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For Services of Worship – Please see Page 8

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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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.





We would like your opinion on the 20mph speed restriction scheme

Oxfordshire County Council has asked the Parish Council to provide feedback on the impact of the 20mph speed restriction scheme implemented in the village. Our Councillors would like to hear from you. Please send your comments by email or write to us (contact details below) by Wednesday 25th November 2026.

Please provide:

- Examples of roads / parts of Sutton Courtenay where the 20mph limits are working well and why you consider this to be the case.
- Examples where you consider 20mph is not working as effectively or as hoped, what you think is the cause of this, and what might be required to make it more effective.

We would like your opinion on the local bus services

Oxfordshire County Council has launched a consultation to inform its deliberations on how bus services in Oxfordshire should develop over the next 14 years. It is keen to hear your views on how bus services in our area could be improved. The Parish Council wishes to send a response which is informed by as many parishioners as possible.

Please send your comments by email or write to us (contact details below) by Wednesday 9th November 2026.

Specific questions in the consultation are:

- Would you like to see changes to the frequency of the current bus services and if so, what are they?
- What would be an effective way of encouraging residents to use the bus services?
- Are the bus stops in the best place?
- What improvements would you like to see at bus stops? Please be specific about the location and type of improvements, for example seating, lighting, weather protection, litter bins.

You do not have to be a bus user to respond to the above questions. It will help if we can get a good representation of views.

Village Green Vehicle Barrier Project

The Parish Council is making good progress on this project to replace the white posts installed around the Village Green. It is hoped an artist will be appointed by the start of November and then consultation with the community starts in earnest. It is hoped that, together with the community, a visually engaging design for replacement posts can be achieved. One that celebrates the heritage and culture of Sutton Courtenay as well as serves as a practical and safe barrier, preventing vehicles accessing the grass areas of the Village Green. This project is being funded by section106 Art allocations from housing developments in the village.

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 3rd November, 1st December 2026, and 12th January 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.

Recently, my focus has been on ongoing issues with Thames Water and the structure of our water industry. I spoke in a debate on the public ownership of the water sector, after 866 constituents signed a petition calling for a referendum on this. I have also recently written to Thames Water's Head of Engagement, Land and Consents, urging her to share the feedback they have received from the public about the SESRO - or White Horse - reservoir. Local communities deserve transparency, especially while public trust in Thames Water is so low.

I have continued engaging with local businesses and community groups, such as Tokamak Energy in Milton Park, who showed me their work on advanced fusion devices, and St Andrew's Church in East Hagbourne, who welcomed me for a Climate Q and A panel event.

I visited Oxford Manor Care Home, during a community evening showcasing their work and facilities. Wigod Way Family Centre in Wallingford showed me the amazing support they provide to families, and I joined children and the Headteacher from Cholsey Primary School for an inspection of walking routes to their school. I have also had a productive meeting with Whittington Crescent residents, to discuss issues residents have been facing with the company managing their new estate.

I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Wilding and Andrew Service on September 13th: an important date in Wallingford's calendar, in memory of the RAF Servicemen who gave their lives, ensuring their damaged aircraft during World War 2 crashed away from residential areas. I was also honoured to attend the BBC Make a Difference Awards in Oxford, celebrating The Earth Trust winning an award!

In other news, many of you will be aware of new proposals for a large Solar Farm impacting the constituency, and I will be meeting with the Cearn Solar Farm proposers to understand their plans and raise community concerns with the developers directly. I also continue to work with Persimmon and the county council on planned installation of a crossing and other road safety improvements outside the new St John's Academy in Grove, and will continue to update constituents on this. I have also welcomed a recent central government decision regarding special educational needs funding, where it has been confirmed that £121.8 million will be received by Oxfordshire County Council to cover the funding gap for vitally important services across Oxfordshire.

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.

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Olly Glover
MP for the Didcot and Wantage Constituency





Since my last article, I have been inundated with concerns over the ongoing fires on the FCC compost site which ran for two weeks, following a controlled burn under the supervision of the Fire Service. This is hot on the tails of the massive fire on FCC's landfill site in August, which has put out much more quickly by burying the fire, which could not be done for the compost fire.

During the fires, the Fire Service, FCC and the Environment Agency were in daily contact, and after a week, I asked FCC to provide daily updates to me to pass on to the liaison group and local parishes to explain to the very concerned local residents what was going on and how the fire was being tackled. I have asked them to do this automatically next time, so we know what is going on. I am due to visit the compost fire site this week along with our MP, Olly Glover, and I saw the site of the August landfill fire last week.

There is no doubt that the extreme heat and drought conditions over the summer caused these fires. The Environment Agency, who are the site's regulator, will undertake an investigation into the fires and also into best practice to mitigate and put out wild-fires caused by extreme heat and drought which we are likely to see again with the forecast changing climate. I will report further on this.

To report a pollution please call the incident hotline on 0800 807060 or online via the following link www.gov.uk/report-environmental-problem

Work continues on the new HIF1 road taking traffic heading to and from the A34 at Milton/Didcot interchange around current bottlenecks in Clifton Hampden, Culham, Sutton Courtenay and Abingdon, and removing rat runs through Milton and elsewhere.

Planning for this new road has been years in the making, and I had no control over its route or its approval by the Planning Inspectorate after a detailed review, which was before my time of being elected. I still question the logic and expense of the zig-zag route and some of the design decisions, but this is what ended up being agreed after many years of consideration. So, what I am trying to do now, is to make the most of its positives, and minimise any adverse impacts during construction – for example road and access closures for communities like Appleford. The road will relieve blackspots and bottlenecks and does contain more active travel routes, keeping walkers and cyclists safe from HGVs and motorists, and should enable us to create better safer routes over danger areas like Sutton Courtenay Bridge.

This position is not contrary to the wish to enhance cycle, walking and wheeling routes, creating more safe off-road routes. My son was knocked off his bike on his way to school last year crossing a dangerous local traffic jam hot spot, and I am dedicated to creating new safe off-road active travel routes like extending Peep'o'Day Lane from Abingdon through to Milton, and on beyond to Steventon. We have some budget for this, and work is underway so it would be a great shame if this was kicked back into the long grass by a few local dissenters. Indeed, this summer, I have already been instrumental in getting the Hobby Horse Lane renovated and usable from Sutton Courtenay through to Appleford. I will continue to work for better solutions here and elsewhere like from Steventon Lights down to the village which will be addressed through the Cinder Track project.

Appleford bridge would benefit from improved weight limit management, and I am pushing the county into getting new mobile ANPR cameras that can detect weight limit breaches, proposing Appleford as a test location for these new mobile ANPR cameras.

Elsewhere, I have arranged for the county council to help local parishes respond to Thames Water's forthcoming application for the mega-reservoir, given planning laws changed over the summer. This removed the need for consultations for nationally significant infrastructure projects, putting more weight on local councils and any interested party stating their case during the 4-8 week application response period pencilled to be November-December.

Lastly, we are expecting to hear shortly the minister's response to the pause on Local Government Reorganisation plans. The vision for reorganisation is positive, merging local authorities into more cost-effective unitaries with better ownership of local quality services. However, these benefits could quickly dissipate if the geographies of the new unitaries were not cost effective and the change programme to them proved costly white elephants. The pause is sensible assuming the review leads to sensible improvements. Let's see.

Best wishes,

Peter Stevens

NORDIC WALKING

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Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Celebrates Ofsted Success

September marked a significant milestone for Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School, as Ofsted recognised the school as meeting the 'Expected Standard in all areas of inspection' for the first time in fourteen years.

The report reflects the significant improvements made across the school, and the commitment of children, staff, governors, families and the wider community. Inspectors found that "pupils arrive at school smiling and excited for the day" and that "genuine and respectful relationships between staff and pupils form the foundation of the school's positive culture."

Ofsted recognised the substantial work undertaken to strengthen teaching and learning, noting that leaders have "developed the curriculum significantly since the previous inspection" and that learning is carefully sequenced to build on what pupils already know. The report also highlighted that "achievement in writing is a particular strength", while pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

What makes this achievement especially meaningful is that it reflects much more than inspection outcomes. It reflects a school community that has chosen to focus not on barriers, but on possibilities; asking not what stands in a child's way, but what can be done to help them succeed. Over recent years, children have embraced our ambitious expectations, Ready to Learn culture and growing opportunities for leadership. We have been particularly proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who have taken responsibility for supporting younger children at playtimes and lunchtimes, modelling compassion, excellent manners and a strong sense of community.

Behind this success is a dedicated staff team whose professionalism, expertise and determination have helped create the foundations of a school that will continue to flourish for years to come. This achievement is even more remarkable given that this is the first year our staff team has been fully established in its current form. Securing the Expected Standard across all areas under Ofsted's detailed and demanding inspection framework required an extraordinary collective effort, clear vision and absolute focus on improving outcomes for children. We are also extremely grateful to Ridgeway Education Trust for the support, challenge and expertise that have helped accelerate our improvement journey, always with the best interests of children at the heart of every decision.



Most importantly, we would like to thank our parents and carers. So many families have championed the school, supported us through change, shared positive experiences with others and placed their trust in us every day. Their partnership has been invaluable. Sutton Courtenay has always been a village that cares deeply about its children, and this achievement reflects the shared aspirations of a community that wants the very best for its young people.

Beyond the classroom, pupils continue to benefit from a wide range of enriching opportunities. This term, Year 6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to Blenheim Palace, while Year 5 pupils spent a day at Dragon School in Oxford, broadening their horizons and building confidence through new experiences.

Families and community members can read the full Ofsted report and learn more about the school's strengths by reading our Ofsted Report at www.sutton-courtenay.school/ofsted-and-siams-reports.

This achievement is not the end of our story; it is the beginning of an exciting new chapter. We will continue to build on the strengths recognised in the report, driven by the same belief that has guided us throughout: that every child deserves an exceptional education, every opportunity to flourish, and every chance to leave Sutton Courtenay ready to embrace the future with confidence, aspiration and purpose.

Raluca Chende
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We wanted to share some of what has been happening with **Damascus Youth Project (ADYP)** in Sutton Courtenay – and, importantly, what comes next.

ADYP has been working with young people in our local villages since 1999, and while youth work has changed considerably over those years, our core purpose remains much the same: to help young people look after their wellbeing, feel connected to the community around them and recognise the positive contribution they can make to it.

A busy summer

Over the summer, 81 young people engaged with ADYP across the communities we serve, including 24 from Sutton Courtenay.

Those numbers have reinforced something important for us: there is both a need and an appetite for accessible youth provision within the village.

Our team has been spending time getting to know young people, listening to them and building the trusted relationships that sit at the heart of good youth work. Activities provide the starting point, but often it is the conversations and connections that develop around them that make the biggest difference.

Wednesday evenings at The River Room

We are now building on the summer activity with a regular weekly drop-in:

The River Room, Sutton Courtenay
Wednesdays during term time
6.00pm–7.30pm

Young people are welcome to drop in, meet the team, spend time with friends, take part in activities or simply have somewhere safe and welcoming to go.

We want the sessions to develop around the young people themselves, so we'll continue asking them what they want to do, what matters to them and what they would like to give back to their village.



Could we do something together this Christmas?

We would also like to put out a challenge to the wider Sutton Courtenay community.

Could we bring the village and its young people together for a community Christmas event?

Perhaps a local group, club, church, organisation or business would like to join forces with ADYP and our young people to organise something – a Christmas quiz, bingo night, festive community event or fundraiser.

We are deliberately not arriving with a finished plan. We'd much rather hear from people in the village and create something together.

It would be great fun, but there is a wider purpose too. We want young people to have opportunities not only to attend activities in Sutton Courtenay, but to play an active part in village life, contribute their ideas and give something back to their community.

How you can help

For now, there are three very practical things you can do:

- Tell a young person about the Wednesday drop-in.
- Come forward if you or your organisation could help with a Christmas community event.
- Talk to us. If you have an idea, could volunteer, have a skill to share or see an opportunity for ADYP and young people to become more involved in village life, we'd really like to hear from you.

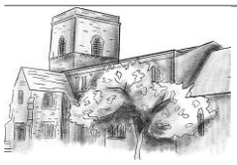
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The ADYP Team
Supporting local young people since 1999



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



From the Ministry Team

A Thought to Ponder: November 2026 "Making Peace"

At this time of the year, we have days and events which remind us to remember. On All Saints and then All Souls Days we remember loved ones who have passed away. On Bonfire Night we remember the event of the Gunpowder Plot. Later this month we will remember those who lost their lives during the conflicts of war. It is a day to remind ourselves of the peace that was gained and which we are to be thankful for. There is a Bible reading known as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) which is a popular choice at Remembrance Day Services. These are Jesus' words and they tell of the many attributes and emotions that are relevant to our remembrance of those who died for our freedoms.

Firstly, Jesus tells us of the poor in spirit. To be poor in spirit is to be humble. If we were all humble and everyone was always humble, would there be conflict? Would that be heavenly?

Secondly, blessed are those who mourn. We perhaps mourn less than 50 plus years ago, as personal connections and feelings of loss have diminished. Mercifully there are fewer people in this country today bereaved due to conflict of war than 50 plus years ago. Nevertheless, even and ever more so "we will remember them".

Continuing on, blessed are the peacemakers. The average evening news broadcast often reflects back at us a violent world. If violence is rooted in us, then why is there endless talk of peace? Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, to love one another as ourselves. Jesus asks us to let his peace flood in, so that the violence we carry flows away.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be children of God.

Revd Rosie Bruce – Associate Priest

Holy Baptism

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

Cecily Aurelia Rose DANNATT

Services at All Saints' November

During the interregnum we will try and keep the service pattern at All Saints' the same as far as possible. See below for services in November and December.

Sunday 1st - 11am Family Service for All Saints' Day
3pm All Soul's Service (see advert)
Sunday 8th - Remembrance Sunday 10.45am for 11am Act of Remembrance followed by Service of Remembrance
Sunday 15th - 11am Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 29th - 10.30am All Parish Advent Service at St Peter's Drayton NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS

December

Sunday 6th - 11am Christingle Family Service
Sunday 13th - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th - 11 am Morning Worship
- 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24th - Christmas Eve
- 3pm Crib Service
- 6pm Torchlight Procession and Carols round the bonfire
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Friday 25th - Christmas Day
- 11am Family Communion Service
Sunday 27th - 10.30am All Parish Holy Communion at All Saints'



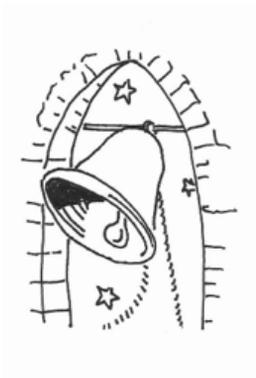
Season of Remembrance…

Sunday 1st November 11:00 Family Service for All Saints' Day
3pm Service of Naming and Remembering (with the lighting of candles) for All Souls

Sunday 8th November 11:00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11.15 Service of Remembrance in All Saints' Church with the Reading of the Roll of Honour and the placing of poppies on the cross in their memory

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER
Monday 9th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting River Room

TOWERS, BELLS & CHRISTMAS QUIZ



SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

7pm in the River Room

In aid of Tower and Bells Appeal

£15 a ticket to include light supper and a free drink

Please call the Parish Office: 01235 847179 or email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk to reserve – come on your own or as a table for 6 Payment in person/ on the night (inc. card)



ALL SOULS' SERVICE

A Special Service of Naming and Remembering those who have died

3pm on Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay.

Refreshments of tea, coffee and cake will be available afterwards in the River Room.

Invitations will be sent to the next of kin of all those we have conducted a funeral for over the past two years. But if you wish us to remember someone else – regardless of when or where they died – please add their name to the list at the back of church or let us know at the parish office. We will then ensure their name is read out and a candle is lit in their memory.

If you need transport to and from the service, or have any other questions, please contact the Parish Office on 01235 847179 or admin@damascusparish.org.uk

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



CHRISTMAS CHOIR
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We invite you to join the Christmas Choir to sing at our Christmas Services – particularly the Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 20th December 2026. If you interested, please come along from 19:30 – 21:00 in All Saints' Church. Philip Agg, one time Director of Music and Organist at All Saints will be leading the practises on Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 November, and 1, 8 and 15 December.

We can promise some musical joy (and a bit of hard work). **All are welcome!**

Or 'phone the parish office on 01235 847179 for more details.

550 Stars Needed!

Hunting for a crafted Christmas tree decoration the weekend before Christmas seems to have become a tradition in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford - which many look forward to. Last year volunteers across the villages crocheted, knitted and sewed over 500 Christmas Trees. This year we're setting the challenge to make **550 stars** – any craft which will withstand being in a plastic bag overnight in midwinter is welcome.



If you can help, instructions are available at the back of All Saints' Church.
Alternatively, 'phone 01235 847179 or email admin@damascusparish.org.uk or contact us via our Facebook page and we'll get them to you.
Your crafted stars need to be back in church by **Friday 4th December** so we can prepare them for the Star Hunt.
Thank you!



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Thursday 17th December 2026

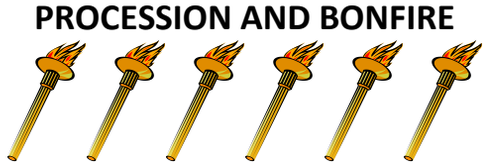
Every year the Singing Saints and friends sing around the village to raise money for our Christmas Charity which this year is going to be shared between The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and the Sutton Courtenay Tower and Bell Appeal
Starting at 6pm we stop at different houses, making our way south to north through the village, ending at The George.
Would you and your neighbours like to host one of our stops?
We don't need to come into your house and are quite happy to sing outside but we do appreciate light seasonal refreshments to keep our spirits up and in good voice!
If so, please email admin@damascusparish.org.uk or 01235 847179

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are planning, once again, to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution around Sutton Courtenay in the week before Christmas. 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

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 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 The 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 admin@damascusparish.org.uk

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

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

Fri 6th & 20th November 2026

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.



COMMUNITY BRUNCH

9:30-11:30

in the River Room, All Saints' Church

Saturday 7th November

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.

FREE - ALL WELCOME!

(Donations welcome – surplus funds go to the Abingdon Food Bank)

Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community

Thursday 12th & 26th November

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 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 'phone the Parish Office on 01235 847179

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)

For more information 'phone 01235 847179

or just turn up!

MOVIE MATINEES

The next Movie Matinee in the River Room is on **Saturday 28th November 2026 – 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 are available.

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the River Room on Thursday 24th September

We raised £151.53 for Macmillan Cancer Support

Artisan Christmas Market

Our Artisan Christmas market is back, and this year, for THREE days! After the wonderful response to last year's first Christmas market, we're thrilled to invite you back to The Abbey from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 November for an even bigger festive celebration.

Come and discover beautiful handmade gifts, local art and unique artisan creations. Enjoy delicious food, mince pies, mulled wine and live music while soaking up the Christmas atmosphere. Three days of festive delights, good food, lovely things and plenty of Christmas cheer. We'd love to see you!

Women's Wellness Retreat Evenings

We're delighted to share that our popular wellness evenings are back at the Abbey, now running monthly from 7pm to 9pm. Led by the lovely Ange from Lilac Yoga, with Theresa providing blissful sound experiences, each evening is a calm, welcoming space to slow down and recharge. Settle into gentle, mindful movement, deep relaxation and soothing sound, all in the magical setting of the Great Hall.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 25 November
- Wednesday 9 December

Come along, slow down and give yourself some well-deserved time to rest and restore. Booking is essential. To book, please contact Ange at ange.lilac.yoga@gmail.com or book directly through BookingHawk.com (link on our website).

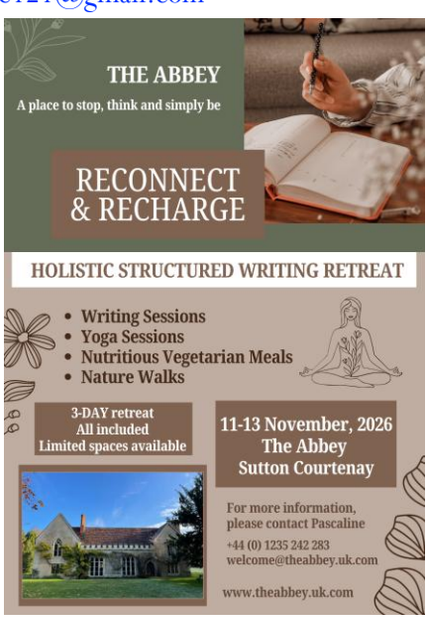
Sutton Courtenay Sisters – Women's Circle

Helen brings a warm, caring, and safe space to the Abbey for women from Sutton Courtenay and beyond through her monthly Women's Circles. A chance to pause, connect, reflect, and simply be in the peaceful surroundings of the Abbey Library. You're warmly invited to join Helen for an evening of reflection, connection, and gentle exploration.

Upcoming circle themes:

- 5 November - Quiet Growth
- 3 December - Making Space This Season

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



The Abbey Café

Bring your friends along and treat yourselves to delicious homemade cakes or a light brunch in our beautiful medieval Great Hall. If you're lucky, you'll be treated to live piano as well. We're open on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

The café may occasionally close for scheduled retreats, so please check our website or follow us on social media for the latest updates.

Volunteering at the Abbey

The Abbey Cafe

Fancy doing something rewarding on a Saturday morning? Join us at The Abbey Café and help making it a welcoming place for everyone! Meet lovely people, be part of a friendly international team and make a little difference in your local community. No experience needed - full training provided, plus a free meal and hot drinks.

Know someone who might be interested? Please spread the word!

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 contact us at: abbeyworkshop@theabbey.uk.com 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 Office Opening Times: - 9AM - 1PM weekdays



Letter to the Editor

Would you mind putting in your next month's Sutton Courtenay News our concerns about people still dumping their rubbish at the back of the garages in Barrett's way. This is the fourth time rubbish, and even an old mattress has been dumped there. This has been reported more than once to the local council. It is mostly garden equipment being left and large building bags along with general rubbish. Many thanks.

Fly-tipping in Oxfordshire carries on-the-spot fixed penalty notices of up to £5,000, alongside a £600 fine for householders who fail to provide proper waste documentation or hand rubbish to unlicensed carriers.

Drayton Household Waste Recycling Centre
Steventon Road, Drayton, Near Abingdon, OX14 4LA

Make a booking
You need to book in advance to visit a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Opening hours
Monday to Sunday, 8 am to 5 pm.

How to Report Fly-Tipping

- **Public land:** Report local incidents to your specific district council
- **Unwitnessed/Public spaces:** Use FixMyStreet to map and upload photos of dumped waste. (www.fixmystreet.com)
- **What to provide:** Date, time, exact location, description of waste, and vehicle details or offender descriptions if safely witnessed. Do not touch or disturb the waste.
- **Private land:** Clearance on private or un-adopted land remains the legal responsibility of the landowner.

Taken from: West Oxfordshire District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council

Friends of SC School





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

S.C.I.D.S.

Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society is back!
The script is written, the team is ready, the village hall is booked …
now we need you – the cast!
For our 11th year, we will be performing
'I'm Sleeping Beauty, get me out of here!' in March 2027.
Come along to the Sign-up Sunday to find out more.
Date: Sunday 29th November 2026
At: Village Hall
Time: 3 – 4.30pm
What: Cakes, tea, games, songs – and more details
Who: Children from Year 3 upwards, and adults too.
New members as well as returning ones are welcome.

Hope to see you there! Any further queries please contact:

Sally Dubock: sallydubock@gmail.com

Thames Water



White Horse Reservoir

A space for nature, a place for people

Summer 2026 was officially declared the hottest on record according to official Met Office reports. Gardens turned brown, rivers came under pressure, and water demand across the Thames Valley reached record levels.

While recent rain has been welcome, rivers, groundwater, and water supplies take time to recover after prolonged dry weather. As our climate changes, we need to be able to store more water when it's plentiful so there is enough when it's needed most.

That's why White Horse Reservoir is such an important project: helping to secure water supplies across the South East while reducing pressure on rivers, chalk streams and groundwater sources.

Plans continue to be developed with input from local communities, and a planning application is due to be submitted later this year.

Stay up to date with White Horse Reservoir news by joining our mailing list at thames-sro.co.uk/subscribe or scanning the QR code below.

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Sutton Courtenay Singers



SC (National Power) Trust

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust
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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.

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust
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Support for Potential Community Projects

In addition to helping individuals living in Sutton Courtenay, the Trust is looking to identify potential community projects which it may be able to support. The projects need to be delivered in the village for the benefit of the community of Sutton Courtenay. In particular, the Trust would like to identify projects which will promote cohesive village life.

The Trust has received some suggestions such as a book exchange scheme, arranging advice surgeries or a capital-spend project such as an indoor sports hall.

The Trust would like to hear from any responsible organisations/people who can take responsibility for and implement these or other projects for the benefit of Sutton Courtenay. Please email Clare at clerk.scnpt@gmail.com or contact us through the website www.scnpt.org.uk/

PLEASE NOTE: the Trust cannot make grants towards costs that have already been incurred.

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

RSPB Local Group

The RSPB Local Group (Vale of White Horse) enjoyed October's talk from Roger Wyatt about our local birds here in Oxfordshire. We run monthly indoor talks (at the River Room, by the church, Sutton Courtenay, and / or via Zoom in deepest winter) and outdoor wildlife walks.

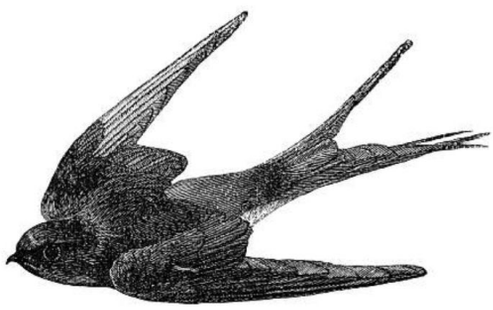
Our next meeting is on Monday 16th November when wildlife photographer Simon Booker will give a talk entitled "Simply Nature". Simon is passionate about wildlife photography built on patience, discipline, fieldcraft and deep understanding of animal behaviour, with respect for the subject and without interference.

This talk will start at 7:30 pm and will be presented in-person at the River Room, with the option to join 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.

- 21st Dec (Zoom only): Birds of Bhutan (Richard Baines)
- 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

See you there.



Thames Valley Police

New CCTV Hub for Oxfordshire and spiking sniffer dogs!

Early in October I officially launched a new countywide CCTV control room in Abingdon Police Station.

The new arrangements bring together public space CCTV from across Oxfordshire into one enhanced control room as part of my Thames Valley CCTV Partnership.

The benefits are clear. In addition to a modernised more effective system, we can expect closer links with frontline officers and police control rooms to help prevent crime, catch and convict criminals, and ultimately increase people's feelings of safety in our public places.

Eight CCTV Operators and one Supervisor will be employed in the Abingdon Control Room, monitoring cameras across the whole of Oxfordshire from one location increasing opportunities to react to live incidents and stop crime as it is taking place.

Technological advances will also see CCTV integration with existing police systems to help support investigations, enable officers to access footage remotely, and share high-definition images across the force area more easily.

In a nationwide first, Thames Valley Police have launched a pioneering new police dog capability designed to help identify criminals carrying spiking drugs.

The team of 6 dogs; Maverick, Puma, Dusty, AJ, Reggie and Major, have been specially trained to detect drugs commonly linked to spiking offences, including substances that are often carried in small quantities or in liquid form.

This pioneering new capability demonstrates Thames Valley Police's commitment to tackling violence against women and girls, and harmful offences within the night-time economy, and builds upon the force's other work in the night-time economy including Project Vigilant.

While incidents of spiking in Thames Valley remain low, prevention tactics such as these help to stop harm before it occurs; ensuring less people become victims of crime. The dogs will support proactive police operations across both force areas, helping to identify, disrupt and pursue offenders.



Palliative care bereavement support

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



Are you...
- warm, empathic and a good listener?
- able to support other people's expression of grief and distress?

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

We provide...
- foundation level training (apx. 60 hrs).
- 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:
E: pallcarevolunteerservices@ouh.nhs.uk
T: 01865 225944 or 01865 225868

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE · SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE · NHS Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Working in partnership to provide specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting illnesses



Yuletide Tea with mulled wine and Carols

On: Sunday 13th December

AT: The Abbey Sutton Courtenay
4 - 6.30pm

Tickets: £6 adult - Child U5 Free

Complimentary glass of Mulled Wine

If anyone requires a lift to and from the Abbey please let us know when you buy your tickets

Please contact Sue Jenkins at SJJenkins33@aol.com or ring 07885 437454 for tickets

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
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All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AE



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The Topic is DOGS!



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IMPROVING YOUR HOME PT 4: CONSERVATORIES & GARDEN ROOMS

Conservatory extensions offer a cost-effective way to add bright, versatile living space without the full expense of a traditional extension, creating a seamless connection between indoors and outdoors, flooding interiors with natural light and allowing year-round enjoyment of garden views. Conservatories can serve as dining rooms, lounges, home offices or hobby spaces with the abundant natural light providing mood and wellbeing benefits, particularly during winter months. Modern high-insulated designs with high-performance glazing allow comfortable use throughout the year, increasing floor area for dining, relaxation or home working. They are usually quicker to build than brick extensions and often fall under permitted development, adding value and appeal with less disruption and paperwork.

Thermal efficiency has improved significantly thanks to double & triple glazing, low-emissivity coatings and thermal breaks, which help maintain stable temperatures and reduce energy costs. Material choices affect price: uPVC is cheapest, then aluminium, then timber with bespoke detailing. Polycarbonate roofs are least expensive; glass or tiled roofs & triple glazing cost more. Construction timelines are significantly shorter than traditional extensions, often completed within weeks rather than months.

A basic uPVC "lean-to" conservatory starts at around £1,800–£2,400/m² for basic frames with polycarbonate or simple glazing. More complex Edwardian or Victorian styles run £2,200–£2,800/m², while premium timber designs with high-end glazing and bespoke features cost £3,500–£4,200/m² or more (Homebuilding Magazine). By comparison, traditional single-storey brick extensions cost £1,800–£3,500/m² depending on quality and location.

Foundations add £100–£280/m² depending on ground conditions. Conservatories are generally cheaper upfront but may cost more to heat if not well insulated. In terms of return on investment, the RICS estimates 5%, Savills up to 10%, and 15% for high-quality conservatories.

Garden buildings provide extra space without the disruption of an extension. Ideal for home offices, studios or guest accommodation, they offer clear separation between work and home life and most fall under permitted development. Prefabricated modules can be installed in days with minimal mess. Many manufacturers deliver prefabricated modules, enabling completion in days rather than months with minimal disruption. Environmental impact is typically lower than brick extensions, with timber-framed systems and screw-pile foundations reducing embodied carbon and soil disturbance.

Basic insulated garden rooms with electrics cost £1,500–£2,500/m²; premium buildings £2,500–£3,000+ per m². Allow for utilities such as electricity, plumbing and drainage. Well-designed, fully insulated garden buildings enhance property appeal. Rightmove reports listings mentioning "garden office" attract more buyer interest, with agents noting a premium for quality outbuildings. While reliable ROI evidence is limited, returns depend heavily on build quality, purpose, and property integration, with high-quality garden offices with utilities showing strongest returns.

In short, conservatory extensions add light and space, while garden buildings deliver flexible, lower-cost accommodation, with both potentially boosting resale value when buyers value extra space.

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

As we head into autumn, here's a snapshot of some of the work our highways teams have been carrying out to keep Oxfordshire moving.

🕳️ **18,217 potholes repaired**

🌧️ **24,207 highway drainage gullies cleansed**

🌿 **626 sites cleared of grass and vegetation**

🛣️ **68,124 sqm of carriageway resurfaced** across **36 roads**, including a landmark low-carbon resurfacing programme in Chinnor

✅ **48 roads treated with preventative micro surfacing** since September

💧 **74,549 sqm of road surface sealed and protected** to help prevent water ingress and reduce future pothole formation

🏗️ **12 drainage improvement projects completed** as part of ongoing flood mitigation work

🔩 **118 ironwork repairs completed** in the first month of a new programme repairing damaged drain lids and covers

🌉 **4 bridge repair projects completed** over the summer at Claydon Hay, Clifton Hampden, Sutton Courtenay and Clacks Bridge between Northmoor and Standlake

🚧 **4 bridge repair projects currently underway** at Burford Bridge (Abingdon), Islip Bridge, Great Rollright Bridge, and the Isis and Weirs Mill Stream bridges

Keeping Oxfordshire moving
Alongside routine maintenance, teams have continued investing in preventative repairs and drainage improvements to help tackle flooding, extend the life of roads and improve journeys across the county.

From Oxfordshire County Council

Could you spot a courier fraud scam?

Fraudsters are posing as police officers and may claim your personal details have been compromised, someone has been arrested using your information, or ask whether you hold cryptocurrency.

Remember: the police would never ask you to:

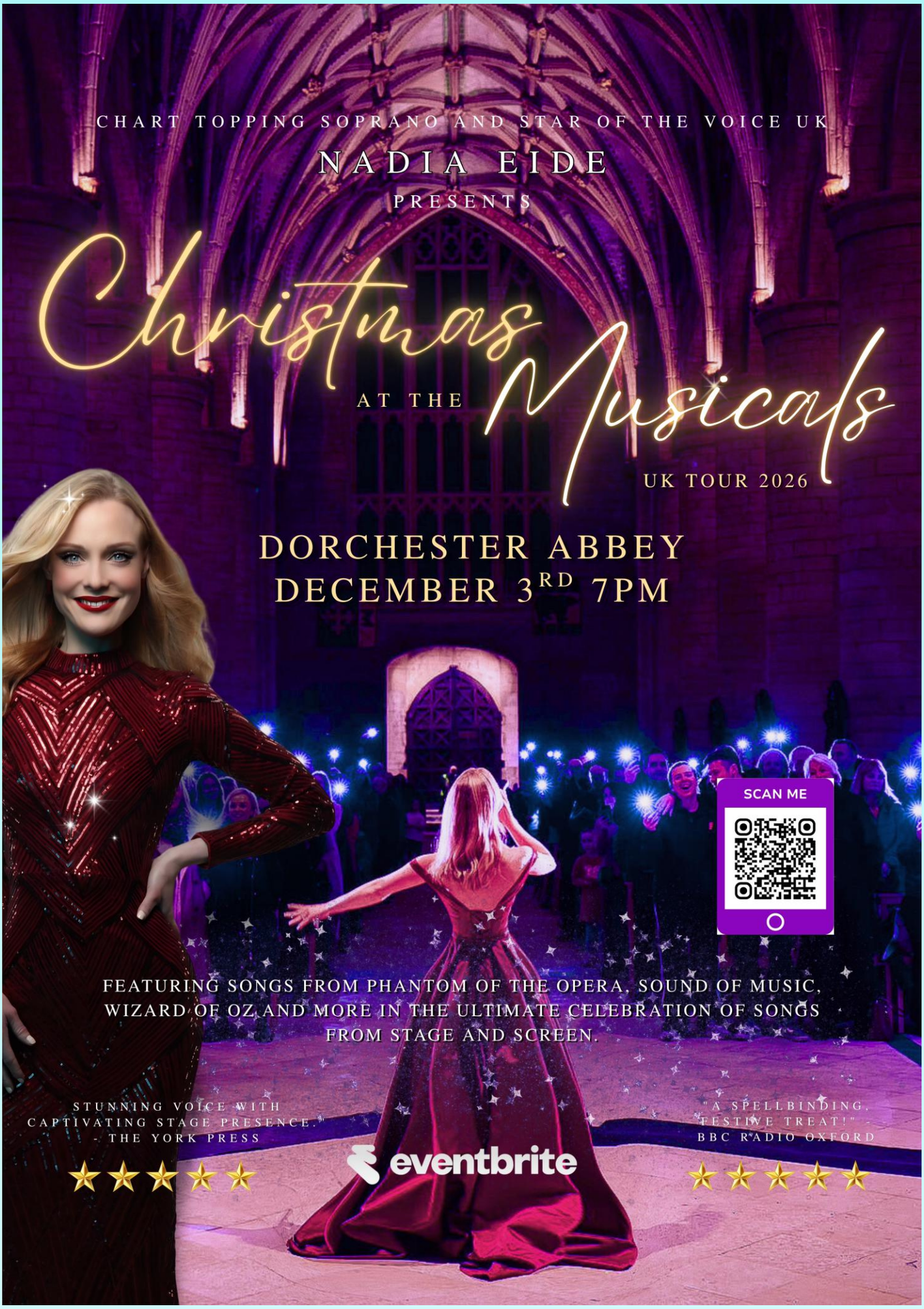
- Transfer money to a "safe account"
- Withdraw cash
- Buy or transfer cryptocurrency
- Share your PIN, password or banking security details

If you receive a call like this, end the call and contact your bank using trusted contact details.

If you've been targeted or fallen victim to fraud, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.reportfraud.police.uk

Please share this warning with friends and family, especially those who may be more vulnerable to fraud.

Thames Valley Police via Neighbourhood Alert


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Tel: Grace
07807 707925

WEDNESDAY
Steventon
Steventon Village Hall
The Green
5:30pm
Tel: Christine
07367 961994

A Helping Hand from Mary

Hi, I'm Mary, I offer friendly, practical one-to-one support to older people who would like a little extra help at home. I can help with:

- Shopping & errands
- Appointments & trips out
- Light household help, simple meal prep & admin support
- Regular check-ins & companionship

Whether you need help with practical jobs, a bit of company, or simply someone to pop in and make sure you're okay and make you a cup of tea, I'm here to help.

Call Mary on 07834 348488 to discuss your needs.
Email: marycrawf1932@icloud.com

Sharon O'Loughlin

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Hours: 7.5-15 hours per week
Salary: £16.85 per hour

- Are you looking for a rewarding role working with disabled children and their families?
- Would you enjoy working within a small, friendly and dedicated team?
- Do you have experience of working with children with complex needs? A medical, nursing, childcare background desirable.

If so this unique and varied role might be for you!

Flexicare is an Oxfordshire based charity providing a home sitting service for families with severely disabled children. A sit typically involves a 2-4 hour period supporting a disabled child usually with their home setting or in the community.

If you are interested in applying for this post, please email a copy of your CV and a covering letter to: admin@flexicare.org. For an informal chat phone Maureen Tossi on 07342 041388. A full job description is available on our website at www.flexicare.org/work-with-us

This vacancy does not have a formal closing date, it will remain open until a suitable candidate is appointed.

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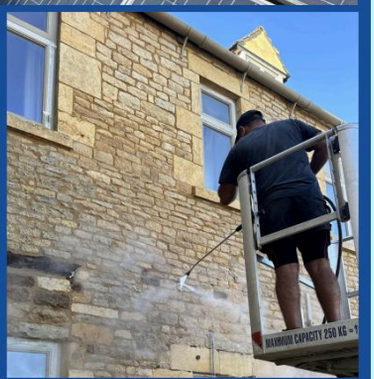
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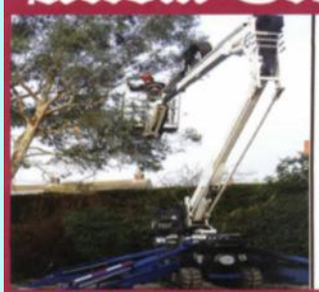
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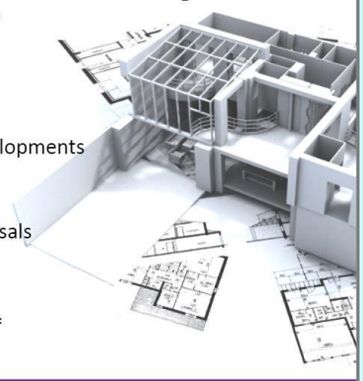
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