SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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Happy Christmas!

VILLAGE DIARY FOR DECEMBER			
Tues 1	Parish Council Meeting (p. 4)	Village Hall	19:15
Thurs 3 & 17	WeCare2 (p. 12)	River Room	11:15-12:30
Fri 4	Bridge Afternoon (p. 11)	River Room	14:00-17:00
Sat 5	Christmas Community Brunch (p. 10)	River Room	9:30-11:30
Sat 5, 12, 19	The Abbey Café (p. 13)	The Abbey	10:00-14:00
Sun 6	Sutton Courtenay Singers Winter Concert (p. 15)	Church	19:00
Thurs 10	Community Café – (p. 10)	River Room	10:30-12:00
Thurs 10	Together in Stitches (p. 12)	River Room	19:30-21:00
Sun 13	Friends' Yuletide Tea (p. 14)	Abbey	15:30–18:00
Thurs 17	Village Carol Singing (p. 9)	Village	18:00
Sat 19	Star Hunt (p. 9)	Village	From 9:30
Sat 19	Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue Christmas Fair (p. 6)	Chilton V. H.	10:00–16:00
Sun 20	Nine Lessons and Carols (p. 8)	Church	18:00
Sat 24	Torchlight Procession (p. 10)	From School	18:00
VILLAGE DIARY FOR JANUARY			
Thurs 7 & 21	WeCare2 (p. 12)	River Room	11:15-12:30
Fri 8 & 15	Bridge Afternoon (p. 11)	River Room	14:00-17:00
Every Sat from 9 Jan	The Abbey Café (p. 13)	The Abbey	10:00-14:00
Tues 12	Parish Council Meeting (p. 4)	Village Hall	19:15
Thurs 14 & 28	Community Café – (p. 10)	River Room	10:30-12:00
Thurs 14	Together in Stitches (p. 12)	River Room	19:30-21:00
Sat 23	Movie Matinée (p. 12)	River Room	16:00
Sat 30	Sutton Courtenay Singers Quiz (p. 15)	Village Hall	19:00

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

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Power Cuts:	105

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Citizens Advice:	www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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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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The nearest Post Office is in Milton, PLEASE NOTE: the Post Office has moved to 7b, Signal Yard, Park Square, Milton Park OX14 4RR. Opening times are; Mon-Fri 9:00-17:30. It is closed on Saturday & Sunday. Final collection times are; Mon-Fri 16:45. Further afield there are Post Offices in Didcot (TG Jones, 188 The Broadway OX11 8RN) & in Abingdon (5-13 West St. Helen Street OX14 5BL).

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.





Community Speed Watch

Parish Councillors have reviewed the data collected on the Parish Councils Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The SIDs record the speed a vehicle is traveling and the time it passes the device, no registration details are recorded. The next stage in trying to tackle the excessive speeding in some parts of the parish would be the formation of a Community Speed Watch group.

A Community Speed Watch groups consists of a co-ordinator and at least five volunteers that undertake training from Thames Valley Police. They then arrange to borrow speed monitoring devices and position themselves at pre-agreed points in the village to record the speed a vehicle is travelling and the details of the vehicle. The details are then provided to the police. A letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, if the driver receives three letters from any area, then the police will take further action.

It is intended that the group will be separate from the Parish Council. To start the group, we need a volunteer to be the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator needs to be comfortable using email and databases as the group will communicate via the national Community Speed Watch website. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Parish Council via info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

FCC & the Environment Agency

Following on from the update in the September issue of the Village News, the Parish Council remains concerned about the composting and landfill operations at the FCC site.

In October/November, in the light of the repeated odour and fire issues, the Parish Council wrote to the Directors of FCC Environment (UK) Limited requesting evidence of effective board accountability, including oversight, of operations and associated breaches as identified by the Environment Agency.

Separately, the Parish Council also wrote to the regional Director of the Environment Agency (EA) asking for evidence of EA's regulatory effectiveness and actions taken in response to the 2026 incidents and also the effectiveness of their odour detection plan. The Parish Council is very grateful to the resident who put in a Freedom of Information request for all odour complaints from 2013 to 2026. A comparison of the times that the complaints are made (quite often in the evenings), and comparing it with the times that an EA officer comes to check odour complaints (quite often in the daytime) showed a mismatch except when the number of complaints had reached a crescendo and the EA then did some evening monitoring.

Both letters are available to read on the Parish Council's website.

Will closure in 2030 really happen?

You may have read in the local papers and on the BBC website (4 November 2026) that a spokesperson for FCC said:

"We intend to close the site as soon as we can achieve this landform and at the very least, the landfill site will be closed by 2030 when the planning expires."

In other words, FCC has NOT made a commitment to shut down ALL operations at the Sutton Courtenay site by 2030 and start the restoration of the site. Further evidence of this is the recent planning applications submitted by FCC to the County Council to extend the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) to 2039. A previous extension request to 2049 was rejected by the OCC Planning Committee.

The WTS is used to consolidate and bulk up waste to transfer to the incinerator at Ardley and the MRF is currently non-operational but FCC has recently entered into an agreement with the Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire County Council to recommence the MRF for the Dry Mixed Recyclables collections. A contract that can potentially be extended to 2042 - well beyond the site closure date of 2030.

The Parish Council made in-person representations against both the extension planning applications and it was good to see that the OCC Planning Committee rejected both the applications despite the last-minute request for deferral by the Vale of White Horse District Council. There is every expectation that further requests for extensions will be submitted given the needs of the two district councils.

The parish council will continue to make representations, examine data obtained through FOIs and lodge appropriate challenges. It is important that parishioners keep reporting smells if they experience them emanating from the site. Certainly, in the cold evenings faint odours permeate across the ether to the village hall site.

Christmas tributes at the Old Wallingford Way cemetery

The Parish Council appreciates that many families will be making a special visit to the cemetery over the Christmas period. In February 2027 the Parish Council will arrange for the removal and disposal of any remaining Christmas wreaths and tributes.

Visitors to the cemetery are requested not to leave glass or plastic items (except artificial flowers). Objects made from glass are prone to being broken due to weather conditions and wild animals who often take a great interest in objects at the cemetery. Glass items are likely to be removed by Council Officers.

Councillor Vacancy

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council can have a maximum of 11 Councillors. At present there is one vacancy and the Council is looking to fill the position by co-option. Individuals who are on the electoral register and who live or work in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish can be considered for co-option. If you are interested in working in a small team to contribute to local life, taking forward projects which benefit people across the parish, then please contact the Clerk.

Please note the role is unpaid, as a minimum you would be expected to attend monthly meetings and check your Council email account at least once a week. You would be asked to take an active role in a couple of areas of the Council's work across recreational amenities, the cemetery, planning policy, community infrastructure (defibs, benches, bins), community events and representing the Parish Council at meetings with local charitable and commercial organisations.

Council meetings and contact details

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings. The dates of the next meetings are Tuesday 1st December 2026, 12th January 2027, and 2nd February 2027. Meetings normally start at 7.15pm and are 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 A full list of meeting dates is published 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), Christopher Campbell, Robert Dalby (vice chairman), Paul Galliver, Cathy King, Joanna O'Callaghan, Lia Plowman, Ian Pratley, Hugo Raworth and Jason Warwick. (There is currently one vacancy.)

Correspondence should be sent to the Clerk, Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, Innovation Centre, 99 Park Drive, Milton, OX14 4RY, info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk 07496 924 685. Alternatively, you can contact Councillors directly, their email addresses are on the website.



Milton Minors Playgroup

Every Wednesday
- including school holidays
9:30 until 11:30 am

Come along and join us
£4 per family, refreshments included

Milton Methodist Church Hall,
Milton High Street OX14 4EJ

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust
REGISTERED CHARITY 1075049

Worried about higher bills this winter?

If you live in Sutton Courtenay the Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust may be able to give some help.

For more information please email the Clerk to the Trustees clerk.scnpt@gmail.com or write to 8 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4NJ.

All applications are treated in confidence.

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust
REGISTERED CHARITY 1075049

TO HELP PEOPLE LIVING IN SUTTON COURTENAY &

PROJECTS WHICH BENEFIT SUTTON COURTENAY

The Trust may make grants for charitable purposes including those experiencing financial difficulties; help where there is illness; advancing education & much more.

To find out more and enquire about making an application for a grant, please see the website www.scnpt.org.uk/ or request a callback from the Clerk by emailing Clare at clerk.scnpt@gmail.com

All enquiries will be treated in absolute confidence.

PLEASE CAN ANYONE HELP WITH PROVIDING A THREE WHEELED ADULT BIKE WITH CHILD SEAT OR A THREE WHEELED CARGO BIKE?

Someone who has applied to the Trust for a grant has also asked the Trustees whether they know of, or are aware of, anyone who has a three-wheeled adult bicycle with a child seat, or a three-wheeled cargo bike that they could borrow on a regular basis. They can pay something towards borrowing or renting it. An alternative would be a two-wheeled cargo bike with a front cabin if there are stabilisers for safely. So far, the applicant has not been able to find a suitable one with any of the local bike hire companies.

If you are able to help or know of anyone who might be able to help, please email the clerk clerk.scnpt@gmail.com Many thanks

The Oxfordshire landscape looks particularly good with autumn colours, including from the top of the Wittenham Clumps, which are cared for by the Earth Trust. To support Cycling UK's campaign for safer streets and better cycle routes for everyone, all year round, I joined Councillor Hayleigh Gascoigne on the Glow Ride around Didcot. I had the opportunity to attend a screening of *Onwards and Sideways*, a powerful new film by constituent Paul Mayhew-Archer MBE, best known for co-writing *The Vicar of Dibley*, which raises awareness of Parkinson's disease. I've also enjoyed lunches at local hospitality businesses, including The Vine & Spice in Long Wittenham, Down to Earth in Wantage, and Planted Plates at Milton Park.

Ahead of the Budget, I spoke on a panel with the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce about the key challenges facing businesses and what they hoped to see from the Chancellor's announcement. I also met with Helen from Wallingford Bookshop to hear about the impact of rising business costs and the shop's efforts to continue supporting Wallingford School.

Whilst the highly anticipated Budget delivered some positive measures, it failed to provide the long-term strategic investment needed to support communities and drive wider UK growth. In my speech in the Budget debate in Parliament, I emphasised the lack of investment in transport infrastructure, which could help fund Grove railway station and accessibility improvements at Cholsey station. With the housing targets it dictates to our councils, the Government must ensure it provides adequate public services and infrastructure to support housing growth to build communities.

The Chancellor's comments on the importance of science and technology to the economy in his speech, makes the Government's decision to proceed with cuts to Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) funding even more disappointing. These cuts will directly impact Harwell Campus's research facilities, including Diamond Light Source, the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, and the Central Laser Facility. Not only could this lead to job losses in the area, but it also weakens the UK's position as a global leader in science and innovation.

During a recent visit to Hendred Vineyard, I learned that the Small Producer Relief scheme excludes vineyards. I raised this issue during my Budget speech, highlighting the lack of support for the British wine industry, which has a promising future.

Another debate that I attended in Parliament was a national petition calling for the law to require drivers to report collisions involving cats. I spoke about the devastating impact of losing a pet, and the need for cat deaths to be taken as seriously as dog deaths when a collision occurs, as it does far too often on roads like Mably Way in Grove or the A329 going through Moulsford.

Following the fires and strong odours from Sutton Courtenay Landfill that affected residents in nearby villages, I visited the site to raise residents' concerns alongside Councillor Peter Stevens. Site management confirmed their aim to close the landfill by 2030 and outlined their commitment to improving communication with local communities, following the ongoing investigations into the compost fire, and introducing enhanced monitoring systems to reduce the risk of future incidents.



As always, if there is anything I can help with, please contact my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk or leave a voicemail on 0207 219 7657.

Olly Glover

Member of Parliament for the Didcot and Wantage Constituency



This month saw some decisions being made. Local Government Re-organisation was 'unpaused' with the central government announcement that Oxfordshire and West Berkshire should be split into three new unitary authorities: North Oxfordshire, Greater Oxford, and for us, South and Vale merge with West Berkshire to form a new unitary authority called Ridgeway. Personally, I worry that this will deliver the goals of greater efficiency in public services and better local accountability, as there are big question-marks about how local services will be re-distributed, the effort that it takes and the net benefit it will bring. Albeit, I still admire the goals. More questions have been asked of the minister, and I will keep you posted.

Secondly, central government has announced that we will get a new Mayoral Strategic Authority, called Thames Valley, that includes the existing Thames Valley (Berkshire and Oxfordshire) and brings in neighbouring Swindon. This will be an economic powerhouse second only to London, and the area should benefit from more cohesive economic growth, employment and transport plans.

Thirdly, by the time you read this, Thames Water should have submitted its formal planning application for the new mega White Horse Reservoir (previously known as the South East Strategic Reservoir Option – SESRO). I have talked about this a lot over the past year or so, but now the plan is really happening. The planning inspectorate has a month to assess whether all the right documents have been submitted correctly (roughly to mid-late December) and then it is over to us to digest the application and submit our views. There is only a 4-8 week window to do this, and local residents and organisations need to register to submit their views. I have organised a briefing for local parish councils to help them write the best responses. Both district and county councils will coordinate to submit their responses. The council also has to submit a formal Local Impact Report, which will cover all the local impacts and risks (but objectively), including construction traffic impact, impact on businesses, impact on flooding and emergency draw-down impacts. The planning inspectorate has to take all these into account before deciding. It is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) though, which means central government essentially wants national interest to come before local NIMBYism. However, flood risk and most of the concerns raised are not NIMBYism and do need to be addressed. Encouragingly, not all NSIP projects are automatically waved through as shown by the recent refusal of the huge Botley West solar farm.

Similarly, the county has just refused planning permission to extend the local Sutton Courtenay Waste Transfer facilities from 2030 to 2039. FCC are already committed to closing the landfill and compost facility by 2030, but the district council wants to retain this part for handling our local South and Vale bin lorries. I am pushing FCC for a better restoration vision for the whole area after they leave, and I have also called into Joint Scrutiny why the district council are not looking for an alternative site after 2030, so that we stick to our promises to the local community. I understand the tension, but we are looking for a better strategic vision.

I am meeting officers next week on site at the dangerous T-junction Appleford/Abingdon roads to Sutton Courtenay Bridge to further plans for placing a safe pedestrian crossing there to help the large numbers of parents and children who use it. I am also pushing for the HIF1 construction lorries to divert to different routes especially at school/peak hours.

Similarly in Drayton, we now have a date for the long-awaited traffic calming and pedestrian crossings schemes to start in January.

Peter Stevens

Councillor Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council



NORDIC WALKING

With a qualified instructor
Wednesdays & Fridays from 09:30 at the
Sutton Courtenay Recreation Ground (OX14 4AR)
For more information contact Graham Wells
at graymar.wells@btopenworld.com

One of the greatest privileges of leading Sutton Courtenay CofE School is seeing children discover what they are capable of when they are given opportunities to step outside their comfort zones and embrace challenge. Whilst reading, writing, mathematics and the wider curriculum remain at the heart of what we do, the past few weeks have provided many reminders that education is, most importantly, about developing confident, resilient and compassionate young people who are ready to contribute positively to their community.

This month, we were delighted to welcome children's author Sophie Kirtley to Sutton Courtenay. Throughout a day of engaging workshops, children explored the worlds within her books, asked thoughtful questions and gained an insight into the creative process behind writing. The excitement generated by her visit was evident throughout the school and culminated in many families joining us after school to meet Sophie and purchase signed copies of her books, helping to strengthen our culture of reading beyond the classroom.

Alongside academic learning, we have continued to invest heavily in personal development through our Sutton Courtenay Leadership Award. This ensures that every child, from Nursery to Year 6, has opportunities to develop leadership, responsibility and independence. Through dedicated Leadership Ladder afternoons, children complete age-appropriate challenges linked to our school. They build the values of Respect, Responsibility and Readiness, while deepening their understanding of British values, equality and diversity. Whether it is helping a younger pupil, leading a discussion, supporting a community event or learning about people from different backgrounds, every child is encouraged to understand that leadership is demonstrated through action rather than title.

Our curriculum continues to provide rich opportunities for children to grow as learners. Across the school, pupils have explored everything from autumn, Diwali and seasonal change in Early Years to weather, microhabitats, electricity, historical enquiry, scientific investigation and increasingly sophisticated writing in Key Stage 2. These experiences help children develop curiosity, confidence and a genuine love of learning.

As a school community, we also came together to mark Remembrance Day. Welcoming parents, veterans and members of our community into school created a powerful opportunity for children to reflect on service, sacrifice and gratitude. The maturity and respect demonstrated by our pupils throughout the assembly made us really proud.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome former BMX Halfpipe Champion Mike Mullen and the BMX Academy team. December will also bring our much-loved Nativity performances. Whilst festive events are always special, they are also important learning experiences. Through rehearsing and performing, children develop confidence, oracy, collaboration and communication skills, learning to project their voices, use expression and present themselves to an audience.

One story this term, however, perfectly captures the qualities we hope to develop in every child at Sutton Courtenay CofE School. Earlier this month, Year 5 pupil Sienna took on the challenge of climbing Snowdon in support of mental health awareness. Setting off at 3am and tackling one of the mountain's most demanding routes in freezing temperatures, driving rain and strong winds, she showed extraordinary determination and resilience. Not only did Sienna reach the summit, but she was also the first member of her group to do so. What makes her achievement even more remarkable is the impact she had on those around her. During the climb, one of the adults in the group considered giving up. Looking at Sienna's determination, he later explained that he found himself thinking, "*If you can do it, I can too.*" Inspired by her perseverance, he continued to the summit.



For me, that is leadership. Not a badge, title or position of authority, but the ability to inspire others through courage, character and compassion. If we can continue to develop young people who embrace challenge, support those around them and believe in what is possible, then we will not simply be educating children, we will be helping to shape the future of our village and the communities they will one day lead.

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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

Come and join us at All Saints' Church to celebrate

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Services & Events December 2026

Christingle Service
Sunday 6th December - 11:00

Sunday 13th December - 11:00 - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December - 11:00 - Morning Prayer

Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 20th December - 18:00

Christmas Eve
15:00 - Crib Service
18:00 - Torchlight Procession & Carols around the Bonfire
from outside the primary school to All Saints' Church
23:30 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
11:00 - Family Communion

Sunday 27th December - 10:30 - Parish Holy Communion

For further information please contact us on 01235 847179 or admin@damascusparish.org.uk

For a full list of events and services in the Parish, please scan the QR code or visit www.achurchnearyou.com and search for DAMASCUS parish

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

See notice opposite for all church services, and various notices on the next few pages for other events (All services take place in All Saints' Church, unless otherwise indicated). In addition:

Wednesday 2nd 19:45 Advent Course, River Room
Wednesday 9th 19:45 Advent Course, River Room
Wednesday 16th 19:45 Advent Course, River Room
Friday 18th 9:30 School Christmas Carol Service, All Saints' Church. From 11:00 Christmas Hamper Delivery around the village

CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY

Sorry NO Community Brunch in January
Sunday 3rd 11:00 Family Service for Epiphany
Sunday 10th 10:30 All Age Parish Communion at St Peter's Drayton. **NO SERVICE IN ALL SAINTS'**
Monday 11th – 19:30 The DAMASCUS Parochial Church Council Meeting, St Blaise, Milton
Sunday 17th 11:00 Morning Worship
Sunday 24th 11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 31st 10:30 All Parish Communion at St Blaise Milton. **NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS'**

DAMASCUS Parish online prayer meeting

A time to gather together online to praise our Father God, to listen to Jesus, and to join the Spirit in interceding for each other, our community, our country, our world.

Interested? We meet on-line every Tuesday at 07:45 – 08:15

Please contact: DAMASCUSonlineprayer@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE

Are you considering Confirmation or Baptism, exploring the Christian faith, or looking for an opportunity to reaffirm your Confirmation promises? We would be delighted to welcome you to our Confirmation Preparation Course, beginning in February 2027 and leading up to the Confirmation Service on Sunday 25 April 2027, when the Bishop will preside.

Led by Rev Phillip Tovey and Mike Blanch, the course will be tailored to your age, experience and availability. If you would like to find out more, or know someone who may be interested, please contact:
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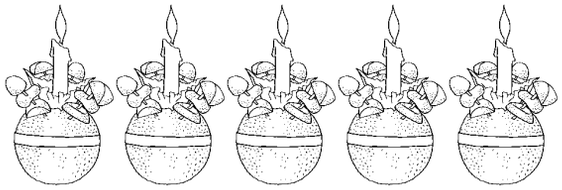
the Parish Office on 01235 847179
or email michaelblanch@btinternet.com



Sunday 6th December
11:00 **Christingle Family Service** – for all ages
Come and make your own Christingle, and find the Gift of Christmas
The service will be followed by refreshments in the River Room.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are planning, once again, to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution around Sutton Courtenay on Friday 18th /Saturday 19th December. If you know of an individual, a couple or a family who would appreciate a gift of a hamper then please let us know their name and address and we will do our best to ensure a hamper is delivered to them.
The aim of the hampers is simply to spread the love of Christmas around the community.
Please email the name and address of the person(s) you wish to nominate (letting us know how many adults and children in the household and any allergies / dietary requirements of which we should be made aware)
admin@damascusparish.org.uk
or 'phone 01235 847179 by
Sunday 6th December 2025

Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community
Only one Community Café in December (raising money for Abingdon Damascus Youth Project)
Thursday 10th December
And in January
Thursday 14th January
Thursday 28th January
from **10:30-12:00**
all welcome!
Why not drop by for coffee or tea & delicious homemade cake & conversation and to browse the books or jigsaw puzzles. If you need transport to and from the River Room please `phone the Parish Office on 01235 847179



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Thursday 17th December from 18:30

The Singing Saints and friends will be singing around the village to raise money for Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and the Sutton Courtenay Tower and Bell Appeal.

Please come and join us!

18:00 start – stops TBA

The stops will be advertised in the All Saints' Church Facebook page and the church noticeboard

20:00 The George – the last stop!

All are welcome to join us at any or all of our destinations – carol sheets provided!

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BRUNCH



The NEXT Community Brunch will be from 9:30-11:30 in the River Room on

Saturday 5th December

With Turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets and cranberry sauce in addition to bacon and Sausage Butties with Vegetarian and GF/Dairy Free options. Croissants and pastries. Fruit and Granola. Fruit Juice. And plenty of coffee and tea!

All welcome – donate as you can – surplus funds go to the Abingdon Food Bank.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS 2026

Would YOU like to join in?

Grab a cardboard box and start to fill it!

Once again, we are encouraging people to fill a box this Advent with the following items:

Coffee; tea; biscuits; chocolate; long life milk; cereals; tinned vegetables; tinned soup / meat; pasta / rice. Toiletries; toilet rolls.

New men's / women's underwear and socks.

These Reverse Advent Calendars will then be used to support 'Homeless Oxfordshire' throughout the year.

If you have any spare cardboard boxes – all shapes and sizes – please could you drop them off at the Church Office as soon as possible? Thank you!

The full cardboard boxes need to be brought back to the church by 3pm on Christmas Eve – thank you!

STAR HUNT

Around the village on Saturday 19th December

Thank you to all the knitters, sewers and crocheters who have already made stars. We are nearly ready for the Great Star Hunt on

Saturday 19th December from **9.30am.**

Everyone is welcome to join in with the hunt and keep the star to put on their own Christmas Tree. If you find more than one, why not share it with a friend or neighbour to spread the love of Christmas?

If you can help with distributing the stars around the village on Friday 18th and early on Saturday 19th then please phone 01235 847179 or email admin@damascusparish.org.uk or contact us via our Facebook page.

If you still have some stars ready, please do pass them on – as we are hoping to gift them via the hampers this year and to decorate the church Christmas Tree – none of them will be wasted!

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND BONFIRE



Torches will be on sale in the local shops from

Saturday 5th December.

Price: **£4.00** each

(NOT FOR SALE TO UNDER 16s).

The procession begins at 6pm from outside the school gates – please supervisor your own children and follow the guidance of the stewards and keep to the pavements – culminating in the churchyard at All Saints' for carols around the bonfire.

This Christmas we will be raising money to be shared between Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and the Sutton Courtenay Tower and Bells Appeal – cash and contactless payments taken.

HELP NEEDED!

To make sure this event runs as safely as possible we need plenty of stewards along the route. If you would be willing to act as a steward on the night – please do let us know as soon as possible.

01235 847179 or email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk

SOS!

for

OUR VILLAGE TOWER

Our Historic Tower

The lower part of our church tower is the earliest part of the church, and dates from the 1100s, around the time when King Henry I used to come here, and there are marks made by returning crusaders on the tower doorway. The window above the tower door and both the windows at the second stage have smart Norman carved chevrons. We have clasping buttresses (on the angles of the lower tower), and there's a corbel table with grotesque heads and gargoyles. The top storey, with the bell chamber, was added around 100 years later, and by 1552 there were four bells in it.

The tower was damaged in 1643, and the windows shattered, when the parliamentarian vicar was storing gunpowder there, and it blew up!

We have an 18th century turret clock with a one-handed dial - one of only 22 in England.

Problems

There has long been concern about access to the 2nd storey ringing chamber, which is reached by a vertical ladder. Visiting ringers can be reluctant to accept the challenge and our own ringers tend to give up on the ladder before their ringing days are over. The eight bells need rehanging and their mechanisms modernising, and the metal bell frame needs painting again after 50 years. There is no emergency lighting, the lower staircase is shoddy and difficult to negotiate, and the ground floor is damp.

The Plan

Our contractors will start work on Stage 1 in the New Year to replace the existing staircase and ladder, and to provide a small and easily heated meeting room on the first floor. Stage 2 will be the bell work, to start after Easter. Stage 3 in the autumn will be new storage cupboards and a new door through to the church.



The tower will be altogether safer to access and operate within. We shall have a small, very convenient, easily heated and private room for one-to-one consultations, pastoral discussions and small meetings. We will be able to retain and attract more local and visiting bellringers and maintain the village tradition of bell ringing.

The work will cost £278,000 (including VAT) – and we have only half that promised. We are accessing available grants, and we are urgently appealing for donations so that we can complete the work in a timely fashion.

CAN YOU HELP?

Donations may be made directly to:
DAMASCUS PCC, CAF Bank sort code **40-52-40**, Acc. **00031419**,
marked **TABA** (for Tower and Bells Appeal).
If you are not already registered with us for Gift Aid and need a form,
or want further information please contact
the Parish Office on 01235 847179.
Email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk

THANK YOU!

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, & come & enjoy a chat (and possibly a glass of wine)
Second Thursday in the month
(7:30-9pm, River Room)
or just turn up!

WeCare2

This is a small and gentle group welcoming people with dementia, their carers and those older members in the village who live alone and would enjoy an hour in company.

We meet in the River Room, All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on the first and third Thursday each month, from 11.15 to 12.30. Transport can be arranged if needed.

The group has a cup of coffee/tea and we try varied armchair exercises and then finally sing together some well-known traditional songs.

Music is recognised as being so beneficial to positive mental activity.

If you are interested and would like more information please phone/contact

Morna 07787 521039/morna28whitlock@gmail.com

MOVIE MATINÉE

in the River Room
Sorry no Movie Matinee in December. We start again on
Saturday 23rd January – 4pm
For a full programme to be sent to you please email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk



The River Room

Looking for the perfect place for a group meeting, private party, art or exercise class, case conference or team away day?



The River Room is an attractive, light and modern room suitable for any get-together. There is an adjacent well-equipped kitchen, entrance foyer and two WCs (one of which is accessible).
It has capacity for 40 seated to 80 standing, and there is a projector, complete A/V system and digital piano.

FOR HIRE

Enquiries: 01235 847179 or
admin@damascusparish.org.uk
All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AE

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

Friday 4th December 2026
regular members only from 1 pm

N.B. No Bridge on Friday 18th December

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

Come and play bridge in the River Room from 2-5pm with a cup of tea & a piece of cake - £5

Friday 8th & 15th January 2027
N.B. 2nd Friday of the month for January only

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.
Come and join us.

Women's Wellness Retreat Evenings

A monthly series of nourishing evenings from 7 to 9 pm led by the lovely Ange from Lilac Yoga, with Theresa providing blissful sound experiences. These special evenings offer a gentle space to unwind, relax and recharge. Enjoy an evening of mindful movement, deep relaxation and soothing sounds in the peaceful surroundings of The Abbey.

The next evening takes place on 9 December. Come and give yourself a little time to pause before the Christmas rush! More dates coming in 2027 - keep an eye on our website for updates!

To book, please get in touch with Ange at ange.lilac.yoga@gmail.com or book directly through BookingHawk.com (link on our website).

Sutton Courtenay Sisters - Women's Circle

Helen's monthly Women's Circle offers a warm, welcoming, and safe space to pause, connect, reflect, and simply be. A gentle opportunity to take some time for yourself, share, listen and recharge in the peaceful surroundings of the Abbey Library.

The next circle takes place on Thursday 3 December, from 7 to 8:30 pm, exploring the theme *Making Space This Season*.

Upcoming circle themes:

- 7 January - Quiet Beginnings
- 11 February - Small Signs
- 4 March - New Green
- 15 April - Coming Alive Again

To book, please contact Helen directly: helenmudie121@gmail.com

A Festive Evening with Spirit

Join us at The Abbey on Thursday 3 December for a magical evening with Alison Maiden, renowned psychic medium, and facilitated by Dani Devren from The Soul-Aligned Village.

An enchanting festive gathering combining mediumship, magic and connection with the spirit world. A special opportunity to experience an evening of wonder, curiosity and meaningful connections in the beautiful surroundings of The Abbey.

As the year draws to a close, we invite you to slow down, gather together and experience an evening filled with warmth, wonder and a little Christmas magic. Whether you're spiritually curious or a believer in life beyond the physical, we invite you to join us for a meaningful evening in beautiful company, you're warmly welcome.

Please book for this event on Eventbrite. More info here: www.danidevren.co.uk

The Abbey Café

Bring your friends and join us for a relaxed Saturday morning at the Abbey Café! Enjoy delicious homemade cakes, a light brunch, and live music in the beautiful surroundings of our medieval Great Hall. We're usually open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Please note that the café may occasionally close due to scheduled retreats. We recommend checking our website regularly or following us on social media for any updates.

Volunteering at the Abbey

The walled garden

We are developing a great team of volunteer gardeners. If you have a few hours to spare each week and want to help us care for our beautiful walled garden, we'd love to hear from you. Gardening experience is not necessary. Come and spend time in this special garden and enjoy working with other volunteers and making new friends.

The Abbey Workshop

We have a small but keen band of volunteers who, on top of pursuing their own interests in various woodcraft activities, are now also contributing their many and varied skills to helping us maintain the Abbey. New members are always welcome, so please get in touch via our website if you're interested and would like to know more.

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

The Abbey Opening Times: - 9am – 1pm weekdays

The Abbey will be closed for Christmas on 20th Dec, re-opening on 4th Jan 2027.

The last Abbey Café of the year will take place on 19th Dec and will reopen on Saturday 9th Jan 2027.





N.B. Please note the change in timing advertised for this event







Sutton Courtenay Singers

Sebastian Thomson
Music Director

WINTER CONCERT

Haydn: Nelson Mass
Britten: A Ceremony of Carols
& Audience Participation Carols



All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay

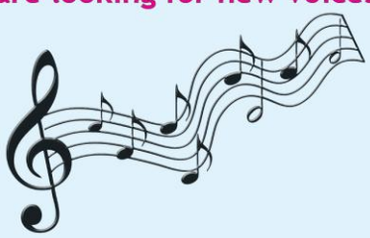
7:00 pm Sunday
6th December 2026

Tickets £18 in advance, or £20 on the door
Children (12 to 18) & students under 25 half price

for more information: suttoncourtenaysingers.org

Calling All Singers!

Sutton Courtenay Singers* are looking for new voices



We are a friendly local choir with an excellent music director. We perform a range of choral works and give two concerts a year in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay.

Rehearsals - Fridays 7:30-9:30 pm in Matrix Arts Centre.
No audition required - just come along and try us out!

Easter Concert on 25th April 2027
Beethoven *Mass in C* & Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*

Email chairman@suttoncourtenaysingers.org
or visit www.suttoncourtenaysingers.org

Rehearsals start 15th January 2027

Interested but not sure?
Open Rehearsal Session: Friday 22nd January 2027

Registered Charity No: 1061056

*previously All Saints' Singers

Sutton Courtenay Singers

QUIZ NIGHT

+ Ploughman's Supper

Make up tables of 8 -
£15 per person
Saturday 30th January 2027 @ 7:00 pm
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
Tickets from a choir member or
secretary@suttoncourtenaysingers.org
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Palliative care bereavement support

We're recruiting volunteers to provide bereavement support to family and friends who have lost someone close to them.



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Do you...

- have 16 hours a month to spare?
- have your own transport?
- want to make a difference?

We provide...

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- ongoing training, supervision and support.
- travel and phone expenses.
- online mandatory training (apx. 8 hrs).

We do not recommend this work for those who have experienced a significant bereavement in the last two years.

Training will take place at Katharine House Hospice, Banbury, and Sobell House Hospice, Oxford. It is essential that you are available to attend the training from 23 April to 12 July.

To register your interest or apply:
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T: 01865 225944 or 01865 225868

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HOME OF YOUR OWN, PT 1

Renovating

With UK property prices increasingly unaffordable, buying an older property in need of renovation is an attractive alternative for many who want to create a home. These are often significantly cheaper than new builds and offer greater flexibility to tailor the layout, performance, and character to individual needs, providing long-term satisfaction over short-term inconvenience. Well-planned renovations can improve energy efficiency and increase a property's value. However, success depends on careful planning, realistic budgeting, and understanding the risks involved before the work begins, helping to avoid costly mistakes, delays, and legal complications.

When assessing potential properties, look for signs of structural issues such as subsidence cracks, roof deterioration, and damp. Renovating without a clear understanding of the building's condition can result in unsafe outcomes and rapidly escalating costs. A full structural survey is strongly recommended, particularly for older homes. Surveyors can also identify hazardous materials such as asbestos, commonly found in properties built between the 1950s and 1990s. Asbestos removal must be carried out by licensed contractors and can add significant time and expense. Victorian and Edwardian houses often have solid walls, which require different approaches to insulation and damp-proofing compared with modern cavity wall construction. For terraced or semi-detached homes, any work affecting shared walls requires serving notice under the Party Wall Act, a legal requirement designed to protect all parties and prevent disputes.

Once a property has passed initial checks, confirm whether your planned works require planning permission. Many internal alterations fall under Permitted Development (PD) rights, but extensions, loft conversions, major structural changes, and works to listed buildings or properties in conservation areas usually require formal approval. You should also check whether an Article 4 Direction removes PD rights. Submitting a Pre-Application Enquiry to the local planning authority before purchase can clarify what permissions are needed. Separately, Building Regulations approval is required for structural work, electrics, plumbing, insulation, and fire safety, with compliance certificates essential when selling.

With positive survey and planning feedback, prepare a detailed budget covering labour, materials, professional fees, approvals, and a contingency of 10–20%. Some renovation works, including refurbishing long-empty properties, may qualify for VAT relief, so specialist advice is worthwhile. Energy efficiency upgrades—such as improved insulation, glazing, heat pumps, or solar panels—can reduce running costs and add value, and some may qualify for grants, although planning consent may be required in certain areas.

Finally, consider the local ceiling price: the maximum buyers typically pay in that area. Overcapitalisation is a risk, particularly for resale, so research comparable properties and focus spending on improvements that deliver the strongest returns, such as extensions, loft conversions, energy efficiency, and modernisation.

Jan Liberadzki BA Arch (Hons), MSc
JLDA (see advert on page 38)

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wishes all our
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a very Happy Christmas
and Health, Peace and Happiness in 2027

RSPB Local Group

The RSPB Local Group (Vale of White Horse) runs monthly indoor talks (now in our winter Zoom season) and outdoor wildlife walks.

Our next meeting is on Monday 21st December when we are pleased to host wildlife expert, Richard Baines, who will give a talk entitled "Birds of Bhutan". Richard is Co-Director of Yorkshire Coast Nature, a leading company for nature travel and wildlife photography. Richard was previously Countryside Officer for East Riding of Yorkshire Council and has undertaken many ecological surveys in the UK, Russia (2008) and Bhutan (2020).
This talk will start at 7:30 pm via Zoom – a link will be sent to members shortly beforehand. The link will also be sent to any visitors who pay £5 into the group's account in advance and email timothygpett@gmail.com to say they have done so.

If you'd like to join us as a member for the 26/27 season, the cost is £15 for adults (whether or not you are an RSPB member), and free for under-16s. This gives you free entry to all our talks this season, below and see group.rspb.org.uk/vwh/ for more details. You can join using the link on our website, or at a meeting (cash only). We also run monthly walks at local birding sites, again see our website.

* 18th Jan (Zoom only): Inspiring Avians- what is your favourite bird? (Jeff Clarke)
* 15th Feb (Zoom only): Birds, Birding, and a Career in Ornithology (Oliver Slessor)
* 15th Mar: Scotland the Beautiful (Glenda Law)
* 19th Apr: A High Arctic Journey - Svalbard and Greenland (Graham Lenton)
* 17th May: AGM and group 50th anniversary celebration



Thames Valley Police

£200,000 taken from criminals to support good causes

It is important to ensure crime doesn't pay. Often the courts will confiscate cash and property, or the police will seize stolen goods that cannot be returned to their rightful owners. Each year I make sure that this money goes back into the community to support good causes that can help to cut crime.

In the latest round of my Community Fund we have awarded over £200,000 to organisations delivering community initiatives that support crime prevention and improve public safety.

A total of 36 community and voluntary organisations from across the Thames Valley have secured funding. The scheme is always massively oversubscribed; this time we had a total of 361 applications requesting more than £2.5 million in support. Following a competitive assessment process, organisations were awarded grants ranging from £1,371 to £10,000. Unfortunately, that always means having to say no to some fantastic projects, but I always encourage people to try again in the future so that we can spread the benefits as widely as possible.

Some of the organisations that benefited in this latest round of funding include:
Age Concern to help prevent fraud; East Hanney Parish Council to provide improved CCTV; Style Acre to help protect people at risk of abuse and exploitation; Wallingford Town Council to help tackle anti-social behaviour in Castle Gardens and Youth Challenge Oxfordshire for a development programme for vulnerable young people.

In addition to the grants awarded recently there are a number of organisations that receive regular funding through cash taken from criminals. These include our local Street Pastors teams in Wallingford and Wantage, Neighbourhood Watch and Oxfordshire Search and Rescue.

If you know a project that could benefit from a bit of extra cash to help make your community safer then please visit thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund to find out more about the next round of funding. Applications will open in early 2027.



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The theme is **The Christmas Meal.** Anticipation of that delicious feast is part of Christmas. Whether you enjoy a large lunch and a relaxing afternoon or a later dinner when the sky is dark and fairy lights twinkle, sharing good food with family and friends is part of the magic of this special day.

Brandy
Bread sauce
Candles
Christmas pudding
Crackers
Cranberries
Good cheer
Goose
Gravy
Mince pies
Mulled wine
Parsnips
Pigs in blankets
Red cabbage
Roast potatoes
Sprouts
Stuffing
Turkey

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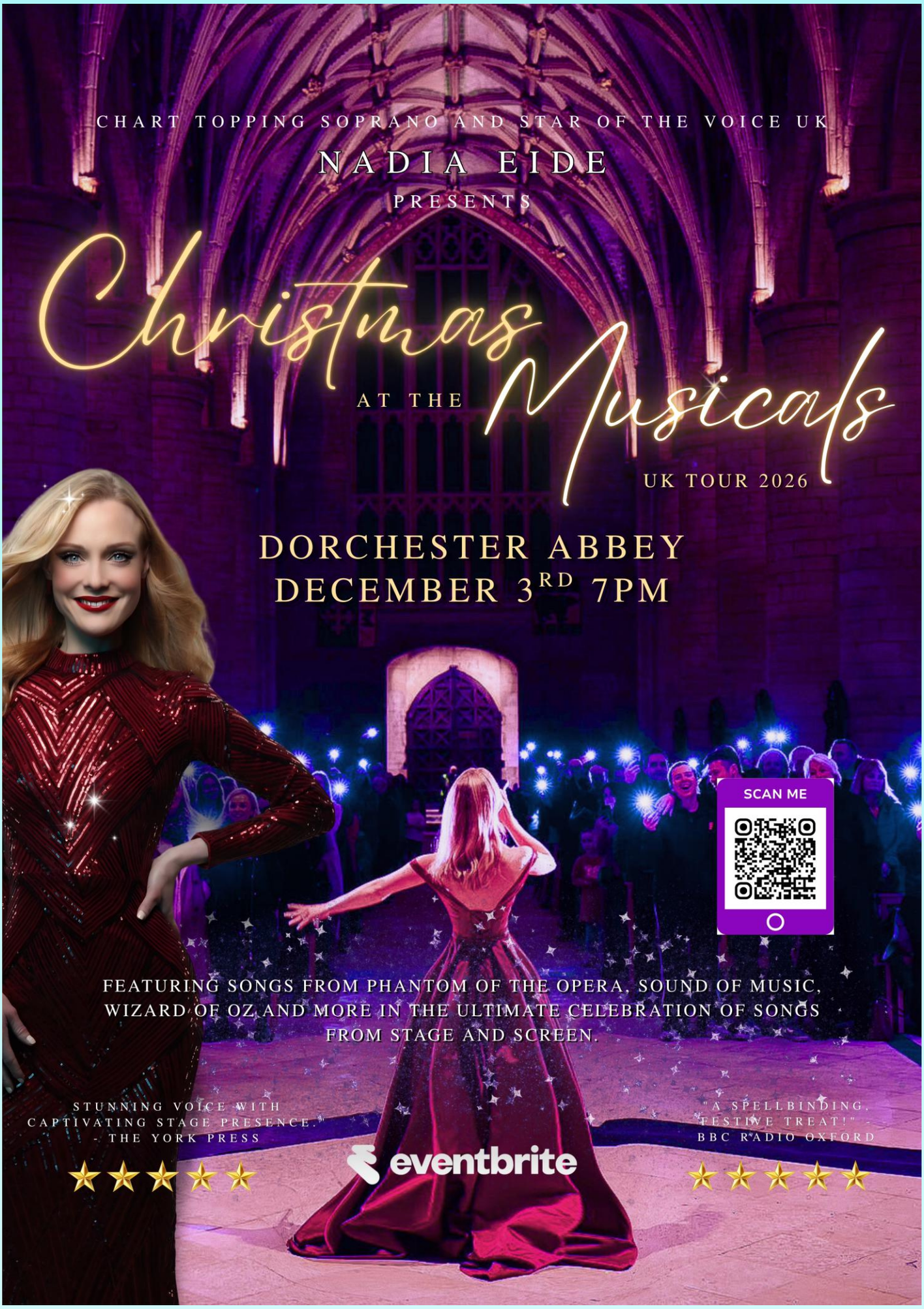
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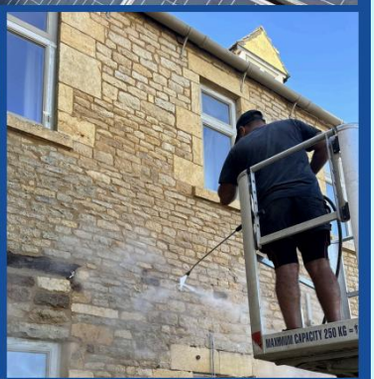

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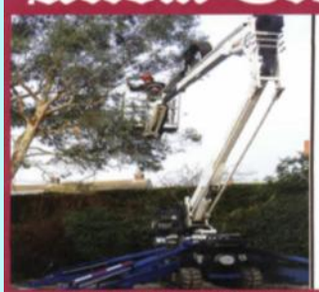

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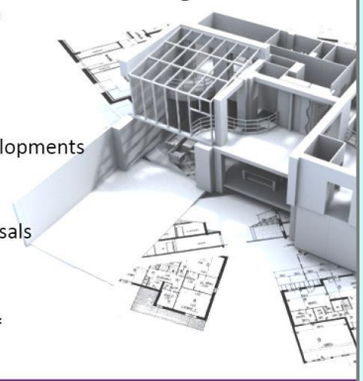

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