

# 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.

<b>Dec</b>				
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sat	8th	6.30pm	Yuletide Evening	The Abbey
Mon	10th	7.30pm	Parish Council Budgetary Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	11th	4—8pm	Exhibition of Milton Rd plans	Village Hall
Tue	11th	2pm	WCF Christmas Meditation	Church
Sun	16th	6pm	Carol Service	Church
Tue	18th		WI Christmas Party	
Fri	21st	6pm	Village Carol Singing	
Mon	24th	3pm	Crib Service	Church
Mon	24th	6pm	Torchlight Procession and Carols	
Tue	25th	10.30am	Family Eucharist	Church
<b>Jan</b>				
Tue	15th		WI Family History Talk	
Wed	16th		<b>COPY DATE SC NEWS</b>	
Tue	22nd	7.30pm	SC Local History Society	Village Hall
Sat	26th	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz Night	Steventon Village Hall

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## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

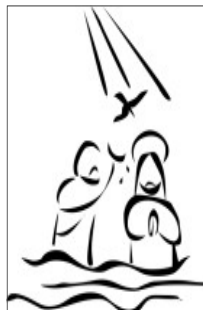
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline Grundy (848679) of the hall management team, e-mail: [scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com](mailto:scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com)** This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organization had the permanent booking.



### HOLY MATRIMONY

WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE MARRIED IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RECENTLY

There were no weddings in November



### HOLY BAPTISM

WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM

18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

RORY JACK SODEN & CONNA JAMES KAI LLOYD

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Proposed Housing rear of 28 to 72 Milton Road**

At the last Parish Council meeting, Bidwells, agents on behalf of Redrow Homes Ltd gave a presentation about proposals to erect 85 dwellings on land north of Milton Road. Many local residents attended the meeting to hear the presentation, and the Council thanks you for your interest and participation. A new vehicular access and path would be on the site of the current property no. 68 Milton Road with another pedestrian access between 42 and 44 Milton Road. In accordance with planning requirement approximately 40% of the new homes would be affordable homes with tenure to be agreed. The developer expects to lodge a planning application by the end of the year. The Parish Council will advise residents when this is received by the Vale of White Horse District Council and therefore available for comment and also when it is to be discussed by the Parish Council. In the meantime information about the presentation given is available under the News section on the Parish Council's website [www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)

### **Schools Admission Dates**

Is your child 3 or 4 years old? If your child was born on or between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2013. Apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions), Access to the internet is available at libraries and children's centres.

### **Local Government Boundary Commission**

The Commission is carrying out a review of the Vale of White Horse. The aim of the review is to recommend that the ward boundaries are such that each councilor represents approximately the same number of electors. The Commission has proposed that Appleford, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton and part of Milton parish be in the same ward. There would be two district councilors representing this area.

There is now a consultation on the draft recommendations until 7th January 2013. Anyone with any comments can email: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or write to:

Review Officer (Vale of White Horse)  
LGBCE  
Layden House  
76–86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG

Further information is available at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### **Milton Park – Local Development Order**

A draft Local Development Order has been made for Milton Park. This ties in with the new Science and Enterprise Zone and aims to extend the permitted development rights for certain forms of development at Milton Park for a period of 15 years. This would mean that some development could take place without the specific need for applying for separate planning consent. The Parish Council has objected to the inclusion in the Order of part of the field between the existing Milton Park and the estate, as this open area represents a buffer zone. It had concerns about possible light pollution should development be closer to the village. It also suggested that there be regular meetings between interested parties such as the parish council **and MEPC so that there could be an exchange of information and the parish council kept up to date about likely changes and new developments on Milton Park.**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

### Damage to planting in fields

It was reported at the last Council meeting that walkers were straying from the public rights of way network and trespassing across fields. Such action can cause damage to planted areas leaving valuable crops trampled and destroyed. Similarly motorbikes have been seen going through fields. Again these are causing damage to crops. The local fields are not off road areas for bike riding, unless you have permission from the land owner. Would anyone seeing misuse of the rights of way network report the matter to your local parish councillor or clerk.

Council budget 2013/14

The Parish Council is holding a meeting on 10th December to discuss its budget for the next financial year. Should there be any local organisation wishing to apply for a grant, then please note your application needs to be lodged immediately.

### Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P12/V1972/HH Demolition of outbuildings and construction of new Orangery

13 High Street. Council requested that a heritage assessment be provided, as the building was grade II\* and asked that all materials used should be in keeping with the building.

P12/V2043/HH Erection of a two storey extension at 6 Abingdon Road. Council objected to the extension as it was very similar to a previously refused application and it would be in an area liable to flood. Council asked for the Environment Agency to be consulted.

P12/V2028/HH Erection of an oak open sided boat shelter at 43 Church Street. Council had no objections.

MW.0174/12 Variation of conditions 1,3,22 of approval MW.0027/12 (for the establishment of recycling facilities at the landfill site to extend the end date of operations from 2019 to 2030, and to increase the annual MRF throughput from 70 000 tpa to 200 000 tpa. Council objected owing to the increased life of the site and the increase in processing by some additional 200%. This would create a permanent feature in the area once the cooling towers at Didcot A had been demolished. Council also objected to increased traffic movements, and the potential for noise and dust nuisances.

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833.  
Email: [info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk). Date of Next Meeting: The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. There will be an additional meeting to discuss the Council's budget for 2013/2014 on Monday 10th December at 7.30 p.m.

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and new year

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Focus on our Foundation Stage Class

Our Foundation Stage children, or Barn Owls, as known in the school, have got off to a flying start in the incredible learning journey that they will encounter during their time at school and into adulthood. They have all been making

fantastic progress with all of them starting to read and write within weeks of starting school – indeed the first ‘Bronze Certificates’ have been handed out in assembly, as some children have now read 35 times at home!

As you read this the children will be very busy preparing for their Nativity Play: ‘Away in a Manger’. In amongst this they will be continuing to learn their sounds, letters and numbers, and experience ‘welly walks’. This all adds up to an enriched experience and helps them grow into confident Year 1 children who are ready for the National Curriculum, and are excited about the challenges and learning ahead of them. Last year, the Foundation Stage children in our school, achieved results in all areas that were well above national and local figures.



If you are interested in finding out more about our successful school – especially if you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2013 (will turn 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013), you must apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Please do come and visit the school – phone the school office for an appointment and we would be delighted to show you around.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of pupils, staff and governors of the school to wish the whole village a very happy Christmas.

**Alison Ashcroft**

Head Teacher

[www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk)

Telephone: 01235 848333



**Love life; love learning;  
love one another**



## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', SUTTON COURTENAY

**Priest-in charge:** The Reverend Helen Kendrick (848297) Helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk

**Churchwarden:** David McKenzie (847489) **Treasurer:** Tim Budd (820942)

**Director of Music:** Ian Miles (01235 426109, mob 07788 715873) **Tower Captain:** John Napper (848292)

**Children's Church:** Vivienne Maunders (848077) **Sacristan:** Pamela Vivian

**Flowers:** Pat Napper (848292) **Women's Christian Fellowship:** Rose Woodward (848510) **Friends:** Nora Harragin (848235)

### MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) and Evensong at 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Children's Church), & Evening Praise at 6pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church)

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

### What Does God Want for Christmas?

Question: What do you buy someone who has everything? Answer: 'A burglar alarm!'

Presents can be a real problem, when we want to give those we love something they really want. But what about God? What would he want from us this Christmas? What's a suitable gift to celebrate the birthday of Jesus? What do you give someone who not only has everything, but is actually the source of everything? The answer can be found in the words of Micah, a prophet who lived about 700 years before the birth of Christ: 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' (Micah 6:8).

This Christmas, God is looking for the gift of our lives – lives characterised by **justice, mercy and humility**:

**Justice** - God is just - he is absolutely fair and righteous in all his dealings and justice means 'treating people right because you know God.' In the Bible it means caring for the poor, speaking the truth and refusing to take advantage of the less fortunate. For us at Christmas, justice means doing right for those less fortunate than ourselves – perhaps by giving to one of the charities we are supporting (PACT during December and The Children's Society in January at our Christingle Service).

**Mercy** - This speaks of sharing God's heart by loving the unlovely even when they don't love us back. How has God dealt with you this year? If He has forgiven you, then forgive others. Has God lifted you up when you were down? Then why not seek to lift others? Where God has overlooked our faults, let's overlook the faults of others. If God has been merciful to us this year, Christmas is a time to show mercy to others.

**Humility** - Humility is the opposite of pride. It reminds us that everything we have in life is a gift from God. Although some may have more or less than us, we can still thank God for what we have and do the best with what God has given us. This is the attitude we can reflect at Christmas, when we invest so much time in the presents we give.

God is looking to all these actions arising genuinely from our heart. As we sing in the carol 'In the Bleak Midwinter':

'What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.'

With love and prayers, Helen

*The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Priest-in-Charge of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford*

### CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

The Church choir and friends will be singing around the village raising money for PACT – our Christmas Charity. Please come and join us or listen out for us at the following stops at the approximate times on:

#### FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

6pm Outside 63 Milton Road

6.30pm Outside 71 High Street

7pm Outside 19 Lady Place

7.45pm Outside 9 Chapel lane

8.20pm at The Swan



and of course we will be at the Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Abbey from 6.30-8.30pm; at the Carol Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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



### TORCHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Will be on sale in mid-December from Burgreys' Store; Changes, the Church (at Sunday Services) or the Vicarage.

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

Glowsticks for Children will also be available for £2.50 each

### CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 10.30am Advent Sunday Gift Service (wrapped gifts for children supported by PACT – Parents and Children Together – our Christmas charity)
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** – 11-12 noon Small Saints
- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 6.30-8.30pm Yuletide Evening in the Abbey
- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 11.45am Church-warming party (following Celebratory Eucharist). 3pm Appleford Street Nativity.
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Christmas Meditation in All Saints' Church.
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – 11-12 noon Small Saints' Christmas Party
- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 6pm Church Choir Carol Singing around the Village raising money for PACT (see ad for details)
- **CHRISTMAS EVE** – 3pm Crib Service. 6pm Torchlight Procession starting from outside the school and culminating at the churchyard for carols around the bonfire. 11.30pm Midnight Mass at APPLEFORD for both the congregations of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford. Please note there will be NO Midnight Mass in Sutton Courtenay this year.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – 10.30am Family Eucharist Service.

### CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY

- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** - 10.30am Christingle Family Service
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 11-12 noon Small Saints
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 7.30pm Open Meeting in Appleford Church to discuss the future of Appleford Church – all welcome.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS Group Quiz Night in Steventon Village Hall

### CHURCH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 7.30pm Candlemas Concert - Celebrate Candlemas with the Cathedral Singers of Christ Church, Oxford in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay. Tickets £12 (concessions £10)

## ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

### HOW TO SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2012

Every Christmas we raise money for charity through the collection of Christmas gifts; collecting money during the Carol Singing around the Village and at the Torchlight Procession and Carols Around the Bonfire on Christmas Eve. This year the PCC have decided to support the work of PACT – Parents and Children Together – a local charity which has been building and strengthening families across the Thames Valley since 1911. They help more than 9,000 families every year through community projects in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and in their role as a voluntary adoption and fostering charity in London and the South East. They run children's centres and projects supporting vulnerable families including those affected by homelessness, poverty and domestic abuse. Their Adoption and Fostering service finds secure and loving families for some of the 65,000 children in care, and provides specialised therapeutic post-placement support as well as providing inter-country adoption services.

For more information visit [www.pactcharity.org](http://www.pactcharity.org) or pick up a leaflet from church.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In the past we have collected gifts at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve but this is too late for them to be used for Christmas so this year we are asking that you bring your wrapped gifts (labelled with gender and age of child) to our ADVENT SUNDAY GIFT SERVICE on Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am. This will enable PACT to deliver them to children who need them most in time for Christmas.

Gifts of cash (or cheques) to support the work of PACT can be brought to any of our Christmas services and throughout December Gift Aid Envelopes will also be available in Church to enable you to make a tax efficient donation.

THANK YOU!

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

For all the family

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
SUTTON COURTENAY



*A Collection will be taken for  
the work of The Children's  
Society*

### SMALL SAINTS

A weekly session for 0-4 year olds and their parents or carers offering a Bible story, craft activity, prayer and songs to help young children on their Christian journey, followed by play and refreshments.

**At 11am-12 noon on Wednesdays in term  
time in All Saints' Church.**

For further information please contact  
**Helen Kendrick, 848297 or Pat Napper,  
848297**



**NB Christmas Party on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December**



## REST IN PEACE

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

**Beatrice (Beat) Kate Pitson** who has died aged 97 was born in 1914 into the extensive Lyford family and was brought up in Sutton Courtenay. She always had a strong connection to this place and had many happy memories of time spent with family and friends. In her childhood days she knew the then Prime Minister Asquith and his wife. Beat, and her sister Mary regularly travelled to the tennis courts in the heart of the village in the Asquith's Rolls Royce to act as ball-girls. They were normally rewarded for their efforts with threepence each! On one occasion Mrs Asquith gave each of them a Shantung dress which they cherished for many years. One day Beat was climbing an apple tree when she fell and badly cut her hand. She went to the doctor to have it cleaned and bandaged and instead of giving her a sweet or a lollipop he gave a clay pipe which she gave to her father who then treasured it for many years saying it was the best present he had ever received. She met her husband Jack at the age of sixteen on the swings at the old recreation ground. They married at All Saints' Church, when she was seventeen, and were blissfully happily wed for 66 years until Jack's death in January 1998. After their marriage Beat and Jack lived at 5 The Green, the thatched cottage between the church and the Swan. Originally it was two cottages but, after a bequest from her great Aunt Mary, Jack converted it into one. The wooden garage to the side still stands today since being built by Jack in the 1950s. With great reluctance they moved to Abingdon in 1960 as the thatch needed replacing and the cost in those days was astronomical. There they brought up their two children – Joy and Roger – and Beat indulged in her favourite passions: cake making, in which she excelled; and embroidery. Beat loved to travel, especially to see her niece in West Virginia, USA and frequent trips to the coast with her immediate family, with whom she loved to spend time. Even in her twilight years at the Winterbrook Care Home in Wallingford there was nothing more that she enjoyed than a ride out in the car to Sutton Courtenay, which she always referred to as her old stamping ground. Beat was a gentle, friendly and amicable person who worked hard all her life (including many years spent house cleaning and over 10 years working for Production Tools on the Radley Road Industrial Estate). A woman who always loved dogs – although she was not so keen on cats – and used to keep poodles. A woman very typical of her generation in experiencing some hard and challenging times – particularly during the war years (when her husband was away from home serving as a motorbike despatch rider). But throughout her long life she loved her family and always put them first. They will miss her. (This is an edited extract of the family tribute given by Dennis Lyford and the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at Beat's funeral which took place in All Saints' Church on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012).

**Derek Vivian Sparkes** who died aged 91 on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012. His funeral took place in All Saints' Church on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 and was conducted by Jack Jarvis

### CHURCH WARMING PARTY

to celebrate and give thanks for the successful completion of the Heating Project

You are invited to a Celebratory Eucharist

on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am** followed by drinks and canapés at **11.45.**

Please do join us!

For catering purposes please RSVP

Jasmine Hornsey 01235 847376 OR [Jasmine.hornsey@btinternet.com](mailto:Jasmine.hornsey@btinternet.com)

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI

We have had another busy month. On the tenth of November we baked cakes and helped man the stalls in Abingdon market place for our local charity of the year, which is based in Dorchester, the 'Footsteps Foundation' which supplies therapy for children with neurological disorders. They managed to collect over £800 which was a fantastic result for a very worthy cause.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid at the War Memorial on our behalf.

Our lunch-a-month was held in the 'Swan' and was a great success.

At our November meeting our speaker Lee Butler gave us a very interesting and informative talk on Chinese medicine. Hopefully we now know the difference between our Ying and Yang! We are preparing for our trip to Gloucester Quays for Christmas shopping arranged by Margaret Hamilton. Also arranged is a trip to the BMW Miniplant at Cowley and a theatre trip to see 'Beauty and the Beast'.

On 6th December we hope to have our monthly lunch at Haddon Hill Golf Club and on the 18th we will be having our Christmas party with lots of entertainment and a musical group playing seasonal songs and of course, a visit from Santa.

Our speaker on the 15th January is Angela Nightingale who is coming to talk about family history, Sleuths, Spies and ASBOs. Phone Anne for more information on 821834.

Plenty to look forward to. Hope to see you there.

Yvonne Moeliker-Twigg  
848461

## SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tues Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Tom Dodd

January No meeting.

Tues Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Maureen Bright

On Tuesday November 6th Gaby was unable to turn up so Michelle took the service. She gave an excellent address that I am sure applied to most of us in the past, or present. She had an excellent personality and style, and gave good clairvoyance in spite of several interruptions, which are off putting to the Medium, but were on this occasion unavoidable. We have booked our mediums for next year but we will remember her for the distant future.

There is no meeting in January.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a good new year. As we attend our meetings and listen to messages from the world of spirit, may we all be reminded of our lives on earth, and give our love, patience and understanding to all those we meet.

Any enquiries - Pat & Sam Quennell. 01235 847460

## WASTE CENTRES AND RUBBISH COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS

### WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS:

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>08:00 - 15:00</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>THUR 27/12/12 TO SUN 30/12/12</b>	<b>08.00—17.00</b>
<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	<b>08:00 - 15:00</b>
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 02/01/13 ONWARDS -</b>	
<b>NORMAL OPENING HOURS APPLY</b>	<b>8:00-17:00</b>



Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Tue 25 Dec	Thur 27 Dec
Wed 26 Dec	Fri 28 Dec
Thur 27 Dec	Sat 29 Dec
Fri 28 Dec	Mon 31 Dec
Mon 31 Dec	Wed 2 Jan
Tue 1 Jan	Thur 3 Jan
Wed 2 Jan	Fri 4 Jan
Thur 3 Jan	Sat 5 Jan
Fri 4 Jan	Mon 7 Jan
Mon 7 Jan	Tue 8 Jan
Tue 8 Jan	Wed 9 Jan
Wed 9 Jan	Thur 10 Jan
Thur 10 Jan	Fri 11 Jan
Fri 11 Jan	Sat 12 Jan

**FROM ED VAIZEY MP**

Over recent weeks I've also received a massive number of emails about the proposals to cull badgers in rural areas to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis. I understand the feelings on both sides - many people feel powerless in the face of a disease that has cost the taxpayer £500m this decade and many others feel great concern about taking such a drastic step. The Government has therefore decided to pilot the scheme in areas of very high concern and I will be carefully watching the results of these pilots and the local reaction to it.

Another major campaign which has hit my mailbag this month supports the proposals to force energy companies to move customers onto the cheapest tariff suited to their circumstances. I absolutely support these proposals as I believe they will lower every family's cost of living - and help make sure everyone can afford to keep warm during the winter. In a previous newsletter, I mentioned the CAB as a source of advice. I've been reminded that the Independent Advice Centre in Wantage is also a very good place to go for reliable, impartial information on a wide range of issues. Do you know of somewhere else in the constituency where good advice is available that I can mention to readers?

Recently, the European Space Agency announced it would put its telecommunications satellite monitoring work at its base in Harwell. Now, telecoms satellite monitoring might sound pretty technical, and not something that impacts on our daily lives, but the decision is part of a wider good news story. The decision will lead to a 100 jobs, but that's not all. It also confirms that Harwell is now one of the leading space research places in the UK, and therefore the world.

If you asked most people what a Government's policy for space should be, they might assume it was putting men on the moon or sending them to Mars. As we haven't done either in the UK, then you might also assume we are nowhere in the 21st century space race. In fact, we have one of the largest space economies in the world, worth £9 billion, and a lot of it is based in Oxfordshire.

Because space does affect our daily lives - whether it's TV reception, satellite navigation in our cars, or mobile phone signals and a host of other applications, all depend on space technology. That is why I was delighted when George Osborne, the Chancellor, announced recently that he hopes to triple the size of our space economy from £9 billion today to £30 billion by 2020: that means more jobs and more investment in Harwell and other parts of Oxfordshire.

I am also delighted to be able to tell constituents that the Post Office is offering people on pension credit, Employment and Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit 36 first and second class stamps at last year's prices. The offer will continue until Christmas Eve, so some constituents who are most in need will be able to send season's greetings for 14p less each time. Do enquire at your local post office.

If I haven't had the chance to do so already, may I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

Ed Vaizey MP

## FCC (WRG) WON'T GO AWAY

### AND WE ARE STILL AT RISK FROM THEIR POLLUTION

Assiduous readers of the Daily Mail or the Times on Saturday 17th November may have picked up an article referring to research by the U.S. Institute on Ageing concluding that air pollution by tiny particulates may be an important environmental risk factor for reduced brain power. U.S. research has already established the link between this particulate pollution and cardiovascular and respiratory diseases.

Two things are important when considering these stories in relation to WRG activities.

The first is that almost all the research on air pollution impacts on health comes from overseas. Britain simply doesn't do this sort of research despite having some of the worst air pollution in Western Europe. Secondly there is very little scope in U.K. planning procedures for these kind of health risks to be considered. The process applicant – WRG – has no real obligation to consider public health, while the Environment Agency and the Public Health authorities almost never consider overseas research when involved in planning applications..... although one would think that is a critical factor in something like an incinerator. During the WRG incinerator application some years ago neither the EA nor the public health authorities appeared even aware of most of the pollution issues such as burning fire retardants, fine particulate pollution etc. They certainly didn't research the issues!

We already know that the cancer rates – particularly for women – in the local area are some 20% worse than the national average and yet there seems no means of bringing the kind of long term cumulative health risks posed by waste disposal into the planning process. Moreover the planning process itself is already corrupted by the planning creep practised by large companies overwhelming the planners with planning applications, whilst maintaining the threat of costly appeals against council decisions impacting on council budgets should an application be refused. Since that incinerator application WRG have made at least six more applications to expand and extend the disposal of rubbish at the landfill site by a variety of means.....almost all being successful. It is only a matter of time before the incinerator returns.

If the planners are powerless and the Public Health authorities are flaccid and feeble, who ensures that applications for more and more varied waste disposal will not endanger ourselves and our children. The short answer is no one but ourselves. **But how?**

There seem to be only three possibilities.

**The first** – as in the incinerator application – is to pressurise the planning committees by publicity, by correspondence, by public meetings, by community awareness and action.

**The second** – which we have not practised – is to pressurise company directors through their shareholders. Consumer action!

**The third** – again unused locally – is to pursue legal action against the companies so that they become aware that they risk their financial viability if they transgress.

Recently I received a letter from a solicitor's firm offering a joint class action against WRG along the usual lines ( we all know the John Grisham novels), of no win no fee basis.

Since I can see how hard it is to maintain a planning pressure campaign over many applications, and also to pressurise WRG shareholders who all live in Spain, the third way seems to offer the only realistic prospect.

If you received this letter from a solicitor's office, or to discuss this further please contact me.

## MILTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

On 11 November over 50 local residents voiced their concerns, at a meeting at Milton Manor, about the lack of consultation by the Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWH) on its work with MEPC and made clear their objections to the future development of Milton Park.

It is proposed that Milton Park is given the status of a Local Development Order. This will streamline the planning process for the next 15 years. As a result, certain developments will be able to take place within and beyond the current boundaries of the Milton Park site without the need for planning permission. Much of this will be within the present foot-print of the park but MEPC also wish to enlarge their footprint to develop land they own near the railway and Milton interchange at the western end of the park and up to half of Kelaarts Field (MP9) between the present northern boundary at the Moor Ditch and Sutton Courtenay Primary School.

If approved, Milton Park will be extended to accommodate a further 8,500 employees and for the first time encroach on green field sites beyond its current borders taken into the new LDO footprint. This directly threatens our village and Sutton Courtenay and has significant worrying consequences for local amenities and access.

Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning Services VoWH, Reg Waite, District Councillor, and a representative of MEPC - invited to attend the meeting as observers - said that there had been appropriate publicity ahead of a 20 November objection deadline to the proposed development. But many residents had clearly heard little or nothing from MEPC, the Vale or via their Parish Council about plans for the expansion of Milton Park beyond its current boundaries. Residents thought the consultation process had been a sham. They wanted to know more and objected to the proposals which would see "Domesday" villages destroyed by an ever expanding enterprise zone.

After a passionate, historical overview by Anthony Mockler-Barrett and an update from Martin Woodgett of information about the proposal gleaned from VoWH and MEPC, residents voiced their frustration about being left in the dark. They wanted more consultation and agreed to form an Action Group to try and change the proposal. They opposed the plans which would lead to the urbanisation of an area of natural beauty, a big increase in traffic and further risk of flooding.

They had particular objection to the development of Kelaart's Field which is of archaeological importance, home to significant wild life, including skylarks, and provides an important "green lung" between Milton and Sutton Courtenay - enjoyed by all especially local families, school children, park employees exercising in their breaks, ramblers and dog-walkers. Moor Ditch is a natural northern boundary to the Park and should remain so. Flooding in the area is already a major concern and nothing should be done to increase further flooding. They seriously questioned the need to develop "Green Field" sites when "brown field" sites are available and under used - in and outside the Park's parameters. More would become available when the decommissioning of Didcot power station begins in 2013.

They made sure their concerns were known. Make sure you do too! It is really important that you exercise your right to be heard if we are not to find that within a few years Milton and Sutton Courtenay's unique identities are lost forever to a sprawling business park and "Greater Didcot".

The deadline for objections to be made to the Vale was 20 November. But, we understand that written objections made to the Council by 5 December will be considered. So it's not too late for you to set pen to paper, finger to keyboard, or sign the petition available at Millbrook House Farm Shop (The Old Stables) in Milton High St.

Continued .....

## MILTON PARK DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

This is a rallying call. You should have already had a flyer and will have seen the posters and information throughout the villages. If you share our concerns, join the campaign before 5 December by signing the petition circulating in the village; copies are also located at Millbrook House Farm Shop or go to the online e-petition at <https://www.change.org>

You should also write by email to [planning@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:planning@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or drop a letter to A Duffield, Head of Planning, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE.

And let your local MP know at [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk)

Please ring 01235 834053 for further information.

Martin Woodgett

John Wattam

*On behalf of a large and growing concerned group of village residents whose names are too numerous to mention here!*

## S C RESIDENTS AGAINST MILTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

As advertised by the Parish Council last month, Bidwell Properties/Redrow Homes gave a presentation to Sutton Courtenay Parish Council on 6th November, in which they indicated their proposal to submit a planning application for 85 homes on a site to the north of Milton Road. This meeting was attended by c.70 local residents and the mood of the meeting was a clear and strong objection to this proposal.

We have therefore formed a local campaign group in which we will formulate suitable arguments for objection and we have a number of key action points relating to traffic, education, flooding and drainage, archaeology and wildlife as well as the general impact on the village, that are currently being addressed.

Once the planning application has been submitted and we are able to view the final submission, we will arrange a wider meeting with residents to convey our information, discuss our pooled approach and if required, provide assistance to individuals in submitting a suitable response to the Consultation. In view of the fact that the Consultation period is likely to be only approximately three weeks, but that we need to see the actual planning application to form the most effective response, this meeting will be at short notice and we will endeavour to publicise details as widely as possible.

In the meantime, if you wish to register your email for further communication, please contact Sheila Worsley ([sheilaannefisher@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilaannefisher@btinternet.com)) or telephone 847508.

## LATE NEWS ON FCC PLANNING APPLICATION (PAGE 13)

This application is scheduled to be considered by Oxfordshire County Council Planning and Regulation Committee on 3rd December 2012. The planning Department has also received a number of letters from concerned local residents detailing their opposition to the proposals. The points raised will be taken into account in reaching a recommendation on whether permission should be granted.

## SUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

It was with great sadness that on reading the letter from Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club we are to learn that they will no longer be playing in the village.

This is we're told, due to "a lack of synergy" between themselves, the parish council and the football club. This means that they can't work together as a team. It's time someone realised that there's no "I" in team.

There are expenses that the Football Club incurs on the running of the club house, and these are, I assume, being divided fairly, on a basis of percentage of use of the facilities. We all know that utility bills are not cheap, and the Cricket Club should pay a fair share towards these.

So, if as is being suggested but, opposed, the two clubs combine to create a sports and social club for the village, this division of costs would no longer be an issue. (One club, one set of bills). The running of this new club could possibly be done by a committee made up from all three parties?

Maybe we could knock the dated village hall down and sell the land as building plots.

This could fund a possible extension of the club house and its facilities to incorporate meeting rooms, a function room etc; It's an idea that might just work?

So come on, let's stop thinking with a small village mentality, and let's start thinking long term investment.

A Hopeful Resident.

## BIRD DIARY

Earlier in the year it was reported that a flock of six White Storks flew over the village heading to Farmoor reservoir where they stayed for several days before heading north. In late October I was told that four White Storks landed on the playing fields here, staying for about half an hour before one flew off, followed by the other three. They must have been a striking sight because the footballers stopped their training session to watch them.

Several thousand Starlings gave a wonderful display over the village in early November. Our resident Starlings have declined seriously in recent years but towards the end of the year we are visited by large numbers from such places as Russia. I have been told that a flock of about five thousand were roosting each night in reed beds between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford. No doubt these were the same birds who were displaying over the village. I also heard that they landed in conifers here, chattering very loudly.

In late October I saw a large flock of Fieldfares flying high over the village. They come from Scandinavia each winter and feed on berries, first in the wild and then in gardens. They look very like our Mistle Thrush but stay together in fairly large groups, often accompanied by Redwings.

Birdwatcher



*Starling*



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2012

On behalf of The Royal British Legion, I would like to thank everyone who recently gave so generously to the 2012 Poppy Appeal, and thank the house-to-house collectors for their continued support. Last year's total of £2,035.16 came close, but this year's £2,104.07 broke the record!

Chris Rowe handed over responsibility for organising the Sutton Courtenay & Appleford Poppy Appeal to me this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his help in ensuring a smooth handover, and for his commitment and hard work over the past 16 years.

Additional house-to-house poppy collectors are always welcome and I would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to help with next year's appeal.

Mark Haffenden  
Poppy Appeal Organiser  
E-mail: [mark-haffenden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mark-haffenden@hotmail.co.uk)

## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORS



We wish all our readers, contributors, funders, distributors, advertisers and Burgrey Stores and Changes, a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year

## FORTHCOMING LOCAL EVENT

### CHARLOTTE STORRS STONEWARE

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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

### **INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS**

Counsellingoxford with Sarah Wood and Barbara Wallis

Mindfulness can help relieve the stress of our hectic pace of life, with straightforward yet powerful practices that can change our outlook and increase our sense of contentment. Join a small group to learn about and experience Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT), which is also recommended by doctors for increased well-being. Cost includes free practice CD - bring a packed lunch and wander in the grounds in the afternoon.

**10 am – 2 pm £50 (please bring a packed lunch or pay an additional £5 and have an Abbey lunch)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

### **QUIET DAY**

A day of quiet in a peaceful place. A time to feel peace and rest in your body. Come and join the community here in the Abbey for the day, partake in a simple quiet lunch, join the community in the meditation sittings of the day (or not). Take time out and enjoy sitting by a log fire, resting or reading in the lounges or go for a walk in the grounds, by the river or in the surrounding countryside.

**10 am – 4 pm**

**£35**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **KUM NYE**

Kum Nye is a yoga and meditation practice, originating from Tibetan medical and Buddhist teachings. It uses movement, visualisation, voice and breath techniques and self-massage to harmonise our being. Through this practice we can tune in to our natural state and discover a little more what we really are. The movements are often very slow and generally gentle and are tailored to our own body's needs and limitations, so the practice is suitable for all abilities.

**10 am – 1 pm**

**£20 if booked in advance (£15 concession)  
£25 if paying on the day (no concession)**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

### **TAIZE BY CANDLELIGHT**

With Jackie Singer Marguerite Wallis and Anne Ryan

You are invited to join for an evening of sacred song from Taizé, a monastic ecumenical community in France, well known for its meditative music. An introduction to the rounds and four part harmonies in the first half of the evening will lead into a reflective time of sung prayer and silence. please come expecting to sing! No singing experience is needed to enjoy this wonderful evening in the Great Hall of The Abbey, lit by candles and warmed with the glow of a log fire.

**7.30 pm**

**suggested donation £10**

**All events must be booked in advance. See The Abbey website for more details**

# INDIAN EVENING

Those of you lucky enough to have a ticket for the Indian Evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012 will have enjoyed a night to remember which included fabulous food (cooked by a team of people from across the village); excellent service (led by a group of young people headed up by Gary Hibbins from the DAMASCUS Youth Project and members of both the church and school community); a raffle with some incredible prizes, generously donated and a hall decorated with Indian themed artwork created by the children of Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School. The evening would not have been possible without Rita Atkinson and her coordination of a large number of volunteers – many of whom worked tirelessly in the background. We raised an amazing sum of money which will be divided equally between the church and the school. This would not have been possible without several generous donations and the exact total and a fuller thank you (and some recipes) will appear in the February issue of the SC News. As Priest in Charge and Chair of Governors I know that both the church and school are extremely grateful for this fundraising event which brought people together from across the whole community. It was wonderful to be part of it. Thank you.

*Helen Kendrick*

## Quiz Night

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2013**

**Steventon Village Hall**

**7pm for 7.30pm start  
(please be prompt!)**

**TABLES OF SIX**

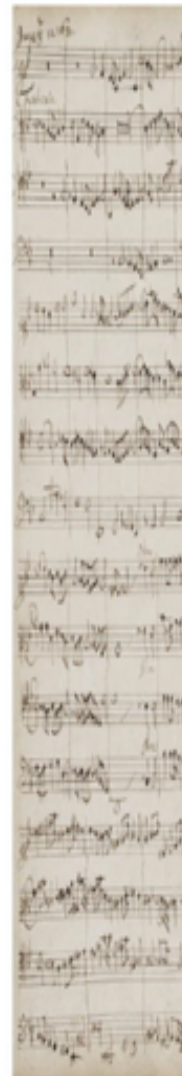
**Tickets £5.00 per person  
(bring & share supper)**

available from Tim Budd 820942, Jack Jarvis 831395,  
Helen Kendrick 848297, Rebecca Peters 531374

or any of the DAMASCUS Group Churches  
(Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay  
and Steventon)

A Bar serving soft drinks only but please bring own  
alcohol if required

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## Candlemas Concert



**Celebrate Candlemas  
with the  
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*"Music from throughout the Christian Year"*  
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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013  
7:30pm

**Tickets £12 (£10 conc)**  
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Available on the door and from Helen Kendrick  
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## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our November meeting was well attended and all who came enjoyed very much the illustrated talk given by Daphne Sinclair on her visit to Slovenia. Her photographs of the visit, very kindly shown by Jim Haydon, were very nice and we all enjoyed seeing them. We were pleased to welcome two visitors to this meeting and hope they enjoyed it and will come again.

Our next meeting will be on 11th December, when it will be our Christmas Meditation, lead by our Vicar, and will be held in Church at 2pm. As always, visitors will be very welcome to join us.

On behalf of all members of the Women's Christian Fellowship I wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

## SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



### WALLINGFORD ROYAL STRONGHOLD OF THE MIDDLE THAMES VALLEY

**Speaker Judy Dewey**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**Village Hall 7.30 pm**

With its castle and position on the River Thames, Wallingford has had an important and intriguing history, with its association with King Alfred, and it was the site of a confrontation between the Empress Matilda ( who was believed to have been born in Sutton Courtenay) and Stephen over the succession to the throne. Learn more from **Judy Dewey**, who is a historian and curator of the Wallingford Museum with an expert knowledge of Wallingford's history about which she lectures and also conducts guided tours of Wallingford.

Members free: visitors £3

In November a group had a guided tour of Didcot A and Didcot B Power Stations. This proved to be an interesting introduction to the talk to be held by the History Society on 12<sup>th</sup> March on "The History of the Power Station."

Mary Thompson

## BRATPACK RESURGAM!



Now that autumn has arrived it is only TWENTY FIVE cooking days to Christmas and taste buds are stirring at the thought of roast turkey, roast beef or roast chicken, so why not be different this year and try..... ROAST PEACOCK?! These free and accessible roaming delicacies are presently being fattened for your table and will amaze and delight your guests. Hunt down your order now.



BRATPACK members are available for complete consultation on catching, plucking, marinating, and cooking roast peacock. Try the many and varied recipes like stir fry indo Chinese style or the much loved favourite, Peacock en croute. Over the summer after careful nurturing and loving management, turkey numbers have increased to unsustainable levels, so there is plenty for everyone willing to hunt the peacock in its favourite haunts; the pine trees at Lady Place, (where aspiring choral peacock groups gather every evening for unaccompanied screeching concerts), proudly displaying on car roofs, wandering in the high street and collecting in gangs on street corners and of course in all the local flower gardens. Act now before they form a Punk Peacock band.... and peacock groupies arrive in their 1000's, many from the now over populated and criminally minded Shetland Isles clan "Peacocktosh"

### **CATCHING - 'The Danny King of the World Method';**

Dressed in your BRATPACK outfit of tiger stripes camouflage, pith helmet and green dyed chicken feathers, penetrate their lair and scatter raisins soaked in Liebfraumilch ( peacocks love Liebfraumilch). When the birds fall down inebriated, seize your prey.

### **The Mirror Method**

Peacocks love mirrors. Simply put up a mirror in the High St. outside the telephone box. While they preen and admire, leap out and bag the lot. Note,(The brown wheelie bins may prove useful for discreet removal of larger birds.)

### **Hire the Dog Special**

One village dog can outrun, out jump and practically outfly peacocks (score 2 to nil so far). Contact BRATPACK for exclusive incognito information, or ask for Alison.

(The rule book of The British Royal and Ancient, Tiger, Peacock, Aardvark and Chameleon Klan hunting and High veldt society specifically requests hunting only with flintlock rifles but rules have been relaxed somewhat after the newly refurbished village hall was peppered with grapeshot during a particularly lively discussion by Council members on increasing the number of humps in the high street to serve as climbing posts for peacock displays.)

### **PLUCKING - The Mr. Bean Method**

Lay the birds in a line on the lawn. Raise the lawn mower to maximum height setting and initiate Wimbledon Stripes cut. Follow up with the vacuum cleaner and you have birds 'ready to cook'

**MARINATING** - Unnecessary if you've already followed the Liebfraumilch method, but otherwise 'Chateau Bratpack' is the wine of choice. Soak for three days, and then destroy the wine to discourage any breeding birds left.

**COOKING** - Do Not Barbeque.... lest the peacocks rise like the Phoenix and return.

For the full list of tried and trusted recipes, as recommended by Heston (services) Blumenhell) please send £0.99 to: The Secretary, BRATPACK.

BRATPACK applauds all hunters and wishes them every success for the Christmas peacock season.

And remember.....'A peacock that sits on its tail.....is just another turkey!

*KING BRUCE of Tasmania (Royal Patron)*

**British Royal & Ancient Tiger, Peacock, Aardvark & Chameleon Klan Hunting & High Veldt Society**

## CHRISTMAS RECIPES BY CHRIS GATES

### TURKEY, CRANBERRY & CIDER CASSEROLE

Full of festive flavours this is a delicious sweet and creamy casserole – perfect for using up leftover turkey.

Serves 6

2tbsp olive oil  
 900g turkey thigh, diced (cooked or uncooked).  
 3tbsp flour  
 1tsp dried parsley  
 8 shallots, peeled and halved  
 200g button mushrooms  
 300ml English Apple Cider  
 200g cranberry sauce  
 200g Crème Fraiche  
 2tbsp fresh parsley, chopped



Heat the oil in a large casserole dish. Place the flour and parsley on a large plate and roll the turkey in the flour to coat. Add to the pan and brown for 5-8 minutes. You may need to do this in batches. Stir in the shallots and mushrooms and brown lightly. Add the cider and cranberry sauce, bring to the boil then simmer, covered for 40 minutes.

Remove the lid, add the crème fraiche and simmer uncovered for a further 20 minutes. If you fancy a thicker sauce mix 2tsp cornflour with 1tbsp water to make a smooth paste then add to the pan and simmer until thickened.

Season with a little black pepper. Sprinkle over the fresh parsley and serve.

**Variations:** If you don't want to use cider, simply substitute apple juice instead. For additional flavour and colour add a few handfuls of spinach with the crème fraiche and allow it to wilt in the sauce.

### PORT, ONION & FENNEL SOUP

This is a great soup for winter and full of Christmassy flavours. Great for a light lunch on Boxing Day or as a starter if your entertaining.

Serves 6

25g butter  
 3tbsp olive oil  
 1kg onions, sliced  
 3 cloves  
 1 bay leaf  
 1 fennel bulb, cored and chopped  
 750ml chicken or vegetable stock  
 Freshly ground black pepper  
 6tbsp port  
 200g Crème Fraiche  
 1tbsp freshly chopped parsley

Melt the butter and olive oil in a large saucepan. Stir in the onions, cloves and bay leaf and cook gently until golden brown, about 20-30 minutes. Add the fennel and stock then cover and simmer for 20 minutes until tender. Remove the cloves and bay leaf from the pan.

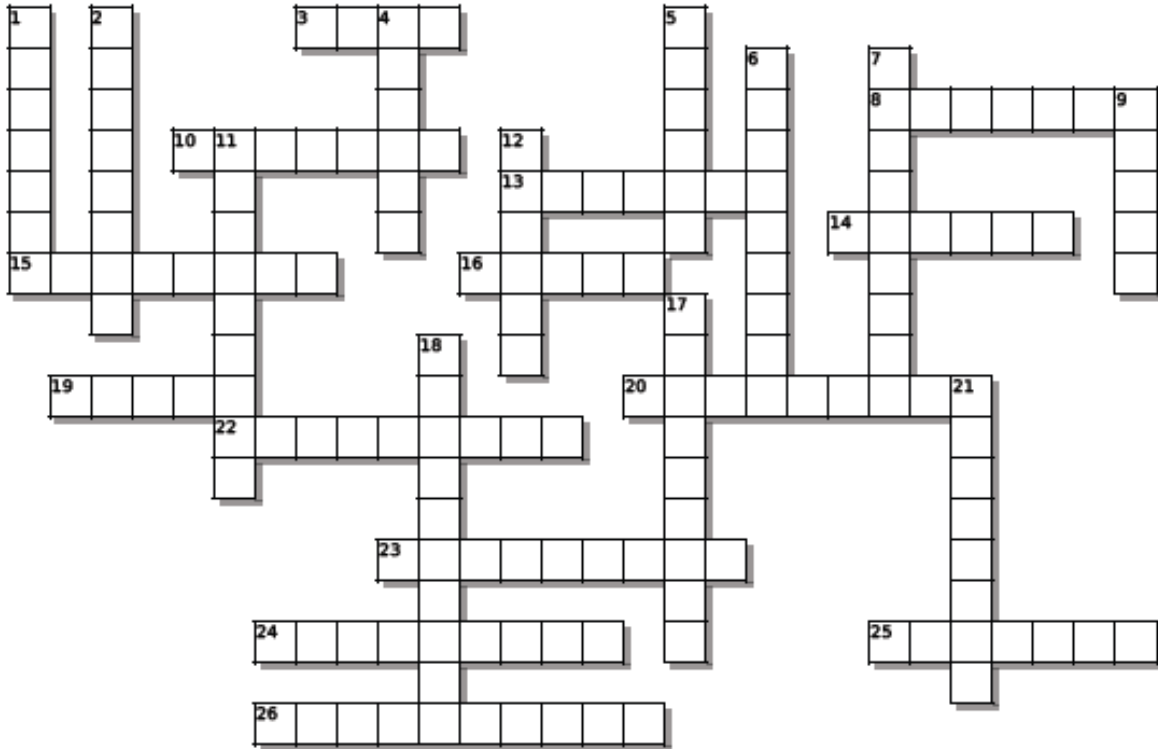
Cool the soup slightly then blend with a hand held blender or in a food processor until smooth. Return the soup to the pan and add the port and all but 2tbsp of crème fraiche. Warm through and season to taste.

Pour the soup into bowls then swirl a little crème fraiche over the top with a scattering of parsley. Serve with warm crusty bread.

#### PREPARE AHEAD

You can freeze this soup for up to 1 month without the port or crème fraiche. Defrost overnight in the fridge then add the port and crème fraiche and heat through to serve.

## SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS CHRISTMAS PRIZE CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 3 Leading light
- 8 Local Prime Minister
- 10 Fruity shopping centre
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- 15 Sage and onion
- 16 Ring in the New Year
- 19 Village watercourse
- 20 Museum
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- 23 roasted
- 24 Given on the Fifth day
- 25 Harwell's jewel
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**DOWN**

- 1 Scrooge creator
- 2 Youth Project
- 4 Culinary challenged king
- 5 Christmas Decoration
- 6 Little town
- 7 Seasonal show
- 9 Girl's name
- 11 Famous Local Band
- 12 Animal Farm Author
- 17 Kiss me quick
- 18 Local stallion
- 21 Boy's Name

All entries should be sent/delivered to Clare Pennicott at 8 Church Street on or before 31st December 2012. The winning entry will be drawn on 1st January 2013 by the editors. The winning entry will be the first correct entry drawn from all the entries received. The winner will receive a £25 cash prize. Entries are limited to one entry per person. No one associated with the publication of the Sutton Courtenay News or any member of their families will be eligible to enter the competition. The name of the winner will be published in the February 2013 edition of Sutton Courtenay News.

Name.....Phone No:.....

Address.....

## RECRUITMENT TO YOUNG LEADERS PROJECT



The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project (Registered Charity 1098966) is inviting interested young people to apply for its third round of Young Leaders programme.

It provides an excellent opportunity for young people to develop and grow their communication and leadership skills at the same time as making a valuable contribution to their community. It helps build a positive support network for younger people within the community.

We believe strongly in developing inclusive, vibrant and sustainable communities in which young people have opportunities to be significant contributors. An important part of this vision is to continue our young leaders programme by giving the opportunity to participate, to all young people (aged 16 to 19) living in the DAMASCUS villages.

If you are in that age group and would like to be part of it please get in touch with us. We are recruiting up to 3 young leaders.

We expect a commitment to positive role modeling; flexibility to do evening work; an enjoyment in working and communicating with younger people (aged 11 to 13) and willingness to work as part of a team. Previous experience of volunteering with DAMASCUS is preferable but not essential.

We provide training and support, and a small remuneration to compensate for missed opportunities to do other evening work.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and we expect all volunteers and staff to share this commitment and undergo appropriate checks and provide references.

**CONTACT:** For more details and application, please email [rita.atkinson@googlemail.com](mailto:rita.atkinson@googlemail.com) or [gary.ycat@gmail.com](mailto:gary.ycat@gmail.com). If you are unable to access the internet, please telephone on Gary 07766014676 or 01235 848694

**DEADLINE:** Monday 7th January 2013. Interview Date: Saturday 12th January 2013

**DAMASCUS Youth project is also supported, locally, by Champion Recruitment & Parish Councils**





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Saturday 12-9  
Sunday 12-7 Carvery Only

**Monday night is Steak Night**

A choice of Rump or Sirloin for £6.50 or a choice of one of our exotic steaks for £8.50, all served with mushrooms, tomato, peas and chips

**Tuesday night is Quiz Night**

£1 per head, winner takes all. The quiz starts at 20h30

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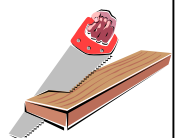
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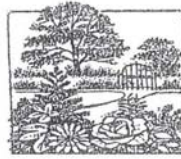
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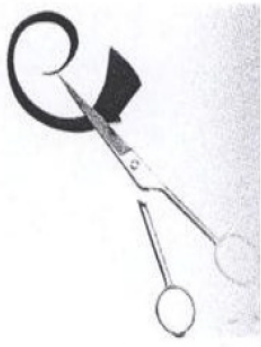
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