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VILLAGE DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

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Fri 6 & 20	Bridge Afternoon (p. 8)	River Room	14:00 - 17:00
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Sutton Courtenay News: www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

Parish Council: www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

Vale of White Horse DC: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Oxfordshire CC: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Village Hall: suttoncourtenayvillagehall.co.uk

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Citizens Advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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VILLAGE HALL

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall is available to individuals and Commercial users to hire for adult or children's parties as well as other social/regular events. The hall has a bar/ kitchen area with fridge and hot water urn. A smaller Committee room for meetings/gatherings and a fully equipped Kitchen. Facilities include Wifi, Projector screen, microphones and a music centre. A Registered Charity, we are funded by the revenue from this hire which is used to cover the cost of insurance, repairs and utilities. To book the hall go to: suttoncourtenayvillagehall.co.uk and follow the on screen prompts. If you need to contact the booking clerk please email: scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com

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POST OFFICE SERVICES

The nearest Post Office is at Milton, 11H Park Drive OX14 4RS and is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 17.15 with a final collection time of 16:45. It is closed on Saturday & Sunday. Further afield there are Post Offices in Didcot (in WHSmith, 188 The Broadway OX11 8RN) & in Abingdon (5-13 West St. Helen Street OX14 5BL) both of which are reasonably accessible by public transport.

SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATORS

The village has three defibrillators. One is located outside the front roller doors of Sutton Courtenay Tyres on the High Street. The second is outside the Football Clubhouse in the Recreation Ground. The third is outside the Fish on Appleford Road.





People who know told me that my first few days as an MP would be like nothing I had ever experienced in my life. Despite a career which has involved many high-pressured jobs with responsibility for safety-critical railway operations, they were absolutely right.

Day 1 went by in a whirl of briefings. The layout of Parliament; IT setup; how safety and security of MPs is protected.

I have also heard it said that it is like your first few days at school. But at least at school they have some idea of which rooms you should be in and where you can sit. To start off, with there is no dedicated office space available for individual MPs, for the very understandable reasons that many are occupied by those who recently lost their seats in the General Election

Getting used to Westminster is just half the challenge. I now have the privilege of representing nearly 75,000

constituents, and need to quickly create an effective team of support staff to help me do this well.

A major issue for Sutton Courtenay is that of the FCC landfill site and significant odours emanating from it. Local councillors and I have met with the site operators and will continue to hold them to account. They seem confident that works they have done to remove water contaminated with landfill material, and works to prevent this from happening in the future, will lead to a reduction of the odour problem. Please continue to report odour issues to the Environment Agency's hotline via 0800 80 70 60.

My new parliamentary email address is olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk. Please contact me if I can help or if you would like me to attend a local event or meet with a local organisation.

I look forward to meeting as many as you as possible over the years to come.

RSPB LOCAL GROUP

Your RSPB Local Group (Vale of White Horse) is all set for the new season, and looking forward to welcoming you to our monthly indoor talks (at the River Room, by the church, Sutton Courtenay, and/ or via Zoom in deepest winter) and outdoor wildlife walks.

At our first session on Monday 16 September (7.30pm in the River Room) we will hear from Fergus Mosey, who works for the RSPB at Otmoor. Fergus gives us a fascinating annual update on all the goings on at our favourite local reserve, as they work to increase the numbers of key species.

Quick details of the next few talks & walks (these continue until May, more info on our website www.rspb-vwh.org.uk):

- Talk 21st Oct: Butterflies of Bird Reserves (Nick Bowles)
- Walk 27th Oct: RSPB Arne, Dorset
- Talk 18th Nov: The East Atlantic Flyway (Nick Williams)
- Walk 24th Nov: Otmoor Starling Murmuration
- Talk 16th Dec: British Birds of Prey (Mary Braddock)

If you would like to join us for the 24/25 season, the cost is £15 for adults (whether or not you are an RSPB member), and free for under-16s. This covers our programme of monthly talks and wildlife walks, and a quarterly e-Newsletter. If you prefer to attend just one or two talks, you can do this as a non-member for £5 per talk. You can join using the form on our website (under "Contacts"): www.rspb-vwh.org.uk, or at a meeting (card reader available from October). For meetings with an option to join via Zoom, members receive the link via email a few days beforehand.

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust *Financial Problems due to the Current Economic Crisis?*

If you live in Sutton Courtenay and are experiencing financial problems arising from the current economic crisis, you may be eligible for a grant from the Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust. For further information please email clerk.scnpt@gmail.com or telephone 07476 026406

ALL ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF SUTTON COURTENAY
A HUGE THANK YOU FOR HELPING
Congratulations to
Alan Calver
in raising an incredible: **£1,915.00**
By taking on a Wing Walk challenge on 19th June 2024!
Thanks to your fundraising many people living with complex disabilities will have more opportunities with communicate, connect and take part in life!
THANK YOU
sense
connecting sight, sound and life
16 July 2024
Hannah Leek, Community Fundraising Manager

Well done, Alan!

THE ABBEY

The Abbey Café

Bring your friends and enjoy a selection of delicious homemade cakes or a light brunch in our beautiful medieval hall. We are open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

Meditation at the Abbey

The Abbey offers an opportunity to come to stillness in tranquil and beautiful surroundings with a supportive group.

Meditation can help us to feel more connected, balanced and at peace. Heartfulness is a very simple and natural way which guides participants to focus on a deeper source within our hearts and to experience harmony within.

The meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7pm for 30-45 minutes in the Abbey. All are welcome regardless of experience. These sessions are free. (more information at www.heartfulness.org.uk)

Advance notice of a workshop on understanding trauma on the 19th October. The workshop will be led by Sushila Dhall, Psychotherapist and Capacity Development Lead. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Abbey charity.

Please contact Pascaline at: welcome@theabbey.uk.com or by phone: +44 (0)1235 242 283 if you have any questions. You can also visit our FB page "The Abbey Sutton Courtenay" or our Instagram account @theabbey Sutton Courtenay.

The Abbey office opening times: - 9am - 1pm



The Abbey Cafe

Bring your friends and enjoy homemade cakes or a light lunch in a magical place!

EVERY SATURDAY
10AM TO 2PM

THE ABBEY SUTTON COURTENAY

The poster features a floral border at the top and bottom. In the center, there are two steaming mugs of coffee and a woman in a blue apron holding a tray with a cake. Below the text, there is a small illustration of the Abbey building.

Do You Enjoy Singing?

All Saints' Singers of Sutton Courtenay are looking for new members



Research has shown that singing in a choir is good for you – it improves well-being, helps memory, posture and breathing, and reduces stress.

Come and reap the benefits of singing together!

We are a friendly community choir with an excellent music director.

There is no audition, and it is not necessary to be able to read music.

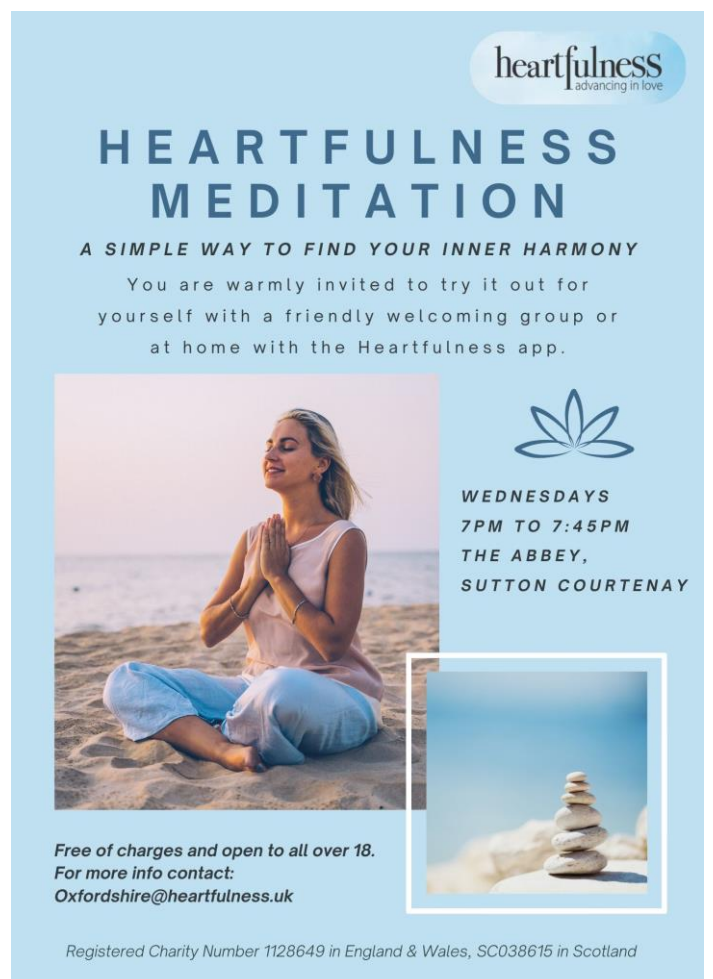
Please visit our website for details

www.allsaintssingers.org

or phone to find out more

07870 506774

Rehearsals start 6th Sept 2024 in the Matrix



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HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

A SIMPLE WAY TO FIND YOUR INNER HARMONY

You are warmly invited to try it out for yourself with a friendly welcoming group or at home with the Heartfulness app.

WEDNESDAYS
7PM TO 7:45PM
THE ABBEY,
SUTTON COURTENAY

Free of charges and open to all over 18.
For more info contact:
Oxfordshire@heartfulness.uk

Registered Charity Number 1128649 in England & Wales, SC038615 in Scotland

The poster has a light blue background. It features a woman in a white top and blue pants meditating on a beach. To the right, there is a small image of a stack of stones. The Heartfulness logo is in the top right corner.



Odour Complaints

The Environment Agency (EA) is responding to the number of odour complaints in connection to the operations at the FCC's landfill and composting operation. The high volume of complaints has resulted in a much-increased attention by the Environment Agency. Residents are requested to continue to report issues to the Environment Agency via 0800 80 70 60 – as it does make a difference.

Since June 2024, the Environment Agency are issuing monthly updates which are available on the news section of the Parish Council's website www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk. The following is an extract from the August 2024 update:

Next steps

We expect to (sic) emissions from site to reduce and odour reports to decline over the coming weeks. Our focus has been getting the site compliant and stopping the smell. We haven't ruled out taking further enforcement action for offences related to this incident and breaches of the environmental permit. Any enforcement response we take will be in accordance with our published enforcement and sanctions guidance which you can find on our website.

On Thursday 15th August, FCC invited members of their Community Liaison Group, including Parish Councillors, to attend a site visit to inspect the work being carried out on site to treat and remove the leachate liquid (which is the current cause of the significant increase in odour complaints). FCC informed that the leachate incident occurred primarily as a result of unprecedented rainfall over the 2023/2024 winter which carried on into spring 2024. The parish council will be considering the report of the visit at its September meeting and follow-up with further clarification requests to FCC and the EA.

Grounds maintenance

The Parish Council is continuing to closely monitor the work being completed by our contractor. Many of the problems with delayed cuts and missed sections have been rectified. The current contract includes monthly* cuts of the verges and fortnightly* cuts of Parish Council owned open spaces - the Village Green, All Saints Lane, Old Wallingford Way play area (including the skate park and pump track) and Old Wallingford Way cemetery. (*From March to October inclusively.) The contract specifies that cuttings are to be left on site.

If you notice any areas that are not being cut, please contact the Parish Council via the Clerk (contact details below).

Damaged play equipment

Recent visitors to the Old Wallingford Way Recreation Ground will have noticed damage to the six balance mushrooms and a nearby fence panel. The damage to the fence panel has been identified as vandalism and the Parish Council has arranged for the panel to be replaced.

The balance mushrooms were previously recorded as having excessive movement in the stems which caused them to wobble whilst in use. Following multiple visits from the installers, the problem has not been resolved and several of the mushroom tops were damaged around the same time of the damage to the fence panel. Sadly, at present five of the mushrooms are missing their

tops. Kompan, who manufactured and installed the play equipment has agreed to replace the mushrooms with timber waterlily pads which will provide similar play opportunities for children to balance and step between the pads.

Photos of the damaged mushrooms and new waterlilies



Grants

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to award grants to local organisations which benefit residents in the parish. The organisation must be a not-for-profit although it does not need to be a registered charity. The Council will consider grant applications for the 2025-26 financial year at a meeting in November. If you are a member of a local group which would benefit from a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below). Applications will need to be submitted by 10th November 2024.

A thank you from the Council Clerk

I wanted to include a quick note thanking everyone who had provided feedback on the proposed replacement of timber benches on the Village Green and at the Church Street bus stop, and the improvements to the northbound Bradstocks Way/Milton Road bus stop. I will be summarising all the comments in the report which the Parish Council will consider at its September meeting. If anyone else would like to make any comments please contact me and/or you are welcome to speak in the public session at the start of any of the Parish Council meetings.

Council meetings and contact details

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings. The dates of the next meetings are Tuesday 3rd September and Tuesday 1st October at 7.15pm. Meetings are normally held in the Committee Room at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Council's website www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk and on the noticeboards located outside Hari & Esha News, High Street; near Costcutter, Bradstocks Way; and on the open space at Skylark Fields.

Councillors: Rita Atkinson (chairman), Robert Dalby (vice chairman), Teresa Field, Paul Galliver, Lyn Hodder, Father Morkos, Joanna O'Callaghan, Ian Pratley, Hugo Raworth, Jason Warwick and Fiona Wolveridge.

Correspondence should be sent to the Clerk, Jennie Currie, Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, c/o 44 Harrington Close, Newbury, RG14 2RQ info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk 07495 123 353. Alternatively, you can contact Councillors directly, their email addresses are on the website.



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



From the Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

Despite it being three quarters of the way through the year, September can feel like a bit of a new start. A new school year and possibly a new school for children, maybe a return to busier schedules after the slightly quieter time of August, or perhaps a sigh of relief that the summer holidays are now over! There is also now a sense of calm after all the major sporting events we have had; the disappointment of the Euro's final, the Britishness of Wimbledon and the thrills of the Olympics to name just a few.

For me, as a new resident, the newest member of the DAMASCUS parish ministry team and as a newly ordained minister, moving here and starting a new job has certainly been a new start. And what a great start it has been. Over the summer months I have had the privilege to meet lots of new people and to explore the area. Thank you to everyone I have met for being so welcoming and helpful.

Whenever I have experienced a new start, I am reminded of what St Paul wrote in the first century to the church in Corinth. How in Christ we become a new creation; the old passes away and we become new. Paul is referring to the reconciliation we are offered with God, our creator, by what Jesus has done. I also think that this newness through God helps us to see each season in our lives, and even maybe each day, as an encouragement to keep going whatever challenges and disappointments we may face (even 58 years' worth for football fans!).

It is with this that I hope we can all embrace the start of autumn, and the beginning or restart of many other things, with eagerness and optimism.

If that doesn't feel possible, please do contact us on 01235 847179 or admin@damascusparish.org.uk if it would be helpful to speak to someone.

With prayers and best wishes,

The Reverend Dov Whittle

Assistant Curate in the DAMASCUS Parish

Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family service at 11:00 am

2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 11:00am + Junior Church

3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 11:00am + Junior Church

4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 11:00am + Junior Church

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd - 19.30-21.00 Baptism Preparation in the River Room – for all families interested in baptism for their children

Saturday 7th - 14:30 Wedding Blessing at All Saints

16:00 Movie Matinee in the River Room – FREE!

Monday 9th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting at Appleford Church

Thursday 12th – 10.30-12noon Community Café, River Room. 19:30 Together in Stitches, River Room

Saturday 14th – 10.00-18.00 Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride.

Monday 16th – 19:30 Sutton Courtenay Local Church Committee, All Saints

Thursday 26th – 10.30-12 noon Community Café in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, River Room

Sunday 29th NO SERVICE AT Sutton Courtenay please come to St Peter's, Drayton for our shared 5th Sunday DAMASCUS Parish Service starting at 9.30am with the Venerable David Tyler (Archdeacon of Dorchester) preaching.

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 6th – 11:00 Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch – all welcome, please see advert for more details.

Holy Baptism

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

Lina Di Rosa (7th July 2024) Service conducted by The Reverend Canon Helen Kendrick

Rest in Peace

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

Miguel NAVARRO-VIDAL whose funeral was held in All Saints' Church on 11th June 2024. Service conducted by The Reverend Phil Sutton.

And those whose ashes were interred in the churchyard:

Arthur TYLER (24th June 2024)

Valerie SIEVERS (28th June 2024)

Brian COOK (6th July 2024)

Edith (Cis) GROOTZ (10th July 2024)

VICAR'S FUN DAY THANKS

Final Proceeds. Thank you once again to everyone who supported the Vicar's Fun Day in May. We took nearly £3,000 on the day and, once expenses were deducted, we were able to give £715.00 each to the 26th Abingdon Scouts; the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and the Church Bells of All Saints.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED NEXT YEAR PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

Parish Office – 01235 847179



Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community

Thursday 12th September

Thursday 26th September

from 10:30-12:00 - all welcome!

The Coffee Morning on 26th September will be a special fundraiser in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care – please spread the word!

Why not drop by for coffee or tea & delicious homemade cake & conversation and to browse the books or jigsaw puzzles on offer?

Open to all – a good place to meet with friends or make new ones. If you need transport to and from the River Room please telephone the Parish Office on 01235 847179

Thanks to all those families who attended the Craft and Lego Afternoon in the River Room during August. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you had fun!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 6th October 2024

11:00 Family Service for Harvest Festival

Donations of food gratefully received for the Abingdon Food Bank

They are in particular need of:

- **TINNED SOUP**
- **SAUCES FOR RICE EG CURRY, SWEET AND SOUR ETC**
- **SMALL TINNED BAKED BEANS OR SPAGHETTI HOOPS ETC**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL FOR MEN**
- **STURDY CARRIER BAGS**
- **WASHING UP LIQUID**
- **CARTONS OF LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **BOTTLES OF SQUASH**

cash (or contactless donations) will be given to Farm Africa

MOVIE MATINEE

The next Movie Matinee in the River Room is on

Saturday 7th September – 4pm

For a full programme to be sent to you please email:

admin@damascusparish.org.uk

or pick one up from the back of the church

Entry is **free** and refreshments (to match the theme of each film) are available.

The service will be followed at 12.15 with a **HARVEST LUNCH** in the River Room

ALL WELCOME!

If you wish to come to the lunch please add your name to the list at the back of church or 'phone the Parish Office on 01235 847179 so we know for how many to cater.

'Give as you can' donations for the lunch will go to 'Farm Africa'.

If you can help by making a Cottage or Shepherd's Pie or providing an Apple Pie or Fruit Crumble then please let us know via the Parish Office, 01235 847179.





RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust
RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 14 September 2024

If you would like to spend a day cycling or walking around Oxfordshire Churches raising money for the Trust and for All Saints' Church then please contact the Parish Office admin@damascusparish.org.uk or 01235 847179 and we will send you a sponsorship form and all the details.

Any money you raise will be shared between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

The Trust are extremely generous in their support of our historic churches and All Saints has benefitted greatly from their support in the past.

KNIT AND NATTER



Afternoons of chat and craft

Come along with your own knitting / sewing / craft and enjoy free refreshments and company.
Every 3rd Monday of the month 2:00 – 4:00pm

**The River Room, All Saints' Church, The Green,
Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4AE**
Tel: 01235 847179 for more information

RIVER ROOM 200 CLUB

In Support of the All Saints' Community Space

The result of the monthly draw on 15 July was:

- 1st – No. 48 (£32.00)
- 2nd – No. 51 (£16.00)
- 3rd – No. 36 (£8.00)

On 15 August the result was:

- 1st – No. 93 (£20)
- 2nd – No. 82 (£10)
- 3rd – No. 19 (£5)

The next draw will take place on 12 September. Sadly, this will be the last, as the 200 Club is winding down, as explained to the members, and in last month's SCN. The River Room is up and running and financially stable. Thank you everyone so much for your support over the 5 years the 200 Club has been running.

We care2

Would you enjoy a little singing, a little company,
some armchair exercises
oh!and a cup of coffee?

Do you care for someone who would enjoy this
kind of gentle social interaction?

Music and company do help to keep us in touch.

We care2 is a small group that meets on the
1st and 3rd Thursday from 11.15 - 12.30
in the River Room at All Saints' Church.

Transport can easily be arranged.

For any more information please contact

Morna Whitlock on -

01235 848335 or morna28whitlock@gmail.com

Together in Stitches

Do you wish you could find time for craft projects?
Would you like a fun evening, meeting like-minded
people in Sutton Courtenay?

If so, Together in Stitches is for you!



Bring your craft project, whatever that may be, and
come and enjoy a chat (and possibly a glass of wine)

Second Thursday in the month
(7:30-9pm, River Room)

For more information 'phone 01235 847179
or just turn up!

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

Come and play bridge on the 1st and 3rd Friday
afternoons in the River Room from 2-5pm with a cup of
tea and a piece of cake - £5

Tables, cards and score cards all provided

Just come along and we make up tables based on
experience/choice. All standards of play welcome –
from experienced players to those who are 'just in need
of a refresher', 'very rusty' or learning.

Rubber or Chicago – you choose

Meeting on 6th & 20th September

Come and join us

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Friends of All Saints' Church would like to thank
those who came to the Summer Garden Party on 21st
July. It was a delightful occasion with good food, good
company and good weather. The money made will be put
towards All Saints' Church's next major project.
We look forward to seeing you at our Yuletide Evening
in December.

LOST AND FOUND



FOUND ON THE MILLENNIUM COMMON

If it's yours please contact

Jill Foley 07884041098

SC CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

The show is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th September. Entries must be delivered between 9:45 and 11:00. Entry to the show is at 2:00 pm.

Schedule and entry forms available from Changes, Costcutters, downloaded from suttoncourtenay.co.uk or on Facebook – Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show. Entry forms to either 6 High Street or 26 Skylrk Fields or emailed to suttoncourtenayproduceshow@gmail.com by Thursday 5th September.



ABINGDON HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Abingdon's Heritage Open Days are a highlight of the late summer. This year they are on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September and the theme is "Transport, Routes and Connections." You can see exhibitions about Abingdon's history at the hub of a network of roads, paths, rivers and a canal – and its brief time as a railway town. There will be interesting facts to discover, family activities, a historic vehicle display, the usual open historic buildings, walks and trails – and much more. You can find the full programme at www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/festivalprogramme or pick up a leaflet from our Market Place stall at the weekend.



abingdonheritage.org.uk



SCWI



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



We always welcome new members
We meet every third Tuesday monthly in the River Room, All Saints Church, at 7.30 pm.
Come along for visit

17th September

**Our Guest Speaker talk will be on
The History of Sutton Courtenay**

Contact us via email at

suttoncourtenaywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Or 01869 331081



ADYP

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project
Registered Charity 1098966



Youth & Community Acting Together

We continue to be proud of our young people



Over the school summer holidays, they continued to contribute to our community life by taking part in litter picks as well as organising Doorstep Bingo sessions for the elderly.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

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In July I was given a very special birthday present which was a big surprise.

We set off mid-morning to arrive at a farm near Frilford. We went in and waited for a couple of minutes when a man appeared with a beautiful barn owl on his arm. OH MY GOODNESS! He gave both of us a big leather glove to wear and off we went.

Outside we had the most joyous time with this wonderful creature flying between us.

This was the best present ever and I would recommend it to anyone who loves owls.

Thank you, Helen.

Pat Steptoe



MATRIX ARTS CENTRE

We have been building our arts education community for over 30 years, having opened our doors in 1989. It is unusual to find a facility like ours in a village, but Sutton Courtenay is where our founder and manager, Lindsay MacKenzie, grew up. It's lovely to see more and more Sutton Courtenay families attending our courses and activities, resulting in increasing numbers of students arriving on foot and by bicycle.

After considerable effort and dedication we are fortunate to own our beautiful, purpose-built building, helping to secure our future music, art and dance activities. Early on, we gained charitable status, emphasising our ethos of not only a quality arts education, but also a supportive and caring teaching environment and community.

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This sculpture 'Matrix', crafted for us for our opening in 1989 by Franta Belsky, embraces our entrance hall. A Sutton Courtenay resident, Franta was thrilled to learn an arts centre was being created in the village. The work responds to our activities and vision, but it is for each observer to interpret the piece in their own way.



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LETTER FROM A VILLAGE NEWCOMER

Dear Liza,

It has come to my attention that my letters to you have been leaked to the gutter press. I was angry at first, then merely disappointed. Now I wonder if I can turn it to my advantage...

When we were looking at houses I was ridiculed for insisting on a village with a pub. But (as it so often transpires) I didn't know how right I was! I gave each of the local villages a 'George Score' as follows: Milton 1, Appleford 0, Drayton 2, Culham 0, Steventon 3, Sutton Courtenay 3½.

It turns out that each of our 3½ pubs is well worth a visit, and not at all like your town pubs: strangers talk to you for a start! Full reviews later, but for now... The Fish is a superb gourmet restaurant and is the only place (other than nursery) where young Otto has eaten snails. The Swan has a very extensive menu and a children's play area - we're often there for lunch, and have the tapas, it's fantastic! Meanwhile, The George is your quintessential village boozier, deservedly the South Oxfordshire

pub of the year. Oh yes, and the half mark is for the bar at the football club, which serves a cheap pint when it's open. Outside of club matches, I've also seen the locals gather there to play Aunt Sally (you wouldn't understand this local custom - I'll report back once I've infiltrated the club).

Would you believe that SC used to have a George Score of 7? Actually, there is a rumour racing around the village (started by me now), that on the rare occasions all 3½ are shut, you can pitch up at one of the old pubs for a nightcap. Let's say it's something to do with planning conditions for change of use. So far, I've endured a long cold wait on the doorstep of the New Inn before concluding that no-one could hear me knocking. I slid a note under the door of the Plough to make sure they know how I like my stout. Meanwhile, I'm trying to hunt down the erstwhile Queen's Head and the Southport Arms.

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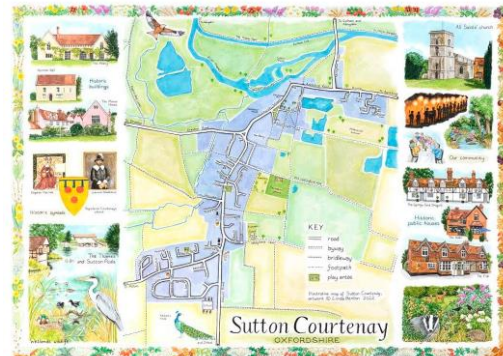
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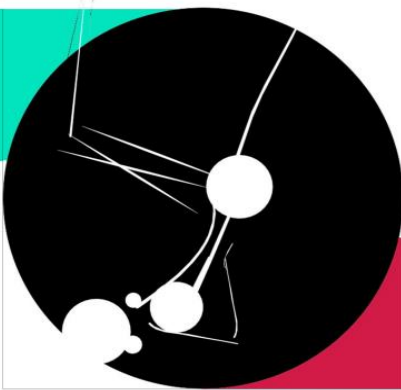
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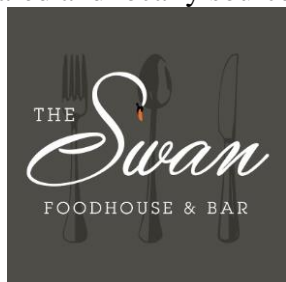


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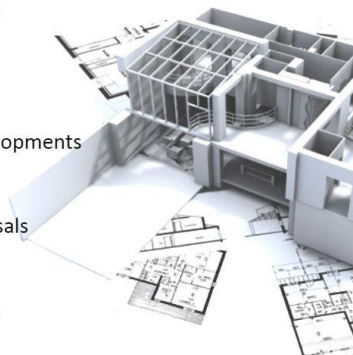


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