

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.



June

Tue	3rd	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	3rd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sun	8th	12 noon	Summer Lunch, Friends of All Saints'	Courtenay House High St
Wed	18th		COPY DATE SC NEWS JULY/AUGUST EDITION	
Sat, Sun	21,22		Flower Festival	Church
Sat	21st	5.30pm	Musical Entertainment in aid of SC Primary School	The Plough
Tue	24th	7pm	AGM, SC Village Hall Committee	Village Hall
Thur	26th	10.30am	Coffee and Cakes	Church

July

Fri	4th	8pm	An evening of Music and Song	Church
Sat	5th	11am	SC Primary School Fete	Primary School



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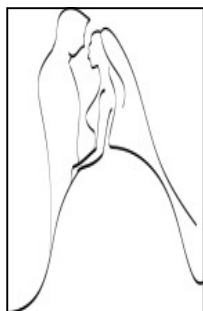
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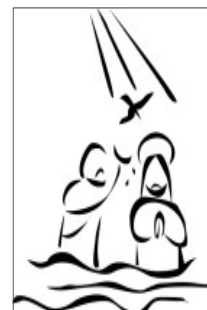
VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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 organisation had the permanent booking.



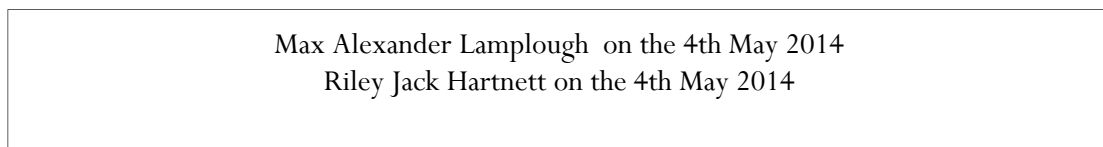
HOLY MATRIMONY

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



HOLY BAPTISM

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



Max Alexander Lamplough on the 4th May 2014
Riley Jack Hartnett on the 4th May 2014

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Meeting

At the annual council meeting held on 6th May, Mr. Michael Jenkins was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Mr. William Hanks as Vice-Chairman. Representatives on the various working parties and outside committees remain as last year. The contact details of the Council members and representatives can be found on the Council's noticeboard outside Burgrey Stores.



Didcot "A" Power Station – Demolition Update

Over the past 4 months Coleman & Co have been preparing for the main works by undertaking inspections, surveys, and developing materials recovery and recycling plans. Some of the coal conveyers have now been removed. On 20th March 2014, the Vale of White Horse District Council gave permission for the main demolition works. Tests have been carried out to confirm the structural make up of the cooling towers support legs and to establish the required detonations charges and type and quantity of explosives. The overview of the key milestones are:

March 2014 onwards – Start of Main Demolition Works

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| Summer 2014 | - Blowdown of Southern cooling towers |
| Mid 2015 | - Progressive demolition of the main Power Station buildings |
| Early 2016 | - Demolition of Northern cooling towers |
| Mid 2016 | - Demolition of stack |
| Late 2016 | - Completion of Main Demolition Works |

Clowes Developments are purchasing around 47 hectares of land incorporating the coal stock yard south of Moor Ditch. This land has the potential to be redeveloped for a mixture of uses including commercial and residential, subject to the planning processes.

Regular updates on what is happening can be found at www.rwenpower.com and www.coleman-co.com

Highway Verges

In the June issue last year, the Parish Council requested that vehicles not park on the verges and paths. The same appeal is going out again as the vehicles restrict the grass cutting and can block the footways for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs, causing them to have to go into the road.

War Memorial Appeal

The war memorial has stood for well over 90 years on the village green. As the anniversary of the First World War is approaching, a decision has been made to try and restore the war memorial by cleaning, repointing and relettering. A substantial amount of money needs to be raised to undertake the work. If you feel able to contribute to the overall costs in any way, then please send your donation c/o Revd. Helen Kendrick at The Vicarage, 3 Tullis Close.

The Parish Council would thank those residents who have generously donated to date.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

Footpaths Working Party

The Parish Council has set up a working party to consider the footpaths in the parish and to see if there any problems with them that need rectifying. Should you wish to help and want to join the working party, then please contact Cllr. William Hanks on 01235 848881.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P14/V0656/HH Demolition of garage and extension to rear and west elevation including alterations to the roof structure at 83 Milton Road. The Council had no objections

P14/V0879/HH Loft conversion to existing dwelling with three dormer windows to the front elevation and roof lights to the rear at The Willows, Appleford Road. The Council had no objections.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June, 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.

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

Are you aware that the Post Office is now situated in Burgrey Stores in the High Street? It opened as a new Post Office service on 26th March 2012, and has been operating for over 2 years. 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 8.00 to 18.00

Sat 8.30 to 13.00

and Sun 9.00 to 12.00

LIST OF VILLAGE ORGANISATION

The Editors would like to include in Sutton Courtenay News a few times each year a list of all village groups, organisations, societies etc. together with contact details and any website information. If you would like us to include you in this list please send to the Editors the current contact details and any website information.

Don't forget, in addition to letting us know about events, you can also publish details of any AGMs that are held.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Infinity and Beyond

At Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School we have a cross curricular approach to learning which enables children to make sense of the facts and apply their knowledge across many different subjects. They are also encouraged to think creatively and have a 'growth mind-set': saying that they 'can't do it' is not acceptable here – it is just that they can't do it yet!

Currently within our KS2 classes the children have been studying space: learning about the planets (both in English and French), looking at light and shade in art, sketching 3D planets, making powered moon buggies that have to carry moon rock and traverse different terrains and finding out about the history of space travel. Their literacy included writing newspaper articles about the moon landing and their own stories about planet exploration! A space scientist from Rutherfords visited to talk about their work and was very impressed by the interesting questions that the children had. A further task was to consider what might be in an astronaut's pocket as a piece of poetry and this was the class poem that was constructed from their ideas:

Things Found in an Astronaut's Pocket

Houston's phone number on a scrappy strip of paper
A bus ticket for the way home
A speck of the Sun
A beautiful ring made from Saturn
The breath-taking sights of the Solar System
A purse full of white moon dust
Hope, to keep him going
A family photo with everyone smiling
A lovely red lucky charm
A chocolate caramel galaxy bar that has melted because of the heat from the engine
A sewing kit in case his space suit breaks
A golden wedding ring
A piece of Jupiter, ruby red, and dancing like a child in a disco
A half-eaten flaky sausage roll
A green alien with purple scales
A canister of Jupiter's gas to have a barbecue with
Gut-wrenching homesickness
Pocket full of grey dusty moon rock
Angel white toilet roll
A jaw-breaker that is so tasty it never ends
Crispy crackers to munch on
A miniature toothbrush and toothpaste

BY FALCONS CLASS

Date for your diary – You will receive a warm welcome at our Summer Fete, which this year will be taking place on Saturday 5th July 2014 (11.00am-2.00pm). More details to follow.....



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



ALISON ASHCROFT
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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 (847077) **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

Greetings from All Saints'

Last Saturday it seemed that half the village came down to the Green to share in the Vicar's Fun Day. The sun shone, the children were entertained, hot dogs were eaten, teas were drunk and it was a wonderful occasion. An impressive £3800 was taken on the day, to which we can add generous sponsorship from the Sutton Courtenay National Power Trust and MEPC Milton Park.

The whole point of the Fun Day is to support our community. This year, in addition to our on-going support of youth work and senior citizens, we will be contributing to the War Memorial Refurbishment Appeal. With the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War I, this August, we need to repair the effects of time on our memorial and I am sure many of you will want to support this cause and remember those of this village who fought, and in all too many cases died for our freedom.

The Fun Day relies on a huge team of people working together and it really is "Big Society", with everyone contributing their time and talents. I can't let this year pass, without giving a special public thank you to Rita Atkinson who has led this team for many years, but who is now stepping down. Rita, you are a hard act to follow; but I am sure the good work will go on.

The church has a huge tradition of people working together for the good of the community. In May, I reached a mile stone of my own as I celebrated twenty five years of service as a Reader and Lay Minister in the Church of England. In that time it has been a great joy to share with many people the job of making our church and community a better place.

If my Christianity means anything to me, it is a sense of God's love for me, just as I am, regardless of my faults and awkwardness. As I preach and share with the congregation it is that love that I seek to share. Furthermore, as the years have passed I have started to sense a deepening of relationships in the congregation and a genuine welcome to those who join us.

The church today depends more than ever on each member offering their time and talents. If God is calling you to get more involved, it will take time and energy, but I can say with confidence that there is no greater fulfilment than walking in God's Love and helping to share that love with others.

Tim Budd (Sutton Courtenay and Appleford Ministry Team)

**COFFEE SHOP &
BOOK SALE**

**Thursday 26th June
10.30am-12noon**



All Saints' Church
**Drop by for coffee, cake &
conversation and browse the
books on offer?**

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

8th June – Friends of All Saints’ Summer Lunch 12 noon at Sutton Courtenay House, High Street

21/22 June – Flower Festival in All Saints’ Church featuring arrangements/displays portraying works of literature to coincide with the George Orwell Society weekend. Refreshments on sale.

CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY

4th July – National Musicamp Association of Zimbabwe Fundraising Concert – 8pm in All Saints’ Church. Featuring the Grand Solo for Flute by Toulou by the international flautist Wissam Boustany and a piece for flute and piano entitled ‘African Sunset’.

23/24 July in Drayton School - Holiday Club

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



RIDE & STRIDE

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Further details from Nora Harragin 848235

REST IN PEACE

Winifred Margaret Henker died on 9th May 2014. She was born in Launceston, Cornwall, on the 25th May 1928, the first of six children. She met her future husband, Bob, at a dance in Launceston, although he was a prisoner of war at the time. They married in August 1949 and moved to Sutton Courtenay soon after as Bob had work there, at Sutton Courtenay Nurseries. Margaret worked in the Courtenay Nursery fruit and vegetable shop and they lived above as tenants. Times were hard, there was no bathroom, and Bob used orange boxes to make furniture. Their children, Peter and Marian, were born while they lived there. Later they moved to 10, The Green, still with no bathroom, but they were happy there. After nine years on the Council waiting list, they moved to Tyrells Way, with all mod cons, and Bob went to work as an electrician at the MG car company in Abingdon.

Margaret and Bob were both keen photographers, members of both the MG and Sutton Courtenay camera clubs. They would make slide shows of their holidays in England and of their trips to both East and West Germany, and show them to club members. Margaret loved to dance and she and Bob would go to all the dances in the Village Hall and would always be on the dance floor at the resorts where they went on holiday.

Following major falls, when she broke her arm and hip, and spent time in hospital, she started knitting toys which were sold and put into raffles to raise money for the wards in Marcham Road Hospital. The toys went all over the world and helped to raise hundreds of pounds for the hospital.

Margaret joined the Evergreen Club in Sutton Courtenay, where she became treasurer. She arranged many trips for the club, paid for mostly by raffles which she would organise and run. She also loved gardening and the garden was much admired locally. She and Bob grew all the vegetables they needed and gave away the excess to friends and family, or used them as raffle prizes for the Evergreen Club trips.

Later years were hard for her with her osteoporosis and many medical problems. Bob died on 20th November 2011. But she continued to think of others rather than herself, her love and generosity shining through. Following a long spell in hospital, she moved to Yaxley, Peterborough, to be cared for by her daughter and son-in-law, Marion and Bob, and to have some well earned rest.

She had two children, four grandchildren, and twelve great grand children, all of whom are grateful for the love and richness she brought into their lives.

Her funeral was held at Oxford Crematorium on 23rd May 2014 and the above is an extract from the tribute given by her son, Peter.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2014 on a lovely sunny afternoon was a talk by Mrs Catherine Keogh from the Island Donkey sanctuary, which was very interesting and much enjoyed by all members who came.

Our meeting in June will be an outing. We are paying a visit to the Island Donkey Sanctuary and after listening to Catherine's talk we are looking forward to this visit very much.

Our meeting In July will be our Garden Party and once again, by kind permission of Mrs Joan Moss, will be held in her garden.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)



FLOWER FESTIVAL

21 – 22 June 2014



This year **All Saints' Church** will be staging a **Flower Festival** featuring arrangements/displays portraying works of literature. Any individual or organisation is invited to participate.

WRITE IT WITH FLOWERS

Inspired to take part? Just get in contact with any of the persons listed below. You just provide the skill and the flowers.

Interested to come and see what everyone will be talking about?

Sat. 22nd June 10.00 -17.00 and Sun. 23rd 12.30 – 16.00
to view the flowers and have refreshments. Entry fee.

Get in contact with: Alison Budd (820942), Lynne Cabbage (848768)
or Ann White (848857) asap to find out how you can be part of this
special event.

Open to adults and children.

VICAR'S FUNDAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK-YOUS

May I just say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped in every way to make it the great success that it was on 18th May. We were blessed with fantastic weather which inspired a wonderful village atmosphere and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and joining in the fun. Well done Sutton Courtenay!

Pat Napper

PS – A pair of men's silver-rimmed spectacles were found afterwards on the Village Green. If you have lost them, they have been retained in the Church.

Details of net funds raised for the War Memorial funds will be published next month as at the time of sending this to print, all expenses have not been received. The takings on the day were approximately £3800.

As Pat says a huge thank you to all who helped organise or came to support the Fun Day. The weather was glorious and it was lovely to see so many people



catching up on fellow residents they hadn't seen in a while and the children enjoying the games of luck (and some skill) on offer.

The long queues at the tombola and the sale of the raffle tickets were testimony to the hard work of Elaine, June, Victoria, Tessa, Katy and Nina and to the generosity of those who gave during the door-to-door collection.

In recent years Fiona has taken the cake stall to a professional level and this year, with her helpers Jilly and Bryony, was no exception. The beautifully decorated stall had a vast array of sumptuous cakes on offer.

There is nothing about plants that Olwin does not know. Her plant stall is always popular and not just because of the plants – Olwin is held in great affection by many people (young and once young) who have over the years drawn comfort from her understanding and patient listening ear.

In recent years the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project has played a major part in running the Vicar's Fun Day – it is a huge effort to get everything to the Green and back for an event like this and it couldn't have been done without the Gary, Roxy, Andrew, Ryan Tappin, Kyle. And this year we had young Ryan Frost organise the tug of war rope and Elliot and Thomas help with the setting up. The younger group set up and run many of the games stalls and Gary and Andrew with young Wesley ran the BBQ.

Continued.....

VICAR'S FUNDAY CONTINUED

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with the bunting, set up and take down of gazebos, chairs and tables.

I counted that I had enlisted the support of more than 60 volunteers – as Pat says well done Sutton Courtenay and on a personal note thank you very much indeed to all those who have patiently always agreed to help for another year although had secretly hoped that I had lost their phone number.

And we also gratefully acknowledge and say thank you to the following:

Sponsorship for the event came from

MEPC Milton Park £500 (as a donation to the War Memorial Fund)

Hanson UK and Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust for the entertainment

Donation of material and time

Colin Whitehead – SPK Mobile Entertainment and Power

Darren Chapple - Leading Edge

Mark - Boogie Brothers

Sebastien and Jean Phillpe - The Fish

Dave and Christina - The Swan

Poppy's Tea Rooms in Abingdon

Rita Atkinson

CHURCH CROCKERY, CUTLERY & WINE GLASSES

Our parish church is a Grade 1 Listed building and has stood at the heart of Sutton Courtenay life for many centuries, as a place of Christian worship, fellowship, outreach and support. You can hire everything you need for your occasion and help towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

The items we have include dinner and side plates, bowls, cups and saucers, sugar bowls, milk jugs, soup and dessert spoons, dinner and dessert knives, dinner and dessert forks, teaspoons, wine glasses and tumblers, children's plastic plates and cups, large plastic serving platters, salt and pepper pots, yellow gingham and blue tablecloths.

Hire conditions: we would be grateful for a suggested donation of £20. Please collect and return at the arranged time. All crockery and cutlery to be returned washed and in the same condition as hired. Breakages will be charged at £3/item in order to replace lost or broken items.

Contact: Alison Allen, 12 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon OX14 4BD. Tel: 01235 848932 or email: ajf1005@cam.ac.uk.

MILTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services at 10.30am:

- 1 June Rev Peter Bennett, service of Holy Communion
 8 June Rev Richard Bittleston
 15 June Mrs Brenda Boyer
 22 June Deacon Maggie Blake
 29 June Mrs Ruth Dams

You are warmly invited to attend any of our services.

Lunch club Tuesday 3rd June, (first Tuesdays) speaker Dr Paul Williams, Fiord coast of Norway. Home prepared lunch (5* hygiene rating reconfirmed at our inspection last week!), probably roast gammon, with pudding and tea or coffee, £3.50. Please call Geoff Caudle (531409) or Mary Hancock (848336) to book if you would like to join us. Exercise class, £3.50, from 11.00am with Heather Houghton.

Knit and Natter Tuesday 24 June (fourth Tuesdays) 10am-12 noon, £1.50 to include refreshments. We are busy making small jerseys for a charity in South Africa- see our stall at the Milton fete to find out more and to see a selection of the jerseys or just come along.

Art group, each Friday, 2.00pm-4.00pm, £2 to include refreshments. Join us to progress your own project, occasional tutored sessions.

Cream Teas for Christian Aid at Church Street, Appleford, Sunday 15 June, 3.00pm- 5.30pm
 Home prepared cream teas, plants, live music. Come and enjoy a tea in the garden or conservatory. Follow the scarecrow trail to find us! Adult teas £3.50, children's teas priced per item. All takings for Christian Aid

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5)

May was Scam Awareness month. The need to maintain a scam awareness approach in all our activities on line & when receiving unsolicited post or phone calls was discussed at the last NAG meeting. It was agreed that NAG could help by publishing reminders and useful information regularly throughout the year. In addition residents can also help by ensuring all in the household are aware of the risks and dangers and that those we know who are not on line are aware that they are not immune to being scammed.

There are some useful links which can be accessed.

- 1 Please report all scams successful or attempted to www.actionfraud.police.uk or tel: 03001232040.
- 2 www.thinkjessica.com is a website which provides useful anti scam resources. This is a charity protecting elderly and vulnerable people from scams.
3. For information about staying safe online visit www.getsafeonline.org or www.cyberstreetwise.com

Peter Delany

NAG5

May 2014

EDITORS' NOTE: for more examples and advice on Scams see article from Richard Webber, the District Councillor. Further advice can also be obtained from the Citizens Advice consumer service: 08454 04 05 06 and on line at www.ca.org.uk/sam14

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday May 6th our old friend Patrick Cadbury gave us an excellent address followed by some great clairvoyance. We look forward to seeing Patrick in the future. Many thanks to those that came. Just by being present gives a great atmosphere to all.

Enquiries - Pat & Sam 01235 847460

DIARY

Tues. June 3rd 7.30pm. Village Hall Spiritual Meeting with Tom Dodd

Tues. July 1st 7.30pm. Village Hall Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman

THANK YOU

Bank Holiday Monday 5th saw the Annual Plough Treasure Hunt. Thanks to all who came to have fun, all the money raised this year went to the village school. Congratulations to the winning team Bonnie, Clyde & the Driver (Terry, Caroline & Kevin). We would like to especially thank Pepe for hosting and providing the BBQ fare.

Chris & Karen Dennis



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Didcot & 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.

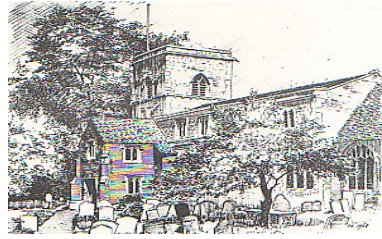
The June meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 June on the topic of Old Didcot on Film with Eugene Coyle.

D&D U3A is a self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operative for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for its members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun. *There are over 25 interest groups including family history, gardening, wine appreciation, dance, science & maths, art appreciation, philosophy, 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>

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**SUMMER
GARDEN PARTY
LUNCH**

SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2014 at 12 noon

This will be held at
Courtenay House in the High Street
by kind permission of Bernie and Emma Huepfl

Admission by ticket only
Prices: Adult £12, Child £6, Children under 5 free
Family ticket for 2 adults plus up to 3 or more children £30

Free Punch on arrival, marquee and gazebos in case of
heatwave/inclement weather

Raffle

Tickets available from Nora Harragin (848235)

Or any member of the Committee

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT
THE PLOUGH
FROM 5.30PM SATURDAY 21st JUNE
FEATURING THE THREE AMIGOS
YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM THE VILLAGE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.
IN AID OF:
SUTTON COURTENAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS

I am trying to pretty up the far bank of Churchmere Pool, (Aka Caudwell's Lake). Should you be redesigning your garden and have a surplus of shrubs, evergreen, deciduous or flowering or, on the other hand, have suckers of lilac, forsythia, cornus or the like; I would be most pleased to have them. Likewise, if you are cleaning out your pond, any lilies or rushes would also be gratefully appreciated.



Please call Roger on 847241 or call at the house Ameron , opposite the lake. Thank you.

ED VAIZEY'S RESPONSE TO MEETING

Following last month's meeting in the Church Ed Vaizey has given permission for his letter of 6th May 2014 to Nick Boles MP, Department of Communities and Local Government, to be published.

Dear Nick

The Strategic Market Housing Assessments for my Wantage and Didcot constituency have recently been revised as part of a county-wide review of housing need.

Following that review, Oxfordshire as a whole is assessed to need a further 100,000 homes and the Vale of White Horse District Council is planning for an additional 20,560 to be built between now and 2031, of which about 4,000 need to be built within 5 years. I am in no doubt that more houses are needed in this area. However, there is concern that the standard national methodology that has led to these numbers is over-estimating the actual demand locally. Demographic trends show that the Vale needs 468 houses per year, yet the methodology leads to a figure of 1028, with front loading in the first 5 years possibly seeing 1460 houses being built each year once planning processes have been completed. There are significant consequences for many local communities which are now faced with levels of growth that will fundamentally change the nature of settlements.

I would be very grateful if you and your officers could consider an urgent review of the planning methodology that leads to such massive numbers of homes being planned so that more realistic outcomes result.

A further problem is being created locally because of the way that the Five Year Housing Supply is calculated. For planning permissions to count towards the Five Year housing supply, outline planning permission is not enough. All delivery plans have to be in place, such as roads and schools. Because developers take so long to negotiate these, the Vale is consistently behind its target for Five Year Housing supply, and so more opportunistic planning applications are encouraged,

If outline permissions were included in the calculation in some way this would alleviate this problem to some extent and, incidentally, speed up the delivery of new homes. I have included a more detailed explanation of this point in the appendix to this letter.

Further, a study by Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners shows that a number of authorities have adopted plans following examination providing for less than their 'objectively assessed' need. These authorities, in all cases, cover large areas of nationally protected land such as Green Belt, AONB or National Park. As over half of the South East Vale area is designated the North Wessex Downs AONB, we have Oxford Green Belt to the North and include areas of the Thames and Ock flood plains, a case can surely be made for reducing the population projections in my Constituency accordingly.

I would also be grateful for specific assurances that the need for infrastructure such as roads and schools to be

Continued.....

ED VAIZEY'S RESPONSE CONTINUED

provided in advance of housing developments being occupied is covered by the guidance included in your letter of 10th March this year. At present, infrastructure needs associated with developments are generally funded by the developers when large numbers of houses are built and occupied. Unfortunately there is then a lead time on the construction and installation of schools, medical facilities, roads etc which means new and existing residents suffer a severe decline in services for a number of years.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Vaizey

MP for Wantage and Didcot

Appendix

Five Year Supply

The main (short term) issue is that Councils need to demonstrate a five year housing land supply against their current housing-need numbers often (given the recession) including a twenty per cent buffer. Without this the NPPF presumption in favour of residential development takes priority.

Unfortunately consents are generally granted in outline, leaving the developers with significant work to do before any construction can start. In some cases this can take more than a year.

In addition to this, larger consents will be typically delivered over a number of years, (up to 10 or even 15 years in some cases) due to market sales rates, and it is this delivery rate that councils are judged upon in terms of whether they can demonstrate a five year land supply.

This lag, and the apportionment of housing over the years, means that the number of houses which can be counted towards an immediate housing land supply target may be far lower than the headline number of houses stated in the planning consent.

It is also this consent-to-delivery time-lag and phasing of housing completions over an appropriate site delivery timescale that means that many planning authorities are being forced to give housing planning consents to premature or inappropriate developments.

If the NPPG was changed to allow outline consents to be included in the calculation then it would be up to developers to build to economic need and not to land-bank by obtaining outline permission on any site now however inappropriate before local plans are approved and supply targets are met.

Even when authorities put on conditions to require building to commence within a particular timeframe, developers will only complete properties to their own financial timescales not to meet government policy.

ED VAIZEY MP PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the summer approaches (we all hope) there are many events being planned across the constituency, most run by volunteers. The government has recently concluded that event guidance was unclear and inconsistent and often focused on what people can't do rather than what they can. This lack of clear guidance has resulted in an inaccurate perception that it can be near to impossible to run an event without ploughing through masses of red tape. In order to overcome these obstacles, a new, simplified set of guidance has been put together, which can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events . This provides straightforward advice to help anyone planning to run an event and is well-worth looking at.

If your idea is a bit broader than a single event, then you might also want to take a look at www.justact.org.uk, where lots of advice about how to get involved in all sorts of ideas, plans and projects locally can be found on one website. Both sites will be an enormous help both to those who are already involved in all sorts of things and those who are just dipping their first toe in the waters.

Those are excellent supports for adults, but my final signpost this month is for younger constituents. We have armed forces cadet units across the Constituency, and I recently learned that there are Army Cadet Units in Didcot, Shrivenham, Wallingford and Wantage. All parade on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm, and all provide young people from the ages of 12 to 18 with a fantastic opportunity to develop in all sorts of ways. As well as adventure training and Duke of Edinburgh awards, there are opportunities to travel and learn a huge range of skills. If you'd like more information, do visit www.oxonacf.org.uk or call them on 01869 259681.

This month I have received many emails from constituents wanting to know what action the Government is taking to ensure that the Public Forest Estate (PFE) is on a sustainable footing for the future. Other issues raised range from the use of wild animals in circuses to energy policy in the UK. As a society, we must never underestimate the value of trees and woodlands. I am therefore delighted that England's PFE will remain in public ownership, and that finding is to be maintained. Longer term, the Government is committed to setting up a new public body to hold the PFE for the nation. This body will have greater independence from government, and greater freedom to manage its resources and maximise income.

A number of constituents have welcomed email updates I've been able to send about specific issues such as plans for new housing or concerns about the electrification of the railway line. I plan to send occasional emails which I hope will be of general interest. If you would like to receive a copy, please do email me at vaizeye@parliament.uk and I will add you to the distribution list.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.



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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)

NEW MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE

The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year and we are delighted to announce that Mr Ed Vaizey MP will be officially opening our new rehabilitation gym on Friday 13th June at 4pm. He will be joined by Mr James Dipple, Managing Director of Milton Park.


The Centre is also hosting an Open Week between Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June, which is open to all. Events taking place throughout the week include; daily coffee mornings, therapy taster day, health advice and carers advice day and visits by Physiotherapists, MS Nurses, Citizen's Advice, Oxfordshire Carers and MS Society. The open week is the perfect opportunity to look around the centre's new gym, which contains MOTomed equipment for leg and arm/upper body training, a balance trainer enabling those with very limited balance to stand safely and Thera-Trainer Tigo 510 a multi-purpose exerciser for legs and upper body.

Over 1000 people in Oxfordshire have Multiple Sclerosis and the MS Therapy Centre was specifically founded to offer subsidised therapies to people with MS to help maintain movement and function. The Centre provides a range of complementary therapies including physiotherapy, osteopathy, massage, reflexology, auricular acupuncture, nail care, reiki, oxygen therapy, as well as information on MS and support.

MS is a nasty disease, gradually turning off nerve functions, making walking harder and harder along with pains and spasms. No mental faculties are affected. The course is often progressive, and other symptoms occur. Drugs are available to relieve symptoms and are helpful to some degree. Much work is being done to find a 'cure', but that is a long way off. The Centre is entirely self funding.

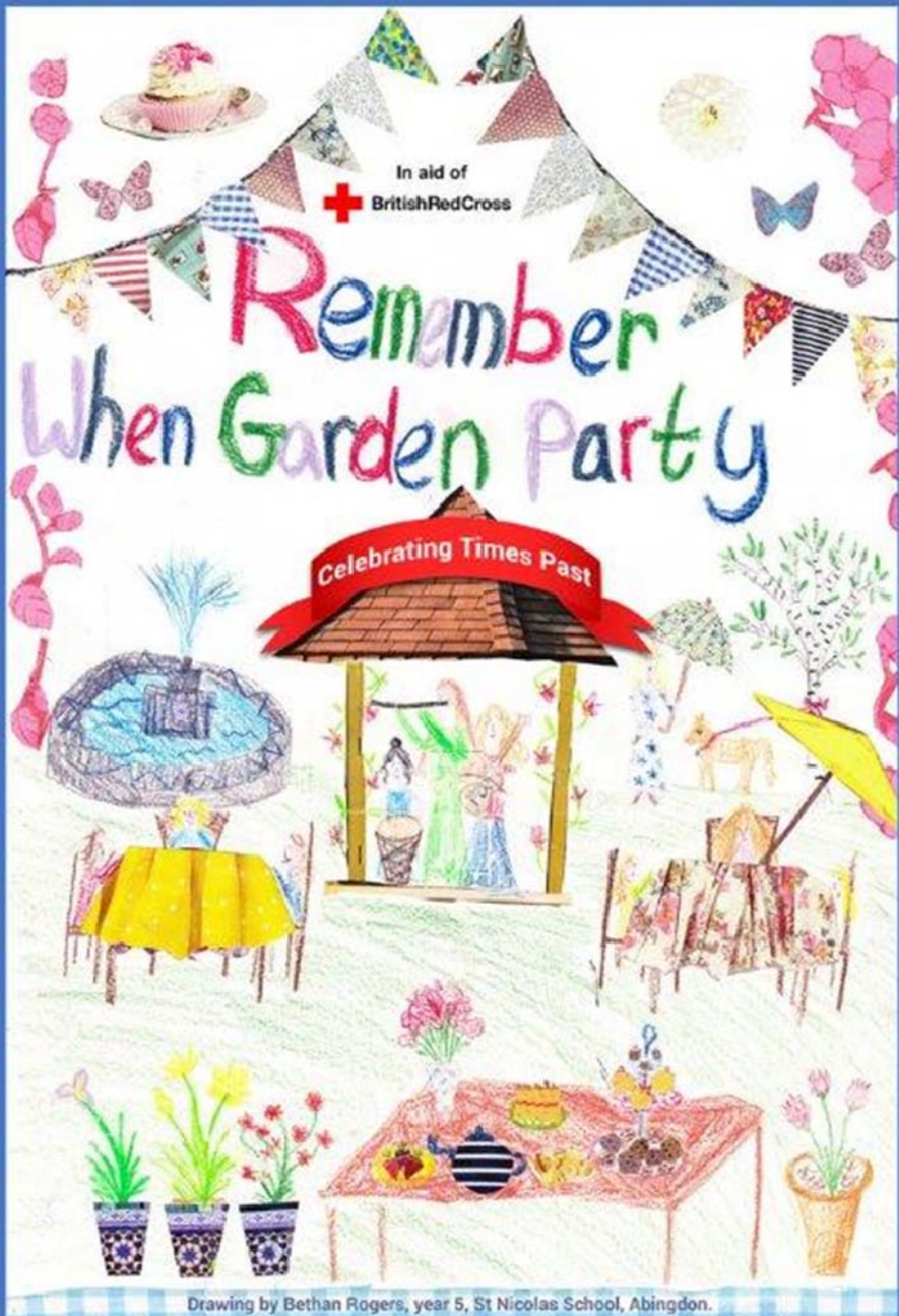
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SUTTON COURTENAY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear All

Please forgive the brief and generic appearance of my report this month. It is not that things are quiet on the Council front – far from it. What with FCC planning appeals, giant warehouse applications, the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan, further housing applications for Marchamthe Vale’s Local Plan (and the “SHMA” figures on which it is currently based) all of which I will return to next month.

Taking a break in the foothills of the Pyrenees (back on 12/5) does at least allow me to reflect on a recent personal experience I have just been through. About a month ago I received an early morning phone call from a close friend who said “Ah! Good, glad you’re there, not stuck in the Crimea without a passport and money and needing a few thousand pounds to get you home -I am afraid you have just been hacked.” This was followed by a whole day of phone calls from friends and contacts telling me the same thing. In that time I watched my email list slowly emptying . Every email contact address gone, every past email gone. Calls to bank, to Councils and to urgent contacts took up the next few days.

Having established that everything was safe and now secure, passwords changed, and security systems checked, I set about trying to understand how it had happened. It seems that the way the crooks operate is to take a guess at passwords and they are very good at this. Family names, addresses, birthdays, everything backwards etc etc are just some of the things they guess at. Clearly, the level of security of your passwords really does matter, and mine were not secure enough. Having guessed the password to my email account, it is then an easy operation to change the settings such that all emails go to some other account including anything transferring money.

Thankfully, all my friends are far too sensible to have been duped and no-one sent any money. It is, of course possible, that I need to find a new set of friends.

Anyway, the point of all this is that I have been made to feel rather foolish and I want to share what I have learnt. Like anyone born deep in the 20th century, I find memorising passwords a complete pain. The more of them and the more complex they are, the less likely I am to remember them. The official 20th century advice of “*never write down your passwords*” just doesn’t work – I must have changed some of them 20 times or more.

Now it just so happens that May is “SCAMS AWARENESS MONTH” (a bit late for me, but in time for anyone reading this, I hope.) So here are my suggested tips on how to survive the 21st century:-

Think of one place, don’t tell anyone, not at all obvious - where you write down your password(s) – make sure you write them down in such a way that you know which is which.

Now make sure that your passwords are as secure as possible. Use every character and number possible. Use numbers, letters – lower case and capitals. Make the password as mixed and random as possible.

To get hacked now, the crook must a) break in. b) find the secret place you hide your password(s) c) hope he is guessing the right one. I reckon you are now about as secure as you can be.

If anyone knows better please let me know as I would quite like to get back to normal life as soon as possible.

More next month....

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The following Sunday, 8 June, we have something entirely different with Yummm! There will be two performances of this children's dance theatre show: the first at 11am for ages 4 and under and the second at 2pm for ages 4 and over. This production seats the audience around the 'dinner table' and is a celebration of food seen through children's eyes, with dancing tables, spinning plates and kitchen utensils woven into quirky meal time rituals. At the end of each performance there will be a short play activity for audiences on stage, and children will be given their own utensils to play with. Lots of interactive fun for everyone! Have a look at our web site to see some colourful photos from previous performances.

Something different again is Screaming With Laughter, on Sunday 15 June. Comedian Lucy Porter leads an afternoon cabaret show of comedy where mums, dads and grandparents can relax and laugh about parenthood with some fine comedians. And baby's welcome too! These stand-up comedians are used to rowdy audiences - and Lucy herself has two toddlers - so won't be an eyelid if you need to move around, feed the baby, or baby emits a squeak or two!

On a more adult note, music and theatre lovers are not forgotten. Alvin Roy's previous visits to Cornerstone, with The Mainstream All Stars and The Alex Welsh Tribute Band, proved very popular and he returns on Saturday 21 June with a new jazz instrumental six-piece, Jazz Reeds Incorporated. With a front line of Julian Marc Stringle, Alvin himself and Mike Wills on various saxophones and clarinets, supported by Rod Kelly on piano, Charlie Stratford on drums and John Rees Jones on bass the performance will include numbers from 'The Great American Songbook' and original mainstream/swing jazz renditions.

There's a real treat in store with prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's production of Sauce for the Goose. Feydau, master of the French farce, created the perfect high-spirited romp of passions, pace and pleasure. Married Pontagnac pursues Lucienne, only to discover that she's married to his best friend Valentin. Lucienne has sworn to remain faithful to Valentin as long as he remains so to her, so when an old 'indiscretion' of Valentin's arrives, with her other half in tow, Lucienne's may have an 'out'. Everyone ends up at the Hotel Ultimus where beds are swapped, infidelities discovered and everyone's goose is well and truly cooked. Fun, farcical and fast. Fantastic!

Full details of our summer season are available on the Cornerstone web site <http://www.cornerstone-arts.org> (online booking available), or call the Box Office on 01235 515144 (closed Mondays).

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The Parking Saga

Can I suggest Mr Connor looks at s72 of the Highways Act 1835. which prohibits driving on the pavement and unless his car has miraculously dropped from the sky he would have to have driven on the pavement in order to park his car. ' You must not drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency'. It is the act of driving on to the pavement that is against the law, and the driver who is liable for prosecution. The act of driving on to the pavement has to be witnessed (lest there should be the aforementioned miracle). Moreover if a pedestrian is attempting to pass freely along the pavement and is prevented by a vehicle parked on the pavement, an obstruction is being committed which is dealt with by the police. Presumably this is the problem about which his anonymous sign writer decided to pen him a polite note rather than report it to the police. I would also venture that to many harshness is expecting pedestrians and in particular the wheelchair bound, elderly etc, however infrequent their appearance, to use the alternative footpath and expecting the taxpayer to finance the associated problems mentioned previously. I hope this will satisfy Mr Connor but if he feels differently I suggest that he contacts the council and /or Thames Valley Police as I did, to discuss his interpretation of the law. I do not intend to make further comment on this issue.

P Osborne

Sutton Courtenay

EDITORS NOTE. This the final letter in the Parking Saga.

Police Called to Demonstration

Prior to the meeting of the planning committee on the 21st of May, when a decision will be made as to whether the enormous warehouse will be built, some residents of Sutton Courtenay, about 12 adults, accompanied by 7 or 8 children, stood by the proposed entrance. We had heard that councillors on the planning committee were visiting the site at 6.30pm and we wanted to show them how strongly we objected to this warehouse.

After about an hour, we had no idea if any councillors had turned up and all but three of us left. Amazingly, three police cars turned up, two stopping and one cruising past. Someone had informed the police about a "disturbance". They inspected our posters to ensure that there was nothing untoward and stayed and chatted for a while.

We so rarely see the police , especially three cars all together, I just felt it was a shame that the children had left....they would have been so excited!!!

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Lesley Clements

Sutton Courtenay

PLANNING UPDATE

The planning committee refused the planning application referred to in Lesley Clements' letter on the previous page.

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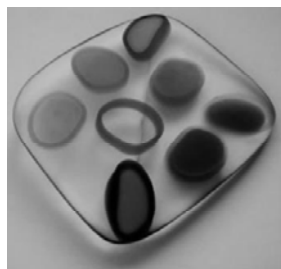
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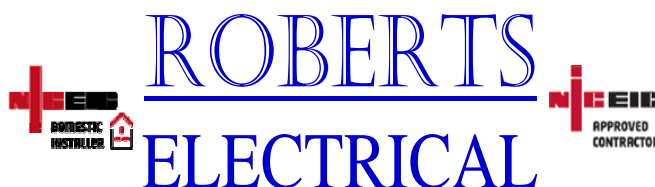
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