

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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## VILLAGE DIARY

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

		<b>JUNE</b>		
Sunday	2nd	6pm	Lyra Ensemble	Church
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Thursday	6th	12noon	WI Lunch	Barley Mow Clifton Hampden
Saturday	8th	10am - 4pm	Dog Microchipping	Larkmead Vets High Street
Sunday	9th	12noon	Friends of All Saints' Church Summer Lunch	The Orchard, Mill Lane
Tuesday	11th	11.15am	Women's Christian Fellowship River Trip	Abingdon
Thursday	13th	7pm	Local History Society Guided Walk (Fully Booked)	Wallingford Museum
Tuesday	18th		WI Garden Party	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>JULY COPY DEADLINE</b>		
Saturday	22nd	10am	Litter Pick	Recreation Ground
Saturday & Sunday	22nd & 23rd	Saturday -10.30-5pm & Sunday 2-5pm	Midsummer Week- end & Exhibition of Paintings	Church
Wednesday	26th	1.30pm	Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study	The Vicarage
Wednesday	26th	9.30am - 3.30pm	Open Day	Sutton Courtenay
Thursday	27th	10.30 - 12 non	Coffee Shop & Book Store	Church
Saturday	29th	12 noon - 3pm	School Summer Fete	School

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

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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

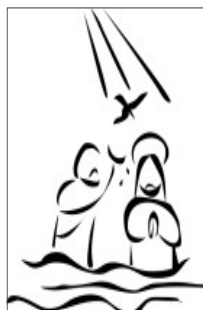


### HOLY MATRIMONY

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

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

DAVID OWAIN WHITE and ANN BARBARA SINCLAIR



### HOLY BAPTISM

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

CAITLYN EMILY-MAY WYATT (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013)

ADAM MATTHEW ZACHER (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Village Green Bench**

Sadly the village green bench by the war memorial on the village green has been vandalised and is beyond sensible repair. It has had to be removed to ensure that no injury can be caused to anyone. The Parish Council realises that this seat is well used and appreciated by many, and it is planning to replace this. This unexpected cost will unfortunately have to be taken from the Council's reserves unless there is a kind benefactor somewhere. Should anyone know of an organisation willing to sponsor a bench seat, then please contact the clerk.

### **Decommissioning at Didcot "A" station and demolition of the cooling towers**

The decommissioning of the A station has commenced with a gradual reduction in staff. Coal remains are being removed by lorry. As for the demolition contract, final bids have been received from demolition companies. An early works agreement will be signed with the successful tendering company during the Summer. The demolition programme is due to start on 6th January 2014. The proposal is to take the 3 northern cooling towers down using a progressive method where the rest of the site will be taken down using traditional explosive methods. Discussions between the land owners and local authorities regarding the future development of Didcot A land are taking place.

### **Highway Verges**

The Parish Council is in contact with the County Council regarding the restoration of the verges following the Southern Gas Networks operations to replace the pipework. Please do not park on the verges now, and particularly once the works are complete in order to keep the village looking as best as it can.

### **Planning Applications**

#### **Milton Road – Pye Homes**

The planning application for 34 houses north of Milton Road was considered at the Committee meeting of the Vale of White Horse District Council on 8th May. Cllr. David Hignell addressed the committee on behalf of the Parish Council, stating that it was incorrect to describe Sutton Courtenay as a sustainable large settlement that could accept further development. He pointed out the failure in the committee report to include criteria relating to infrastructure and the problems associated with highways, drainage and the impact on Sutton Courtenay from expansion elsewhere without thought for the hinterland.

The application was deferred to the Vale's next planning meeting to allow time for further reports.

#### **The following applications were received by the Parish Council:**

P13/V0694/FUL Creation of new pond, associated re-profiling of north education pond at the Environmental Study Centre, Sutton Courtenay Lane

The Council had no objections.

P13/P0823/HH One and half storey side extension at 93 Bradstocks Way

The Council had concerns about adequate on site parking, vehicle movements to ensure no separate dwelling could be created.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Planning applications received by the Council continued

MW.0052/13. Application for a lawful development certificate for importation of pulverised fuel ash other than from Didcot Power Station. The Council believed that the intensification of use meant a change of use in planning terms

P13/V0858/HH Single storey front side extension, proposed single storey rear side extension  
Cedar Croft, High Street. The Council had no objections

13/V0401/0 Demolition of 44 Milton Road to create access, residential development of site for up to 70 dwellings (amended details). The Council maintained its previous objections

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6PU Tel: 01865 391833  
Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th June, 2013 in the village hall, Frilsham Street at 7.30 p.m.

### 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.

### VILLAGE LITTER PICK

**A village litter pick to tidy the village will take place**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 22nd June, 2013 at 10.00 a.m.**

### JOIN US AT THE RECREATION GROUND

**All equipment including: Litter pickers, high visibility bests, gloves and sacks are provided courtesy of Biffa. Refreshments provided at the end. For more information contact:**

**Linda Martin 01865 391833**

**Rita Atkinson 01235 848694**

**Please note that to avoid a clash of dates with the School fete, and to be able to include everyone, the date has been brought forward by one week from that provisionally advertised last month.**

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Sparrow Class

### Free Nursery places now available

Is your child about to turn three? Would you like them to have free sessions from 8.50am until 11.50am each morning? Then come and take a look at our refurbished nursery classroom. The children have short sessions within the morning that are planned and taught by early years specialists, a nursery nurse and a qualified teacher.



The nursery is well resourced to appeal to all interests and develop skills across the Early Years Curriculum and beyond. Not limiting the experiences to the classroom, you will often find the nursery class on visits which have included Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre, Harcourt Arboretum, Q Gardens to pick fruit, train ride to Radley amongst many others.

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

Improving the nursery environment and opportunities for our children has been an important element of our School Development Plan this year – it is vital to invest in the very early stages of a child's educational career in order to provide the very best. With the improvements already made we can be sure that we have met the objective set by our Ofsted Inspection in November when we were found to be a 'Good' school and we are now on a journey to aim to be 'Outstanding.'

So if your child is 3 before the end of August, they could start in our Nursery class in September 2013. If you would like to come and see us, please make an appointment or come to our open day.

*Don't forget our OPEN DAY*

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013*

*9.30am to 3.30pm*

*You are all welcome to come and visit our school and see what makes it such a special place.*

*Followed by: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 12.00pm to 3.00pm  
our SUMMER FETE*

ALISON ASHCROFT  
Headteacher

[www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk)

Telephone: 01235 848333

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) and Evensong at 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Children's Church), & Evening Praise at 6pm

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

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

### From the Ministry Team...

#### Who prays today?

Research by the Church of England has found that six out of seven people still believe that prayers can be answered, despite a dramatic drop in *formal religious observance in the UK*. *Only one in seven people insist that they would never resort to prayer*. Teenagers are less likely to reject prayer than their parents - with only 9% of 18-24 year-olds saying they would never pray, compared with 17% of those in their late 50s. The proportion of people in England and Wales who classify themselves as "Christian" in 2011 fell to 59%, from 72% in 2001. When asked what they would pray for 31% said peace in the world; 27% said an end to poverty and for family members, with only 15% mentioning praying for guidance or healing for themselves.

**Canon David Winter has written this article about a man to whom prayer was central to all he did: Trevor Huddleston, who was born 100 years ago.**

When Desmond Tutu - famous South African archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate - was a small boy he was walking along the pavement in Sophiatown with his mother. She took in laundry and was carrying a load of washing. They were approached by a tall white man wearing a black cassock. They prepared to step off the pavement, as they were required to do by the apartheid conventions of the time, to make room for him, but before they could do so he stepped out into the road and doffed his hat to Desmond's mother.

The tall white man was Trevor Huddleston, who was born exactly a century ago this month. He was the parish priest of the sprawling African township where the Tutu family lived. Raising one's hat to a passing woman carrying laundry might seem to us today a small courtesy, but for young Desmond it was a life-changing gesture. It told him that for some Christians, at least, race and skin colour were matters of indifference. He sought out Father Huddleston, who helped him with his education. More importantly, Desmond embraced the faith that lay behind that simple courtesy.

Trevor Huddleston went on to become a tireless campaigner against apartheid, but also a passionate advocate of the Christian faith. Born in Bedford, with a public school and Oxford background, he happily immersed himself in the life of the people in Sophiatown, where he served for 13 years. The people gave him the nickname 'Makhalipilo' - Dauntless One. His book *Naught for your Comfort*, published in 1956, became a world-wide call to address the evils of apartheid, and later, as a bishop in England (Stepney) and then of Masasi, he continued to protest that 'in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek', black nor white, but 'all are one in Christ Jesus'. He retired as archbishop of the Province of the Indian Ocean in 1983 and died at Mirfield, the home of his Anglican Order, the Community of the Resurrection, in 1998. His ashes, however, were buried in Sophiatown, the place most dear to his heart.

His simple Prayer for Africa became a world-wide call:

*God bless Africa; guard her people; guide her leaders. And give her peace. Amen.*

With love and prayers, Helen

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

## COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am-12noon



### All Saints' Church

Why not drop by for coffee, cake  
& conversation and to browse

## 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, 848297**



## CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 6pm - The Lyra Ensemble from St Petersburg are making a return visit to All Saints' Church. Tickets £8.50 (concessions available) inc. complimentary refreshments. Contact Ian Miles for more details [ianmiles@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmiles@btinternet.com) or 0788 715873
  - **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 1pm Wedding at All Saints'.
  - **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Friends of All Saints' Garden Party.
  - **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Baptism preparation at the Church for all those interested in baptism for their children – please contact Helen for more details.
  - **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Christian Fellowship Outing on the River Thames. 8pm Holiday Club Planning Meeting at the Vicarage.
  - **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** – DAMASCUS Group PCC Away Day to explore Leading the DAMASCUS Group into Growth.
  - **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am Morning Worship for Fathers' Day – Bring your Dads to Church!
  - **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 10.30am-5pm Exhibition of Paintings & Cards by local artist Mary Thompson and Extensive 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Stall.
  - **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 2-5pm Exhibition of Paintings & Cards by local artist Mary Thompson and Extensive 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Stall – plus Cream Teas and Cakes. At 3pm The George Orwell Society will be gathering at George Orwell's Grave for a short act of remembrance as 2013 marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.
  - **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** – 12-3pm Sutton Courtenay CoFe Primary School Fete. 7.30pm Appleford Village Barn Dance.
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – 10am DAMASCUS Group Service at Drayton (Please note there will be NO service at Sutton Courtenay today)**
- ## CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting
  - **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Garden Party at 23 Harwell Road.
  - **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – 11am Small Saints' Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Church.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 10am School Leavers' Service in the Church



### **SPACE ACADEMY 2013**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July- 10-3PM in DRAYTON SCHOOL**  
**A SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB FOR Children aged 5 to 11 years (school years 1-6)**  
**at Drayton School, Hilliat Fields**

**COST £20 FORTWO DAYS-** to be paid with booking form

*This Club is run by St Peter's Church, Drayton & All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay. We can only take 48 children and places will be given to those who book first for both days.*

**BOOKING FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH, THE VICARAGE, OR  
SUTTON COURTENAY COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Midsummer Weekend at All Saints' Church**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> (10.30-5pm) & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (2-5pm)**

**Exhibition of Paintings & Cards by local artist Mary Thompson**

**Plus extensive 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Stall.**

**Cream Teas and Cakes** will also be sold on the Sunday afternoon and at 3pm  
The George Orwell Society will be gathering at George Orwell's Grave for a short act of remembrance as 2013 marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

*All money raised will go to All Saints' Church and the Macmillan Nurses.*



## 2013 DUCK RACE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Duck Race. It was good to return to the earlier part of the year – as you may remember last year it was held in the Autumn due to lack of Spring water.

A big thank you to those who helped on the day of the race – also to 'Changes' for their valuable support in helping to sell the tickets (with the help of Sian and Marlie). Thanks too to Mrs T who came to sell her ice cream.

The lucky winners this year were:-

First Prize	Mrs Fuller
Second Prize	Kit Thomas
Third Prize	Rose Woodward
Fourth Prize	Ann Tolley
Fifth Prize	Jo O'Driscoll
Sixth Prize	Sarah Marples
Seventh Prize	Judy Prout
Eighth Prize	Judy Prout
Nineth Prize	Liz Wilkinson
Tenth Prize	Florence Hayden

## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting held on 14th May was well attended to listen to a talk given by Mrs Jane Hornsby called 'Living with the Homeless'. She was a very good speaker and started her talk by herself acting the part of someone who was homeless, certainly opened our eyes to the situation and made us feel somehow how fortunate we are.

Members are reminded that the next Bible Study meeting will be on the 26th June at the Vicarage at 1.30pm.

All members who are going on the River Trip on 11th June are also reminded that we find our own way to Abingdon to catch the Steamer for Sandford Lock which will leave at 11.15am and arrive at about 12.20pm. Return Steamer will leave Sanford Lock at 3.10pm arriving back in Abingdon at 4.30pm. Drivers are reminded to allow 6 hours parking time.

Our meeting on the 9th July will be our Garden Party and by kind permission of Mrs Joan Moss will be held in her garden at 23 Harwell Road, Sutton Courtenay. If you are able bring a garden chair.

Visitors are always very welcome to attend our meetings.

Rose Woodward

(Secretary)

## FROM ED VAIZEY M.P.

I frequently receive information from public bodies that may be useful for constituents, and there have been several things recently that readers may like to know about.

Firstly, the General Medical Council has published a new guide to what patients can expect from their doctor. You can see the guide at <http://dmtrk.net/t/CUG-1FJKJ-4GCWXXV-KJ25D-1/c.aspx>. You can also call 0161 923 6602 if you don't have access to the internet. Patients deserve the highest standards of care and the GMC is committed to ensuring that they understand what these are. They have therefore produced this guide, which underlines the importance of dignity, mutual respect and partnership between patients and their doctor. It also sets out the duties of the doctor and that all doctors need to be honest and open if things go wrong, and to make the care of patients their first concern.

I've also received information from Thames Valley Police about how they have been performing locally: it's good news. Across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse, violent crime has reduced by 15.6%. Detection rates are going up: for dwelling burglary by 27.5%, for serious sexual offences by 30.3% and for violence against the person with injury by 47.4%, and overall crime is at its lowest level for 15 years.

We are lucky to live in a part of the country with relatively low crime rates (the Vale of the White Horse was recently reported as one of the 20 most peaceful areas in the UK) but every crime committed has a huge impact on its victims, while every crime solved reassures us all about the efforts of our police force. I am very pleased indeed to see these results, which are part of a pattern of reducing crime levels over a number of years.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has contacted me with information about Heritage Enterprise, a new £125million grant programme specifically designed to stimulate local economic growth, generate new commercial income along with new jobs and skills by unlocking the latent commercial potential of unused historic buildings and sites across the UK. There are grants available from £100,000 to £5m. You can find out more about how your community could benefit from Heritage Enterprise by visiting their website; HLF is also offering start-up grants between £3,000 and £10,000. These grants will enable groups to create the organisational structures needed to deliver projects and to help with the associated costs, such as obtaining professional and legal advice.

This month's mailbox has been largely dominated by issues relating to animal welfare. People are concerned over the exports of living animals, and sentencing for those who commit acts of cruelty. Other issues that I have seen in my mailbox include support for Amnesty International's campaign to improve women's rights in Afghanistan, which is still an essential part of the UK's foreign policy priorities, and the Government's reforms to teachers' pay and pensions.

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

Ed Vaizey MP

## COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

I would like to thank all those who took part in the recent County Elections. I am very aware of how close the voting was in our Division and from painful experience, I do know how it feels to be on the wrong end of a closely fought election. I would like to thank all my fellow candidates for helping to make it a fiercely but honourably fought contest. One certainty in a tight election is that every vote counted. A 31% turnout was rather better than some had forecast, but it is hardly a triumph for the democratic process. If I have one priority over the next four years, it is trying to engage and involve many more people in local issues and decisions.

Despite the widely reported anger and frustration with the state of things, I found the doorstep reception more friendly than recent elections where expense scandals, electoral systems produced strong feelings. That there is frustration and a sense of resignation cannot be denied.

In this part of the world, immigration and the EU seem rather distant issues and, in my view, are more likely to be symptoms than causes of the frustration. Top of my list of possible causes is Planning. Where we put our housing, how much we need, how we keep it affordable, how we conserve our countryside in the face of building, how we cope with the need for energy, for waste disposal, for water and so on, are all helping to produce a sense of helplessness and resentment at what “they” are doing to us. The irony is that under the Localism Act, we should be feeling more empowered than ever before. For Localism to work two things have to happen. The first is that local people have to believe that they now have powers they have not had before, the second is that “the powers that be” have to be prepared to hand over some power and trust local people to make sensible decisions.

Second on my list of possible causes of current frustration and depression at the state of things is the weather. We all need a long, hot summer to cheer us up.

I cannot do anything about the weather, but if, after four years, I haven’t done everything in my power to make people in this division feel better about the state of things and to feel more empowered, and more in control, then I will have failed.

If you have any issues or problems with County issues, Roads, Education, Social Services etc, I can always be contacted via:

01235 534001 or [Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com](mailto:Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com)

### **Charities brush up on marketing skills**

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) is holding a training session for voluntary sector organisations to help them brush up on their marketing skills.

Charities and community projects will be able to find out about the basics and the misconceptions of marketing, identify target audiences and conduct a mini marketing audit, as well as writing effective marketing material and creating a tactical marketing plan.

The Marketing Essentials course costs £50 (£40 for OCVA members) and it will be held 9.30pm to 4.30pm on 19 July just off the Cowley Road in Oxford.

For more information see [ocva.org.uk/marketing-essentials](http://ocva.org.uk/marketing-essentials) or call 01865 251 946.

## KEEP SUTTON COURTENAY RURAL

### Latest Developments

At a packed Planning Committee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, the VOWH deferred its decision on the Pye Homes application to build 34 houses north of 92-112 Milton Road. Unfortunately, this is not the end of the war for the village as the application will return to the Committee, perhaps in only few weeks time. However, it does offer us the chance to reinforce the arguments that underlie why this development should not go ahead.

A large number of villagers attended the meeting to make their objections clear and we thank all who could attend. Your support is very much appreciated.



When it was time for the public response in the meeting, a lot of convincing arguments were put forward outlining why this development should be rejected. Special mention should go to the presentation of David Hignell (Parish Council) and our District Councillor Gervase Duffield, together with Pauline Wilson, representing KSCR. We also heard a very emotional appeal by Kevin Nicholls, widower of Heike, which demonstrated the very real human impact of these destructive planning applications.

The decision was deferred for the following reasons:

- A redesign of the layout to ensure that the affordable housing provision is spread evenly throughout the site;
- To provide KSCR time to report the findings of the traffic survey we are currently undertaking;
- Gather additional information relating to land drainage of the site;
- Clarify education provision requirements linked to this development proposal;
- Provide additional information as to the highway works that are planned to address the identified highway and access issues that this proposed development generates.

KSCR will be collating further comments on the design of the proposed site and will feed these concerns back to the Planning Officer and Planning Committee. Please contact KSCR with your observations. We will also be working with Gervase Duffield on the matter of conditions that have been attached to the application, such as certain drainage requirements.

The battle against inappropriate development will continue. The Planning Officer's next recommendation with regard to Sutton Courtenay, the Redrow application, is likely to be announced shortly. If both of these developments go ahead, Sutton Courtenay will have 104 new houses to be built and it will take a large step towards becoming a suburb of Didcot. Its long history as a rural village will near its end. It would be nice to have more vocal support from our local MP Ed Vaizey in preventing this happening. The expansion of Milton Park is also of concern and will add to the impact on Sutton Courtenay and surrounding villages. KSCR has been in touch with the village group working on this.

Thanks to everyone for their great support to date. We will publicise the dates of the Planning Committee meetings when these applications are considered – please look for updates on our website [www.kscr.org.uk](http://www.kscr.org.uk) - and would ask you to attend and support us if you possibly can. Also, please continue to make your objections known to Ed Vaizey, MP and the Vale of White Horse Planning Department. All contact details are on the KSCR website under "Contact Us".

Chris Doel  
Chair of Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural

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**Spring (?) & Summer (?) Music at All Saints' Church**  
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*~ Back by popular request, on another UK tour ~*  
**The LYRA ENSEMBLE of St Petersburg**  
*Sacred & Secular gems in the authentic Russian style*

**Lyra** is an ensemble of professional vocalists from churches  
 in St Petersburg; some are also musical theatre soloists.

Through their performance they seek to present the rich heritage of the  
 Russian Orthodox Church, alongside the country's folk tradition, to inspire  
 and delight anyone with an interest in the country's history and culture.

***in concert at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay***

**Sunday 2 June at 6pm**

**Admission @ £8.50 (U16/student £6.50)**

*... includes complimentary topical light refreshment!*

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*and the **Parish Proms** will soon be back,  
 now already in their 4<sup>th</sup> season ...*

at **6pm on Summer Sundays** as ever:

**21 & 28 July, 4 & 11 August**

Programme to be confirmed shortly

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***For further details please contact Ian Miles on 01235 535030***

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI

Not so much news this month. In May our lunch a month was at Yarnton Garden Centre. Seven of us enjoyed a light lunch. Thank you Father Christmas! for offering to drive some of our ladies, we had a few of our regular drivers on holiday. Our meeting for May was resolutions meeting with movers and shakers to follow. Next month will be our BBQ, details to follow as whose garden has not yet been decided. Lunch next month will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Barley Mow, Clifton Hampton at 12pm. If you need a lift please call Margaret 847472. Please give me a bit of notice so I can organise lifts. Please don't forget to tell us what you would like to do at our meetings or outings you think we might be able to arrange.

Margaret Hamilton

## VACANT ALMSHOUSE

Applications are invited for the vacant almshouse which is a bedsit. Preference will be given to elderly widows with a connection to Sutton Courtenay. For further information please contact Mrs. Rosemary Allen, The Orchard, Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4BE. Tel. 01235 848667.

## SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> we had Christina Green from Herne Bay in Kent with us, who is a very gifted lady. Terrific evidence was given with laughter and tears. More new faces, who are most welcome. Many thanks to all.

Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Patrick Corbury

Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Rev. Jacqui Day

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## EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PAINTINGS & CARDS

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## BIRDWATCHER

Have you tried to get the brightly coloured Goldfinch in your garden, but just can't get them near your feeder ? The lure of the yellow wing patch and bright red face is quite hard to resist trying.

I would like to share two well-tried ways to improve your chances.

- A bright yellow capped niger feeder (full with niger seed of course)
- A teasel plant close to the feeder

This combination of items has proven irresistible for my feeding areas in three different gardens. The image to the right was taken in my Sutton Courtenay garden a few weeks ago:



Occasionally a Blue Tit or Greenfinch will peck on the niger, but the only other bird I have seen to feed well on the niger seed in our village is the Lesser Redpoll.

The beautiful Goldfinch will sit on the niger feeder perches for long periods at a time and are much more confident to stay put, than the other birds.

Two Goldfinches seem to feed happily on one feeder, but as soon as a third bird approaches the fighting and squabbling starts with lots of aggressive high pitched chirping.

Mike Dowsett

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Earlier this year a law was passed to make microchipping compulsory for dogs in the UK, so come and speak to us about the procedure and the different chips that are available. To help you get one step ahead of this, Larkmead Veterinary Group is holding a Microchipping Day on 8<sup>th</sup> June at our surgery on the High Street in Sutton Courtenay.

Microchips are not being made compulsory for cats yet, but they will be welcome to the Microchipping Day too – cats that fail to return home have often been involved in accidents and we are often faced with an injured cat in our care with no apparent owner. Did you know? There are now cat flaps that can be operated by your cat's microchip, so no more visitors making themselves at home!

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Together with a small local printing firm, I am planning to produce Appleford Wall Calendars for 2014, with **colour** photographs of village **events** and **views**, and some of the proudly tended **gardens** of the Appleford village community. Each calendar will be in A5 book form and, when opened, each month's display will be an A4 spread, with a photograph on the top half and dates on the lower half. All proceeds will be donated to **Appleford Church** and the **Restart Children's Rescue Centre**, a refuge for abused or orphaned children living on the streets of Gilgil, Kenya, recently the subject of Channel Four's 'Unreported World'

If you are interested in purchasing one (or more!) of these calendars, the cost will be £5.50 each, if ordered before Wednesday, 31st July, or £6 thereafter. Payment with order please. **Closing date for orders will be Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August.** Calendars will be delivered to your home late September/early October. Please contact me by email at ([iclccook@btinternet.com](mailto:iclccook@btinternet.com)), or telephone 01235 847868.

I do hope you will support this venture by ordering a calendar (or calendars!), they will make good Christmas presents!  
Lyn Cook, 1 School Lane, Appleford.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****Wallingford Blues and Beer Festival 7 - 8 June 2013**

For more information on the festival, see <http://www.bluesandbeer.co.uk>

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**Didcot & District University of the Third Age**

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The June meeting of Didcot & District University of the Third Age is being held at 2pm on Tuesday 18 June at Didcot Civic Hall.

**Open Day - Long Wittenham Pre-School Saturday 22 June**

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## MARION LORD

Marion Lord who has died aged 91 was a resident of Sutton Courtenay for forty five years. She was born in 1922 near Warrington in Lancashire, the only child of Harry and Marion senior. Harry was an independent minded, practical northerner who worked as an engineer fitter, having served in Mesopotamia in the First World War. Marion senior was a school teacher.

Her first school was in Iver, Buckinghamshire where the family had moved. She attending the school where her mother taught, They subsequently moved to Twickenham in London and Marion did office work, working at one stage for the National Union of Agricultural Labourers. She typed their history for the author Reg Groves, who acknowledged her in his 1948 workbook, 'Sharpen the Sickle! The History of the Farm Labourers' Union'.

Marion trained as a teacher at Roehampton College and became a further education college lecturer in business studies. Soon after the death of her mother in 1967, Marion and her father moved to Sutton Courtenay where she took a job at Abingdon College of Further Education. She retired at 60 to look after her ailing father. His death soon after created a large void in her life. She studied through the Open University and obtained an Arts degree. She was a stalwart of the local U3A and an active member of the Labour Party, helping with the local administration for Margaret MacKenzie.

Marion was skilful at making things and artistic. She enjoyed painting and painted some of her nicest pictures late in her life, when she was around 90 years old; at this late stage getting into painting with acrylics.

Marion had a strong sense of social justice and was for many years an active member of the Labour Party. She had no patience with what she perceived as unfairness, dishonesty or hypocrisy and was always ready to speak her mind. She also had a strong sense of humour though and could laugh at those traits as well.

Local people remembered her great interest in gardening and the great range of things she grew in the garden. She was extremely fond of cats and her friends remembered her sitting outside at night to watch her cats playing around the trees. She was warmly remembered as a very kind person, loyal and encouraging even when her own physical frailty made life difficult and came to dominate her daily routine.

*Marion Lord's funeral service took place at Milton Methodist on May 14, and was conducted by Rev Dr David Rankin. The notes above are composed from tributes made at her funeral by her cousin, Jenifer Lord and other local friends. A small exhibition of her paintings was mounted in the Methodist hall on the day of her funeral.*

## ROGER SAVEGAR

The family of the late Roger Savegar would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages and support to us all.

The generous donations collected at Roger's church service were greatly appreciated and forwarded to Macmillan cancer support.

The Savegar family.

## RALPH THATCHER

Ralph Thatcher who died aged 66yrs on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

Lesley and family would like to thank everyone who attended Ralph's funeral on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April and for the many cards and messages of support which they have received during this sad time.

We would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations for Sobell House, whose care and support was invaluable.

Heartfelt thanks go to Jo Mullins and Francis Sparkes for all their help during Ralph's illness, and to all at Sutton Courtenay Tyres who never failed to raise his spirits!



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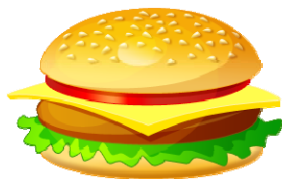
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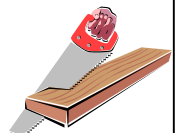
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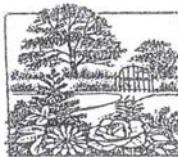
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