

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.

SEPTEMBER				
Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Saturday	7th	11am	Produce and Craft Show	Village Hall
Tuesday	10th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Thursday	12th	2pm	Craft Group	Hilliers Close
Saturday	14th	All day	Ride and Stride	
Tuesday	17th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Wednesday	18th		SC News October copy deadline	
Friday	20th	10.30am	Meeting with Minister for Planning	Wantage Civic Hall
Tuesday	24th	7.30pm	SC Local History Society	Village Hall
Thursday	26th	10.30am	Coffee Shop and Book Sale	Church
OCTOBER				
Saturday	5th	7pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sunday	6th	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

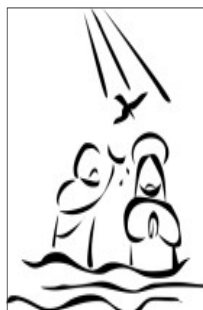
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Elena Georgina Rose Crawley-Heredge (23rd June 2013)

Edward George Joslyn (Eddie) (14th July 2013)

Thomas Peter Nolan (11th August 2013)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Large Goods Vehicles through Appleford Road and Church Street

The Parish Council has had concerns about large vehicles going through Appleford Road and Church Street and has investigated this. It appears that the B4016 is part of the Driving Standards Agency test route. The Council has written to the Agency asking about the frequency the routes are reviewed and whether there is any possibility of vehicles avoiding Sutton Courtenay.



New Housing Developments

The Parish Council has had concerns about the capacity of the foul drainage system in the village to be able to accommodate all the new housing which has been granted planning consent, and any possible further housing in the future. It has pursued the matter with Thames Water, and at the time of writing, is organising a meeting with Thames Water to discuss the problems that the village faces.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications in the parish have been considered by the Parish Council

P13/V112A and P13/V1199/LB New signage, George and Dragon, Church Street

The Council had no objections

P13/V1230/HH Replace existing wooden garage with larger block built garage at 1 Hobbyhorse Lane. The Council had no objections

P13/V135/HH Erection of a two storey side extension incorporating existing garage and new rear porch at 1 The Nursery. The Council had no objections.

P13/V1285/FUL Erection of portacabin for use as office associated with the operation of the open gas turbine at Didcot Power Station

P13/V1396/HH Single storey front extension, and extension to include new first floor level 67 High Street. The Council had no objections

P13/V1543/O Demolition of 110 Milton Road and erection of 34 dwellings on land rear of 92-112 Milton Road. The Parish Council maintained its earlier objection to the proposed development

P13/V1479/HH Erection of single storey side extension at 7 Long Barn. The council had no objections

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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September, 2013 in the village hall, Frilsham Street at 7.30 p.m.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

What is it?

- Brings together the views, needs and opinions of the whole community on issues that matter to all of us.
- Sets out what we need and what we value.
- Gives everyone a chance to guide future development of our community.
- An action plan that will prioritise the issues raised by our community, and set out how they might be tackled.
- A collective vision for the future of Sutton Courtenay.

Why produce a Community-led Plan?

- Everyone can have a say about how our local area and services are managed.
- Make a real difference to what we do within our community, and to how we work with others.
- Provide evidence and a mechanism to influence our local authority, service providers and planners.
- As a tangible expression of the local voice, our Community-led Plan should be widely recognised by those making decisions that impact on Sutton Courtenay.

Who creates the Community-led Plan?

- You do!

Everyone in Sutton Courtenay can help create the Plan. The most important thing that anyone can do is contribute ideas and opinions to ensure that the Community-led Plan is built on a broad consensus and represents the views of the whole village.

A steering group has been set up to co-ordinate the production of the Plan. Members are – Rita Atkinson, Dave Butler, Bill Hanks, Mike Jenkins, Kathy Whittaker and Colin Woodward.

On the basis of previous consultations, at various village events, a questionnaire has been produced to collect up-to-date and accurate information on conditions, needs, views and lifestyles in the village. The Plan will be based on your responses to the questionnaire.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please get in touch if you could spare a little time to help distribute and collect back the questionnaires. There are just over 1000 households in Sutton Courtenay. Each resident will get a questionnaire to complete (separate one for under 16s).

TIMELINE

We would like to distribute and collect the completed questionnaires over September. The Vale of White Horse District Council has offered to electronically scan the completed questionnaires and to produce the analysis of the data. To ensure that the Plan is completed in 2013 we should get it back to Vale by October.

WIN a £100 – each completed questionnaire will be entered in to a prize draw and the lucky winner takes home £100.

Please do get in touch if you could spare some time and certainly do complete and return your questionnaire.

Rita Atkinson (01235 848694)

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As you read this our new school year will have already started and the children will be settling into their new classes and finding out about the exciting learning opportunities that are available to them.

In order to make this a really smooth start, all of the children have already spent at least two days with their new teacher in their new classroom to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible. This is also the case in our Reception Classroom (Barn Owls) where the children were full time for both days – and had a fantastic time.

Parents in our Barn Owls class had already attended a meeting prior to the transition days to meet their teacher and to talk through their 'School Ready' pack that we provide.

Within the pack is a CD of songs that are used a lot in the classroom, various activities to do at home and a book written by the current Barn Owl children about what it is like to be in the class. We have found that this information has been really useful for both parents and children alike.

Starting school is often more daunting for parents than the children but we like to support both as much as possible. It is so exciting to be starting the learning journey, exploring and discovering all kinds of new things: ideas, creations, constructions, knowledge. It is not long before the whole class in Reception are busy reading and writing confidently.

Parents can find out how to support their child's reading by attending a phonics workshop early on in the autumn term to ensure that the correct sounds are used when reading and 'sounding out' – it is vitally important to get this right!

If you have a child who is due to start school next year and would like to find out more about our school and the opportunities we can offer, I would be delighted to show you around. Please telephone or email the office for an appointment.



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



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Headteacher

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', SUTTON COURTENAY

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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

BackToChurchSunday    29th September 2013

Back to Church Sunday has grown beyond all expectations since the first day in Greater Manchester in 2004. It is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world, taking place in churches across denominations worldwide.

Seeking to unlock the potential in personal invitation, Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity to act together each year and take the simplest and shortest step in evangelism; inviting someone we already know to our church.

"Back to Church Sunday is a fantastic opportunity for us to grow the church. We know there are at least 3 million people in England who would come back to church if they had an invitation. And we know there are hundreds of thousands of Christians who want to invite their friends." Paul Bayes, Bishop of Hertford, St Albans Diocese.

This is our invitation to you – please come to YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

on Sunday 29th September at 10.30am – a warm welcome awaits!

VICAR'S FUN DAY THANKS

It may have come later in the year than normal (due to overloaded diaries) but the Fun Day on the Village Green on 18th August was nevertheless a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages from across the village working so hard and having a lot of fun together. Although the final amount still has to be confirmed, at the time of writing, it looks as though we will have raised about £1800 for the Church and for community work across the village.

So a HUGE THANK YOU to all those who contributed in anyway. We could not do it without you!

SUTTON COURTENAY WAR MEMORIAL

I have been asked by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council to set up a group to raise funds and coordinate the restoration and conservation of the Village War Memorial. We would like to do this for next year (2014) to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

If you would be interested in joining this group, or have any ideas or suggestions for obtaining grants or fundraising, then please contact me as soon as possible – thank you, the Reverend Helen Kendrick (contact details above)

COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE

Thursday 26th September

10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

Why not drop by for coffee, cake & conversation
and to browse the books on offer?

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.

(First session 9th September)

For further information please contact
Helen Kendrick, 848297



On Sunday 22nd September in Streatley Parish Church at 10.30am the Rev'd Leighton Thomas (Priest-in-Charge of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford 1990-2002) will be celebrating a special Eucharist to mark 50 years of ordained ministry. If anyone would like to join the congregation for the service and the lunch afterwards in the Morrell Room then please let Leighton know – you would be very warmly welcomed - adrianleighton.thomas@gmail.com. Our thoughts and prayers are with Leighton and Viv at this significant time.

CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 1st** – 10.30am Pet Service – bring your pets to church to give thanks for their companionship.
- **Saturday 14th** – Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride – why not get on your bike with family or friends to raise money for All Saints' Church and the OHCT? For sponsor forms please contact Nora Harragin on 848235
- **Monday 16th** – 8pm Baptism Preparation Evening in All Saints' for all those interested in baptism for themselves or their children.
- **Friday 20th** – 1pm Wedding
- **Saturday 21st** – 1.30pm Wedding
- **Tuesday 24th** – 1.30-3pm – Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage – all welcome.
- **Thursday 26th** – Coffee Shop & Book Stall at the Church – see advert for details.

Sunday 29th – 10.30am BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- **Saturday 5th** – Barn Dance in the Village Hall for all ages (see advert for how to obtain tickets)
- **Sunday 6th** – 10.30am Harvest Festival

Sunday 20th – Tea Party in the Church to celebrate all those who have been baptised in All Saints' Church in recent years – more details coming soon.

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd – 10.30am Service of Confirmation with the Bishop of Reading. If you would be interested in being confirmed into the Church of England please contact Helen Kendrick asap. We will be running a preparation course in the Autumn leading up to this very special service.

On Sunday 6th October at 10.30am we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival with a Family Service.

Once again we will be collecting donations (cash or food) for the Christian based Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford for their work with homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move away from street-life. You are invited to bring your donations to the Harvest Festival celebration as we give thanks for all the gifts we have been given and remember those less fortunate than ourselves. They would welcome – beans, tomatoes, coffee, sugar, tea bags, hot chocolate, pasta, rice, tinned fish, tinned meat, packet/tinned desserts, custard, stock cubes, herbs/spices, squash, toiletries, washing powder, jelly, tinned fruit, rice pudding, cooking sauces, soup, biscuits, cooking oil, salt and pepper. Thank you!



Over 30 children and teenagers from Sutton Courtenay and Drayton attended the two day Holiday Club run by All Saints' Church, SC and St Peter's Drayton held this year in Drayton School. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible and gave the children such a fun filled time of crafts, games and sporting activities based around Space Theme and the story of Daniel – the man who would not stop praying. Once again it was a fun-filled, activity packed two days with a great group of children, and, as a bonus, it was very hot and very sunny!

REST IN PEACE

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

Harold Hughes (known to everyone as Brad) who has died, aged 76, on 15th May 2013 was born on 23rd March 1937 in Abingdon, although he spent the last 33 years living in Sutton Courtenay. One of seven children he grew up with his three brothers and three sisters in Abingdon. He had a hard life, brought up in the war years. His Father died at an early age and his mum worked hard to provide for the family. His sister Pauline can remember Brad being a very protective brother, he would give her boyfriends the once over and make sure she was home on time (9.30pm). Brad tapered all the teddy boys trousers. He taught Pauline how to press them, and he would pay her 2 shillings for each pair she pressed. He was always the first on the dance floor where he was infamous for his rock and roll dancing at the local dance halls. He started a country western group called the Abingdon Bounty Hunters. They would perform shows and hold dances to raise money for local charities. In the early days he loved banger racing. He won cups and medals and would do the repairs himself and keep the cars on the track. His love for racing continued and he followed formula one racing. He also loved going off-roading with his son Chris and Grandson Troy. Cars were his passion – progressing from building his own bicycles made from recycled parts from the local dump, to fixing up modern day cars. He could always be found at the local scrap yard. Later in life he met Sherryl through his brother Ron. They married and had 4 children Chris, Sharon, Jayne and Paula. It changed his life forever. He had many hobbies. With his son Chris he played Aunt Sally for the Plough Inn at Long Wittenham. He had two fish ponds, where he kept Koi carp. He also enjoyed his woodwork, making wishing wells and plant tubs among other things. Sherryl never needed to call in any repair men as he could repair anything. He especially loved his holidays in Cyprus with Sherryl and went there many times. On one of his trips he went to Egypt and the Pyramids. He was brave enough to go through the small opening, and went deep inside one of the Pyramids when no one else would. Some of his proudest moments were walking his daughters down the aisle, and the arrival into the family of his many grandchildren. He was a quiet and unassuming man but was always willing to help when and where ever he could. During the last few years he also helped look after his in-laws. Marion and George, they called him their tea boy. Some days George and Brad could be seen on their electric scooters on the road to Didcot to fetch the shopping. In the last few years he had slowed down. One of the things loved to do was to sit in his own special chair with a cup of tea and do his wordsearches and of course, still enjoying a cigarette. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His funeral service took place in All Saints' Church on 28th May, conducted by the Rev'd Ernest Adley. *This is an edited extract of notes provided by the family.*

Marion Louise Tyler who has died, aged 73 was born in Oxford, to parents Bill and Lou. She has a brother Stuart and sister Jane. She attended the West Oxford School before starting her first job at the Co-Op before going on to Coopers, the Jam factory, where she made horse radish sauce. Marion met George Tyler outside Woolworths in Oxford at Easter 1957. She was only 17 and he was 18. George would cycle from Appleford to Oxford and, after a courtship spent going to the pictures and for long walks along Binsey Lane and around Port Meadow, George proposed to Marion in the hut at Appleford Station and they were engaged on October 1st. Despite Marion telling George she 'would have to think about it' they were married in February 1958. They lived in Appleford before moving to Bradstocks Way in 1963 where they have lived ever since. George and Marion went on to have six children – Sherryl, Georgina, Paul, Leslie, Jeanette and Pauline and over the years the family continued to expand with sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. As well as bringing up her children she had a variety of jobs. She drove the Spark's Bus taking children to Benet House and worked as a cleaner at nights at Jet in Culham. She was a Home Help and she also cleaned at 'The Fish' and for the Vicar at the Old Vicarage. Alongside all of this George's grave digging business soon developed into a real family concern with everyone lending a hand. Marion was a very good cook and as a skilled seamstress used to make lots of her own clothes and with her knitting machine would make school jumpers for all her children. She also liked to crochet and loved flowers and flower arranging. She belonged to the Young Wives and for many years was Brown Owl for the village Brownies. She helped in the early days of the SC News – being part of the working party who would staple all the pages together before they were distributed. She worked many hours fundraising for the school, helping to raise money for the outdoor Swimming Pool and organising the Christmas parties. At Tupperware Parties she would often be found looking after all the children whilst the Mums shopped. Marion's door was always open for her children's friends, and, latterly, also for her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Instinctively loving and caring, she loved children and was always ready to offer them a warm welcome and a listening ear. She loved family holidays spent in Hayling Island and later Cyprus. They also visited Spain, India and Jersey but above all Marion loved her home and to sit in her chair at the centre of her family. The later years of her life were very tough with the increasing challenges of ill-health and the death of George in 2011, when she seemed to give up without her partner of so many years by her side. If George had lived, they would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in February this year. Life for Marion would have been a lot harder without the loving support of her family around her to help her through numerous health crises and trips to hospital. She will be greatly missed by her family and her friends. *This is an edited extract from the address given at her funeral on 6th July by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

Pamela Lucy Rae Horn, who has died aged 77 years, was a familiar figure in Sutton Courtenay – often described as 'the woman who walks', as, whatever the weather, she could be seen walking up and down the length of the village. She was born in 1936 in Derbyshire being the only child of Madge and Laurie. She excelled at school and studied science but she later gave up these studies to take up secretarial work. She worked for the Derbyshire County Council and then taught Commercial Subjects at the Derby Technical College where she met her future husband Jack. As a young person she enjoyed walking with her father almost every day and also went rambling in the Peak District accompanied almost everywhere by her Scottie dog. After her marriage to Jack, Pamela won a scholarship to Leicester University, eventually gaining her MA and a PhD. She then moved with Jack to Portsmouth until they finally moved to Harwell Road, Sutton Courtenay. As an economic historian she enjoyed a distinguished career as a Lecturer, not least at Oxford Polytechnic, and as time and her detailed and diligent research allowed, an even more distinguished career as a prolific writer on a wide variety of economic history subjects. Her publications extended from short booklets about individuals and single topics to many articles in learned journals and to major texts on, for example, the Rise and Fall of the Victorian Servant; Pleasures and Pastimes in Victorian Britain; Behind the Counter; and Ladies of the Manor. Her latest publication was a colourful Pitkin Guide to Life in a Victorian School. She was nationally recognised as expert in her field and was invited to lecture at the Society of Genealogists and numerous University Societies. She still accepted invitations from small groups who sought to hear her on a particular topic. Her great support in all her work was her husband, Jack. Himself a distinguished Business Specialist at Oxford Polytechnic, in retirement he would take Pamela to libraries and record offices around the country. This Pamela acknowledged in every one of her publications indicating that Jack had helped her in every possible way. She was also an invigilator for an examination board and spoke and read German fluently. The National Trust and other Great Old Houses gave her much pleasure and of course information for her many books. She also made several TV Appearances, gave Radio Interviews and provided information to TV producers for Period Dramas. Pamela was constantly in touch with her few relatives. She was a quiet and private lady who was most interesting to converse with on many subjects. She loved literature but her great love was history and this interest and her academic work helped her through the years alone after her husband's death. Pamela was determined to live as independent life as possible but she was also very grateful for the support she received from her next-door neighbours – Judy and all the Mathews family who helped her in so many ways over the years. Without them, life alone would have been even more challenging. Her funeral took place in All Saints' Church on 24th July 2013. *This is an edited extract from the address given at her funeral by The Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

VILLAGE HALL 7.30 pm

‘FROM TIME OUT OF MIND

Custom and ritual in 19th Cent Oxfordshire’

By Shaun Morley

Custom and ritual were a major part of 19th century rural life. In this talk the variety of local customs and rituals will be explored, such as the sale of a wife. We will learn how legislation helped to eliminate many such customs. Shaun Morley is an author and lecturer in local history and although Sutton Courtenay was in Berkshire in the 19th century, the talk will give an insight into an interesting aspect of rural life at that time.

During the summer members had a tour of the historical parts of Wallingford and learned much about them from the curator of the Museum, Judy Dewey. Members also enjoyed an evening visit to the refurbished Abingdon County Museum, guided by the curator, and went up on the roof where they were able to appreciate the splendid view on a beautiful evening.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings; members free, visitors £3.

Mary Thompson

DIDCOT AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall.

Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The September meeting will be held at 2pm on 17 September, the topic will be

35 years on a milkround.



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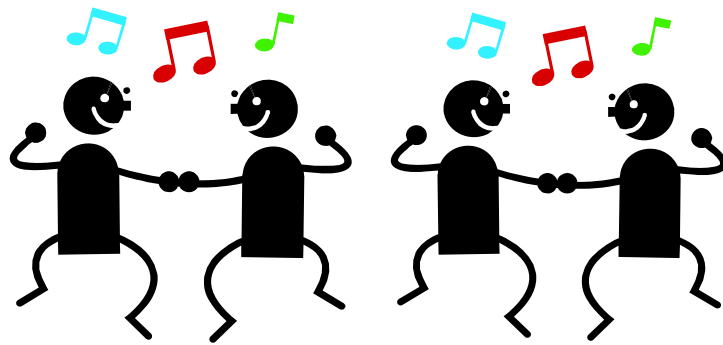
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Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

for all ages

Saturday 5th October 2013



Come and Dance to the Foot Tapping Music of

OddSox

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Doors open **7pm**. First Dance 7.30pm.
Supper 8.15pm. Last Dance 10pm.

Tickets (to include two-course meal)
Adults **£15**: Under 16s **£6**

Family ticket **£38** (2 adults + 2 children)

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or
Mary Warrington, 847346

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SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tues. Sept. 3rd 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Christina Green

Tues. Oct. 1st 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Patrick Carbury

On Tuesday 2nd July we welcomed Richard Holmes who gave us much to think about in his address and also with his spiritual messages to many. Richard's books and CDs were on sale at very reasonable prices.

On Tuesday August 6th Caroline Price and myself (Pat) worked together with the spirit world. It was good to see some more new faces. Thank you all for your kind attention and for donating raffle prizes, as well as putting chairs away.

Enquiries – Pat and Sam 01235 847460

SUTTON COURTENAY WI

Hello from Sutton Courtenay WI I hope you all had a good summer and maybe a nice holiday.

We had a good meeting in July with hopefully a couple of new members who will join us. On August 1st about thirteen of us went for a ride out to the Rose Revived at Newbridge, and we were joined by Joan and Arthur Gifford who used to live in the village. We all had a very good meal but it was spoiled by poor service. I think Sally and Liz are still waiting for theirs! Our next outing will have been and gone by the time you read this but I will give you an update in October.

Our next meeting will be on September 17th. With nights drawing in why not think about joining us once a month. If you fancy joining us but have no transport, no problem, we can pick you up, phone 847472 and leave your name and number. Lots of things in the pipeline for winter meetings. See you all soon.

Margaret Hamilton

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting on the 9th July was a Garden Party, held in Joan Moss's garden. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. The food provided by Committee Members was very good. We were very fortunate with the weather, it was a perfect summer's day with blue skies and no clouds at all. There was even a very welcome breeze.

We would like to record here with our thanks to Mrs Joan Moss for the use of her lovely garden. She had worked very hard getting it ready, borrowing garden furniture and sunshades to make nice shady spots for us. Very much appreciated by us all.

Members are reminded that our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September 2013 when it will be our Annual general Meeting to be held in the Village Hall at the usual time and your Committee hope you will be able to attend.

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

FROM ED VAIZEY M.P.

The Wantage and Didcot Constituency is a fascinating place! I've recently been reviewing some of the statistics which are provided to MPs and have seen that we are one of the most prosperous areas in the UK. 83% of people locally between the ages of 16 and 64 are employed and nearly 89% are economically active, with around 7% running their own businesses. That compares with an employment rate of 74% across the South East and 71% nationally. Of those working in the constituency, 83% work full time compared with 74% nationally, meaning our workforce has more stable and often more rewarding employment, with average local incomes 10% above the national level. That's due, in some part, to the fact that 34% of local residents have a degree or higher qualification and just 3% have no qualifications at all. Businesses set up locally do better over their first five years than in other places too. We are home to some of the most exciting and innovative scientific enterprises in the world.

What that string of statistics actually means is that the Constituency is not only a very attractive area in which to live, but also a vibrant and successful one. We do have some real challenges, such as the fact that house prices are very high in relation to our incomes, and finding a decent home in the area can be a real challenge. Helping people with housing problems is one of the areas where I am kept busy, and identifying suitable places to build the new homes we need is a real challenge. On that last point, I am continuing to lobby ministers nationally to try to have planning laws and guidance made really fit for purpose so we can build the homes we need without imposing inappropriate growth on rural communities. The Minister who leads on planning, Nick Boles, will be visiting the Constituency at my invitation in September to hear directly from constituents about the problems we have here with the current system. *



A number of constituents have also contacted me about getting people in Britain cycling, an issue which the Government has already taken significant action on.

However, an area of great concern for people considering starting to cycle is the safety for drivers on the road, so I am pleased to hear that the Government has allocated £107m to support cycling safety, loosened rules so Local Authorities can introduce 20mph speed limits in residential areas, and made it easier to install Trixi mirrors to improve the visibility of cyclists at junctions.

And one final note! I was astonished to hear about the plans being put forward by a developer for an international airport south of Marcham. There are many reasons why this is a very daft idea, most of which have been reported widely. Please rest assured that if the concept doesn't disappear of its own accord very swiftly, I will do all that I can to ensure that it never gets beyond the drawing board.

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.

*** Editors' note:** this meeting will take place on **Friday 20th September** at **Wantage Civic Hall, from 1030-12 noon.** Ed Vaizey asks 'please email my secretary, Anne Langley (langleya@parliament.uk) office: 0207 219 6350, to register your interest, so that we can have an idea of how many people are coming.'

COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Sutton Courtenay – every voice should be heard so every questionnaire should be completed!

If you have not received your questionnaire

Please contact Rita Atkinson 848694 or email ritaatkinson@googlemail.com

This is the time to put down on paper all those good ideas you have of improving the wellbeing of our community

Contribute to the whole village view on how we see ourselves now and in the future

A special appeal to those who think it pointless because nothing will change – it is still important that your voice be heard

Did you know that of the 2417 (2011 census data) residents in Sutton Courtenay:

- 480 are in the 0-15 age group
- 319 are in the 16-29 age group
- 453 are in the 30-44 age group
- 717 are in the 45-64 age group
- 448 are in the 65+ age group

There is a questionnaire for everyone from the toddler who can draw a picture on a postcard to the more mature for whom there is a user friendly questionnaire and a chance to win £100.

DELIVERY OF SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

We recently advertised for a replacement for Judy Prout as the chief distributor of Sutton Courtenay News. We are lucky to be able to tell you that Mary Pike has kindly agreed to take over from this month, mary_pike38@hotmail.com, tel 01235 848763, and she will be helped by Sue Draper & Carolyn Fordham.

We would like to record our thanks to Judy and her helper Sheila Cox for all their hard work over the last three years. They have been a great support to us, the (relatively) new team taking over from Nora Harragin. Please may we also put in a plea for our team of distributors to notify Mary of any changes to their contact details so that Mary's list is completely up to date when she starts. E-mail addresses would also be greatly appreciated, if we don't already have yours.

We welcome Mary and Sue to our team and very much look forward to working with them.

Diane, Clare and Peter

ORWELL SOCIETY MEETS AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Around 50 people attended a commemoration of the life of George Orwell on Sunday 23rd June, timed to coincide with the Church's Midsummer Weekend and to be the nearest Sunday to Orwell's birthday (which falls on 25th June). Most of you will know that Orwell, whose real name was Eric Blair, is buried in the Church graveyard. The Orwell Society was formed two years ago and its patron is Richard Blair, Orwell's adopted son. In a short act of remembrance, Richard read one of Orwell's essay, "Some Thoughts on the Common Toad", published in 1946, the year after *Animal Farm* and three years before *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. In the essay Orwell asks, "Is it wicked to take a pleasure in spring and other seasonal changes?". Orwell is undoubtedly better known for his great novels than his love of nature, but many of his less well known writings concern nature and are always written in his entertaining and easy to read style. He concludes the essay by saying that, "The atom bombs are piling up in the factories, the police are prowling through the cities, the lies are streaming from the loudspeakers, but the earth is still going round the sun, and neither the dictators nor the bureaucrats, deeply as they disapprove of the process, are able to prevent it."

On behalf of the Orwell Society I would like to thank all the villagers who made us feel very welcome, and in particular The Reverend Helen Kendrick for allowing us use of the Church. We would like to make the event an annual one and have already pencilled in Sunday 22nd June 2014.

The Orwell Society welcomes new members, our website is www.orwellsociety.com.

Neil Smith
Secretary
The Orwell Society



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Patient Participation Group



Points of Interest – Summer 2013



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to: OCCG.chadmin@nhs.net

Use the Suggestion Box

Just write your comment, (anonymous if you prefer) on a piece of paper and put it in the suggestion box – it's the same box that is used for Repeat Prescriptions.

Contact one of the members

- ❖ Hilary Rogerson (Practice Nurse)
- ❖ Dr Estelle James (GP)
- ❖ Chris Dupond (Chairman)
- ❖ Geoff Webb (Minutes sec)
- ❖ Gill Haworth
- ❖ Mary Braybrook
- ❖ Lyn Cook
- ❖ Ann Tomlin

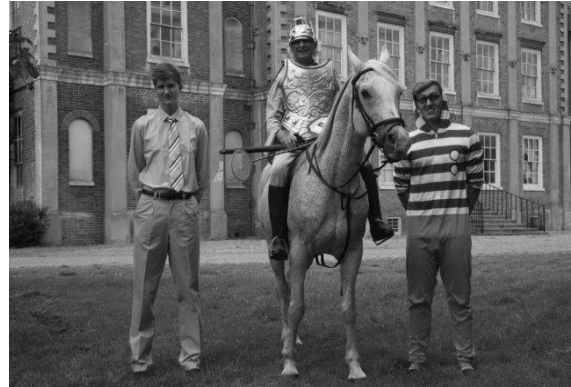
Wish list – suggestions so far

- 1 Handrail from the car park to the building ✓
2. Another handrail at the side of the 3 steps up to the reception area ✓
- 3 Automated response for prescriptions sent by email to give some reassurance to the sender that the request had been received. ✓
4. Updating of the CHS "Practice Information Booklet" as the current version is out of date.
5. Patient transport to/from CHS using volunteer drivers and reserved appointment slots
6. Prescription run
7. Fund Raising to buy a **Defibrillation** machine to be sited at the Surgery entrance

CHILDREN'S READ-A-THON AT MILTON MANOR

"Reading is one of the most important gifts we can give our children. One in six people do not have the literacy skills they need. We have the ability to change that statistic."

A fun day to inspire and fire the literary imagination of children of all ages...from toddlers to octogenarians will take place in the beautiful grounds of Milton Manor, Milton, near Abingdon on Saturday 14th September from 11 am to 4 pm.



Every part of the delightful grounds will play host to a children's story or character, with Peter Pan hiding out in his amazing Tree House, Beatrix Potter characters by the lily pond, and a beautiful resident Shire horse, Rocket, taking the role of the equine hero of Michael Morpurgo's War Horse in the Georgian stables. Well-known children's authors David Melling (Hugless Douglas), Alan Gibbons (Shadow of the Minotaur) and up-and-coming illustrator and author Charlie Sutcliffe will be giving readings from their books and offering book signings. They will also be joined by poet John Foster who will be passing on his enthusiasm for poetry with readings and talks.

The free event is the brainchild of Oxfordshire teacher and Milton resident Anne Wattam. "We are really keen to attract children who wouldn't normally come to such an event. By bringing the characters to life, making storytelling an adventure and meeting inspirational authors and poets, we hope to fire their imagination and develop a life-long passion for reading."

It promises to be a magical affair. A woodland walk becomes the Gruffalo Walk, a lily pond will be the mermaids' lagoon from Peter Pan and the stable courtyard becomes an activity zone where children can be transformed into their favourite characters with face paint, illustrate their own story characters and join in other fun activities linked to their favourite stories. Visitors are encouraged to dress as their favourite character and bring their own books to trade in at the book swap stand (one book for 2). The Manor's walled garden will host Code X Microworld and feature the 12 themed reading zones already familiar to many primary school children, including Dragon's Quest, Forbidden Valley and Bugtastic. There will be an interactive zone featuring ipads and e-books hosted by RM Education, a Mad Hatter's Tea Party in front of the Manor, tractor and pony rides, house tours and a chance to seek out 32 story characters wandering around the grounds, including, rather appropriately, Where's Wally!

Says Anne, "Publishing houses and authors have offered some fabulous prizes such as signed books including Angelina Ballerina, Winnie the Witch, Shadow of the Minotaur, Hugless Douglas sets and John Foster poetry books. We were thrilled to also receive a huge plush Hugless Douglas toy as a prize - a real coup as these toys can't be bought in the shops. There's also a raffle and the chance to win books, book vouchers and even an Icer Aconia tablet."

Milton Manor is the ancestral home of the Mockler-Barrett family with present incumbent Anthony Mockler-Barrett opening the event alongside Culture, Communications and Creative Industries Minister Ed Vaizey, MP for Didcot and Wantage. Mr Mockler is himself a published author.

Oxfordshire Children's Read-A-Thon organiser Anne Wattam

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LETTER TO EDITOR

I will most certainly be writing to the Planning Inspectorate as I feel very strongly about this matter concerning Housing Development in rural areas. It is ironic that I have benefitted from living on a council estate in this village and am now raising objections to further houses being built. I realise that there is an acute housing shortage and many new houses have to be built but further despoiling villages is not the answer! New towns have been built in the past and I think this is the way forward.

Village rural life needs to be preserved!

D Symons, 80 Tyrrells Way

REFLECTIONS

Charlie (a gentleman among dogs) 1993-2013

I would like to thank those who expressed their sorrow on the passing of Charlie on July 4th this year.

To me he was a very special dog and he made many friends in the village, both human and canine. Among the squirrel and rabbit fraternity however this was not the case!

In his younger days he suffered with an attitude problem with beards, tradesmen and postmen, but with perseverance and love coupled with endless exercise we overcame this problem and he became friends with everyone.

He was a constant and well-travelled companion scaling the highlands of Scotland, peaks of the Lakes and the moors of Devon and Cornwall.

While in the last year he had retained his good health he had become increasingly arthritic and could no longer enjoy any walks or exercise. I had to make the awful but correct decision and he died peacefully at home.

Laura and Hannah from Larkmead Veterinary Group were wonderful with him (and me!) as the end came and thank you to them too.

Simon Dorman

CRAFT GROUP

The Sutton Courtenay Craft Group – Craft Share- has been meeting on a regular basis for the last three years. New skills have been learnt and exchanged on an informal basis. Knitting, crochet, sewing etc for all abilities. Items have been made for personal use and for charity.

All the meetings have been in the evenings to date but from next month, September, additional afternoon sessions will be held in different homes in the village, subject to demand (phone 848768 for details).

Why not come along to the next gathering? Second and fourth Thursday of every month

Afternoon 14.00 – 16.00. Evening 19.30 – 21.00.

***Next meeting at Southbourne, Hilliers Close 12th September 19.30**

For venue details contact Lynne Cabbage on 848768 or email lynne.cabbage@btinternet.com



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Sat 14 **5th Birthday Celebration Day:** Free mini-festival, 10am-midnight

It's our birthday so we're throwing the doors open wide for a whole day of fun for the family with plays, dancing, art and music - outside in the town square and throughout the whole building. Evening music and cabaret in the bar.

Fri 20 **Rodney Branigan:** Free bar gig, 8pm

Rodney's singer-songwriting has been compared to Jeff Buckley and his multi-instrumental skills to Rodrigo Y Gabriela.

Sat 21 **Alex Horne:** Lies Stand-up comedy, 8pm

Star of We Need Answers and The Horne Section, Alex returns to Didcot.

Not too rude.

Fri 27 **Strindberg's Miss Julie:** Classic Theatre, 7.30pm Ages 14+

Midsummer's Eve 1888, aristocratic Miss Julie is drawn to the socially ambitious Jean, her father's valet. Witness a ferocious power struggle as they attempt a love affair in a world that depended on people knowing their place.

Sat 28 **Sam Carter:** Contemporary folk music, 8pm

Mixing American spirituals, gospel and shapenote hymn singing with glorious songwriting, Sam has been compared with Nic Jones, Richard Thompson and John Martyn, and won Best Newcomer at the BBC's 2010 Folk Awards.

Sun 29 **Georgie Fame in Concert:** Music legend! 7.30pm

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Editors' note to photo on opposite page: more photographs of the Vicar's Fun Day are available on the Church Facebook page. We would have printed more here if we had had the space.

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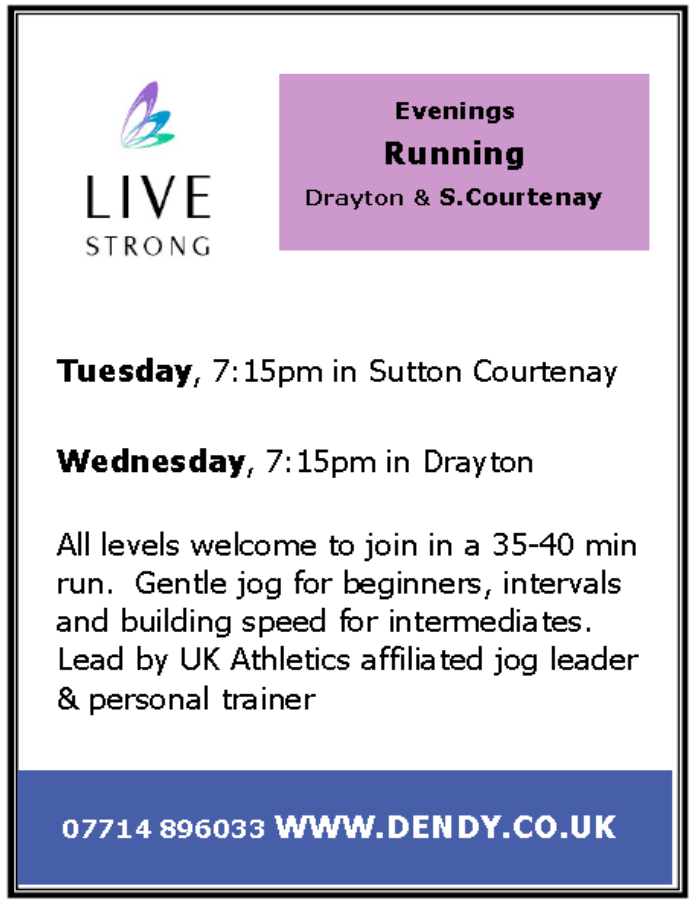
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