

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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Autumn harvest by Churchmere Pool

VILLAGE DIARY

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

November

Friday	1st	2pm	Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project Spin Class	Park Club, Milton
Saturday	2nd	2-5pm	Jumble sale	Village Hall
Tuesday	5th	7.15pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday	5th	7.30pm	Spiritualist meeting	Village Hall
Friday	8th	9.00am	Stay and Play (every Friday in month)	Primary School
Sunday	10th	11.00am	Act of Remembrance	Church
Tuesday	12th	7.15pm	AGM DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT	Village Hall
Tuesday	12th	7.30pm	SC Local History Society 'A 17th Century Christmas'	Village Hall
Thursday	14th	10.30am	Community Cafe	Church
Sunday	17th	3 - 6pm	Senior Citizens Tea Party (see page 4)	Village Hall
Tuesday	19th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Wednesday	20th		DECEMBER/JANUARY SCN COPY DEADLINE	
Sunday	24th	7.30pm	All Saints Singers Concert	Church
Thursday	28th	10.30am	Community Cafe	Church
Saturday	30th	11- 2pm	Christmas Bazaar	Primary School

December

Friday	6th	6.00pm	Sponsored Sleep In	Church
Saturday	7th	6.30pm	Yuletide Evening	The Abbey

Unless otherwise stated the Sutton Courtenay News copy deadline is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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Oxfordshire CC	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Ministry Team

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Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

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

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

Wednesdays: 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**, 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.

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS CONTACTS

This newsletter is produced by the editorial team, the members of which are Diane Armstrong (07553 801032), Clare Pennicott (07778 284193) and Bernie Jones (07761 375991). Bernie also deals with all advertising.

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Recreation Ground

As part of the Parish Council's duties, regular health and safety checks are carried out on the Recreation Ground. This month, Councillors raised the issue of the increasing amount of dog fouling on the field at the Recreation Ground and, more worryingly, dog excrement being found within the enclosed children's play area. The Parish Council would wish to remind dog owners that should dog mess go near a person's eyes, it can cause blindness. Dogs are not allowed within the play area itself and should be left outside if you have children playing on the park. There is a dog waste bin near the entrance to the car park and we ask that any dog mess be picked up and disposed of in here or taken home for disposal and not left lying around.

We have noted that the gate to the play park is no longer self closing as the existing spring mechanism cannot be tightened any further. A new spring has been ordered and will be replaced once received.

Footpath 27 Closure

Just a reminder that the footpath will be closed between Frilsham Street and Old Wallingford Way until 28th October whilst work is carried out to remove the Magnox discharge pipe.

Appleford Road Bus Stop

The Council have contacted the County Council regarding whether the size of the hardstanding area can be increased, given the number of people accessing the stop has increased.

Church Street Footway

The Parish Council reported the poor state of the footway to the County Council. They have confirmed that this should now have been cut back.

Buses-GPS Tracking

We are aware that, for some reason, the GPS tracking available on many bus services in Oxfordshire is not available in Sutton Courtenay. The Parish Council are raising this issue with Thames Travel.

Cemetery Fees

The Council reviewed the cemetery fees at the October meeting. There will be a slight increase in fees payable for plots and interments in the Cemetery with effect from 1st November. The new schedule will be sent to all local funeral directors and can be requested directly from the clerk.

Thames Water Drainage works

Thames Water have now confirmed that they have a construction programme for sewer works in the High Street. They will

commence on Monday 4th November for approximately 6 weeks. They are aiming to finish the works prior to Christmas but if there are any delays, then they will return in the new year to complete the works. The High Street will remain open at all times, and will be subject to traffic light control.

Fireworks

In past years there have been complaints regarding the 5th November and the celebrations extending several days either side of the date. Please be considerate to neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off fireworks. Please notify others if you are proposing to set off fireworks in order that villagers are aware and can arrange to keep their pets inside.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered:

P19/V2093/FUL Rebuild stone boundary wall on the north - All Saints Church, Church Street. Council had no objections and drew the District Council's attention to comments from the neighbour.

P19/V2258/HH Retrospective application for the erection of a children's climbing frame, 10 Southfield Drive. The Council objected on the basis of it being unneighbourly due to height and proximity to the neighbouring fence. The Council suggested it be moved from its current location or it be properly screened off.

P19/V2273/HH Single storey side extension, 4 Hillyard Barns. The Council had no objection.

MW.0097/19 New site reception facilities comprising retention of the existing office building and installation of a new two storey office and welfare facilities building; construction a new double weighbridge; and the retrospective permission for the construction of an access off Portway – Hanson Quarry. The Council had no objections.

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council – vacancies

The Council has vacancies for 3 Councillors and welcomes applications to fill those positions. The Council is the tier of local authority closest to the people and provides local services and is therefore vital to the community. If you would like to keep the Parish a nice place to live, have an interest in planning and development and want to be a voice for the people, then please contact the Clerk to the Council (details below) for further information

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Frilsham Street

Please check Noticeboard outside Burgery Stores in case arrangements change.

Clerk: Helen Savery, 10 Sovereign Place, Wallingford

Email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk



SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS : DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS DISTRIBUTOR VACANCIES

Thank you to all those who have responded to our plea for new distributors for Bradstocks Way and Drayton Road.

We still need volunteers to deliver to Amey Close and the Heritage Park development on Appleford Road. The Editorial Team will be able to deliver to Amey Close and Heritage Park for the remainder of this year. If no volunteers come forward for the new year we will try to make alternative arrangements for these areas but it is possible that deliveries to these areas will stop.

If you would like to volunteer or would like further information about volunteering please contact the Editors - editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk or 07778 284193



**Sutton Courtenay
Community
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

**Saturday 30th November
11:00-14:00**

**Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School
Bradstocks Way**



Come and enjoy continental
Christmas food & drink

Stock up with Christmas goodies

Buy homemade cakes

Chocolate & bottle tombolas

Sumptuous Raffle (draw 13:30)

Quality bric-a-brac, toys & books

Visit Father Christmas

All proceeds to be shared between the School and the Church



Young People supported by
The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
invite you to the
SENIOR CITIZENS' TEA PARTY



**Sunday 17th November
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
3pm to 6pm**

Bingo*Music*Entertainment*Cake

RSVP: Please complete reply slip and give to one of the following:
Margaret Hamilton, Pat Steptoe, Rev. Helen Kendrick,
Roxy Elford (07875649008) or
ring Rita Atkinson (848694) for collection



Senior Citizens' Tea Party Reply Slip

I am able to attend the event on Sunday 17 November 2019, 3pm to 6pm at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

I do / do not require help with transport

I have /do not have any special dietary requirements

Please state requirements:

Contact phone number -----

Address if lift required-----

Please return reply slip to Margaret Hamilton, Pat Steptoe, Rev. Helen Kendrick, Roxy Elford (07875649008) or ring Rita Atkinson (848694) for collection.

Organised by young people supported by: **The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project**



Working together to bring our vision to life

Our vision is to create a community based on our values here everyone is welcome. We grow together to be ready for challenge, respectful of one another and responsible for each other and our world.

On Thursday 19th September, Governors and staff came together in the school hall to review our vision and mission statements. It is important we do this to keep them fresh and relevant, and to allow us to remember what the core purpose of the school is. Our vision reflects our values.

Although we are a Church of England School, everyone is welcome and our school is a place where children from all faiths or none can thrive. We all want the same for our children – a place where they are safe to grow, learn respect, and take responsibility for their actions.

These are turbulent times for our country, and often when I see the news and snippets of the way our leaders are behaving, I despair at the example we are setting our children. Respect is often a neglected value. Yet we all know that without it little of substance is achieved, and we thank you for the support you give us every day to enforce the message that our values matter.

Falcons' Adventures

We all missed Falcons Class while they were away for their week-long residential visit to the PGL centre at Osmington Bay, but we loved hearing about their adventures when they returned. The weather was beautiful for them all week with clear blue skies and warm sun. During the week, they developed their resilience but trying out lots of new experiences. Climbing a pole to take a ride on the trapeze required particular bravery! They also practiced survival skills such as lighting a camp fire and orienteering. The coastal location enabled them to experience sailing and beach combing. Street surfing was a favourite of many children and required some good team work. Going away from home for a whole week can be pretty daunting (and that's just the teachers) and we were very proud of how brave they all were and how well they rose to the various challenges.

Media stars again!

Year 5 and 6 were filmed by the BBC on Tuesday 24th September for the Sunday morning show, Sunday Politics South. The journalist Bethan Nimmo came to school



with her camera-man and showed the children some film from parliament this month, and the children then discussed what they had seen, asked some very perceptive questions, and voiced their opinions on the way our politicians behave. The children were incredibly articulate and confident. Bethan remarked what a joy they were to work with.

Celebrating Harvest

The children in our Outreach Group organised a collection of food for the Abingdon Food Bank as we prepared for harvest festival. As always Years 1-6 celebrated harvest in All Saints Church where each class



contributed a story, song or poem to our service of thanksgiving. We encourage the children to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a time and place of plenty, but it is worth remembering that even in our own country there are many who for lots of different reasons struggle to afford good food.

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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)

!! 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 & 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

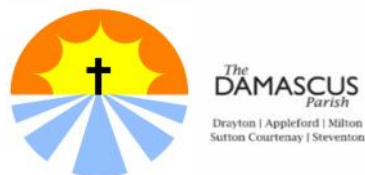
DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT



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



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

"Remember, remember 5th of November"

As I write, the atmosphere in Parliament seems explosive enough without the need for any fireworks. However, November is a month for remembering and sharing memories. The Royal British Legion will be fund raising through its Poppy Appeal as the 11th day of the 11th month approaches. Red poppies are the more often seen, but there are other colours too. Blue or purple poppies used by Animal Aid, are a reminder of the sacrifice and the resource of animals in conflicts. Black poppies have been controversially used in memory of the World War I conscientious objectors. White poppies are sold today by the Peace Pledge Union, but were originally introduced in 1933 by Britain's Co-Operative Women's Guild. The Khadi poppy is the most recently introduced (2018). The intention is to recognise the contribution of the Commonwealth nations, particularly those from an undivided India, in World War I. Remembrance services will be held in the DAMASCUS Parish churches on Sunday 10th November. See details below.

Just like the weather, the Church of England has seasonal changes during the year. November is a season of remembrance. Firstly in the month, is All Saints Day, when Christians celebrate those who have been an inspiration in their life of faith and an example of encouragement for others to follow Jesus. All Saints is followed by All Souls. This is a special service to many who share in the loss of loved ones. It is a time to remember with thanksgiving before God, those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life and love, encouragement or who nurtured us in faith. November is the season for looking back to things past. It is also the ending of the Church's year. The Christian calendar starts with Advent, a new beginning, a season for looking forward and preparation. With all of these things in mind, I'm sharing my favourite prayer, used for the turning of the Millennium:

Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people
love in our lives, delight in the good
forgiveness for past wrongs
and from now on
a new start.

*The Reverend Rosie Bruce
Associate Priest in the DAMASCUS Parish*

A HUGE Harvest THANK-YOU to all those who donated money for Farm Africa or food goods for the Abingdon Food Bank at our recent Harvest Celebrations. We raised £180 for Farm Africa and the Food Bank were delighted to receive a car load of produce to support families in need. Thank you!

THANKS are also due to the 3 dedicated members of the congregation who joined Tim Budd on 21st September to make such an impression on the intrusive undergrowth and saplings in the churchyard in order to maintain an amenity for all to appreciate.

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, there 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 Wednesday's Morning Prayer. And of course we can all remember each specific area as we move round Sutton Courtenay!

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

Sunday 27 October to Saturday 2 November – Abingdon Road, All Saints' Lane, Brook Street
Sunday 3 November to Saturday 9 November – Amey Close, Appleford Road
Sunday 10 November to Saturday 16 November – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane
Sunday 17 November to Saturday 23 November – Asquith Park, Chapel
Sunday 24 November to Saturday 30 November – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

Sunday 3rd November

10:30am Family Service to Celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints at All Saints' Church

18:00 Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls' at All Saints' Church

Sunday 10th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10:00 (NB earlier start time) Shortened Sung Eucharist

11:00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11:15 Service of Remembrance at All Saints' Church

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12noon

Thursday 14th and 28th November

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!

MEN WANTED!

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. However, we are short of male voices. We are a mixture of 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.

If you would like to join us for the Christmas Carol Service (particularly if you are a male voice) then come along!

For more information please contact Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297.

A Night at All Saints' Church

Join us for a **Sponsored Sleep, Pizza & Movie Night** for children & young people

From 6.00pm on Friday 6th December to 9:30am Saturday 7th December 2019

Pizza Supper, Film & Cooked Breakfast included

Parents are welcome to accompany their own children but in ALL CASES please complete the Parental Consent Form (available from the back of the church or by emailing

rector@damascusparish.org.uk) and return it to:

the Reverend Helen Kendrick, The Rectory, 3 Tullis Close by

Wednesday 4th December.

Minimum Sponsorship £20 - Collect as many sponsors as you can to help us raise money for the River Room – providing new toilet facilities; a kitchen and meeting room for All Saints' Church fit for the 21st century and beyond

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

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

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

Sunday 3rd – 10:30 Family Service to Celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints, followed by cake and bubbly.

18:00 Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls (see advert for details)

Monday 4th – 19:30 Baptism Preparation at St Peter's Drayton for all those interested in a christening service for their child

Tuesday 5th – 19:30 Singing Saints

Monday 11th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting, Steventon

Tuesday 12th – 19:30 Singing Saints

Tuesday 19th – 19:30 Singing Saints

Thursday 14th – 10:30-12 noon Community Café

Wednesday 20th – 19:30 Advent Course at St Blaise, Milton

Sunday 24th – 19:30 All Saints' Singers Concert

Tuesday 26th – 19:30 Singing Saints

Wednesday 27th - 19:30 Advent Course at St Blaise, Milton

Saturday 30th – 11:00-14:00 Christmas Bazaar, Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School. 13:00 Wedding at All Saints' Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 1st – 18:00 An Advent Carol Service. Come and join us as we mark Advent - the season of preparation for Christmas - with a special service of readings and hymns – -all welcome!

Wednesday 4th - 19:30 Advent Course at St Blaise, Milton

Friday 6th – 18:00 Sponsored Church Sleepover for children and young people

Saturday 7th – 18:30 Yuletide Evening at the Abbey

Wednesday 11th - 19:30 Advent Course at St Blaise, Milton



Holy Baptism

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

Jacob Archie DIXON (13th October 2019)

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

	St Peter's Church ,Drayton	Milton	All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay
3rd Nov	3.00pm All Souls Service		6.00pm All Souls Service
10th Nov	9:45am Holy Communion followed by Act of Remembrance	10:45am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Remembrance Service in church	10:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Act of Remembrance followed by Service of Remembrance

Ride & Stride 2019.

A local record was made on the 14th September when the four local cyclists, Peter Foster, Ian Simpson, Nick Dunton and Fred Cabbage raised £838 between them in sponsorship. The organisers, Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT), retain 50% of the amount raised and the other half goes to All Saints' Church for maintaining the original fabric of the Medieval building. Fred also broke his own personal record – 54 locations on the OHCT list covering 32 miles and raising over 50% of the total thanks to the generosity of the church congregation. Nick cycled nearly 50 miles in the day. Thanks are also extended to those who remained in church to welcome visitors from elsewhere on a glorious day.

Community Café at All Saints' on the 12th September took a total of £441.66 for the MacMillan Cancer Support charity through sales of coffee, cakes plus a raffle. Thanks to all the local community who came along to support the charity and the many who donated refreshment.

The Community Café takes place every 2nd and 4th Thursday between 10.30 and 12 noon. Many charities are supported throughout



Creative Christmas Christmas in a Box!



Individuals, organisations and shops and businesses are invited to get creative and help us celebrate Christmas.

**What does Christmas mean to you?
And can you put it in a box?**

Any size box will do and be as imaginative as you like. It might be a Nativity Scene in a shoe box...a miniature version of a shop ready for Christmas...a collection of your favourite Christmas decorations...a 3D portrayal of the Torchlight Procession... Why not have a go?

And bring them along to **All Saints' Church** for an exhibition on **Saturday 14th December from 1-5pm**

FREE ENTRY!

**Seasonal refreshments available
All proceeds to the River Room Building Project**

Completed boxes can be brought to church between 10:00-12noon on the morning of 14th December.

For more information please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick, 01235 848297 or rector@damascusparish.org.uk



REST IN PEACE

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

Doris Tritton who died on 26th September 2019, aged 99, was born on 25th April 1920 and grew up in Winchester with her brother George. The family lived in a cottage on an estate where her Mother worked as House Keeper. Her Father was an Army pensioner who died when she was relatively young. Doris always remembered the lady of the big house buying her a new bicycle as a present because she thought a lot of her. On leaving school she went to work, alongside her Mum, as Lady's Maid in the big house. When war broke out she went to work for the ATS. It was whilst working as a cook in a transport café in Winchester that Doris met Roland. I remember her telling me that she gave him a big plateful of food and it was love at first sight! They were married in Droxford Registry Office on 15th July 1950 - St Swithun's Day (and Doris remembered it raining all day) when Doris was 30 and he was only 24 – her toyboy as she called him – but he was a good, kind and caring husband for over 58 years of

married life. Some of her favourite stories were about going on his motorbike with him when her Mum had forbidden her to go with him! Roland's work took him all over the country from the New Forest to Scotland, from Henley to Oxford, from Worksop to Wallingford. And Doris travelled with him – making a home in a caravan which was always on the move and all of her children were born in different places. Eventually Roland and Doris settled into a new home in Bradstocks Way with their family – Rosie, Nobby, Sue, Janet and Jenny – and which became the family home for over 50 years. Doris used to say that moving into Sutton Courtenay was like moving into a mansion, compared to life in the caravan. She was loving, caring and supportive Mum to all her children and to the numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren which followed. She loved nothing better than spending time with the family and she enjoyed telling stories from her childhood and reminiscing about the past. She always had time to listen and was happy to help in anyway she could if any of the family.....

had problems. She was always the gentle parent (often heard to say 'just wait until your Dad comes home') but had great inner strength which carried her through all of life's joys and sorrows. She loved to read and do word search puzzles. She enjoyed watching Emmerdale and Eastenders but preferred the company of others to watching TV. She loved to chat and made friends easily. In later years, particularly after she moved into Stirlings in Wantage, she liked to have a routine to her day. She never failed to enjoy her food and loved having her hair done once a fortnight. She greatly appreciated the care she received whilst living there. In later life she enjoyed going to visit Southsea on, or around her birthday. She loved to just sit and watch the boats and look out to sea. She also really enjoyed being waited on in the restaurant. The staff got to know her and gave her cakes and cards – they were always impressed with how she was for her age! She would always smile back with her shiny blue eyes which lit up a room. The family feel very fortunate to have had her as their Mum for so long and they have many lovely memories to hold on to. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. *This is an edited extract from the address given at her funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick on Wednesday 9th October 2019*

Thomas Desmond Coyle (Des) who died on 22nd September 2019, aged 89, was born on 3rd December 1929 at Gate Lodge, Fermanagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland to Margaret Lynne and Thomas Coyle. He grew up in Omagh alongside his brother, Mervin and sisters May, Irene and Emma. Sadly he lost his Mum at an early age and was brought up by his sister, May. He attended Omagh Model School and went to work for Scotts Mills as a packer. He enlisted in the Army in 1947 and travelled the world – serving in Hong Kong, Egypt and in Korea, during the Korean War. He was discharged from the Army in 1955 and then joined the Air Ministry Police and, after attending Police School, was posted to RAF Milton No 3 Maintenance Unit, which closed in 1959 and Des resigned from the Air Ministry Police. He then went to work at AERE Harwell as a Stores Manager and in 1961 he transferred to the Irradiation and Demolition Section in 1994, finally retiring in 1998. It was whilst stationed at Milton that he met and married Ada. They met in the canteen, where Ada was working. It wasn't quite love at first sight but, as Des told me, Ada was feeding him and good food was definitely the way to his heart. They were married in 1957 and lived for six months with Ada's parents in Radley, until moving to their own flat on Tyrrells Way and then to a house. Ada and Des went on to have two daughters – Lynne and Tracy – and Des was a proud grandfather to James and father in law to Alfie. As a Dad he was strict – but would do anything for his daughters. And both Lynne and Tracy have many fond memories of cycling to swimming or walking; going bird-spotting in the countryside with him; and playing cricket in the back garden. He loved walking around this village and was often found in the churchyard showing people around its famous residents! He was greatly involved in the fundraising campaign to build a swimming pool in the school. He continued to enjoy many trips to visit his family in Northern Ireland and Canada. For many years before Lynne married she used to take Des to the Labour Club and Marlborough Club in Didcot so he could enjoy a few pints with his mates on a Friday night. Before Des retired Alfie introduced him to the world of golf and that became Des's obsession. Through an incredible amount of practice he became a very good player and eventually joined Drayton Golf Club when it opened.

He made many good friends there, enjoying taking part in competitions and winning a few as well. He ended up with several trophies and even when he was not able to play anymore he went to the Club on a Wednesday to have a coffee and a catch up with his friends. Des enjoyed mowing the grass and working on his allotment, growing vegetables. He was a stickler for the routine of housework and when Ada became ill, Des, along with Tracy, became her devoted carer and looked after her until she died. Not long after Ada's death, Des himself became ill and had a few stays in hospital. Tracy, supported by Lynne, looked after Des until last summer when he moved into Abingdon Court Care Home. He was well supported with frequent visits from Tracy, and his golfing buddies Gordon and John. Lynne, Alfie and James visited whenever they could – bringing him home for visits and taking him to the Club at Drayton. Des never lost his sense of humour and loved talking about his days in the Army and all the countries he visited. All his life long he enjoyed taking part in and watching a variety of sport – particularly playing football and cricket in his younger days. He loved watching war films and anything with John Wayne in it and enjoyed listening to Bing Crosby and Al Jonson. Des would have been 90 years old this December but he refused to believe he was that old and Tracy even had to take him his birth certificate to prove it to him. Des was a man who touched the lives of those who knew him and changed them for the better. He was a sincere and genuine gentleman, with a twinkle in his eye, always prepared to talk to anyone. Someone with a deep faith who was devoted to his beloved wife, Ada and who loved and cared for his family and friends. He certainly had the charm of the Irish and he will be greatly missed. *His funeral was held in All Saints' Church on Thursday 10th October and this is an edited extract of the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who sent all the thoughtful cards and flowers and messages of sympathy on the loss of our dad Des. Thank you also to everyone who attended his funeral and for the donations in his memory. Our thanks also go to our Vicar The Rev Helen Kendrick for the kindly and caring way she conducted the funeral. All the family greatly appreciate the support given to us during this sad time. Tracey Coyle

Thank you

Clare, Justyn and Rhodri thank all those who sent such kind messages on the loss of their father, Ryland. Thank you also to everyone who attended his funeral.



Drawing by Felix Wilkinson



Tuesday 12th November
Village Hall 7.30pm



"A 17th CENTURY CHRISTMAS"
An illustrated talk by Tim Healey

Christmas will soon be upon us, if it isn't already, but in this talk we shall be looking back to how Christmas was celebrated long ago. The Society has enjoyed previous talks by Tim Healey who is a writer and broadcaster. He has written many books for both adults and children and has also broadcast on a wide range of subjects from music to social history. Tim is a popular speaker at history societies and his talks are beautifully illustrated, so come and enjoy an evening discovering what Christmas used to be like.

Everyone welcome: Members free: Visitors £3
Mary Thompson: 848527



SUTTON COURTENAY PRODUCE SHOW

This is the full list of cup winners at September's Produce Show with apologies to those whose names were omitted.

<u>2019 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>Crafts:</u>	Susanne Hignell		
<u>Art:</u>	Equal 1 st	Gary Nobbs and Mary Thompson	
<u>Photography:</u>	Geoff Hill		
<u>Children's Classes:</u>			
<u>Under 6s</u>	Emily Dalby	<u>7 – 11s</u>	Erin Hamilton
<u>Flower Arranging:</u>	Sandra White		
<u>Overall Winner:</u>	Michael Kerswell		
<u>Daphne Sinclair Memorial Cup - Judges Choice:</u> Tina Kingsbury			

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show Committee.

MILTON HILL BOWLING CLUB



Potash Lane, Milton Hill

October is always a busy time as we host our AGM and annual quiz evening; this year without our esteemed Secretary at the helm due to illness but I expect we struggled through alright without his guiding hand. Get well soon Mike.

We also present the sixteen trophies won in the club competitions. As usual John did well in all the knock-outs running throughout the season, with Trevor doing just that little bit better, again. Despite only entering the one-day contests this year both Sue and Peter Walker secured two trophies each. Yours truly managed to come second in the only contest without a runners-up prize, doh! Maurice was runner-up *again* in the Never Won contest being pipped by Frances in her first year with us. Even more impressive was in the Men's Pairs where Terry Ward got his name on the Fuller Shield in his very first year of bowling. Although being a naturally gifted player (obvs!) his skills had been honed by our Club Coach, Roy, His Monday evening sessions have ceased for the winter but anyone who would like a roll-up should turn up any Monday afternoon (if it isn't raining – we're not that daft) and have a go.

Derek , derekrees@msn.com 01235 834105

CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



13th October, I have been away, I'm told it's been raining, and it's raining today, dark and miserable, but I'm happy as lake is on the rise. As quoted earlier, I have been away so little to report. This time of the year is difficult to write about, not a lot to get excited about. Yet the beautiful autumn colours are in all the trees and shrubs around the lake, the blackberries have finished but the apples are still in abundance. Looking forward to winter, Christmas and the new year starting. The fish don't care though, they are grubbing around putting on weight ready for the colder weather. So keep feeding them lads, they are in fine fettle and looking their best. The weed is now brittle and not the problem it once was. The second brood of grebes are growing well, so in the main thing are pretty good and with luck, I will not be moaning about the lack of rain for some time. 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 Rance.

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday October 1st we enjoyed an excellent service with Patrick Carbury from Luton. The attendance was by far the smallest we have ever had, just 9 people, but the weather was atrocious. Patrick said as he was driving through Aylesbury the rain was really bad. Again, the help clearing up was much appreciated

DIARY

Tuesday, November 5th, Village Hall,
7.30pm Spiritual Meeting with Paul Wilkinson
Enquiries Pat or Sam 01235 847460

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Its never too late to come and join us at Sutton Courtenay WI.

This month we have welcomed lovely new members, our existing ones are not bad either!

So what are you waiting for!

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Please call Val on 847612 if you would like more information.

Dates for our next meetings :

19th November John Paine – Russia's City of Bling

17th December Christmas Party (members only)

21 January Nick Brazil – Castles in the Air

Home Start Southern Oxfordshire

is looking for new volunteers to support local families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. Are you a parent, or have experience working with young children, and can spare 2-3 hours per week giving friendly practical and emotional support? Full training and on-going staff support given. Please contact 01235 511152 or admin@homestartso.org for more information.



Don't miss out on one the Village's traditional events.....

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'*

**YULETIDE
EVENING AT
THE ABBEY**

Saturday 7th December

6.30 - 8.30 pm

Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine

Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.

THE ABBEY, The Green, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AF

Admission by ticket only: Adults £12, Children (under 12) £6

Available from BURGLEY STORES, High Street

or Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com) 01235 848768

Everyone welcome!

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

I am sure that many reading this would like an update on the latest activities in Westminster, however as I contribute to this newsletter well in advance of its publication I'm afraid I cannot predict with any certainty what the situation will be when you read it: Perhaps we will be in the throes of a general election! I do however regularly update my website, facebook and Twitter pages so for more up to date news please do follow them.

Locally there have been two major successes in the past few weeks (I write at the beginning of October.) As the population of the local area increases so does demand for essential services. Key among these is the demand for excellent schools. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) predicts that primary schools across the county will require an extra 25,000 places by 2031.

I was therefore dismayed earlier this year to hear that schools across Oxfordshire were having trouble expanding their facilities, in particular classroom space, to meet the increase in demand. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) had asked the Department for Education (DfE) for permission to expand their classrooms and they were refused, on the basis that the sacrifice of playing field space at the schools would be too great.

I was asked to intervene by parents and staff of schools in my constituency. I visited one of the schools myself, Marcham Primary and after a successful intervention by MPs across Oxfordshire I was delighted to receive news last week that the applications for expansion across the county have been approved.

A further cause for celebration is that NHS England have confirmed that not only will PET-Scan services at the Churchill be protected and remain in the hands of Oxford University Hospitals (there were fears earlier this year that they may be lost to a private operator) new scanning services will be provided at other Hospitals serving the constituency, including the Great Western in Swindon. Following intervention by Oxfordshire MPs.

Once again these issues go to show what can be achieved if communities, local councils, MPs and Government work together to achieve the best outcomes.

Finally, the Government is rolling out a new rural broadband scheme from which you may benefit; more information can be found at <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter by emailing vaizeye@parliament.uk, phoning 0207 219 6350 or writing to House of Commons, SW1A 0AA. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website,

I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at

<http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

CONSTITUENCY OFFICE CHANGES

Ed Vaizey MP's constituency office will be closing on 1st November 2019.

The Wantage telephone number has already been suspended. Ed Vaizey MP's current contact details are:

Postal Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Tel: 020 7219 6350

Email: vaizeye@parliament.uk (email is the preferred method of contact: it allows for much easier input into our case management system!)

Web & Social media

Website: www.vaizey.com

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/edvaizey](https://twitter.com/edvaizey)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/vaizeyemp

Citizens Advice launches energy advice drive

Your local Citizens Advice is launching its annual initiative to help people in financial need who find it hard to pay their energy bills.

- The project, called the Energy Advice Programme (EAP), is going live throughout Oxfordshire South and Vale from October to March 2020. It includes comprehensive steps to help people who have to spend a significant proportion of their income on fuel bills.
- At an EAP appointment our advisers, depending on your particular problem, can do one or more of the following:
- Help you understand energy companies' tariffs and bills.
- Provide information and support on switching tariff or supplier, identifying any savings you might make.

- Give advice on energy efficiency measures and list any grants available to pay for these.
- Carry out benefit entitlement checks and help you claim any benefits to which you might be entitled. We can help you apply for the Warm Home Discount and the Priority Services Register, if applicable.
- Assist with any customer service complaints you might have against your energy company.

The Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk will give you more information. You can also telephone our Adviceline on 03 444 111 444 or visit a local branch of Citizens Advice during opening hours. Details of office locations are on www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been an eventful month for Oxfordshire's Councils. There is much concern that the actions of one council could affect others. At its recent Council Meeting, after much anguish. VWHDC finally agreed to adopt its Local Plan. The good news is that, for the moment at least, the area should be protected from speculative planning applications which have plagued us for some years. The downside is that all Oxfordshire Councils are working towards plans with greatly increased housing numbers. Though not as bad as some, VWHDC is already slipping behind its target allocation and this could see the return of speculative planning within a very few years.

Did I say "all" Oxfordshire Councils? The problems of South Oxfordshire's Local Plan have been in the news on many occasions over recent years. They have been unable to agree where their housing allocations should go. Indeed, the argument has seen the disintegration of one administration and culminated in May of this year in the installation of a new one. The SODC Local Plan was always well behind the Vale's and, in the short term, they are under less threat from speculative planning. In order to make adjustments to their Local Plan, last week, their Cabinet was about to ask the Council to withdraw their plan. A simple enough decision you would have thought - but nothing in planning is ever simple.

Many months ago, Oxfordshire Councils collectively signed up to a "Growth Deal" with Government where, in return for £250m, the Councils would together deliver 100,000 new homes by 2031. In addition, OCC made a successful "HIF" (Housing Infrastructure Fund) bid for a further £150m needed to pay for a link road and river crossing from Didcot. OCC argued that this was needed if the roads supplying the many thousands of houses proposed for Valley Park, Didcot were to be built. The problem

was that the VWHDC local plan depended on the successful delivery of those houses and that this government money was contingent on all Local Plans being in place.

So, (in the hope that you are still with me!), it seemed that the non adoption of the SODC Plan could well upset the whole VWHDC Plan. Or alternatively that Government would have to agree to a different source of funding to pay for the new link road and bridge. Last week SODC received an email from the Housing Minister, Robert Jenrick MP, "ordering that SODC must not discuss its Local Plan until he had made a decision. This notice went to all Oxfordshire Councils and the press and it raises many questions. Here are a few:

1. Is the Housing Minister using the right Act of parliament to justify his decision?
2. Is the VWHDC now in place or not?
3. Given how essential it is to Government that Didcot should grow, could the money not be found from some other source?
4. There has been enormous pressure from other Councils on SODC not to withdraw its local plan and accusations of bullying. Is this right?
5. Is the Minister's decision a flouting of local democracy? In May, SODC residents voted in their new council in part because they did not like their local plan – where does the Minister's decision leave them?

And we all thought Brexit was a complicated business!

Richard Webber Cllr Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Division

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ALL SAINTS SINGERS

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

Have the pleasure of inviting you to their Advent Concert at

**All Saints Church
Sunday 24th November at 7.30 pm**

The choir will be offering a some well-known favourites including the Requiem by Gabriel Faure and Mozart's Missa Brevis (K65). We will also be looking forward towards Christmas with the Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams.

Please do come for what should be a very enjoyable evening.

Tickets £12 at the door or at Burgreys Stores, Sutton Courtenay or on line at

<https://www.trybooking.c.uk/NBV>

ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT AGM

**NOTICE and Invitation to A G M
Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.15pm
Venue: Sutton Courtenay Village Hall**

The trustees, staff and young people would like to share some of the highlights and achievements of their work in 2018/19 and hope that you are able to attend.

Anne Whitehead, Secretary, 01235 848514

BBOWT SITE IN SUTTON COURTENAY

Editors' note:

In the September edition of Sutton Courtenay News we asked if any readers had knowledge about the history of Milton and the Ordnance depot. We have been contacted by a long term resident who was born in Sutton Courtenay and the request prompted further memories she has of Sutton Courtenay from the 1920s onwards. She has very kindly provided the

information below, which we have slightly edited. Since she wrote this, further memories have come back and we hope to include those in next month's edition.

If any other readers have information they wish to share, please contact the editors at

editors@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk or hand in written information at Burgrey Stores.

My knowledge relates to the 1900s. In the early years of the century Sutton Courtenay was a very small village.

I remember a large family named Napper. Arthur Napper and his wife lived and farmed at the Bridge Farm in Appleford, good friends of my husband and myself. Arthur told us that the land at the Didcot and Milton ends was marshland, no good for farming (this the editors think became the site of the Ordnance depot). The land was eventually partially used to build accommodation for Chinese prisoners of the 1914 -18 war. Many remained to make their homes in the UK. I knew a family name Chung who settled in Abingdon. I am now in my nineties and wish I had asked more questions at the time. After the war the buildings were torn down, wood in particular being in short supply for new building.

My father, Samuel Lewis, was a builder. He turned what was a dismal chapel opposite Houghton House in the High Street into a dance hall. Afterward it became an egg packing station. My father also built the old village hall in Wallingford Way. The site was donated by a generous landowner, and the hall gave a great deal of pleasure to a lot of people. When the new village hall was built in Hobby Horse Lane, Dr Sinclair of the Grange, Lady Place, transferred the old hall into his grounds to keep chickens.

Between the wars, as children we had to watch our step with service personnel cycling to and from the Army and RAF depots. A siren would sound for the start and end of the working day. In 1938, with rumours of war, Amey lorries were whizzing to and from the depots. A metal barrier was placed outside our Church School in the High Street to slow us from rushing across the road, and it is still there. The Army and RAF depots took an important place during the war. Air raid shelters were built and roads widened, no doubt to take large lorries with trailers 60 feet long, named Queen Marys.* The railway at Didcot was

crucial to the Army. At the request of fishermen, trains were asked to stop at Appleford.

I'm guessing late 70s/80s, friends of ours, the Povells, moved to Milton and Neil Povell discovered that a 1914 -18 aircraft wing was part of the roof of the garage. He made contact with the Aircraft Museum at Duxford, who were very interested in the wing and hung a plaque thanking Neil Povell.

*editors note: Queen Mary transporters were long transport trucks which could carry a whole plane. The RAF used them between 1940 and 1955.

Mrs K E Slater
Sutton Courtenay

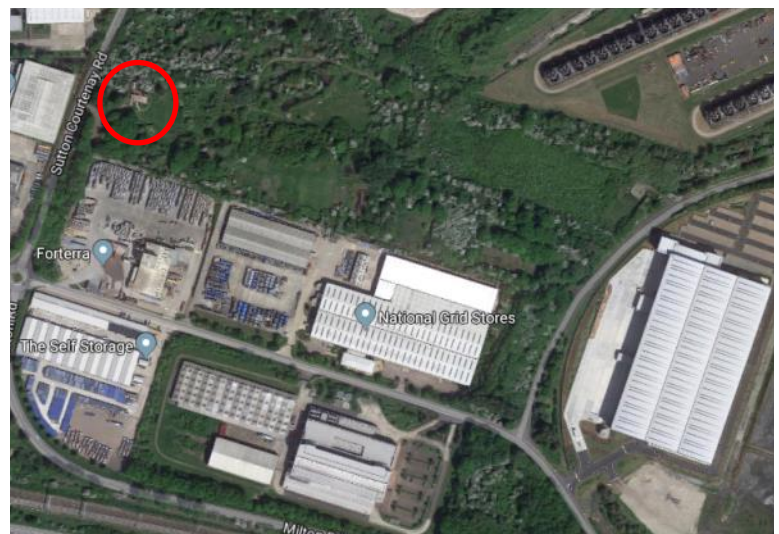


Aerial photo of Ordnance Depot site in 1940s



A Queen Mary
transporter

By Panhard - <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki>



BBOWT site now—some Depot roads still visible (Google Maps)

MILLENNIUM COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Millennium Common Management Committee are looking for an appropriately qualified volunteer with a strong sense of interest in the local community to audit, or at least certify our accounts this winter. We are a small charitable type organisation, administered and overseen by Oxfordshire County Council, managing The Common for the overall use and benefit of residents of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford.

Our limited funding is drawn down, from a holding account managed by the County Council, once a year (February) upon the Council's receipt of properly certified or audited accounts. The Management account has an average of 1-2 income items per year (usually 1) and an average of 2-3 outgoing payments (maintenance, public liability insurance etc.) In view of this, our account audit would, understandably, be a very short exercise.

As we are a small organisation with very limited and strictly controlled funding, we are not in a position to pay large accounting/audit bills. We are, therefore, looking for a kind, public spirited volunteer to look over our accounts this Autumn/Winter. The accounts are kept and prepared by our Treasurer, Jill Foley.

If there is somebody in either Appleford or Sutton Courtenay who feels that they would like to contribute a very small amount of time to the local public good, please contact either of the following: -

Treasurer - Jill Foley on 01235 848949 or jillfoley52@btinternet.com

Chairman - David Hignell on 01235 847753 or hignells@btinternet.com

Susan Ironside - Secretary



Drawing by Felix Wilkinson

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
01235 848335 or 07787521039
morna28whitlock@gmail.com

SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP



Why not turn a walk in to a workout?

This is exactly what Nordic Walking with poles in the correct manner will do for you. No more Gym fees or expensive exercise machines. Just the pleasure of being outside with like minded people. Enjoying observing the changing face of nature week by week and also the very friendly non competitive company of others whilst getting fitter both in mental and physical health. If interested in free tuition and free walks please contact Annalie.Thomasson@southandvale.go.uk of Go Active Gold.

SUTTON COURTENAY BROWNIES (FOUNDED 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG5)



Bogus Census Group warning

Neighbourhood Watch has received reports of fraudsters operating in Thames Valley who are posing as Home Office officials. They have documents with the Department of Home Affairs letterhead and claim to be confirming that everyone has a valid ID for the upcoming Census. Their true aim is to attempt to rob homes.

There's no initiative of this kind from the Government. These fraudsters are moving around the area and they look presentable.

Two-factor authentication (2FA) - the easy way to keep hackers out of your accounts

The explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us need to remember a seemingly endless list of passwords. That can sometimes lead to shortcuts that are bad for our online security, such as using the same password for multiple accounts or creating a simple password that's easy to guess.

Your important online accounts, such as e-mail or any account that holds personal or financial details, should be secured with a

strong and unique password. Further protection can be gained by enabling two-factor authentication (2FA). Accounts with 2FA enable require you to verify your identity with your password (first factor) and then a randomised code (second factor) that's sent to your smartphone. This means that if your password's stolen fraudsters will still need your phone and, if your phone's stolen, they'll need your password.

For instructions on how to enable 2FA on popular online services visit www.telesign.com/turnon2fa

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

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, OX13 6PU
Tel: 01865 391833

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Citizens Advice Needs Volunteers

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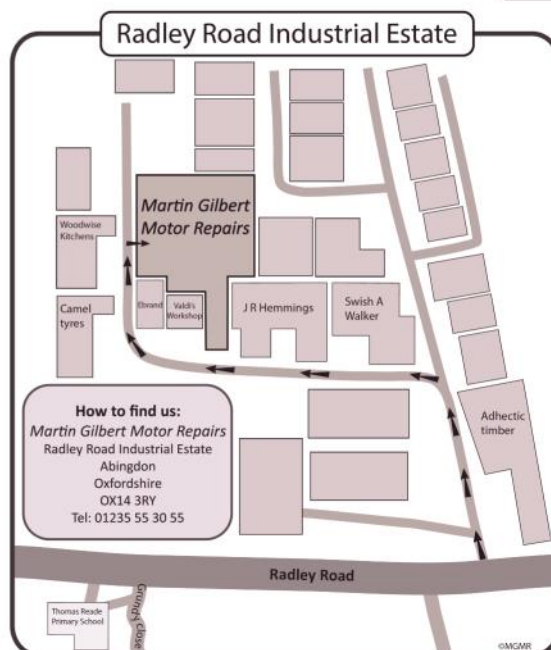
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