

# 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>March</b>				
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting: <b>Environment Agency Presentation: Odours from Landfill</b>	Village Hall
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Christian Fellow- ship	Church
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Church
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	WI AGM	Village Hall
Weds	21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE SUTTON COUR- TENAY NEWS</b>	
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	All Saints' Singers Concert	Church
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	History Society	Village Hall

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<b>Sutton Courtenay Website</b>	<a href="http://www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk">www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk</a>	
<b>Environment Agency: Odours from Landfill</b>		<b>0800 80 70 60</b>

## 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 Caroline Grundy (848679) or Rita Atkinson (848694) of the hall management team, e-mail: [scvillagehallbooking@googlemail.com](mailto:scvillagehallbooking@googlemail.com)** This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organization had the permanent booking.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Oxfordshire**

The review of Oxfordshire is now complete. The changes proposed must be implemented by Parliament. A draft Order is being prepared. This brings into force the boundary commission's recommendations, and the new electoral arrangements for Oxfordshire will be implemented at the local elections in 2013. There will be a pattern of 59 single-member and two two-member divisions for Oxfordshire. There will be a new Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Division. Further details including the boundary plans can be viewed at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### **Dog Mess in the village**

There seems to be an increasing amount of dog fouling around the village in recent weeks.

It is an offence under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 as amended by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 not to pick up after your dog in certain designated places. Dog faeces can be linked to health risks including toxocara canis. Roundworm eggs can be found in dog mess. These can infect young children, causing potentially severe illness. Eggs can remain active in the soil for many years.

It is recognised that most dog owners are responsible and do clean up after their pets, but there are some that do not. It is the responsibility of the dog owner or person in charge of the dog to clear up any mess left by their dog. Failure to clear up can result in a fixed penalty notice or if prosecuted a fine of £1000. The Vale of White Horse District Council does have envirocrime wardens who can take action on reports received. The Parish Council has asked them to visit the village and monitor the current problem with dog fouling. There are several dog waste bins around the village. Would dog walkers please use them and help keep the village a cleaner and tidier place for us all.

### **All Saints Lane – Lake**

The Parish Council would thank the new owner of the lake for opening it up to the public again, and would draw residents' attention to the note he placed in the last edition of SC News.

Namely, that the lake would be closed unless the public took responsibility for dog fouling. The Parish Council has had reports of litter being dropped and larger cans left behind as well.

Would everyone who uses this area please take their litter home and clean up after their dogs. Not to do so could mean that the lake is closed to all owing to the thoughtless actions of just a few people.

### **Planning Application – landfill site – Anaerobic Digestion facilities**

The Parish Council carefully considered this application at its recent meeting. It expressed concerns regarding the permanent presence of this process should consent be granted, the linking of settlements, the industrial nature of the process, transport issues, the likelihood of odours and the negligible benefit that the process seemed to generate for the community. A letter of objection is being written to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

**Clerk:** Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833  
Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th March, 2012 in the village hall, Frilsham Street at 7.30 p.m. A representative from the Environment Agency will be in attendance to talk about the monitoring of odours from composting at the landfill site. The time of the presentation is to be determined, so please check the Notice posted outside Burgrey stores for details should you be interested in hearing this.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5)

### Incorporating Appleford, Drayton & Sutton Courtenay

Over the last few months NAG5 has been working on ways in which to raise drivers' awareness about the importance of observing speed limits throughout the three villages. NAG5's previous report, in September 2011, gave information about Oxfordshire County Council's SpeedWatch scheme, and SpeedWatch posters have been displayed in the three villages. They have been temporarily removed, but will be displayed again shortly (this is suggested by the Council so that the message does not lose its impact).

Preliminary discussions have also been held with the Head Teacher of the primary school in Sutton Courtenay, with a view to involving the pupils in the community anti-speeding and road safety campaign, and it is hoped that work with the school will start shortly.

NAG5 together with Thames Valley Police would like to remind all drivers to:

- ◆ Ensure number plates are clean
- ◆ Check all lights are working before setting off
- ◆ Always carry a blanket, warm drink and snacks in colder weather
- ◆ Be aware that almost half the motorists found to be speeding in the villages were residents
- ◆ Ensure parked cars are always locked and that no valuables are left in the car.

Those who are not part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, but would like to be included in the Community Messaging service - either by e-mail or telephone - can find the information on the Thames Valley Police website <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/about-us-watch-commmsg>. Or telephone 101 and ask to speak to a local Neighbourhood Watch Administrator.

And, finally, some news for all dog owners. There is a new scheme to make the search for lost dogs more efficient. Dog lovers should consider joining the scheme at [www.dogwatchalert.com](http://www.dogwatchalert.com).

Peter Delany

for Neighbourhood Action Group 5

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

It has been brought to our attention that a number of cats in the village have been injured by what appear to be small gun pellets from either an air pistol or a ball bearing gun. If anybody has any information which may help us with our enquiries into this cruel and unnecessary pastime, please come forward. Also, there have been some incidents where cats have been lost unexpectedly. If your cat has disappeared without explanation, or been injured in the aforementioned way please contact us on the non emergency number 101 or via email:

DraytonSuttonCourtenay@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Sandra Syphas C9482 Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team Appleford, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton

0845 8 505505



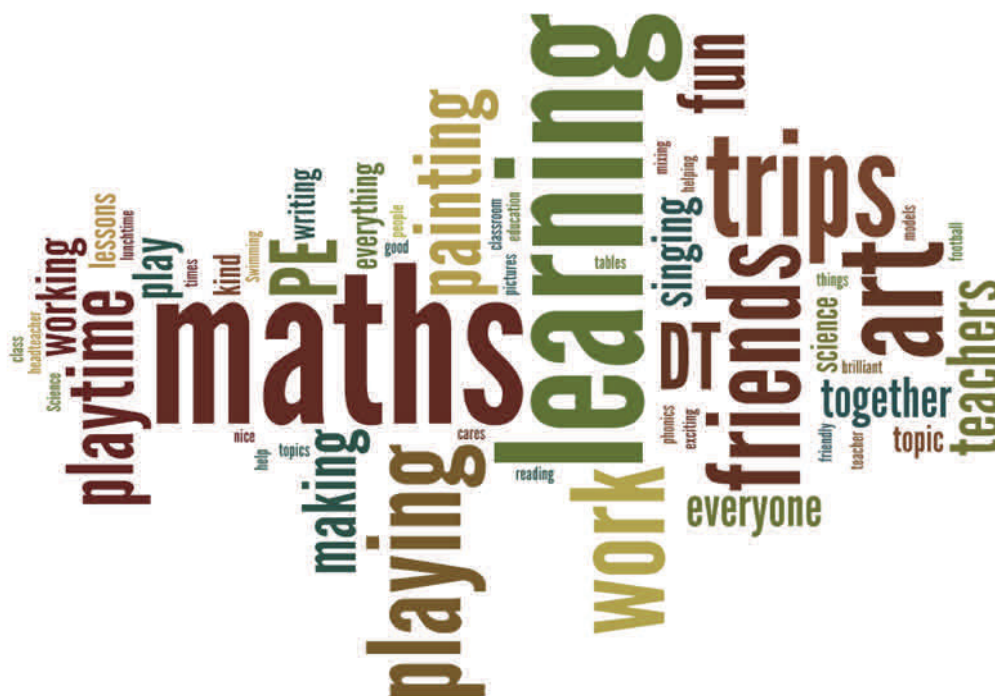
## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Developing ourselves as learners at Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School

This term we have been talking a lot about what makes a good learner to ensure that our children make the most of the excellent teaching from our team. When we carried out our annual pupil questionnaire earlier in the school year, it was clear that children saw learning as highly important. The 'wordle' below was generated from pupil responses when asked: 'what aspect of school is the best?' (The larger the word, the greater the responses).



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



We have explored the aspect of learning to see what makes a good learner and the children came up with various qualities: concentration, perseverance, effort, listening, positive attitude and sense of pride. The children acknowledged that sometimes even when you do apply all of these qualities the work that is produced may not be completely correct and then you have to have strength to pick yourself up and keep trying.

Each term the teachers are asked to identify up to two children from their class that have displayed these qualities and a special letter of recognition is posted home to be opened in the holidays. The children identified will help to form a 'learning council' at school to help other children become better learners.

If you would like to learn more about our school and would like to visit us, please do make an appointment with Ms Cannings (School Administrator), 01235 848333. Or you could always visit our regularly updated school website: [www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk).

## 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

**Churchwardens:** Mary Warrington (847346) & David McKenzie (847489) **Treasurer:** Lynn Cabbage (848768)

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

**Children's Church:** Vivienne Maunders (848077) **Verger:** Bill Clarke (847183) **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)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) & Evening Praise at 6pm

It's possible to make a few fairly specific forecasts about Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2012. The most certain is that all over Britain mothers will receive cards, the best ones being home-made with crayons or felt-tip pens and featuring hearts and smiley faces. There may well be presents, too, carefully if clumsily packaged and containing one or more of the following: chocolate (in various forms), cosmetics, handkerchiefs or funny aprons. From a more senior source (if the recipient is lucky) might come some flowers, a book, some perfume, or a subscription to a fashion magazine. If, however, he's got it wrong (as he usually does) she might find herself with a toaster, a new iron or even a season ticket for the local football club. It's Mothers' Day!

Of course, as far as the Church is concerned it's 'Mothering Sunday', which sounds quite menacing, really - too near 'smother' for comfort. Yet it did all start in church long ago, with a Lesson for the fourth Sunday of Lent which included the phrase 'Jerusalem which is above, the mother of us all' and a tradition of welcoming apprentices, and those in service, home halfway through the Lenten fast, bearing Simnel Cakes for their mothers.

But then the greeting card industry got interested, the occasion spread to America and bingo - it was suddenly big business. Of course it's more than that. It's also a very welcome opportunity to recognise that mothers tend to play a rather big role in everyone's life and to say 'thanks' to them. On the whole, Mothering Sunday/Mothers' Day is definitely a 'good thing'.

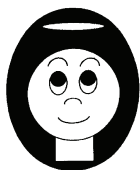
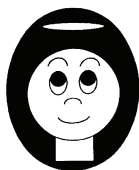
It's also quite a good thing for the church, because families like to come together on this particular day, and by tradition posies of flowers are provided for the children to give to their mums - and sometimes grandmas, too. Because the following weekend is the feast of the Annunciation (the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she was going to have a baby), preachers may justifiably point out how crucial the role of motherhood is in the whole Christian story. All those paintings and stained glass windows of the Madonna and Child remind us that, just like all the rest of us, Jesus had a mother who fed and nurtured him, guided him through the years of childhood and stood by him later on when things were dark and dreadful.

Some chocolate, some flowers, a phone call, a nice lunch out are all ways of saying 'thank you, mum'. And of course it's not just our Mums but Grandmother's as well. Something like 48 per cent of all grannies now child-mind their grandchildren for at least 20 hours per week. A quarter of grannies child-mind for more than 25 hours a week. And one in ten grannies are childminding a staggering 40 hours a week! In all, our grannies save us £2 billion a year in childminding costs. But grannies don't stop there. Six out of ten grandparents often go without things for themselves, in order to finance their children and grandchildren. A third of grandparents can struggle to pay heating bills and council tax, never mind afford a holiday - because overwhelmingly they are putting their family's needs before their own. The average granny babysits 42 times a year, and a quarter of grannies babysit every week. What does all this child-minding do for granny? Keeps her young! Grannies who care for grandchildren feel a whopping 14 years younger than their actual age.

And so this Mothering Sunday I would like to invite everyone to write a 'Twitter' of 140 characters of what they love about their Mum or their Grandmother. Bring them along to All Saints' Church at 10.30am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and they will be read out during the service in celebration of 'mothering love'.

With love and prayers, Helen

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

**SMALL SAINTS**

For 0-4 year olds and their parents/carers every Wednesday between 1.30pm-2.30pm in term time in Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School.

Led by members of the church we meet for a short Bible Story; craft activity; prayer and songs followed by refreshments.

Just turn up or please contact Helen Kendrick 848297 or Pat Napper 848292 .

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March****10.30am Parish Eucharist with a difference!**

The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan , was established in 1964 as a small school for Deaf children. It has been expanding almost ever since, and is an important resource not only for Jordan but also the Middle East. The Salt Training and Resource Institute for Disability (Stride), based at the school, provides teacher training not only in Jordan but arranges courses in Iraq, Syria, Yemen and more recently in South Sudan

The HLID offers Rehabilitation, Education, Vocational Training, and other services for Deaf, Deafblind and physically disabled people. It wishes to enable and equip them for inclusion and participation in family life and society.

Nearly twelve years ago a UK branch of the Institute was started to provide much needed funding and support. There are also branches in Switzerland, Holland, Germany and America. Over the weekend of March 23-25th – HLID will be having a conference at the Abbey and will be coming to All Saints' Church for the morning service on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Oxford Deaf Church will also be joining us for the service, and the service will be interpreted into sign language.

If anyone would like any more information about this, or the Diocese's work amongst Deaf People, please contact Rev Roger Williams, chaplain with Deaf People on 01235 868442 or by email [rog-er@rwilliams24.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:rog-er@rwilliams24.freeserve.co.uk)

**CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH**

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Fabric Committee Meeting
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Lent Group (see advert)
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm PCC Meeting
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meditation for Lent led by Helen Kendrick in All Saints' Church. 8pm Lent Group (see advert)
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Holiday Club Planning meeting at the Vicarage – anyone interested in helping out at the annual Church holiday Club to be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July is welcome to come to this or phone Helen Kendrick 848297 for more information.

- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am Family Service for Mothering Sunday.

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - 8pm Lent Group (see advert)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm All Saints' Singers' Concert.

**CHURCH DIARY FOR APRIL**

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** – PALM SUNDAY – 10am Procession with the Donkey from Tullis Close to All Saints' Church for the 10.30am Family Service.

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
A Series of Dramatic Reflections for Holy Week from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER WITH COMMUNION** - This year we will once again will be celebrating Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples with a Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion in All Saints' Church. We will be serving Lamb Stew (and a vegetarian option), unleavened bread, grapes and wine. Each course will be interspersed within parts of the Communion service and the communion bread and wine will be shared around the table. At the end of the meal the table will be cleared and the traditional 'stripping of the church' will take place. Everyone is welcome to come to this but to help with the catering we need an idea of numbers. Please add your name to the list, which is at the back of the church, if you wish to come.

## REST IN PEACE

We send our condolences and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of the following people who have died recently.

**Sylvia Bishop (Sylv)** who died on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011 was born on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1936 in Oxford where she spent her childhood with her parents Aidan and Saphora Lewis and her brother and sister Alyn and Wendy. She attended East Oxford School where she met her great friend Eileen when she was just five years old. They were such good friends that Sylvia and Eileen went onto marry brothers – Vic and Mike. Sylvia left school at 15 to become a bookbinder at Mowbray's in Oxford. She met Vic at Easter 1951 on the 100 Step Bridge at South Hinksey. It was love at first sight and Sylvia waited whilst Vic did his two year's National Service in Germany (always carrying her photograph with him) and they were eventually married on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1957 in Iffley Church. They moved to Bradstocks Way in Sutton Courtenay in 1959 into a brand new house, which they didn't leave until 1999 when they retired to Radley. Over the years Sylvia did a variety of jobs – at Culham Collage and for Colonel Windsor on the Milton Trading Estate and finally helped Vic run his Milk Round in Wantage. She was a real asset to the milk round as she loved looked after older people and they both worked as a team – not only delivering milk but also helping to care for many of their customers. Sylv wouldn't hesitate to make them a cup of tea or help them to get up in the morning if that was what they needed. Such was the affection in which Sylv and Vic were held they still got Christmas cards from many of their former customers- years after they retired. Sylv and Vic had four children - Susan, Trevor, Wendy and Tina-Marie, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren who will all greatly miss her. *This is an edited extract of the address given at the funeral service which was held in All Saints' Church on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

**Cornelius (Jim) Happe** who died aged 76 on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was born in Bow, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1935. Big Jim, as he came to be known, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> eldest of four children. His childhood was dominated by the war and he had vivid memories of being evacuated and of experiencing the Blitz. He wrote about his wartime experiences in 'Diamonds in the Dark' – available as an e-book for £1. Big Jim left school at 15 and went to work with his Dad in the building trade learning practical skills which he retained all his life. He did his National Service in the RAF and met his future wife Maureen when he was introduced to her by his sister Millie and her boyfriend Henry (who just happened to be Maureen's brother). At first Maureen didn't want anything to do with Jim but Jim's charm eventually won Maureen around and they were married in a double wedding with Henry and Millie in Bow – an event which made the newspapers! They had two sons, Jim (or Little Jimmy) and Andrew. Through visiting family in Sutton Courtenay they decided to move to Harwell Road in 1963. Big Jim worked as a welder at Ameys and whilst there was sent to the Falkland Islands to rebuild the runway after the war. In 1979 Jim and Maureen moved to Stanton Harcourt. Sadly Jim was made redundant in 1990 aged 55. For a practical, hardworking man who always liked to be busy it was a real blow, but the compensation was that he got to spend quality time with his grandchildren- Tom, Lucy and Josh. In 2003 Jim became ill and he was lovingly cared for by Maureen. It was then that they started to make plans to move back to Sutton Courtenay but this was not to be as, sadly, Maureen too became ill and died, just five months short of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. After Maureen's death Jim moved to Abingdon in 2006 where he was well-cared for by his family who will all greatly miss him. *This is an edited extract of the address given at the funeral service which was held in All Saints' Church on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 by the Reverend Helen Kendrick*

**Maurice William Scraggs** who died aged 71 on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was born on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1940 in Kidlington to Lydia and Charlie Scraggs. He grew up there with his brother Rodney and sister Linda, going to Gosford School, where he was captain of the rugby team as well as being involved in football and athletics. He left school aged 14 to go and work as a painter and decorator for Phipps and Wynn where he proceeded to work his way up through the firm to the position of Company Director. Always hardworking he put in long hours until he was forced to take semi-retirement on the grounds of ill-health. He married Anne in 1963 and they went onto bring up their two daughters, Marie and Alison, in Kennington. Sadly, after 34 years, Maurice and Anne's marriage broke down but it is a tribute to their mutual love for Marie and Alison that they remained friends and still loved and cared for one another. He was a proud and doting Grandad to his grandchildren – Chris and Alex and Ben and Toby. Life in the last few years of his life was not easy for Maurice after he suffered a series of strokes eight years ago and then developed cancer, but he was very grateful for the love and care that his family gave him. He will be greatly missed.

## LENT 2012

### A CHURCH FOR TODAY?

#### A Four Session Lent Course

Exploring our relationship with God, with each other and with the world.

From **8pm-9.30pm**

at 1 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay

on the following **Tuesdays:**

**28<sup>th</sup> February and  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

All are welcome – please ring Tim Budd (01235 820942) if you plan to come.

**ALL WELCOME.**

## EASTER LILIES

### EASTER LILIES IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this year's Easter lilies in memory of a loved one please put your donation in an envelope and write on the front the name of the person(s) you wish to remember and hand it to Pat Napper (17 Tullis Close). Thank you.

## OXFORDSHIRE CARE SUMMARY



Your emergency care summary

### The way we manage your health records is changing

The NHS in England is introducing the NHS Care Records Service to improve the safety and quality of patient care. These secure electronic records will give healthcare professionals faster, easier access to reliable information about you to help with your care - particularly in an emergency, or if you see a doctor out-of-hours when your GP practice is closed.

Your care records will be made up of two parts;

**The national Summary Care Record** – this record is held nationally and will be available across England to support emergency care and will contain three things: your allergies; your medications; and any adverse reactions to medicines that you have.

**The local Oxfordshire Care Summary** – this is ‘view only’ and will contain more detailed information than the national Summary Care Record. It will only be available to local healthcare professionals involved in your treatment in Oxfordshire.

Every individual in Oxfordshire aged 16 years old and over\* will receive a patient letter at the beginning of April 2012, asking them to choose whether they want these care records. If you are a parent or guardian, you will need to make this choice on behalf of your child, or support them in making their own decision if you feel they are mature enough to do so.

(\*or who will be 16 by the end of June 2012)

For more information visit [www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords](http://www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords) or contact the information lines at:

Summary Care Records      telephone 0300 123 3020

Oxfordshire Care Summary      telephone 01865 428886

**Better access to reliable patient information  
means safer, quicker decisions to support your care**

## WOMENS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting held on the 14th February was an illustrated talk on ‘The History of Wallingford’ given by Mr Nick Brazil and was very interesting and much enjoyed by all who came. Mr Nick Brazil is a very good speaker.

Our next meeting will be on the 13th March and will be our Easter Meditation, held in Church at 2.00pm and lead by our Vicar, Helen Kendrick. Visitors will be most welcome.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)



## SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

### **Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Christina Green**

March Tue 6th 7.30 Village Hall

### **Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Pam Morris**

April Tue 3rd 7.30 Village Hall

On Tue 7th February our old friend Maureen Bright, who has served our meetings many times before, gave us a most uplifting service with some very good messages and philosophy. It was good to see quite a good turnout bearing in mind the cold weather. Many thanks to all.

Again many thanks to all who help.

Pat and Sam

Enquiries 01235 847460

## GERVASE DUFFIELD, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Elizabeth Duffield informed us at the beginning of February that Gervase was in hospital with a badly broken leg and was expected to be out of action for some time.

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## DIDCOT BOWLS CLUB

Didcot Bowls Club invite you and your family and friends to their Open Day on May 13th from 10am till 2pm. Come and have a taster session or watch others. We welcome new members. Bowls truly is a sport for life--just try it . It can be played by all ages, abilities and sexes--making it the perfect sport for all members of your family. Refreshments will be available on the day. Please bring flat shoes if possible. You will find us tucked away behind the Civic Hall in Britwell Rd. We look forward to seeing you. Please ring 01491652046 if you need further information

Thank you Jackie Ryman

## SUTTON COURTENAY HISTORY SOCIETY



### **“THE THAMES AT WAR”** **Illustrated talk by Bill King**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Village Hall 7.30 pm**

The River Thames has played an important part in the history of this village and the country, both in peace and in war, as a major artery and in defence.

Bill King will describe its importance in his illustrated talk which will include references to industries built alongside the river, local constructions and defences from early days, to the Civil War and World War 2.

Everyone welcome.

In January the Society enjoyed an informal evening when people recounted their memories of earlier days and events in Sutton Courtenay. Thank you to all those who took part and brought photographs and other items which aroused much interest.

### **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The Local History Society plans to have a stall at the village Jubilee Celebrations on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to display photographs, items of interest, memories of the Coronation etc. We would particularly like to include pictures and memorabilia of Sutton Courtenay during the 60 years of the Queen's reign from 1952-2012. Any item loaned will be treated with great care.

If you are willing to lend anything to the Society for this occasion, please get in touch with me – Mary Thompson, 75 High Street Tel: 848527.

Mary Thompson



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

**Seville oranges are now available so try using them in other ways than marmalade.**

### **Orange and pork casserole**

500gm pork

100gm butter

0.5 tsp all spice

1 tsp dried rosemary

Half garlic clove, optional

4 oranges

1tbs cornflower

1 cup sherry or vermouth

Seasoning

Rub garlic over pork and cut into cubes. Sprinkle with all spice, rosemary and grated rind of 1 orange. Heat butter and cook pork for 5-10 minutes. Slice oranges thinly and add. Pour in sherry or vermouth. If necessary add enough water to just cover the meat. Season. Simmer very slowly or cook in oven 150 degrees, Reg 2, until pork is tender. Remove meat to serving dish and place orange slices on top. Keep warm. Mix cornflour with 2tbs strained liquid and return to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened and smooth, adding extra liquid if necessary. Pour over meat or serve separately. Make use of the oven by cooking potatoes in their jackets.

## ALL SAINTS' SINGERS

### The All Saints' Singers present

Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> in All Saints Church

Unlike any other composer, Rossini might easily have devoted his life to high cuisine, his gastronomic prowess was legendary and almost all of the composer's biographies emphasise a life devoted not just to music but to culinary expertise. Numerous arias were written whilst waiting for a restaurant dish to be served, and many have been named in honour of the great composer, most famously Tournedos Rossini; even as a young altar boy Rossini developed a liking for mass wine. Towards the end of his life he composed some little known piano pieces entitled Radishes, Anchovy, Pickles, Butter, Dry Figs, Almonds Raisins and Hazelnuts; clearly then a lifetime passion. There are so many really tasty dishes dedicated to and named after Rossini that the true concert goer will of course prepare and serve one of these dishes after attending The All Saints' Singers offering of Petite Messe Solennelle, thus completing a magical evening that will be remembered long after the final notes have died away.

This rarely performed Mass written almost at the end of his life at the age of 72 years (with piano pieces entitled "The sins of my old age") is a delight. Sensitive phrasing, gorgeous harmonies and brilliantly crafted solos will give pleasure to all. Not bad for an apprentice blacksmith.

The choir will be directed by Caroline Hobbs-Smith and accompanied by Gulliver Ralston and Peter McMullin.

#### Soloists

Anna Shackleton , Soprano

Clemmie Franks: Contralto

Robin Whitehouse: Tenor

Richard Weston :Bass.

Regular concert goers will know how lucky we are to have as our orchestra leader the hugely talented Sue Lynn. Sue will perform two prelude pieces, The Praeludium and Allegro by Fritz Kreisler and the deeply moving andante for unaccompanied violin from Bach's Sonata No2 in A minor.

Tickets available from Burgrey Stores or by ringing 01235 848205

## DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

Last October the Damascus Youth Project ran a successful intergenerational workshop in Sutton Courtenay that brought together adults and young people within the community. The aim of the workshop was to discuss advantages of wider engagement across the village and improvements we could make and also think of new ideas as to how we can increase intergenerational engagement in Sutton Courtenay.

In particular we discussed three questions. Supported by Roxy, young people who attended the workshop have analysed the feedback as below:

*Why is this important to get to know other age groups in the community?*

- Creates more trust and builds community
- To change or challenge stereotypical views
- To gain mutual respect
- Have someone to talk to and ask for help

*What are the barriers to getting to know other age groups?*

- Young people feel pressured
- Lack of confidence
- Fear and lack of understanding of different age groups
- Lack of opportunities to meet

Above are some of the main issues that became apparent from the intergenerational workshop. The young people now plan to contact the adults who attended to plan and facilitate a fun filled international event.

Some of the ideas being discussed:

- Quiz
- Picnic
- Tea/coffee morning for elderly
- Fundraising – cake sale, car washing,
- Helping the elderly in the community( dog walking, shopping, walk)
- Sponsored walk
- Community litter pick

We would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in planning and building engagement on the community.

**Please contact Gary Hibbins on 07766014676**

*The DAMASCUS project is at present supported by:* Parish Councils of Drayton, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon and Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Sutton Courtenay



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## DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

*Full Text of output from Intergenerational Workshop held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011*

### **Why is it important to get to know other age groups in the community**

- Enriches the community.
- Stops misunderstanding.
- Creates more trust and builds community.
- Can find out needs for different generations
- Everyone is informed
- Can ask for help
- Reciprocal help
- Have someone to talk to
- Can look up to others when we get to know them
- To change or challenge stereotypical views
- For support and advice (general help or help each other through volunteering.)
- Learn off each other
- To gain mutual respect.
- To be more cooperative.
- The young keep the old young

### **What are the barriers to getting to know other age groups?**

- Lack of confidence
- Fear of - ridicule; judged, crime, peer pressure, embarrassed what friends may think
- Stereotypical views
- Assumptions of negativity
- Age difference
- Time – too busy with school or work
- Geography of village
- Not knowing enough about what people can offer
- People socialise/interact in their own groups
- Lack of opportunities to meet
- Keep in own safe space
- Places to meet (need to find a place where a mix of people can mix)
- Lack of understanding between all ages
- Young people feel pressured – to be cool and not get involved with others
- Getting information to all different groups when trying to get groups together (village website)

### **What can we do to increase intergenerational engagement?**

- Joint Projects (car wash; Vicar's Fun day involves all ages)
- Older people arrange a event for the younger people and vice versa
- Volunteers
- The committees of all groups in the village are invited to find out about them/their activity and getting to know them
- Being friendly
- Events like the Olympics/Jubilee
- Events like the intergenerational workshop
- Arrange coffee mornings/meetings to get together
- Joint committee page in Village News
- Adults help at youth club and young people help at events for older people in the community
- Make use of Sutton Courtenay website
- Quiz, sports, plays, talent shows
- Speakers to come to youth club to speak about events
- Village survey
- Identify needs

### **What makes a good leader?**

- Being a good role model.(walk the talk)
- Communicate with all
- Caring for neighbours and neighbourhood
- Being versatile
- Take positive action and lead
- Understand all different viewpoints
- Confident
- Interpersonal skills (listening and talking to people)
- Build consensus in the group
- Team work
- Knows how to motivate, acknowledge and praise individual efforts

## SPEAKERS' CORNER

### Dog Fouling

I thought I would give an update on the dog fouling problem in the village,

I have just spoken to the Vale of White Horse District Council about the problem and highlighted the fact that the dog fouling bins have all been removed from this end of the village. They had no idea they were gone and will be putting replacements up. I have also asked for the pavements to be cleaned by a specialist team because it is everywhere! This will be done over the coming weeks. Let's hope that once its all clean it will stay that way.

Mrs Woodley

Please can anything be done about the amount of dog mess in Sutton Courtenay, to walk my children to school, is a obstacle course of dog mess. Milton Road, Harwell Road, Bradstocks Way, Tyrells Way. If maybe more bins were available and penalty signs were put up. I'm fed up of cleaning it off my pushchair wheels and my children's shoes bikes etc. Please help! I've ever known it to be this bad, I've lived here for 9 years. I have emailed before about there being no bins down Milton road before you go onto the field, as there are always dog poo bags thrown in the bushes at the entrance to the field.

Kind regards Mrs Jayne Greenaway

### Missing bin

I wonder if you could put a plea out for me regarding our non-recycled bin (it's black but the council call it grey)

Our bin was put out for emptying 8th Feb Wednesday a.m. with the food bin, but when I arrived home only our food bin was standing outside on the verge. I have checked with our neighbours who have not seen it, so I can only assume someone has pinched it! I also believe I am the only one in the village who has experienced this recently. Could you ask residents to check/keep an eye out for our "lost" bin. It still has the sticker on it from the council which gives our address, that's the only distinguishing mark.

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## BIRD WATCHER

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In early December a Blackbird was heard singing softly, probably practicing for the spring. The Blackbird is one of the world's best songsters. The species evolved in woodlands where a strong song was needed to penetrate the canopy. The complexity of the male's song impresses the females and the song develops throughout the bird's life. The males could be seen in December on garden lawns claiming their territories.

Robins sing most of the year in an attempt to retain their territory, which however may shrink later in the year because the young need to find a territory, as do birds migrating from the continent. The winter song is gentler and rather sad, becoming louder and more aggressive in the spring to attract a mate and protect territory.

In January the Great Tits begin to sing, and they have many different songs, one of which is a loud 'teacher teacher' like call, similar to that of the Chiffchaff.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**31st March** - Oxford Town Hall 7.30pm **Oxford Harmonic Society** performance of Carl Loewe Passion Oratorio

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For general information about the choir, its work and its 90th anniversary, contact Alice Luck ([publicity@oxfordharmonicsoc.org](mailto:publicity@oxfordharmonicsoc.org)) or Lindsey Charles (tel: 01865 510376).

### Wonders of synchrotron science to be revealed at the Oxfordshire Science Festival

**Diamond Light Source:** the UK's national synchrotron science facility and Oxfordshire's very own particle accelerator, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2012. A number of special public events at venues in Oxford city (Bonn Square, Oxford Castle Quarter and the Museum of Natural History) are planned to mark this milestone at the 2012 Oxfordshire Science Festival, which runs from the 3rd-18th March. Key dates for the diary are:

**3rd March** (10am – 4pm), in Bonn Square, 'Science in Your World'

**3rd – 18th March**, Oxford Castle Quarter, Exhibition of images celebrating ten years of Diamond

**11th March** at 2pm, Oxford Castle Quarter's Key Learning Centre, 'Science Brighter than the Sun' talk (booking required)

**16th March** at 6pm, Oxford University Museum of Natural History, 'Bright Light for a Better Planet' (booking required)

For more details and to book talk tickets, please visit [www.diamond.ac.uk](http://www.diamond.ac.uk) and click on the events page.

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE & OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS

### Work in progress – community coming together to celebrate

**First Event - Jubilation on the Green – Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

#### **Programme for the Day**

**10.30am to 11.30am** Songs of Praise to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

**1pm to 3pm** Bring your own picnic (home made or available to buy from pubs)

**3pm to 4pm** Cream Teas served by WI

#### **Activities (this is not a fund raising event)**

1. Bouncy Castle
2. Paint your own commemorative plate/mug
3. The Big Decorate – jubilee cake
4. Cup cake decoration for children
5. Local History Display
6. Music - we will play your favourites – everyone invited to send in requests for music/song from the past 60 years with a sentence on reason for choosing it. A DJ and young people will compère and play the music/song.
7. Treasure hunt with a difference – participants are given clues which help them find an object/garment/colour in the possession of or worn by someone who has previously been primed to do so. The objective is to get different groups engaging.
8. Screening of the Thames Diamond Jubilee pageant on a big screen in Church

**Second Event - Fun Olympics on the Recreation Ground – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

**Any funds raised will be put towards improving facilities on the Recreation Ground including the Football Club**

Theme of day – fun games/activities (sedentary and physical) for all ages with each street in the village invited to enter a team – need to identify team captains for each street

Additionally, we are planning a band, Hamper Raffle, Tombola, Plant Stall, Cake stall, BBQ, Pig Roast, Beer Tent, Food Tent (including WI cream teas) and other side stalls.

Decorate wheelbarrows or bicycles

Suggested team events – dominoes, hula-hoop (pass it from one team member to another without handling it, painting competition, 100m sprint, three-legged race, darts challenge, Sutton Courtenay Torch relay, Knit-a-thon, slow bicycle race, fast-fill water in a bucket, basket the ball, decorate your own Olympic torch, identify plants and flowers, match country and flag etc.

Lots of details still to be worked out – as always please if you can spare a bit of time to help it would be gratefully received. *We are looking for Team captains for each road/street please.*

A number of organisations and individuals are working together to deliver the two events – as time goes by, we hope more of you will join us in the planning.

Please contact:-

Florence Hayden (WI),

Mary Thompson (Local History Society),

Pete Breakspear (Football Club),

Daphne Sinclair (Produce Show),

Sutton Courtenay PCC (Rev. Helen Kendrick (848297)

Rita Atkinson (848694))

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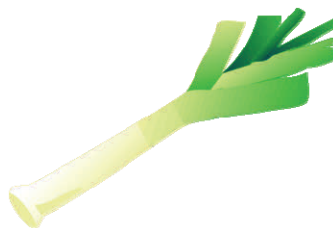
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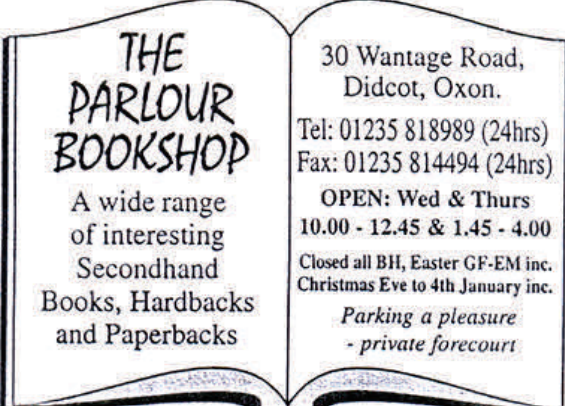


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