

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.

DECEMBER						
Friday	1st	6.30pm	A Night in the Church	Church		
Sunday	3rd	3.30pm	SCIDS Panto Sign Up	30 Chapel Lane		
Tuesday	5th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall		
Tuesday	5th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall		
Wednesday	6th	9.30am	Stay and Play Toddler Group	Village Hall		
Saturday	9th	1.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Church		
Saturday	9th	6.30pm	Yuletide Evening	The Abbey		
Sunday	10th	2.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Church		
Monday	11th	7.30pm	Sutton Courtenay News AGM	Village Hall		
Thursday	14th	1.00pm	Over 70s Christmas Lunch	Village Hall		
Sunday	17th	6.00pm	Service of 9 Lessons and Carols	Church		
Wednesday	20th	9.30am	Stay and Play Toddler Group	Village Hall		
Thursday	21st	6.00pm	Carol Singing	17 Springfield Way		
Thursday	21st	7.00pm	Carol Singing	12/16 Lady Place		
Saturday	24th	6.00pm	Torchlight Procession	School		
JANUARY						
Wednesday	3rd	9.30am	Stay and Play Toddler Group	Village Hall		
Wednesday	17th		COPY DEADLINE FEBRUARY SCN			
Tuesday	23rd	7.30pm	History Soc Morris Motopolis	Village Hall		
Thursday	25th	10.30am	Coffee Cakes and Books	Church		

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Ministry Team

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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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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

All Saints Lane – willow trees rear of Church

The Council would advise residents that 2 of the willow trees at the rear of the Church in All Saints Lane, are diseased and have died. A tree surgeon will be removing these early December.

School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2018

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2018. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, and children's centres.

Council budget 2018/19

The Parish Council is holding its budget meeting on 12th December to discuss its budget for the next financial year. It will be considering its current monetary position, looking at future expenses, and planning the future financial requirements over the next 12 months. The requirements next year will not only be the usual expenditure costs for the Council, but for the Public Inquiry and representing the parish in regards to the 2 planning appeals. Once the budget has been set, the parish council tax figure for next year can be agreed.

Planning Application – appeal sites Hobbyhorse Lane and Harwell Road

The appeals will be heard at a Public Inquiry commencing on Tuesday 23rd January and lasting about a fortnight. At the time of writing, the location of the Inquiry still had to be agreed, but it will be located as close as possible to the community. The Inquiry process is progressing with Statements of Common Ground i.e. statements which contain agreed factual information about the applications. These are being prepared and agreed between the District Council and the applicants. In addition written statements as to what witnesses will say during the Inquiry are being prepared, and will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate the week before Christmas. Sometimes with a lengthy Inquiry, a pre-meeting is required, and we wait to hear if this is the case with the Sutton Courtenay Inquiry. The Council has a planning consultant working for it at the moment, but has decided to



engage a barrister should one be required.

Parking – General Problems

The Council, once again, brings parking problems to your attention. Areas of particular concern are close to the school, the High Street and the Village Green. The Council would ask, so that there is improved safety for everyone using the roads and pavements, that the roads are kept free from obstruction so that the traffic can be kept moving. Access to properties has been restricted and even prevented, in the past, owing to inconsiderate parking. Please do not let it be you who is responsible. Roadworks are scheduled for the Appleford Road area whilst pipes are laid to the new Persimmon development. Residents, in the past, have had to wait for ever to get out of their driveways. Please be considerate where you park your vehicle and where you stop your vehicle and allow those leaving driveways to join the queue of traffic.

Dog Fouling

Councils are obliged to keep public areas such as recreation spaces and play area free from dog fouling. In the interests of health and hygiene, the Council would encourage you to please keep away from the recreation ground and open spaces, and use the designated dog walkers path created at the Southern end of the recreation ground.

Casual Vacancy on the Council

The Parish Council was pleased, at the last meeting, to be able to co-opt Dr. Jennifer Corrigan to join the Council.

Jennifer has lived in the village for well over 20 years, and currently works as a freelance medical writer. The Council welcomes Jennifer to her new role, and looks forward to working with her on the many issues the village faces.

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SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

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

The opening hours are

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 08.00 – 18.00,

Wed 08.00 – 17.00,

Sat 08.30 – 13.00, and Sun 09.00 -12.00.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sutton Courtenay News will be held in the Committee Room, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall on 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Nominations for Chairman, Editor, Advertising Manager & Treasurer together with the details of two seconders should be sent to Clare Pennicott at clarepennicott@btinternet.com or 8 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay.

Mary Thompson, the current Chairman, has indicated that she does not wish to stand for re election. All other office holders have indicated that they are available for re election.

The Sutton Courtenay News is the village's newsletter. All the editorial is either supplied to the Editorial Team by members of the village, village organisations, other organisations that may be of interest to members of the village or information that may be of interest to members of the village. Please keep your contributions coming in. Are you organising anything? Would you like to bring something to the attention of others in the village? Are you celebrating anything that you would like to share with the village? If you do or you want more information about Sutton Courtenay News, please contact anyone of the Editorial Team. Our contact details appear on the front cover.

Don't forget to check out the Sutton Courtenay News website www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk 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 month's background is another fantastic photograph from the very talented SCN reader, Geoff Hill.

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The following planning applications have been considered :

P17/V2698/FUL Erection of new house at 90 Bradstocks Way. The Council has some concerns regarding possible overlooking

P17/V2324/FU Variation of conditions, 2,4,7,11 and 15 of P14/V2362/FUL The Council had no overall objections to the amendments, but was aware of residents' concerns regarding the change in road/driveway materials.

P17/V2783/LB Creation of a small area of stud wall to provide lobby to office at The Abbey. The Council had no objections.

P17/V2860/FUL Variation of condition to omit bonnet dormers and raise ridge height, at 90a Milton Road. The Council had no objection.

P17/V2490/LDO Local Development Order for Didcot Technology Park. The Council had concerns with the draft Local Development Order in that it contradicted the Didcot Garden Town proposal and the saved policies of the Local Plan. There was no prevention of coalescence between Appleford and Dicot.

P17/V1963/O Outline application for up to 200 dwellings and associated works (amended plans Water vole survey).

Vegetation was cut back in September, so it was unlikely water voles would be seen. There are known water voles at the adjacent Catholic Church site a few metres away, and the Council was concerned regarding the loss of habitat for future voles, and the destruction of the habitat which reduced biodiversity.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th December, at 7.00 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.**

At the next meeting the Environment Agency and the Emergency Planning Officer from the Vale of White Horse District Council will give a presentation on the downstream impact of the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Council's budget meeting will be Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 p.m.

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and new year

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Build Progresses!

We had a meeting with the builders and the County Council representatives last week at which they told us the build for our classrooms is going very well and may even be complete by the end of January! However, the children tell us they are very happy in the portakabins—but I am sure they will become more excited when they see inside the finished rooms. There is great excitement about the fact that the rooms have been designed with a living grass roof to absorb water. We have been told we are not allowed to let Mr Greenough our caretaker go up there with the mower! Meanwhile, Mr Greenough and the Friends Of Sutton Courtenay School are working together to plan the garden ready for spring. He will start work on the raised beds this week, and FOSCS are busy working on all the fundraising events that will be needed to make a fabulous garden appear. We will all need to work together more than ever this year to make this happen. Our children really deserve great grounds to learn in—our school is about so much more than classrooms.

A Busy November

As usual, the school laid a wreath this year at All Saints' Church for Remembrance Sunday. A group of children also stood up to say the poem 'We Shall Keep The Faith' by Moina Michael. They spoke with great confidence, and we were particularly proud of our youngest speaker who was only 6 years old. It was lovely to see so many children at the church representing various different groups in the village.

Once again we joined in with raising money for Children In Need on Friday 17th November. Children were invited to wear spots in exchange for a £1 donation. The children were very creative with their ideas – some painted spots on old clothing, some used face paint, and some made amazing hats. For an additional £1, children could enter their teddy in the Best Dressed Bear competition—there were some very proud teddies indeed.

We have also been very busy getting ready for our annual Christmas Bazaar, an event which we run jointly with All Saints' Church. This is always a lovely event in our school calendar. There was a non-uniform day on Friday 10th

November in exchange for a chocolate donation to be used on stalls. For a while these were all stored in the school office, and we feared the temptation would be too much for Mrs Willis, Mrs

Appleyard and Mrs Wyatt! Father Christmas has promised to attend, and there will be lots of other stalls as well as the chance to lunch on turkey rolls or tasty soup. Prior to the Bazaar, we must of course decorate the tree, which we do using decorations the children have made.

Our School Council made a film and delivered their own assembly for Anti-Bullying Week between 13th and 19th November. In this special week, we help make children aware of what bullying is (and isn't), and how they can all work together to make sure it never happens. The central message of this year's week was 'All Different, All Equal' to help raise awareness of children who might be vulnerable to bullying and how we can all protect them.

Friday 24th November is Takeover Day! The children are able to apply to be any member of staff for the day, and take on some of our duties. Children had to write a letter to apply, and the standard of applications was exceptionally high. They wrote explaining why they wanted the role, and what they wanted to do, just like they would have to do if they were applying for a real job.

Could you help with reading in school?

We have a number of children across the school who would really benefit from some extra reading practice. If you could spare any time on a regular basis, even if it is just an hour a week, please do let us know. It could make a huge difference.

Rachel Hornsey, Headteacher

Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram, Assistant Headteachers

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THE EARTH TRUST

Wreath Making

Friday 1st and Friday 8th December, 1pm and 2pm each day

Make a beautiful festive wreath for your home or to give as a gift. All materials are provided but feel free to bring along any additional foliage or decorations you would like include. If children would like to take part please book on to Wreath Making for Families at 3.45pm. Price includes a hot drink and a mince pie! £20 per wreath; booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

Wreath Making for Families

Friday 1st and Friday 8th December, 3.45pm

Make a beautiful festive wreath for your home or to give as a gift. All materials are provided but feel free to bring along any

additional foliage or decorations you would like include. Adult only workshops are at 1pm and 2pm. Price includes a hot drink and a mince pie each! £20 per wreath; booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

For further information about Earth Trust, go to www.earthtrust.org.uk All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ, unless otherwise stated



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The DAMASCUS
Parish
Dreyton | Appledford | Milton
Sutton Courtenay | Stevenston

From the Ministry
Team
Let Jesus Show!

The nativity scene with all its characters was in place, as the children (representing angels), gathered around the manger. They sang: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men'. Suddenly a small girl on the edge of the crowd, who couldn't see what was going on, shouted out, 'Let Jesus show!' At Christmas time, we want to let Jesus show, in our churches, communities and lives. We have an amazing message to share: 'in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord' (Luke 2:10). It was to the shepherds, apart from His parents, that Jesus was first shown. No doubt these simple shepherds would have no idea what the names given to Jesus fully meant (ie Saviour, Messiah and Lord). All they needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth as a human being. This is good news of great joy for everybody. After worshipping the child, the shepherds return to their normal routine. However, they would never be the same again. Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they had a message to share and let Jesus show. Although we don't normally see angels, we have the same good news to share. When Christmas is over and we're back to our normal routines, how will we let Jesus show in our lives?

With love and prayers, Helen

This Christmas you might be interested in the Church of England's #GodWithUs Campaign.

'The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situation you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to Him and ask to know His presence.' So says the Archbishop of Canterbury. There is lots to enjoy throughout December, as this year's campaign has three key elements: Firstly, there are three videos that tell the story of the joy of going to your local church at Christmas, which are being released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. There is also help in finding a church near you, where you can find a Christmas service or event taking place in one of the 16,500 Church of England churches. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/church-of-england/the-new-a-church-near-you/10155179290523143/> Finally, you can enjoy Your Christmas Journey, a series of short reflections throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby. The reflections have been written by people who are new to faith and to help us all grow in our love of God. You can receive the messages as texts, emails, on social media and also in a booklet (Church House Publishing). So, as December begins, why not sign up to join the Your Christmas Journey reflections, by texting GodWithUs to 88802.

A Night at All Saints' Church

Join us for a Sponsored Sleep, Sing, Pray, Pizza & Movie Night
for children & young people

From 6.30pm on Friday 1st to
9am Saturday 2nd December 2017

Pizza Supper, Film & Cooked Breakfast included

Parents are welcome to accompany their own children but in all cases please complete the Parental Consent Form (available from the back of the church)

and return it to:

the Reverend Helen Kendrick, The Vicarage, 3 Tullis Close by
Wednesday 29th November.

Collect as many sponsors as you can to help us raise money for the River Room – providing new toilet facilities; a kitchen and meeting room for All Saints' Church fit for the 21st century and beyond



TORCHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Will be on sale from mid-December from:
Burgrey Stores; Changes and the Church (at
Sunday Services)

Price: **£3.50** each (NOT FOR SALE TO
UNDER 16s)

Glowsticks for Children will also be available for
£2.50 each



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

For all the family

10.30am

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2017

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

SUTTON COURTENAY

Come and make your own Christingle!

A Collection will be taken for the work of The
Children's Society and refreshments will be
served after the service.

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

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

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

6pm outside 17 Spring Field Way
7pm at Lady Place

and of course we will be at the Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening on Saturday 10th December at the Abbey from 6.30-8.30pm;



at the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 6pm in the Church; on Christmas Eve singing round the bonfire in the churchyard following the Torchlight Procession and singing at 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Appleford and 10.30am on Christmas Day in All Saints' Church.

Ministry Team Announcement

The Reverend Meg Heywood is being licensed to the DAMASCUS Parish at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th December in St Peter's Church, Drayton by the Bishop of Dorchester. And, at the same time, The Reverend Helen Kendrick will be licensed as Area Dean for the Abingdon Deanery. All are welcome to attend the service which will be followed with refreshments.

A Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday 17th December 2017

6.00pm

All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- **Friday 1st** – Church sleep over – see advert for details
- **Sunday 3rd** – 10.30am Christingle Family Service to mark the start of Advent – all welcome to come and join in the making of the Christingles during the service
- **Wednesday 6th** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS Parish Advent Group at St Michael's Church, Steventon – all welcome as we explore the beatitudes and how to become more Christ-like – contemplative, compassionate and courageous
- **Saturday 9th** - 1.30-5pm Christmas Tree Festival. 6.30pm – Friends of All Saints' Church, Yuletide Evening in the Great Hall, the Abbey, Sutton Courtenay
- **Sunday 10th** – 2-4pm Christmas Tree Festival. 3pm Appleford Street Nativity – beginning at the Knap and finishing in a stable at Manor Farm
- **Monday 11th** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS Parish PCC at St Blaise, Milton
- **Tuesday 12th** – 2pm Christmas Reflection in All Saints' Church, followed by tea and cake – all welcome. 7.30pm Licensing Service at St Peter's, Drayton
- **Wednesday 13th** - 7.30pm DAMASCUS Parish Advent Group at St Michael's Church, Steventon – all welcome as we explore the beatitudes and how to become more Christ-like – contemplative, compassionate and courageous
- **Sunday 17th** – 6pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
- **Thursday 21st** – 6pm Carol Singing outside 17 Spring Field Way. 7pm Carol Singing outside 12/16 Lady Place – all welcome to join us!
- **Sunday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE** - 10.30am Parish Eucharist. 1pm rehearsal for Crib Service. 3pm Crib Service. 6pm Torchlight Procession sets off from outside the school gates for carols around the bonfire in the churchyard. 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Appleford for both SC & Appleford
- **Monday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY** – 10.30am Family Eucharist
- **Sunday 31st** – 10.30am Holy Communion for the DAMASCUS Parish

JANUARY

- **Sunday 7th** – 10.30am Family Service to celebrate Epiphany
- **Thursday 25th January** – 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books

REST IN PEACE

We send our condolences and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of the following:

WAYNE ALLAN VAUGHAN-JONES who has died aged 52 on 19th October 2017 was born on 24th May 1965 in Sherborne in Dorset and brought up by his Mum, Ronnie, and step-father Tony, along with his two sisters, Sophie and Janice and brother David. Wayne enjoyed his early years in the countryside and had a particularly close relationship with his Grandfather – Grampy Jess – who was a gamekeeper and who took Wayne out with him to look after the pheasants and tend to the sheep. Wayne grew very tall, very quickly, and Ronnie was always teased that she must have stood him in a bucket of manure! Although Wayne didn't particularly enjoy school he was always very creative and skilled with his hands and he loved art – something which his daughter Willow seems to have inherited from him. He liked all sorts of music – from heavy metal to the classics – but not opera. He spent some time as a Goth and at one time he even sported black hair with pink ends! He loved reading sci-fi and particularly enjoyed immersing himself in the disc world of Terry Pratchett. He was also interested in astronomy and never lost his love of the outdoors. As Wayne grew up the family travelled around the country a great deal because Tony served in the Army – they lived, amongst other places, in Surrey, Germany, Blackpool and Wales and 25 years ago came to Didcot. On leaving school Wayne had a variety of jobs from working at a garden centre and driving tractors and driving for Somerfields. He was always a good worker and he got on well with all his work colleagues in whatever job he did. He enjoyed meeting all the clients who came into the shop and he was well known and popular with many people. One of the great loves of his

earlier life was the Ford Capri. He helped to build the engine of the last Capri he owned – and it is that car which has led the cavalcade of cars at his funeral. Wayne never met anyone to fill his life until he met Emma at work. They were each other's soul mates and absolutely adored one another. I remember him telling me, at the time of Emma's death, that the years in which he knew Emma were the best of his life. They were married on 23rd April 2010, at Laines Barn, and went onto have their beloved Willow who, as Ronnie said, was the princess in their lives. Tragically Emma died suddenly just a year ago. But the family rallied around and did all they could to support Wayne and Willow. Wayne spent the last few days of his life at Sobell House Hospice where he was so well looked after. Willow loved her Daddy and he was the most amazing father and Wayne wanted Willow to have the best childhood he could give her so that she would grow up knowing that she was loved. I think he achieved that, with the support of his family and friends. Wayne was a good man - hardworking, very kind, caring and gentle. He was a caring brother; a supportive friend; a fun uncle to his nephews and niece; a loyal son; an adoring husband; and a devoted father. He will be greatly missed. His funeral was held in All Saints' Church on 10th November 2017.

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



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

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' YULETIDE EVENING AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 9th December 6.30 -8.30 pm

Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.

In The ABBEY Great Hall , The Green, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AF

Admission by ticket only: Adults £12, Children (under 12) £6

Available from BURGNEY STORES, High Street – your local post office
or Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com) 01235 848768

Everyone welcome!

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

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Not on in December but please join us on Thursday 25th January 2018

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.

S.C.I.D.S

Stop Press, the "sign up" day to take part in "The Land of XYZ"

is Sunday 3rd December at 30, Chapel Lane - 3.30pm

For any details or if you do not make the day but would like to join in

Just phone 01235 848335 or email me - morna28whitlock@gmail.com

Don't miss this opportunity - it is all for fun



Sutton Courtenay Stay and Play Group

Join us with your babies and toddlers for fun and games and a cup of tea

Christmas and New Year dates

We will be running the group on **Wednesday 6th December** and **Wednesday 20th December** then

every Wednesday from 3rd January 2018

0930-1130

Village Hall, Frilsham Street, Sutton Courtenay

Cost £3 per family (includes kids' snacks and tea/coffee)

For more information

Facebook [@SCstayandplay](https://www.facebook.com/SCstayandplay)

Tel Sally 848664 or Ann 847662



Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 9th (1.30-5pm)
& Sunday 10th (2-4pm)
December 2017

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

Come and join in with the Third Annual Christmas Tree Festival! We would like to invite all residents of the village – individuals, families or local groups/organisations and businesses to take part in 2017. **This year the theme is: 'Water and Light'**. Bring along a Christmas Tree (artificial or real) and decorate it on the morning of Saturday 9th December 9.30-12 noon. Let us know if you need to borrow a tree. Then visit the Church over the weekend to join in the 'judging' and enjoy the refreshments.

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

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

Setting up – Saturday 9th December from 9.30-12 noon

**Church open for viewing/enjoying/judging
Saturday 9th December 1.30-5pm
Sunday 10th December 2-4pm**

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

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

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Theme for 2017 'Water and Light'

Name

Organisation/Group (if any)

Contact 'phone number

Title for your Tree

Approx.. size of tree

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

Please tick this box if you would like to use lights on your tree

(we will try to accommodate your wish)

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To order from the TVNHWA Secretary, Naomi Arnold, please e-mail naomi.arnold33@gmail.com, call 01753 663305 or write to 12 Freemans Close, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire SL2 4ER.

Home security

Many people will have gifts and valuables in their homes in the run-up to and during the Christmas and New Year period. Don't leave them in view of windows, front and back doors. Keep cash in a safe and secure place.

Going away over the festive period?

- Cancel newspapers and any regular deliveries.
- Tell one or more trusted neighbours that you're going away. You might consider asking them to park a car on your drive while you're away.
- Don't leave your house in darkness. Purchasing one or two inexpensive timer-plugs to turn lamps, radios and/ or TVs on and off will make it look as though your house is occupied.
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked, including internal doors leading to conservatories, with the keys removed.
- Ensure tools and ladders are safely locked away in a shed or garage.
- Lock side gates and sheds with a good-quality bolt or padlock.
- Don't advertise the fact you are either going away, or are away, with photographs and posts on social media platforms.

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

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



Sutton Courtenay Christmas Dinner

For the over 70's in the village



In Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

On Thursday 14th December at 1pm

Raffle £1.00 per ticket - Good selection of prizes



Please come and join us for a festive afternoon

To secure your place please fill in the name/name's below, cut it off and drop it into one of the box's either at the Post Office or Cost Cutters marked Christmas Dinner

Then bring along the rest of this advert as a ticket to get in.

Sutton Courtenay Christmas Dinner



Thursday 14th December at 1pm At Sutton Courtenay Village Hall



Name / Names _____

Number of seats required

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS ON FIREWORKS

The prolonged period of fireworks this year was exceptionally difficult for dog owners and those seeking to sleep in normal nighttime hours. Fireworks were in evening use from the 4th November until 12th November in some part of the village with distress to pets going on for a week, often until very late in the evening. It is quite acceptable on the 5th., but not for a whole week! Can we appeal next year for a curfew after the 5th and a cessation of explosions after 10.30 pm.

David & Denise Mckenzie
Ashcombe,
Churchmill Lane

All my life I have looked forward to and enjoyed Guy Fawkes Night, over the last couple of years the "night" has crept into several nights. This year however, the "night" has been virtually two weeks. I am not a kill joy, but this really does make it very difficult, if not impossible, to protect and care for our dogs and cats. A lot of dogs and cats find them very frightening and distressing, not all, but a large proportion along with farm animals. Therefore owners need to know when they are being let off, to be able to act appropriately. Some of them were so powerful my windows shock and I had to remove some hanging items from my walls, before they fell and broke. Hopefully next year we can celebrate Guy Fawkes just over one weekend and not choose the powerful rockets.

Shirley Rance (address supplied)

I don't know if anyone else has noticed the long protracted period that our animals be it dogs, cats horses and farm animals have had to endure and suffer this year due to fireworks going off over a period of three weeks plus including last Saturday 11 November.

My dog and cats have seriously been affected this year ...more so than any previous year .

May I be so bold as to suggest to the Parish Council that as a Village we all decide to have our Firework Parties over a period of 3 days i.e. next year Saturday 3 Sunday 4 and Monday 5 November 2018. I also think that single fireworks should not be

set off as was the case the weekend before Bonfire weekend somewhere very close to where I live.

Christina Pilkington (address supplied)

My name is Sheelin De Freyne and I live at 11 High Street, which was the old village school house. I have lived here since August 1980. I love this village and I expect I am quite well known, anyway by sight, by my many fellow dog walking friends as I have always owned a succession of dogs usually to be seen taking me for a walk.

As the years go by, I am not sure the village life has become more enjoyable in 1980 we seemed to live at a gentler pace, less (fast) traffic hurling over bumps down the High Street, less houses and everyone was perhaps more friendly and ones neighbours more considerate, but this is something not necessarily easy to recapture and not what I feel should be addressed in particular, nice though it would be.

I feel the time has come for a national code of practice on the use of fireworks and perhaps the village could lead the way here. I have spoken to my immediate friends who own dogs and cats and all agree the last round of recent fireworks were truly grim. My neighbours seem to lead the way here and the misery it caused my 18 month old puppy was indescribable. How nice it would have been to have had pre warning of this extravaganza .

I have no desire to see the ban of fireworks and for children they are huge fun, but there need to be rules and here I would welcome suggestions from fellow residents. At the moment it seems 'Open Season' for days when one lives under fire and I am I know not alone here.

I admire Milton who had a guy making competition with finished guys dotted round the village for amusement, why can't we follow and where is the bonfire? Half the point of the tradition seems lost, there are many points to think about.

Please help me improve matters for the village

Sheelin De Freyn

NEWS FROM CHURCHMERE POOL

There have been a few fisher men braving the cold and wet, but we still need a lot more rain. The lake is very low, due to this area receiving very little rain fall throughout this year. This has exacerbated weed growth, which is good and bad, the bad being anglers have to change their approach, which some find difficult, good because this years fry have cover from predators.

There is a further worry, predatory cormorants are forming a colony on the next door lake, these birds can devastate a fishery, I know of fisheries that have been cleaned out, and quite quickly as well, that's enough pessimism for now.

The lake is fishing steadily still, in spite of the early frosts, still plenty of doubles and top end twenty s coming out.

We have gained three young swans who seem to be settling in nicely, long may they stay, kingfishers are still in evidence, and a buzzard has found a regular roost in trees on the far bank, which is a pleasure to see. Tree planting is still ongoing.

Fish don't seem to be to bothered by fireworks, but I feel the length of time, in days, and the volume in private displays need restricting, for older residents and pets.

Roger Rance

SUTTON COURTENAY HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday January 23rd, Village Hall 7.30pm



“MORRIS’ MOTOPOLIS: The MOTOR WORKS and TRANSFORMATION of OXFORD”

Speaker: Simon Wenham

The January meeting will be an illustrated talk about the importance of the Morris Motor Works founded by William Morris (Lord Nuffield), a generous philanthropist and benefactor. The car factories have played a significant role in Oxford’s history and many local people have worked there over the years.

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday November 7th we had an excellent evening with Sheila and David from Swindon. Much evidence was received and the congregation certainly appreciated it.

Thank you all for remaining silent when the mediums were speaking and having your chats afterwards with tea/coffee and cakes.

Tues 5th Dec 7.30pm Meeting with Macomb and Sue Nash

Tues 2nd Jan 7.30pm Meeting with Sharon Higginson

Tues 6th Feb 7.30pm Meeting with Julie Ridgeway

We thank you all for your kind attention during the year.

Enquiries to Pat or Sam 01235 847460

Dear Lord.

We ask for a blessing on our congregation and all the homes they represent. May we all receive the beautiful peace at this advent time.

Amen.

DIDCOT & DISTRICT U3A

On the 19th December it is the now traditional Christmas Lunch Entertainment (ticket entry only) followed at 2 o'clock (for everyone attending the Monthly Meeting will be the extremely entertaining:

Two Blokes and a Piano, this duo have previously presented Flanders & Swan sing-a-longs, what will be in store this year . .

For more details on all U3A matters you can Google: Didcot & District U3A. Alternatively, contact by telephone: 01235 510048 or 01235 815384



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A useful gathering took place in early October to discuss the future of the Steventon and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Branch celebrates its 90th anniversary this year.

There were some 14 people present and we currently have 37 subscribing members associated with the branch. Several of the more senior members sent apologies. It was a delight to see Diana Hasting, who so ably organises the Poppy Appeal in our villages.

The Women’s Section of the RBL, which meets in Steventon, only had one representative in attendance, which was a pity as we would very much like to work more closely with them.

The outcome of the gathering was that all present were determined to keep the Branch going even if it was only in evidence annually on Remembrance Sunday. Several people felt that some annual social activity was also needed and suggestions included a group visit to a village pantomime, an informal lunch and a social function at the Steventon Sports and Social Club. The Committee will consider these, and acknowledge that a critical mass of attendance will be needed for such events to succeed. There are many Legion members in the villages who are not linked to the branch and if you would consider affiliating it would be much appreciated and hopefully assist in maintaining a Branch presence in this area. Please

contact Paul Francis for further details.

There is a very special event taking place from 5th to 9th August 2018 – the Great Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate at which nearly 500 RBL Branch Standards are hoping to attend. It was agreed at the meeting that our Branch should participate and that we would fund this for two representatives of the Branch – one of which must be a Standard Bearer. Despite various attempts at finding someone who is able to carry the Standard for the occasion, the role has remained officially unfilled since Richard Whittle departed some time ago.

We have very little time left to find a suitable standard Bearer before our application to participate in the event has to be confirmed and paid for.

Is there a volunteer of 18 or over, male or female, from our villages who would like to take up this special funded opportunity and is willing to become our Standard Bearer and be taught the basic drill? If so please contact either Paul Francis, the Branch Secretary or Nick Thompson, our Vice Chairman.

Contact details are:

Paul Francis – francisoxo@aol.com 01235 848215

Nick Thompson nickandmaryt@hotmail.com 01235 832077



SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS 2017 PRIZE CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Win a bottle of champagne or box of chocolates!

What was the real name of the famous author buried in the churchyard?.....

Which prime minister has a blue plaque to his name in the village?.....

What is pictured on the village hall sign?.....

How many humps are there on the High Street?.....

On what date was Sutton Fest held?.....

Which memorial cup is awarded at the Sutton Courtenay Produce Show?.....

What is the missing word? The Youth Project?

What was the first name of the gentleman after whom Bradstock's Way is named?.....

Name of Entrant & age if under 18.....

Contact details: telephone number or email.....

All the answers can be found in and around the village or in 2017 editions of Sutton Courtenay News which can be found on the website www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk if you haven't kept your copies.

The first correct winning entry drawn on 1st January 2018 will win a bottle of champagne or a box of chocolates if the winning entrant is under 18 years of age. The Editors reserve the right to require proof of age. Entries can be emailed to the editors at quiz@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk or can be delivered to 8 Church Street. The closing date for receiving the entries is 31st December 2017. The Editors decision shall be final. The correct answers will be posted on the website on the 2nd January and also available in the February edition of Sutton Courtenay News.

Have fun and good luck!



In October, I spoke in Parliament alongside my fellow Oxfordshire MPs about the future of healthcare in the county. Wantage Hospital is currently in a state of limbo – Oxford Health announced in April 2016 that they would be closing the hospital due to concerns over legionella in the old pipe system. This decision is subject to a consultation by Oxfordshire CCG - a consultation which was previously promised in October 2016. Phase one of the consultation did not take place until January 2017, three months after the full consultation was promised. As Wantage is a community hospital it is not covered by this phase. Phase 2 of the consultation has yet to take place, and no date has been announced for when it will begin. This leaves the hospital effectively closed with no end in sight.

After an online petition was signed by almost 4,000 people it was agreed to keep the hospital's physiotherapy and maternity services open. However, Oxfordshire CCG re-tendered the hospital's physiotherapy services and the contract passed to HealthShare. The company has since had to close all physiotherapy services provided in Wantage, leaving the hospital with just limited maternity care. Whilst we all recognise the pressures on local health authorities, it is clear that the entire consultation process by Oxfordshire CCG has been completely unacceptable. We must have an open and transparent conversation about the services needed in our towns and communities and this should include full public and stakeholder engagement at every stage.

Also in October, the Communities Secretary Sajid Javid announced £2.5 million allocation funding for 9 garden towns across England. After a successful bid, I am delighted an additional £295,000 of capacity funding has been allocated to support the delivery of Didcot Garden Town in 2017/18. This

additional funding is specifically for ongoing work on place-making, community engagement and the development of an arts and culture strategy. The Government recognises the important contribution the project will have on its central ambition of delivering more homes and I am pleased by the support for Didcot's ambitious, community-led plans for growth.

It is also worth noting that Public Health England and NHS England have now launched their Stay Well This Winter campaign, which helps the most vulnerable people prepare for winter and avoid having to visit hospital due to common winter illnesses. If you're in one of the groups who are particularly susceptible – such as pensioners and pregnant women – or the parent of a young child, go and speak to your GP or pharmacist as soon as possible to give yourself the best chance of avoiding flu this year. More people than ever before are eligible for that free vaccination this year, including more young children and everyone who works in care homes. To check if you or your loved ones are eligible, and for other tips on staying well this winter, head to: www.nhs.uk/staywell

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>.



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(with thanks to Geoff Hill for the seasonal photograph)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

AIR QUALITY

No more talk and much more management please

For many years, concerns over Air Quality were confined to our largest cities. The Clean Air Acts of the 1950s solved (or at least reduced) the scale of the problem in those cities. As the impact of more and more cars and HGVs on our Air Quality began to be felt, concern spread way beyond the traditional centres of industrial smog. Not only does the centre of Oxford (one of the nation's smaller cities) now have a generally accepted problem of poor air quality, the problems are being felt in towns and villages all across the County. In our immediate area alone, Botley, Abingdon and Marcham have "Air Quality Management Areas (where NOX gas levels breach European safety limits). Several other areas are likely to join them in the next few years. There is a growing awareness from Government at all levels that economic growth must take some account of Air Quality. There is plenty of talk about electric cars, even electric HGVs, clean Air Zones, better bus services and cycle lanes. There is also talk of just how many people's lives are being cut short by poor air quality.

The trouble is, it is just talk! Everyone knows something needs to be done. No-one seems quite sure how to set about it. Meanwhile, we build more and more houses, our roads become more and more congested and our health becomes more and more affected.

At this November's Full Council Meeting a motion was passed unanimously calling for urgent action. A Group of Councillors and officers from all Councils (District, City and County) is to be set up to come up with practical solutions to the County's Air Quality issues and instigate them as a matter of urgency. There will be some tough decisions to take including limits to which routes vehicles can take through the County – clean Air Zones, HGV diversions, the refusal of planning developments where air quality solutions cannot be found and an end to the argument that a little more housing wont make much difference.

Above all, it will involve an end to the years of talking about the problem and an end to the trend of different groups (including politicians) attempting to make the Air Quality their own. The problem belongs to all of us – the environmentalists who truly care, the District Councils who are responsible for measuring Air Quality, the County Council which is responsible for traffic management and all levels of Government responsible for planning.

Richard Webber

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SHED OXFORD @ THE ABBEY

Shed Oxford is now established and meets regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30 until 4pm.

This new "Shed" at the Abbey is part of a national movement which is spreading like wildfire across the country with new 1 or 2 new groups opening somewhere every week. These Sheds are now being recognised as a great way for combating loneliness and isolation and bringing people together with skills to carry out community projects.

Up to now the group have been meeting in a disused outbuilding at the Abbey but have big plans. "We're busy planning and preparing the ground for where our new purpose built shed will go," says John



Butler, chairman of Shed Oxford. "We've started the foundations but are now on the look out for any donations of materials so we can proceed with the build. We're looking for joists, concrete blocks, posts, flooring - in fact anything and everything you need for a shed!"

This is an exciting time in the evolution of Shed Oxford and new members are very welcome to come and contribute ideas and shape the future of this community project.

If you have any unwanted items which could advance the build please contact shedoxford@gmail.com or call John on 07484 819106

OXFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEERS WEBSITE

New Countywide Volunteering Website Launches!

Oxfordshire Volunteers (oxonvolunteers.org) is a brand new countywide volunteering website designed to link you with your perfect volunteering opportunity! Whether it's a regular weekly slot or a one-off opportunity, you'll find them all on the website. You might even want to apply for a position on a trustee board, helping to manage a local charity that you are passionate about. The website is great for groups too, who at last have one central place on the web to advertise their wonderful opportunities.

What do you need to do?

If you are a volunteer: go to oxonvolunteers.org, register yourself using the blue 'Try Volunteering' button and start searching for opportunities. It's as simple as that!

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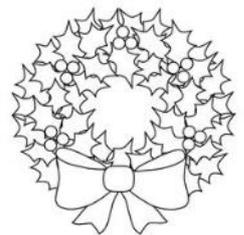
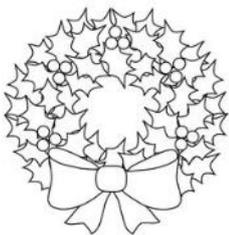
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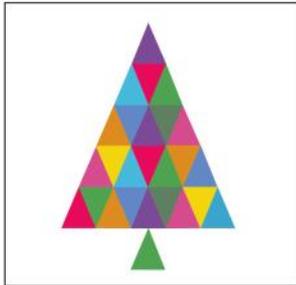
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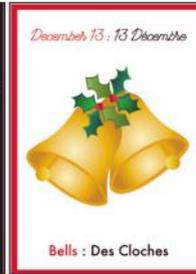
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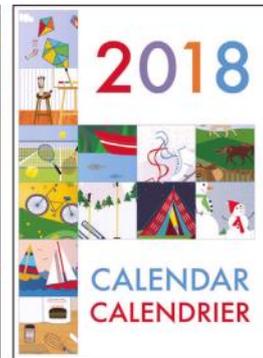
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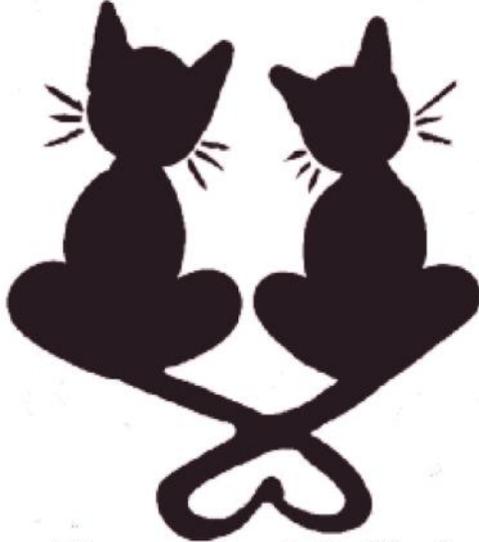


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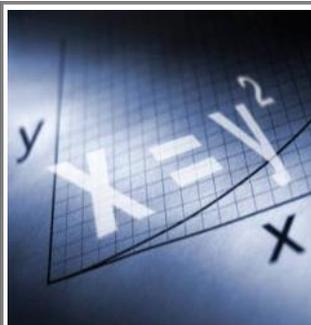


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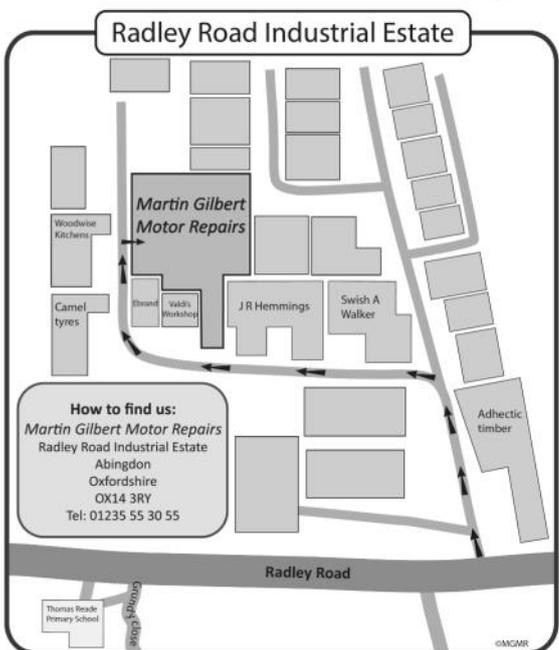
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