

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.

Sept				
Sat	1st	2pm	Produce and craft show	Village Hall
Sun	2nd	2.30pm	Duck race	Mill Lane
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Thur	6th	12 noon	WI lunch	Benson
Sat	8th		Historic Churches Ride and Stride	Oxfordshire
Tue	11th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Tue	18th	7.30pm	WI - Swishing, talent, and craft	Village Hall
Wed	19th		COPY DAY FOR OCTOBER SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS	
Tue	25th	7.30pm	Local History Society - Tales from the Church and Churchyard	Village Hall
Sun	30th	6pm	Russian chants and folk songs with Lyra Vocal Ensemble	Church
Oct				
Sat	6th	7pm	Harvest Supper and Dance	Village Hall

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

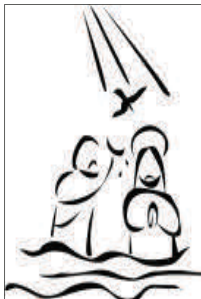
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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



HOLY MATRIMONY

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

Christopher Edward Hulmes and Emma Jean O'Byrne (Saturday 30th June 2012)
Benjamin Cox and Julia May Heslop (Friday 6th July 2012)
Jonathan Robert Webb and Natalie Ann Rouse (Saturday 21st July 2012)
Christopher Lloyd Brett and Charlotte Emily Coles (Saturday 4th August 2012)
Grant Shane Moreton and Keila Joelene Granito (Saturday 11th August 2012)
Lee David Newport and Sally Marie Dummett (Saturday 18th August 2012)



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Marley Joe Dodd (24th June 2012) **Harold Alfred Nelson Manley** (8th July 2012)
Charlie David Napper (12th August 2012)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Code of Conduct

The Localism Act 2011 provided for a new Code of Conduct to direct the ways in which members of Councils conduct themselves when carrying out local council business. The County Council, all District Councils and the Parish and Town Councils in Oxfordshire have agreed the same new Code, which means that someone serving on a more than one Council will be subject to the same provisions. The new code came into affect from 1st July 2012 and was adopted by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council.

Oxfordshire County Council – Strategy for Waste

The Parish Council has commented on the proposed waste strategy and on the Joint Municipal Waste Consultation. Its main concerns were that Oxfordshire seemed to be taking no measures to reduce commercial and industrial waste, and that there could be continued importation of waste from outside of the county. There was reference in the documentation of communities being at the centre of the strategy and minimising the distances waste travels, yet there seemed to be little protection for villages such as Sutton Courtenay, which bears an undue share of the current burden of the area's waste, being protected from planning creep. As for the municipal waste, for some large households a fortnightly collection seemed insufficient. There may be the need for larger or additional wheelie bins. Concerns were raised too regarding higher composting targets and the impact that might mean for Sutton Courtenay, particularly as the village already has suffered odours coming from the existing local composting activities.

Dial a Ride Service

A reminder that a new county side service has replaced the Octabus Dial a Ride. Anyone wishing to use the service can book their journey by telephoning 0845 310 11 11. The service operates Monday to Fridays 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Concessionary bus pass holders will still be able to travel free of charge.

Footpaths

The footpaths seem to be quite overgrown this year, partly due to the amount of rain and vigorous plant growth that has taken place. The Parish Councillors are walking the paths to check those that have been reported as inaccessible and those where problems may exist. It is the intention that a report on the parish footpaths will be sent to the County Council's countryside section – the authority for ensuring the public rights of way remain open and available.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P12/V1590/FUL - 176 Milton Park Milton Abingdon OX14 4SW

Change of use from warehousing (Class B8) to research and development and production (Class B1(b) and B1 (c) .

The Parish Council had no objections.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

P12/V1576/CM - Hanson Aggregates Appleford Sidings Sutton Courtenay Oxfordshire OX14 4PW

Extension of existing dust storage shed.

The Parish Council had no objection, but commented that there could be a more effective use of the site, and that the sheds should be kept to size and for dust suppression only.

P12/V1497/CM Sutton Courtenay Landfill site Sutton Courtenay Oxon OX14 4PW

Establishment of recycling facilities on land west of corridor road; extend the duration of the existing green waste composting facility; and allow the storage of materials derived from the recycling facilities within the green waste composting facility

The Parish Council objected

P12/V1434/HH - 16 Church Street Sutton Courtenay Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 4NJ

Conversion of detached annex into a garage with storeroom and hobby room.

The Parish Council had no objections

P12/V1468/LB - Land adjacent to Manor House, Church Street Sutton Courtenay Oxfordshire OX14 4NW

Re-design of house H3 and Boathouse previously permitted under P12/V2560 and P12/V2561/LB in the curtilage of a listed building.

The Parish Council had no objections

P12/V1175/FUL - All Saints Church, Church Street Sutton Courtenay Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 4AF

Erection of a garden storage shed.

The Parish Council had no objections

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

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th September, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.

OUTREACH AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Are you living alone, house bound, a new parent, a single parent, new to the village, or in need of any kind?

The community at All Saints' have become increasingly aware of the number of people living in the village who may be in need of support. We would like to extend the hand of friendship and support to any who need it in the village.

If you would like to speak with one of the Outreach Team to discuss how we might help you please contact the Vicarage on 848297 and we will arrange a meeting.

If you think you have something to bring to this group and would like to volunteer to join the team, please contact the Vicarage on 848297 and we will discuss with you how you can get involved.

Lynne Cabbage

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time that this article goes to print the new school year will have started and we will be welcoming a new class of twenty children to our Foundation Stage Class. Starting school is the beginning of an amazing time of discovery and wonder as children begin to learn and practice the skills that they will need to be great citizens of tomorrow. I am committed to providing opportunities and experiences that make our motto of 'love life; love learning; love one another' come alive in our school.

These experiences are wide and encompass many different aspects of the curriculum. For example, Forest School sessions led by a specially trained leader – who in our school is our fantastic Foundation Stage Teacher, Miss Tristram, help children to start assessing risks for themselves as they climb trees, light fires and whittle wood at the ages of four and five.

Another wonderful experience came at the end of the school year in July when a group of around twenty children from our Key Stage Two classes (ages 7-11) performed a musical called Cinderella and Rockerfella. The play was practised after school and I did question my decision when I realised that we only had seven rehearsals to put on a play that lasted for one and a half hours! However, all the children involved in the play worked so hard to learn their lines, dances and entrances and resulted in a really wonderful performance – a truly great way to end the year.

Over the summer, one of our children will have had a brilliant experience as they were chosen to have tickets for the Olympic Games that were allocated to the school. The tickets that we were given as part of being involved in the 'Get Set' network were for athletics in the Olympic Stadium on the 4th August – the date that was later dubbed 'Super Saturday' by the press. Alex Foley, from Year 5 would have seen some of Jessica Ennis's events that led to her gold medal, Ussain Bolt's 100 metre heats to name but a few. I am looking forward to finding out more about her day when we return to school.

At the end of the term we celebrated the achievement of our Year 6 pupils and also gave out awards to children that had shown real qualities as a learner. The children nominated for the awards all had similar qualities: independence, perseverance, determination, and the ability to listen to advice and act upon it. The following children were recognised as being fantastic learners – congratulations to them all.

In mathematics the award winners were: Layland Moreton, Harry Greenaway, Alfie Grisbrooke, Emma Doel and Alex Foley. The English award winners were: Lucyanne Wooldridge Grieve, Sofia Dent, Tara Clay, Kacey Bolton and Kaylie Byrne.

As we begin another school year we look forward to an exciting residential trip for Year 5 and 6, a music week and many other opportunities in order to develop our young people. I am looking forward to the year ahead and to watching our children grow – in hear, mind and soul and to see that they 'love life; love learning; and love one another'.

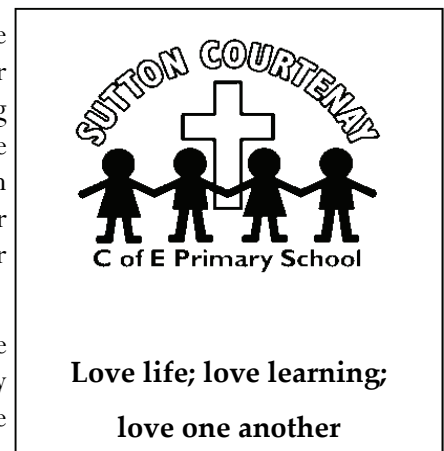
If you have young children and would like to visit our school, I would be delighted to show you round. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Alison Ashcroft

Headteacher

www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk

Telephone: 01235 848333



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

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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

"Would you like to come to church with me?"

BackToChurchSunday    | 30th September 2012

Millions of people who don't go to church would say yes to an invitation from a friend. What if you were that friend? Who would you invite?

Back to Church Sunday has caught on in churches everywhere because it is so simple. Since 2004 a quarter of a million people have said yes to the prayerful invitation of a friend.

Each year more churches take part and more people come back per church. In 2011 in the Church of England 20 more people came to each church - across all denominations about 77,000 extra people altogether.

And at its heart it is the oldest idea of all, the one that made shepherds leave their flocks, fishermen leave their nets, and tax collectors climb out of trees. Someone invited them.

And this is **OUR INVITATION TO YOU** – Would you like to come to church with us?

10.30am - All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay
A Service of the Word followed by Refreshments

BackToChurchSunday    | 30th September 2012

With love and prayers, Helen

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

RAISING THE TEMPERATURE**INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH HEATING**

Please note that during September/October the Church building will not be open to visitors because the heating engineers will be on site installing the new heating system.

The Churchyard will be accessible.

Sunday services will still take place but no bookings for weddings or baptisms will be taken for this time.

The 9.45am Wednesday Communion Service will be held at Pumney's, Drayton Road - all are still welcome to worship with us.

We will do our best to accommodate funerals – but there will be some disruption and the church will be dusty! We ask for your understanding at this time.

CHURCH WARMING PARTY

We hope to celebrate and give thanks for the completion of the work at a special service on **Sunday 4th November at 10.30am** followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

We are also looking ahead to the next fundraising challenge for the building of new (disabled) toilet and kitchen facilities and a meeting room. All donations gratefully received.

CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 2nd** – 2.30pm Duck Race, Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay
- **Saturday 8th** – Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride or Stride
- **Wednesday 12th** – 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
- **Thursday 20th** - 7.45pm Abingdon Deanery Synod Meeting
- **Tuesday 25th** – 1.30pm Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage. 7.30pm Local History Society Talk with Mary Thompson & Helen Kendrick on Inhabitants of the Churchyard and Vicars of this Parish

Sunday 30th – BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – 10.30am Service in Church followed by refreshments – all welcome. 6pm Lyra Ensemble Concert.

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- **Wednesday 3rd** - 7.30pm Christianity Explored (see advert for details)
- **Saturday 6th** – 7pm for 7.30pm Harvest Supper & Barn Dance (see advert for details)
- **Sunday 7th** – 10.30am Harvest Festival Service
- **Tuesday 9th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting at the Village Hall.
- **Wednesday 10th** – 7.30pm Christianity Explored.
- **Thursday 11th** – 2pm Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Harvest Celebration
- **Wednesday 17th** – 7.30pm DAMASCUS Group Council Meeting at Milton Church.

Wednesday 24th – 7.30pm Christianity Explored

If you would like to help your child explore the Christian faith then why not come to

SMALL SAINTS
of Sutton Courtenay

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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME AND NEW LOCATION

STARTING ON WED 3rd OCTOBER

Christianity EXPLORED

is an informal 7-week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics.

Looking at Mark's gospel, it explores who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him.

You won't be asked to pray, sing or read aloud, and you can ask any questions you like. Or, if you prefer, you can just come along and listen.

Christianity Explored has been around for over a decade now, and it's been designed to suit different age ranges and people. **Christianity Explored** is primarily for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity informally with a group of other people. Whether you have previous experience of Church, Christians and the Bible, or none at all, this course is for you. Everyone is welcome - from the most sympathetic Sunday schooler to regular churchgoer to the convinced atheist. A group of people from All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay are hosting a Christianity Explored Course over seven Wednesdays in October and November. Why not join us?

3rd October, 10th October, 24th October,
7th November; 14th November; 21st November; 28th November
All the evenings begin at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church with a coffee and a pudding, and finish at 9.30pm.

To express an interest or just to find out more please contact one of the following:
Lynne Cabbage 848768; Tim Budd 820942 or Helen Kendrick 848297

ON YOUR MARKS...

48 children from Sutton Courtenay and Drayton attended the two day Holiday Club run by All Saints' Church, SC and St Peter's Drayton. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible and gave the children such a fun filled time of crafts, games and sporting activities based around an Olympic theme and the teaching in Mark's Gospel about what it means to be on Jesus' team. And, as a bonus, it was very hot and very sunny!

REST IN PEACE

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

Gabriele (Gaby) Barnes who died on 25th June 2012 was born in Austria on 28th October 1923. She was the middle one of 5 children. Her oldest brother Franz was a pilot in the Austrian air force and was killed during the 2nd WW. Her family suffered many hardships during this period. Her parents would hide their children in the attic when the Germans were in the vicinity. She couldn't wait to explore after the war and travelled alone to the UK in Oct 1950. Over the next few years she travelled between Austria and the UK on several occasions working as an au pair in the Bournemouth area. In 1955 she met our dad in Bournemouth through their mutual friends Jessie and John and they were married in 1956. She became a citizen of the UK in May 1959. Gaby and John lived in West Moors until the winter of 1957 when they moved to Harwell and Gaby started work in the mid 1960s at the Harwell Nursery School as a kitchen assistant with her great friend June Bowman and worked there for several years. She then had several small cleaning jobs until she finally retired at 74. The family travelled regularly to Austria where she slipped back into the German language as if she had never been away. She loved baking and gardening and enjoyed a little gamble on the one arm bandits at the police club at Harwell. She also loved going to the local bingo sessions at Harwell on Saturday night. When the family moved to Sutton Courtenay in 1997 Gaby started attending The Bingo club at the old cinema in Didcot and played regularly, meeting up with her friends to have a chat and try to win the big money. Gaby was a proud Mum to Caroline and Roz, Grandmother to Andrew, Michael and James and Great-Grandmother to Owen and Olivia. Her funeral took place on Wednesday 4th July 2012 at Oxford Crematorium. She will be greatly missed by her daughters and all her family and friends who remember her as a very caring and loving person.

This is an edited extract of the family tribute given at the service.

Baby Annie Elizabeth Matthews who died on 29th June 2012 and whose funeral was held in All Saints' Church, on 10th July 2012.

Marye Gallagher-Daggitt who died on 8th July 2012 was born in Withernsea, East Yorkshire on 18th January 1933, daughter to Edit and Godfrey Appleyard and younger sister to Dave. Her father died when she was only 10 years old but nevertheless she obtained a scholarship to Malet Lambert School, Hull where she developed her love of tennis. She then joined the Midland Bank in Hull and met a young RAF man stationed at the Radar Base at Patrington. She and George married in 1954 and went onto have a daughter, Jane. In the early 1960s the family moved to Tullis Close in Sutton Courtenay where Marye soon became part of the community – actively involved in the Roman Catholic Church in the village and as a Governor at the Convent. She was well known for her attention to detail – she was a great list writer – her love of tennis and Wimbledon and Formula 1 Grand Prix. Her greatest quality was her loyalty and kindness to family and her friends. She was always concerned for other people and was a good friend to everyone. She will be greatly missed. *This is an edited extract of the tribute given at the funeral by Sue Appleyard, Marye's sister in law, at the funeral held at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on Tuesday 17th July 2012.*

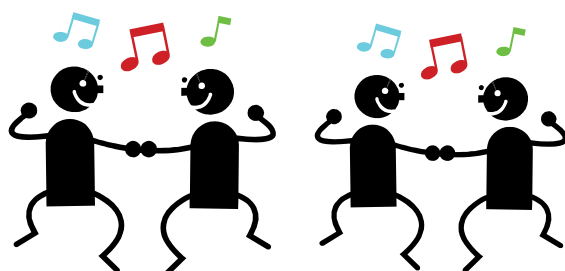
Francis William Clarke (Bill) was born in Warwick on 31st May 1924 to William John & Hope Imogen Clarke. He was the only boy of the family, with three sisters. The family moved to Sutton Courtenay to Milton Road when he was 7yrs old. It was then that he first came to worship at All Saints' as a choirboy. He remembered the choirmaster was very strict and always expected the choristers to have perfectly polished shoes. Bill didn't particularly enjoy school and left at the earliest opportunity. He had a job in Judge Leonard's garage when, as a young man he assisted with the Home Guard prior to joining up. He served in the Royal Navy from 1942 until the end of the war and proudly wore his medals at every Remembrance Service. Every year, on his birthday, he would recollect where he was on that date in 1944 – aboard his ship in Weymouth Harbour waiting for the storm to die down prior to the D-Day landings. It was not a pleasant birthday as everyone on board – even seasoned sailors - were so seasick and it was a relief to begin the sail across the channel a few days later – although in later years Bill could hardly bring himself to describe what he went onto experience and witness on D-Day as the American forces they had taken across made their landings on the beaches. All his life Bill loved music, particularly big band music, and he played the drums in the MCM dance band which formed in 1947. This band provided the sound track to the lives of a generation in this village as they played at numerous dances in the old village hall on Old Wallingford Way. Bill married Pam on Boxing Day 1963. Sadly their daughter Judith died very soon after her birth, with Bill attending the funeral at the Graveside – a grave he and Pam have lovingly tended every week since. They went onto have their daughter Jill in 1967. Bill was a devoted Dad and so proud of Jill and all that she achieved in her life and of his granddaughters Hope, Hannah & Chloe with whom he was always teasing and joking. Bill worked in the building trade for many years and has glowing letters of recommendation from many clients. He also worked at the MG car factory as a painter and decorator, a trade he continued into much later life working for many people in the village. Bill loved his garden and allotment – supplying large pumpkins and other produce for Harvest Festival celebrations. Although he could more often be found leaning on a spade chatting to his great friend Don Deadman rather than using it! He was someone who worked hard all his life - immensely practical - turning his hand to anything. He lived out his wedding vows by lovingly protecting and caring for Pam. And he never forgot his commitment to All Saints. He was proud of being the Verger and he liked things to be done properly and took his duties very seriously - conscientious and reliable, always impeccably turned out in his suit and with perfectly polished shoes. He was a joy to work alongside – and an excellent source of information about most people in the village! But, more importantly, he was a good friend. He was modest and unassuming but with a very wry sense of humour. Hardworking and generous with his time and his talents he was a man of quiet faith who deeply loved his family and greatly valued the friendships he made over the years. His faith gave meaning to his life and underpinned all that he did and he drew great strength from worshipping at All Saints'. His humour, his teases and his warm smile were guaranteed to lift one's spirits. He will be greatly missed by his wife Pam, daughter Jill and all his family and many friends. *This is an edited extract of the address given at Bill's funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick, held in All Saints' Church on Tuesday 14th August. 2012.*

Peter Max Beck who died on 6th August 2012 and whose funeral took place on 16th August 2012 in All Saints' Church. Tributes were given by his son Paul and his Granddaughters, Emma and Mandy. He will be greatly missed by his wife Alice and all his family and friends.

Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

for all ages

Saturday 6th October 2012



**Come and Dance to the Foot Tapping Music of
OddSox**

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Last Dance 10pm.

Tickets (to include two-course meal)

Adults **£10**: Under 16s **£6**

available from Burgrey Stores or
Lynne Cabbage, 848768, Pat Napper, 848292 or
Mary Warrington, 847346

Supper 8.15p

Doors open **7pm**. First Dance 7.30pm. **CASH BAR - RAFFLE**

Proceeds to All Saints' Church

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SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday July 3rd(that is history now) we had an excellent meeting with Patrick Carbury, who has been with us many times previously, and he took an excellent uplifting service, of course, with his dry humour.

We had some more new faces, and baby Lexie (5 months) who was as good as gold.

On Tuesday August 7th we welcomed Helen Stroudly who again gave us a great service which was very spiritual and sincere with some great evidence.

A big thank you to those who donate lovely raffle prizes, and to those fit people who put the chairs away, and also Minty and Sam for tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes.

Contrary to a rumour that has been going around we are still having our meetings and have not closed up and are not going to do so. Also Pat and Sam still live in Barretts Way and have not sold up and moved.

See you all again on September 4th or the first Tuesday of any month except January.

Enquiries Pat and Sam– 01235 847460

Tue Sept 4th, 7.30pm at Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Tom Dodd

Tue Oct 2nd, 7.30pm at Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship meeting with David Chapman

BIRD WATCHER

In late Spring a flock of six white storks was seen flying over the village before being seen again at Standlake. They are very rare birds in Oxfordshire, especially a flock of six. A single Stork may sometimes be seen, but is probably an escapee.

Also in Spring Garden Warblers could be heard regularly. They sound like a Blackcap, but this is more tuneful and is sometimes called the Nightingale of the North.

In June a pair of Lapwings was flying over the landfill site. They seemed rather agitated, and were perhaps nesting. Birdwatchers, or birders as they prefer to be called, are always careful not to disturb nesting birds. Birdwatchers are also sometimes called twitchers. These are people who will travel far and wide to catch sight of a rare bird.

There were Swallows flying low over the playing fields this summer. The height at which they fly depends upon the height of the insects, which in turn depends on the weather conditions. There seem to have been fewer Yellowhammers around the village this year though I have heard the occasional one singing. The male has a striking yellow head, which gives the bird its name, and has a song which ends on a high note and can be remembered by the phrase 'little bit of bread no cheese', with the word cheese being the high note at the end.



Garden Warbler

CHINESE STICKY PORK BELLY STIR FRY RECIPE

This is a great way to use pork belly. The meat is cooked twice so you lose most of the fat

Ingredients

6 lean belly pork strips
1 tbsp of Chinese five spice

For the stir fry

Oil
1 clove of garlic chopped
1 red chilli deseeded and chopped
A thumb size piece of ginger peeled and chopped
1 carrot chopped into batons
1/4 green cabbage finely shredded
A small bunch of coriander leaves finely chopped
200g of bean sprouts
400g of egg noodles
Soy sauce
Honey
Sesame seeds



Method

Pre heat your oven to 180 c 350 f. Rub the pork belly strips with the 5 spice. Sit the pork on a wire grill rack over a baking sheet. Place the pork in the oven and cook for an hr.

Remove the pork from the oven and cut into 1 cm pieces.

Put a wok or frying pan on a high heat, add the pork belly pieces and fry for a few minutes. As the pork starts to crisp up add 1 tbsp of runny honey and a good splash of soy sauce. Continue to cook the pork until the honey and soy create a nice sticky glaze. Remove from the pan and keep warm.

Wipe out the pan and return to a high heat. Add a splash of oil to the pan and drop in the garlic, chilli and ginger. Fry for minute then add the veg. At this point you can use pretty much any veg that you like so have a play around. Stir fry the veg for a few minutes. Meanwhile cook the noodles according to the pack, Refresh in cold water to slow down the cooking time and add to the wok. Continue to stir fry.

You want the veg to be cooked but still with a little crunch. Remove the wok from the heat and season with soy.

Top the stir fry with the pork and sprinkle over a few sesame seeds and the coriander leaves.

Recipe by Chris Gates

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 25th September
Village Hall



TALES FROM THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

Revd. Helen Kendrick & Mary Thompson

This talk will throw light on some of the incumbents and events associated with the church in the past. We will also look at the lives of some of the famous and less well-known people who are commemorated in the churchyard.

Everyone welcome. Members free: Visitors £3

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During the summer members of the Society visited the Roman excavations at Dorchester-on-Thames. An enjoyable day was also spent at Avebury where we visited the interesting Manor House and Museum. We had a private tour with an excellent guide of the extensive henge, which is the largest stone circle in the world, as we explored the fascinating prehistory and secrets of this World Heritage Site.

In June a Blue Plaque was erected at The Wharf, the house by the river where the former Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith, Earl of Oxford and Asquith, lived from 1912 until his death in 1928.. Some of his descendants were among those who gathered to hear the speeches and witness the unveiling by the present Earl of Oxford.

Mary Thompson

LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

It was with great dismay that we read in the July Sutton Courtenay News that residents have complained about low flying aircraft, in the same week that three young soldiers were repatriated to the UK.

We live near an RAF base so not only is it to be expected but the inconvenience experienced by residents is nothing compared to the deadly inconveniences experienced by our servicemen and women in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

However you feel about our current military commitments it has to be remembered that these service personnel are our children and grandchildren and we want them to be as safe as possible, which means training them to the highest standard by whatever means that takes.

If like us you are happy to support the RAF, please ring the Low Flying Aircraft Complaints Team on 01491 837766 ext 5218 and offer your support.

Perhaps we should remember the saying:

" If you are feel you are unable to stand behind our military please feel free to stand in front of them"

Thanks

Pauline and John Osborne

Chapel Lane

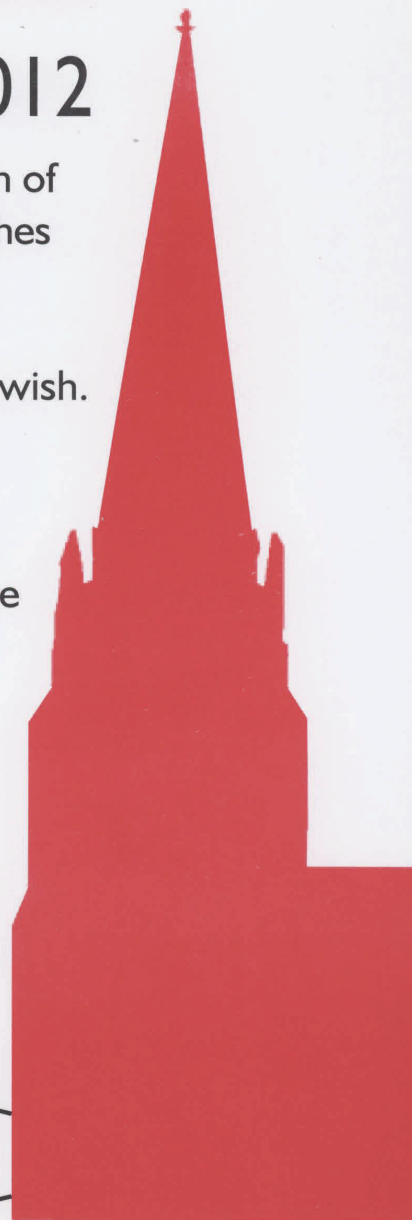
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ATHLETICS COMMUNITY DAY

The following is an extract from an e mail from Caroline Dendy describing an athletics community day she held in the village on 14th August. Caroline is a UK affiliated run leader, and has been leading a running group in Sutton Courtenay for the past two years. The purpose of the day was to inspire people, both young and old, to try athletics, continuing the legacy of the Olympics. Here she describes the Sutton Courtenay event:

I held two Athletics Community Days this week. One was in Drayton and the second in Sutton Courtenay on 14th August. I only had 4 days to advertise it, so the numbers were limited to 8 and 10. We had 5 new people attend, two of whom would like to return to the weekly running club, 3 are currently too young but inspired. We had 3 children and one lady who was 5 months pregnant running with us (a regular). The atmosphere was fun, relaxed and (for me) memorable.

After our warm up lap to view the layout of the field we did our first 2 events; beat Bolt. On a 100m track we tried to run as far as we could in the same time as Usain Bolt ran the 100m. I had measured out the side of the track so that people could see how far they could get. Medals were awarded for the furthest runner. The second event was Bolt's favourite 200m. Participants had two attempts at this. Most of us, despite being runners, couldn't reach the 100m line, let alone the 200m!

The third and final event was for us to see how hard it would be to run the 5km round a track in the time that the winning male and female Olympic competitor did it. We had teams of either 4 or 5 and ran only 100m each in relay. Even with fresh legs each 100m our best time was 17.5 minutes, which is a full 2 minutes slower than the winning ladies, who took only a little over 15minutes: Difar (gold), Cheruiyot (silver) and Dibaba (bronze). Mo Fara did the whole thing himself in a little over 13 minutes. Although we ran only 12.5m each in small chunks, we excused ourselves on the basis that he wasn't carrying a baby (himself) and had 22 years on our youngest runner. It really brought home how amazing these athletes are to run so fast for so long.

"I enjoyed the 5,000m best, it was brilliant and I want to do it again tomorrow." Joshua, age 9.

"My favourite part was winning the Mandeville cuddly mascot", Heather, age 7.

"I think I am going to be sick" Barry, (didn't feel right to ask an adult his age!). Followed later by, "what type of thing do you normally do at the running club?" "I am available Tuesdays"

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

How quickly this summer seems to be going by, already thinking about our September meeting.

During June a number of our members went on a trip to Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury, and all had a really nice day.

During July we had our garden party and as the weather was very unsettled we had to be indoors, but we were able to go into Joan Moss's lovely garden during the afternoon as the sun did shine for a while. Everyone really enjoyed this afternoon and the tea which was provided by our Committee members.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September when it will be our AGM and will be in the village hall at 2pm.

Rose Woodward, Secretary

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SUMMER STINKS

On some of the best days of our dreary summer, FCC waste company managed to plumb its previous depths of public nuisance by producing thoroughly sickening stinks. In my part of the village, Milton Road, 26th July and 10th August now stand as particularly notorious and I understand the same was true for many throughout our community.

On both occasions I contacted the Environment Agency, who told me they had received many complaints. Both times, the EA officer reported back on his progress and also stated that he encouraged as many people as possible to complain. The number is **0800 806070**. Also, in relation to 10th August, the EA stated in the Oxford Mail "we are going to work with them (FCC) to try to make it not happen again".

For the EA to monitor whether their efforts are effective they do need to be informed if they are not.

It is ironic that such disgusting anti-social events should be thrust on the village and our neighbours just when FCC have engaged in a PR charm offensive to persuade us of the benefits of their plans for the waste site, including an Anaerobic Digester. At their recent exhibition, I discussed, with representatives, the not unknown possibility of the digestate product of anaerobic digestion creating even worse smells than we've suffered to date. The response was "you'll just have to trust us". Would anyone, given performance to date?

By contrast, I believe any further development should be prevented until and unless FCC can demonstrate that they can control what they are already doing at the site. Then we may debate the addition of an AD. However, if they fail to control their current nuisance, the community should take action to get the composting activity, which causes it, to be permanently stopped and reclaim the right to enjoy our homes and gardens without being nauseated.

Pauline Wilson

SUTTON COURTENAY WI

At our last meeting Julie Summers, who has written a book called 'When the children came home' gave a talk on wartime evacuees. There were about six members in the audience who all had different experiences. Several members from Drayton WI joined us.

Another busy summer, about 20 of us had an informal lunch and a natter at Notcutts and then we had a coffee morning to raise funds for our charities, thanks to Yvonne's garden.

Some of us joined the ladies of Appleford WI to hear about mysterious objects from the Oxford museums with Susan Griffiths, which included holding the discus from the earliest Olympics, holding a roman pot, a block of tea used as money, a walnut from Bolivia inside its shell and many more different and unusual objects.

Our summer outing to the newly opened Kensington Palace was different. We were lucky to be able to be delivered right to the door of the palace and to be able to look round three floors of various exhibitions, the Diamond Jubilee exhibition of Queen Victoria's reign and the 14 little chairs of Queen Anne's children. It was quite dark in some areas to protect the items. Only five of Princess Diana's dresses were on display as the rest were on tour in America.

On September 6th our next lunch is at The Waterfront Cafe at Benson at about 12. Bring your friends for a natter, and the next Appleford WI meeting on 11th Sept at 2.30 at the village hall is 'Bhutan, the country, its people and textiles'.

Our next meeting is 'Swishing, Talent and Craft' on Sept 18th at 7.30 in the village hall. In the future we have plans for French food, to visit the BMW works and to visit the William Morris house at Kelmscott, so do come and join us.

Just a thought, the age limit to join the WI is 18 and some of our members have been with us since then. Our constitution is being updated at the moment to keep up with changes, and we support on-going national campaigns to raise awareness of issues that effect our daily lives with the government. Go to www.thewi.org.uk for more information .

Sally Furze 01235 848924

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5) (APPLEFORD, DRAYTON & SUTTON COURTENAY)

Community anti-speeding and road safety campaign

'Please drive slowly through our villages' say our children

Roadside temporary posters made from children's designs are now displayed on lamp posts, telegraph poles and entry points to the village. As outlined in the June issue these posters were designed by Ashley Massey and Rebecca Norkett, from Sutton Courtenay (C of E) School and Drayton Community Primary School respectively, as part of the anti-speeding campaign launched by NAG5.

The Oxfordshire Guardian covered the story, with photographs of the winners and their posters, published on 4 July. This can be viewed in the digital archives on the paper's web site at <http://issuu.com/trimedia/docs/wk27-ogs/1>

The first posters were formally unveiled in Drayton on 5 July; an event attended by all six of the prize-winning entrants from Sutton Courtenay (C of E) and Drayton Community Primary School, together with parents, the Head Teacher of Drayton School, members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Fire & Rescue Services and members of NAG5.

We hope that the messages given by children will act as deterrents to motorists, particularly as surveys have shown that motorists living in the villages form the largest group caught speeding through the villages.

We are now in the process of identifying the next project in this campaign and hope to involve older young people.

Accompanying photographs of the event were taken by Don Osborne.

Members of NAG5 would like to thank everyone involved

NAG5

August 2012



LOST COCKATIEL

We were contacted by Luke Micallef of 50 Tyrells Way late in July to see if we could publicise the loss of his two cockatiels but there is no August edition of the Sutton Courtenay News. We are pleased to report, however, that one of the birds has since been found. Unfortunately the grey one, Alfie, is still missing, although he was spotted in Steventon in mid August. Please contact Luke if you have any information on 07890 691 461.

LANDFILL SITE TRANSPARENCY AND PLANNING CREEP

Once again the Summer holidays were used by FCC(formerly WRG) and on this occasion Hansons, to launch planning initiatives, perhaps in the hope they would attract fewer objections. These also give insights into the way they manage the planning process to achieve their aspirations, gain retrospective permissions for unauthorised activities and obscure failure to meet planning conditions.

Transparency. As soon as the summer holidays started, FCC launched a sequence of exhibitions, in an attempt to improve community relations and explain its plans for the landfill site to the end date of 2030. The publicity was inadequate,so many people were just not aware or away.

Odours Again. The endeavour to improve relations was also spoilt by periods of foul smells engulfing parts of the village. Whenever offensive odours occur it is essential that as many as possible record these with the **Environment Agency on 0800 807060.**

PLANNING CREEP

Just months ago in May, OCC granted permission for a “Variation” to increase the size of the Mechanical Recovery Facility (MRF) already permitted. This stipulated that the plant was to cease operations in 2019.

FCC now intend to apply to OCC to vary that variation, to extend the lifespan of the plant to 2030 and use it as a transit station for waste, including clinical waste, from south Oxfordshire for onward transportation to Ardley. This is to enable FCC to bid for a County Council tender, which it must have known about before the May Planning Committee! This has a 15 years contract with an option to **extend up to 10 years! (2039).** (Readers will remember that the landfill site was **initially due to close this year** and through gradual “planning creep” this was then extended to 2021 and latterly 2030).

In addition FCC has announced that a **revised application for an Anaerobic Digester will be submitted to the Vale DC shortly.** Meanwhile we still await approval of a drainage scheme which is now some two years overdue.

HANSONS AGGREGATES – EXTRACTION AND QUARRY PRODUCTS.

Again at the beginning of the holidays, Hansons submitted two planning applications. These follow a successful application in March to legalise its rock crushing activity, which it had been found undertaking **without** planning permission.

MW.0104/12 Extension of Facilities to provide for Dust Storage. Until the Vale Environmental Officer challenged it, Hansons had also allowed a very large pile of rock dust to build up contrary to Government guidance aimed at protecting local communities. Again this application is Hansons’ reaction to its being challenged, but interestingly it also gains it an increase of 33% in the size of the plant to allow for internal dust storage.

MW.0126/12 Bridge Farm Gravel and Sand Extraction. Due to the commercial downturn Hansons claim not to have been able to exploit the quarry north of the Appleford Road. This quarrying activity was due to cease on 4 August and the plant to be dismantled by the 30 September. Belatedly Hansons have applied to extend the life of the quarry until September 2018, even though the permission has expired.

These applications can be accessed on www.oxfordshire.gov.uk using the MW references.

All the FCC and Hansons applications will need careful examination so villagers can make their own judgements. Meanwhile the greater transparency by FCC is welcome and hopefully will lead to better local relations, less planning creep and final closure of the site in 2030.

Rob in Draper

Earth Trust

Autumn 2012

September

Saturday 1st September, 10am-4pm. Campfire Cooking, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. A BBQ with a difference, this is a relaxed day for anyone wanting to get to grips with cooking outdoors without charcoal and firelighters! Bushcraft expert Nick Smart will be cooking a variety of food with minimum fuss. Adults £75, Friends £60.

Friday 7th September, 7pm-10pm. Moth Night, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. An opportunity to get really close to moths and see how beautiful British moths can be. Learn the basics of identification and more about these light loving creatures that we see every day. Adults £5, Children £2.

Sunday 9th September, 9.30am-4pm. Into to Scything, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Learn the traditional skills of scything on this practical course with expert Clive Leeke. All specialist tools and equipment provided. Adults £50, Friends £40.

Sunday 9th September, 10am-4pm. Wild Plant Dyes, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. This course will give you an insight into the wide range of plants that can produce dye. Forage for plants and learn the processes to extract and fix colours. Adults £50, Friends £40.

Thursday 13th September, 7.30pm-9pm. The Incredible World of the Honey Bee, Earth Trust Centre Little Wittenham. Join Steve Moll of Brightwell Bees to discover more about the honey bee and the challenges facing bee colonies throughout the world. Adults £5, Children £2.

October

Saturday 13th October, 2pm-4pm. Guided Walk:Fungus Foray, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Join a local expert on a walk around Wittenham Clumps and Little Wittenham Wood, learn about the identification and ecology of fungi. Please note we will not be collecting edible fungi! Adults £5.

Saturday 20th October, 11am-4pm. Earth Trust Autumn Festival, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Join us for a celebration of autumn, the day will focus on having fun outdoors: craft creations, den building, pumpkin hunt, seasonal storytelling, singing and loads more exciting activities! We'll also be doing some outdoor cooking, as well as picking and pressing apples to create a warm spiced apple juice on the fire. £12 per family (2 adults, 2 children under 16).

Sunday 21st October, 2pm-4pm. Guided Walk: Fungus Foray at Wallingford Castle Meadows. As above but different location! Adults £5

Wednesday 31st October, 10am-3pm. Halloween Family Bushcraft Day, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Bring the family and go wild! Forget trick or treating come and have fun at our special scary bushcraft day - explore the dark, gloomy woods, build spooky shelters, and learn how to make a fire to keep away ghosts and ghouls! Adults £20, Children £15

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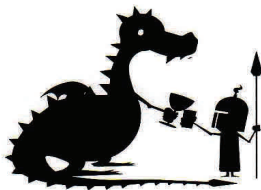


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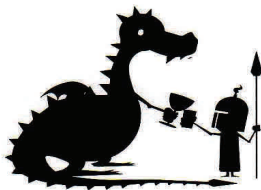
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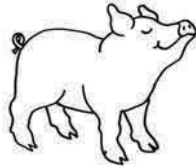
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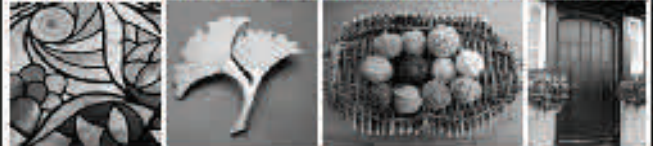
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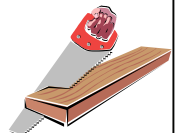
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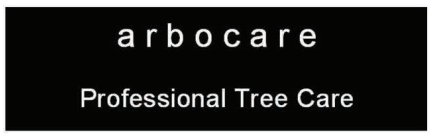
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