

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.

Feb				
Sun	2nd	10.30am	Education Sunday Service	Church
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Spiritualist Meeting	Village Hall
Thurs	6th	7pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Tues	11th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Tues	11th	6.30pm	Sutton Courtenay Hydro Power meeting	The Fish
Tues	18th	2pm	U3A	Didcot Civic Hall
Tues	18th	6.30pm	Sutton Courtenay Hydro Power meeting	Waggon & Horses, Culham
Tues	18th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Wed	19th		COPY DATE SC NEWS	
Tues	25th	1.30pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	The Vicarage
Thurs	27th	10.30am	Coffee & Book Sale	Church
March				
Tues	4th	4pm	Pancake Party	SC School Hall
Sun	16th	4pm	Senior Citizens' Tea Party	Village Hall
Wed	19th		COPY DATE SC NEWS	
Sat	29th		Quiz Night Friends of All Saints'	

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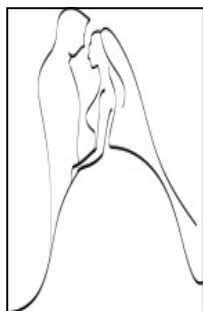
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Environment Agency: Landfill Odours Thames Water Leaks		0800 80 70 60 0800 71 46 14

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

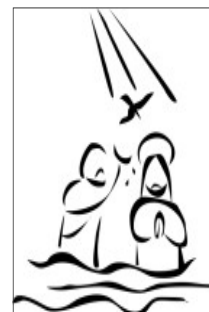
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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



HOLY MATRIMONY

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

Damon Nicholas BALL & Felicity Adeline WHITEWOOD (Saturday 7th December 2013)
David Andrew SMITH & Christine Louise PRICE (Saturday 21st December 2013)



HOLY BAPTISM

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

PAIGE LOUISE RICHARDS (1st December 2013)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Council budget 2014/15

The Parish Council has carefully considered its budget for 2014/2015 looking in detail at its income and expenditure. This year, as reported in last December's news article, the Council has also had to take into account the Government's changes to the Council tax benefit scheme. The Vale of White Horse District Council determines and administers its own council tax reduction scheme, which has an effect on the parish element of the council tax.



The Autumn ministerial statement from the Department for Communities and Local Government announced that it expected local authorities to protect tax payers and help bear down on the cost of living. The Parish Council has supported this view and for the fifth year running the Parish Council has set its budget needs at the same figure of £46136. The Vale of White Horse District Council should provide a grant towards those costs of £2758, and the parish council tax element will therefore be £43378. This equates to approximately £45.09 per year for a property on Band D council tax or 87p per week.

Sutton Courtenay Lane – Proposed warehouse

At the time of writing a public exhibition about the revisions to the proposed warehouse in Sutton Courtenay Lane is being planned. It is understood that the building is likely to be reduced in height by about 5 metres, and set back some 125 metres from Sutton Courtenay Lane with more landscaping and screening. The formal planning application is about to be lodged, and the Parish Council will be consulted on the proposals in due course. Any resident who wishes to monitor what is happening can check on the Vale of White Horse District Council's website under planning, where there will be an opportunity to comment on the revised plans.

Landfill Site – FCC

The Parish Council has been advised by the County Council that FCC has lodged an appeal against the refusals in September for a waste transfer station and the amendment to the working hours and outside storage of waste.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P13/V2603/LB Internal repairs and remedial works at 8 The Green. The Council had no objections

P13/V2352/Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 The Croft.

The Council had no objections in principle, but wished window and door features to be in keeping.

P13/V2328/D Notification received for the demolition of existing buildings, coal handling machinery etc at the Power Station. The Council had no objections

P13/V2381/HH Demolition of garden store and erection of single storey rear extension at 12 Abingdon Rd.

The Council had no objections

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

P13/V2321/RM Approval of reserved matters for Redrow Homes, Milton Road The Council had concerns regarding possible overlooking, the raising of ground levels and public open space close to boundaries with inadequate landscaping.

P13/V2447/FUL Variation of condition on Redrow Homes approval to change the wording on the consent from lodging and approval of reserved matters within 6 months, to only the submission of reserved matters within that timeframe. The council had no comment to make.

MW.048/05 Progressive extraction of sand and gravel at Sutton Wick. The council requested that the land be restored to agriculture.

MW.150/13 Retrospective application to continue the development without complying with the completion date Allens Land, Sutton Wick. Council had no objection to the extension of time, but considered that flooding was a ground for objection.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th February, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.

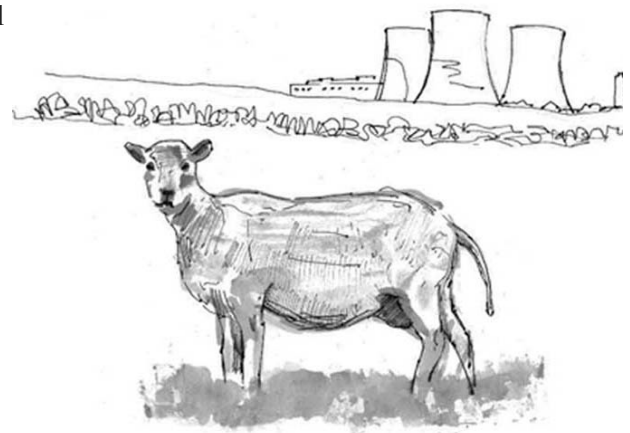
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or

email:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

DOGS & SHEEP

The Earth Trust, which manages Wittenham Clumps, has drawn the Editors' attention to an incident last month when a dog attacked and killed a sheep on the Wittenham Clumps. The Trust also advised that over the past few weeks, there have been several incidents where sheep have been seriously injured after being mauled by dogs. The Earth Trust is requesting that all dog owners keep their dogs on a lead whilst walking in areas where the sheep are grazing. This applies not just to Earth Trust land but all land where sheep are grazing and is particularly important as we are now in the lambing season. It is worth remembering that in certain circumstances a dog can be shot if caught attacking livestock. There are situations where a dog owner could be prosecuted for having an out of control dog. The National Farmers Union advice for dog walkers is :-

- ◆ Avoid getting between cows and their calves
- ◆ Keep any dogs close and under effective control on a lead around cows and sheep.
- ◆ Do not hang onto your dog if you are threatened by cattle - let it go, as the cattle will chase the dog.



SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Role of School Governors

Have you ever wondered what School Governors do in schools, or thought about becoming one yourself?

School Governors are a team of people who work closely with the Head Teacher to make key decisions vital to the successful running of the school. Governors make decisions that directly affect the education and well-being of the children and even appoint the Head Teacher! They play an important role in improving standards throughout the school and agree the schools budget. In other words, **it is a very meaningful role!**

Being a School Governor can be a rewarding experience. You play an important part in improving the children's education and supporting the schools staff, and giving a lot to the school and the community usually means you'll get a lot back. Being a Governor is also an opportunity to develop new skills or practice existing ones that can help you in your day job, like chairing meetings, putting forward suggestions and asking the right questions, speaking in public, appointing staff, and helping other members who are new to the job or have less experience of committee work.

Anyone over 18 can be a School Governor provided there are spaces on the Governing Body – you **do not** have to be a parent with a child at the school. However, every Governing Body includes **Parent Governors**, and it can be a rewarding way to be involved in your child's school.

The most important qualities for being a Governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**. You do not need teaching experience, but it's useful to bring skills from other areas of your life.

At most schools you'll need to attend a Governors' meeting termly. You would also be expected to join a **Sub-Committee, Performance and Standards (Curriculum and Academic Achievement) or Resources (Staffing, Finance and Buildings)**. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making **joint decisions** on policy.

At Sutton Courtenay, our Governing Body is made up of Parent Governors, Foundation Governors (who are responsible for ensuring that our distinctiveness as a church school is maintained and strengthened), Staff Governors (made up of teaching and non -teaching roles) and those that have been appointed by the Local Authority.

There is currently a vacancy within our Schools Governing Body for a 'Local Authority Governor'. If you would be interested in finding out more about this role, please contact our Chair of Governors, the Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297 (**helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk**) or directly with the school.



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

ALISON ASHCROFT
Headteacher

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', SUTTON COURTENAY

Priest-in charge: The Reverend Helen Kendrick (848297) Helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk

Churchwardens: David McKenzie (847489) Pat Napper (848292) **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: Ann White (848857) **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...

Are you prepared to meet the challenge of change?

'As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him....' 2 Corinthians 3.18

Most of us are attracted by the idea of self-improvement, of perfecting our characters, but what we find hard to deal with is the process of change we have to go through in order to achieve this. It is all too easy for us to form habits which then begin to form us and it becomes even harder to break those habits, do something new and change. Yet it is undeniable that without change, there is no growth – either in individuals or in organisations. The good news is that if we have the right attitude, every change (whether positive or negative), will be a fruitful and growing experience. It is up to us!

In nature trees have to live through several seasons of growth and change before they produce any fruit. And is after the rainy season that the growth occurs and then the fruit can be harvested. You don't have to like the rain, you just have to understand its purpose. The Bible says that Christians are being changed into Christ's likeness. (2 Corinthians 3.18) But to be like Jesus, you have to follow wherever he leads. That means following him through the wilderness of temptation, the complete surrender of your will to God and, finally, to the place of crucifixion. There is no other way. To walk with him means you'll be in a different place tomorrow than you are today. The challenge is: are you willing to follow him all the way? Why not take a moment and consider your answer – it might just change you forever?

With love and prayers, Helen

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

We will be marking

EDUCATION SUNDAY on Sunday 2nd February at 10.30am in THE CHURCH

Education Sunday began more than 100 years ago as a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in education.

Today, our prayers are needed every bit as much as ever, as teachers and students alike face ever increasing demands upon them.

This year our theme is about 'Going Above and Beyond'.

Come and join us – refreshments will be served afterwards.

COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALEThursday 27th February

10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

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

SMALL SAINTS

Meet every Wednesday in term time from 11-12 noon in Saints' Church. We are a friendly group of 0-4 year olds with their parents/carers and we look forward to welcoming you for a bible story, a craft activity, fun singing and refreshments!

For further information please contact
Helen Kendrick, 848297

ADVANCE NOTICE – COMMUNITY EVENT**VICAR'S FUN DAY****SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2014**

Please put the date in your diary now!

If you would be able to help in anyway then please contact either Helen Kendrick 848297 or Rita Atkinson 848694

For **VALENTINE's** Day

For God so loVed the world,

That He gAve

His onLy

BegottEn

SoN

That whosoever

Believes In Him

Should Not perish,

But have Everlasting life." (John 3:16)

CHURCH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

• **Saturday 1st** – Marriage Preparation Day for couple getting married in the DAMASCUS Group of churches in 2014.

• **Sunday 2nd** – 10.30am Education Sunday Service

• **Saturday 8th** – 12 noon Wedding in All Saints'

• **Monday 10th** – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting in the Church

• **Tuesday 11th** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting in the Village Hall (talk on Flower Arranging)

• **Thursday 13th** – 7.30pm Deanery Synod with our new Bishop, Bishop Colin, the Bishop of Dorchester

• **Sunday 16th** – Hungry Saints Lunch after the 10.30am service – please sign list at back of church if you would like to join us

• **Tuesday 25th** – 1.30pm Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study at the Vicarage 1.30pm -3pm – all welcome.

Thursday 27th – 10.30am Coffee and Cakes in the Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH

• **Tuesday 4th** – **SHROVE TUESDAY** – 3.30pm-4pm Pancake Party in the School Hall

• **Wednesday 5th** – **ASH WEDNESDAY** - 7.30pm Holy Communion.

• **Saturday 8th** – 4.30pm Wedding Blessing in the Church. 6.30pm-8.30pm Cheese and Wine Party for all Couples recently married in our churches.

• **Monday 10th** – 8pm PCC Meeting in the Church.

• **Wednesday 12th** – 7.30pm Lent Group – more details coming soon!

Sunday 16th – Vicar's Fun Day Tea Party for Senior Citizens in the Village Hall – please book your place using the form in this issue of the SC News.

A HUGE thank you to all those who supported:

The Christmas Bazaar which raised **£2,012** (which is shared equally between the school and the church)

The Church Choir Carol Singing around the village in the typhoon like weather which raised **£194** and the collection at the **Christmas Eve Torchlight Procession** which raised **£720** (both for the DEC Philippines Typhoon Appeal).

The collection at the **Christingle Service** which raised **£267** (for The Children's Society). And the really good news is that the total amount raised and given to charity through All Saints' Church in 2013 was **£2,790**.

Thank you all for your generous support over the year.

**SUTTON COURTENAY WAR MEMORIAL
RESTORATION APPEAL
2013-2014**



The War Memorial, unveiled by Lord Asquith, Earl of Oxford in 1920, is in urgent need of repair and restoration.

This will cost approximately **£15,000** and we would like to complete the work to mark the anniversary of the declaration of the First World War in 2014.

A small working party has been set up to raise the necessary funds on behalf of the Parish Council.

We will be applying for grants from a variety of sources, but will also need to do a substantial amount of fundraising within the village. This is a stone reminder of our history and our heritage. Please help us to preserve it for future generations.

Donations can be sent to The Vicarage, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4BD (Cheques payable to Sutton Courtenay Parish Council)

Please mark envelope Sutton Courtenay War Memorial Restoration Appeal

For more information, or if you have any ideas for fundraising, please contact
The Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 848297
or e-mail helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk

More information about the men from our village, commemorated on the memorial and who died in the two World Wars, can be found in the Sutton Courtenay Local History Society Publication 'Roll of Honour' – proceeds from the sale of which will be going to the restoration appeal.

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:

ADA ELIZABETH COYLE who died aged 85 on 25th November 2013 was born in the East End of London on 28th May 1928. She was the second oldest child of John and Maud Pru, and grew up there with her two sisters and brother until being evacuated to Steventon during the 2nd World War. When the war was over she moved with the family to Radley and started work at RAF Milton in the canteen where she met Des, her future husband. It wasn't quite love at first sight but, as Des said, Ada was feeding him and good food was definitely the way to his heart! They began married life living with Ada's parents in Radley until moving to a flat on Tyrrells Way and then a few years later to the house in which the family still lives. Ada and Des went on to have two daughters – Lynne and Tracy – to whom Ada was devoted and she was immensely proud when her grandson, James, was born and she loved being his Nanna – kitting him out in homemade jumpers as he was growing up. She loved to spoil him whenever she got the chance. According to Des she was a first class wife, second to none and was always very caring and hard working. They were married for 56 very contented years. As a Mum she was easy going and very loving. She liked to laugh and had a very good sense of humour and was always ready to share a joke. The family will always remember Ada in the kitchen, singing her heart out to her favourite tunes on the radio. She was a good cook of hearty home-made food and the smell of mince pies, sausage rolls and apple pie will always bring back memories of Ada as a caring, loving provider for all her family. Whilst the girls were growing up she worked as a cleaner at Culham before becoming a tea lady – a job which she loved – and she stayed there until she retired. She would often bake cakes or mince pies at home to take in to work. One of her favourite leisure occupations was going to the Bingo and she celebrated a good few wins. She also liked the one arm bandits and watching old fashioned romantic films – anything with Richard Gere in it was always very acceptable! Over the years many happy times were spent visiting family in Northern Ireland and on holidays at Pontins and also, more adventurously, travelling to Canada. The last few years of Ada's life were not easy, for either Ada or the family as dementia took hold but she was cared for lovingly at home by Des and Tracy. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. *(This is an edited extract from the address given at her funeral in All Saints' Church on 2nd December 2013 by the Reverend Helen Kendrick)*

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who sent all the thoughtful cards and messages of sympathy on the loss of my wife Asda. Thank you also to everyone who attended her funeral and for the donations given in her memory. Our thanks also go to our Vicar, The Rev. Helen Kendrick for the kindly and caring way she conducted the funeral.

I and my family greatly appreciate all the support given to us during this sad time.

Des Coyle

DO YOU KNOW.....



Last year's Village Quiz night included the question: "The All Saints' Church clock is unusual in that it only has one hand. How many such clocks are there in England - 9, 17 or 22?"

Answer on Page 17

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 a meeting as a taster before joining.

The February 2014 meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 18 February 2014. The topic will be The Mary Rose with Colin Fox.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Didcot & District U3A is a democratic, self-funded and self-managed organisation which exists to provide educational and leisure activities at minimal cost. It draws upon the knowledge, experience, skills and enthusiasms of its members to organise interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. *There are over 25 interest groups including family history, gardening, wine appreciation, dance, science & maths, play reading, creative writing, walking, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, badminton, photography and 5 languages. There's something for everyone!*

Tel: 07804159993

Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com

Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

SUTTON COURTENAY WI

A belated Happy New Year to all our members. Our December meeting was the Christmas party, we had lots of lovely food made by members, a little bit of dancing, a sing song and of course a visit from Santa, whose fairy assistant Brenda did a good job.

On the 12th of December fifteen of us went to the Plough at Long Wittenham for our lunch a month, a nice get together round the open fire. Our February meeting will be on 18th and the speaker will be Graham Sutherland who will be telling us about drain pipe trousers and rock and roll, sounds like fun. Lunch date for the month to be confirmed, depends on the weather. In March we are hoping to go again to Welford Gardens to see the snowdrops. We are also looking to go to Chiswick House to see the Camellia Festival again, date not yet confirmed.

Although our days out are intended for the WI, we are always happy to see non members join us, it means you get a day out and we fill up the coach, keeping cost down. We look forward to seeing our members and hope some new people will join us.

Margaret Hamilton

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

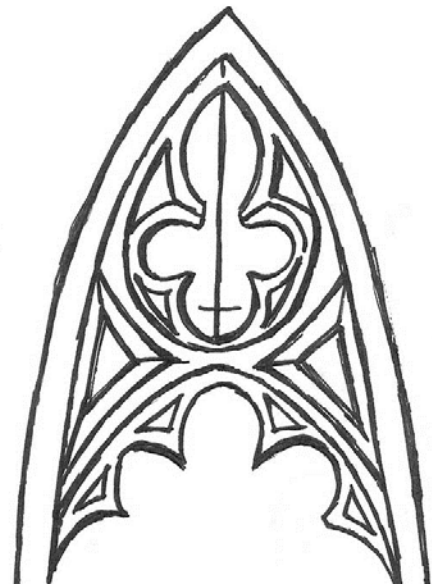
Our December meeting was our Christmas Meditation and held in Church, lead by our Vicar, Helen. It was a very peaceful and thoughtful meeting and enjoyed by all who came. We all appreciated the little Angel shaped candle given to each of us, to be lit sometime during Christmas.

At the time of writing we still have our January meeting to come, where the Committee Members provide and serve tea to all members. We also have a 'Bring and Buy' table at this meeting.

Our meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th February 2014 and held in the Village Hall at 2pm is 'Flower Arranging' by Mrs Beryl Fudge.

Visitors are always welcome to our Meetings.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)



DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Editors were delighted to read the Oxford Mail's recognition of the amazing work being done by the DAMASCUS Youth Project. The November 28th edition contained a lengthy article noting that our local youth charity is leading the way in supporting teenagers, particularly in the debate about the age of consent. The article can be read online at <http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/10841267.print/>

FUNDRAISING FOR FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'

The Friends of All Saints' would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Yuletide Evening at the Abbey in December.

As a result of the enjoyable evening we raised £626 which will be available in the future to help with works in All Saints' Church.

Alison Budd
Treasurer of The Friends of All Saints'

Regards
Alison Budd

Contact Details:
25 Willow Lane,
Milton



FUNDRAISING FOR SOPHIA'S STEPPING STONES CHARITY

I would like to thank all who came to my granddaughter's fundraiser at the Plough Inn on Saturday 7th December. We raised £249.49 for Sophia's Stepping Stones Charity.

Sophia is just 3 years old and has spastic diplegia and could not walk, but she has just come back from St Louis Children's Hospital in the USA, where she had an operation called SDR. This was at the beginning of October, and she has now walked 18 paces unattended and can stand for 45 minutes. This operation, which is not funded in the UK, and ongoing intense physiotherapy have cost a massive £65,000.

My thanks go to Pepe the Landlord and the Three Amigos group – Alec (keyboard), Robin (violin) and Cris (clarinet), who entertained everybody who came to the pub and said they had a great time. These are three great musicians who gave up their time to support my granddaughter. The fund is still open for donations at <https://www.justgiving.com/sophias-stepping-stones>

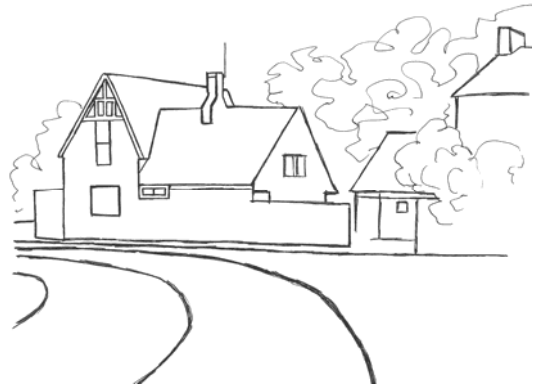
My thanks again to Pepe, Alec, Robin, and Cris.

Harry Harris and family

FROM ED VAIZEY M.P.

Firstly, a very happy New Year to all readers: I hope it is not too late to say so by the time you see this.

Like many others, I am working on improving my fitness at the moment, so I was very pleased to learn that the Government is making changes to make life easier for our local sports clubs. The taxman had received lots of complaints that the rules for these clubs were unclear and caused confusion, so there will be a new set of simple rules. I very much hope that the changes - which include tax benefits and allowing clubs to generate more income - will make life easier for all our local sports clubs and so help them to encourage all of us not just to take sport up as a new year resolution, but to stick with it all year.



In between visits to the gym, my mailbag for the past month has included issues such as care in the NHS, the forthcoming Scottish independence referendum, and Save the Children's No Child Born to Die campaign, which focuses on reducing newborn mortalities in developing countries. As this shows, my Constituents continue to be concerned about a very wide range of issues, but the largest number of messages I've had by far has been about the planned electrification of the main railway line through the constituency. Although the idea of electrification has been welcomed, there are some very serious concerns about the consequences of doing the work which may occur, because it involves work to a lot of bridges, many of which date back to the time of Brunel. The biggest outcry came with the proposed closure of the A338 at Grove, as well as the continuing impact on the community around Fulscot Bridge. I'll continue to do all that I can to ensure that the needs of Constituents are protected as far as they possibly can be as this process goes on.

I also received a number of emails and letters from members of the farming community about the issue of changes to farm subsidies. Basically, it was about the balance between funding for measures that enhance the environment compared with those which directly support farming – some things do both of course. Having written to the Environment Secretary expressing my constituents' concerns, I was pleased that following an extensive consultation with farmers, environmental groups and others, Ministers listened to these concerns and decided on a less drastic change, with the intention of reviewing this in 2016. This will benefit farmers who take great care of our environment.

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.

Ed Vaizey MP

SUTTON COURTENAY SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

As we go into 2014 again we have some very good mediums lined up and we look forward to your continuing support.

Feb: Tues 4th 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with Sheila Webb and David Townsend.

March: Tues 4th 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Fellowship Meeting with David Chapman.

Any queries you have do ring us. Pat and Sam Quennell 01235 847460

GENERATION GAMES

Generation Games is a fantastic initiative from Age UK Oxfordshire and partnered with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. Its prime function is to get over 50 year olds more active and reaping the many benefits of exercise. This service will create a personal programme of activities for you, provide support and help to ensure your safety. We also have a home based exercise DVD which is FREE to the over 50s in Oxfordshire and can also be viewed online; it is a fantastic exercise video that is suitable for everyone whatever your ability or fitness level. The DVD works in tandem with the Generation Games website; an excellent tool to create your ideal exercise and activity programme with information on over 1000 activities.

Activity/Exercise Providers Wanted!

We are looking for more activities and exercise classes located in the Sutton Courtenay area to be added to the Generation Games Website.

If you run an exercise class or organise activities where the emphasis is on physical exercise then we would love to hear from you. We will add your activity details to our website for FREE and you can reap the benefits of increased awareness for your activities.

Contact us today and register your class details to the Generation Games website
www.generationgames.org.uk

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CORNERSTONE ARTS CENTRE

February brings our one-off workshop for adults with Charleston: The Dance of the 20's. Offering the opportunity to boogie and shimmy to your heart's content (think Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Patrick Robinson and Abbey Clancy in Strictly), come along and dance the winter blues away on Saturday 8 February. All levels are welcome and no partner's required. If you fancy something a little less energetic we're very excited to have Sunny Ormonde and her One Woman show on the afternoon of Saturday 22 February. Listeners to Radio 4's The Archers will know her as the feisty Lilian, aka 'Pusscat', and she'll share behind-the-scenes secrets and anecdotes plus a Q&A session. But it's not only Archers aficionados who'll be entertained by this fabulous February afternoon of stories, banter, favourite pieces and a great repertoire of theatre. It's back to the 1920s at the end of the month with local non-professional theatre company Jigsaw's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie, at Cornerstone on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 February.

The logo for Cornerstone Arts Centre, featuring the word 'CORNERSTONE' in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font. The letters are stacked vertically: 'COR' on top, 'NER' in the middle, and 'STON' at the bottom. The 'W' in 'NER' is stylized with a vertical line through it.

Bridget Haffenden

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BIRDWATCHER

I must start off with an apology. The following discussion is another foreign affair. I have been away from our village for the last three weeks, so I would struggle to report on local birding events; however, I am hopeful that the Bald Eagle observations below will still be of interest to the majority of readers.

As a photographer, I am very disappointed with the images shown below, but as a wildlife and birding enthusiast, I was in absolute awe at what I saw through my camera lens.

I know that many American citizens have never seen the emblem of the USA in the wild, so for this occasional visitor to see a pair of these Eagles firstly guarding their nest and then flying together was very lucky indeed.



Photo: A pair of North American Bald Eagles above their huge 10' wide nest.

I found the huge nest and saw a single raptor two days before, so I made an early trek back to the north side of Nashville in the hope that I could be lucky twice. I was !

Both birds sat above their nest for about an hour and then started soaring together above my rental car. I attempted to photograph them through the 'sun-roof' so as not to spook the huge birds. The Eagles were getting closer and closer, until a local guy stopped his SUV and jumped out to ask me what I was doing and unwittingly scared the birds off, far into the distance.

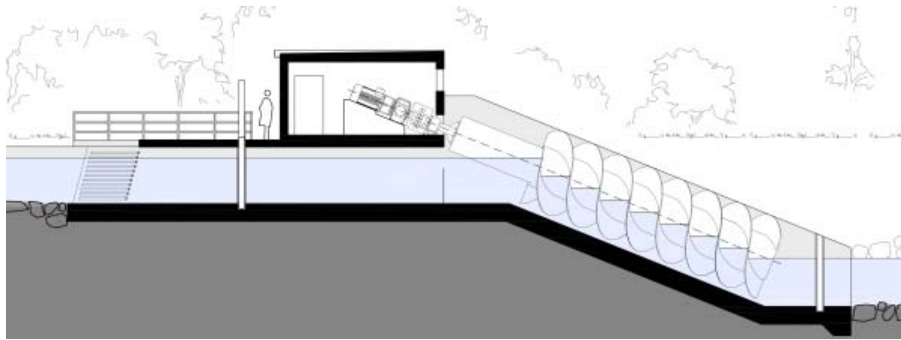


Photo: A Bald Eagle soaring in the Nashville skies

I can't wait to go back to the Cumberland River area again to view and photograph these amazing creatures.

Mike Dowsett – mike.dowsett@sky.com

HYDROPOWER IN SUTTON COURTENAY?



As it flows through Sutton Pools, the Thames releases enough energy to power hundreds of homes, or a medium sized factory!

Can the local community benefit from this? James Walton, a Sutton Courtenay resident, and Henry Reily-Collins a Culham resident and of Hallidays Hydropower, have been looking at the options and would like to share the exciting possibilities at:

TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS HYDROPOWER

**In Sutton Courtenay: The Fish
at 1830 on TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY**

**In Culham: The Waggon and Horses
at 1830 on TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

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We will make a short presentation, and invite discussion and questions. If you'd like to submit any questions in advance please email james@jgwalton.com

The two pubs remain open for business as usual during our meetings

SUTTON COURTENAY IN THE PAST

1. My mother and father came to live in Sutton Courtenay about 96 years ago. In the High Street was Rant and Tombs, a thriving village shop, now a house. People used to take their Sunday joint to be cooked in the baker's oven. The shop was also the first Post Office, and sold everyday bits and pieces. Arthur Lacey had a horse and cart and would take orders and return with shopping for customers. Reg Morris on the High St also did trips to town, as well as some day trips with his 'Charabanc'.

The first Oxford Bus Company drove through the village, turning at the end of Church St where there was a small island to turn round on which was later removed. That service was both to and from Oxford. In the 40s and 50s we had a bus to go to Reading and to Newbury.

Two gentlemen in Appleford Rd, Mr Deadman and Mr Woodham, grew produce. Churchmere Rd was a cricket ground with a clubhouse, now a home.

Up the High St there was a Butcher and a Grocery combined with a Bakery shop, now Burgreys. There was a ladies dress shop next door and an egg shop in the old chapel. In the 30s on Milton Rd there were wool, grocery, bicycle and paint shops, as well elsewhere Mathews Vegetable shop, a hairdresser, two public houses, the New Inn and the Plough, and the Southport Chapel, now a home.

We were served very well, but sadly, so much has died in recent years.

Kay Slater

Editors' note: Rant and Tombs was a local chain of grocery stores operating between the 1920s and the 1960s.

<http://www.communicate.co.uk/oxford/ockst/page24.phtml>

2. We have lost a lot of our village shops these past years and shopping patterns have changed dramatically with the advent of the superstores and on-line purchasing. The High Street shops are victim to this convenience shopping. Does anyone have opinions on whether the old style personal service shopping would be preferable, not forgetting the milkman and the baker?

D Symons

ALL SAINTS' QUIZ NIGHT



**Friends of All Saints' Quiz Night this year will
be on**

Saturday, 29th March.

Please make a note in your diary.

The answer to the question on page 10: 22

SUTTON COURTENAY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

On December 11 2013 Vale Council passed unanimously this motion

Councillor Gervase Duffield moved ‘In the light of Thames Water’s continuing interest in a major local reservoir this Council welcomes Ofwat’s rejection of the recent Thames Water price increase application, and hopes that Ofwat will be specially vigilant on large applications costing vast sums where these can be undercut by reliable cheaper methods. This Council requests the Chief Executive to convey this motion to Ofwat, Thames Water, and the Vale area MPs, and the Water minister.’

I doubt if any reader will need reminding of the problems we all face with rising utility bills. Of late most of the attention has been on power, electricity and gas; but we all need water, and we cannot just switch water suppliers. So what are we to do to contain the rise in water prices? First, we need to understand the nature of our problem. When water was first privatised, some years back now, everyone knew that considerable capital expenditure was needed to get the water industry up to scratch. It was the same with most newly privatised industries. And to meet this need the Government gave generous tax breaks; the problem now is that this is still the situation when most of us think the original need has long passed. The effect of this is that if a water company can persuade the authorities a huge and expensive project is needed, they can make a lot of money out of it. No UK water company ever had any problem with borrowing from a bank as no Government could ever let a water company collapse. The water users pay the bill for any huge project approved, and the Water company retains the assets (unlike France where the water company only uses the assets but they are owned by the public) and the profits.

Water Company Gains

All this means that a water company can get huge benefits for its shareholders, acquire new assets which we the users pay for, and on new capital projects currently get the money tax free. So if a company builds a major new project, it gains and flourishes financially with all the tax breaks whereas if it mends the leaks, it get nothing extra. That is just part of their routine business. This situation has to change so that water companies concentrate on value for money for the community not huge tax free projects.

How do we prevent this? We put pressure on Ofwat the Government water watchdog to stop very large and unnecessary projects like the projected reservoir (which is currently shelved but which will doubtless come back again soon] when much cheaper alternatives are available (water transfer and reverse osmosis). Since the Reservoir was turned down at a public enquiry, Thames Water have requested a huge sewage system west of London which a Government committee rejected as far too large and only allowed a small part of it. Since then there is talk of another huge sewage project in London, a mammoth tunnel under the Thames.

Action

So first we ask Ofwat to reject these excessive projects and to go on doing so, when they are not necessary, are not good value for money, and often there are cheaper alternatives as we demonstrated with the proposed local reservoir. Then there is the tax question. I have no objection to a water company paying good wages, making a decent profit, and paying dividends, but not when such achievements are based on huge and unnecessary expenditure. Is it really right that a company paying handsome dividends should pay little or no tax? The Chancellor and the Treasury need to look into this. It grieves me to see headlines in a newspaper like this one: ‘Thames Water will not pay tax for a DECADE’. I hope my motion to Vale Council points the way. We all need to increase the pressure on Ofwat, MPs, and the Treasury.

SUTTON COURTENAY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Local Issues

There are three important local water issues. First, with the closure of Didcot A which was a vast water guzzler with all those cooling towers, the water consumption in the western sector (known as SWOX) of Thames's area will consume a lot less water, especially if RWE give up that part of their water extraction license which they no longer need. There may well be a Didcot C station one day, but it should be air cooled like the B station, and under no circumstances be allowed to be a water guzzler.

Second, Thames Water has not given up on a local reservoir but it is currently somewhat on the back burner, but it is an open question how long a company should be allowed to hold a planning stranglehold on the projected reservoir area. I am not sure when reservoir plans first started but they have been going for well over twenty years and so far always been rejected.

Third, The Oxford East MP has raised the question of whether it is fair for rural areas like ours to pay the costs of expensive projects exclusively for London. That wants looking into.

Better News

The latest suggestions (December this year) from Thames Water contain some good news. They mention three lines of approach for water supply. Water transfer (from the Severn Trent area in our case), reverse osmosis (reusing the water as it travels down the Thames; this happens already and could be significantly increased for London), the third line is still a reservoir which needs great vigilance on water users' part.

Gervase Duffield, Vale Councillor

LETTER TO THE EDITORS ON NEW BUS SERVICE

I write with concern that there is now no service for Church St and Appleford Rd. We are so often called a lovely village and these two areas are indeed so, as well as the oldest.

1. Appleford Rd: buses used to serve the Amey site, and now the new homes, with more to be built, the river walk, and the tow path. Ladies are carrying heavy shopping.
2. The Alms houses are mainly dependent on busses. There is no shop at that end.
3. Some people use the bus to visit the Church and graveyard.
4. There are three great public houses, the Fish, the George and Dragon, and the Swan. With drinking and driving as well as the fuel cost, people have used the bus.
5. Many school children have used the bus.
6. The Abbey has constant visitors.
7. Anyone walking along the path towards the Village Green has to contend with slush after heavy rain, and , at times, the path runs down towards the ditch. Most hazardous for push chairs and four wheel disabled chairs. Be aware!
8. Drayton Rd already has the X2 service.

Kay Slater

5 Brook St

PS Since the service change, I have waited 15 minutes for the Didcot bus twice, and 30 minutes for the Abingdon bus. The 5.15 from Abingdon turned up at 6.50. Between Oxford and the Sutton Courtenay Triangle, there are nine sets of traffic lights and twelve bus stops. There's no way a bus can keep to the timetable! As I sit writing, the 10.51 has just passed at 11.30.

SUTTON COURTENAY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Transport to School

As I write, we are about to hear the result of the consultation on the Transport to School proposals. We all hope that reason will prevail, and that a sensible, consistent policy is arrived at that allows Drayton parents to choose their children's secondary school in Abingdon without penalty. Recent figures suggest that the amount the County will save if it takes a more draconian approach is very small.

Some good news:

After many months of concern that our excellent youth provision, in the form of the Damascus Youth Project, might be without a home, we have now had a very generous offer from MEPC of the use, without charge, of a new premises. Many thanks to MEPC for their continued support for the outstanding work of the DYP.

Area Stewardship Fund

In March, work will begin on weed clearance of the kerbs throughout the village. This is being paid for by the Area Stewardship Fund. Regrettably, budgetary pressures at OCC mean that this will be the last year of this fund

Community Grants

There is a small pot, available for this year only, with a closing date for applications of Mid February, for any voluntary community organisation needing a grant of £100-£500. Please contact me directly if you are interested. I am advertising this for the last time. I am hoping that any residue from the pot will go to the Damascus Youth Project.

Cumulative impact

Sutton Courtenay, Shrivenham, Watchfield, Kingston Bagpuize, Wantage, Grove, Botley and Marcham have all had to accept a large number of houses being built in the next few years. Enough houses to put a great strain on present infrastructure – roads, schools, leisure facilities and community cohesiveness. In all these places, there is an issue of cumulative impact of multiple permissions being granted in one area.

There is a strong case for arguing that the added impact of Didcot Power Station, FCC recycling, MEPC, and now potentially, an enormous warehouse, on Sutton Courtenay is putting the village under threat unlike any other. There are signs that the District Council is taking this message on board. I fear that the County still have some way to go. The scale of the problem is becoming so large, and people are becoming so angry, that it is difficult to know where to start. Being angry about the state of things does not seem to be getting us anywhere. Treating each application one by one – be it for housing or for some major piece of commercial or national infrastructure, can leave us feeling like Canute as the tide comes in. So where, as a humble County Councillor can I begin? Would I do better just to keep my head down, or are there things I can do which might make a difference?

I am very open to constructive, and if possible, polite suggestions, but in the meantime, I am set on these paths.

To try to help get OCC and VWHDC to the same stage of realisation that that what has gone before must be taken into account when judging planning applications and

To get it firmly established with all those concerned that the FCC recycling contract at Sutton Courtenay/Appleford comes to an end in 2030 and, from 1/1/31 all the land is returned to countryside for the benefit of all those around.

To help to focus the minds of all planners on the aim of stimulating this part of Oxfordshire into becoming the home of High Tech business rather than a muddled mish-mash of reservoirs, airports, distribution centres and heaven knows what else, with a hopelessly cramped and inadequate road system to cope with it all.

There are parts of the country desperate for the sort of employment which all these other things could offer.

Richard Webber

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SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 6 February 2014

at 7pm in the Village Hall

To receive the report and accounts from the trustees for work done in the last year.

An invitation to all - we do hope you will attend and find out what we do and perhaps join us in managing your community building.

On behalf of the trustees I would like to record a big thank you to Jackie Greenough who does a tremendous job in looking after the building on a day-to-day basis. This is also evident from the many compliments that have been received from users.

Rita Atkinson (848694)

Secretary (Sutton Courtenay Village Hall Management Committee)

VICAR'S FUN DAY: SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY

Sunday 16 March 2014

4pm to 7pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

This is a warm invitation to all Senior Citizens to come and join us in an afternoon of fellowship, fun and refreshments. This year young people from the DAMASCUS Youth Project will be helping in the organisation of the event. Please do come and join us.

To help us with catering please complete the reply slip below and return to the Rev. Helen Kendrick (848297) or Rita Atkinson (848694) or Roxy Elford (07875649008) or Pat Steptoe (847362).

If you would like help with transport please do make sure you include your contact phone number and address. If you would like us to collect the reply slip from you please do ring one of us.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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I am able to attend the event on Sunday 16 March 2014

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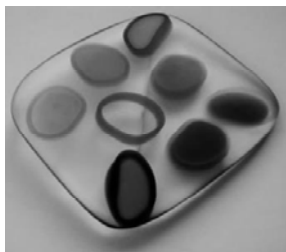


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