

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.

NOVEMBER				
Sat	3rd	From 4.30pm	Fireworks, Bonfire and Laser Show	Culham Park
Tue	6th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting including Presentation by Bidwell Properties	Village Hall
Tue	6th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Wed	7th	2—8pm	Exhibition by FCC (formerly WRG)	Village Hall
Sat	10th	7.30pm	Gourmet Indian Evening	Village Hall
Sun	11th	11am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
Sun	11th	11.15am	Service of Remembrance	Church
Tue	13th	2pm	Womens Christian Federation	Village Hall
Tue	13th	7.30pm	Local History Society, The Black Death	Village Hall
Tue	20th	7.30pm	WI talk on Chinese Medicine	Village Hall
Wed	21st		COPY DAY FOR DEC/JAN ISSUE OF SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS	
Thur	22nd		WI trip to Gloucester Christmas market	
Sat	24th	11—2pm	School Christmas Bazaar	Primary School
Sat	24th	6.30pm	School Christmas Bingo	Primary School
Sun	25th	7.30pm	Concert by All Saints' Singers	Church
Mon	27th	afternoon	WI trip to BMW Mini Plant	Cowley
Wed	29th	evening	WI trip to BMW Mini Plant	Cowley

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Sutton Courtenay Website	www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk	
Environment Agency: Odours from Landfill		0800 80 70 60

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

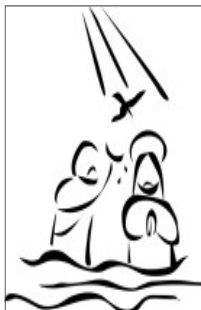
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline 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.



HOLY MATRIMONY

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

NO WEDDINGS IN OCTOBER



HOLY BAPTISM

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

TALLON TYLER MULLINS (Sunday 7th October)

This newsletter is produced by the editors, Diane Armstrong and Clare Pennicott, and Peter Draper, who is in charge of advertising. Our contact details are:

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Didcot “A” power station

The “A” station is expected to reach the allocated hours of generation under the EU Directive by March 2013. The Government has binding climate change targets, and the closure, driven by Government policy reflects the changing ways of power generation. Closing a power station is very complex, and obviously pre-planning is essential. The decommissioning and demolition of the plant is to take several years. The pre-planning process has started and RWE has been talking to statutory bodies, planning officers, the County and District Councils. The future of the site has not been decided. However, it remains a significant location for power generation, and the area will be commercial. The “A” station’s open cycle gas turbine will remain operational until further notice. The closure of the “A” station will not impact on the “B” station – the gas fired power station plant which was built in 1997 alongside the coal fired station. The “B” station will continue to operate as normal. The power station is situated in the parish of Sutton Courtenay and the Parish Council is keeping up to date with issues relating to the site, and will keep residents informed via The News.

Cross Trees Farm

The Parish Council is aware of concerns regarding alleged unauthorised business activities in the vicinity of the farm. The Council has been advised that the planning enforcement officers from the District Council are looking into the matter.

Drayton Road – Traffic Calming

The County Council is considering some form of traffic calming as vehicles enter the village from the Drayton direction. Consideration is being given to a pinch point system, where traffic is slowed and gives way to vehicles from the opposite direction. The Parish Council is waiting for the county Council to design the scheme.

Fireworks

A reminder to be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P12/V1349/LB Part works already executed for new doors, windows, and roof lights and proposed fire place and panelling in living room. Pull Croft, 53, High St. The Council had no objections.

P12/V1897/FUL Development and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site. Council objected on the grounds of planning policies, environmental impact, odour, feedstock origins and transportation issues.

P12/V1936/HH Single storey extension to dining room and kitchen, 71 High St. Council had no objections.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

P12/V1905/FUL Demolition of existing outbuildings, erection of dwelling with carport. Erection of garage to serve existing property. (Amendment to approval 11/01968/FUL) Churchfields, All Saints Lane. Council had no objections

P12/V1879/HH Conversion of existing garage into kitchen, single storey extension to front 1A Courtenay Close. Council had no objections

P12/V1956/FUL Demolition of existing dwellings. Erection of 2 detached dwellings with associated landscaping. 2 & 3 Abbey Cottages. Council had no objections

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th November, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.

Bidwell Properties, land and property consultants, will be addressing the Parish Council at its next meeting on 6th November. They are acting for Redrow Homes in regards to its proposal for residential development on a 7 acre site north of Milton Road. The November meeting will therefore commence at 7.00 p.m. to allow time for the presentation.

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

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BINGO

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6.30 EYES DOWN 7.00

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

In the first week of October Year 5 and 6 (Falcons class) went on a fantastic residential trip. Residential trips help children to develop all sorts of different skills: teamwork, courage and independence amongst others and of course the children are able to experience all sorts of different activities.

During the week the group experienced: climbing, raft building, fencing, abseiling and quad biking. The children were fantastic – encouraging each other to climb higher, supporting each other in order to complete every challenge that was asked of them. They were a credit to the school and the teachers who accompanied them on the trip were very proud of all their achievements.



Our Forest School Area

Outdoor learning is very important to us and you may have read before that we have started to create our very own Forest School area within the school grounds. We are very lucky to have fantastic grounds and want to maximise our learning opportunities within them. The children have been amazed to see the amount of different plants that have grown now that this part of the field is not cut and it was also filled with wildflowers in September. We have been working with the ASDA Community Champion, Emma Kahlon who has been working with our Foundation Stage teacher, Miss Tristram, who is also a Forest School leader. Emma has been able to fund some large trees for the project and also helped to organise a family tree planting event that was held recently. I am sure that the children will be excited to watch their trees growing over the coming years. Another round of tree planting will commence in November. Culham Centre for Fusion Energy have also been involved in this project and will also be funding some large trees to help our area become established. As a school, we are looking forward to using this area and will have an official opening ceremony in the near future.

Alison Ashcroft
Headteacher

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Editor's note: please see page 16 for Emma Kahlon's account of working on the Forest School

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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...Remembrance

A number of years ago Jeremy Clarkson from Top Gear, presented a documentary, 'The Victoria Cross: For Valour'. This told the stories of some VC heroes, including his own father-in-law, who he never knew. Moved by these stories, Clarkson went on to ask, 'How can we call the likes of David Beckham a hero for scoring a goal? I wonder who your heroes are today?'

In this season of remembrance we think especially of those who have sacrificed their lives in war. However, Jesus calls us all to a radical and supernatural heroism when he says, 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

God calls us to love even those we regard as our enemies. It's easy to love those we get on with or find attractive. The love of which Jesus speaks, as throughout the New Testament, is agape love. This quality of love seeks and works only for the good of the other person. When we can pray for someone we don't get on with, God begins to answer our prayer by softening our attitude toward them. We love them because they are individuals created in the image of God and in need of God's forgiveness and grace, just like us.

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Enniskillen bombing in Northern Ireland on 8th November 1987. An IRA bomb exploded during a Remembrance Day service, resulting in 11 people being killed and 63 injured. What is remembered most from this day is the interview Gordon Wilson gave only hours after the bombing. It brought him to international prominence, as he described the conversation with his dying daughter Marie, as they lay buried in rubble. To the astonishment of listeners, Wilson went on to say, 'But I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge... She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' The impact of his words lay in his willingness to forgive the bombers, and as a result Wilson went on to dedicate his life as a campaigner for peace and reconciliation. He perfectly models Jesus words for us. As Jonathan Bardon, the Irish Historian, wrote 'No words in more than twenty-five years of violence in Northern Ireland had such a powerful, emotional impact.'

With love and prayers, Helen

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

THE HEAT IS ON!

Anyone who has joined us for worship in the past few weeks will have been able to appreciate the fully functioning central heating in church. It is a tribute to the hard work of the contractors and the dedication of a team of volunteers that everything has been completed so smoothly and not too far off schedule.

We are now just waiting for the new carpet to be laid and then we are holding a:

CHURCH WARMING PARTY

to celebrate and give thanks for the completion of the work at a special service on **Sunday 9th December at 10.30am** followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

Please do join us!

ALL SOULS'

You are invited to a special service of naming and remembering for All Souls' in
All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay
on
Sunday 4th November 2012 at 6pm.

This service will provide an opportunity to remember and to give thanks for the lives of those we love, who have died. During the service the names of those for whom we have conducted a funeral service in the past two years will be read out and a candle lit in their memory. If there are other people you also wish to remember, regardless of where or when they died, please add their names to the list in church.

If you need transport to and from the service, or have any other questions, please leave a message at the Vicarage (01235) 848297

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- **Sunday 4th** – 10.30am Family Service for the Festival of All Saints. 6pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for All Souls.
- **Wednesday 7th** – 7.30pm Christianity Explored.
- **Saturday 10th** – Gourmet Indian Evening in the Village Hall – SOLD OUT!
- **Sunday 11th – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – 10am Shortened Eucharist. 11am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial. 11.15am Service of Remembrance.
- **Monday 12th** – 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting
- **Tuesday 13th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting in the Village Hall.
- **Wednesday 14th** – 11am Small Saints. 7.30pm Christianity Explored.
- **Saturday 17th** – 2-4pm Gifts & Craft Sale in Appleford Village Hall in aid of Appleford Church.
- **Wednesday 21st** – 7.30pm Christianity Explored
- **Saturday 24th** – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (see advert)
- **Tuesday 27th** – 1.30pm-3pm Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage.
- **Wednesday 28th** – 7.30pm Christianity Explored.
- Friday 30th** – 1pm Wedding in All Saints' Church.

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- **Sunday 2nd** – 10.30am Advent Sunday Gift Service (gifts for PACT)
- **Saturday 8th** – 6.30-8.30pm Yuletide Evening in the Abbey
- **Sunday 9th** – Church-warming party
- **Tuesday 11th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Christmas Meditation in All Saints' Church.
- **Sunday 16th** – 6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
- Friday 21st** – 6pm Church Choir Carol Singing around the Village raising money for PACT.

SMALL SAINTS

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

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

For further information please contact

Helen Kendrick, 848297 or Pat Napper, 848292



HOW TO SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2012

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

For more information visit www.pactcharity.org or pick up a leaflet from church.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In the past we have collected gifts at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve but this is too late for them to be used for Christmas so this year we are asking that you bring your wrapped gifts (labelled with gender and age of recipient) to our

ADVENT SUNDAY GIFT SERVICE on Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am.

This will enable PACT to deliver them to children who need them most in plenty of time for Christmas.

Throughout December Gift Aid Envelopes will also be available in Church to enable you to make a tax efficient donation.

THANK YOU!

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG) 5

Speedwatch

At the end of September a member of NAG 5 joined the police in a check on the speed of drivers entering the village. A Speed Indication Device was used to monitor speeds.

The device was set up in Milton Road, about 30 yards before the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road so that it registered the speed of drivers entering the village. This spot was chosen because the buses collect a large number of pupils in the morning and it is a busy crossing both for children attending the village school and for shoppers. It took place between 08.10 and 09.00 on a Thursday morning. The results were disappointing.

There were close on 90 vehicles entering the village. Of these, 19 exceeded the speed limit. The registration numbers of the vehicles were recorded by the police. The two worst offenders indicated speeds of 47 and 48 mph and these two drivers will be visited by the police

The exercise will be repeated in the future at various locations in the village but we hope that residents will drive safely.

P. Delaney

NAG 5

tel 01235 848876 or e-mail peter.delaney@tiscali.co.uk

GAS MAINS REPLACEMENT IN THE HIGH STREET

There is concern in the village about the work currently being carried out in the High Street by Southern Gas Networks, who sent a letter to High St residents early in the summer explaining the need to replace the old gas mains. The start date was given as 13th August and it was estimated that the work would take 17 weeks. Notice was also given of the need to install temporary traffic lights.

On behalf of readers, we have spoken to Bob Taylor of Southern Gas Networks about the letter and the worries of village residents regarding the inevitable disruption caused by the work. Amongst the concerns are the fact that not all High St residents received letters, that the work was late in starting, that the work is proceeding very slowly, and there is confusion about the area in which the work is to be carried out.

Mr Taylor's response was that

- the address lists available to Southern Gas Networks are not necessarily completely up to date
- although the work was late in starting, the estimated completion date is still the first or second week in December
- some workers have had to be moved from this project to help complete others but the full complement will be resumed as soon as possible
- work will include the area of Mill Lane and will continue along the High Street as far as the junction of High St and Church St

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SUTTON COURTENAY WI

It has been an interesting month. On 4th October we met up with the other W.I's in our area group, in Drayton Village hall for a talk by Matthew Collins. Matthew worked on the BBC TV's Travel Show for many years and was presented each week with a surprise travel challenge with which he had to make a programme for the following weeks show - including a trip to a nudist camp! His descriptions of his travels were hilarious and gave us a very entertaining evening.

For something more serious we had a visit to Kelmscott Manor, the country home of William Morris which was very interesting. We also had our lunch-a-month, this time to Root One near Wallingford. This was well attended and we all enjoyed the excellent food.

At our October meeting we had a French lady who explained the different attitudes of the French and British with regard to food – from the shopping, cooking and eating. Afterwards we tucked into a fantastic buffet of French food and wine supplied by our members, and went home very satisfied.

At our November meeting, on 20th, we will be having a talk on Chinese medicine. Should be interesting. We also have plans to visit Gloucester Christmas market on 22nd November and on the 27th afternoon or 29th evening we have tickets to visit BMW Mini Plant in Cowley, to which we have invited interested husbands. We cannot leave them at home all the time, while we are out enjoying ourselves! If you are interested in any of these trips phone Margaret on 847472 to see if tickets are still available.

Our charity of the year, 'Footsteps' is holding a Coffee morning at the Red Lion Pub in Chalgrove on 26th October from 0900 to 1100 and a Christmas Market in Abingdon Market Square on 10th November from 1000 to 2pm. Please do come along and support these for a very good cause.

If you are interested in joining any of our activities please come along and you will be made very welcome.

Yvonne Moeliker-Twigg

848461

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

November 6th Tuesday 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Gaby Brito.

December 4th Tuesday 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Fellowship meeting with Judith Ford.

On Tuesday 2nd October our old friend David Chapman gave us an excellent evening with a very meaningful address followed by some excellent clairvoyance delivered with his own style. People were really paying attention to him.

Programmes are available for next year. We have booked some excellent mediums.

Again many thanks to those people who help us to clear up. It is much appreciated.

We would like to see you all at our next meeting on November 6th. The medium is Gaby who is very good. She is also quite young.

Enquiries – Pat & Sam. 01235 847460.



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

YULETIDE EVENING



In the Great Hall of the Abbey
On Saturday 8th December 2012
from 6.30-8.30pm

Paté, Cheese and French Bread

Mulled Wine

Raffle

Carols



Tickets £9 (under 12 £6) available from Nora Harragin (848235)
and Members of the committee

FROM ED VAIZEY MP

As winter approaches, some people may worry about their energy bills. I would urge anyone worried about their bills to contact their local Age UK or Citizens Advice to find out if they can claim free help from the Warm Front scheme to help them be warm, well and wealthier this winter. The eligibility criteria for help under the Warm Front scheme has widened from September, so even if you have been turned down before you may be able to get help this year. The heating and insulation improvements Warm Front offers could help many households locally to stay warm.

You can also find out if you can get free help from Warm Front by calling 0800 316 2805 and further information and an online application form are also available on www.direct.gov.uk/warmfront

Over the summer, the government introduced new rules on the disclosure of interests and other standards for local councillors. These set out a much more straightforward regime which will be clearer and easier to follow, making sure councillors are open and above board about what needs to be declared, but are not tied up in bureaucracy in the process. You can get more details from the South and Vale Democratic Services Manager, telephone 01491 823049 or email democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk. I know lots of people think about becoming parish councillors, but are put off because they think they have to disclose their financial details and those of their family. The rules have now been simplified, so do take a look if you are thinking of serving in some way. There will be elections for some councils next May, and there is always a need for local people to represent their communities. Do talk to a current councillor to find out what is involved – it may not be as bad as you think!

One of the most visible things in the constituency is Didcot Power Station. We've recently heard that after 42 years of service Didcot A Power Station will stop generating electricity on 31st March 2013. Closing a major power station is a complex task so the decommissioning and demolition of the plant is expected to take several years, and Didcot B will continue in operation. In just a few years time, however, the view will be changing.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

AGM OF SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

The AGM was held on 11th October in the Village Hall. A new constitution was adopted and the officers of the committee of the Sutton Courtenay News were returned unopposed for the coming year: Chair, Mary Thompson, Treasurer, Clare Pennicott, Editor, Diane Armstrong, and Advertising Manager Peter Draper. Mary's tel no. is 01235 848527, and the contact details of the other members are printed on page 2 of this edition. For further details please contact any of the above.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Steventon Branch



Whether or not you follow the news avidly, it cannot escape your attention that British servicemen and women are still very much in action in many theatres of war across the world. The need for your support continues, and increases, and this is best channelled through organisations such as the Royal British Legion. The Legion provides assistance not just for those service personnel who are injured but also to their families.

Remembrance Sunday

We will remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month once again this year and I would ask you to take time out to reflect on the tragedy of warfare and to be thankful that because of them we can live freely. Two minutes once a year is not a lot to give up – particularly when so many have given their lives for us.

Membership

If you are not already a member, I would encourage you to join the Royal British Legion now and show your support for our armed forces. Joining is easy – just contact me (see below) and I will get the membership details to you.

Annual Branch Dinner

We are holding the annual branch dinner this year at The Fox, Steventon. This is taking place on Friday 23rd November (7.30p.m. for 8.00p.m.) The cost of the meal will be £20 per person and judging by last year's experience there it will be a superb and enjoyable event. Full details, and tickets, can be obtained from Pat Bucklan (tel. 07778 039967), myself or any Committee member.

Paul Francis

Secretary, Steventon & District RBL

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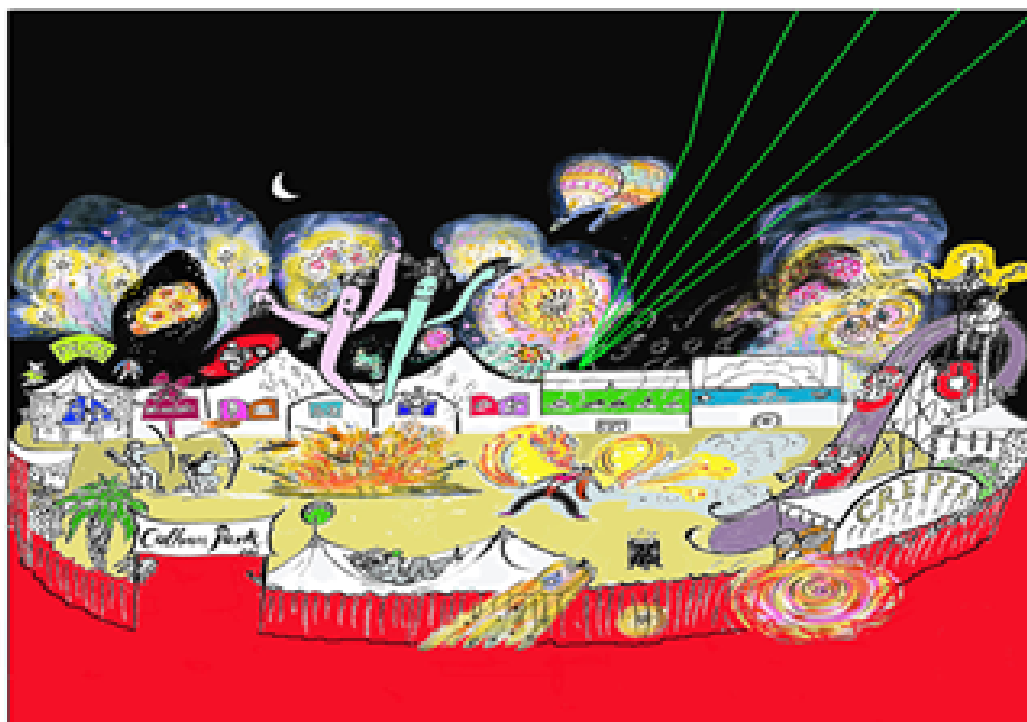
Fireworks, Bonfire & Laser Show

Supporting Help for Heroes & Felix Fund

Culham Park

Saturday, 3rd November 2012

Off A415, between Abingdon and Clifton Hampden - Entrance near: OX14 3DA



Gates open at 4.30pm - Fireworks at 7pm

Beer tent, food stalls, children's entertainment, display arena,

hot air balloons and **new 'scare' zone**

For information: 01235 848888 or www.culhampark.com

SUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Sutton Courtenay Football Club Committee feel very disappointed with the Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club regarding their statement in the recent edition of the SC News and for giving the impression that we have let them down.

We had numerous meetings with the Cricket Club in which Bill Hanks offered himself as a mediator and Julie McDonnell took the minutes of the meetings and everyone received copies of the minutes taken. We had positive feedback from everyone at the meetings and thought we were moving forward. It was agreed that the joint insurance would continue to be paid by the Football Club as this would be in the best interests of both clubs as the premium would be cheaper. The Cricket Club agreed to pay installments to cover the insurance along with a few other utility bills/payments.

The Football Club has been paying all the insurance and running costs for the past three years with only minimal contributions from the Cricket Club and unfortunately, as a business, we could not carry on like this.

The Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has been very supportive of both clubs throughout the years and we have both received numerous grants from them.

For the Cricket Club's first season the Football Club donated £1000 to help them start up so we are very saddened by the breakdown in communication and would like to wish Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club all the best for the future.

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 13th November

Village Hall 7.30 pm



“THE BLACK DEATH; ITS NATURE AND EFFECT ON SOCIETY”

An illustrated talk by Prof. Greg Stores of Oxford University

In this talk Professor Stores will discuss the spread of the 14th century Black Death and the social and political consequences it had, as well as the influences on literature, art, the church and education, and how, if any, this area was affected. We've been assured there will not be too many gruesome details!

Everyone welcome

Members free, visitors £3

ASDA DEPOT COMMUNITY LIFE IN SUTTON COURTENAY

Sutton Courtenay Primary School

Our Community Champion Emma Kahlon has spent time getting to know pupils and teachers by helping out in class providing fruit tasting sessions, nature walks and planting fruit and vegetables. We recently provided new football kit for the football team, which look very smart. When we initially approached the school to ask how we could help them we were a little taken aback by the request to plant a forest to allow them to become a Forest School!! The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

Didcot depot likes a challenge, though, so undeterred we have been working behind the scenes on ambitious plans for the Forest School which includes a dinosaur sculpture made from our scrap metal, a willow tunnel and igloo, a sensory garden, a mini-beast mansion and much more.

On Friday 12th October we joined the school for 'Family Tree Day'. Over 70 pupils and parents came together to plant 30 'Family Trees'. Each sapling has a wooden plaque that Emma 'engraved' with the family name to identify each family's tree. A huge thank you to the wonderful ToolPost in Didcot for kindly allowing access to their workshop and tools to make this happen. In addition Asda Colleagues planted two flowering cherries which will look lovely in the Spring and our landscapers Roots Landscapes donated and planted a beautiful silver birch and logs for the children to sit on in the outdoor classroom.

We celebrated the official launch of the garden with a brass plaque on the entrance gate and a special cake which was particularly enjoyed by the children. By next Summer the remaining plans will be in place and the school has already invited colleagues for a Family Fun Day in June so they can all appreciate the project to its full extent.

Chosen by You, Given by Us

allows Colleagues to chose their favourite charities/Good Causes to support. To date we have supported: Helen & Douglas House, Sobell House, Didcot Good Neighbour Scheme, HomeStart Didcot, Special Care Baby unit, Grove Challengers, TRAIN and Styleacre. The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, MIND and Didcot Carers Centre will be the next beneficiaries with the total given standing at £900. In addition our fundraiser Emma has raised over £2,000 which is supporting local charities and our Colleagues are set to do sponsored tandem skydives aiming at raising a further £3,000 for Everyman Male Cancer Charity next month!

Community Room

We also loan out our office space for community Groups to use, for instance the W.I from Didcot are regular visitors, there is no charge for this service and we even provide tea and coffee free of charge. We have plenty of parking and rooms that can accommodate between 20 and 100 people – plenty of room for an AGM.

If there is anything that we can do to help your Community Group please do not hesitate to contact

Emma Kahlon on: 01455884838 or ekahlon@asda.co.uk.

FCC (FORMERLY WRG)

FCC Environment has been holding a series of public exhibitions sharing proposals for the Sutton Courtenay Landfill site and how they fit in the company's wider strategy to secure an end to waste imports and restore the landfill to agricultural use.



Two further public events are being held in November:

Wednesday 7 November, 2-8pm, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
Thursday 8 November, 2-8pm, Appleford Village Hall

Members of the project team will be on hand to discuss plans for a Vehicle Depot, Soils Treatment Centre and the completion of Phase 3 of the landfill site and, importantly, listen to feedback.

Vehicle Depot

FCC Environment proposes to base a fleet of up to 15 waste collection vehicles at the site which will allow the company to source waste directly from commercial and industrial customers in the local area. This will help the company to maintain the levels of waste needed to fill and restore the remaining landfill void.

Soils Treatment Centre

The successful completion of the site is dependent on a supply of suitable soils and clays. Materials imported to the site would need to be treated and processed in the Centre before being used for landfill restoration.

Completion of Phase 3 of the Landfill

Phase 3 is the name given to an area of the landfill to the north of the landfill site, close to Millennium Common. FCC Environment is proposing to amend the working scheme for this area to allow infilling with soil and clays rather than non-hazardous waste so that restoration can commence sooner than originally planned.

The company has also distributed a newsletter locally which provides an update on activity and plans at the landfill site and includes a questionnaire for feedback.

For further information about the public exhibitions, or to request further copies of the newsletter please contact Rachel Ashby on 01295 279626 or email rachel.ashby@proteuspr.co.uk



Literally as we were going to press we received this update from Pauline Wilson of Milton Road:

Proposed huge increase in FCC Waste Operations.

FCC waste company has just applied for a further variation to the permission it was given, in May this year, to extend its MRF facility, **to increase the volume of waste throughput from 70,000 tonnes of waste per annum to 200,000 and the time-scale for operations from 2019 to 2030.**

Villagers have, at the time of writing been given only until 8th November to object. This can be done online at <http://myplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk> using reference MW.0174/12

Further, FCC has been reprimanded by Oxfordshire County Council for starting construction of the MRF in breach of five planning conditions. They still have the application for an Anaerobic Digester with the Vale of White Horse, which they also wish to operate until 2030. It seems that these two applications are, yet again, an attempt to inflict industrial scale developments on a green field area destined for return to agriculture.

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Tuesday 6th November

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Saturday November 17th

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OXFORD HARMONIC SOCIETY, Fauré: Requiem, Saint-Saëns: Christmas Oratorio 24 November, 7.30pm, Oxford Town Hall. For further details, see: www.oxfordharmonicsoc.org

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From Lisa Mergel, 58 Bradstocks Way

On the 28th September my daughter Gemma and I held a Coffee and Cake morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer research, and we raised £215.87 on that day.

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Many thanks.

From Sheila Cox on behalf of her son and daughter-in-law

To The Good Samaritans, 6th July.

We would like to say thank-you so much to Peter & Rebecca (Sutton Courtenay) and Linda (living in Thame and working in Culham) who came to the rescue when Julia's wedding car broke down near The Golden Balls roundabout in terrible weather on the way to All Saints Church in Sutton Courtenay. Thank you for stopping and delivering the bride and her party to our wedding. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Julia and Ben.

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Our meeting on Tuesday the 13th November will be a talk by Mrs Daphne Sinclair on her trip to Slovenia last year. It should be very interesting.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings, which are usually held in the Village Hall at 2p.m.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

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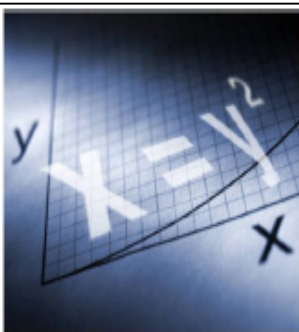


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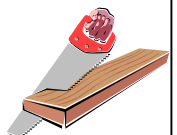
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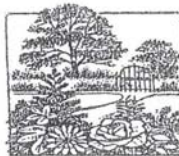
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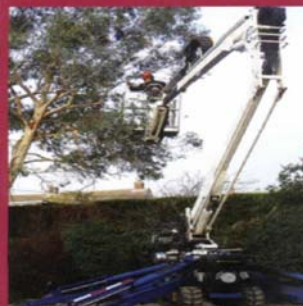
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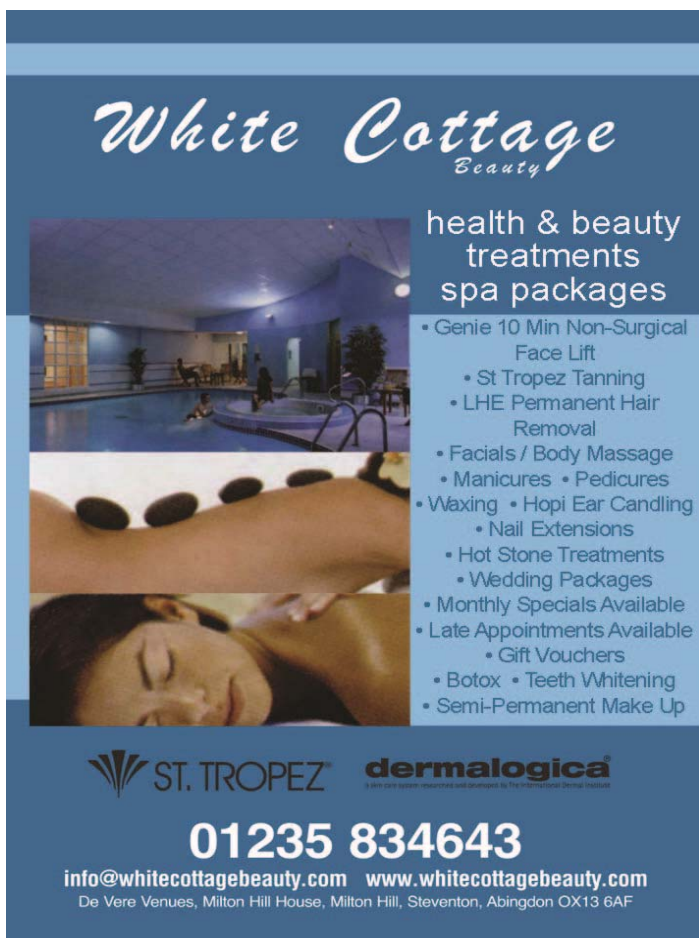
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