

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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OCTOBER 2011

## VILLAGE DIARY

The Diary is compiled from entries in the Village Diary kept at Burgrey Stores. Please enter your events in this Diary.

October				Venue
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Harvest Supper and Dance	Village Hall
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Harvest Festival	All Saints' Church
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall Village Hall
Weds	5 <sup>th</sup>			
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>		Free electric blanket testing, Didcot	Tel: 01865 815607
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>		Free electric blanket testing, Abingdon	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>			
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Camera Club Panel Competition	Village Hall
		7.30pm	July 1 2012 Sutton Gala Day Planning Meeting All welcome	Football Club
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>			
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	DAMASCUS Inter-generational Workshop	Village Hall
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>			
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	British Legion	
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	W.I.	Village Hall
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>		COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS	
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>			
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>			
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>			
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Camera Club Practical Evening	Village Hall
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup>			
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>			
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 8pm	Sutton Courtenay Country & Western with Dave Whitmore	Village Hall
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>			
November				
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Local History Society	Village Hall

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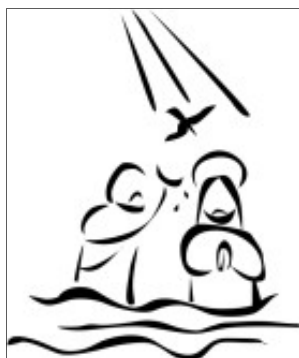
July	Contact	Telephone
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<b>District Councillor:</b> (Planning, Waste etc.)	Gervase Duffield Appleford House, Appleford	848319
<b>Parish Council Chairman</b>	Michael Jenkins Danluda, Churchmere Road	847174
<b>Bookings for Village Hall</b>	Caroline Grundy Rita Atkinson	848679 848694
<b>Environment Agency</b>		0800 80 70 60
<b>Sutton Courtenay Website</b>	<a href="http://www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk">www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk</a>	

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Caroline Grundy (848679) or Rita Atkinson (848694) of the hall management team, e-mail: [scvillagehallbooking@googlemail.com](mailto:scvillagehallbooking@googlemail.com)** This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organization had the permanent booking.

## HOLY BAPTISM

WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM



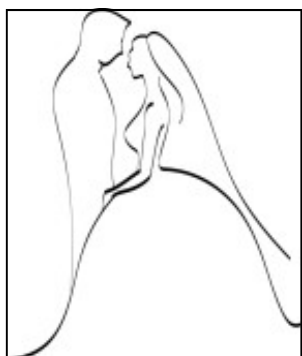
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RYAN JACK  
BREAKSPEAR  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

GRACE ELIZABETH  
JAYNE HUNT  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
  
BENJAMIN GEORGE  
BOURTON  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2011

OLIVER DAVID  
BOURTON  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
  
NOAH DANIEL  
BOURTON  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## HOLY MATRIMONY

WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE MARRIED IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RECENTLY



ALASTAIR JAMES QUENTIN FAIRBROTHER  
&  
CLARE LOUISE DOBBING  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2011

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **New Parish Councillor**

At the September meeting of the Parish Council, the Council was pleased to welcome Mr. Ron Mead of Chapel Lane as a new member to fill the seat that remained vacant following the elections last May. The contact details of all members can be found on the noticeboard outside the Burgrey shop in the High Street.

### **Waste Recycling Group – Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site**

The planning application for the Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant was refused by the County Council on 12th September. WRG has 6 months from the date of the decision notice in which to appeal. It is unknown at this stage whether an appeal will be lodged.

At the time of writing WRG is planning an exhibition in the village halls both at Sutton Courtenay and Appleford on 26th and 27th September, regarding its plans for an anaerobic digestion facility. Your parish councillors will be attending these, to find out as much information as possible, in order to best represent the electorate as the issues relating to the latest proposal unfold.

### **Oxfordshire County Council – Draft Minerals and Waste Consultation**

The County Council is currently consulting on its draft minerals and waste policy. Comments are invited up until 31st October, 2011. The documents can be found on the County Council's website. [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) on the home page on the left hand side under "respond to a consultation."

### **Cemetery Clearance**

The Parish Council is planning for the next area of burials in the Cemetery. This is to clear some of the trees, level the ground and grass seed it. The ground will then settle before it is required in a few years for interments. It is expected that the works will start during the Winter.

### **Community Pay Back**

The community pay back scheme is where offenders do work in the community as part of their sentence. It has been suggested that there might be projects in the village which could receive assistance from the scheme. The scope of the projects on which they can work is wide, such as environmental or landscaping, litter picking or decorating as well as many others. Projects must:

- be of benefit to the local community
- not take paid work away from others
- not be making a profit from the work
- be challenging and demanding
- be worthwhile and constructive

If there is anyone with ideas of what could be undertaken in the parish, or anyone who needs further information then please contact the clerk.

### **Peafowl**

Again the Parish Council is receiving complaints about peafowl in the village and the chicks that have hatched this year. It has had numerous requests to consider the management of them. The birds each year are inbreeding which can increase the chances of the chicks having problems. The Parish Council is again considering the matter and what action it could take.

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

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th October, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.

## SUTTON COURTENAY (NATIONAL POWER) TRUST

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The sum donated was invested and the interest acquired is given to local worthy and needy causes twice a year. Although the interest currently received is negligible, the Trustees continue to meet to consider any grant applications. The Charity will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and 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.

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs. L. Martin,

90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Oxon.OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833

## APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS WEEK

Oxfordshire Artweeks will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary in May 2012. If any artists or craftspeople in your parish would like to take part, we are now taking exhibition entries for 2012 – with the closing dates being 2nd December 2011 for paper entries and 31st December 2011 for on-line entries.

Each May, Oxfordshire artists and craftspeople open their studios to the public for the county's most important arts festival. Nearly 500 free exhibitions showing work by over 1000 local artists. For more details visit our website [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org) or contact the Artweeks office: Oxfordshire Artweeks, PO Box 559, Abingdon Oxon OX14 9EF

Tel: 01865 865596 [The Artweeks office is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-2.30pm]

## SUTTON COURTENAY ANGLING CLUB

It seems that Sutton Courtenay news has information about practically everything going on in and around the village except for one gaping omission - the active and popular fishing club that operates on the local stretches of the Thames.

Sutton Courtenay Angling Club (SCAC) was formed as the Southport Arms Angling Club in 1932 to retain local fishing for local anglers. There are more than 400 members and a small but dynamic committee. The very scenic parts of the river Thames surrounding the village forms the bulk of the club waters but there is also a lake adjacent to the Abingdon Marina for still water enthusiasts. Many members compete in fishing matches throughout the season but others simply take pleasure in the fishing the natural surroundings and the quiet river fishing offered in the area.

It is our intention to write a series of articles in the Sutton Courtenay news about the club and about fishing and fish in general; but particularly river fishing. We intend to highlight environmental issues and also angling's contribution to the maintenance of the river environment. We will also highlight any special catches that you would like to send to us and focus on some of the history of the sport.

The club would also like to welcome anyone who wants to fish in the Thames but also to remind everyone that an environment agency permit and a Sutton Courtenay club ticket are necessary before you fish. Day tickets and season tickets (£28) are available at **Didcot Angling Centre** on Wantage Road and environment agency rod licences are available online and at the Post Office.

Any contributions or comments relating to this section please email [izaakwalton@live.co.uk](mailto:izaakwalton@live.co.uk)

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Christmas is coming – a challenge for the whole community!**

It always feels a bit strange planning for Christmas when it is still early autumn, but time moves on at a tremendous rate and the school's fantastic fundraising committee (FOSCS) and the church are already planning a wonderful Christmas Bazaar that will be held at the school on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00am-2.00pm.

As part of this we would like to invite you all to take part in a community challenge. The task is to create a nativity scene (using a shoebox) out of whatever materials you can find. This could be lego, fabric, paper – the choice is yours! The nativity tableau should be displayed within the shoebox. There is no age limit to this challenge and you can work as a family or as individuals.

Entries should be brought to school on either Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November or Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Entries will be judged on the morning of the bazaar and prizes will be given to the top three. We look forward to receiving your entries.



**Love life; love learning;  
love one another**

### New School Year

The children have all settled into the new school year very well and are enjoying



their new classes and projects. Children in Kestrels and Robins have visited Science Oxford to find out more about materials and electricity, whilst Red Kites and Falcons have been busy building dens in their 'Camp Out Project' which involved them planning, fundraising and holding a camping event in our school grounds! Our reception children in Barn Owls have been starting to learn sounds and were very excited to be able to 'sound out' some new words within a few days of starting school.



### Young Voices 2012

I will, once again, be taking our fabulous school choir to sing in a massed choir of 6000 children at the O2 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012. A number of people within the village had mentioned that they would like tickets. If you would like an audience ticket for this event, please telephone the school office as soon as possible. Tickets cost £22.00 and if you would like coach travel (this is allocated on a first come, first served basis) this will cost an additional £10.00.

If you are thinking of a school for your child and have not yet visited Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School, I would be delighted to show you round. Please contact the school on 01235 848333 and also visit our website: [www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk).

With very best wishes,

**Alison Ashcroft**

Headteacher

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

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**Priest-in charge:** The Reverend Helen Kendrick (848297) [Helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk)

**Churchwardens:** Mary Warrington (847346) & David McKenzie (847489) **Treasurer:** Lynn Cabbage (848768)

**Director of Music:** Ian Miles (01235 426109, mob 07788 715873) **Tower Captain:** John Napper (848292)

**Children's Church:** Vivienne Maunders (848077) **Verger:** Bill Clarke (847183) **Sacristan:** Pamela Vivian

**Flowers:** Pat Napper **Women's Christian Fellowship:** Rose Woodward (848510) **Friends:** Nora Harragin (848235)

### MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) and Evensong at 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Children's Church)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) & Evening Praise at 6pm

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

at All Saints'

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at 10.30am**

The collection of Harvest Goods will be for the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford who work with homeless people in Oxford – **please bring your donations to the service.**

Due to limited storage space the Steppin' Stone Centre restrict items they can take.

They welcome either cash donations which they then use to buy fresh food through the year or if you would prefer to donate food items then please select from this list.

Angel Delight; evaporated milk; Coffee; instant drinking chocolate; Cooking oil; Corned beef, tinned ham and hot dog sausages; Gravy granules and red Oxo cubes; Orange squash; Plain flour; tinned puddings; Salad cream and pickle; salt and pepper, mixed herbs, spices, vinegar and olive oil; Sugar and honey;

Dried fruit; Tinned custard and custard powder; Tinned fruit; Tinned tomatoes; Tomato sauce and brown sauce; Non-biological automatic washing powder or alternatively cash donations would help towards the cost of fresh food. Thank you.

### CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 7 for 7.30pm DANCE AROUND THE WORLD to celebrate Harvest in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall to music from the Oddsox Band – tickets on sale at Burgrey Stores.
- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service at All Saints'
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 8pm Baptism Preparation at the Vicarage
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm School Harvest Service at All Saints'
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting at the Village Hall.
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 1.30pm-3pm WCF Bible Study at the Vicarage
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS Group Council Meeting at Drayton
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 1pm Wedding at All Saints' Church
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Licensing of The Reverend Rebecca Peters at St Peter's, Drayton
- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am A Celebration of the Festival of All Saints' at All Saints' – followed by cake and bubbly – all welcome!

### CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10.30am-12 noon Coffee Morning (see advert). 8pm Fabric Committee Meeting.
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – ALL SOULS' DAY (see advert for details of service)
- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** – from 9am Churchyard Autumn clearance – many hands make light work – refreshments provided.

### ALL SOULS' SERVICE

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving

**7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

This service provides an opportunity to remember and to give thanks for the lives of those we love, who have died. **Everyone is welcome to come.** During the service the names of those from our parishes who have died in the past two years will be read out and a candle lit in their memory.

If there is anyone else whom you particularly wish to remember, regardless of when they died, you can add their name to the list you will find at the back of the church, or you can telephone the Vicarage Office on 01235 848297.

## REST IN PEACE

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IAN GRAHAM WILLIAMS, who died aged 71 on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 was born in 1940 and brought up in Hull. On leaving school Ian trained as a Test Engineer. When his parents, Cyril and Gladys, moved to Appleford in 1966 Ian moved with them to begin work at ARC (Ameys) and from then on worked as a Concrete Test Engineer. In due course Ian moved with his parents to Katchside in Sutton Courtenay and then took early retirement in order to care full time for his mother who was suffering from arthritis. Sadly 20 years ago he too was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and eventually moved to Abingdon to a more manageable flat. Ian was a quiet man, someone who was understated, with a dry sense of humour. A caring and compassionate son, a loyal and indulgent older brother to Peter and a devoted and proud uncle to Anthony with whom he loved playing cricket and sharing his enthusiasm for stamp collecting. He was also a keen reader and loved history and natural history. With care from Peter and the family, and the support of Abingdon Day Centre in later years, Ian lived a quiet and uncomplaining life despite the physical challenges and frustrations. His funeral took place at Oxford Crematorium on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. (This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at the funeral).

GEORGE RICHARD WOODWARD, who died aged 88 on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 was born in Appleton on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1923 to Maud and Frank. Throughout his life he had a very close bond with his siblings: Marjorie, Freda and Nancy and Frank. When George was 12 the family moved to Sutton Courtenay. Aged 17 George joined the Navy and worked on motor torpedo boats and earned the title of first class gunner. George met his wife, Jean at a dance in the old village hall in Wallingford Way. They corresponded throughout the war and were married in All Saints' Church on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1947. The majority of their married life was spent in Frilsham Street before retiring to live in Katchside. George learnt carpentry whilst working for a local company, Chambers and then went on to work for Ameys as a Maintenance Manager where he made many life long friends. He retired when he was 65 to enjoy time on their boat on the Thames. This was their life for many years, until they became unable to jump on and off at the locks and the moorings! George never failed to be a loving, caring and understanding husband to Jean; a devoted Father to Jane, Sarah and Georgia and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Sadly in the last year or so George's own health deteriorated and, although he rarely complained, it was a very challenging time. The roles were reversed and his beloved daughters, with help from the team of carers at Care Tree, cared lovingly for him and Jean. His funeral was held in All Saints' Church on 19<sup>th</sup> September, followed by burial in Sutton Courtenay Cemetery.

## Coffee & Cakes

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**10.30am – 12 noon**



at

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
SUTTON COURTENAY**

*All are welcome to just drop in for a cup of coffee & a cake. There will also be a small bookstall for you to browse and buy from!*

*A fundraising events for All Saints' Church*

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI

### Did you know?

The first WI was formed at Llanfairpwll, Anglesey in September 1915 and has grown in membership ever since. There are now more than 208,000 members in the UK.

Over the years we have campaigned on a wide range of issues that matter to women and their communities, including Equal Pay in 1942, Breast Cancer Screening in 1975, Aids in 1986 and the introduction of new EU legislation to reduce the threat of hazardous chemicals in everyday products in 2006. Today our campaigns range from climate change and ending violence against women to the plight of the honey bee.

Besides our campaigning we also make sure we have an active social calendar and ensure our members have plenty of fun and laughter in their programme.

In September we had a visit from Peter Preece, a Wildlife Photographer, who showed us all the tricks of the trade to obtain that perfect wildlife shot. His photographs were outstanding and several of them have won him National Awards.

Many of our members attended the Summer Lunch at Margaret Hamilton's (a WI member) house and had a wonderful afternoon. Sincere thanks to Margaret for hosting the event.

A member of the WI was present at the farewell event to mark Nora Hannigan and David Ward's retirement from the Sutton Courtenay News and we thank them both for all their hard work in the past. We were introduced to the new editorial team and wish them every success in the future; they have a very hard act to follow.

For our October meeting, to be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18 October at 7.30pm we have a visit from Bob Harding-Jones who is going to speak on **"Laughter in the Village"**. If you fancy coming along to hear Bob's anecdotes and meet lots of new friends then please turn up on the night when you will be made very welcome. For more information please call Sally on 01235 848924.

All members and friends are welcome to join us for the October lunch on October 6 at 12 noon at the Railway Inn, Culham.

## SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 6th September a large congregation welcomed our old friend Patrick Carbury who has served us many times before. He held every one's attention and gave a beautiful service and much evidence with his underlying sense of humour.

Again thank you to our various helpers. It is much appreciated.

Enquiries Pat & Sam 01235 847460



## 2011 CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW RESULTS

### Produce:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Kerswell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Frankum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Norman Maconochie

### Flowers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Dalby  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Maconochie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Hamilton

### Cookery:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Maconochie & Tracey Frankum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Kerswell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Doreen Cranmer

### Drinks:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tracey Frankum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Maconochie

### Crafts:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Maconochie & Heather Woodward  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqueline Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> Olive Lovelady

### Art:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacqueline Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> J Codling & Janet Mercer

### Photography:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacqueline Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> A Codling, Liz Maconochie, AJ Hayden, Karen Maconochie & Tracey Frankum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Maconochie & Jane Blackburn

### Children's Classes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abigail Dalby  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bethany Lally  
3<sup>rd</sup> Imogen Lally

### Flower Arranging:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Hamilton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Val Dalby  
3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Maconochie

### Overall Cup winner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tracey Frankum 51 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Maconochie 40 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Kerswell 36 points

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Pumpkin and apple soup

- 500g (1lb) pumpkin flesh  
1 large onion  
1 large carrot  
1 litre (1.5 pts) stock  
75g (3 oz) butter  
1 large apple  
1tbs tomato puree  
0.5 tsp curry powder  
Mint or chives

Slice onions thinly and add to melted butter. Cook gently until soft. Chop carrot, peel, core and chop apple and add to pan with the chopped pumpkin. Mix in curry powder and tomato puree. Add stock (chicken or vegetable). Simmer until all vegetables are soft. Cool enough to liquidise. If liked, more stock maybe added. Check seasoning. Finely chop mint or chives and sprinkle over hot soup in bowls.



## BIRD DIARY

The wetlands just outside the village on the road to Drayton have become a very good site for unusual birds. Recently two adult Spoonbills and one juvenile were seen there. These are very rare visitors coming from the continent, most likely Holland. They are waders feeding on molluscs, crustaceans and small fish and need access to shallow open water. They are unusual birds with a long bill with a spatula like tip, which gives them their name. Their typical foraging

behaviour is to hold their bill under the water and swing the head from side to side feeling for food.

In July twelve Green Sandpipers were seen on the above site. These are summer visitor waders who appear singly or in small groups. They can be identified by their white rumps and their distinctive call as they fly away when disturbed. Three Snipe and two Water Rails, quite rare and similar in size to Moorhens, were seen on the same site in July.

Towards the end of May there was a lot of bird activity on the pond just past the playing fields. One day at the end of the month there were Ducks, House Martins, and Lapwings. The pair of swans which have nested twice recently were not here this year.

By the beginning of July there were good numbers of Swifts, House Martins, and Swallows flying around the village.

## YOUR VOTE NEEDED FOR OUR DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

**Please support our young people!**

**Help their chances of winning £6,000 for the youth project.**

**Go to :<http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/5738>**

**Cast your vote please—last date Friday 22 October.**

See page 17 for the work they have been doing.

## THE ABBEY SUTTON COURTENAY

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[www.theabbey.uk.com](http://www.theabbey.uk.com)

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



4<sup>th</sup> October - Concert - Duo Arp/Frantz - Bach, Schumann, de Falla and Piazzolla

This is a fundraising concert and tickets are by donation on the night. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Abbey building and support of its work.

Pianist Caspar Frantz and cellist Julian Arp founded the duo Arp/Frantz in 1996. They won several important prizes including the International Chamber Music competition in Florence. In 2008 Arp and Frantz founded, together with the author Johannes CS Frank the festival "Zeitkunst" for contemporary chamber music and literature.

**By Donation**

**7.30 pm**

### **11th-13th October – Rest And Renewal Retreat**

Three days for self-directed reflection and self-nurture within The Abbey community

**Cost on Sliding scale**

### **Wednesday 12th October - My Soul's Companion – An Evening of Sacred Music**

A concert of sacred and contemplative music. Cyprian Consiglio is a Benedictine monk of the Camaldolese Congregation, also a musician and composer. Much of both his music and his teaching revolve around the Universal Call to Contemplation through spirituality and the arts. An internationally known performer, he has recorded numerous collections of original sacred, world, and liturgical music. For details of his recorded music see [www.cyprianconsiglio.com](http://www.cyprianconsiglio.com)

7.30 – 9.30 pm      £10 (£8 concessions)

### **Thursday 13th October Spirit in the Cave of the Heart**

**With Cyprian Consiglio OSM (Cam)**

In this evening talk Cyprian Consiglio, a Benedictine monk of the Camaldolese Congregation, will explore the call to contemplation and mystical depth which is found in every spiritual tradition. This call is meant for every person, and not just professional religious. Cyprian will draw on the life and inspiration of two Christian mystics of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Bede Griffiths and Henri le Saux (Abhishiktananda), who integrated the spirituality of the East - notably Hinduism and Buddhism--with the wisdom of Eastern and Western Christianity.

7.30 – 9.30 pm      Suggested donation £5 - £10

### **16th October - Kum Nye**

Kum Nye is a subtle body massage which combines slow, gentle movements, relaxation and visualisation which helps develop clarity, vitality and balance. It is suitable for all whatever your previous experience of yoga or meditation. The workshops are facilitated by Mary Heneghan with guest teachers.

If booked in advance £40 (£30 Concession) which includes all tuition and lunch. On the day £50 no concession

## MECHANICAL WASTE PLANT DEFEATED AT PLANNING

WRG's latest proposal for the greenfield landfill site was defeated at the Oxfordshire County Council planning committee meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September by 9 votes to 4.

Lead by Robin Draper, representatives of the villages of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford, and the Parish Councils and also Didcot Council and the Vale of The White Horse, put forward spirited and comprehensive objections to the proposal for a large building to mechanically sort an additional 220,000 tonnes per year of waste from London and elsewhere. This would have brought the total of landfill and mechanical waste processing close to 900,000 tonnes per year with additional noise, traffic, odour, flood risk, and flies as a result.

We were fortunate to have a highly professional summation of the balance of arguments against the proposal by our County Councillor Stewart Lilley and also a history of the greenfield site permits presented by Vale Councillor Gervase Duffield, which helped persuade planning councillors to refuse the application ( by an increased vote over the previous incinerator application last year.)

The main argument was WRG's failure to show that there was an overriding need for the MBT plant – a necessary planning requirement to allow permanent industrial use of a greenfield site. WRG have now put forward twelve planning applications to change this site – all of them recommended for acceptance at committee by O.C.C. planning staff. Fortunately councillors have been persuaded by our arguments in the case of the applications for both a very large Incinerator and a huge Mechanical Waste plant.

However the value of the site to WRG will continue to result in pressure to turn the greenfield site into a huge Waste Plant, and WRG may appeal the decision; they already have put forward yet another proposal for an Anaerobic Digester- a large 'cooking pot' to produce gas and compost from maize. Of course AD has been around for centuries and can equally use green waste from both farms and domestic sources to produce gas. It is, properly operated, a rather lower pollution source than the previous proposals and would provide business for farmers within a 10 mile radius of the site.

We will have to wait and see the size of the plant WRG are proposing – at this point four spherical digesters each 30 to 50m diameter, suggests an overall site

size of perhaps 180 metres by 90 metres, which is a considerable 'industrialisation' of this site and may set a precedent for a return of the other

processes at a later stage. Look at the proposal as it develops on WRG and O.C.C. websites and of course- WATCH THIS SPACE !!!!

David McKenzie

## A LETTER OF THANKS

The whole village and surrounding area will, I know, wish to congratulate the team of activists led by Robin Draper and David McKenzie, on their success in defeating the WRG proposal to build a gigantic waste processing plant on the Sutton Courtenay landfill site. It is most unusual for the county councillors to vote against the recommendation of their planning officers, but on this occasion a combination of powerful speeches by numerous activists, the support of the VWHDC, the S.C.Parish Council and Didcot Town Council, and the thought of importing vast quantities of waste from outside of Oxfordshire were sufficient to swing the vote against the application. Our new county councillor, Stewart Lilly, also backed us strongly. Members of the public who attended the meeting loudly applauded the excellent speeches by our representatives and this too may have contributed by showing the strength of feeling in the area. Well done to all concerned!

Ron Dell

## ALL SAINTS' SINGERS

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 7.30 PM

### MOZART REQUIEM



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SUTTON COURTENAY

### Refreshments

**TICKETS 01235 848 205 and BURGREYS**

Despite what we learned from the movie *Amadeus*, the composer Antonio Salieri had nothing to do with the Requiem nor did a good number of people who wanted us to think they did. Most of the unfinished work was given in outline to Mozart's pupil, Franz Sussmayr who completed the Requiem with help from his friend Joseph Eybler. Mozart's early death has provided much fuel for speculative myth makers with an abundance of conspiracy theories, from strangers in grey cloaks, jealous competitors intent on his death and his own conviction that he was being poisoned by a slow-acting mixture of arsenic, antimony and lead; all probably rubbish. Scholars generally accept a diagnosis of acute rheumatic fever. He died at 12.55am on December 5th and was buried late the following day.

In tackling this sombre and brilliant composition, The All Saints Singers have given themselves an imposing task. No matter that not all the writing is Mozart's own, the fact is that the Requiem represented a major shift in church choral music and would have been quite revolutionary at the time; it continues to fill churches and concert halls today simply because it is beautiful music. The choir will sing with the benefit of a full orchestra, with strings and a major wind section added to organ and timpani. The result we believe will be an awe inspiring and worthwhile evening of wonderful music.

We will be joined by our local soprano Anna Shackleton (who delighted all who came to the Summer Serenade). We are pleased to confirm that the orchestra will be led by Sue Lynn who will also be the soloist in the Vivaldi concerto.

The full concert programme will be:

Haydn: Salve Regina in E Major  
Vivaldi concerto in D minor  
Mozart: Missa Brevis in C major  
Mozart: Requiem

Do not miss this concert and make your diary entry for November 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear Editors,

It was so good to read such positive comments about the music in the All Saints' Singers' July Summer Serenade. The young professionals, enthusiastic amateurs, composition students from Sutton Courtenay's own excellent Matrix Music School and three superb instrumentalists were combined by Tony Furze to provide a wonderfully rich musical evening.

Sadly, it only attracted just over 70 people in a half-filled church. Even if this number were doubled for our 2 main concerts each year, performing costs significantly exceed ticket sales. The Summer Serenade has always been intended as a fundraiser for the choir, but with such a low turn-out and returns, the amount of effort required to put it on has to be questioned. So, we have decided not to follow the same format for next year.

However, the good news is that this term we are performing Mozart's Requiem with a full orchestra put together by Tony and led by Sue Lynn and welcome all your readers to put Sunday November 27th in their diaries for yet another exhilarating Sutton Courtenay musical evening from the All Saints' Singers.

Yours sincerely,

David Russell, Chairman of The All Saints' Singers.

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## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Last month we held our A.G.M. which was very well attended and I am pleased to say we have got our two new committee members.

At our meeting this month, which is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we are having a talk by Mr John Dennis entitled 'The Methodist Church – Past and Present'. This meeting is in the Village Hall beginning at 2.00pm and as usual we are very pleased to welcome any visitors who may like to come and join us.

Barbara Hands (Chairman)

## SUTTON COURTENAY CAMERA CLUB

It was nice to get back together again on September 12<sup>th</sup> after the summer holidays for our first competition of the winter season. We had a pleasant evening and some good new work on display. Unfortunately we were not able to meet on 26<sup>th</sup> September as the village hall was not available to us.

If anyone is thinking of joining the Camera Club please do come along. We really do need to increase our membership if we are to continue as a club. At the W.I. meeting in September we had a talk and slide show from Peter Preece. A renowned wildlife photographer who devoted himself to photographing birds when he retired, I hope he may have inspired some of you.

Our competition on 10<sup>th</sup> October is for a panel ( up to 5) of pictures on a theme. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we are planning a practical evening when members can share experiences and hopefully learn more about taking portraits.

Meetings start at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

June Luther

## SPEAKER'S CORNER

Roger's Rant rides again.

I said before I may have a rant about the village green. Now along with cricket, afternoon tea, twinset and pearls, the village green is quintessentially viewed as an English norm. A summers evening sitting outside The Swan or The George and Dragon with friends, old and new, sipping the finest ale old Albion has to offer, listening to the rooks evening chorus as the sun begins to ebb. You can then appreciate the rows of rotten teeth that mark the boundary of the tarnished jewel that is our rural idyll. 'The green'.

There are posts of all different types of style and material, which are then painted a muddy brown to imitate wood, to which it fails impressively, then tipped with white paint replicating a coat of guano.

Can our parish council or residents really look at our church green with pride? Will Sutton Courtenay ever win Oxfordshire's prettiest or tidiest village? Tradition states that the green's demarcation should be of unpainted oak posts, or painted wholly white, now the council will most likely throw their hands in the air in horror.

'Oh dear the expense'.

So how much is one oak post, hole dug and concreted? I for one would buy one. We need a multiplicity of quercus obelisks. Would someone care to count them and let me know? Therefore, should individuals and local businesses buy one or two? To raise the profile of the neighbourhood should we have, say, 75% resident participation 25% parish? Alternatively, 50%/50%, whatever it takes, our council could also apply for grants, there must be a way. Why not have a little name plaque on your own personal post.

Had good feedback on my last rant, remember, I can't please everyone, and not all is serious, give me some latitude, I am writing as I see it, and it is not always a general view. If you wish to comment on any of my offerings please forward them to the editor for open debate. At least some, are reading my rabid prattle.

Watch this space, more rants to follow. Blast! I've just bitten my own tongue, obviously keeping it tucked in my cheek to long.

Roger Rance, Churchmere Lane

## THE SEASONAL GARDENER

After a short but well needed break, I'm back! Many apologies for anyone who actually missed the Seasonal Gardener in September! I'd had great intentions of writing while in Cornwall in August. However the lack of web access or even phone signal prevented me from sending anything in. And I have to confess it was very nice. I'd forgotten what it was like to not have any access to all this modern technology! However, normal service has resumed and so has October!

I always think Autumn in the garden is a bit like spring cleaning in the home. Out with the old and tatty and in with some new fresh stuff to fill the gaps! I've spent a couple of very therapeutic days composting all the summer bedding from my pots and hanging baskets and refilling with colour for the winter. My preference is for delicate little violas mixed with silver leafed senecio. But there's a fair few choices out there even at this late stage. Pansies, wallflowers, sweet williams, ornamental cabbages, forget-me-nots, bellis and heathers are all available at garden centres at the moment and as we're towards the end of planting season, you may get some really good bargains. Don't forget to bury some spring bulbs underneath for that extra layer of colour. If you're like me, by spring you'll have forgotten you put them in there and they'll give you a lovely surprise!

Clearing away all the herbaceous growth on the perennials can leave you with space in the garden to plant extra bulbs and maybe some grasses, hebes or box to provide some extra winter/spring interest. Leave some pretty seedheads for the winter frosts and the birds though. Also, don't be tempted to do any drastic pruning yet. Pruning encourages growth and any new leaves will suffer from the cold and frosts to come and may weaken the plants. I'd shorten any stems on tall plants such as roses, buddleja and lavatera to stop them rocking in the winds and leave the rest until late winter. And move into shelter any tender plants, like fuchsias and even bays in pots, in case we get another hard winter like last year.

Another good thing to do at this time of year is to sow seeds for an early start in spring. If you have a spare windowsill or greenhouse, get started on some sweetpeas for earlier flowering next year. Broadbeans can be started in pots or under cover on your vegetable plot. It's also the last chance to plant garlic, onion sets and spring cabbages straight into the ground although it's advisable to cover them with net to stop pigeons pecking the fresh green shoots!

And finally, I like to have some growing things in the house over winter to remind me that spring will come. Having some bulbs potted up or a fresh new orchid to look at or seed trays with little shoots popping up is always nice when it's too miserable to venture outside!

Happy gardening!

Sara Southey

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## A GRATEFUL RESIDENT

### LOST KEYS

I would very much like to thank the kind soul who found my keys on the two bridges in August and handed them into the police. Unfortunately you did not leave your details with the police for my to thank you. Please contact the Editor with your details. I would like to give you a reward!

A very grateful Sutton Courtenay Resident



## DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1098966



(Ryan T, Ryan B, Jack B, Jack A, John G, Freddy L, Gary H, Kyle D, Josh W, Elliott D, Thomas M)

The DAMASCUS Youth Project has had a great summer working along side the young people of Sutton Courtenay. We launched operation Big Brother – the older group who have come through the DAMASCUS ranks have teamed up and started a buddy group. Their main role is to work with the younger group and enable them to make positive life choices.

Freddy, Jack, John and Ryan have done an amazing job. Sutton should be very proud for producing such amazing role models for the young people. We have seen a real difference within the younger group. They have had a really busy summer running workshops, playing sports, and getting more involved with the community.

“I have really loved being a part of Big Brother. It has been cool working and getting to know the older lads”

We will send in some more pictures and personal profiles of their experiences in next month’s edition!

Meanwhile, as part of our work to increase young people’s positive engagement in their community we extend the following invitation.

### INVITATION

Please do come and join us on Saturday 15 October 10am to 12pm. Refreshments provided. Why?

We are holding an intergenerational workshop at which we would like to explore the following questions:

*Why is it important to know other age groups in our village?*

*What are the barriers to getting to know other age groups in our village? and*

*What can we do to get to know other age groups in our village?*

It will be very informal and a chance to get to know some young people who have made a great positive contribution to their village over the summer.

Gary Hibbins

Lead Youth Worker

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*The DAMASCUS project is at present supported by:*

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## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Sutton Courtenay News team for giving David and myself such a wonderful party on Sunday 18th September, and for my lovely presents, and your kind words Diane. It was great to see so many friends there and to put a face to a few who I had only communicated with by telephone or email.

Very many thanks again and thanks to you all for taking over the News and the best of luck in the future.

## EDITORS' NOTES

Thank you to the many of you who responded to the September edition of Sutton Courtenay News, the first the new team has produced. Your comments were very encouraging, with suggestions, as we'd asked, for improvements. We are working on those, and particularly the rather pale print, which may take a little while to resolve. In the meantime, please keep sending in your comments, especially ideas about new articles.

## ROUND UP OF LOCAL EVENTS NOTIFIED TO THE

Long Wittenham Pre-School is holding a Nearly New Sale of baby & children's clothes, toys & nursery equipment on Saturday 22 October from 10-12noon at Long Wittenham Village Hall. Remember the best bargains go to the early risers! If you would like to sell any items or need more information please contact Debbie Croft on 01865 407585 or [debbie@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk](mailto:debbie@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk). Please come along and support our Pre-School. [www.longwittenhampreschool.co.uk](http://www.longwittenhampreschool.co.uk)

Oxford Harmonic Society performs The Messiah at its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert  
Oxford Town Hall, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
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Oxfordshire Craft Guild Christmas Exhibitions  
Garden and Brewhouse Galleries, Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

## VILLAGE DIARY

As the Post Office in Costcutters closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Mr Patel of Burgreys has kindly agreed to hold the Sutton Courtenay News Diary and the Box for donations. Please, therefore, go to Burgreys to put your events in the diary, and also to put any offerings in the Box, as all contributions are very welcome!

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## LAST ORDERS FOR COUNCIL'S INSULATION OFFER

### Funds for Vale of White Horse District Council's insulation grant look likely to be exhausted by Christmas.

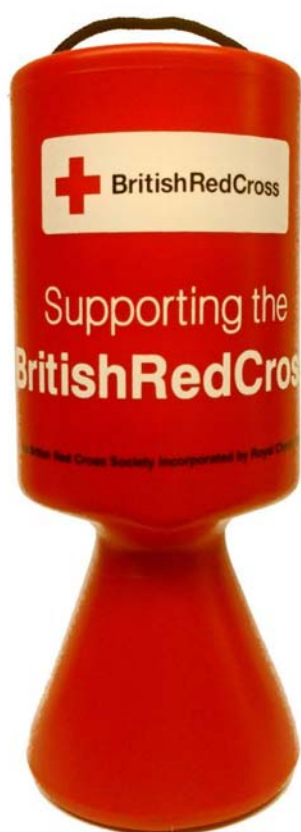
Thanks to a Council insulation grant, residents who own their home or rent privately in the Vale of White Horse district can get an extra £50 each off the price of professionally installed loft and cavity wall insulation. However, the funds are being allocated fast.

You can apply for the Vale of White Horse District Council's Insulation Grant online at [www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk/whitehorse](http://www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk/whitehorse) or call 0800 8048 777 between 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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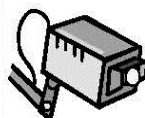
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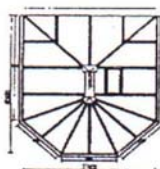
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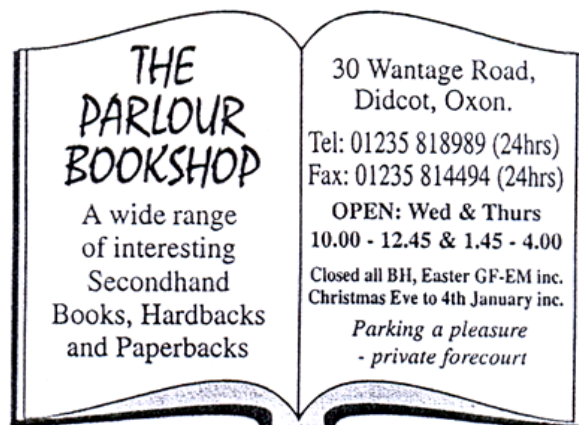
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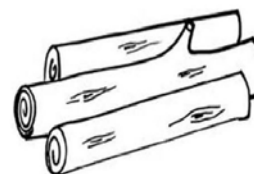
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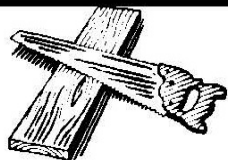
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