by Jim Hayden. We would like to thank the Sutton Courtenay Local History Society and especially Jim Hayden for allowing us to use these photographs.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our children made great progress!

You will remember I wrote to you at the end of the summer to share how proud we were of our Year 6 children last year, as in all four subjects tested, (reading, writing and maths and grammar) they achieved above the national average. Over the summer, a new piece of data has been released, which tells us how much progress our children made during Key Stage 2 and compares this with children across the country. I am pleased to tell you that once again, in all subjects our children made positive progress scores above the national and that our trend continues to rise. Of course, these figures only represent a tiny part of our curriculum in school, and we must remember that there are lots of things that we do that are more important than SATs results. However, it is lovely to celebrate success when it comes.



Celebrating Our Support Staff

On Monday 16th September, it was National Teaching Assistants' Day! This is a time where schools all over the country celebrate the huge difference that

the support staff in school make. Their roles are constantly under threat from budget pressures and we are extremely lucky in our school to have such a hard-working and dedicated team.



It is also really important to remember the other members of the support staff who do so much to make our school what it is, in the office and around the premises.

Jeans for Genes Day Monday 23rd September

As you know, we encourage the children to advocate for causes that are important to them and lead the organisation of charity events. Erin and Nora in Year 5 encouraged us all to raise money for genetic research into medical conditions caused by genetic disorders. We held our 'Jeans for Genes' day a little later than the rest of the country as Falcons class were away on a residential visit.



Welcome to our newcomers!

We are thrilled with the way that all our new children have settled in to school. Many Robins and Barn Owls are starting school for the very first time and there

is so much to take in with new routines and expectations. This year we are also part of the national pilot for the Reception Baseline test, so there is a lot for the staff in Robins to pack in over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, across the school we have welcomed twelve new children into other classes, all of whom have settled so well it is hard to remember that they haven't always been here. It has been lovely to receive some very encouraging feedback from new parents about how friendly the whole school community has been, so many thanks if you have been part of that, offering an encouraging smile or a welcoming word.

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FOR THE SCHOOL'S NEXT

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



St Peter's, Drayton
St Peter & St Paul, Appleford
St Blaise, Milton
All Saints', Sutton Courtenay
St Michael and All Angels, Steventon

From the Ministry Team... Eat | Drink | Seek

Located by chance, this website (www.eatdrinkseek.co.uk) lists events to scope out the best food and drinks festivals in a particular area...and the choice is enormous! I wonder how many of you celebrated different kinds of music, food, art, dance or film at a festival during the summer.

Drink

As a passionate wine enthusiast myself, I was delighted to discover The Oxford Wine Festival which took place in early September. Visitors could sample award-winning, rare and unusual wines offered by the UK's leading wine merchants and vineyards. But perhaps it was treading in famous footsteps at the Oxford Union that encouraged such disciplined devotion and delicious debate of all things vinous!

Seek

The Festival of Preaching at Christ Church Cathedral in mid-September provided a veritable feast of another kind, but especially for the wordsmith seeking to hone and deepen their craft. Slow food that will take months to digest and filter whilst seeking to fashion words that encourage encounter with God through the spoken word and aim to connect with our everyday lives and journeys. The American scholar and theologian, Walter Brueggemann, said that in the challenging times in which we live

'preachers have an opportunity to declare that there is another narrative out of which we can live our lives. It is a narrative of generosity, and freedom, and forgiveness, and hospitality, and justice ... It is the narrative of the future.'

Eat

So looking forward, we find that one of the most celebrated festivals is Harvest, and as we move from Summer to Autumn we give thanks for God's rich provision around us, as the harvest has been safely gathered in – delicious jams and chutneys lovingly made, fields ploughed to a deep rich brown, and new seeds sown - even as we remember those for whom the balance of their harvest is poised so finely on nature, and that the effect of a bad harvest in one part of the world can have such a dramatic impact on another part.

Eat | Drink | Seek

How then, might each of us could become more like the multitude of seeds found inside a melon, which if planted in the right conditions will grow into plants that will produce more melons? Each of us has unique gifts that can be used to grow God's kingdom here on earth, in our villages and in this parish. Take that website's USP ...

'Connect directly with your community of chefs, bakers, local growers, craftsmen, and curators. Whether you're looking for delicious food, unique gifts, rare delicacies, fresh and organic produce, or some crafts beer, locally distilled gins and sought after wines there's likely

a festival in your area waiting to be explored.'

So you're invited to come, just as you are, and explore, not just Harvest Festival, but any Festival during the Church year. There are many to celebrate and details of the various Festivals and services taking place across the Parish are available at www.damascusparish.org.uk and are included elsewhere in this magazine. Look out too for dates of the Harvest Suppers... **All are very welcome.**

The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde

Assistant Curate in the DAMASCUS Parish

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 October 2019 we will pray for those who live and work as follows –

Sunday 29 September to Saturday 5 October – Spring Field Way, Tyrrells Way

Sunday 6 October to Saturday 12 October – Partridge Close, Rye Gardens, Southfield Drive

Sunday 13 October to Saturday 19 October – The Nursery, Town Close, The DAMASCUS Ministerial Team: Helen Kendrick, Meg Heywood, Phil Sutton, Karen Hyde, Rosie Bruce, Jack Jarvis, Tim Budd, Alex Landsbert

Sunday 20 October to Saturday 26 October all the DAMASCUS Churches: St.Peter's Drayton, St.Peter & St.Paul Appleford, St.Blaise Milton, All Saints Sutton Courtenay, St.Michael & All Angels Steventon

Sunday 27 October to Saturday 2 November – Abingdon Road, All Saints' Lane, Brook Street

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

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12noon

Thursday 10th October &

Thursday 24th October

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 and to learn new music and to lead the singing at festivals.

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297.

HUNGRY SAINTS HARVEST

We are celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 6th October at 10:30 in All Saints' Church.**

All are welcome!



We will be collecting dry and tinned food goods for the Abingdon Food Bank and money donations for Farm Africa.

After the service we will be joining together for lunch at The Swan (each paying for our own lunch) – if you wish to come then please sign the list at the back of the church so we know how many to book for – it would be lovely to see you!

(unless otherwise stated events take place in All Saints' Church, SC)

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Monday 7th - 19:30 Baptism Preparation for anyone interested in a christening for their child, St Michaels, Steventon

Tuesday 8th – 9:00 Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Harvest Service in All Saints
19:30 Singing Saints

Wednesday 9th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting, All Saints

Thursday 10th – 10:30-12 noon Community Café

Sunday 13th – 17:00 An Appreciation of British Gardens – a talk and slide show by Fred Cubbage on British Gardens – all welcome – raising money for the River Room Project

Tuesday 15th – 19:30 Singing Saints

Thursday 24th - 10:30-12 noon Community Café

Saturday 26th – 12:00 Wedding

Monday 28th – 19:30 Sutton Courtenay Local Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 29th – 19:30 Singing Saints

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd – 14:00-17:00 Giant Jumble Sale, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall – see advert for details

Sunday 3rd – 18:00 Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls

ALL SOULS'

You are invited to a special service of naming and remembering for All Souls' in **All Saints' Church** Sutton Courtenay

Sunday 3rd November 2019 at 6pm

This service will provide an opportunity to remember and to give thanks for the lives of those we love, who have died. During the service the names of those for whom we have conducted a funeral service in the past two years will be read out and a candle lit in their memory.

If there are other people you also wish to remember, regardless of where or when they died, please add their names to the list in church.

If you need transport to and from the service, or have any other questions, please contact Helen (01235) 848297

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

DAMASCUS STARS



OCTOBER HALF TERM TWO DAY HOLIDAY CAMP FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

At Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School,
Bradstocks Way

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER (9.30-3PM) & FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
(9.30-4PM)

PRESENTATION FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT 3PM ON FRIDAY
GET TAUGHT BY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS WHO HAVE
WORKED IN SHOWS AROUND THE WORLD!

£25 per child for TWO Days

Includes a DAMASCUS STARS t-shirt for every child!

For further information please contact:

Katie Green (07875190076) DamascusStars@gmail.com

The River Room

The building is out of the ground! The walls are on their way, and by the time this newsletter reaches you they should be nearing their full height. The shape and size of the River Room and kitchen can be easily seen.

The Cream teas were a pleasure to do and to be at. The quiz devised by Fred Cabbage and based on information around the church and churchyard was completed by several people, of these five were correct and complete.

These were entered to a draw and Al, Jess and Georgia Lee were the lucky entry to be picked out first. A certificate and chocolate orange will be with them soon. The radio Cricket coverage on the third Sunday Cream tea was enjoyed by all!

Of course, as a team we are still busy sourcing funds, from further grants and also on the domestic front we have the following dates for your diary

On October 13th at 5.00pm at All Saint's Church Fred Cabbage will be hosting a slide talk,
"Appreciating Gardens"

All the details are on the poster.

On 2nd November Jumble Sale in the Village Hall from 2pm until 5. "Bring out your jumble" as per the poster again in this edition.

On 14th December "Christmas in a Box" a challenge for your creativity

Let's raise enough to raise the roof on 'The River Room' After Christmas watch this space for the details of a 'Tea Tasting' event and a talk 'Life on a Mercy Ship'

BARGAINS GALORE!

Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd
November
2 - 5pm
Sutton
Courtenay
Village Hall
With refreshments
available

RAISING MONEY FOR THE
RIVER ROOM BUILDING
PROJECT - TO PROVIDE
TOILETS, KITCHEN AND A
COMMUNITY MEETING
ROOM AT
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC - CLOTHES -
TOYS - BOOKS etc etc

Donations on the day
between 9.30-11.30am.

Doors will open for the sale at 2pm

Please contact:
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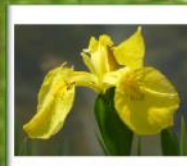
Or email rector@damascusparish.org.uk



AN APPRECIATION OF BRITISH GARDENS

An illustrated presentation of a lifetime's visits to
gardens throughout Britain and the Channel
Islands.

Fred Cabbage
Amateur photographer (retired visitor attraction assessor)



featuring Alnwick Castle,
Exbury, Levens Hall, Savill
Garden, Waddesdon Manor,
La Seigneirie Gardens (Sark),
Tresco, Leonardslee, etc, etc

Sunday, 13th October
17.00

All Saints' Church,
Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AE

Min. donation £4 (includes glass of wine)
Proceeds to Church Building Project



Friends of All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay



The annual **GARDEN PARTY** at the end of June was attended by around 75 adults and children and boosted the charity's funds by £815. A special thanks to Paul and Jenny Galliver for offering their beautiful garden as this year's venue. They also generously assisted the committee members setting up the event. This special community event benefitted from some perfect weather

The charity is pleased to have recently contributed £2,000 (equivalent to around 75% of the cost) towards the new sound system in the Church. Good quality (and reliable) sound is so important not only to the congregation at services but also for the many other activities that take place inside the building. The Primary School

was one of the first to benefit at the school leavers' service.

YULETIDE EVENING at the Abbey Great Hall will take place on Saturday 7th December. Look for more publicity in the next edition of SCN.

S.C.I.D.S.
coming soon
**TREASURE
ISLAND**

Performance
dates are
Friday 13th
March 2020 &
Saturday 14th
March 2020

SIGN ON SUNDAY -
Sunday 24th November - 3.00 - 5.00pm

Holiday rehearsals@ 30, Chapel Lane
Saturday 28th December 2019 - 10 - 12 am
Monday 30th December 2019 - 10 - 12 am
Friday 3rd January 2020 10 - 12am

Rehearsals from then on are Sundays from -
Sunday 5th January 2020
in the Village hall from 3pm until 5pm.

S.C.I.D.S. welcomes previous members and new, all you need is to be over 7 years; junior and senior members hoped for, don't be worried - we don't land you with anything you don't want to do, on sign on Sunday you put a tick in the box you want to be involved in. It is a good way to spend the winter Sunday afternoons, as one cast member left us with last year - "There are always cakes".....

for any more details do contact Morna
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SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP

NEW VENTURE

Wellness walks with poles every Wednesday, START TIME 1030, walking only on the Sutton Courtenay Playing fields. These are for people, who have been inactive for some time, perhaps because of with mobility issues, who wish to become more agile in a gentle and safe way without the hassle of gyms or exercise machines, and the cost involved.

Free tuition, by qualified Instructor, and poles included.



If interested please contact Annalie of Go Active Gold
to Annalie.Thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY BROWNIES (FOUNDED IN 1950)

Can we get going again ?

We were sad earlier this year when we had to close the Brownie Pack for a term due to low numbers.

It would be exciting to see if we can get the Pack going again and I wonder if there are any girls aged 7-10 who would like to join in ?

I wonder if there are adults who would be interested in helping to organise activities ? It is huge fun !

Do look on the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk

or contact me with any queries.

Mary Thompson, Abbey District Commissioner,
steventonrainbows@gmail.com

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall (*Registered Charity 300213*)

Notice of AGM

7.30 pm on Monday 14 October in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

The Management Trustees of the above charity invite you to its AGM. At the meeting a report on the work of the charity and the audited accounts will be presented.

Please do attend. We are actively searching for new members, to join us as trustees, who would like to take a share in the work and responsibility of managing this community building for the benefit of all. Several of the present members have been trustees for 15+ years in which time major refurbishment work has been undertaken funded by grants, local fund raising and judicious financial management. It is now time for another major refurbishment. Fresh thinking and new energy to raise major funds are needed to take the hall on to its next stage of development. Do come and find out more and join as a trustee.

The trust deeds allow for up to 12 members to be elected at the AGM. Any resident is entitled to attend and put themselves forward for election as a trustee. The duties and responsibilities of a trustee can be obtained from the Charity Commission (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>).

The trust deeds also entitle specified organisations to appoint trustees (a maximum of 11). However, in the interests of getting a good mix and representative cross-section on the committee – all regular user groups are invited to consider sending a member to be appointed on to the committee and share in the management of the hall.

Rita Atkinson, Secretary, **01235 848694**

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Planning for the future

Given all the current uncertainties around the immediate future of local government – Brexit, future funding, road building and congestion etc – it may seem an odd time to be worrying about long term planning. But current problems will, one way or the other, be resolved and it may be a perfect opportunity to pause and consider what sort of a world, country and county we want for the next generation and beyond.

Global warming and Climate Change have shot up the agenda partly because the science is looking alarming and partly because young people of all ages have added their voices to the volume of concern. We are told that if we do not set minimum/zero Carbon output targets for 2030, it may be too late to avoid catastrophe. If that is right, then the implications for Carbon output of everything we are planning should be at the top of every agenda.

Take the proposed **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**, for example - 5-10 years to build with massive carbon output due to construction and likely additional traffic generated from the many homes needed to pay for its building.

Take the proposed **TW Reservoir** – 15 years to build – huge numbers of construction lorries – a projected 1m visitors a year – again with massive implications for Carbon output.

To offset these two projects alone we would have to plant trees over the rest of the County. If both were to be given the green light, our chances of reaching our carbon targets look impossibly remote.

Take **roadbuilding** in general. We are told that, within 10 years, we will all be driving electric vehicles. Within another 10 years it may be hydrogen fuelled and self driven cars. A few years beyond that, car ownership itself may be consigned to history along with the need for all the extra roads we seem to be hell-bent on building.

Take **housebuilding**. There is little excuse for not insisting that every home we build should aim to reduce its carbon output to an absolute minimum both in the building and once occupied.

Take public **transport** in general. Recent data suggests that many of our city buses are underoccupied. The volume of cars on the city roads is making many buses late. As a result, potential bus users are getting into their cars and adding to the congestion. It is a mad, mad world.

Trying to plan for the future in a fast-changing world is a complex and challenging business. By putting the Climate at the top of all other considerations, we may make better decisions and fewer mistakes.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

Richardwebber777@gmail.com

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ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

Football Fun with Oxford United in the Community

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The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project in association with Milton Park are pleased to bring you a day of football training day provided by Oxford United in the Community followed by friendly fun matches the next day.

Thursday 31st October 10 to 2pm - training activities with OUitC.

Friday 1st November – 11 to 1pm games & competitions with

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

Ages - 11-18; Cost - £1; Location – Drayton Village Hall

Contact Jake via Facebook or email – jakef.ycat@gmail.com for more information or Roxy on 07875649008

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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)

4th Oct, 11th Oct, 18th Oct 2019

!! PLEASE NOTE OUR DETAILS !!

Day and Time - Friday Morning, 0900-1030

Venue - Sutton Courtenay Primary School

Price – 1st visit free Thereafter £1 per family (includes coffee and tea for grown ups but no snacks 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG5)



Key safes

If you use a key safe, or have a family member, friend or neighbour who does, you (or they) should consider entrusting a neighbour with the code. This will mean that if the neighbour will be able to provide the code if emergency services have been called and are unable to gain entry to the property by other means.

SmartWater

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Message in a Bottle

When the Emergency Services are called to the home of someone who has collapsed or been involved in an incident, they are faced with many questions. "Who is this person? What medication are they taking? Are they allergic to anything? Who are their next of kin (or carers) to contact? Are there any pets in the house who will need care if this patient has to be taken into hospital?" The small plastic 'bottle' container contains a yellow form on which the owner provides vital information - medical conditions, regular medications, allergies, doctor's details etc. This information could obviously prove critical in deciding any appropriate treatment or other necessary action. The bottle is placed inside the fridge on the door shelf just above where the milk is kept and a green sticker is placed on the outside door of the fridge. A second sticker is placed on the inside the main entrance door. A separate bottle is required for each person in the house.

The Message in a Bottle scheme is very strongly supported by our local Emergency Services who are impressed by the simplicity of the system. It is also now a national scheme – run throughout the country by Lions and some other organisations all with the same aim – ensuring that their community is being helped to the maximum. There are now over 100,000 of these little bottles in the fridges of Oxfordshire alone.

Message in a Wallet was Introduced in 2017 and folds, concertina style, to the size of a credit card and should be kept in a wallet or purse. Ideally you need a bottle and a wallet so that the information's available if you have either an incident or accident at home or while you're away from home.

Bottles and Wallets are available from NAG5 free of charge and can be ordered by calling 07762 597118 or by emailing neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com. Please ensure you provide your name, a contact telephone number or email address as well as telling us which village you live in.

Shed break-ins

Break-ins continue to be prevalent. Along with ensuring your shed is securely locked you should consider marking anything valuable stored inside, such as tools, garden equipment and bicycles with your postcode in clear and bold lettering, using an indelible pen such as Cre-Mark (available online) This will make the items much less desirable to thieves.

To contact the police about non-emergencies please use the online reporting tool on the Thames Valley 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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Steventon & District Branch

Curry Lunch after Church

The traditional Remembrance Sunday church services are planned in all the villages on Remembrance Sunday 10 Nov. Start timings will be notified on the Church programmes and the two minutes silence between the Last Post and Reveille will take place at 11am with the rest of the nation. Our District Royal British Legion Standard will be on parade at Drayton.

A Curry Lunch will be held after church on Remembrance Sunday 10th November in Steventon Village Hall at 12.30 for 1pm. This is as a result of a request by members following last year's successful Father's Day function. It is open to all. The cost will be £14 per head, which covers the meal and dessert, first drink, and the hall booking fee. Children under 10 are free. There will be a bottle stall. All surplus funds from the function will go to RBL. *Please do come.*

Booking by 7 Nov is essential for catering reasons. Please send

your booking to RBL Chairman, 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon OX13 6SS with a cheque made out to Royal British Legion Steventon & District Branch.

The dedicated band of Poppy Sellers will be going round the villages in October and it is hoped that they will be well received and their efforts will be appreciated and well supported.

Newbury Races- Armed Forces Race day happens on Saturday 26th October and takes place as part of the Worthingtons Race day at Newbury Racecourse. The Poppy Appeal Launch will take place about an hour and a half before the first race. Entry is free for armed forces personnel past and present and RBL members. To order tickets Tel 01635 40015 and quote service number or membership number.

Nick Thompson Hon Branch Chairman

27 STOCKS LANE, STEVENTON Tel 01235 832077

VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

On Saturday, September 7th the Village Hall was filled with exhibits for the annual Produce Show. The committee are pleased to report that this year's show was a great success with more people entering and a greatly increased number of entries. In total there were 424 items exhibited from 41 adults and 25 children. It was good to see many new people entering and also more children as well as young people from The Youth Group. The weather this summer caused some problems with fruit and vegetables this year but the flowers and plants and also the flower arranging made stunning displays.

We would like to thank all those who helped us set up the hall and clear away, helped with serving teas and the raffle and for the judges who give their time so willingly.

If you haven't taken part before we would be very pleased to see you next year – look out for the schedule in next May's issue of the Sutton Courtenay News.

The Produce Show Committee

<u>Sutton Courtenay Produce Show Cup Winners</u>		
<u>Produce:</u>	Michael Kerswell	
<u>Flowers:</u>	Sally Furze	
<u>Cookery:</u>	Jane Allen	
<u>Drinks:</u>	Equal 1 st	Tina Kingsbury, Karen Maconochie and Liz Maconochie
<u>Art:</u>	Equal 1 st	Gary Nobbs and Mary Thompson
<u>Photography:</u>	Geoff Hill	
<u>Children's Classes:</u>		
Under 6s	Emily Dalby	
7 – 11s	Erin Hamilton	
<u>Flower Arranging:</u>	Sandra White	



Some of the many entries



Children's veg animals

MILTON HILL BOWLING CLUB



Milton Hill Bowling Club, Potash Lane,
Milton Hill

We end our summer season with our most successful campaign so far in the Ashley-Baker League, claiming third place behind Kintbury and Shrivenham, and remained undefeated at home. Well done Sue's team.

The annual Ladies v Men's match was a narrow 15 to 18 ends win for the men.

Many thanks go to MICE for their kind donation allowing us to upgrade the Home/Away signs on our change rooms to something really special. Durable and smart they will probably outlast the building.

While the more delicate members go off to play indoors for the next few months some also are preparing for the more informal through-the-winter competition. **It is scored four points for nearest to the jack, three for the next closest, etc., with an**

accumulating personal score. We call it 'the 4-3-2-1'. Everyone who turns up on a Monday afternoon gets a game and the dress code is relaxed to accommodate the conditions. This replaces the regular evening roll-up so if you would like to try your hand just turn up then and have a go.

There are some minor emboggerances due as St Blaise School is about to undergo major expansion, so traffic along the track to the club will need to be controlled and hidden from the new homes by hoardings. **However with the removal of our bund a sizable parcel of land has been uncovered to expand our car park as together we move ever-onward toward the creation of the new Sports and Community hub.**

Finally, this year's annual quiz is at maximum capacity and cannot take any more entrants; there's always next year.

Derek,

derekrees@msn.com or 01235 834105.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU



Contact Citizens Advice for rapid help with online scams

Citizens Advice has set up a new Scams Action service to help people who have been scammed or defrauded online, or think they might have been.

Call a Scams Action specialist adviser on 0300 330 3003 if you want to report an online scam. You can also call us if you're acting on behalf of someone else who has been scammed. We'll let you know what to do next and give you support with any problems you might be facing.

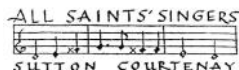
The Scams Action helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on bank holidays). We don't charge for calls to the helpline but check with your telephone provider for their conditions.

You can also use our "chat" service to talk to an adviser on the web. Chat is available from www.citizensadvice.org.uk Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more guidance telephone Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or visit Citizens Advice during opening hours. Details of office locations are on www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

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DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?



The All Saints' Singers are a small and friendly group of choral singers, led by a professional music director, who meet on Friday evenings at 7.30 in the **Matrix Music School, Sutton Courtenay**.

We are looking for new singers as we start on Friday 6 September to prepare for our next concert on Sunday 24 November, which will include music by Mozart, Fauré and Vaughan Williams.

Membership is free to new members in their first term, so why not come along and give us a go? Further details on our website <https://allsaintssingers.org> or from our Chairman, Steve, on 07812 037530.

Sutton Courtenay

(National Power) Trust

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity will be meeting in the Autumn and will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education, recreation and any other general charitable purposes. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts. Any grant awarded is likely to be paid in the new year.

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Oxon
OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 3rd September we were very pleased to obtain Tom Dodds, who has moved to Bridgend, South Wales. He gave an excellent service and the congregation were very pleased. Again thanks for the help with chairs etc.

DIARY

Tuesday 1st October 7.30PM Village Hall
Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Patrick Cadbury

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



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

Please call Val on 847612 for more information.

Next meeting: 15th October

CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



Still no rain, and even Country File mentioned how desperate things are with rivers in this area being very low, things really are critical. Well that's the moan out of the way.

The grebe has had another brood, four this time the chicks are really comical, they look as though someone has run amuck with the make up brush.

Black berries have been splendid this year and we have an abundance of apples. There is a definite autumnal feel in the air as the leaves start to turn, the fish will be putting on weight ready for winter. The lake is still producing a good head of fish and good weights recorded, so it all bodes well. We will be accepting a limited number of winter tickets again this year, application forms can be collected from;

I am looking for a retired person to assist our tidy up team, we work 2/4 hours on Wednesday mornings. Free fishing in return.

Roger 07850394094.



Friends of The Ridgeway

Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize 2020



The Ridgeway – the oldest road in Britain – historically was a trackway providing a reliable trading route from the Dorset coast along the chalk Downs to the Wash in Norfolk. Today it is not only the oldest road but is also a wonderful resource for all the communities that live along its route, where all can enjoy walking, riding or just being there.

The Friends of The Ridgeway have established an annual arts competition and prize – the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize. For 2020, it will be held in April 2020 with an exhibition in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington on Saturday and Sunday 18 – 19 April 2020 and a second exhibition in the Chilterns the following weekend. The aim of the competition is to bring The Ridgeway to life not only as a long distance trail but also as an artistic inspiration, and to show The Ridgeway, its history and environs, in all their aspects throughout all seasons. The theme of the competition is 'Spirit of the Ridgeway'.

The main points of the prize competition are:

- There will be separate classes for painting, sculpture (including ceramics and textiles), photography and writing (poetry or prose);
- Competition is open to all, amateur and professional artists;
- Art work submitted must be produced in the 24 months prior to closing date;
- The results of the competition will be announced and prizes awarded at the Ridgeway Friends Day planned for 19 April 2020;
- The closing date for entries shall be one month prior to the Ridgeway Friends Day (i.e. 19 March 2020);
- The full rules of the competition are given in a separate document.

All entrants will receive one year's membership of The Friends of The Ridgeway. Each category winner will receive a keeper prize plus £100. The overall winner will receive a keeper prize plus £250 and a trophy.

To enter applicants should contact The Friends of The Ridgeway. Entrants need to complete the Entry Form and submit it with their art work.

Why not seek artistic inspiration from the Ridgeway and then, through the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize, share it with all those that love and value the Ridgeway?

Further information can be obtained from:

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Ideally, we are looking for volunteers to commit to 8 hours per week over one or two days, for 18 months. But we can be flexible.

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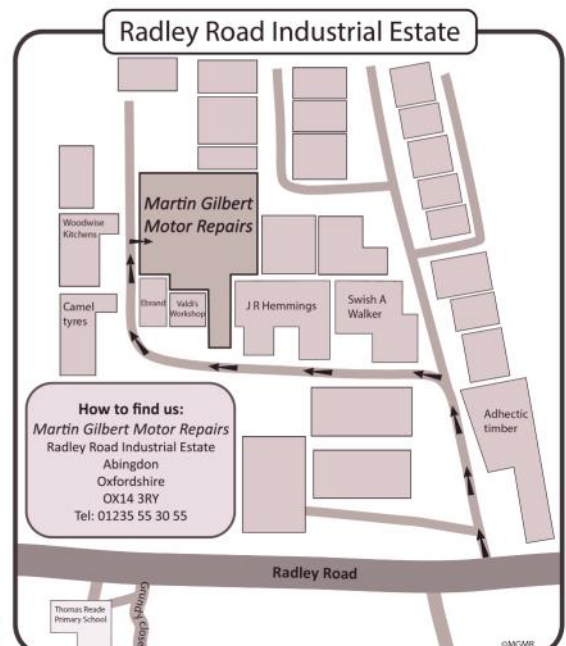
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