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# FROM THE EDITORS - ANOTHER LIMITED EDITION SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS!

Yet again, unfortunately, the Covid 19 restrictions have prevented the delivery of this month's edition to ,every house in the village. We hope that when we return in September, after the summer break, we will be able to deliver as usual. We have been able to have printed a limited number of copies of this month's edition for individual collection from various points in the village including the shops, the garage and the church. We will continue to deliver to a number of people in the village who are not able to collect a copy. This month's edition is also available on line at.

# www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

We would like to thank Zoe Hunter for the great photographs that she has taken over the last few weeks in and around the village and the surrounding area. Finally, we would like to wish everyone a safe summer and we hope that by September things will be more like they used to be.

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# SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATOR



THE VILLAGE HAS TWO DEFIBRILLATORS. ONE IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FRONT ROLLER DOORS ΟF

COURTENAY SUTTON TYRES ON THE HIGH STREET. THE OTHER IS

ANOTHER ONE IS OUTSIDE THE FISH, APPLEFORD ROAD.



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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# Services of Worship

## **CURRENTLY NOT TAKING PLACE SEE PAGES 10 & 11**

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

BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am Wednesdays:



## SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS CONTACTS

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



# Thank you

The Parish Councillors wish to thank all residents who have been working hard to keep the village tidy during the lockdown.

# **COVID 19 update**

The play area at the recreation ground remains closed under government guidelines. No safety checks are currently being carried out on the equipment. Our contractor has been requested to cut the grass in the play area when the restrictions are lifted. The Parish Council are looking at the replacement of the litter bin in the play area.

The Multi use Games Area and the skate park can now be used. Please ensure that, if using the same, current government social distancing guidance is followed.

# Footpaths and cycleways

Given the increase in the use of their use during this period, the County Council are looking into focusing on improvements/ repairs to footpaths and cycle paths. If you know of any in need of repair, please let the Clerk know and these will be reported. Alternatively, you are able to report these yourselves on the Fix My Street website. The clerk is trying to obtain a map showing the official numbers of the footpaths and cycleways and if this is obtained, it will be put on the website. They can be reported without the number in any event.

# **Planning Permissions**

The following planning permission were discussed at the June meeting:-

P20/V1065/FUL - Erection of outbuilding for domestic storage purposes including garden equipment and machinery on the parcel of land between 17 Milton Road (originally part of that garden) and 5 Katchside. Formation of new access for garden machinery off Katchside Sutton Courtenay OX14 4BP

Comments: Council had no objections but supported the Local Authority's request that a condition be added that the property should only be used for domestic storage, the affect on traffic on the highway and whether the trees are subject to TPOs.

MW.0046/20 - Construction and operation of two additional rail sidings Appleford Depot, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon, OX14 4PW

Comments: The Council objected on the grounds of noise/vibrations and increased traffic, also whether the additional sidings are required. If the County Council does approve the application, the Parish Council requests conditions in relation to the hours of operation both following completion of the works and during the construction period to alleviate disturbance to the local residents.

P19/V1728/RM - Reserved Matters application for details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed development following planning permission P18/V0069/O. (Amended plans received 22-04-20 to show amendments to design, housing mix and layout). (Residential development of 91 dwellings and associated access)

Land at Former Amey Site Sutton Courtenay Comments: The Council wish to object to the proposals.

Comments: The Council objected to the amendments to planning for the following reasons. The parking spaces are still too narrow and (according to Oxfordshire County Council and Government standards) should be a minimum of 2.7m where adjacent to a wall, 2.9m where between two walls and 3m within garages. The Council feels that the required additional parking, due to the reduction in the number of garages, should not be allowed to encroach into the public open space. The Parish Council would also support the comments and conditions stated in the response from the Development Control Consultant (Transport) in Oxfordshire County Council's response dated 29th October 2019

P20/V0654/FUL – New Workshop Windy Ridge, Workshop

Rear Of 1 Milton Road Drayton

Comments: Council had no objections.

## South Oxfordshire Local Plan

This Plan is due to go before a Planning Inspector to examine the same for soundness and legal compliance. The Parish Council will be reconfirming its original objections to the plan.

## Planning consultations

The Council are currently preparing responses to planning consultations on the extension of the 30mph speed limit on Appleford Road and a proposed shared cycle track along Milton Road and the junction of Springfield Way.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm via Zoom meetings. Should you wish to join the meeting, please contact the clerk who will provide log in details prior to the meeting.

Please check Noticeboard outside Burgrey Stores and the website in case arrangements change.

Clerk: Mrs Helen Savery, 10 Sovereign Place, Wallingford Tel: 01235 364211. Email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

# Funding for Sutton Courtenay Paths

Oxfordshire County Council's consultation on post-lockdown active travel measures, is seeking feedback on 'Phase 1' £600,000 and input to 'Phase 2' £2.3 million.

The funding is for changes to help make journeys easier by bike and on foot as lockdown restrictions gradually ease.

If you would like to see some of this money spent on improving paths in and around our village please take a few minutes to add your voice.

The more people that comment the more likely we are to secure some of the funding and we are badly in need of funding to improve some of the paths both in the village and linking our village with other locations. For example there are a number of paths between Sutton Courtenay and Steventon, some heavily used by cyclists, even though they are not currently suitable for bikes, indicating the need for investment in a cycle path linking our villages! Or, you might think the footpath over Sutton Bridge (Tolgate Road) needs widening! You only have to identify where the path is and what you would like to see improved. Preferably paths in the village or used by villagers to get to other locations from the village.

The consultation is here:

https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/ OxfordshireActiveTransport

Details on Phase 1 have been published here:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/activetravel

# SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

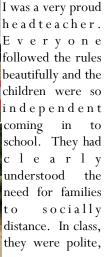


# Returning to school

There is much to celebrate this week. The return of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 has been extremely successful, and has given us so much joy. It has been a long journey to get this far, but finally it seems there is light at the end of the

tunnel.





focused, and obviously so pleased to be back. All the staff who were in school on this week with the children have felt that their behaviour



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exemplary
and a credit
to you. It
seems such
a very long
time ago
that we
w a v e d
goodbye to



you at the end of March — we have all learned such a lot since then. As always, the children showed themselves to be adaptable and resilient



Meanwhile, however, I am very much aware that most of our children are still in the position of being educated at home. Staff, parents and carers have all worked incredibly hard

together to make this as successful as it can be, but it is right that we are all now asking the question — when can ALL children return to school?

The answer is, as soon as possible, given the extremely complex logistics. Our first priority has to be the safety of the children, the wider community and our staff. We know that children rarely get ill with coronavirus, but we also know that they do carry it. Our best protection, in line with government advice, is to limit the numbers of children and staff we put together into small 'bubbles' which do not mix. We combine this with very tight hygiene and cleaning routines.

The biggest issues are obviously space and staffing. We could not possibly have all the children in at the same time, working in the new smaller group sizes, without double the amount of classroom space. We would also need a significant increase in staffing levels both for teaching and cleaning, and this is at a time when staffing is actually reduced due to some members needing to shield. Because young children cannot socially distance in the way that older ones can, we also need to isolate staff and 'bubbles' in particular zones of the school, which of course reduces flexibility further.

# **Poetry corner**

This poem was written by one of our Year 3 pupils, aged 8. The lessons leading up to the writing were all delivered via Google Classroom. The children were inspired to think about what would be on the other side of an imaginary door after lockdown...

# The Magic Door

My magic door will open to

the golden sun and the warm whisper wind in my ears, a swish of my friends running on top of a blinding rainbow,

a rumble of the furious waves smashing the silver rocks.

It will open to

a warm taste of my granny's spice food,

a smell of sweet and pink doughnuts from my favorite shop,

the emerald grass and the laugh of a friend across the playground.

It will open to

a touching big and fluffy chair from the dark amazing cinema,

the bobbing turquoise reflections of the fastest swimmers, the echoes of the happy laughing in the busy park.

My magic door will be made from the glitter of my unicom splashes, its hinges will be made from the golden of the sun, around its edges will be a rainbow of freedom.

By Denise, aged 8

Headteacher **Ms Rachel Hornsey** Assistant Headteachers **Lisa Knight and Louise Potter** 

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# Chromebook Appeal for our Village School

Would you be able to support the education of

our village children in this particularly difficult time?

Most of the children who attend our school are now learning at home online, and it is likely to be this way for some time to come. Many are disadvantaged by lack of technology at home.

Our aim is to add 60 Chromebooks (basic laptops) to our technology resources to loan out and use in school — we are asking for your support to help meet this challenge. You might be surprised by how little one costs. For £231 you would be able to donate a Chromebook to the school and know that you are giving a real boost to a child's education now and having an impact for years to come.

Donations can be made to the charity Friends of Sutton Courtenay School (registered charity no. 1165543) via the below bank details:

Friends of Sutton Courtenay School Barclays

Sort Code 20-01-09

Account No 50888508

If you would like to discuss your donation, please do not hesitate to contact Headteacher Rachel Hornsey via the address above or 07985 584938

# SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



# Your Village Hall

The Trustees are starting to consider the next phase of refurbishment and improvements to the village hall. The survey results for the Village Neighbourhood Plan indicated that this amenity is valued and needed, but needs improvement to accommodate the needs of a growing village.

Please let us know your views on the enhancements needed by emailing me, Mary Warrington by the

# 30 September 2020

with your thoughts to <a href="mailto:contrary63@gmail.com">contrary63@gmail.com</a>. Or you can send by post to:

Mary Warrington, 63 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BP.

This will help us define and cost the packages of work required.

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The village hall will be closed till such time as the government's guidance on social distancing measures is lifted to help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). Many one-off hirers have cancelled / postponed bookings. All regular bookings have cancelled for similar reason of social distancing. If you have a booking and you have not been contacted please let me know. Meanwhile stay safe.

Rita Atkinson, Secretary:

01235 848694 or

scvillagegallbookings@gmail.com



Drawing by Felix Wilkinson

# The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project Registered Charity 1098966 Youth & Community Acting Together

# Linking Generations – Strengthening our Community

The past few weeks have been another whirlwind of anticipation, preparation and delivery. With increased reports of young people gathering in open spaces it was essential that we were also out positively engaging with them and reminding them of the safety issues in a friendly way. It has been great to see young people face to face again as engaging virtually on a screen isn't always ideal. As a youth project, our community work is vital to building intergenerational links.

"Young People doing their bit in a crisis!"



Young people in Sutton Courtenay have been feeling the effects of isolation and had discussions around how the older generation in the community were

Young People delivering Care Bags (they didn't want their faces shown in the photograph) coping.
Inspired by
other
stories
online,

they decided, with the support of youth workers, to create and deliver 'care bags' with bird seed, cross word puzzles, a sweet treat and a letter to let them know they are not forgotten. While safely delivering, young people enjoyed stopping and having a socially-distant chat with members of the community building links and community feel in the village.

In response to an identified need picked up during these chats,



young people and youth workers organised a socially distanced game of bingo in the communal gardens on Barrett's Way. Residents sat in their garden whilst young people called out the numbers and

handed out the prizes (it seems there is a lucky corner in the garden, as all the resident at one end won!). One resident said it was the best time they had had in month and the young people agreed.

Socially-distant Bingo

## They said:

"I loved handing out the bags and talking to the older people, they must get so lonely so I was glad I could help, even just by chatting"

"We had a lovely time again and loved our prizes x"

"Thanks for the Bingo session We all enjoyed it. Such kind-hearted youths" – Michael Mortimer

"Yes, we just went down, sat outside, had five games it made a nice change, great idea run by the youngsters." – Margaret Hamilton

Staying with building the community feel, we have created a virtual space for parents and carers to come and have a coffee afternoon with the staff. This is a relaxed space to share our thoughts and feelings, enjoy a cuppa and to play some topical bingo. Those involved have found it very useful and we are again looking forward to expanding this and playing more games together.

We have lots more socially distant events lined up for the future and are looking forward to what the future holds as we head into what would normally be a very busy time of the year, SUMMER!

The ADYP Team – Roxy Elford, Jake Fleetwood and James Quartermain

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YouTube - The Abingdon Damascus Youth Project Webs ite - www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk

## THANK YOU

I would just like to thank the youngsters of Damascus youth club, firstly for our surprise bag of goodies and the chat we had when they delivered to us.

Second I would like to say what a brilliant idea to have safe distance bingo in the gardens of the flats in Barrett's Way, we had a lovely hour sat safe distance with friends while the youngsters called bingo.

Margaret Hamilton

To the Young People and Youth Workers of DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

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Dear Friends

Thank you very much for your kind thoughts and the gift pack which I found on my doorstep. The birds are enjoying their seeds and I am busy solving the Puzzles.

Let us hope and pray that our lives will be soon back to times as we know them.

## CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



After a couple of false starts, due to fish spawning, we are now fishing, the fishing is on the slow side but we have had at least one 30 pounder and a plethora of 20s.

We're stocked with some small mirrors, they have some very pretty scale patterns. I was them offered four very good looking (15/20lb) mirrors at good price, they had been quarantined and treated for parasites, I could not let them pass us by.

The lake is looking very pretty at the moment, it is dressed in its summer finery.

The swans had three cygnets and they appeared to be doing well, but unfortunately there is now only one. Of course the rowdy families of coots are still arguing about the least little thing and charging around to make there points felt, ducks and moor-hens quietly go about their business.

Because of the virus we had to make some changes, locking all gates, cutting down fishing times, and a booking times system has been introduced. This is so everyone got a chance to fish after a desperately long time in lockdown in a safe way, but things are showing signs of getting back to normal.

So tight lines and wet nets to the anglers and happy summer to our followers, respect your surroundings and stay safe everyone.

Roger Rance

# SUTTON COURTENAY NORDIC WALKING GROUP

During Lockdown

One to one, (free) instruction with qualified British Nordic Walking Instructor takes part in Sutton Courtenay during lockdown, for one hour, every weekday, and weekend mornings on the recreation ground field. If interested obtain details from



Annalie. Thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk Go Active Gold.

# SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Hello from Sutton Courtenay WI, because of our recent lockdown we have done no fundraising for charity this year yet.



We cannot give an exact date as yet but we will put up posters when this will happen.

We intend to do our big book sale in Milton Road, most books will be 20 pence, a lot of good modern books, some special books, garden, cooking, a great variety available on the day.

We will also have plants for sale, if anyone has anything we can sell, all donations will be welcome.

Keep your eyes open for posters, our charity this year is MS. Thank you Margaret Hamilton



# SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Although an interesting programme of speakers had been arranged from September, in view of the present uncertainty it is possible that meetings will

be suspended until the end of the year unless circumstances change

and the situation is clearer.

The committee asks for your understanding at this difficult time and hopes the History Society will continue to be supported as and when meetings can be resumed. For information about the History Society, Sutton Courtenay's history and to view many photos see the Society's website <a href="https://www.sclhs.org.uk">www.sclhs.org.uk</a>.

Mary Thompson (Chair)



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



This information was correct at the time of writing, in mid-June.

## **CORONAVIRUS-RELATED SCAMS**

Criminals continue to exploit coronavirus. As of 5 June, victims of these scams had lost over

£5 million, with over 11,000 reports of phishing emails received. Uninvited phone calls, e-mails, texts and visitors on the doorstep may not be genuine, despite appearances.

## **HMRC scam**

- Action Fraud warns about scammers who claim to be from HMRC, offering financial support as a result of coronavirus.
- If you receive a text, email or phone call claiming to be from HMRC which asks for information such as your name, credit card or bank details or, in the case of texts and emails, asks you to click on a link, you should be aware that this is a scam. Never click on links and/or provide personal or financial information.

## **Test and Trace**

There is concern that criminals may pose as public sector officials, in order to obtain personal and financial information from members of the public. Action Fraud has issued the following advice and information.

Contact tracers will <u>only</u> call from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone not wishing to speak over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text inviting them to log into the web-based service instead. All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. People are also advised to type the web address <code>https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk</code> directly into their browser, followed by the unique reference number provided, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (e.g. those starting with 09 or 087);
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product of any kind;
- ask for any details relating to your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or log in details, or those of your contacts;
- ask you for any passwords or PINS, or ask you to set them up over the phone;
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, tablet or smartphone to anyone else;
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or the NHS.

## **Suspicious Email Reporting Service**

This new service has been launched by the National Cyber Security Centre and the police. In the first two weeks 160,000 reports were received, leading to more than 1,400 links to bogus websites being removed. If you receive a suspicious email please forward it to <code>report@phishing.gov.uk</code> Further information is available at <code>www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/cyber-experts-shine-light-on-online-scams-as-british-public-flag-over-160000-suspect-emails</code>

If you'd like to report a different type of scam or fraud, or have been a victim, please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use the online reporting tool on the website at <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk">www.actionfraud.police.uk</a>

# <u>'SUTTON COURTENAY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS'</u> <u>COVID VOLUNTEER GROUP</u>

These volunteers now cover all areas of the village and offer help with shopping, medication collection, dog walking, posting letters or a phone call for a chat. If you'd like their assistance please contact the group's Co-ordinator, Emily Madge, on 07707 779642 or e-mail *suttoncourtenayc19@gmail.com* 

- When the volunteer comes to your door they will have either a driving licence or a passport as proof of identity. Please make sure that you check it carefully.
- They will observe social distancing at all times and will never enter your home nor ask for a donation or charge for helping you. The volunteers do not wear any type of uniform.

# ABIMEDS PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION AND DELIVERY SERVICE

AbiMeds community service will collect medication from pharmacies in Abingdon and deliver to all residents in Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay. To use the service please call 01865 818351 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Saturday once you know your medicines are ready to be collected - please don't wait until it's urgent. Deliveries are on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. The number of pharmacies included in the service has increased. More information on the website <a href="https://abimeds.org">https://abimeds.org</a>

# OMEGLE – INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Omegle is a virtual chatroom with connects users to other users at random. Once connected users can chat via text, audio or video.

The tag line for Omegle is "Talk to strangers"

- Chatting to different people online can be fun but, as
   Omegle acknowledges, there is a strong risk of users
   encountering sexual content on Omegle. This is not
   limited to viewing adult sexual content but could also be
   young people performing sexual acts, or exposing
   themselves.
- Talk to your child about the dangers of giving out personal information such as their age, their location or their full name, to people that they don't know.
- Video chat has three different options moderated, unmoderated and adult. Unmoderated and adult ask the user to confirm they are over 18, but this information is not checked. You can find out more about Omegle and how to keep your child safe while using it in the parent's guide to the app at <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/omegle-parents-guide.pdf">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/omegle-parents-guide.pdf</a>?

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If you're concerned about the safety of a child call Thames Valley Police on 101 or the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 500.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER (CONT'D)

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)**

There are Neighbourhood Watch groups or 'schemes' around the village, with Co-ordinators acting as contact points for those who need help or advice. If you're not a Neighbourhood Watch member, don't live in a street which has a scheme or can't contact your NHW Co-ordinator and need help and support - or know someone who does - please contact Sutton Courtenay Area Co-ordinator for NHW, Bridget Haffenden, on 07762 597118 or e-mail nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com

The Neighbourhood Watch in Sutton Courtenay Facebook page is providing a wide range of Coronavirus-related information in

addition to the usual content, and is updated daily. Visit the page at www.facebook.com/

neighbourhood.watch.in.sutton.courtenay

## **CONTACTING THE POLICE**

The police request that you only call 999 in an emergency and 101 if it's urgent.

If possible, please use the online reporting services at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

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

# SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

# 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Show open for viewing at 2pm)

NB: entries must be staged strictly between 9.45 and 11am when judging begins. Early or late entries cannot be accepted.

In the event that the show is able to go ahead the entry form will be on the web site and available from the addresses shown on posters nearer the time.

1 a Seed tray with mixture of vegetables b Age 12-16	49 a A decorated book mark b 12-16									
2 1 sweetcorn – kernel to be ½ exposed	50 An item of crochet									
3 3 potatoes, any one variety	51 A quilted item – max 1 m sq or displayed folded to 1 m sq									
4 6 runner beans	52a Something new from something old b 12 - 16									
5 Bunch of fresh herbs	53 An item made from fabric									
6 3 onions (trimmed)	54a A hand-made get-well card b 12-16									
7 A lettuce	55a A piece of original craft work -ceramic, metal or wood b 12-16									
8 3 tomatoes	ART See rules at end of schedule									
9 A truss of tomatoes - any variety	56Drawing – pencil, charcoal or pen and ink – max 2'x2'									
10 2 courgettes – no larger than 6 ins	57 Picture – any medium including collage -max 2'x2'									
11a Collection of 3 different vegetables ( 3 of each) b 12-16	PHOTGRAPHY: See rules at end of schedule									
12 3 carrots – with 3" tops	58 Black and white photograph									
13 3 beetroot – with 3" tops	59a Colour print – general b 12 - 16									
14 5 shallots (trimmed)	60 Colour print - Gates									
15 3 dessert apples	61 Colour print - Sunset or sunrise									
16 3 cooking apples	CHILDREN'S CLASSES a)6 and under b) 7-11									
17 5 plums	62 A picture of a garden									
18 3 pears	63 A decorated wooden spoon									
19 2 sweet peppers	64 A monster made from scrap materials									
20 1 cucumber	65 A garden on a plate									
21 The curliest cucumber	66 A gingerbread person									
22 3 leeks	FLOWER ARRANGING Accessories to be within size limits									
FLOWERS	67 Miniature - maximum 4" all dimensions									
23 Vase of 3 stems of roses	68 Arrangement with 5 flowers and foliage only									
24 1 specimen rose	69 Arrangement in a jug – garden flowers only									
25 Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (different varieties)	70 Song from a show — max 20" sq unlimited ht. Accessories allowed									
26 4 dahlias	RULES:									
27 3 stems from a flowering shrub	Photographs: to be taken by exhibitor and not previously shown.									
28 Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers inc. shrubs	Mounted, overall size max 14"x10"									
29 A potted cactus or succulent – not shown before	Craft All items must be your own work, not worn or shown before.									
30 A potted geranium	Art: All items must be your own work and not been shown									
31 A flowering houseplant	before .									
32 A pot plant shown for foliage	Class 38: Coffee and Walnut Cake Given recipe/ tin size to be used									
COOKERY	For the cake: 4 large eggs beaten, 2 heaped teaspoons of									
33 Jar of jam	instant coffee ( or 2 tablespoons Camp coffee), 8oz (225g)									
34 Jar of marmalade	soft margarine, 8oz (225g) caster sugar, 8oz (225g) SR flour,2									
35 Jar of jelly	teaspoons For the cake: baking powder,3oz (75g) chopped									
36 Jar of lemon curd	walnuts									
37 Jar of chutney	For the filling & topping: 2oz (50g) soft margarine, 6oz (175g)									
38 A jar of honey	icing sugar,1 teaspoon of coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon									
39 Coffee and walnut cake * See recipe	hot water (or 1 tablespoon Camp coffee),1 tablespoon milk									
40 4 flapjacks	(optional), walnut halves									
41 4 plain scones	Preheat oven 180c/160c fan/350f/gas 4. Grease & line 2 x									
42 6 meringue halves (unfilled)	8inch (20cm) sandwich tins with grease proof paper. Place									
43a 4 shortbread biscuits b. 12 - 16	eggs in bowl & stir in coffee until dissolved. Add remaining									
44 4 sausage rolls - 3" long	ingredients & beat well until blended. Divide mixture evenly									
DRINKS	between tins and level out. Bake in oven for about 25 mins or									
45 1 bottle home-made lemonade	until well risen and tops of the cakes spring back when lightly									
46 1 bottle home-made fruit flavoured spirit	pressed with finger. Leave to cool in tins for a few moments									
CRAFTS See rules at end of schedule	then turn out, peel off paper & finish cooling on wire rack.									
47 A hand knitted scarf	Make butter cream by blending margarine, icing sugar &									
48 An item of hand embroidery- cross stitch or canvas work	coffee until smooth, adding milk if necessary. Use half butter cream to sandwich cakes together. Spread remaining butter cream on top and place some walnut halves on top.									
L	Cream on top and place some wanter naives on top.									

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



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# From the Ministry Team... Lockdown paths

6 weeks might be considered a long time to wander through the wilderness. This year a strange Lent saw the beginning of lockdown. An unprecedented experience for all of us. Now as I write, we're 12 weeks in and considering how we might ease out and move forward. Through this extended time of metaphorical and reduced physical wandering - has it all been wilderness? Looking back, we've journeyed through Lent to Jesus' death on the cross and to the empty tomb; to the joyful dawn breaking upon Easter morning as we celebrated Jesus' resurrection; to his departure from earth, known as the Ascension; and to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which transformed the fearful disciples into courageous witnesses to Christ.

Just as the Holy Spirit brought new energy into the followers of Jesus long ago, she continues today to guide and strengthen each of us. Often we don't look forward to Lent as memories surface of struggling to give up our favourite things, yet during lockdown we've all been forced into giving up numerous things that perhaps we'd taken for granted. Words like 'sacrifice', 'discipline', and 'self-denial' are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of renewal and spiritual growth. But at its heart it's a journey, and journeying through this period of lockdown we've witnessed numerous acts of self-sacrificial love for family and friends and neighbours and strangers; many more people (of all faiths, and none) tuning into live-streamed services from all around the country; and many more people searching for answers to the big questions of life and faith.

So we may now find ourselves on a different path to that which, even just a few short months ago, we thought possible, but whatever the road, and however we travel, perhaps we can continue to take time to discover the riches of moving more slowly and to journey well with one another. Jesus said, "Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." (Matthew 6:6, The Message).

If we choose this path, we will encounter God with new eyes and in new ways, in the people we meet, the places we stop, in nature's beauty and our own thoughts and feelings. Our experiences, especially during lockdown, will have changed us and hopefully because of that, we'll be more prepared for the unexpected as we journey forward, together, both individually and as community (villages and churches).

"You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in your presence." Psalm 16:11

The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde, Assistant Curate in the DAMASCUS Parish www.damascusparish.org.uk

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## YOU STAY - WE PRAY!

All Saints' Church (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. It is hoped that our Church will be open from mid-June but only for private prayer at first — please see any

Notice on the church door for full details, or contact the Rector (see details below).

The Rector prays for all the village and of course we can all remember each specific area day by day. At this time of social distancing and self-isolation, if you feel the need for special prayers and support, please contact the Rector (the Revd Helen Kendrick) by phone on 01235 848297 or by e-mail at rector@damascusparish.org.uk.

During July & August 2020 we will pray for those who live and work as follows –  $\,$ 

Sunday 28 June to Saturday 4 July – Church Street, Mill Lane Sunday 5 July to Saturday 11 July – Courtenay Close, Drayton Road

Sunday 12 July to Saturday 18 July – Frilsham Street, Hillyard Barns, Long Barns

Sunday 19 July to Sat 1 August — Harwell Road, Southfield Drive, The Green, Ginge Brook

Sunday 2 August to Saturday 22 August — High Street, Old Wallingford Way

Sunday 23 August to Saturday 29 August — Lady Place, Katchside, Hobbyhorse Lane

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# **Other Online Worship Resources**

In addition to the material we are producing the Diocese of Oxford is also live streaming a service at 10am every Sunday which can be accessed via their website or Facebook page.

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## **Progress on the River Room**

The River Room is almost finished — with nearly all the internal work completed (although some things are on hold until we have the funds to complete) and the external landscaping well underway. We are hoping the builders will be offsite by the end of June / beginning of July. Our fundraising efforts continues — please see the separate advert regarding the launch of the River Room 200 Club. Look out for information about the **August Sunday Afternoon Cream Teas** and, of course, we will let you know when we are allowed to mark the Grand Opening of the River Room. Watch this space!



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (CONTINUED)

# Churches Re-opened for private, individual prayer during daylight hours

We are delighted to announce that all five of our church buildings are now open for private, individual prayer during daylight hours and we welcome people to come in once again.

Please use the hand sanitizer provided when entering and leaving the building and observe the guidance on keeping safe physical distance.

It is also now possible for funerals to take place inside the church building (with restricted numbers only).

We are waiting for the government to issue further guidance on when we might begin worshipping together again so 'Worship at Home' continues. Each week the DAMASCUS Ministry Team are taking it in turns to produce a homily — in written, audio and video format — which can be accessed either via our weekly mailing or the website <code>www.damascusparish.org.uk</code> or via the All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay Facebook page. We pray that Worshipping at Home whilst we are apart is keeping us together.

For updates please see our website www.damascusparish.org.uk or the All Saints' Church Sutton Courtenay Facebook page.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to our mailing list please contact Alison Bampton, our administrator: <a href="mailto:admin@damascusparish.org.uk">admin@damascusparish.org.uk</a>

(In order for us to keep contact details on our database each person must fill out a GDPR form if they have not already done so. This can be completed and returned via e-mail. You can ask to be removed at any time).

Most importantly, please let us know if you need help of any kind so that prayer and practical support can be offered in a safe way, or if you need advice on weddings, funerals and baptisms.

## "WECARE2"

## All Saints' Church & The River Room committee

Do you live with, or care for anyone, with dementia and/or Alzheimers symptoms. I wonder if you would be interested in a weekly "Coffee and Singing" group. This would be on a weekday morning and be held in the River Room from 10.30 until 12 noon. Carers and partners/clients could meet to share some activities; music; social time; experiences, and support. Of course this group will be dependent on government regulations for Coronavirus, therefore could be some way ahead but it would be very helpful to know if this would be welcomed. If you feel you might be interested, or know of someone who might be, then it would be great to hear from you. Please let me know either by email - <a href="mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com">morna28whitlock@gmail.com</a> or phone 01235 848335 or any member of the River Room working group.

# Stewardship and Giving

We realise that these are challenging times for many people but, as stewards and custodians of the churches in the DAMASCUS Parish we are having to consider the impact this pandemic is having on our finances.

Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of many, a large part of our income comes in planned giving which gives us great stability.

However, there is no doubt that our income will be seriously affected by the church closures and not being able to run fundraising activities.

If you normally give through the Sunday collection plate please would you consider:

- a) continuing to put to one side the amount you would normally donate and bring it to church when we reopen for public worship
- b) set up a direct debit by joining the Parish Giving Scheme forms can be emailed through to you please contact the Stewardship Officer David King stewardship@damascusparish.org.uk
- c) make a one-off bank transfer using these detail The DAMASCUS PCC CAF Bank Limited Account 45-52-40 Account No. 00031419d
- d) writing a cheque payable to The DAMASCUS PCC and sending it to the DAMASCUS Parish Office, The Rectory, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BD.

Thank you.

# Community Café via Zoom Currently every Thursday from 10:30-11:30

**all welcome** but you will have to make your own coffee / tea!

Please email *rector@damascusparish.org.uk* to be added to the mailing list to receive the link each week – or find it on the weekly church notice sheet.

## **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:

# Dennis John Stubbings

## **Jennifer Ann Smith**

Due to the government restrictions we have only been permitted to hold short graveside committals or committals in crematorium. We are hoping that in due course we will be able to hold full memorial services in church for those have died during this crisis and their obituaries will then be published.

For any questions about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact the Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297 or email:

rector@damascusparish.org.uk



# RIDE+STRIDES for Churches



A message for those who have found (or rediscovered) the joys of cycling over the last few months as well as to those who have appreciated the chance to explore the locality by foot. Please reserve the 12<sup>th</sup> September. The second Saturday in September has traditionally been the day when churches (of all denominations) open to greet

walkers or cyclists (even horse riders) with the objective of raising funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. The latter provides support for historic church repairs, roof alarms and general improvements. Last September, the loyal Ride and Striders raised £112,000 – up 13% on 2018, and it is important for the Trust that the event continues if at all possible. Since Ride and Stride is essentially an outdoor activity, the Trust fully expect that it will go ahead, though most probably in a simplified way. Ride and Stride will bring some welcome variety amidst what may remain of the pandemic restrictions.

Fuller details have been delayed, pending final decisions on arrangements for 2020. These will appear in the September SCN but please make a note of the date. More information will be found nearer the time at <a href="https://www.ocht.org.uk">www.ocht.org.uk</a> or by contacting local coordinator Fred Cubbage (848768).

## S.C.I.D.S.

# Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society

The SCIDS team is looking ahead positively to next year, with the script written for 2021.

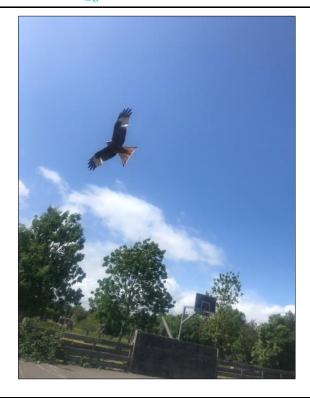
We will be performing "The Real Legend of Robin Hood", written by local resident Andrew Dubock. We welcome anyone between the age of 7 and 77. The production will be in March 2021 and with a little bit of luck we might be able to meet for

# "Sign up Sunday" in December 2020

All dates will be in the September Newsletter and on the SCIDS website so keep your eyes and ears open then. Of course this will all depend on ongoing regulations - but let's be positive and hopeful.

Any enquiries to Morna Whitlock

morna28whitlock@gmail.com





# Milton Hill Bowling Club, Potash Lane, Milton Hill

Coronavirus update: we are under quite severe restrictions laid down by Government and Bowls England to control the number of bowlers on site at any one time but persevere taking suitable precautions to enjoy the outdoors as safely as we can. As time passes and we are allowed more freedom we hope to start internal competitions but accept that the leagues and interclub friendlies will have to wait for next year. As quite a lot of bowls is spent milling around on the green chatting, then into the pavilion for a slap-up tea, you may understand how we are affected.

However, this leaves more time available for roll-ups and should you find you too have time on your hands, feel free to contact Trevor by phone on 01235 760275 or 07946 462 063, or email on him at *stellatrevor@hotmail*.com to arrange a taster session.

# CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND VALE CITIZENS ADVICE – NEW South & Vale TRUSTEES NEEDED

**Role: Trustees** (Data Protection, GDPR, IT and Fund Raising)

**Organisation:** Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice **Location**: Head Office, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

We are looking for two new Trustees to join our Board and oversee data protection and GDPR, IT strategy and fund raising. We are also keen to recruit Trustees who live in the Vale of the White Horse district.

Trustees are asked to attend six Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations (now remotely). Each Trustee oversees a particular aspect of the charity's work.

We are a local charity providing the Citizens Advice service in South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse. Our 160 volunteer advisers and nine full-time employed staff advise 11,000 people each year from four advice centres. Since March, our staff and volunteers have been operating our AdviceLine service from home.

People seek our advice on benefits, debt, housing, employment, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, nearly three quarters of clients are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward.

We are members of national Citizens Advice, which sets the advice standard and supports and audits us. Our funding comes from district, town and parish councils and local charities.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jon Bright, the Director, via <a href="mailto:jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk">jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk</a>

Please apply via www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oxfordshire-south -vale

# Citizens Advice can help you through financial difficulties

If you are facing financial problems in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Citizens Advice can help find a way forward.

Citizens Advice research has revealed that currently over 13 million people are unable to pay, or expect to be unable to pay, at least one of their household bills. These bills are higher than usual in any case because the population is spending more time at home during the lockdown. For 11 million of these people, a missed bill could have drastic consequences: eviction, the bailiffs, or disconnection.

It is vital that you do not give way to despair, feel isolated with your problems and consider that you have to solve them all by yourself. For instance, Citizens Advice can help maximise your income with a benefit check if your working hours have dropped or if you are made redundant. We can help you decide on the best way to manage your debts in your individual situation. Get in touch with us by telephone on Adviceline (0300 330 9042). There is also a lot of useful information on our website <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk</a> where you can also chat online.

## **EDITORS' NOTE**

Other organisations offering help include:

**Step Change** <a href="https://www.stepchange.org/">https://www.stepchange.org/</a> Facebook: StepChange Debt Charity or Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/">https://twitter.com/</a> **StepChange** 

The Money Advice Service https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/ or call free 0800 138 7777

Benefit entitlement can be checked at

https://www.turn2us.org.uk/ https://www.entitledto.co.uk/

## SUTTON COURTENAY HELP DUE TO CORONA VIRUS

Sutton Courtenay - Covid-19 Support Group has some non-medical face coverings (masks) available for residents of Sutton Courtenay free of charge.

## How to request a mask

If you live in Sutton Courtenay and need a mask to use on public transport or for any of the reasons below please send your request to SCFaceMasks@gmail.com

Our current criteria for distribution of the donated masks to people living in Sutton Courtenay:

- Attending or visiting a hospital, doctors' surgery or dentist.
- 2. Volunteer work that requires regular contact with other people.
- 3. Traveling on public transport where there is no alternative.
- 4. Vulnerable people that have to leave home and would feel safer with a mask.
- Self-employed workers working in an environment that requires regular contact with other people and where full PPE is not required.
- 6. Shopping (the person who does the family food shopping).
- 7. Any other reason that you may have to enter a space where social distancing is difficult or prolonged periods have to be spent near other people.

8. For children (please read the government guidance on the use of masks by children in 'Staying safe outside your home').

The Sutton Courtenay Covid-19 support group has total discretion in deciding who is entitled to free masks. The above criteria may be changed by the group at anytime without prior notice.

## ABOUT THE MASKS

- Volunteers in the local community have made these masks. They are available free of charge, to anyone, living in Sutton Courtenay and needing them, see the criteria above. Our aim is to help our community and ensure medical masks are available for use by frontline professionals.
- The masks are not PPE (personal protective equipment) and are not suitable for frontline workers.
- They are non-medical masks to be worn where required to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Social distancing should still be maintained as should other safeguarding measures, including regular hand washing. The Government's up to date guidance should always be followed.

# **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

# Living with uncertainty

If, like me, you are feeling a bit suffocated in Covid briefings and are unsure if the latest news is good or bad, then you probably won't be wanting more updates, more advice and more emergency phone numbers from me.

Suffice it to say that despite a small rise in domestic violence, nationwide protests following events in America, there has been some good news here. Oxford protests have been peaceful - and there has been some exemplary restraint from the British police. Despite the uncertain evidence, it seems highly likely that Oxfordshire's Covid statistics are beginning to head in the right direction.

The biggest problem we are all having to deal with is uncertainty.

What's the damage to the National and local economy? How long will it take to repair? Who is going to pay the greatest share of the cost of repair? What damage is being done to young people's education, to young people's future employment opportunities? How many businesses will survive? How many theatres and concert halls will survive?

The list of uncertainties seems endless and they affect us all -young and old, rich and poor, whatever our race or nation. And Brexit, far from being a life-defining issue, is now just one more uncertainty.

However these uncertainties are resolved, there is one issue we cannot escape.

Climate change and the environment.

We are told with increasing conviction that we have a very few years to address the problem of carbon output and global warming. We have all noticed the quieter, cleaner, healthier world that Covid has offered us. And we have noticed how friendly and mutually supportive we have all been.

So we may be poorer in the future, but we should all hope that in a rush to get wealthier again, we do not lose sight of what the last few months have taught us.

A very kind friend and neighbour suggested recently that, rather than read my monthly ramblings, people might appreciate the chance to ask questions via parish newsletters on Council related matters. If any resident would care to email me a question they are prepared to have published, I would be very happy to send in a reply for the next edition. Alternatively, if a resident wished to send a question to the newsletter, I would endeavour to publish a reply. It would obviously depend on the editors judgement as to whether or not the question (and answer) were fit for publication.

Richard Webber

richardwebber777@gmail.com 01235 534001



# DAVID JOHNSTON MP



I spent lockdown in the constituency, in the home we got in the Didcot area in February. Whilst none of us have enjoyed lockdown, it was nice to spend an extended time in our new home. Having lived in Oxford for 6 years I was already somewhat familiar

with Didcot, but spending an extended period here — rather than just the Friday-Sunday as is usually the case when parliament is sitting normally — helped us to get to know it better still.

Virtual parliament was smoother than I had expected — despite me thinking it would feel strange speaking into a webcam and having it beamed into the House of Commons. You get used to asking questions and even giving speeches from your desk, as I did on legislation such as the Domestic Abuse Bill and the Agriculture Bill.

But parliament has now returned. We still can't have more than 50 people in the House of Commons at any one time and our staff are not allowed to return yet. Some of you will have seen the very long queues when we first had to vote, but they have now come up with a much better system. Our staff can't return yet and like a lot of people they miss being in a different environment to home and seeing their colleagues, but for MPs it has been nice to be back for the same reasons.

There is plenty on our plates. We have been debating a number of pieces of legislation, including the Counter-terrorism and Sentencing Bill, designed to prevent the sort of attacks we saw at the end of last year and beginning of this year. There are ongoing debates both in the House of Commons and in the Education Committee (I am a member) about the reopening of schools. I am firmly on the side of seeing all schools open for all children as soon as possible: the Children's Commissioner told our Committee that we are on course for 8 million children to be out of school for 6 months which will be damaging to all children and the most disadvantaged will suffer most.

As shops start to reopen, I'll be returning to spending at least every Friday visiting local businesses, charities and, if we can make it work, schools – keeping my distance, of course. I'd encourage everyone to try and support our local shops if they can, so they can hopefully survive what has been a very tough time. I recently invited people to nominate their volunteer hero – the individual or organisation they feel has really made a difference lately. I was pleased to see such a huge range of people and organisations nominated. The top 3 were the Ray Collins Charitable Trust, Helping Hands and Maymessy – congratulations to them all.

As ever, do get in touch if I can help via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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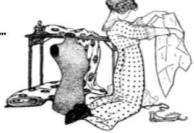
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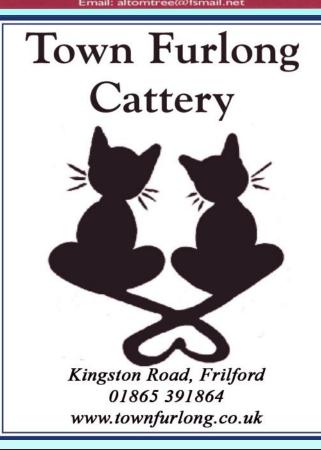
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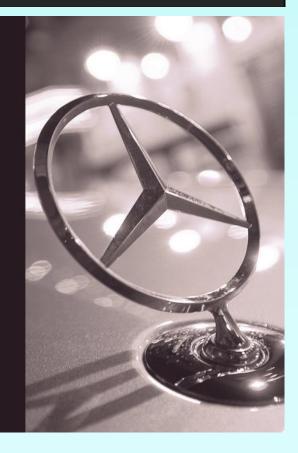


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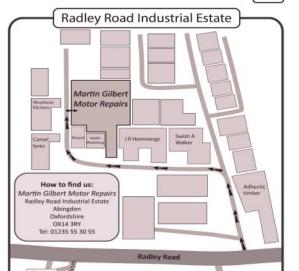


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