

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.

March				
Sat	2nd	3—4pm	Residents' Meeting Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural	Village Hall
Tue	5th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	5th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sat	9th	11am	Litter Pick (weather permitting)	Outside shops in Bradstocks Way
Sat	9th	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Village Hall
Tue	12th	7.30pm	SC Local History Meeting History of the Power Station	Village Hall
Tue	12th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Church
Fri	15th	7.30pm	All Saints' Church Stewardship Party	The Abbey
Sun	17th	7.30pm	All Saints' Singers Concert	Church
Tue	19th	7.30pm	WI AGM	Village Hall
Wed	20th		SC News Copy Date	
Sun	24th	10am	Palm Sunday Procession with donkey	Tullis Close

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

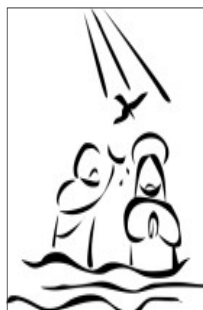
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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



HOLY MATRIMONY

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

There were no weddings in February.



HOLY BAPTISM

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

LAYLA MARIE ROSE

10th February 2013

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Sutton Courtenay Post Office

Are you aware that the Post Office is now situated in Burgrey Stores in the High Street? It opened as a new Post Office service on 26th March 2012, and has been operating almost a year. It operates from a newly formatted open plan counter within the shop. A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available. The opening hours are Mon-Fri 05.30 – 19.00, Sat 06.00 – 17.30, and Sun 06.30 -13.00.

Milton Park – Local Development Order

The Secretary of State has now approved the Local Development Order for Milton Park. This was approved as drafted. Sutton Courtenay Parish Council suggested the setting up of a local liaison committee to act as a forum for an exchange of information. This would enable MEPC to keep local stakeholders informed as to developments on Milton Park and give local people the chance to raise matters with MEPC. Discussions will be taking place about membership of the committee, agendas, timing of meetings and frequency etc. The matter is now being progressed by the Vale of White Horse District Council and an initial meeting to discuss a possible constitution will be held later in the month.

Pye Homes

At the last Parish Council meeting representatives from Pye Homes Limited and their agents spoke to the Council about the proposals for housing development at the rear of 92-112 Milton Road. This was a presentation similar to the exhibition which had taken place in the village hall. The planning application has now been lodged and is available for viewing on the website of the Vale of White Horse District Council under reference: P13/V0233/FUL.

Questions were asked about traffic volumes and speeds and the Parish Council will be discussing traffic calming measures for the entry point to Milton Road from Milton village at its next meeting.

FCC – Landfill / Waste Site

FCC held two exhibitions on 20th and 21st February regarding their future proposals at the landfill site. There will be two planning applications to be lodged in the Spring of 2013. The first will be for waste transfer (60 tonnes per annum of household waste and 200 tonnes per annum of clinical waste) and associated operational development. The second will be for changes to the internal operating houses of the already approved materials recycling facility. The Parish Council will be carefully considering the applications when received, as the use of the site as a waste transfer station, will inevitably bring associated activities and traffic movements.

Planning Applications

The following applications were received by the Parish Council:

P12/V2695/FUL Variation of condition 1 on P07/V0108/COU to cease use of and remove associated plant, materials and equipment before 31st December 2012 (storage of waste containers by Biffa) at the Landfill Site. The Council objected and questioned whether the storage of containers by a third party was of direct relevance to the site. It objected to the continued alterations of deadlines within consents.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

P12/V2342/HH Proposed two storey side extension - 9 Southfield Drive. The Council thought that the principle of an extension did not present a problem, but considered that the distance from the boundary may not meet with design guidelines.

P12/V2642/FUL Removal of existing outbuilding and erection of a family dwelling on land rear of Lakeside, All Saints Lane. The Council commented on the difference between the application form and the drawings which referred to 2 dwellings and 1 dwelling. The materials and design were not in keeping with the area.

P13/V0006/FUL Erection of 2 x 2 bed single storey dwellings in the garden of 8,9,10 The Green. The Council objected owing to the harm to the character of the area, and vehicular pressures in the area.

MW.0200/12 Extension of time for removal of the internal haul road and litter fence at the landfill site, from 2012 to 2030 to coincide with the completion of the landfill site as approved under the current landfill planning consent. The Council had no objections.

P13/V0052/HH First floor extension and ground floor extension at Beechfield House, Abingdon Road. The Council had no objections

P13/V0118/HH Erection of 2 storey side extension, 6 Abingdon Road. The Council objected owing to overdevelopment of the site and known flooding.

P12/V2691/FYL Renewal of temporary consent for siting of containers in the Recreation Ground Old Wallingford Way. Council had no objections

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833
Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th March, 2013 in the village hall, Frilsham Street at 7.30 p.m.

SUTTON COURTENAY (NATIONAL POWER) TRUST

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity will consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and recreation and any other general charitable purposes. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees by 21st March stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts.

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SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month I wanted to share with you some of the writing that has been produced by children in Years 3 and 4 (age 7-9). They have been working on a project about Vikings and studied the tale of Beowulf before writing their own versions. Here are some excerpts from some of their superb pieces of writing.



Love life; love learning;



Millennium ago, when the world of darkness was filled by the deadly evil demons that crouched in each and every dark shadow, there lived a powerful but generous king. He and his warriors had just won a battle so he decided to build them a huge surprise.

It was a hall, but no ordinary hall. The pinnacles were tall and the enormous beams hung high in the sky. It was majestic, outstanding - no words could describe it....

Written by Edward



They all went to dance, sing and play. Oh weight of the food made the hundreds of tables sag. The sound echoed into the forest and to the marshlands.

In the deepest and darkest part of the marshlands, thousands of miles away from the village and the great hall, lived a hideous monster called Grendel. Awoken from his retirement in his rat infested lair, he could hear the merriment and laughter of humans....

Written by Liberty

The long-forgotten, venomous monster, Grendel, hated the noise of the merriment. His anger boiled like lava about to explode from a volcano.

Grendel was so angry he lunged to the hall to devour the sleeping warriors....

Written by Elise

I wish that I could share more of their writing with you – but then there would not be anything else in Sutton Courtney News this month! If you would like to visit the school to find out more about us we would be delighted to welcome you. Please telephone the school office to make an appointment.

ALISON ASHCROFT
Headteacher

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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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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...

In May this year I will have been parish priest of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford for 10 years. I have learnt many things in my time here but one of the biggest challenges I have experienced is how to breathe new life into the various celebrations of the church year as they come around again and again. In thinking about Easter this article by Paul Hardingham really helped me...

Easter in Three Dimensions

Films like Life of Pi or The Hobbit come alive when watched in 3D. As we celebrate Easter, it's good to ask, 'Do we see it in 3D or is our celebration simply one-dimensional?' It's easy to miss the true significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As C. S. Lewis said, 'Easter is not primarily a comfort, but a challenge. Its message is either the supreme fact in history or else a gigantic hoax.' So how can we see Jesus' resurrection in three dimensions?

The first dimension is the proof of the resurrection: The resurrection of Jesus was an historical event to which we have eye witness accounts: 'He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). Jesus' resurrection also had a dramatic effect, as the church grew. 'It is a perfectly amazing story of peaceful revolution that has no parallel in the history of the world.' (Michael Green).

The second dimension is the promise of the resurrection: George Bernard Shaw famously said, 'Death is the ultimate statistic, one out of one of us dies.' As Jesus promised, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' (John 11:25-26).

The resurrection of Jesus declares that he didn't die in vain, but has secured eternal life for us. When we believe and trust in Him, we can look forward to an eternity with God, with a body like Jesus! The resurrection of Jesus guarantees us a secure future.

Continued.....

From the Ministry Teamcontinued

The third dimension is the power of the resurrection: The resurrection is also a present experience, 'This is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.' (John 17:3). Eternal life is not just about life after death, but a quality of life to be experienced now i.e. 'life in all its fullness'.

Wilson Carlile, the founder of the Church Army was speaking at Hyde Park Corner, 'Jesus Christ is alive today.' A heckler in the crowd shouted out, 'How do you know?' Carlile replied, 'Because I was speaking to him for half an hour this morning!'

... As I write we are still in the middle of our Lenten Journey but I hope that these words will help you to breathe in the new life that the experience of Easter offers each one of us - new life which can inspire and invigorate us through all the challenges we may face, wherever we may be on our journey through life.

With love and prayers, Helen

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

Rest in Peace

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

KENNETH HAROLD HAINES (Ken) who died on 18th January 2013 was born on 17th April 1922. His funeral was held in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on Monday 4th February 2013, followed by burial in Abingdon Cemetery. An obituary by the family appeared in the February issue of the Sutton Courtenay News.

Forthcoming Funerals/Memorial Services

The funeral of **Kathleen Gostelow** will be held at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 5th March at 10.15am

A Memorial Service for **Daphne Sinclair** will be held in All Saints' Church on Monday 11th March at 11am.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Life of **Richard Gowney** (followed by burial of ashes in the churchyard) will be held in All Saints' Church on Thursday 21st March at 2pm.

EASTER LILIES 2013

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this year's Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope and write on the front the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember and hand it to Pat Napper (17 Tullis Close). A list of those remembered will be on display in Church. Many thanks.

CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH

- **Monday 4th** – 7.30pm PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
 - **Wednesday 6th** – 11am Small Saints. 8pm Lent Group at 1 Tullis Close.
 - **Thursday 7th** – 10.30am-12 noon Coffee Shop & Book Sale – all welcome.
 - **Saturday 9th** – Friends of All Saints' Quiz Night in the Village Hall (see advert for details)
 - **Sunday 10th** – 10.30am Mothering Sunday Celebration
 - **Monday 11th** – 8pm Baptism Preparation
 - **Tuesday 12th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meditation for Lent & Easter in All Saints' Church
 - **Wednesday 13th** - 11am Small Saints. 8pm Lent Group at 1 Tullis Close.
 - **Thursday 14th** – 9.30am Robins Class Visiting the Church
- Friday 15th** – 7.30pm Stewardship Party at The Abbey – to thank all those who support the church – all welcome – RSVP Tim Budd tim.budd@tiscali.co.uk or 820942 (NB date change from February issue)
- **Sunday 17th** – 7.30pm All Saints' Singers Concert
 - **Wednesday 20th** - 11am Small Saints. 8pm Lent Group at 1 Tullis Close.
 - **Sunday 24th** – **PALM SUNDAY** – 10am Procession with Donkey from Tullis Close to All Saints' Church. 10.30am Parish Eucharist.
 - **Monday 25th-Wednesday 27th** – 7.30pm Holy Week Reflections in All Saints' Church.
 - **Thursday 28th** – 7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Supper with Communion
 - **Friday 29th** – **GOOD FRIDAY** – 10.30am Hot Cross Bun Family Service. 2pm Holy Hour.
 - **Saturday 30th** – 9am Church Spring Clean.
 - **Sunday 31st** – **EASTER DAY** – 10.30am Parish Eucharist. Alleluia Christ has risen!

- **CHURCH DIARY FOR APRIL**

- **Thursday 4th** - 10.30am-12 noon Coffee Shop & Book Sale – all welcome.
 - **Wednesday 10th** – 7.30pm Discipleship Explored at the Church.
 - **Tuesday 9th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting at the Village Hall
 - **Sunday 14th** – 10.30am DAMASCUS Group Service at All Saints'
 - **Sunday 21st** – 2.30pm Duck Race, Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay
 - **Tuesday 23rd** – 1.30pm Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage.
 - **Wednesday 24th** – 7.30pm Discipleship Explored at the Church.
- Tuesday 30th** – 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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



A JOURNEY THROUGH EASTER

Holy Week 2013

All Saints' Church, Sutton

Courtenay

From 7.30pm-8.15pm

Monday 25th March

Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Three evenings of reflection to engage with the events of the crucifixion and resurrection.

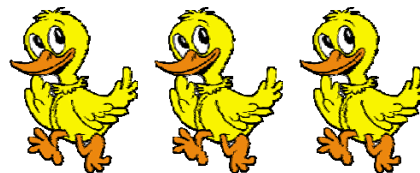
And then on

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28TH MARCH

SUPPER WITH COMMUNION

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



SUTTON COURTENAY DUCK RACE

A Family Fun Event

Sunday 21st April - First heat 2.30pm

Start line in Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay

Sponsor a duck for only £1.

Tickets available from Pat Napper, 848292
or Helen Kendrick, 848297

(Proceeds to All Saints' Church funds)

*Event to be held subject to adequate
water level in stream!*

COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE

Thursday 7th March

10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

LENT 2013

Exploring God's Mercy

From 7.30pm-9.00pm

at 1 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay

Still running on the following Wednesdays:

6th, 13th & 20th March

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

ALL WELCOME.

SUTTON COURTENAY WI

For our February meeting we had a wonderful talk by the mouth painter Keith Jansz. His story was truly inspirational and his works of art superb. It was a delight to welcome Keith and his wife Cindy to our meeting.

On display during the evening was a beautiful baby's pleated coat knitted by Olive Steptoe. The pattern for the coat won 1st prize in the Women's magazine in 1948 to commemorate the birth of Prince Charles. Olive is sending the coat as a present to the Duchess of Cambridge for her new baby.

Our March meeting is our AGM, when our Committee and Officers will be elected. We will also have a bring and share supper.

Sutton Courtenay WI meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 at the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

Ann Henderson

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday March 5th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritualist meeting with Lita Bell.

Tuesday April 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall . Spiritualist meeting with David Chapman.

On February 5th it was great to see our congregation back and in such cold weather. Maureen Bright gave us an outstanding service, as she always does, with excellent clairvoyance.

After we enjoyed our usual chats with tea or coffee, and biscuits and cakes.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Enquiries – Pat and Sam 01235 847460.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our February meeting was well attended to listen to a talk given by Mrs Christine Whild about the many traditions associated with Easter. This talk was much enjoyed by all members and we were all very interested to hear about and to see the things she brought with her.

Our next meeting will be our Easter Meditation and held in Church led by our Vicar Helen Kendrick, at the usual time of 2pm.

Visitors are always very welcome at any of our meetings.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

KEEP SUTTON COURTENAY RURAL—UPDATE 22 FEB 2013

Planning applications for two housing estates totalling 119 dwellings in Milton Road and a massive warehouse in Harwell Road are now in process. The first of these has been submitted by Pye Homes for 34 dwellings on a greenfield site, and is registered the Vale of White Horse District Council and on the planning website at

w.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P13/V0233/FUL[http://www](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P13/V0233/FUL)

Plans for the remaining 85 houses in Milton Road by Bidwells/Redrow Homes and the Harwell Road warehouse are due any day and may be registered by the time you receive this SC News.

The consultation period for the Pye Homes application ends on 20th March 2013. KSCR urges village residents to object, as soon as possible*, to this attack on our scarce remaining village green areas. Developments, especially industrial, in recent years, have meant that only 19% of our parish remains as agricultural land. We have already been recognised by the VoWH as providing our fair share of sites for housing within its five year housing supply policy because of current planning approval for c.160 dwellings at the Amey's and former Catholic Church sites. Pye Homes and Bidwells/Redrow Homes housing estate plans for our village land are not needed. **However it is essential for villagers to register objections to Pye Homes and Bidwell's planning applications.** Your objections now are likely to be just as valid for probable, future attempts to build on other open spaces in the village –e.g. at Long Barn in the High Street and for the proposed development of the Harwell Road warehouse.

KSCR are holding a meeting with local residents to discuss objections to the planned developments. We will share the results of our own investigations and provide help to residents in framing their own objections. Please join us:

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH, 3-4PM, VILLAGE HALL

If you are unable to come along, we outline below our main objections which you may find helpful.

The major planning objection to proposals such as that of Pye Homes is that houses are not needed in the village. The existing VoWH five year housing supply policy does not identify a need for further housing approvals in Sutton Courtenay. So, there is no need for the Vale to override its saved planning policies, (e.g. NE9, concerning adverse effects on long open views). Furthermore, the Governmental Secretary of State for planning has stated that if planning permission refusal by the local council is appealed against, Planning Inspectors must count prior planning approvals, unless they are unviable, and support the decision of the local councils.

Other objections include

- **Increase in traffic volume, danger, pollution and noise** presented by extra vehicles exiting onto a major through road in the village. The village is already overburdened during peak times and overwhelmed when the A34 is disrupted. Pye Homes have provided inadequate data concerning traffic impact. KSCR aims to provide the VoWH with an accurate traffic assessment. However, residents' personal experiences of the adverse impact of current traffic problems should be provided to support an objection on traffic grounds.
- **Increased risk of flooding and inadequate sewerage system:** Flooding in the village has already resulted in sewerage flooding in the village on several occasions. KSCR have sought professional hydrology advice to support our view that these houses will increase the risk of local flooding. Again, reports of personal experiences of flooding should be included to support your objection.
- **Biodiversity and archaeology:** There is also a threat to the biodiversity enjoyed in the southern end of the village and the unique archaeological nature of this area.

This list is not exhaustive and residents may wish to add further objections.

***It is time to protect our village. Please register your objection to the Vale of White Horse: via website**

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P13/V0233/FUL

or in writing to: Mr David Rothery, Planning Department, Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14JE quoting reference **P13/V0233/FUL**

Thank you for your support.

Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural *keepsuttoncourtenayrural@yahoo.co.uk*

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Tuesday 12th March
Village Hall 7.30 pm

“THE HISTORY OF THE POWER STATION”

Illustrated talk by RWE npower

Members free Visitors £3

Now you see it – soon you won't !! Lying within the boundaries of Sutton Courtenay Parish, Didcot A has been much in the news with the announcement that it will cease operation at the end of March. In due course the cooling towers will be gone which has evoked mixed emotions among local people. The power station has been a landmark for over 40 years and has had a considerable impact on the area. A valuable source of energy, the towers have also inspired artists and photographers over the years – despite once voted Britain's third worst eyesore!

This illustrated talk by RWE npower will describe the story of the power station, its milestones and significance.

On 17th February the Time Team programme about the excavation of the Roman villa site last year at Dropshort was shown on Channel 4. In the limited time available for the excavation some rooms of a villa were found revealing signs of early Roman life. Among the finds were pieces of pottery, tiles and glass from that era but the search for the remains of a mosaic floor was unsuccessful. Investigations indicated that the River Thames has since changed course and a building would then have been close to the river. The archaeologists concluded that despite what they had unearthed the significance of the site remains something of an enigma.

We are sorry we had to postpone the January meeting due to the weather.

The talk about the history of Wallingford will now take place on 9th April.

Mary Thompson

THE ALL SAINTS' SINGERS

Passiontide Concert
March 17th
Mozart Mass in C Minor
Handel Chandos Anthem No.6
J S Bach Suite No3

All Saints' Singers have performed many works by Mozart; indeed he is such a favourite that we have sung many of his works more than once and his Requiem on four occasions.

The performance of this great work is a first for us and although never fully completed by Mozart, it is a choral masterpiece, welcomed by audiences everywhere, and long missing from our repertoire. We have finally risen to the challenge its performance brings and are proud to announce this as part of our forthcoming concert.

The choir will also sing Chandos anthem number 6; so called as it was written for The Duke of Chandos when Handel was resident composer at his house, Cannons in Edgware. It is a contemplative work scored for 3 part chorus and soloists, with an orchestra that includes an oboe, violins and continuo.

Our concert will be opened by the magnificent orchestral suite No 3 by J. S. Bach. The most well known part of this work is "Air on a G String" which is often separated from the rest of the suite, famously for selling Hamlet cigars!

We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Roberts as our soprano soloist, rapidly becoming a singing sensation, with a number of recordings and broadcasts on BBC Radio 3. Elizabeth was chosen to be the soprano soloist at the lighting of the cauldron in the London 2012 Olympics, and this special appearance for our society is not to be missed.

The concert will be directed by Gulliver Ralston.

Tickets: (£12) 01235 848205

Burgrey Stores, Sutton Courtenay

The Bookstore, Bury Street Precinct, Abingdon

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, STEWART LILLY**A Fond Farewell**

I have been the County Councillor representing Sutton Courtenay, Milton and Appleford since May 2009. This will end in May this year as the County Council elections are being held on Thursday 2 May.

As a result of the Boundary Commission's enquiry into divisional boundaries for County Councillors, the number of Councillors for Oxfordshire is being reduced by 15%. Sutton Courtenay, Milton and Appleford will be a Division known as '*Sutton Courtenay and Marcham*'.

I have been selected to stand for a new Division known as '*Harwell and Hendreds*' which runs along the southern boundary of the County. This means that I will not be representing the villages of Sutton Courtenay, Milton and Appleford after 2 May 2013.

I would like to express my thanks to the Parish Chairmen, and all the members of their Parish Councils for their consideration. I have found working with you all over the past four years both interesting and enjoyable!

When I first became County Councillor there was the threat of the arrival of an incinerator, and I was able to negotiate its move away from this area to the north of the County. I know there have been constant difficulties with the landfill site and I've chaired some very lively and interesting discussions at the various Liaison Committees, which your Parish Council, the site's operators, County Council Officers and I, have attended.

I will miss attending your Parish Council meetings at the Village Hall, but whoever my successor may be, and of what political persuasion, I sincerely trust that the open frankness and good communication between the Parish and County will continue.

Best wishes

Stewart A G Lilley

County Councillor for Harwell and Sutton Courtenay Division 2009-2013

SUTTON COURTENAY CRICKET CLUB



Season 2013

Dear Reader,

As Mark Twain is once supposed to have said: “rumours of our demise have been greatly exaggerated!”

We are pleased to announce that we have a really cracking Senior Cricket fixture list for the forthcoming season and it is also our intention to play some junior friendlies over the summer – plus we will again be running a Kwik Cricket team this year for our most junior players. We have arranged to play some of our “Home” matches at other local venues though we will play a number of games at Recreation Ground during June, July & August, including entertaining Penwortham from Lancashire (Freddie will not be coming, sadly!) on Thursday 25th July.

We did manage to have some cricket last season despite all that the weather threw at us – and a special vote of thanks must go to Roderick & Nathan Hamilton for their sterling efforts in maintaining our grass cutting commitments to the Parish Council in some of the most appalling ‘summer’ conditions for many a long year!

Looking back at last year, it would be remiss not to mention that Nav Mahadevan – our lovely Sri-Lankan gentleman – scored the first ever century for the Club, which helped us record an away win at Hanney in one of the few games we did manage on a Sunday ! Great stuff Nav – more to come, we are sure! Another highlight was a brilliant cameo from Aussie Dave (Twyman) - our 2nd umpire! - at Wootton & Boars Hill, during his all too brief visit back to the UK; we miss you Dave! A number of our young men are now also playing for Didcot and Marcham as well as having County Trials. Well done lads.

Our Winter Nets have already begun – at a new venue this year: The Abingdon Sports & Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, just past Snakes & Ladders. This is an open nets session so if you fancy trying out your arm or batting skills you will be most welcome on Sundays from 11.00 to 12.00 – juniors, seniors and ladies are all invited! Summer nets will be on Thursdays at the Recreation ground from 6.00 commencing 18th April – Kwik Cricketers will start a little earlier at 5.30.

We are proud to announce that we have a new website: www.suttoncourtenaycricketclub.co.uk

Please do take time out to visit – here you will find all things to do with our club, fixtures, averages, team selection etc. – we are also publishing our accounts for the past 6 years so that any spurious allegations concerning paying our way, start-up donations and the like can now be answered by putting them into the public domain.

Finally, in answer to “A Hopeful Resident” (in these pages in December 2012) we would (and always have promoted the idea) welcome the formation of a Sutton Courtenay Sports & Social Club. The concept of selling the existing village hall to fund something in which the whole village could be proud of is an excellent one – let us look to the future and build something we, our children and future generations to come can all use for the foreseeable future. In that spirit, we call upon the Parish Council to launch a feasibility study or open meeting to look at the viability of such a project – this is a concept which will bring us all together, united by a common belief of doing the right thing!

For any further information concerning our club our contact details are all to be found on the new website.

We wish you all a fabulous 2013

The Committee, Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Cyclist's lament

I have been a cyclist in and around Sutton Courtenay since the stabilisers came off, 42 years in case you were wondering, and currently ride my bike to and from work six days a week. I would just like to point out a few things.

Sutton bridges

If there are no cars around the lights often don't stay green long enough for me to cycle across the bridges, two thirds across I meet oncoming traffic! If there is a large queue of cars the driver directly behind often gets very frustrated revving engine or tooting horn!

The roads in general are very potholed and you have to ride well away from the curb or verge, and this combined with cars that the local authorities can't seem to stop speeding is very dangerous!

Peep o Day Lane

As with all other cycle routes it's covered in snow and ice two or three weeks a year, it floods for about six weeks per year. I cycle at 4.30am with no lighting down the lane, it over grows to the point two cyclists can't pass at least twice a year, on the concrete sections there are many potholes. I personally have had to dodge a bolting horse and rider, teenagers on mopeds, and out of control dog owners, it's not the dogs fault!

Cycle path in Drayton Road

Cyclists please note this path starts/ends by the pump house near the village sign not in Brook St, don't cycle on the foot path! Yes I know the markings aren't clear, and the road is potholed, and there is a slight bend that the cars over take you on at speeds over the limit, but we are cyclists and we are expected to deal with all that! Oh let's not forget the cars that often park in the pump house gate way that then block entry and exit to the path. Don't get me wrong there are plenty of dodgy cyclists, I see them around every day, but it's not always our fault.

(name supplied)

Sutton Courtenay Primary School

As an elderly long time resident of Sutton Courtenay I was extremely pleased that the result of the OFSTED inspection at Sutton Courtenay Primary School was GOOD. Wonderful. I know how hard the staff must have worked to achieve this. Well done.

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www.oxfordharmonicsoc.org

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Logfire Evening 12 March, Eckhart Tolle Teachings and Meditation, 7.30-9.30; 9 April Rupert Sheldrake 'The Science Delusion' 7-9, both at **The Abbey**, Sutton Courtenay 01235 847401

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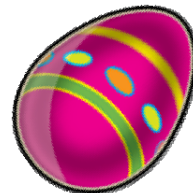
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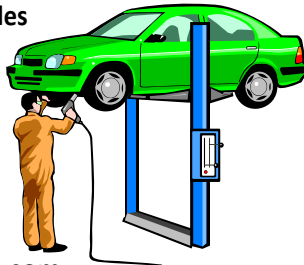
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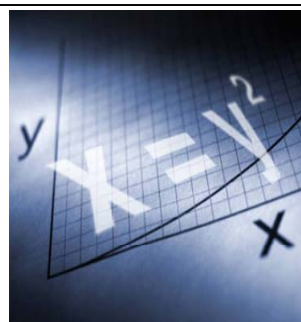
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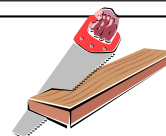
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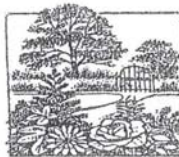
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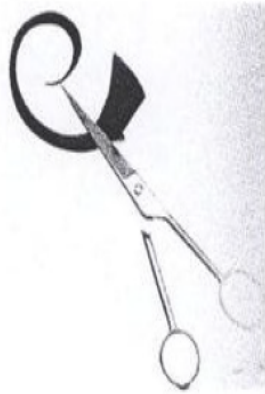
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