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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.

October				
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Saturday	5th	7pm	Harvest Supper and Barn Dance	Village Hall
Sunday	6th	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church
Wednesday	9th	2pm	SC Primary School Harvest Celebration	Church
Wednesday	9th	8pm	Start Meeting	Church
Wednesday	16th		SC News Copy Date	
Tuesday	22nd	1.30pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Vicarage
Thursday	24th	10.30am	Coffee Shop and Book Sale	Church
November				
Saturday	2nd	4.30pm	Firework Display	Culham Park



DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR COMMUNITY LED PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Hopefully by the time that you read this every household in the village will have received their Questionnaire. It will have your collector's name and contact details on the front. Please make arrangements for the Questionnaire to be collected when you have completed it. This is your chance to inform and influence the decision-makers in local government about what YOU want for your village's future. If you include your name and address on the reverse of the Questionnaire you will be entered into the £100 prize draw. If you have not received your copy or you have any questions about it please contact Rita Atkinson on 848694 or email ritaatkinson@googlemail.com.



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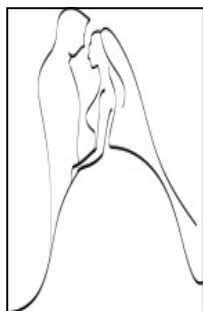
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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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

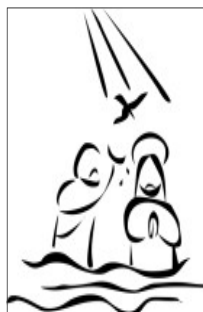
WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE MARRIED IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RECENTLY

Nigel Edward Bake & Amy Marie Webb (25th August 2013)

HOLY BAPTISM

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

Connie Rose Lofthouse (25th August 2013)
Louis Richard Stephen McIntosh (25th August 2013)
Benjamin Charles Lyons (15th September 2013)
James Harry Lyons (15th September 2013)
Molly Emma Hope Stone (15th September 2013)



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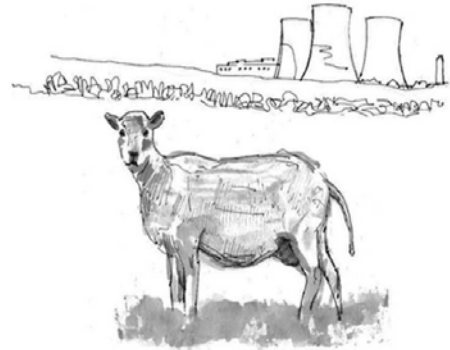
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Large Goods Vehicles through Appleford Road and Church Street

Further to the article last month about large goods vehicles through the village, the Driving Standards Agency has advised that a notice has been displayed in the test centre encouraging the driver training companies not to use Sutton Courtenay for practice purposes.



High Street - verges

Southern Gas Networks have agreed the final restoration works needed in the High Street and this work should be completed shortly. An assessment of Milton Road and Harwell Road will be undertaken in due course.

Bridleway 24 off Harwell Road and Sustrans no. 5 cycle route – closure

Certain electricity cabling and drainage works are required along the northern boundary of the power station site and this route will be closed until around the end of October. The alternative route is via Sutton Courtenay Lane to the main entrance of Didcot “A” power station.

Community Led Plan

The village group working on the community led plan has been delivering questionnaires. This is your opportunity to be involved with and contribute to the future of the area. The Parish Council would encourage you to complete the form and have your say, to ensure that it is the community’s own plan which reflects the wishes of those who live locally.

Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council has received comments from residents concerned about overhanging hedges which are causing problems for pedestrians and even cyclists in the area. Could landowners and those with responsibility for maintenance please ensure that the public areas on paths and cycle tracks are kept clear.

Planning Applications

APP.114/13 s. 73 application to vary condition 1 (timescale) and condition 2 (plans) of DRA/SUT.1179/26-CM on Land at Sutton Wick Quarry. The Council objected in principle to an extension of time in regards to the working on this site.

Two applications for the FCC landfill site were considered by the County Council, one for a waste transfer facility to handle 60,000 tonnes of non hazardous waste and 200 tonnes of clinical waste, and a second application to vary conditions on the establishment of the recycling facilities, at its planning committee meeting on 9th September. Both of these applications were refused.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning Agreements

Queries have been put to the Parish Council regarding planning agreements. The following may offer some explanation.

Planning Authorities may enter into agreements to regulate development or use of land. This has been a provision of legislation for decades. The current legislation that governs this is s. 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework

The agreements are used to achieve planning objectives, particularly to mitigate the impact of development and to provide the infrastructure needed to support the development. The NPPF states that planning obligations should only be sought where they meet all of the following tests:

- necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- directly related to the development; and
- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The agreement itself is between the planning authority and the developer. A Parish Council usually has no legal interest in the land used for development, nor is it a planning authority, so it cannot be a party to the planning agreement.

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Email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October, 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 in March 2012, and has been operating just over 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.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Encouraging children to have healthy life styles from an early age is crucial so that children grow up valuing sports and exercise as an essential part of their life.

At Sutton Courtenay this is encouraged from the moment children enter school in our Nursery class. Outside play happens within our Nursery class whatever the weather! Children have access to a wide range of ride on vehicles and climbing frames and have the space to let off steam.



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

From our Reception class onwards, the children are taught both by their class teachers and professional sports coaches to develop skills in a wide variety of sports and activities. Our large hall and extensive grounds provide ample opportunities to play rugby, football, netball, basketball, athletics, volley ball, tennis, rounders and many others.

You may have heard that over the next two years the government is providing schools with extra money to 'widen participation' in sports in order to develop active healthy lifestyles in our young people. At our school, part of this money has been used to have extra sessions from our sports coaches and some will be used for teacher training to strengthen sports teaching knowledge. In addition to this we have also decided to make some of our after school sports sessions free by paying the coaches directly from school. This term the children have the choice of: basketball, Zumba Kids, football and multi-sports, with zumba and basketball being the free options. All our clubs are either full or nearly full this term, with some children taking up all four activities!

Whilst we have increased in pupil numbers to 135, we are still classed as a small school and this can pose problems when trying to put together teams as sometimes we just do not have enough children! This year we have entered the small school football tournament and have some very talented players vying for a spot on the team. We will also be entering teams for cross country and taking advantage of other competitions as they arise.

We are looking forward to a very active year here at school!

If you would like to visit, 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.

ALISON ASHCROFT
Headteacher

www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk

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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...

Be part of the Bible story in China

Have you heard the amazing story of the Bible in China? How it's gone from being a banned book to a bestseller? How it's part of incredible Church growth, where around a million Chinese people come to faith every year? And did you know that YOU – and your church – can be part of the story? Bible Sunday, organised by Bible Society, is an annual opportunity to celebrate the blessing of owning and reading your own Bible. This year, it's also a time to join the amazing story in China – by helping provide Bibles to Chinese Christians too poor to afford a copy of the Scriptures themselves. In the last 12 months, a million people have come to faith in China, according to estimates. Imagine that. It's equivalent to *one more person making a commitment to Christ by the time you read this article.*

These new Christians are mostly from rural areas – and they are mostly poor. It means the cost of a Bible is simply out of their reach. And it's created a huge Bible shortage. Nearly half of all Christians in China don't own a Bible. In some places 10 Christians have to share a single copy of the Bible between them. Earlier this year, the Chinese government gave permission for the printing of 3.5 million Bibles for the churches there. They'll be printed at Amity Printing Company in Nanjing – which is part-owned by Bible Society. The printing presses are ready to roll – with the capacity to print almost 50 Bibles every minute. It's only the cost of the paper that's missing. **Just 80p could buy the paper for one Chinese Bible.** Through Bible Sunday, we can help to raise funds to buy Bibles for Chinese Christians. The Bible Sunday theme this year is 'the Bible's message of freedom'. Visit biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday to find out more. Or come to All Saints' Church on Sunday 27th October at 10.30am to celebrate Bible Sunday where there will be a special collection for the Bible Society.

With love and prayers, Helen

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

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.

Thank you to those who have already responded. 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)

ALL SOULS'

You are invited to a special service of naming and remembering for All Souls' in
All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay

on

Sunday 3rd November 2013 at 6pm

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

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

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

**CHURCH COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE**

Thursday 24th October 10.30am-12 noon



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

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 and 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. 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!

Wednesday 9th – 2pm Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Harvest Celebration in the Church.

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.

Tuesday 22nd – 1.30pm-3pm Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage.

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. 6pm Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls' (see advert for details)

Sunday 10th – 10am Shortened Parish Eucharist. 11am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial. 11.15 Service of Remembrance.

Monday 11th – Sutton Courtenay Parochial Church Council Meeting

Thursday 28th – 10.10-12noon Coffee and Cakes at All Saints'

Saturday 30th – Christmas Bazaar at the School

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:

Muriel Emily Owens (Mickey) who died on 11th August 2013 was born in Reading on 28th July 1927 to her parents, Leslie and Eunice Miles. She was apparently called Mickey after Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse which was so popular in her early childhood. Her father worked for Coxeters in Abingdon as a Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer (with a bit of undertaking on the side) and the family moved to Sutton Courtenay where Mickey grew up and it became for her the village she always regarded as home. As a young woman during the war she worked for the Red Cross and then as a Secretary for South Midland and for Cowley Road College. Mickey met her future husband, Derek Owens, in the early fifties and they began married life in Sutton Courtenay. Their son, Leslie, was born in 1957, followed by their daughter Catherine a few years later. The family moved to Steventon Road, Drayton where they have lived ever since. Mickey lived her life focused on caring for her family. She was one of life's worriers and very protective of them. She loved cooking puddings but was not so good at main courses. She was very much one of the make do and mend generation and would knit jumpers for the children. Naturally private and reserved she led a quiet and unassuming life, maintaining just a few close friendships. She was not one for socialising with large groups of people. When Derek became ill she cared for him devotedly, nursing him at home. It was perhaps the stress of caring for him that precipitated her first stroke in the 1990s, followed by a major stroke in 2011. Although ill-health came to dominate her later years Mickey still maintained her sharp mind by doing crosswords and she loved watching game shows on TV – particularly where they involved general knowledge questions, which she enjoyed answering, and Countdown where she liked pitting herself against the participants. She always liked dogs and enjoyed their company. *This is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral held on Thursday, 22nd August 2013 at Oxford Crematorium, conducted by the Rev'd Helen Kendrick, followed by the interment of ashes in All Saints' Churchyard on Tuesday 17th September.*

Christine Rose Davis (Chris) who has died, aged 88, was born on 13 April 1925 in south-east London. On leaving school she started work as a secretary for the Gillette Company. She then joined her parents and worked in the family business as licensees in Peckham. Later they moved to Fulham where the family were licensees at The Cottage, just off the Fulham Palace Road. Chris married Harry Davis in 1946 and they lived happily until Harry's death in 1986. Chris was a devoted mother to Marilyn, her only daughter, and was also devoted to her three grandchildren Harry, Richard and Peter. She immersed herself in family life and was a central part of the boys' early and teenage years. She even persuaded herself to enjoy rugby and could be seen on many a windswept Saturday afternoon standing on the touchline shouting encouragement. One of Chris's endearing traits was that she was always very prompt. Chris was always very elegantly dressed; she knew exactly the right clothes to choose for every occasion. Perhaps this talent came from her time as manageress of an exclusive dress shop in Ewell village. Never without a smile on her face her beauty was not just skin deep. She had a warm and welcoming personality with a delightfully cheeky sense of humour and was always interested in other people. She loved being part of the wider community – whether it was the Church, the Women's Christian Fellowship or indeed the WI. From her arrival in the village she was active in Sutton Courtenay WI and was a member of the committee for over 8 years - only resigning in April this year. She was the perfect WI member, willing to take on any task to help with the running of the group; an invaluable member of the team who covered most roles on the Committee during her time. She was a volunteer at the League of Friends' tea bar at Abingdon Hospital and she also helped at the County Markets, run from the Abingdon Guildhall. She was part of a WI exchange, visiting Estonia with her friend Daphne Sinclair. She organised group trips to the Theatre in Oxford, a tradition the WI will be carrying on. She made many lifelong friends and was a much loved WI member. She was always generous with her time and her talents. She was a woman of faith who deeply loved her family and greatly valued the friendships she made over the years. Her faith gave meaning to her life and underpinned all that she did and she drew great strength from worshipping here at All Saints'.

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REST IN PEACE

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Chris was very interested in going to the theatre. She was a patron of Oxford Operatic Society and took great pleasure in watching Marilyn and her grandchildren perform in Oxford and Abingdon. She was a stalwart supporter of Abingdon Operatic Society. She helped to run the box office twice a year for 16 years. So over these 32 shows she got to know the Abingdon public very well. She relished her duties in the box office on show nights and made some very good friends working in the front of house.

Kind, compassionate, and caring, she was a good listener prepared to offer wise words when asked and was a friend and companion to many across the generations. She retained a sense of independence and an adventurous spirit. She was never afraid to say what she thought but was always caring and supportive. Above all, she loved Marilyn and her family and was immensely proud of them. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

These are edited highlights from the tribute given by Niall, her son-in-law and the address given by the Rev'd Helen Kendrick at Chris's funeral in All Saints' Church on Monday 2nd September 2013.

START!

A group in Sutton Courtenay for women to start:

Thinking about where you are going in your life

Asking questions about the Christian faith

Considering how you want to respond

First meeting at **All Saints' Church**

from **8pm-9.30pm**

Wednesday 9th October 2013

Future meetings (venue to be agreed) on Wednesdays

16th, 23rd October and

6th, 13th, 20th November.

We offer a glass of wine or fruit juice, a warm welcome and a safe place to explore issues that concern you.

To ensure we are prepared to welcome you please ring either Lynne Cabbage, 848768 or Alison Budd, 820942.

You are welcome to bring a friend with you
please just let us know!

SUTTON COURTENAY WI

Hi from Sutton Courtenay WI. Well, what a busy time we've had.

On August 20th we had our summer outing to Bournemouth, the coach left just after 9.15 and by 11 we were sitting on the beach with coffee, in bright sunshine. Most of us went on the little train for a ride along the seafront. Some people went shopping, others had a walk in the park or along the beach. Lunch for most of us was at Harry Ramsdens in the restaurant upstairs overlooking the beach, as they did not seem to mind we made most of it and all sat in the sun.

Lunch this month was at the Nags Head in Abingdon, 10 of us enjoyed a very nice meal, service was very good as was the food but be warned - portions very generous.

We also had good news, Brenda Budd, Doreen Denton, and Claris won the WI bowls for Sutton Courtenay. Well done, ladies. Another success story at the village Produce Show, several of our ladies walked away with various awards - well done to all those who entered.

I would like to end by saying in August one of our long time members, Chris Davies, passed away, she was a long time member and only came off the committee early in the year. She was a very active member, we will all miss Chris and we send best wishes to all the family.

Please keep your eyes open for the next day out. Lunch out will be 10 October at the Plough, Long Wittenham. If you need a lift, tel 847472.

Margaret Hamilton.

DIDCOT AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

DIDCOT & 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 October meeting will be held at 2pm on 15 October
(the topic will be Desert Island Pictures with Serena Quartermaine).



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BIRDWATCHER

Following a few weeks of glorious sunshine I have just started to feel a chill in the air the last few days, signalling the onset of autumn. Our feathered friends have been busy with their young and the fledglings are now commonplace around our village. As a wildlife photographer, this is a frustrating period because these young birds do not have their full plumage yet and the adults are going through their post-breeding moult. A good example of this is the Goldfinches that do not have any red on their head, just whitish-grey bristles, although their black & yellow primary feathers are brilliant and beautiful in colour. These images do not look very pretty.

The busiest birds have been the Green Woodpeckers and Magpies who are happy with the quantity of apples and other fruit that has fallen from the trees. With hundreds of wasps and flies around the fruit, these larger birds are enjoying the easy 'insect' pickings.

The last few weeks have been relatively quiet around Sutton Courtenay and this is a signal for me to head north to Scotland to photograph some different birds and wildlife. The area to the South West of the Cairngorm Mountains has stunning scenery and abundant wildlife. My main interest is the massive fish hunting raptor – the Osprey. If you hide yourself alongside a well-stocked loch before sunrise and wait, you will likely see these huge birds of prey. I have found that they fish from about 05:30am until 08:00am. With a wingspan between 5 & 6 feet and massive white talons dangling below, you cannot mistake an Osprey. The birds will circle the loch for a few minutes looking for a fish and then, from a height of about 40 feet, plummet into the water, talons first, plunging completely under water. The Osprey then emerges with a fish and soars into the sky with deceptive ease. These magnificent birds will take between one and four fish during a morning. The Osprey start their migration to Africa during early September, so don't head to Scotland to view them now. They will have all flown south until the Spring !



Photo: A Scottish Osprey with Rainbow Trout

While hiding in the foliage alongside the River Spey, I was fortunate enough to see and photograph my first Dipper. I was a little too far away (about 60 feet), but my long lens enabled me to capture the moment in reasonable quality.

My family and I enjoyed meeting many of the villagers at the Sutton Courtenay Village Craft and Produce Show back on the 7th of September. It was fabulous to see all the local talent displayed at the show and share our photographs and tales.

Mike Dowsett

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tues Oct 1st 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Patrick Carbury.
Tues Nov 5th 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with David Chapman

On Tuesday September 3rd we had a large congregation including some new faces to see Christina Green who is a very gifted and popular lady. Christina has a natural gift that has been with her since childhood. Her clairvoyance is amazing. We have booked her twice next year.

We would ask when our mediums have finished their demonstration please give them time to have their refreshment before talking to them. We know they will appreciate it.

Thanks to all who put the chairs away. It is a big help to us.

Pat and Sam 011235 847460

STRAY CAT

Has anyone lost a 'TORTOSESHELL' Cat?

Very friendly and partial to canned 'tuna' fish !!

Presently living with 'adoptive' parents

(in their summer house)

At Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay.

Please tel. 01235 531683 to arrange collection.

DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

Dear All

This notice is to invite you to the

A G M of the DAMASCUS Youth Project

Which will take place on Tuesday the 8th of October at 7.30pm.

IN SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

All are welcome

FROM ED VAIZEY M.P.

When the Government introduced Police and Crime Commissioners, one clear aim was to increase public accountability. While we have a low crime rate in the Constituency compared with many other parts of the UK, I know that local residents do have concerns about many police issues, so the opportunity to make sure that those in charge of the police is very important indeed.

I am very pleased, therefore, to be able to publicise an event on 14th October. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfield, will be holding a public meeting in Didcot. This is an open public meeting, which anyone can attend.

The event will be an opportunity for the Police and Crime Commissioner, along with the local police commander, Supt Andy Boyd, to meet residents and deliver presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in South Oxfordshire. A representative from the Community Safety Partnership will also be in attendance to tell everyone more about the work they carry out in the area. Residents will be able to ask questions and feed back any concerns you may have about policing and crime.



The meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 14 October at Didcot Civic Hall. Please do go along if you can both to hear about what is happening with policing locally and to put your own views to Anthony Stansfield and his colleagues.

If the subject of crime is one that gets your blood pressure up, you might like to hear about some statistics I recently came across. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of a variety of illnesses, and it does not have any obvious symptoms but 1 in 3 people in the UK suffer from high blood pressure. It is easily picked up with a quick check, which most GP surgeries will carry out on an ad-hoc basis. Why not get your blood pressure checked next time you see your GP, or make an appointment to do so if you may not be at the surgery for a while? It takes very, very little time but might save your life ...

Since Parliament has returned from the summer recess I've been getting your emails and letters thick and fast, on Syria, bovine TB and the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill.

On Syria, Parliament, reflecting the view of the British people, has made it clear that they do not want to see military action. I respect this opinion and the way it has been put. We must, however, ensure the continued taboo around the use of chemical weapons, so I support the Government's move to work with all the organisations we are members of, NATO, the EU, the G8 or the G20, to address what happened in Syria.

On Bovine TB, pilot badger culls are proceeding in Somerset and Gloucestershire. As I understand it, the monitoring of their effectiveness, humaneness and safety will be overseen and evaluated by an independent panel of experts who will report their findings to Ministers. I will be carefully looking at their findings.

On The Lobbying Bill, my view is that Government must keep the lines of information open from all parts of society. However, we must also bring transparency to the way third parties interact with the political system and reduce the undue influence of "Big Money" in politics. In my view the bill will achieve these aims.

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.

SUTTON COURTENAY AND APPLEFORD COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

With an Officer team many times larger than the District Council, and a budget of nearly £1billion, it is understandable that decisions and actions take much longer to reach at County than at District. There is some good news for Sutton Courtenay over weed clearance and some sprucing up of the Village White Entrance Gates in the coming months, but we all (me included) will need to be patient.

There is a small pot of money available for community schemes. I have already received some interest, but would welcome more, so that I can co-ordinate the applications. Any community activity needing support or start-up help to the tune of £100 - £500 may be eligible. Please let me know if you are interested by the end of October.

Home to School Transport

It seems that this issue is not going to go away. OCC spends some £17m every year on School Transport. It needs to save over £100m across its budget and most areas are protected. I suspect that we will wind up with Schools themselves taking responsibility for the funding (or not) of school transport – starting with Academies. There is a gradual move towards making schools responsible for their own budgets and taking away the responsibilities of County Councils for Education provision. The interim changeover period is going to be painful and contentious, but OCC, in common with all County Councils has got some tough decisions to make in the next year or two.

Spare a thought

The County Division of “Sutton Courtenay & Marcham” seems a very large and disconnected area with each village having its own, quite separate problems. Some of the problems are similar simply because all 3 of the larger villages are of similar size. There are many other shared problems, however, and all the villages including Appleford, Milton and Shippon have an interest in sharing their experiences and their ideas. Abingdon’s problems are our problems, too. Increasingly, Didcot’s problems are becoming ours. All are under threat of speculative planning applications. Sutton Courtenay is under special pressure from the expansion of Milton Park, a potential 1m square foot warehouse, the steadily increasing activity at the FCC waste recycling site, not to mention the demolition of Didcot A.

All these things have implications for housing and transport in all the villages. It must be in all our interests for the villages and their Parish Councils to get together to share experiences, problems and solutions. I wonder if we all live too much in our own bubbles at present. We would surely have much more clout together.

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LANDFILL SITE EXPANSION CURBED

On Monday 9th September F.C.C. (formerly W.R.G.) submitted two planning applications to Oxford County Council to change the usage of the landfill site to increase the waste transfer facility (to package waste for the Ardley incinerator), to increase the ceiling of the waste imports and to extend the hours of working to 10pm on weekdays and 8pm on Saturdays, as well as later hours on public holidays.

This a further example of the planning creep practiced by F.C.C. to increase the size of this operation by stealth. The applications would have increased noise and traffic as well as allowed increased hazardous clinical waste and external storage of waste.....with the concomitant rise in the rat population.

The applications were vigorously opposed by local spokesmen lead by Robin Draper, Sally Furze and Dr. Angela Jones. South Oxfordshire Councillor Richard Webber added additional opposition. We were most gratified that Oxfordshire Planning Committee Councillors accepted our point of view and voted unanimously to reject both applications, despite the proposals being recommended by planning staff.

We believe that councillors also took into account the large number of written objections submitted by residents of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford.

Later this month we will be meeting with Planning Minister Nick Boles and our local MP Ed Vaizey, to put forward our concerns at the exploitation of the planning system and the way in which a small group of Spanish shareholders have been able to pursue such a large landfill site expansion to the detriment of hundreds of village residents.

But the decision on Monday shows that our objections are taken seriously by councillors and continued objection to expansion of this disruptive operation can succeed.

David Mckenzie

BONFIRES

The leaves are starting to fall and gardens are being tidied before the winter. What to do with the waste? Bonfires are popular option. The Vale's website (www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk) contains help advice for safe bonfires including:-

- Only burn dry material
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint
- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light a fire or to encourage it
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening
- Avoid burning when the wind will carry the smoke over roads or into other people's property
- Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens
- Avoid burning when the air quality in you area is "poor" or "very poor" - you can check this by ringing 0800 556677
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - douse it with water if necessary

Always start with a small fire to create a hot core then feed it often with small quantities of material this will encourage the smoke to be burnt and minimise the amount smouldering and smoke generated by the fire.

NEW WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting on Saturday 14th September despite the late notice. A leaflet was delivered to every house in the Village thanks to a team of volunteers, to make sure that everyone was informed of the potential warehouse development planned at the south of the village off Harwell Road. I had a lot of positive feedback from residents attending the meeting regarding the following topics:

- Site history
- Warehouse facts
- Environmental Impact
- Ecological Impact
- Cumulative Effects
- Alternatives
- Actions you can take

If anyone would like to view the slide show it is available on the Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural website www.kscr.org.uk.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed and attended the meetings and helped to make this public meeting possible at short notice.

Bill Hanks

OXFORDSHIRE WOOD FUEL PROGRAMME

Be smart when you buy firewood. Please buy from a local supplier, as this minimises 'fuel miles' and supports local businesses. Ask your supplier whether they provide OxLogs (www.oxlogs.com), which are the Oxford quality standard for woodfuel. Otherwise ask 1. what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less), 2. what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'), 3. whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and 4. how long the logs are.

Wood with a high moisture content will burn badly, since much of its energy will first go into turning that moisture into steam before it can heat your house. Last summer was terrible for drying wood, but this year has been much better. You can buy a moisture meter for about £15 online. For more information see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/our-community-wants-to.

Join Logs for Labour. L4L matches up woodland owners whose woodlands need managing ('log offers') with people who are willing to help out in return for logs ('labour offers'). The woodfuel programme is organising a series of L4L events for the autumn and winter. If you would like to make either or log or a labour offer, contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood to get updates on log offers.

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Ash die-back. The Forestry Commission has a very good website in case you are worried that an ash tree has chalara (ash die-back): www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara.

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SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

This year's show was a great success with an increased number of entries and with several new people entering the different classes. Several of the judges commented on the high standard of entries particularly in photography and craft. Also this year we were pleased to have two displays in the entrance hall: Mike Dowsett with his Wild Life Photographs and Paul Dalby with his carved decoy ducks.

The winners of each section were:

- Produce Michael Kerswell
- Art Brenda Stevenson
- Flowers Margaret Hamilton
- Photography Geoff Hill
- Cookery Karen Maconochie
- Children's Classes Abigail Dalby
- Drinks Tracey Frankum
- Flower Arranging Margaret Hamilton and Val Dalby
- Crafts Olive Lovelady
- Overall Winners Michael Kerswell Cup



Some of the best vegetables

Next year we would love to see more entries – and would especially welcome more from the children and young people.

We have already had some new ideas for classes.

Thanks go to our judges: Fred Gee, Zylvia Pumphrey, Trine Lucy, Lorna Rowe, Mike Dowsett, Mary Thompson and Lee Elsmore.

The Produce Show Committee



Carved decoy ducks

Huge thanks to Val Dalby without whom this show could not survive. For many years she has done the coordinating and the counting along with Tracey who took up the challenge from Daphne Sinclair, our Chairman who died earlier in the year. After the Horticultural Show closed, Daphne and the WI continued the village tradition with the Produce and Craft Show.

The new sign on the village hall is greatly appreciated, thank you to the village hall committee for organising it.

Sally Furze



The All Saints' Singers Concert

Sunday November 24th

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Lunch club outing

Thanks to a generous grant from the Parish Council, a Coach load of our members travelled up to Moreton in Marsh for a lovely day out at the beginning of September. We visited the market (loads of bargains!) and then had a picnic in the Batsford Arboretum.

October lunch club Tuesday 1 October

Continuing the Holidays at Home, we are planning a full days entertainment on 1 October, celebrating on the theme of 'Harvest' There will be coffee at 10.00a.m and then activities- knit and natter, games, harvest loaf making. We will stop for our usual lunch and then in the afternoon, from 2.15 John Hunt and Terry Pearce will present a concert for about an hour, including items from Geoff Caudle, Harry Lane and Heather Houghton. We will round off the day with a cup of tea at 3.15p.m. The full day including refreshments will cost £5 and we have a few spaces if anyone would like to join us. Lifts can be arranged if that means you can attend. Ring Mary Hancock (Ab 848336) or Geoff Caudle (Ab 531409) if you would like to join us.

Extra Holidays at home event Tuesday 29 October 10.00- 1.30

On Tuesday 29 October we are running a silk painting workshop with Mary Day. Everyone will have the opportunity to get the hang of silk painting and then to paint a silk picture for a card and we will finish the session with a light lunch (soup, cake) This workshop is considerably subsidised by our grant from the Parish Council so we are pleased to offer the session for £5/person. Anyone in the village is very welcome to join us- please book at least a week in advance.(Mary or Geoff, numbers as above)

November lunch club Birthday meeting - exercise classes will start again (11.00) with Heather Houghton

Mary Hancock

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Richard Walsh (richard@cyard.com)

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