### SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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JUNE 2012

### **VILLAGE DIARY**

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

JUNE				
Sat	2nd	2.30pm	English Music Festival, Syred Consort	Church
Sun	3rd	1-4pm	Big Lunch	Village Green
Sun-Tue	3,4,5th	1-4pm	Jubilee History Display by the Local History Society	Church
Tue	5th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sat	9th	2-6pm	Open Garden at the Manor House	Manor House
Sun	10th	12 noon	Friends of All Saints' Garden Party	Jordan's Barn Drayton Rd
Tue	19th		WI Garden Party	
Wed	20th		COPY DAY SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS FOR JULY/AUGUST ISSUE	
Thur	21st	7-10pm	Ladies Pamper Evening	Village Hall
Thur	21st	6.30- 8.30pm	Scout and Guides Open Evening to celebrate 100 years in Sutton Courtenay	Scout and Guide Hut
Sun	24th	2-5pm	'Pipes for Pipes' musical request afternoon	Church
Sat	30th	1130am	Blue Plaque presentation	The Wharf, 43 Church St
JULY				
Sun	1st	1pm	Olympic Fun Day	Recreation Ground

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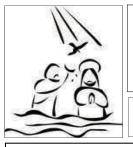
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### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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 This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organization had the permanent booking.

### A selection of events in the surrounding area recently notified to us

- ♦ Pottery open days 2-4 June Culham , pots@charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk
- ♦ Jubilee Beacon Party 4 June Little Wittenham www.earthtrust.org.uk
- ♦ Concert at St Helens Church, Abingdon 23 June 7.30pm in aid of Help for Heroes with Aileen Thompson, contact 01235 520144
- ♦ Long Wittenham pre-school open day, Long Wittenham village hall, 30 June 10am-1pm
- ♦ Oxford Harmonic Society 30 June 7.30pm, The Creation, Sheldonian Theatre



### HOLY BAPTISM

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

#### EVIE MAY PIKE - 6 May 2012

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### Annual Meeting of Council

Last month's meeting was the annual meeting of the Council when Cllr. Michael Jenkins was elected Chairman for the following year, and Cllr. William Hanks elected Vice-Chairman. The Council also appointed representatives to local Liaison Committees. There have been some changes in these appointments, so should you have any matters or queries relating to the WRG Landfill site, RWEnPower Station site, Culham site or Harwell site then the following people can raise concerns or queries on your behalf at the appropriate meetings.

WRG Landfill - Cllr. W. Hanks 848881 or Cllr. R. Mead 848875

RWEnPower - Power Station - Cllr. W. Hanks 848881 or Cllr. C. Woodward 534409

Culham – Cllr. C. Woodward 534409

Harwell - Cllr. W. Hanks 848881

Full details of all Councillors are on the noticeboard outside Burgrey stores. Alternatively they can be contacted via the Clerk whose details are below.

### Vale of White Horse District Council - Interim Housing Supply Statement

Changes in planning law introduced by the Government's National Planning Policy Framework mean that the District Council's proposals cannot now be adopted as a formal policy of that Council. Instead, a five year housing land supply statement will be produced, plus a separate sites assessment document, which the planning committee will take into account in reaching its decision, alongside the formal policies of the Council. As mentioned previously the Parish Council has resolved that the 200 houses already agreed for the village are sufficient for Sutton Courtenay and that it did not support further development.

#### Dial a Ride Service

A new county wide service has replaced the Octabus Dial a Ride. It is being operated by the County Council's own integrated transport unit. There is a new number for users to phone to book their dial a ride journey. This is 0845 310 11. The service will still operate 9.00 - 5.00p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Concessionary bus pass holders will still be able to travel free of charge. The service can be used for any purpose of journey, except journeys to hospital appointments and to County Council funded day centres. If your travel needs are more complex, or you want to know about other door to door services then call OxTAIL (Oxfordshire Travel Advice and Information Line ) on 01865 323738.

#### Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Board

The Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Board will be holding a ceremony to unveil the plaque commemorating H.H.Asquith, Prime Minister 1908 - 1916, at The Wharf, 43 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay, on Saturday 30th June at 11.30 am. All are welcome to the ceremony which will involve short speeches followed by the unveiling.

#### The following planning applications were considered by the Council at its last meeting:

P12/V0615/ZZZ conversion of part of outbuilding to granny annexe - 5 Hobbyhorse Lane
P12/V0646/ZZZ Erection of end terrace house - 6 Abingdon Road

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833 or email@info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th May, 2012 in the village hall, Frilsham Street at 7.30 p.m, owing to bank holiday on the usual meeting day, then Tuesday 3rd July, 2012

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

### Update from Neighbourhood Action Group 5 (Appleford, Drayton & Sutton Courtenay)

In the March issue of the Village News, NAG5 reported that it hoped to involve the primary school children in the community anti-speeding and road safety campaign. Following discussions with Head Teacher Alison Ashcroft, this took the form of a competition to design a poster for display in the village. It had to be eyecatching, simple and of a portrait layout.

The competition took place in April, the entries were judged on 1<sup>st</sup> May and the results announced at the school assembly on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were three main prizes to be awarded though each child received a small prize for participation. The judges were drawn from NAG5, Thames Valley Police and Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service. They were very impressed with the standard of entries and the thought put in to the designs – so well done to all who took part. The winners can be proud of their success.

First prize - Ashley Massey Second prize - Joe Luciano

Third prize - Kiera White

NAG wishes to say thank you to the parents for their cooperation without which it would not have taken place, the children for their enthusiasm and artistry and the Head Teacher and the teachers for their help fitting this in within a very busy school schedule. Thanks are also due to Mandy Rigault the Road Safety Team Leader for Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service's Road Safety education team and Sarah Gniadek-Pitt the Area Road Safety Officer for the South and Vale. A special thanks to Bridget Haffenden, Robin Wood and PCSO Sandra Syphas for coordinating the work on behalf of NAG5.

A similar competition took place in Drayton primary school. The first-prize winner of each competition will see their posters reproduced and displayed in both villages.

All entries from Sutton Courtenay Primary School will be on display at the Recreation Ground at the Olympic fun event on Sunday 1 July. Please come and see them.

Peter Delany, Neighbourhood Action Group 5.

This project was sponsored by:

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust, Drayton Parish Council

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### SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT AT SUTTON COURTENAY

Giving first hand experiences to our children is of vital importance to all the staff at Sutton Courtenay. The creative curriculum that we have in place has enabled children to experience all sorts of things first hand.

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their own dens and as a finale they planned a camp night! Every detail of the night was planned by the children who had to work to a budget, prepare food for 50 people and organise the entertainment!



Love life; love learning;



More recently the same classes have been working on a project entitled 'Technotastic'. The children have looked at the changes in technology and have worked at the RM Real Centre to produce animations and films with special effects. The children were particularly impressed with using the 'Green Screen' to create disappearing tricks as seen in Harry Potter. The project culminated with a presentation at the Real Centre to parents and friends.

Our Year 3 children are currently working on a topic called 'Disaster Zone' so were delighted to be able to study the tornado that went through Oxfordshire in May! The younger children have explored Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their project on 'Mini Zoos' and will also be visiting Harcourt Arboretum to finish off their 'Growing things' topic.

Earlier on this term, we welcomed an etymologist into school to enhance a project on mini beasts. The children found out about the importance of insects to the world and handled everything from cockroaches to enormous stick insects. They also enjoyed watching their teachers eat barbequed meal worms!

We are also in the process of developing our own Forest School within the school grounds and have been busy planting trees and wild flowers in the area. Miss Tristram, our Foundation Stage Teacher, is currently training to be a Forest School Leader and the whole school is looking forward to be able to use this fantastic facility.

If you have pre-school children and would like a tour of the school, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01235 848333. I would be delighted to show you around.

Alison Ashcroft

Headteacher

www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk

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### 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 Cubbage (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

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am 2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) and Evensong at 6pm 3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Children's Church), & Evening Praise at 6pm 4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

### From the Ministry team....

### 17 June Father's Day – time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, is there a 'spare' father somewhere in our church or your circle of friends whose children cannot be with him, and who would welcome some special treat on the day?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, USA, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time (from the Mothering Sunday we celebrate here). But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' (reversed charges) to home are recorded on Father's Day then on any other day of the year!

In All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay we will be having a special service of Morning Worship at 10.30am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Fathers – do come and join us!

With love and prayers, Helen

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

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### And Get Set for the Olympic Themed

Children's Summer Holiday Club 2012

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

from 10-3pm.

We will be learning what it means to belong to 'Team Jesus' and having lots of Olympic fun along the way – with games, craft activities, obstacle races and much, much more!

The cost for both days is £10 per child.

If you are interested in helping with the holiday club or would like to register your child/children then please contact

Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297 or <a href="mailto:helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk">helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk</a>

This is run by All Saints' Church, SC and St Peter's Church, Drayton – It will be held in the School Hall, Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School by kind permission of the Headteacher.

#### **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 for more information.

NB TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC 1PM ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

#### **CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE**

- **Saturday 2**<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm English Music Festival returns to Sutton Courtenay with the Syred Consort, directed by Ben Palmer tickets available from the EMF website or programmes and booking forms available in church.
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10.30am Jubilation Songs of Praise A Service of Thanksgiving for all the Family to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee followed by a community picnic on the Village Hall (please see advert for full details)
- **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Communion for Corpus Christi with the Reverend Josie Midwinter
- **Saturday 16**<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm Gift Day at All Saints' Church for our 'Raising the Temperature' Fundraising Appeal for new heating at the church.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Service for Father's Day
- **Sunday 24**<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm Pipes for Pipes Come for tea and cakes and sponsor our organist to play your favourite music sacred or secular. Sponsor forms available in church. *A fundraiser for our heating appeal.*
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 2.30-4pm Tea Time at All Saints' open to all for tea, cake and conversation.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm Wedding at All Saints'

#### **CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY**

- **Sunday 1**<sup>st</sup> **July** Olympic Fun Day on the Recreation Ground
- **Wednesday 4**<sup>th</sup> 1pm Small Saints' Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Churchyard. All Teddy Bear's and their 0-4 year old owners welcome please ring Helen Kendrick, 848297 or Pat Napper 848292 if you would like to come.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm Wedding at All Saints'

### **REST IN PEACE**

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

Squadron Leader WALTER BRIAN SOWERBY RAF (Retired) Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order who has died aged 79, was born in Barnsley on 1st March 1933 to his parents Ernest and Florence. He was educated at Barnsley and District Holgate Grammar School which he left aged 15 to go and work in the Town Clerk's office. He was a keen member of the Air Training Corp and enjoyed banging the drum in the band! And he always remembered the Town Clerk telling him to, 'keep your feet on the ground laddie' - needless to say this was advice that Brian did not heed! His long and successful RAF career began when he joined as a Direct Entry Navigator in January 1951 passing out with a Queen's Commission in February 1952. He met his wife Margaret in 1952 and they were married in 1955 in Ampleforth Parish Church following Brian's return from service in Egypt. After a series of postings, including time spent in Aden, Brian was posted to Benson, and Brian and Margaret bought their house on the Harwell Road in Sutton Courtenay in 1970. In 1972 Brian was invited to join The Queen's Flight at Benson in which he served for thirteen years. During that time he built up a storehouse of memories accompanying the Royal Family all over the world. In 1977 he was appointed to be a member of the Royal Victorian Order. It was whilst at RAF Benson in 1975 that Brian was detailed to build Benson Golf Club. It was really his baby. At that point Brian had never played golf but, with typical dedication and efficiency, he bought himself a set of clubs and learnt to play. His final posting was to RAF Northolt on 11th November 1985 from where he retired from the RAF on 28th November 1986. As he himself recorded, his logbooks show that he flew 12,519 hours and 35 minutes in 27 different types of aircraft and flew 1020 Royal flights. He was always very proud of having held so many staff appointments without having completed a staff navigator's course and having held an 'A' category navigator rating for well over 20 years. Following his retirement Brian commuted daily to London for six years to work as a Senior Official in the Royal Household at St James's Palace in the post of Assistant Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, with responsibilities, to quote Brian, "... for co-ordinating the names of recipients of awards from all Government Departments, Prime Minister's Office, the three services and all participating oversees countries and publishing them in the London Gazette, mainly on HM The Queen's Official Birthday List and the New Year's Honour's List, maintaining records of all awards and arranging for the recipients to receive their insignia at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace or elsewhere." He finally retired on his 60th birthday in 1993 and enjoyed the early years of his retirement on the golf course; travelling with Margaret; and being actively involved with The Queen's Flight Association, during which time he compiled and published the history of the Queen's Flight. Brian led a full life and was always grateful for the richness and many blessings he received. He will be greatly missed by his wife Margaret and his wide circle of friends and colleagues across the world. (This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at Brian's funeral held in Oxford Crematorium on 25th April 2012).

#### Tea & Cakes

Thursday 28th June 2.30pm—4pm



at All Saints' Church Sutton Courtenay

All are welcome to just drop in for a cup of tea & cake. There will also be a small bookstall for you to browse and buy from!

### Poor teapot!

The teapot is in mortal danger. In the last five years demand for teapots has halved, and demand for mugs has trebled. We still love our tea — we drink 165 million cups of the stuff every day — but it seems that these days more and more of us are making our tea in the vessel we drink it from.

### **SUTTON COURTENAY WI**

It was reported in the national press recently that the WI has seen a boom in numbers due to the recession. Young women especially are joining to pick up money-saving tips. In the last three years 56,500 new members have joined, and 296 new branches created around the country. In London alone 51 new groups have been formed. Why not come along to your local WI one month and see for yourself why so many women are joining.

Our May meeting was our annual Resolution meeting; The Employment of More Midwives. There are chronic shortages of midwives and the National Federation of WI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales to ensure services are adequately resourced and are able to deliver a high standard of care. Our WI voted unanimously for this to be put forward at the National AGM. This was followed by wine and cheese and a very interesting talk by one of our members Madeline Webster on "Colour Matching".

In June we have our annual Garden Party and BBQ. This year it will be held in the garden of our President. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

Don't forget to come for a WI cream tea on the Green on Sunday 3 June 3pm-4pm for the Jubilee celebrations.

Further trips include one to see the new "improvements" at Kensington palace in August. Why not join us? For further details please contact Sally Furze on 848924.

### PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

'Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?'. Probably not too well after the dreadful weather we have had. However, look at the schedules that were in last month's Sutton Courtenay News to see how many classes you can enter. Meanwhile out with your cameras, artists get busy and make the most of the time so that there will be a wonderful display of beautiful craft items.

Entry forms and extra schedules will be available in July and August.

See you all at the show on September 1st at the Village Hall.

Until then

Daphne Sinclair

### WOMENS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting held on the  $8^{th}$  May was a Beetle drive and although the attendance was low, all who came really enjoyed it and there were many laughs. Two members had the same final total and each received a prize.

Our meeting in June is an outing to Waddesdon Manor which is near Aylesbury.

Our meeting in July is to be a Garden Party and by kind permission of Mrs Joan Moss, will be in her garden.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

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### COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER...

### OLYMPIC FUN DAY SUNDAY 1ST JULY 2012

ON THE RECREATION GROUND, SUTTON COURTENAY

### PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

1pm Opening Ceremony

4pm Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

### All Day Refreshments...

Cash Bar

**Hog Roast** 

B-B-Q

Tea and Cakes

### All Day Stalls...

**Grand Raffle** 

Tombola

**Bouncy Castle** 

### All Day Fun...

**Team Challenges** 

Fast-fill water in a bucket

Penalty shoot out

Knit-a-thon

Intergenerational egg and spoon & obstacle races

**Dominoes** 

Many more













COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE RE-FURBISHMENT OF THE RECREATION GROUND

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### SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tue June 5th 7.30pm Village Hall

Spiritual Fellowship meeting with David Chapman

Tue July 3rd 7.30pm Village Hall

Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Patrick Carbury

On May 1st we were pleased to have with us Irene Fowler accompanied by her friend Val. We had an excellent evening with Irene giving a good address, followed by clairvoyance from Irene and Val.

There were some more new people with us, and most of our regulars, creating an excellent atmosphere, and of course, tea or coffee and cakes or biscuits afterwards.

Enquiries-Pat or Sam 01235 847460.

### **BIRD WATCHER**

In late February the Blackbirds and Thrushes began to sing loudly at first light. Until then they had been singing quietly as if to begin to practice ready for the full blown song when looking for a mate and claiming their territory.

Nationally there has been a decline in Song Thrush and Sparrow numbers. However, both seem to be doing well around the village. We have Sparrows nesting in the bushes around the garden. They are fond of gaps in roof tiles and this gives them their name. But people tend to look after their houses much better these days probably because of the high cost of housing.

An unusual visitor to our neighbour's bird table was a Reed Bunting, a bird normally found close to water.

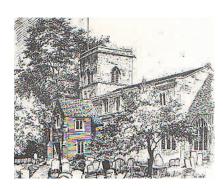
In March other birds began to sing. Long tailed Tits and Chaffinches were much in evidence. The number of Green Woodpeckers has grown, but the Great Spotted Woodpeckers seem less common round the village.

Towards the end of April two Lapwings were seen calling and displaying over the land fill site. Some of it has been ploughed and perhaps they were thinking of nesting. Years ago they were common on ploughed fields. The change of cropping from sowing spring wheat to winter wheat means that the chicks are trying to survive in growing wheat, which is difficult for them especially in wet weather.



Reed Bunting

### SUMMER GARDEN PARTY LUNCH



### FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### SUMMER GARDEN PARTY LUNCH

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012 12.00 noon

This will be held at Jordan's Barn in Drayton Road,
by kind permission of Peter and Linda Foster.
Admission by ticket only
Prices: Adult £10; Under 16 £5; Children under 5 free
Family ticket for 2 adults plus 2 or more children £25

Free Punch on arrival, marquee in case of heatwave/inclement weather

Raffle

Tickets available from Nora Harragin (848235)

Or any member of the committee

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### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

### Crispy Mackerel with crushed jersey royals and olive salsa.

This is a lovely summery dish and packed with flavour. Feel free to try it with different fish. I have chosen Mackerel as it's cheap, tasty and sustainable.

Serves 4

### Ingredients

For the salsa
200g cherry tomatoes
4 spring onions
Large handful of green pitted olives
1/2 red chilli deseeded
Handful of basil and parsley
Salt and pepper
Juice of half a lemon
Extra virgin olive oil

500g jersey royals Butter 8 Mackerel fillets, scaled and pin boned Oil



#### Method.

Start by making the salsa, roughly chop all of the salsa ingredients and add to a small pan with a good lug of oil and the juice of half a lemon. Put the pan to one side.

Meanwhile cook the Jersey royals in salted boiling water until just tender. Drain in a colander and allow to steam dry. With the back of a fork gently break up and crush the potatoes.

Heat a frying pan over a high heat and add a good knob of butter to the pan. Add the potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Fry until the potatoes are nice and crisp and keep warm.

Put your pan with the salsa ingredients onto a low heat and season, you just want to warm the salsa not cook it. For the Mackerel, season the fillets with salt and pepper and drizzle with a little oil. Cook skin side up under a hot grill for about 5 minutes or until the skin is crisp, turn over and cook for another 2 minutes.

Portion the potatoes between 4 plates, top each plate with 2 crispy Mackerel fillets and spoon over the warm salsa.

Recipe by Chris Gates.

### THE ABBEY SUTTON COURTENAY

### 01235 847401 www.theabbey.uk.com

email: admin@theabbey.uk.com



Further details of these events can be found on The Abbey website www.theabbey.uk.com. It is essential to pre-book at least one week in advance for all of these events

Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.30

#### **VOICE AND SOUND HARMONIC CHOIR With Anne L Ryan**

Chants, rounds, song and harmony – Exploratory vocal work. No audition, just come along Weekly from 3<sup>rd</sup> May (half term 7<sup>th</sup> June) £6 a session

12th - 14th June

#### **REST AND RENEWAL RETREAT**

A self directed retreat. Three days for yourself, for reflection and self nurture

**Payment On Sliding Scale** 

12<sup>th</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> June

### ACUPRESSURE: Aiding Healing Through Touch two workshops led by Sarah Verney Caird

SEVA is a Sanskrit word meaning "Service". This work is available to anyone interested in health care who wants to learn a simple but powerful way to support the body's own balancing and healing processes. You will learn a short 15 minute acupressure protocol which addresses a wide range of needs from general relaxation and well-being to extreme shock and stress

7.00 - 9.30pm

£20 for both workshops

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### SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Jubilee Celebration Display All Saints' Church

The History Society will be putting on a display of photographs depicting what the village was like during the 60 years of the Queen's reign, as well as some of the events that have taken place and the people involved. There will also be a collection of Coronation souvenirs, magazines and memorabilia.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed items which will no doubt bring back memories to some

people about how the village has changed. We hope you will come and view the display on



Sunday June 3rd, Monday June 4th, or Tuesday June 5th, from 1 – 4 pm.

### UNVEILING OF PLAQUE COMMEMORATING H.H.ASQUITH

The Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Board will unveil a plaque commemorating H.H.Asquith, Prime Minister 1908 - 1916, at The Wharf, 43 Church Street, on Saturday 30th June 2012 at 11.30 am. All are welcome at the ceremony which will involve short speeches and the unveiling of the plaque.

Eda Forbes

Secretary to the Board

### EXTRACT OF ARTICLE FROM ED VAIZEY MP

This article was received too late for full inclusion, but we are printing two paragraphs of particular local interest

Over the past couple of months I've also received emails from churches and communities concerned about the Chancellor removing the VAT exemption on listed buildings alterations. Understandably people were concerned about the rise in costs of fitting modern facilities to old buildings. So I was delighted to hear that the Chancellor has arranged for an extra £30m per year to be added to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS) to help offset the higher costs, taking the total available to £42 million.

You may have heard the Vale has abandoned its interim housing plan. Because of the recession and other problems some of the large housing projects in the constituency have been delayed which means the council had to consult on an interim plan to deliver enough new homes to meet their five year targets. Small sites were identified in villages such as Marcham, Drayton, Kingston Bagpuize, Harwell, Steventon and Sutton Courtenay. I know there was a lot of concern about the plans, but I also know that many villages do need a few more homes. I will be awaiting the publication of their new core housing strategy which should come out soon.

Ed Vaizey

### Notes for your summer diary ...

### **Upcoming MUSICAL DELIGHTS**

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### **English Music Festival** (1-5 June 2012)

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Details and bookings at www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/boxoffice.html.

### 'Pipes for Pipes'

As part of All Saints' Church new heating system fundraising appeal, **IAN MILES** will be at the organ from 2 – 5pm on **Sunday 24 June** to play 'sponsored requests' from the mainstream and lighter repertoires, according to demand and his own and the instrument's capabilities. Further details from the Church and in our June *Village News*!

### **Parish Proms**

All Saints' Church is delighted to announce its own third season of Parish Proms which will, mostly, as usual be on **Summer Sundays at Six**. In this Jubilee year our programmes are based (though not exclusively) around the 'Best of British':

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29 July: A Treasury of Vocal Gems with LYNNE WINTER

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(\* to avoid any clash with the Olympics' Closing Ceremony!)

Further details in due course ~ but please note the dates, and join us for these very enjoyable events offered by outstanding and experienced local musicians.

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~ All Saints' Parish Church, Sutton Courtenay ~

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### WRG'S PLANS

Villagers should watch out for the results of two planning meetings which will have occurred just before this edition of SC News reaches them.

- 1. **Anaerobic Digestor**. On Weds 23 May the Vale DC Planning Committee will have considered WRGs application to build an Anaerobic Digestor. The officers have recommended **refusal** on the grounds:
- a. That WRG have failed to prove that there is an overriding need for the facility to be in open countryside contrary to policy the local policy G2 and
- b. The proposed development would have a harmful effect on the local landscape contrary to policies, NE9, NE19 and NE11.

This recommendation follows strong objections by 72 residents, the local parish and town councils and Oxfordshire CPRE amongst others and is consistent with the Vale's opposition to both the incinerator and the MBT. It highlights the importance of local people making their voices heard in the planning process and in objecting to planning applications which would have adverse effects on the local community. Hopefully the Planning Committee will have agreed and rejected the application.

2. **Materials Recovery Facility(MRF).** On Mon 28 May the County Council Planning Committee will have considered WRG's application to vary a planning permission to build an MRF, originally granted in 2001/3 and subjected to a variation in 2008. **The officers recommended approval** of the application.

Unfortunately, as the permission had already been granted, it was difficult to oppose it on the same grounds as the Anaerobic Digester, of it being contrary to local plans and there being no over-riding need, despite it clearly being so. Objections were however, raised about the size of the plant and that it was originally meant for Oxfordshire's waste, which is now being treated elsewhere. It was also argued, unsuccessfully, that it should be treated as a new application rather than accepted as a Section 73 variation. The officers report did, however, reiterate that the planning permission was for a temporary plant with an end date of 2019 and that the waste input was restricted to 70,000 tonnes per annum.

This demonstrates again how important it is to monitor developments and where apposite, to register objections to applications as they arise, particularly given WRG's history of planning creep. Let us hope that the Planning Committee has rejected the application, otherwise there will be a strong risk that WRG will seek further variations to extend the life of the plant and increase the input.

- 3. **Breach of Planning Conditions**. Meanwhile WRG are still in breach of a number of planning conditions from earlier planning permissions, despite the best efforts of our County Cllr Stewart Lilly. This includes Condition 73 of CM59, which required WRG to produce and obtain approval for a drainage scheme two years ago, before starting to increase the Landfill height by 75ft. Villagers may have noted the extensive flooding on the bicycle way and the fields beyond it close to Didcot Power Station, which a satisfactory drainage scheme would overcome. This flooding has now been occurring for several years, but WRG, a privately owned Spanish Company, which shows little concern for nearby residents, has not responded effectively to repeated complaints from landowners or to the County Council's planning conditions.
- 4. **WRG's Future Plans.** Finally in January WRG, stated that within three months they would be contacting local stakeholders to open discussion about its long term plans. Some transparency by WRG would be a welcome change, but we are still waiting!

D J Mckenzie

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### **LETTERS & NOTICES**

The editorial team wishes to thank the Parish Council and All Saints' Church for their generous annual donations, received this month.

#### To distributors of Sutton Courtenay News

Thank you to those of you who kindly responded to last month's plea for contact details of our distributors. We are still missing some names, and it would be really helpful to have a reliable up to date list of all of you. Please get in touch with Judy Prout, e-mail judyprout1@aim.com, tel 01235 847333, to confirm your name, contact details and area of delivery, if you haven't already done so.

Many thanks,

Diane and Clare, editor@suttoncourtenay.co.uk

#### To the editor

I have noticed that in the last few editions of the 'News' most of the problems arising are regarding dog poo. I understand this problem, nobody wants it on their shoes or pram wheels.

As a dog walker I know what a pain it is carrying bags of poo for long periods when walking my dogs, might I suggest that more bins are placed in the village, in the following locations.

- 1. Harwell Road entrance to the village, where people come out of the field bordering the Milton Park estate.
- 2. Milton Road entrance to the village, again a lot of people use the footpaths that run either side of the road.
- 3. Abingdon Road entrance to the pools/weirs.
- 4. Bradstock Way, possibly somewhere near the school, as this area seems to be the most popular cause of complaint.

I know it will not make a difference to the persistent offenders, but it might help! My husband and I have started picking up other people's dog mess if it is on the footpaths, we always carry bags in our pockets, every little helps.

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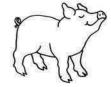
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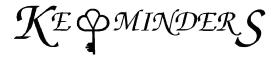
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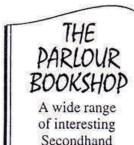
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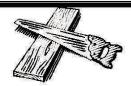
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