



SUTTON COURTENAY

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VILLAGE DIARY

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

DECEMBER

Tuesday	6th	7.15pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Thursday	8th	7.30pm	Parish Council Budgetary Meeting	Village Hall
Saturday	10th	6.30pm	Yuletide Evening	The Abbey
Saturday	10th	10am	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
Sunday	11th	12am	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
Sunday	11th	3.30pm	Signing up for next SCIDS production	30 Chapel Lane
Sunday	18th	6pm	Carol Service	Church
Tuesday	20th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Wednesday	21st	6pm	Church Choir Carol Singing around village	
Saturday	24th	3pm	Crib Service	Church
Saturday	24th	6pm	Torchlight Procession to Church	School

JANUARY

Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sunday	8th	3pm	First rehearsal for SCIDS production	Village Hall
Tuesday	17th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Wednesday	18th		COPY DATE FEBRUARY SC NEWS	
Tuesday	24th	7.30pm	SC Local History Society	Village Hall
Thursday	26th	10.30am	Coffee, Cakes and Books	Church

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all our readers, distributors and advertisers. Don't forget we if you would like to help with the delivery of Sutton Courtenay News please contact us. We continue to appreciate our many long serving deliverers, especially as the darker nights are starting.

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Sutton courtenay VILLAGE HALL

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 Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline Grundy (848679) of the hall management team, e-mail: scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organisation had the permanent booking.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Didcot Garden Town

What is a garden town? It is generally regarded as a settlement where housing, locally accessible jobs and needed facilities such as schools and recreational provision can be created whilst maintaining an open environment and countryside to provide a comfortable way of life. The Government has designated Didcot a Garden Town. There are a number of Government funding streams which should be able to help with implementation of the plan.

As far as Sutton Courtenay is concerned, the garden town boundary includes Milton Park, the power station, Sutton Courtenay Lane and the field and school on the southern side of the Bradstocks Way estate, and the landfill site to the north of the power station.

There is no single template for a garden town, so it is important for the local area to put forward its suggestions as to how it sees the proposal affecting Sutton Courtenay and to contribute to the overall approach and strategy for the immediate area and for the benefit of the community.

Information about Didcot Garden Town can be found at www.didcotgardentown.co.uk. The news tab at the top, then the link to the exhibition boards will lead you to the stakeholder engagement that is currently taking place. Online comments on the proposals are invited until 18th December. Draft documentation will then be prepared and it will go out for formal consultation next year.

Council budget 2017/18

The Parish Council is holding its budget meeting on Thursday 8th December to discuss its budget for the next financial year. It will be considering its current monetary position, looking at future expenses, and planning the future financial requirements over the next 12 months. The parish council tax figure for next year can then be set.

Grants

As part of the budget setting process, the Council will be considering grants to local organisations. Grant requests are considered usually just once a year. Should there be any worthy and needy organisation which wishes to apply for a grant where Sutton Courtenay residents benefit, then please write to the Clerk immediately, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

FCC landfill site – gas bubbling

The Parish Council is pursuing investigations with the appropriate authorities regarding gas bubbling which has been seen coming through water in the ditch beyond the recreation ground. This is an old area of the landfill site which is no longer monitored by the Environment Agency. The Council's representatives on the FCC Liaison committee are communicating with FCC regarding the problem.

FCC landfill site – handling of odour complaints

Concerns have been raised by the Council's representatives



FCC liaison committee that when there are complaints about odours from the site, then there could be a time delay should just the Environment Agency, who monitors the site, be contacted. The Agency has a central number, and by the time complaints have been passed to the local office, and an officer has had chance to deal with them, the odour may have disappeared, making investigation and/or rectification difficult. To ensure a quick response to any problem, a new telephone number on the landfill site has been established. It is important, as well as reporting to the Environment Agency who records the problems, to contact FCC directly on 012135 844502 or email suttoncourtenay.info@fccenvironment.co.uk. Messages go direct to the local team. When messaging FCC please leave as many details as possible and your own contact details if you require a response from the relevant person.

Foul Language in recreation ground

The Council has received comments that children, whilst using the play area in the recreation ground, are not able to avoid hearing foul language which is coming from adults in the area participating in and watching football matches at weekends. Hearing a string of expletives is inappropriate and offensive to many. Using obscene and profane language in a street to the annoyance of residents is a criminal offence, so why do it in the public recreation ground?

The recreation ground and its facilities are there for all residents, so please be considerate of others when using them.

School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2017

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013. You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications. The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2017. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone 01865 815175 for further information.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

P16/V2190/FUL Replacement dwelling at 126a High Street. Comments: Council had no objection

P16/V24546/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new chalet style dwelling with accommodation at first floor level at 98 Milton Road. Council had no objection in principle, but was concerned about different height of ground levels, and water run off.

P16/V2378/HH Single storey rear extension at 2 The Nursery. Council had no objections

P16/V2472/HH Double storey side extension, new roof dormers and internal alterations at The Glen, 7 Ginge Brook, Council had no objections to the proposed works, but was concerned should access be required along the footpath by The Ginge.

P16/V2508/HH Demolition of garage and porch. Erection of two storey side extension and detached garage at Peewit Barn, Drayton Road. Council requested that windows which overlook neighbouring properties be obscure glass and at high cill heights. The extension should not become the main bedroom of the dwelling.

MW.0127/Extension to Bridge Farm quarry to extract sand and gravel, with restoration to agriculture, lake and reed beds at Bridge Farm Appleford Road. Council was

concerned regarding workings right up to the river and with contamination and leachate into the river. There was loss of existing habitat and a long term management plan would be required.

P16/V0640 – Erection of 354 dwellings and community facilities off Harwell Road (amended plans). Council maintains its earlier objections, and pointed out the requirement of Didcot Garden Town and the keeping of green spaces.

P16/V2306/O Erection of 15 dwellings, and new access at the site of the former Catholic Church. Council objected on grounds of access, location of private drive, impact on the watercourse and protected wild life. The close proximity of the landfill site as far as odours and gas migration had not been taken into account.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th December, 2016 at 7.15 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change.

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

In addition, the Council will hold its budget meeting on Thursday 8th December, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and new year

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available at Burgreys Stores in the High Street.

The opening hours are

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 08.00 – 18.00,

Wed 08.00 – 17.00,

Sat 08.30 – 13.00, and Sun 09.00 -12.00.



We are a group of girls aged 7 to 10 years old who meet every Monday evening from 18:00 to 19:30hrs at the Sutton Courtenay Scout & Guide Hall (next to the Village Hall), during term time. At the moment we are a very small group of Brownies and would love more girls to come and join us for fun, games, crafts, trips, badges and friendship. If you would like to come and see what we do please contact Sarah on 07855 544609 to arrange a visit or for more information please visit our web site

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Brownies are also looking for adult or young leaders (14yrs+) to help run the unit, this is a volunteer role and very rewarding. You will be fully supported by an experienced leader and training opportunities. Please contact Sarah on 07855 544609 for more information with no obligation.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let There Be Light

The nights are drawing in. The shadows are long when I wave goodbye to the children at the gate, and my overcoat has come out again. Teachers leave in the dark. It is a really good time of year to encourage the children's scientific understanding of light, and that is exactly what Key Stage 1 children are doing in their topic, 'Let There Be Light'. I looked forward to their party on the evening of Wednesday 16th November 2016. Staff invited the children back to school in the dark at 5pm to enjoy a campfire with marshmallows and hot dogs, and to perform their shadow puppet plays to each other.

A Fairytale Banquet

Not to be outdone, Key Stage 2 are holding a fairytale banquet one evening in December. The children will come back to school dressed in their finery for games and storytelling around their fantasy fairytale theme, which has been the theme of their topic this term. Recently they have been focusing on the role of heroines in stories, and looking at some of the inspirational women throughout history.

Part of A Growing Village

As my first term flies past with alarming speed, I am definitely getting to know the community of Sutton Courtenay better and appreciating the role of the school as a valued part of it. On Sunday 13th November 2016, I attended the Service of Remembrance at All Saints' Church. It was wonderful to see so many of my pupils there, some representing the school in their uniforms, and some representing other organisations. Six of our eldest children recited John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields', delivering the words with expression to create a very moving performance. I was very proud of them.

On Wednesday 9th November 2106, we held a Community

Craft Afternoon to make Christmas decorations to sell at our joint fundraising fair with All Saints' Church. Year 6 baked scones and then served them to all the busy crafters, and then found themselves roped in to the crafting as well!

During the afternoon, I was able to chat to some people who remembered the school from the 1970s, who told me about how it has grown and changed. It is wonderful to have some of our eldest members of our community in school working with our children. I consider myself very fortunate to have two Teaching Assistants who have been here for over thirty years. They bring so much experience and knowledge of the village to the school, and have shown incredible commitment to our children over the years.

It is good to reflect back on how much change there has been in the past as we enter another period of rapid development in school. Our school role has doubled since those days, and we are growing all the time as our village expands. Building work starts on our new classrooms in February. It is a very exciting time to be the Headteacher here!

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of pupils, staff and governors of Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School to wish the whole village a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2017.



Rachel Homsey

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UNDER 14s RUGBY (Year 9 at school)



We are a thriving and active under 14s rugby team and are always looking for new players to join our squad. We play at Abingdon Rugby Club, Lambrick Way, Abingdon. We train on Friday evenings from 6.30pm and we play our matches and train on Sundays at 10am.



If you are interested, please call 07810 858618 or just turn up – we'd love to see you.

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH CHURCH

MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

- 1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am
2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church) and Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
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 Group – please see church noticeboard for details
Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

From the Ministry Team

No Room? Quite the Opposite!

For the past 14 Christmases, at the Appleford Street Nativity, we have journeyed through the village with Chocolate the Donkey, knocking on doors and asking if **there was any room**. A variety of ‘innkeepers’ turn us away – until we are offered room in a stable. The powerful symbolism of this storytelling has grown year on year with the increasing refugee crisis.

All over the world, doors continue to be slammed shut this Christmas. The closure of the Calais Jungle in the Autumn, which dispersed thousands of asylum seekers and would-be immigrants, brought into sharp focus the story of Joseph and the pregnant teenager Mary, for whom there was no room at the inn – 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. The experience of huge numbers of Christians, forced to flee from their ancient homelands in Syria and Iraq today, mirrors the Holy Family’s escape into Egypt. Every time yet another infant dies violently, it is a reminder of the ‘massacre of the innocents’ – Herod’s purge of babies in Bethlehem and the surrounding area following Jesus’ birth. As we come together for the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 6pm; carol sing around the village on Wednesday 21st December or gather around the bonfire on Christmas Eve perhaps one of the carols will strike us as particularly poignant – ‘It Came Upon The Midnight Clear’. Its words tell us the message of the angels to the shepherds, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests” and it goes on:

Yet with the woes of sin and strife,

The world has suffered long;

Beneath the angel strain have rolled,

Two thousand years of wrong;

And man, at war with man, hears not

The love song which they bring:

O hush the noise, you men of strife,

And hear the angels sing.

The goodwill message of the angels persists through the centuries, despite the troubled and uncertain times in which we live. It is an eternal message as it proclaims God’s all-embracing and eternal welcome for us all. Heaven’s doors are always open – offering a home and a welcome for everyone. The ultimate biblical vision in the Book of Revelation is of an all-encompassing city whose doors are always open to welcome all the nations. Jesus, for whom there had been no room at the inn, taught that God’s kingdom is home for everyone: “I say to you that many will come from the East and the West, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.” He reassured those anxious about the future: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms...”

No room? Don’t you believe it – there is room in the Kingdom of Heaven for everyone. (adapted from an idea from the Ven. John Barton)

With love and prayers Helen

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Priest in Charge of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

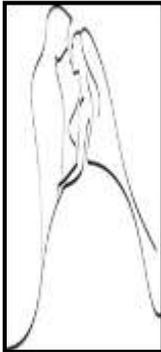
There is no coffee, cakes & books in December but please join us again on

Thursday 26th January 2017

10.30am-12noon

Why not drop by for coffee, cake & conversation and to browse the books on offer? Open to all – a good place to meet.





Holy Matrimony

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

Mirko (Miki) VJESTICA and Cathie Lynn PEDGE (5th November 2016)

The service was conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick

A Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday 18th December 2016

6.00pm

**All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay**

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

The Church choir and friends will be singing around the village raising money for 'Mercy Ships', our Christmas Charity. Please come and join us or listen out for us on:

WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER

Full details of the stops can be found in the Church Christmas Card accompanying the December/January SC News



and of course we will be at the Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening on Saturday 10th December at the Abbey from 6.30-8.30pm; at the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 6pm in the Church; on Christmas Eve singing round the bonfire in the churchyard following the Torchlight Procession and singing at 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Appleford and 10.30am on Christmas Day in All Saints' Church.

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Thursday 1st – 6pm Wedding Rehearsal

Friday 2nd – 7pm Sponsored Sleep-In All Saints' Church for children and young people

Saturday 3rd – 2pm Wedding @ All Saints

Friday 9th – Setting up for the Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th – Christmas Tree Festival (see advert for details)

Saturday 10th – 6.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening at the Abbey

Sunday 11th – 3pm Appleford Street Nativity from the Knap, Appleford

Monday 12th – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC

Tuesday 13th – 2pm Christmas Meditation in the church led by Helen Kendrick – followed by tea and cakes – all welcome!

Friday 16th – 9am Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Christmas Service at the church

Sunday 18th – 6pm Traditional Service of nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 21st – from 6pm Church Choir Carol Singing around the village

Saturday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE – 1pm rehearsal for Crib Service. 3pm Crib Service – the children retell the Christmas story. 6pm Torchlight Procession sets off from outside the school on Bradstocks Way to the churchyard for carols around the bonfire. 11.30pm Midnight Mass in Appleford.

Sunday 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY – 10.30am Family Eucharist

CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY

Sunday 1st **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - 10.30am Holy Communion (NB There is NO Family Service on New Year's Day.

Monday 9th – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC

Wednesday 11th – 8pm DAMASCUS Group Council in All Saints

CHURCH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday 25th – HOLD THE DATE! Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing to Boulevard Swing in Manor Barn – tickets on sale after Christmas.

And advance warning for the
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

For all the family
10.30am
SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
SUTTON COURTENAY



Come and make your own Christingle!
*A Collection will be taken for the work of
The Children's Society and refreshments
will be served after the service.*



**TORCHES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS EVE
TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**
Will be on sale from mid-December from:
Burgrey Stores;
Changes and
the Church (at Sunday Services)
Price: £3.50 each (NOT FOR SALE TO
UNDER 16s)
Glowsticks for Children will also be
available for £2.50 each



Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th (10-4pm) & Sunday 11th (12-4pm) December
All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

Following the success of last year's inaugural festival, with imaginative and creative entries from every class in the school; the WI, the scouts and cubs and several individuals, we would like to invite all residents of the village – individuals, families or local groups/ organisations and businesses to take part in 2016. Bring along a Christmas Tree (artificial or real) and decorate it on Friday 9th December (from 2-6pm or 7.30-8.30pm). Let us know if you need to borrow a tree. Then visit the Church over the weekend to join in the 'judging' and enjoy the refreshments.

Visitors to the exhibition will pay £3 (children £1.50). Each will be given three tokens to place next to the tree(s) they like the best. The winners will be the tree(s) with the most tokens at the end of the Festival and first, second and third prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will go to the Church Building Project – working to provide new toilets, a kitchen and meeting room at All Saints' Church - and 10% of what we raise at this event will also be used to fund the building of a toilet in an impoverished community.

Setting up – Friday 9th December from 2.00pm – 6pm and 7.30 – 8.30pm

Church open for viewing/enjoying/judging
Saturday 10th December 10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 11th December 12.00 – 4.00pm

Would you like to take part? Please complete this form and submit it to:

The Vicarage, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BD or place in the box at the back of church by Sunday 4th December. Any questions? ('phone 848297)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016

Name

Organisation/Group (if any).....Contact 'phone number

Title/Theme for your Treeapprox.. size of tree

Please tick this box if you need us to provide the tree

Please tick this box if you would like to use lights on your tree (we will try to accommodate your wish)

Our Christmas Charity for 2016...

This Christmas All Saints' Church will be supporting Mercy Ships a charity which exists to bring hope and healing to the poorest of West Africa. Since the late 1970s these hospital ships have enabled world class surgeons to bring their skills to those in most need in West Africa. At the same time teams of skilled people have built wells, hospitals, and schools. The projects are sustainable, when the ship leaves an outreach they leave trained technicians, health workers and nurses. Written in the corridor on the hospital deck is "and the lame shall walk and the blind shall see..." Collections to support their work will be held during the Church Choir Carol Singing Around the Village on Wednesday 21st December and around the bonfire on Christmas Eve at the Torchlight Procession. Please give as generously as you can. If you would like to bring a donation to any of the church services then please put it in an envelope clearly marked 'Mercy Ships'. Thank you.



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

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'* YULETIDE EVENING AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 10th December 6.30 -8.30 pm

Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.
In the The ABBEY Great Hall , The Green, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AF
Admission by ticket only: Adults £12, Children (under 12) £6
Available from BURGNEY STORES, High Street – your local post office
or Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com) 01235 848768
Everyone welcome!

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



Sutton Courtenay Local History Society

Tuesday 24th January
Village Hall 7.30 pm

“Redcoats to Riflemen: the County Regiment's Story from 1741”

Speaker: Brigadier Robin Draper, CVO,OBE

Robin Draper served for 35 years with the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry whose history, including the Battle of Waterloo, is covered in this talk which is also the title of a book he has written. He is President of the Oxford Branch of the Royal Green Jackets Association and has close links with the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum at Woodstock.

Everyone welcome:

Members free: Visitors £3

For information about the History Society see our website sclhs.org.uk.

Mary Thompson

REST IN PEACE

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

Trevor SMITH who died in a motorbike accident on 15th October 2016 aged 53 was born on 24th January 1963 in Wallingford Hospital to parents, Raymond and June. In due course he was joined by his younger brother Adrian. Growing up in Long Wittenham he attended the village school before going to Wallingford for his secondary education. As a child he was taught to shoot and fish by his Dad and he went on to become a first-rate marksman as well as developing a life-long love of the natural world and the outdoor life. A loyal older brother to Adrian, he was loving and kind and would always stick up for him as they grew up together. On leaving school he began work as an apprentice butcher for Hedges. He developed excellent skills and became a first class butcher – going on to work for some twenty years at the Broadway Butchers in Didcot where he was extremely well-known and popular with his many customers. He was an energetic, kind and impulsive man who loved his friends and would always do what he could to help. As many will testify, he truly had the gift of the gab and would keep his friends and customers entertained with his storytelling and anecdotes. Intelligent and willing to learn he enjoyed reading to find out more about subjects he was interested in – particularly history. He loved many genres of music – from rock to classical. He loved sweets and crisps and was notorious for polishing off a whole packet of biscuits. He also had a great love of motorbikes. In many ways Trevor was a strong and confident individual but life was not always easy for him and, at the age of 22 he began suffering from depression and when he was 29, following a breakdown, he was diagnosed as bi-polar. He struggled with mental illness for the rest of his life and went through some very challenging times. Through all of this he kept his job going and many people would have had no idea **how ill he was. In the early '90s he met, fell in love with and married Jane and he took on the role of father to her five children – Jamie, Daniel, Laura, Amanda and Kayleigh and, in due course, grandfather to fourteen grandchildren of whom he was very proud. He will be greatly missed by all his family and his many friends who filled All Saints' Church for his funeral on 31st October 2016.**

This is an edited extract of the address given at his funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick

Emma VAUGHAN-JONES who died suddenly and unexpectedly aged 44 on 29th October 2016 was born on 19th August 1972 to her parents Sue and Kenny. She was one of the first babies to be born in the maternity department at the JR which had not long opened. The family grew with the birth of her sister Sara and brother Sam to whom Emma was always the Big Sister and although

they had the usual childhood fights they were always there for one another and were close and supportive. Emma also had a much loved pony, called Rena, which was kept in a field next to Milton Manor from which it kept on escaping, **so a lot of Emma's time was spent trying to catch it!** Living in Sutton Courtenay, first in Barratts Way and then in Bradstocks Way, Emma was a chorister at All Saints, along with her sister Sara, and she was baptised and confirmed here. She attended the Primary School and then went on to **John Mason in Abingdon. She didn't particularly enjoy her time at school and left at 16 to work with her Mum at Cannons in Milton. Over the years Emma proved herself to be a very hard working individual and quick to learn. She had a variety of jobs from working at Little Stars – a children's nursery; being a nanny and helping out with a catering company. She eventually moved to Home Farm Trust where she helped people with learning difficulties engage with modern technology. She enjoyed her job and was very good at what she did. She found it immensely rewarding, although in recent years did not like the travelling taking her away from her family. When she and Wayne met they both felt they were made for each other and had found their soul mate. Over the past 10 years they brought out the best in each other and enabled one another to flourish. But it was in being a Mum that Emma found her deepest fulfilment. She was determined to be the best Mum she could be and she worked hard to ensure that Willow knew she was loved and at the centre of family life. Willow was the light of her life. Emma was a great organiser and it was she who was the instigator of family gatherings and keeping relationships going. She adored being an Aunt and was immensely proud of both her nephews – Will and Jake – with whom she loved spending time. She was always very community minded and did a range of voluntary work. Having grown up going to Brownies she then helped out as a leader – eventually becoming Brown Owl in Upton. She then started Rainbows as she wanted Willow to be able to join in with something she so enjoyed. She was a founder member of the Upton WI – known as the T-Birds - and she made many new friends through their meetings and activities. Indeed she loved to socialise and had a wide network of friends. Balancing fulltime work, being a wife and mother and maintaining her commitment to voluntary work cannot have been easy but anything seemed possible for the 'Princess of Power' as Emma used to describe herself. She was a very loyal, determined and strong-willed individual who knew her own mind and would do what she could to help others. She had a very positive, 'can-do' attitude and would always be there for family, friends and neighbours. She died suddenly and unexpectedly in the JR and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at her funeral which was held in a full All Saints' Church on Monday 14th November 2016, where personal tributes were also given by family members.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER

Avoid becoming a victim of Christmas crime

As the festive season approaches and the days shorten many homes will have gifts, and perhaps cash, in the house in preparation for Christmas. A house in complete darkness, with undrawn curtains and no car in the drive is a sure sign to an opportunist burglar that there's no-one at home. Deter thieves by:

- Using a 24 hour segment timer (available for around £5) to switch on lights, the TV or radio to give the impression that the house is not unoccupied.
- Keeping valuables and cash out of sight.
- Using forensic marking such as Smartwater, an ultra violet pen or similar on valuable items.
- Ensuring all doors and windows are closed and locked. (If you have a uPVC door make sure you have double locked it.)

If you're going away over Christmas or the New Year period:

- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbour to close your curtains at night and open them in the morning.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable personal items with your bank or with other family members.
- **Ask a neighbour or friend to park, ad hoc, on your drive while you're away.**
- **Before you go away don't advertise the fact on Facebook, Twitter etc.**
- Double check all external doors and windows are locked before you leave the house, and remember to set your burglar alarm if you have one.

To contact the police call either
101 (for non-emergencies) or
999 (for emergencies)

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

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Didcot & District U3A meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Didcot Civic Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to ensure you are all seated for the 2pm start.

Tuesday 20th December
Christmas Lunch & Entertainment

Tuesday 17th January
Andrew Steel will give a talk entitled
"Banff National Park Canada"

It's never too late to expand your horizons.....

The University of the Third Age offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting of the Didcot & District U3A and find out what we are all about.

A member of our committee will be on hand to make you welcome

For more information phone 01235 211291 or 01235 510048

email secretary@didcotu3a.org

Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/di>



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Although this year has not quite ended, it may be time to think about the new one to come. How about joining Sutton Courtenay's fun and friendly WI, make it one of your new year's resolutions!

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

Come along to our January 17th meeting, we will be having a demonstration and talk on how to stay fit and heathy, I'm sure we will need that after the Christmas festivities!

A voice coach will be showing us how to tune up our vocal cords on the 21st February

On the 21st March you will find us Swishing. If you're not sure what that is come along and find out, we will be very pleased to welcome you.

Denman the WI's amazing education facility holds many day and residential courses for you to learn an exciting new skill or craft.

Laughter is the best medicine and you will get lots of that with us at SC WI!

If you would like any information, please call Sally on 848924

Tina Wade

Spiritual fellowship

On Tuesday November 1st we had a great service with the very talented Brenda Manning. We have not been able to get her for several years.

Thank you all for your kind attention, as it helps the medium to work.

As the year draws to a close we would like to thank everybody who attended, and helped with the chairs etc. and donated some excellent raffle prizes.

On a less pleasant note, On Tuesday November 1st when our meeting was taking place a lady's car in the Village Hall car park was quite badly keyed (scratched with a key). Police have been informed. We will remain vigilant.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

Enquiries welcome. Pat or Sam 01235 847460.

----- SPIRITTUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tues Dec 6th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman & Kath

Tues Jan 3rd 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Meeting with Sharon Higginson

S.C.I.D.S

Don't forget that on Sunday 11th December 3.30pm at 30, Chapel Lane, is your chance to sign up for the next production by SCIDS. The rehearsals for "Papertown Paperchase" will start on Sunday January 8th at 3.00pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. The performance dates are March 24th/25th.

If you are between 8 and 16 years and would like to find out more, please get in touch, this group is as much about fun as it is about drama, and is for the village and by the village.

Morna Whitlock (01235 848335 or morna28whitlock@gmail.com)



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For further information please contact South Abingdon Children Centre on: 01235 555524



Local budding authors urged to enter short story contest

Aspiring authors are being urged to enter the Oxfordshire County Council Library Service short story competition 2017.

The popular annual contest to find the county's best new writers has categories for 'adults' and 'young adults'. Stories should be a work of original fiction which has never before been seen or published, and should be submitted by January 4. The lucky winners, who will be announced in March, will get to see their entries published as an eBook and available via the library website, to be borrowed and read across the county.

"Inspiring first step"

The council's Cabinet Member for Cultural Services Lorraine Lindsay-Gale said: "Previous winners have been some of the most borrowed eBooks in our collection so this is a great chance to get your unique writing voice heard, and could be an inspiring first step for new writers of all ages."

Entries should be between 500 and 3,000 words, including the title. To find out how to enter and for full terms and conditions, please visit w

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



Michael Lacey has sent us another lovely "old" photograph of Sutton Courtenay life. This time it is of pupils at Sutton Courtenay Primary School in 1957.

If you can identify any of the pupils please let us know at:

editor@suttoncourtenay.co.uk

We will publish any names we receive in the next edition of Sutton Courtenay News which will be February 2017.

The photograph will appear in the online edition of Sutton Courtenay News at:

www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk



To the card playing gentlemen of Sutton Courtenay. Winter is upon us, I should like to get a FRIENDLY poker evening going, or kaluki (rummy with 2 packs). Nothing fierce, playing chips, and all enter, say, £10.00 and when your chips are gone you're out, the last man standing takes the pot. If interested phone Roger on 01235 847241

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

So what does Brexit mean?

This is a subject I have been deliberately avoiding since the end of June.

“Leave” won the referendum – how clearly or how comfortably could be argued, but win it did. We all now need to work to make the best of it. That does not mean that I have suddenly become a Brexiteer, but it does mean that I should give Brexit the space and chance to prove itself.

The subject has caused great conflict and divisions within friendships, within communities and even within families. There is only one way I know to resolve such conflict and that is to keep talking. Soft Brexit, Hard Brexit, Single Market, Customs Union, no migration or less migration – whilst our elected representatives sort out the best deal they can, we will have to live with each other.

Victories are always more successful and more longlasting if the victors are magnanimous. Triumphalism builds long term resentment. Remainers and Leavers alike voted the way they did mostly out of strong conviction. Leavers need to understand that many Remainers are **“hurting”**, even grieving, and they need to be given space to grieve.

We can all agree that extremism and hate crime have no place in Oxfordshire. However, the Mayor of Oxford is

deemed to need a bodyguard – and this should worry us all.

No-one imagines Brexit is going to be easy or completed in a short time. Almost daily we hear about further complications ahead. All of us are going to have to be patient if the government is going to be able to get the best outcome. Rushing them will certainly result in a less satisfactory outcome for both Remainers *and* Leavers.

And what relevance does any of this have for local government?

The long term financial outcomes of Brexit are still far from clear, but in the short term, it is highly likely that costs and prices will increase. This will put further pressure on Council budgets- not a great start to the next Budget-setting season. Whilst the problems of the OCC budget in recent years have been well advertised, Oxfordshire is better placed than many other councils to face extended austerity. The financial challenges of OCC are small compared with those facing the country.

This year’s OCC budget challenges will become clearer with Chancellor’s Autumn Statement next week so more next time

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR GERVAISE DUFFIELD

Problems facing us all now, and in the next few months

One of my ward members asked me the other day where he could keep abreast of all the local issues because contentious and controversial ones are coming thick and fast. There are of course the obvious places: Vale website but nowadays you really need to watch the S Oxon one too, local radio, local papers, and I intend to try to keep you abreast of everything here, as I see them affecting us all locally.

Currently, there are at least two very urgent major planning applications, one next to the Sutton C. village hall and adjacent to the border of the FCC waste site, and another in Harwell Rd. I have no space here to go into detail, but each one takes yet another large chunk of green space away from the village, and we have little enough left. Both these applications are imminent for decision.

Appleford has recently had a huge development along its S.Oxon border stretching up to Long Wittenham approved; not far short of 2000 houses. Farmer Gale has put it in a small application of infill along the main road. Of course Appleford has to take its share of the huge quota has forced on Oxfordshire, but I want to thank farmer Gale the applicant that he has deliberately kept it small, when it could have been much larger, and he did it because he loves the village and knew that most residents did not want a large development. For that I thank him, and he has kept in touch

with the parish council which is more than many developers do, who agree all with Vale planners, and merely go through the motions of consultation. There is a further development in the Appleford pipeline from Didcot perimeter road virtually up to the railway crossing.

Didcot expansion masterplan

It is important for Sutton C & Appleford to keep an eye on **each other’s problems, because they are interrelated**, and both villages are threatened with being swallowed up in a greater Didcot development the outline of which is on a massive scale. Just look at the map. Of course not everything will be housing all at once but what does history teach of the long term implications once a masterplan virtually joins up Abingdon to Didcot, stretches across the Thames northward and across the A34 westward? The extent is mind boggling to me at least.

When folk are minded to oppose development they do not like or want, they have to remember that the Government makes us work back from numbers, not the way older planning was ever conducted. If we defeat a scheme for say 300 houses, we have to find somewhere else to put those 300. That may be where the huge Didcot A site comes in. I believe we have to get more housing in there. There is

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outline permission on that site, and full permission for one warehouse in the corner, but quite a bit of scope for more housing elsewhere, I am working on that.

Another problem in planning is the proposed traffic lights the Oxon CC transport officers decided to impose on the two major developments either side of Appleford Road: I want to get that aspect of the permission amended, because I have yet to meet any local driver who does not think lights at the Ameys T junction will only make things worse, especially at morning rush hour. I can but try to change that.

Then there is the overall question of infrastructure, especially, roads and a Thames bridge, all of which need to be agreed. We surely cannot responsibly develop greater Didcot without at least another Thames road bridge, and doing something major about A34 (not more minor tinkering).

Yet another major issue is flooding us all from the Thames if they bypass Oxford & Abingdon, and inadvertently dump all the bypass water on us. Remember what happened when they bypassed Windsor, villages never flooded before suffered lower down the river. Remember Cumbria too.

I hope every resident of our two villages will watch what is happening, make their views known and help us fight the **worst aspects of the planning. We need everyone's help.** I have had to spend an enormous amount of time looking into all this, and I am struggling just to keep abreast of things, but I will try to update you as things develop. The Didcot matter is a on a very tight schedule, and they want their masterplan agreed by roughly next Easter, surely an impossible task.

I conclude by wishing you all a happy Christmas, and a planning worry free New Year.

A34 Problems

I think we all know the problems. Too much traffic overall, only two lanes, serious accidents and breakdowns resulting in long delays and desperation especially by continental large vehicles rat running to meet delivery deadlines. Look at the wider motorway picture; there is no motorway running down the centre of England, they all swing into London, so poor old A34 gets overloaded because it was never designed for motorway substitute, but some road has to serve a successful port like Southampton. All these problems are only going to get worse. Minor tinkering may serve PR, but it is going to make little real difference. So what we can do?

First, we need to understand the overall Midlands and South motorway situation because the A34 currently has to serve the dock traffic to Southampton as well a lot of short term local traffic, both of which are only going to grow with all the Oxfordshire houses being built and expansion of new towns like Didcot. The A34 just cannot cope now and will only get much worse unless drastic action is taken. What shall we do?

Second, we need to recognise that the problem is far too big for any local council and though of course Oxfordshire County Council and the District councils should be kept in the loop, the problem is far too big for them, and many would add well beyond their competence. It has to be a Government undertaking, and I believe it has to have, sooner or later, an M34 further to the west. I hesitate to go into detail but in our area somewhere roughly along a Wantage-Eynsham line. Not of course through the towns but near enough to feed into them when needed.

Of course there will be problems. First the huge expense of any motorway; secondly the howls of rage there always are from those who fight an inch of concrete on any green field. They have to realise we must have an adequate transport system so they must come up with better ideas if they want to prevent a motorway. Thirdly a route needs extensive consultation, real consultation not just PR

meetings.

Much of the continental south coast dock traffic comes from the north down the M1 and the M6, and the area round Northampton is the junction point, and I believe eventually there must be a motorway from Northampton down to Southampton. That would make a major motorway for the centre of England, a good start has been made down to Silverstone; it must take the main long distance dock traffic, which is not interested much in our local A34 usage. That would leave the A34 as what it originally was a major local road free from all the docksbound HGVs.

Such a venture will be costly, it will upset some people in losing green field footage, the route will be contentious probably, but I think it is the only real solution. Tinkering with the A34 may do a little in the very short term but long term it is a waste of money. Widening the A34 is not on; what for instance would you do in Botley, demolish rows of houses? Before too long, if not already, we shall need both a new motorway and our major local road back. I believe a new M34 would be much better national value than misguided ventures like HS2, and scrapping that would provide a lot of the money for an M34. At present Government seems to want to spend most of the money on the railways; those who advocate that should consider how many more people use major UK trunkroads every day, many many more than use the railways. I am afraid the ratios between road and rail has got out of proportion.

OK, I know it is both costly and controversial, but will my critics please tell me a better long term solution to A34 problems? Not short term minor tinkering which are nearly always poor value for money, but real solutions to dockland traffic (essential to national financial prosperity), and then help local traffic with a reclaimed major artery to mitigate traffic set to increase quickly and vastly with all our new houses and an expanded Didcot.

Gervase Duffield, your District Councillor

SUTTON COURTENAY ACTION, where are we now?

Action Day 7 October

Around 150 villagers marched from the village hall to the council offices in Milton Park and handed over our petition calling for **“A Fair Deal for Sutton Courtenay”**. Thank you very much too all adults, children and dogs who took part.

An initial response was received from the Senior Planning Officer on 3 November. This failed to address some of the concerns in our Fair Deal submission. SC Action therefore wrote to the Leader of the Council, Matthew Barber, repeating those concerns. The result is that he has agreed a meeting on 2 December, which should also include David Hill, the new CEO of the District Council.

Following that we will present our petition at both the full County Council and the District Council meetings in December. This will provide an opportunity to alert all the councillors, including Planning Committee members, to the unique problems facing our village.

How can you help?

1. Our Fair Deal Petition is still open. Have YOU signed?

If not, please do, either on line at www.vosc.co.uk or at Burgreys. We want to present a much longer petition to the full councils.

2. Addressing Council Meetings

Can you support us by attending either on 13 December at 10am at Council Chamber, County Hall, New Road, Oxford or on 14 December at 7pm at The Beacon, Wantage?

3. Comment on the Didcot Garden Town Initiative
Over the next 15 years Didcot and Science Vale will see 15,000 new homes and 20,000 new jobs. The proposed boundary and area of influence for the Garden Town has been identified and parts of our parish are inside the identified boundary. It will have a considerable impact on the future of our village. If the current plans go through our village school and the field behind the school will actually form a part of The Didcot Garden Town. It is crucially important that villagers have an understanding of the likely impact of this on the village and take the opportunity to comment at www.didcotgardentown.co.uk. All opinions and views will be assessed and incorporated in the masterplan which will be published for consultation early 2017. Please take the time to look at the website and respond.

4. Attend the Planning Committee

Attend the planning committee meetings when our major planning applications are on the agenda. Look out for any confirmed dates as these will be published on-line and displayed on village notice boards.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The designated area of the Neighbourhood Development Plan for our village is currently under consideration following the public consultation. Unfortunately this overlaps with the proposed area of Didcot Garden Town.

Emerging plans can be a useful tool to counter developer’s proposals as well as helping the local community to make positive choices about their own future. Hopefully, the Steering Group will be able to issue a positive report early 2017.

Contact details and up to date information posted on Village Notice Boards and on-line at:

www.vosc.co.uk

Facebook: *Sutton Courtenay Action*

Email: action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk

A FAIR DEAL FOR SUTTON COURTENAY

Sutton Courtenay is unique in facing the cumulative impact of a wide range of industrial and housing developments on a woefully inadequate sewerage and highways infrastructure and traffic gridlocked by the narrow bridge over the River Thames. To its east are gravel pits and aggregate plants, an extensive landfill site with a large Material Recovery Facility and a composting site which regularly emits noxious odours. To its south there is to be a giant warehouse, which with the considerable extension of Milton Park, albeit under the welcome Science Vale initiative, will put even greater pressure on the inadequate infrastructure.

In addition, at the last count there is - approved or in the pipeline - a grand total of 1168 new dwellings, doubling the size of the village despite the above pressures. Moreover, one of the proposed development is adjacent to uncapped and unlined landfill cells, with potentially toxic contents, methane gas in evidence, with high ground water levels in an area which floods regularly, severe odour problems and with dangerously inadequate access.

Faced with these cumulative impacts Sutton Courtenay requests that it is considered as special case in planning decisions, and that:

1. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CUMULATIVE
IMPACT ASSESSMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT
ON ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE SC
APPLICATIONS

To ensure cumulative impact considerations are fully addressed by officers and the planning committee.

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2. THE VALE FULLY ADDRESSES INDEPENDENT EXPERT ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Especially where such advice conflicts with that of statutory consultees and/or the advice given by developer appointed experts.

3. THE REDROW/HOBBYHORSE LANE APPLICATION IS DEFERRED

Until all issues raised by residents and their independent experts have been satisfactorily resolved, the EA and OCC have responded in full and that a review is completed of the risk assessment undertaken in deciding that this was to be a Strategic Site, despite the above risks.

4. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO SCIENCE VALE UK APPLICATIONS

Over warehousing and applications involving large numbers of low wage jobs.

5. MORE NEW HOMES BONUS IS DIRECTED TO SUTTON COURTENAY AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE

To compensate for all that has been and will be earned by VW HDC from SC applications..

6. THE SUTTON COURTENAY PC AND NDP ARE INVOLVED IN ALL STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS AFFECTING THE PARISH

ED VAIZEY MP



I've had a busy month in Parliament. On national issues, I took part in the debate on the BBC Charter Review, the Cultural Property Bill which aims to implement the Hague Convention

for the Protection of Cultural Property, and a debate on press freedom.

On local issues I secured a visit from the new Secretary of State for Education to our amazing University Technical College based in Didcot, pressed for Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to start their review into the future of Wantage Community Hospital during Health Questions, and welcomed the Department for Health's review into the funding of community pharmacies.

I was successful in securing a debate on the safety of the A34. During this debate the roads Minister, John Hayes MP, agreed to undertake a safety review of the A34, which was an excellent outcome for my constituents and those in the wider area. Highways England have been tasked to carry out the study, and are inviting interested parties such as the local Councils and police force to take part. I will make sure that my constituents' views and concerns are represented.

We also had some success in highlighting the plight of the AEAT pensioners with Ministers, many of whom live within my constituency, and who have lost a significant amount of their pension following the closure of AEAT. I am calling for an urgent independent enquiry along with changes in the law to allow the Pensions Ombudsman to investigate the situation.

After I raised my concerns about the disruption that

would be caused by a planned two week closure of Challow Bridge, I was pleased that Network Rail listened and put forward a new plan for these works. These works will now take place on the weekends of 18th and 25th November between 10pm and 6am to limit the disruption.

Finally, I would like to highlight a number of local community groups that have applied for funding from the Aviva Community Fund. Friends of O.S.C.A.R., Harwell Village Hall, Riding for the Disabled Association Abingdon, Marcham Women's Institute, Buckland CofE Primary School, Blewbury Village Hall, Cholsey Holiday Playscheme and Wallingford Boys Brigade have all made applications, and funding will be awarded to those with the most public votes. Voting is open until 18th November, and can be undertaken <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/acfcms/get-involved>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 020 7219 6350. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

Clifton Hampden Surgery Patient Participation Group

For the information of Sutton Courtenay residents who are registered at the Clifton Hampden Surgery the 24 hour ECG monitor, which avoids patients having to wait for a hospital referral, is now in full use.

New furniture and equipment has been installed in the nurse's room in accordance with clinical assessment compliance requirements. A defibrillator has been installed at Burcot at the Close Home.

Any Sutton Courtenay patient who would like to receive the Patients Group Newsletter and notice of forthcoming meetings should please register with the secretary at rogerrmit@aol.com. We would like to have more Sutton Courtenay residents on our committee.

EARTHTRUST DECEMBER EVENTS

All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated.

Natural Christmas

Sunday 4th December, 11am-3pm.

Get into the festive spirit by making decorations and gifts from natural and recycled materials. Plus, meet Father Christmas. Price by activity, no need to book.

Winter Wetland Birds

Sunday 11th December, 9.30am-11am.

Come and explore Thrupp Lake in Radley (OX14 3NG) and find out about some of the wetland birds that call it home over the winter. With Ben Carpenter. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).



Emily Brown and the Thing

Tuesday 6 Dec 2016 to
Saturday 24 Dec 2016



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515144



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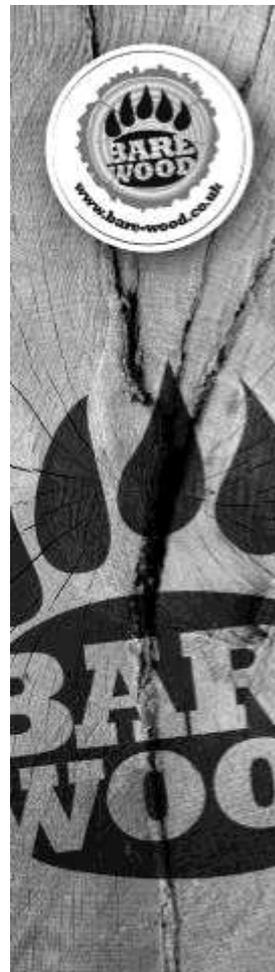
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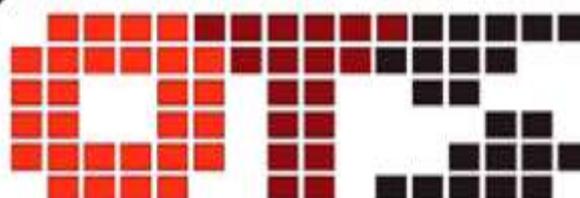
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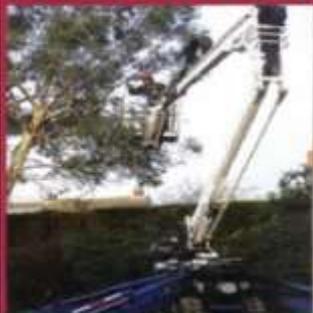
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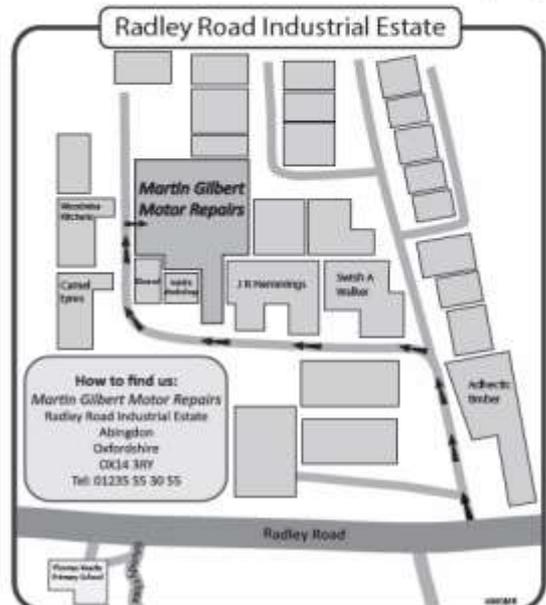
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