

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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VILLAGE DIARY

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

OCTOBER

Sunday	1st	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church
Tuesday	3rd	7.15pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Thursday	5th	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Saturday	7th	10-4	Wild Woods Day	SC Environ mentCentre
Saturday	14th	9-4.30	Day of Books	Church
Wednesday	18th		SC NEWS COPY DEADLINE	
Thursday	19th	7.30pm	Damascus Youth Project AGM	Village Hall
Sunday	22nd		Abingdon Marathon	Village Roads
Tuesday	24th	until		
Thursday	26th	10-3	Bizarre Bugs and Brilliant Beasts	SC Environ ment Centre
Thursday	26th	10.30am	Coffee, Cakes and Books	Church

ABINGDON MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

This is a notice to inform local residents that road closures and traffic management that will be in force on the day of the 2017 Abingdon Marathon, scheduled for Sunday, 22nd October 2017. For full details please view the following online document:

http://www.abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2017_AM_RoadClosuresNoticeR01.pdf

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Oxfordshire CC	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH : SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am
 2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
 and Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
 3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)
 5th Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Group –
 please see church noticeboard for details
 Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



The village hall is a registered charity available for hire for community related recreational activities. It is located in Hobbyhorse Lane (post code OX14 4BB). It has a large main hall, a smaller meeting room and kitchen. There are regular activities that take place on some weekday evenings.

To find out more or book the hall please contact the Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee Rita Atkinson on 01235 848694 or email scvillagehallbookings@gmail.com. Hire Charges vary depending on the use of the hall. The maximum hire charge for the main hall is £16 per hour. Commercial bookings and regular hire are negotiated separately. Visits prior to hire are welcomed.

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Planning Application – appeal sites

The planning applications for 200 houses off Hobbyhorse Lane and 354 houses rear of Harwell Road, have gone to appeal. The Planning Inspectorate has decided to hear both appeals jointly at an Inquiry. Whilst there is some common ground for both, the Planning Inspectorate is aware of the differences in the sites and will treat the appeals separately and will issue two separate decisions.

The Parish Council is aware of the strength of feeling within the village in regards to these applications, and is instructing a planning consultant to act on behalf of the Parish Council and to assist in representing the views of local people at the Inquiry. The timing of the Inquiry and details of the programme are awaited, but it is likely to be in the first few months of next year.

Thames Water – new sewage proposals

Thames Water has advised the Parish Council that it is now procuring site surveys to inform its final design for the proposed sewer upgrades for Sutton Courtenay. The Council will be notified when we can expect the surveys to start. The modelling will include developments such as the warehouse at the southern end of the village which has not yet been built. All local flows will be taken into account.

Once the surveys have been completed (later in the Autumn), the proposals will be finalised, and Thames Water will meet with the Parish Council to discuss the plans, and hopefully work together to minimise any impact within the village. The programme for any upgrades will taken into account the planned works for the Steventon rail bridge and the road closure that will be needed for that.

Grants

We are now into Autumn and the Parish Council soon will be considering any requests for grants in time for its budget for the next financial year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Sutton Courtenay residents benefit, which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts. The Council can then consider all applications when setting its budget later in the year.

Drayton Road – Cycle Track

The Council would remind residents that the cycle track in the Drayton Road from Peep O Day Lane, ends at the pumping station. It has been noticed that cyclists seem to start or finish their journey by cycling on the footway, on their way to or from Peep O Day Lane. Cyclists can ride very fast being a danger to pedestrians or to those coming out of their properties. The cycle route through Sutton Courtenay forms part of the Sustrans cycle network. Sustrans does not advocate cycling on pavements. It is realised that the road can be busy and negotiating Cross Trees triangle is difficult. The Council, however, would encourage everyone to be sensible, and to appreciate that pedestrians feel vulnerable, so avoid cycling on the pavement wherever possible.



Pavement parking

The Parish Council is receiving more and more comments that vehicles are parked on pavements causing difficulties for those on foot. Pavement parking creates hazards for pedestrians, particularly visually impaired, children, wheelchair and pushchair users. People are forced into the road putting them at risk from traffic.

Please leave your vehicle in a place where people can still safely use the paths. People can receive parking tickets for driving on a pavement and causing obstruction. Please do not let it be you.

The following planning applications have been considered :

P17/V2231/RM (reserved matters) 4 detached dwellings at 67a High Street. Council expressed some concern regarding overlooking and adequate sight lines for access to the High Street.

P17/V2202/FUL Erect dwelling and detached garage including access and parking at The Plough 51 High Street (revised application). Council expressed its previous concerns regarding a large dwelling close to the boundary. Retention of trees was important as was full access for emergency vehicles.

P17/V2293/FUL Single storey house to rear of 92 Milton Road with access off new development road at 92 Milton Road. Council had concerns regarding tandem parking and cars having to reverse on a blind bend.

P17V2333/HH 2 storey side extension, single storey infill extension, and replacement outbuilding at 52 Bradstocks Way. Council had no objections

P17/V1154/LB Demolition of listed railway overbridge, and provision of replacement bridge (amended plans) at Steventon, High Street. Council had concerns regarding traffic impact in Sutton Courtenay during the period of closure and reconstruction.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October, 2017 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833

or email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Council has a vacancy for two councillors. It is the tier of local authorities closest to the people and provides local services within the parish, such as the recreation ground and cemetery. It acts as a consultee on many issues putting forward the views of residents, and as agent for the County Council in regards to grass cutting. The Council meets approximately 12

times in the year to discuss matters relating to the village and immediate surrounds. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the role, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY ACTION

GOOD NEWS BUT A TRYING TIME AHEAD

After last month's bad news of the village facing two planning appeals and a new Redrow application, there is some good news.

- On 13 September the planning committee confirmed that they would have unanimously refused Redrow's proposed 200 homes on the field behind the village hall, if it had not already gone to appeal. They agreed on the reasons for this as being traffic and inadequate drainage. This confirmed villagers and our independent experts repeated objections, which had finally been validated by OCC Highways and the Vale's own independent drainage expert. These reasons will now form the basis of the Council's case at the appeal.
- That's the good news, but because of Redrow's appeal, this is not a final decision. We now probably have to wait until 2018 for the decision, which will be made by a planning inspector at a Public Inquiry. Unfortunately, the planning committee did not agree to argue further reasons for refusal, including site access via Frilsham Street, proximity to landfill cells, contamination, the risk to public health and loss of amenity. We believe all of these should still be considered and will work on raising them at the Inquiry.
- More good news however, it is understood that OCC has now adopted a position that any further development in the village would have a severe and detrimental impact on Culham Bridge and the wider highway network. Consequently, it will adopt the robust line that until an additional Thames crossing is implemented, they would recommend refusal of any development that would add to these problems. Our expectation, therefore, is that any planning application for additional dwellings now submitted in Sutton Courtenay will be subject to an objection on transport grounds from OCC. This position will also strengthen our case at the appeal

Additionally, in light of OCC's stance on traffic, the applications for 95 houses north of Appleford Road and the additional 25 south of that, will have to be reviewed and are open to refusal.

It has been a long hard struggle to reach this point but the hard work is paying off. However, now is not the time to become complacent as we have the two key challenges of defeating the new Redrow application and preparing to contest the linked Redrow and London Regeneration appeals.

New Application. It is not too late to object to Redrow's latest application and it is important that as many villagers object as possible. You can comment by email to registration@southandvale.gov.uk quoting application P17/V1963/O or on-line via the VOWH planning website.

Linked Planning Appeal. You can also register to participate in the appeals or just to monitor them at: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

To do this use the figures in red from the following appeal references. The lead appeal is APP/V3120/W/17/**3180396** (East SC) and the linked appeal APP/V3120/W/17/ **3181043** (East Harwell Road)

If we are to commission the expert help to argue the case at the appeal in conjunction with the Parish and District Council, we will need to raise more funding for the campaign.

TO OFFER TO HELP OR CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND, please

email action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk

To keep up to date with the campaign register with the facebook page:



Sutton Courtenay Action

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SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

All Change!

It has been a tremendously busy (and stressful) summer here at Sutton Courtenay School! Our build to create two new classrooms for our ever expanding school had originally been due to complete this September. However, we have been plagued by delays. This has meant that two of our classes have had to move into temporary classrooms for the start of the year.

The builders finally started work just before the end of the summer term, fencing off large areas of the playground and school field and causing havoc in the car park. On the first day of the holidays, staff were very busy moving furniture destined for the temporary classrooms into the hall, as teachers tried to set up their new classrooms as best they could. There was a dramatic day in mid-August where the teachers, Reverend Helen (our chair of governors) and I watched with trepidation as the temporary classrooms arrived and had to be lifted by crane over the main building into the rear playground. Meanwhile, the school grounds were full of trenches, pipes and building materials, and we all held our collective breaths about whether the school site would be in good enough order to welcome the children back this September!

Miraculously, it was. Year 5 and 6 are safely installed in their Portakabin home and report that it is a good place to learn – we even managed to finally achieve internet connection there this week! The playground space is somewhat compromised but the children are being very patient and sharing it really well – a great tribute to the high standards of behaviour we have in the school. Everyone worked tremendously hard over the holidays and the school looks lovely, with the children settling well to their new classes and exciting topics begun. Key Stage 1 are basing their work around the theme of Pirates, Lower Key Stage 2 have an intriguing topic called 'Potions', and Upper Key Stage 2 are studying Ancient Egypt. Most of our curriculum here is linked together in thematic topics, to encourage the children to make connections between areas of learning.

As a growing school, we have welcomed several new members of staff this year as well as lots of new children. For the first time for many years all our classes are taught in separate year groups for morning lessons. We have also extended our wraparound care to include an after school club, which has proved so popular we are already looking to recruit additional staff. Our Nursery class is now offering afternoon sessions for eligible families under the new government scheme for additional childcare for working parents. It really is a time of change and new beginnings!



Muddy teachers...

On the 16th September, many of the teachers joined one of the Cancer Research 'Pretty Muddy' 5 kilometre obstacle challenges. Some of the children came along to support and they all enjoyed seeing the pictures of their teachers covered in mud in assembly! It was a great effort by everybody and we raised over £1000 for this worthy cause.

The year ahead

This will be my second year as headteacher of the school and it promises to be as exciting and eventful as the last one. Our next challenge is to start planning to renovate our grounds after the completion of the build. We have a fabulous new garden area in mind and our wonderful Friends Of Sutton Courtenay School committee are planning lots of fundraising events to make this happen.

Rachel Hornsey, Headteacher

Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram, Assistant Headteachers

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SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Management Trustees of the above charity invite you to their AGM to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 October in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. At the meeting a report on the work of the charity and the audited accounts will be presented.

Please do come. We are also actively searching for new members, to join us as trustees, who would like to take a share in the work and responsibility of managing this community building for the benefit of all. Most of the present members have been trustees for 10 years in which time major refurbishment work has been undertaken funded by grants, local fund raising and judicious financial management. It is now time for new members to come forward and take the hall on to its next stage of development.

The trust deeds entitle specified organisations to appoint

trustees. However, in the interests of getting a good mix and representative cross-section on the committee – all regular user groups are invited to consider sending a member to be elected on to the committee. The duties and responsibilities of a trustee can be obtained from the Charity Commissioners (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>). The trust deeds allow for up to 12 members to be elected at the AGM.

Rita Atkinson, Secretary, 01235 848694

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall is a registered charity no300213

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

From the Damascus Ministry team

This month is the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and so a good time to pay tribute to an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation – William Tyndale (c. 1494 - 6th October 1536), Bible translator and Reformation Martyr. He was born near Gloucester, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion. For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known." Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press. It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position. When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious. Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work. Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

Meanwhile - The Bible in 50 words!

God made. Adam bit. Noah arked. Abraham split. Joseph ruled. Jacob fooled. Bush talked. Moses balked. Pharaoh plagued. People walked. Sea divided. Tablets guided. Promise landed. Saul freaked. David peaked. Prophets warned. Jesus born. God walked. Love talked. Anger crucified. Hope died. Love rose. Spirit flamed. Word spread. God remained. *anon*

With love and prayers, Helen

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, The Rectory, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BD



**The
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LATEST NEWS

We are delighted to announce the appointment to the DAMASCUS Parish of the Reverend Meg Heywood as Associate Priest. The details regarding her start date and licensing service are still to be confirmed but look out for more information coming very soon. Meg will be moving, with her husband David, into Drayton Vicarage as a House for Duty Priest serving across the DAMASCUS Parish.

Thank you to all those who attended the Inaugural DAMASCUS APCM on 13th September. Nicola Turner and Hilary Otterburn were appointed as Churchwardens of the DAMASCUS Parish. Valerie Cross & Linda Johnson (Drayton), Joy Browning & Nicola Turner (Milton), Alison Budd & Fred Cubbage (SC), Alan Binning & Jane Hornsby (Steventon) were elected as Pro-Wardens to serve in their respective churches. Anne Brownson, Elizabeth Duffield, Anton King & Alex Landsbert were appointed as Deanery Synod Reps. Diana Hasting is on the PCC by virtue of being on Diocesan Synod. Valerie Cross, Linda Johnson, Robert Green, Joy Browning, Margaret Patching, Frederick Cubbage, David King, Jane Hornsby & Clare Ward were appointed as PCC Members. All other members of the Ministry Team, not being members of the PCC, are invited to attend PCC meetings. At the PCC following on from the APCM: Martin Blogg was co-opted and appointed as Hon. Treasurer & Sue Harris was co-opted and appointed as Hon. Secretary. Alex Landsbert was appointed as Electoral Roll Officer. We are still seeking Stewardship & Safeguarding Officers.

Bible Sunday

On Sunday 29th October at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay the congregations of the DAMASCUS Parish (Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon) will be coming together to celebrate **Bible Sunday** where our Curate, The Reverend Karen Hyde will be preaching. Junior Church will be running alongside the service and refreshments will be served afterwards – all are welcome!

ALL SOULS'

You are invited to a special service of naming and remembering for All Souls' in All Saints' Church Sutton Courtenay on Sunday 5th November 2017 at 5pm

This service will provide an opportunity to remember and to give thanks for the lives of those we love, who have died. During the service the names of those for whom we have conducted a funeral service in the past two years will be read out and a candle lit in their memory. If there are other people you also wish to remember, regardless of where or when they died, please add their names to the list in church.

If you need transport to and from the service, or have any other questions, please leave a message at the Parish Office by telephoning (01235) 848297

CHURCH DIARY

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- **Sunday 1st** – 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service
- **Monday 2nd** – 7.30pm Baptism Preparation
- **Tuesday 3rd** – 1.30pm School Harvest Service
- **Thursday 5th** – 2pm Burial of Ashes of Amy Garlick in All Saints' Churchyard
- **Saturday 7th** – from 9.30am – Appleford Churchyard Autumn Clear Up – if you fancy helping with churchyard maintenance then please come along! Refreshments provided.
- **Monday 9th** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS PCC in St Peter's Church Room, Drayton
- **Saturday 14th October** – "A Day of Books" – see advert for details
- **Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th** Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park



COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 26th October 2017
10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

Why not drop by for coffee, cake & conversation and to browse the books on offer? Open to all – a good place to meet. If you need transport to and from the church please 'phone Helen on 848297

- **Thursday 26th** – 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books at All Saints'
- **Sunday 29th** – 10.30am DAMASCUS Parish Service for Bible Sunday in All Saint's Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Sunday 5th – 10.30am Family Service for All Saints' Patronal Festival. 6pm Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls'
- **Sunday 12th** – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10am Shortened Communion. 11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the Village Green. 11.15am Service of Remembrance.

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- Saturday 9th 1.30-5pm Christmas Tree Festival
- Sunday 10th – 2-4pm Christmas Tree Festival

HARVEST GIFTS

The Porch charity runs the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford, providing day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives, away from street-life and addiction.

Each year, at our Harvest Festival, we collect harvest goods and money to help support their work. This year they need either cash donations, to buy fresh produce through the year, or any of the following:

- coffee, tea, squash, sugar, honey, jam
- tins of: tomatoes, beans, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, corned beef, ham, fish
- stock cubes, herbs, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, cooking oil, biscuits
- washing powder, shaving foam, deodorants, disposable razors
- new socks, boxer shorts, hats, scarves, gloves.

Please bring your donations to the Harvest Festival Celebrations on **Sunday 1st October 2017 at 10.30am at All Saints', Sutton Courtenay.** Thank you!

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Don't forget to check out the Sutton Courtenay News website for updates about village events and to see all adverts and photographs in colour. Complete editions of the News are available for digital download in pdf format from this website, as well as previous editions, and other material from the News.

We would welcome any comments and suggestions. We

would also like to invite any budding photographers who would like to see their photos of the village and village life featured on the website, or used as page backgrounds, to submit them to us by email.

This months background from SCN reader Geoff Hill

SUTTON COURTENAY (NATIONAL POWER) TRUST

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity will be meeting early October and will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and recreation and any other general charitable purposes. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, and who has not yet applied, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts.

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Oxon OX13 6PU

Tel: 01865 391833

TRIBUTE TO SEBASTIEN BEAUNIER

In Memory of Seb - a personal tribute

On 1 July this year, our dear friend, Sebastien Beaunier, passed away suddenly at the young age of 43. Seb had not only been manager of The Fish, but also the kindest, most polite and loyal friend to everyone who knew him. With complete dedication he had, together with Head Chef Jean-Philippe, created one of the most stable establishments in the village. When hosting special events, like he did when we asked him to provide a post-wedding reception for our son, he pulled out all the stops and we had a most enjoyable time. Seb and my husband shared a great passion for the Arsenal Football Club and when Seb's work schedule allowed they would attend a match or simply visit the Emirates Stadium together.

We are very lucky to have Thomas as a worthy successor to Seb and wish him well. But we will always miss you, Seb, terribly.

Christiane Hutchins

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Last year's appeal in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford was our best ever, totalling £2,972.06. This reflects £2,909.81 collected, and £62.25 in gift aid following recent HMRC approval of collections supported by valid Gift Aid declarations.

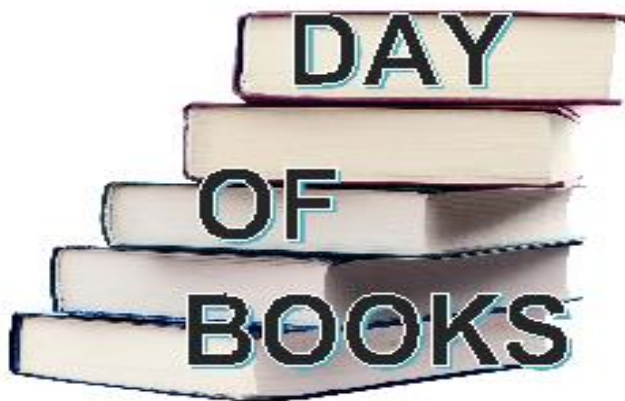
House-to-house collections play a vital role in the amounts raised and I urgently need some additional house-to-house poppy collectors to help with this year's appeal, including the Linden Homes development off Milton Road in Sutton Courtenay.

The collection period this year runs from 28th October to 11th November. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours of your time during the collection period to help with the forthcoming appeal.

Mark Haffenden, Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Sutton Courtenay's Special Book Event

**Saturday, 14th
OCTOBER 2017
9 a.m. - 4.30 pm**

Ben Jeapes THE WRITER'S PATH Rod Hunt READING MATTERS
The Creation Theatre THE STAGING OF GEORGE OF GEORGE ORWELL'S 1984
Kev Reynolds WALKING IN THE CLOUDS

Come for the day or one or more presentations. Optional guided walk. Book stalls.
ALL DAY TICKET (including drinks, lunch and tea) only £25. Different session prices from £7.00

Tickets available from Burgrey Stores High Street, Sutton Courtenay.

Further details:

Morna Whitlock morna28whitlock@gmail.com or Fred Cabbage fred.cabbage@btinternet.com

Collect programme from various outlets/stores.

Proceeds towards Church Building Project

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 5th September we were pleased to meet the congregation again. A few less this time (21) but again some new faces, young and old. David Chapman arrived a little late, due to trains from London, and it was a fine evening, enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

Any queries, please contact Pat and Sam, 01235 847460

Tues 3rd Oct at 7.30pm Spiritual meeting with David Cadbury

Tues 7th Nov at 7.30pm Spiritual meeting with Sheila Webb and David

DIDCOT AND DISTRICT U3A



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 2.00pm, at the Civic Hall in Didcot

17th October Enigma, Bletchley and the Hunt for Hitler's Secret Weapons, by Phil Jenkins

21st November Victorian Ghost Stories by Bill Spectre

SUTTON COURTENAY PRODUCE SHOW 2017

The annual produce show was a great success with more new entrants than ever this year and a high standard of exhibits. The cup winners for each class, the overall winner of the show with the most points and the winner of the cup for the judge's choice of best exhibit, given in memory of Daphne Sinclair who worked tirelessly to keep the show going, are shown below. Next year we hope for even more new entrants – the date planned for 2018 is Saturday, 1st September and the schedule will be in the Sutton Courtenay News next May.

The winner for the best allotment and the biggest range of vegetables was Gary Aldridge with Charles George in 2nd and Richard Greenhough in 3rd place. The largest vegetable was a pumpkin grown by Richard Greenhough. The most improved allotment in 2107 is that of Gary and Gail Johns.

The giant pumpkin weighed 15.5 kg (just over 34 lbs). Peter Warrington was the guess-the-weight competition winner.

The Produce Show Committee

Cup winners 2017

Produce:	Mike Carswell
Flowers:	Rosemary Allen
Cookery:	Jane Allen
Drinks:	Karen Maconochie
Crafts:	Susanne Hignell
Art:	Sally Furze and Gary Nobbs
Photography:	Geoff Hill
Children's Classes:	Zoë Dalby
Flower Arranging:	Val Dalby
Overall Winner:	Mike Carswell
Daphne Sinclair Memorial Cup:	Carrie Barnes

ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

All-Girls' Football Tournament and Survey

Kate King our newly appointed young Ambassador for Girls' Football has been working with us to organise an all-girls football tournament over the October half term. This is to judge the level of interest to form a regular Damascus team that could practise and play in wider tournaments. She has also set up a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H7VTHWD>.

Please take 5 minutes to take part in our survey.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking part or would like to help please contact Roxy on 07875649008/
roxy.ycat@gmail.com or Holly on 07713670004/
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Sutton Fest 2017 – thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and helped make the Sutton Fest a success. The weather was very kind and many came to support the event. The dedication and commitment of a small group of adults ensured that a variety of stalls were on offer. Particular thanks must go to Victoria who spent the days leading up to the event organising the raffle and tombola stalls. We were very touched by the generous response of so many who donated new items for the stalls. Many contacted us to say they were away on the day but had contributions to give.

The event was organised to showcase the positive engagement of young people in the community. As trustees we are proud of the effort young people put in to making the day happen and I know they are appreciative of all those who helped in any way to make a successful day. The youngsters who gave a lot of their time to organise the event and learn new community leadership skills will be awarded AQA certificates.

We also thank our many sponsors of the event – Milton Park, Hanson, FCC, RWE, OCF, Richard Matthews, Burgrey Stores, Changes, Nathan Hamilton and Paul Allen. We thank the Football Club for permitting their small goals to be used for the 5-a-side football and the police for providing a team.

Pat Napper, Chairman, Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

NOTICE AND INVITATION TO A G M

The trustees, staff and young people would like to share some of the highlights and achievements of their work in 2016/17 and hope you are able to attend.

Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7.30pm
Venue: Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Anne Whitehead
Secretary, 01235 848514





I am delighted that Housing Minister Alok Sharma has announced a £6.2 million government cash award for South Oxfordshire District Council. This will accelerate delivery of Didcot's much needed Northern Perimeter Road, a vital piece of local infrastructure and

key to the success of Didcot Garden Town. The infrastructure investment promises to boost economic growth across the Science Vale and enterprise zone, increasing employment by 20,000 over the next 20 years.

I am pleased that the 'Better Broadband for Oxfordshire' programme is on course to achieve above 95 per cent coverage across Oxfordshire. This places the county in the top quartile of counties in the UK. Since its launch, this £38 million collaboration between Oxfordshire County Council, Government, BT and local councils has provided 72,309 homes and businesses with access to broadband with a speed of over 24Mbps. Some 488 new fibre broadband cabinets have been installed and a total of 460km of fibre laid.

In June there was an additional £4 million boost to the programme. This will provide an additional 3,000 of the most remote households and businesses with access to super-fast broadband. In addition to the £4 million, a separate fund of up to £600,000 from programme efficiency savings has been set aside for co-funding projects where communities are willing to share the costs of the installation work. Under the scheme, the council will contribute up to £1,700 per premise.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) helps people across the UK to explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about. In Wantage alone, more than £6.7 million of National Lottery money has been invested in over 65 local heritage projects since 1994. HLF is now encouraging people in Oxfordshire to apply for grants between £3,000 and £10,000 to undertake projects exploring the impact and legacy of the First World

War beyond 1918. I strongly encourage local people to make use of the money available from HLF to explore its legacy further. More info can be found at: www.hlf.org.uk/firstworldwar

As you may have read in local newspapers, £100,000 has been made available through the Oxfordshire LEADER programme. Farmers, foresters, businesses and community groups, in rural parts of the county, can apply for projects up to £100,000 that support their local community. In exceptional circumstances, they may qualify for even more financial support. Applications are open until March 2019. For more information on the programme please email Sophie Milton (oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk) or phone 01235 422245.

In the constituency recently, I have met with GARD a local pressure group campaigning against the proposed reservoir at Steventon. I have also met with SUDEP, a local charity of which I am President, which campaigns to prevent sudden deaths in epilepsy. I have also met local GPs at their surgeries, including Wantage, Shrivenham and Faringdon, to discuss their concerns.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Calling all ex-servicemen and women, reservists, friends and partners

This is the 90th year of the Steventon and District Branch of the Legion, which includes Drayton, Sutton Courtenay, Milton and Appleford.

In recent years, membership has been declining because of age and the passage of time, and social events have been limited to an annual dinner and occasional functions at the North Star and Steventon Sports and Social Club, with the traditional Remembrance Sunday church services in each village and the Standard on parade.

The hard work done by Diana Hasting and her team of Poppy people continues and we owe them much for raising precious funds for the Legion's work.

It would indeed be sad for the Branch to wither further and an urgent injection of new blood and ideas is needed.

I would like to invite ex-servicemen and others in our villages, and existing members, to join me for a glass of wine or beer at

27 Stocks Lane, Steventon, OX13 6SS (the barn house behind Stocks Lane Farmhouse) at **6.30p.m. on Friday 6th October** for an hour or so. The aim is to meet and enable us to identify the current level of support, to discuss any ideas that may appeal to members and most importantly to gather new and younger ones. Membership of the Legion is a modest £17 per annum.

We hope to send two members of the Branch to a very special battlefield memorial event at the Menin Gate in August 2018 and we urgently need a Standard Bearer to represent us for this great gathering.

I really hope that you can come and I look forward to seeing you. Please let me know if possible.

Brigadier Nick Thompson

Vice Chairman, Steventon and District Branch

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Come on Oxfordshire Highways – sort it all out!

Spare a thought for hard-pressed Highways Officers – mostly themselves residents of Oxfordshire, but as likely to get caught up in traffic as any of us. The pressures they are under are immense.....

...from Government, hell-bent on growth, particularly in economically successful Oxfordshire, demanding that ways are found of coping with tens of thousands of extra houses and the car journeys they generate.

....from District Councils, themselves under pressure from Government to find places for all the houses.

....from residents, tired of early morning and evening gridlock.

....from businesses, from environmentalists and from local councillors – all with their own interests and motivations – some admirable, some less so.

Then there are calls for new roads and by-passes, calls to fix potholes, calls for more buses and cycleways, and a Council with only a fraction of the money needed to do any of it.

But things are changing...

Faced with housing applications, one on top of another, all pouring vehicles onto a stressed highway system, options for local, small-scale traffic solutions are running out. The implications of an application on a wider area are now being reflected in Council responses. Recommendations to reject housing applications are beginning to happen where they would have been accepted a year or two ago.

Thus the 500 houses destined for Marcham have now been reduced to 90 on the basis of traffic and Air Quality impact.

The OC traffic survey in Sutton Courtenay has resulted in recommendations to refuse applications in Sutton Courtenay on the grounds of cumulative impact on congestion at Culham. The 900 houses allocated for North Abingdon have only been allowed because of the guaranteed long-awaited funding to make Lodge Hill a 4 way junction.

So where are we going?...

And with this change of emphasis, even more interesting conversations are taking place. Is more road building going to solve the problem? New Roads generate more traffic.

The hard fact is that there are too many cars on our roads already.

So how do we get people out of cars?

Would our money be best spent on better bus services, better cycle ways and better trains?

What about in and out trams to Oxford City centre with a car free zone, and make all Park and Rides multi-storey?

Electric cars replacing all petrol cars? It is no longer a pipe dream – I expect to live to see it. Even a society where people no longer own cars but call up driverless vehicles when they need them. With a fixed number of publicly owned vehicles on a road system no more complex than the present.

It was all science fiction 10 years ago – our children and grandchildren may well know nothing else..

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG5) SAFETY CORNER

Home security

It's all too easy to forget to remove your front or back door key when letting yourself in. Ensure there are no keys in locks and that all windows and doors are locked when leaving the house or going to bed. Consider using timer plugs to switch on lamps or radios to make it appear that there is someone at home when you're out or away on holiday. Tell a neighbour if you're going away. Ensure tools and ladders are securely locked away in sheds and garages.

Vehicle security

Develop a routine to ensure you always remove the keys from the ignition, close all windows and lock the car whenever you leave it. Don't store things in the glove box or boot. Take them with you. Don't leave removeable stereos and sat navs – or even something like a jacket – in the car. Store car ownership information at home rather than in the vehicle. Using secure (theft resistant) number plates can make your car less attractive to thieves.

If you see any suspicious activity, or are witness to a crime, please call 101, or 999 in emergencies, to report it to the police and obtain a unique reference number (URN).

Road safety

With the nights drawing in and the weather becoming colder we have some road safety reminders for road users.

Cyclists

White front and red rear lights must be lit at night. Flashing lights are permitted but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp. Bicycles must be fitted with a red rear reflector. Lights and

reflectors should be kept clean and in good working order. Brakes must work efficiently, gears should be working correctly and the chain properly adjusted and oiled. Tyres should be in good condition and inflated to the pressure indicated on the tyre. For your own safety please wear a helmet and light coloured or fluorescent clothing in daylight and reflective clothing at night to help to ensure that other road users see you.

Vehicle drivers

Keep your windscreen and other windows clear of dirt and remove any snow from front and rear lights, windscreen, windows and roof using de-icer and a scraper as necessary. Ensure the windscreen wipers are in working order and keep the screen wash reservoir topped up. Ensure front and rear lights are in full working order and free from dirt. Use headlights in seriously reduced visibility. Keep number plates clean and visible. Tyres should have a minimum 2mm of tread and preferably 3mm or above. Avoid the water pump freezing by using antifreeze. Car batteries rarely last longer than five years. Consider replacement if it's nearing the end of its life - lights, heating and wipers place a high demand on batteries during winter months. Remember that stopping distances are 10 times longer in ice and snow. Carry an emergency kit in the car: tow rope, shovel, hazard-warning triangle, a fully charged mobile phone, de-icing equipment, a working torch, warm clothing, wellington boots, blanket and emergency rations including a hot drink in a flask.

Call the police on 101 for non-emergencies and dial 999 for emergencies.

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or email neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING

Oxfordshire County Council's DIY free scheme is changing. The current scheme which has been running at their Household Waste Recycling Centres for 15 years allowed residents to deposit up to three DIY waste items for free before being charged a small fee of £1 for each additional item. From the 1st October 2017 this changes to a small fixed fee per

item of £1.50 for most non-household or DIY items. Residents can still deposit household waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre. More information about the changes can be found online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

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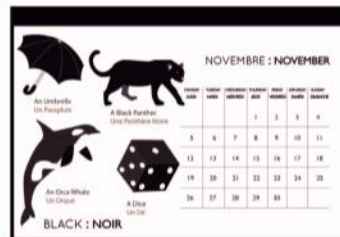
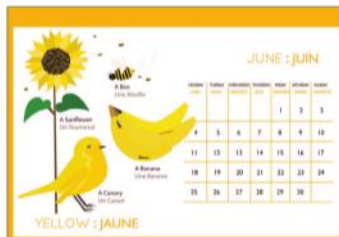
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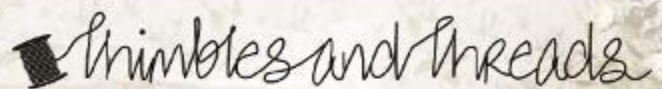
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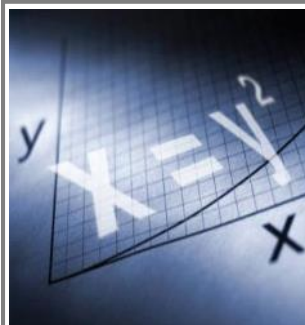
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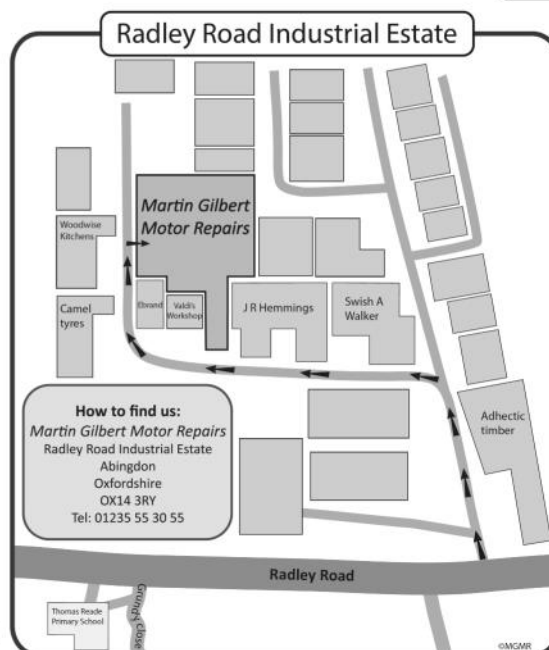
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