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VILLAGE DIARY

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



September

Tue	2nd	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (with Linden Homes)	Village Hall
Tue	2nd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sat	6th		SC Craft and Produce Show	Village Hall
Tue	9th	2.00pm	WCF	Village Hall
Thur	11th	7.30pm	SC Craft Group	Southbourne Hilliers Close
Sat	13th		Ride and Stride	
Sun	14th	2.30pm	Duck Race	Mill Lane
Tue	16th	7.30pm	WI Meeting 'The English Country Lady'	Village Hall
Wed	17th		COPY DATE SC NEWS	
Tue	23rd	7.30pm	SC Local History Society	Village Hall
Thur	25th	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee and Cake	Church
Sat	27th	11.00am	Macmillan Coffee and Cake	Village Hall

October

Sun	5th	10.30am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Church
Sat	11th	7.00pm	Barn Dance and Family Supper	Village Hall



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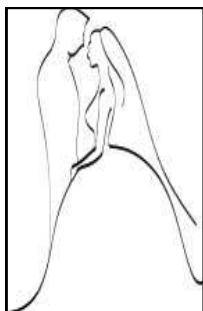
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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

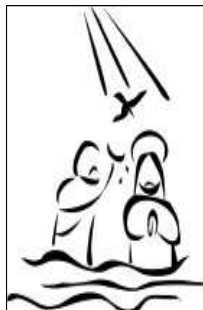
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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

28th June 2014 – James Richard Castelow and Sarah Jayne Pearce
12th July 2014 – Andrew (Jock) Johnston and Irene Mary Humphreys
18th July 2014 – Johan Peter Maria Janssen and Anna Bugge Jensen
26th July 2014 – Mathew Robert Nicholas Quinn and Laura Jane Cleveland



HOLY BAPTISM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM

6th July 2014 – Maci Marie Bidmead
6th July 2014 – Ivie May Howse
6th July 2014 – Joseph Robert Sabel
20th July 2014 – Georgina Lily Bates
20th July 2014 – Phoebe Eleanor Major
27th July 2014 – Alannah Eve Webb
27th July 2014 – Riley Bay Webb
24th August 2014 – Matilda Annabelle Gee

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Possible Speaker at the next Parish Council meeting

Linden Homes are proposing to construct up to 30 houses on land off Milton Road. They have asked for an opportunity to explain their proposals at a meeting of the Parish Council.

The next Council meeting will therefore commence at 7.00 p.m. in order to hear what the developer has to say before the formal business of the Council.



Footpaths

The County Council is responsible for the rural rights of way that run through the parish, for signposting them and ensuring that they are free from obstructions. The landowner, however is responsible for stiles and gates that are on the paths, and for cutting back encroaching vegetation that is growing from their land. Parish Councillors and village volunteers are walking the rural footpaths to check the state and condition of them, and producing a schedule of work that is required. The Council would ask anyone who abuts footpaths to ensure that excessive vegetation is cut back. This also applies to the tarmac footways in the village, where it can be difficult for pedestrians to walk in safety where there is obstructing hedge growth.

Verges

Comments have been received by the Parish Council regarding the maintenance of the verges in the village and how untidy and uneven they can appear. The problem time seems to have been during May and early June when grass was growing at its fastest, and long grass being compressed as the mowers goes over it. The Council acts as agents for the County Council in cutting the verges, and will soon be obtaining quotations for verge cutting for the next season. It will carefully look at the cutting schedule and costings before reaching a decision on how best to keep the verges maintained next year.

A417 – Challow Rail Bridge

A temporary Order has been made to close the A417 by Challow rail bridge from 6th September for 3 months. This is to allow Network Rail to replace the bridge as part of its Project for electrification of the rail line.

HGVs

Concerns have been raised on many occasions in the past regarding HGVs that come through the village in breach of the weight restriction limit. The matter has been raised with the Police and the response received from Inspector Money says:

“I have spoken to PC Keith Morton and PCSO Sandra Syphas from the local team who are aware that the weight limit has caused some consternation since its introduction and like many environmental weight restrictions throughout the county it has not been possible to enforce the restrictions as often as we and communities would like. Recent years across the county have seen the introduction of ‘Lorry Watch’ where the Parish Council passes details to Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards of offending lorries and Trading Standards take the necessary action. I am aware that PC Morton is in Liaison with Trading Standards to arrange a joint operation which will fit in with his other duties. I’m sure he can discuss Lorry Watch with you if you are unaware of the scheme?

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PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

One of the problems we face in terms of enforcement is the need to follow a vehicle through and out of the restricted area to ensure a driver cannot claim one of the allowed/permitted access rights. This can be very time consuming but results in a non endorseable Fixed Penalty fine of £50. We do have some support from the TVP Roads Policing Department but again they need to juggle their other demands with this work as well. I am aware that there is alternative enforcement available using some form of technology to solve this problem which may have a future but I am not sure there are suitable systems available and it would be for Oxfordshire County Council to administer/action at considerable cost. 'ROADflow' is one such system you may wish to raise with the County Council but this may be cost prohibitive?

With regard to the Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards situation my understanding is that they do not have individual officers doing road traffic work on a full time. There is a lead officer for the work (who PC Morton is in discussion with to make progress) and they have a rota for checking the many weight restrictions which they enforce. Hopefully they will agree to discuss some form of joint working and PC Morton is in negotiation with them (and our Roads Policing Department) about this."

War Memorial Renovation

Plans for the cleaning, restoring and recutting the lettering on the war memorial are progressing, quotations for the work are being obtained and a grant application prepared for the War Memorial Trust. A contract for the work can be awarded once the funding is in place.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P14/V1354 First floor extension and single storey rear extension at 4 The Nursery. The Council had no objections

P14/V1718/HH Erection of single storey side extension to double garage at Riverview House, Appleford Road. The Council had no objections to this application.

P14/V1272/LB Amendment to P13/V0950/LB Demolition of outbuilding and construction of conservatory at Buckridges, High Street. The Council had no objections to the building proposals.

New Planning Application for Warehouse, Sutton Courtenay Lane

A revised planning application for warehousing off Sutton Courtenay Lane has been lodged with the Vale of White Horse District Council. The Parish Council will be carefully looking at this to see how the proposals have changed since the last application was refused by the District Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 at 7.00 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change.

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

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

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you read this article, the new school year will have commenced and the children will be immersed into their learning. Over the last couple of years we have been introducing the concept of 'Growth Mindsets' into school so that children do not limit what they think they are capable of – whatever their starting point.

It is incredibly important that all children learn to struggle and to face challenges so that when this does happen they can be resilient enough to tackle it and find a solution either independently or with others.

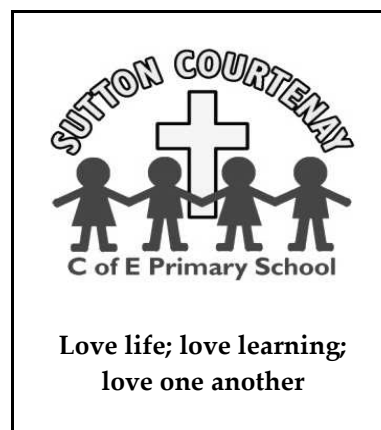
How many of these terms and expressions have you heard or used?

**God-given
talent**

**Effortless
success**

**Natural
athlete**

**Like father,
like son**



They all seem to locate performance within the Victorian notion of genetic inheritance and pre-existent ability. However, there are many better predictors of performance success – persistence for example.

As teachers we try to help our pupils to see all true learning as a rumbustious process of trial, error and achievement.

Our failures – and those of our pupils – are events, not reflections of who we are and all events invite us to learn.

'The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.'

The children in school are praised for the effort that they have put into a piece of work or activity, the questions that they have asked and improvements that they have undertaken following feedback from the teaching staff. This helps pupils to see that effort is valued in the classroom – not just getting something finished or making it look nice.

The words 'I can't do it' are not allowed in our school – it's "I can't do it, yet!" This is only a very short summary of 'Growth Mindsets'. If you would like to find out more please do visit the school.

In September, Barn Owls (Nursery and Reception) will be asking the question: Why do you love me so much? Finding out about people who help and care for them, and about caring for others. Robins (Year 1) will be opening up a 'Memory Box' and finding out more about their families and changes around them. 'Land Ahoy' is the focus for (Year 2) Kestrels class as they find out about the seas, pirates and maps, whilst (Year 3) Kingfishers have the topic with the longest name ever: Scrumdiddlyumptious! They will be cooking and thinking about the works of Roald Dahl. Red Kites and Falcons (Year 4, 5 and 6) have a shared topic of 'Born Survivor.' Year 5 and 6 will be going on a residential trip to try all sorts of adventurous activities such as: zip wire, abseiling and orienteering. They will also be learning about electricity and evolution amongst other things.

It promises to be a very exciting start to the school year.....

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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'

When we were on holiday in the Lake District a couple of weeks ago, we went to watch some sheepdog trials at Rydal. I have to say it proved a most amusing spectator sport. The shepherd has to stand still and command his dog to drive four sheep through a series of gates and into a pen. Suffice it to say that in most cases the sheep won. The dog would just get them lined up nicely in front of a gate and then one sheep would run one way, the other three would run the other and the dog would be left in the middle wondering what to do next. In one case there was a standoff in front of the final pen until the shepherd ran out of time and called off his dog; where upon the sheep turned round and trotted into the pen by themselves! I hesitate to draw parallels with leading a congregation, but there again... none of us like being told what to do by the vicar – or the lay minister.

Jesus told several parables about sheep. The best remembered is the story of the lost sheep, and the good shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep in a safe place and goes out to look for the one that is lost. When he finds it he brings it home rejoicing. As Christians we believe passionately that everyone is loved by God and that as a result we are to care for those on the fringes of our society, those who have lost the way and those who are simply on their own and lonely. Many people today simply assume that the village church is not for them. They think they would not fit in and are afraid to cross the threshold. Yet in reality we are here to welcome everyone, not just the 99 that already know they belong, but also the people who think they don't belong; the lost sheep who have missed out for years, but secretly want to know the Good Shepherd who has never given up on them. The door of the church is always open. Come in!

Tim Budd (Sutton Courtenay and Appleford Ministry Team)

Church Diary

September

9th September – 2.00 pm WCF AGM

10th September – 9.45 HC BCP with WCF members

14th September – Duck Race – first race at Mill Lane at 2.30 pm

20th September – A Grand Day Out – whole Church Community Day on the theme of imagination in Oxford and a chance to say farewell to Bishop John

21st September – Joint Damascus Group Service at 10.30 am at Milton Heights Community Centre with Bishop Colin

25th September 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee, Cakes and Books in All Saints'

27th September – Damascus Group Away-Day at Steventon

October

5th October – 10.30 am Harvest Family Service

11th October – Harvest Barn Dance in Village Hall

13th October – 8pm – PCC meeting in All Saints

14th October – 2.00 pm WCF Meeting in Village Hall



If you missed this year's Flower Festival (or would like to be reminded of this floral spectacle) you can see 12 of the special arrangements on the theme of literature throughout next year with the 2015 DESK CALENDAR

Available, price £5, by completing the order sheet in All Saints' Church or by telephoning (01235) 848768. All proceeds to the Church.

SUTTON COURTENAY GARDENERS

WE NEED YOU

OPEN GARDEN

EVENT

Would you like to open your garden to the village next summer?

Large or Small gardens needed

For more information contact:

Alison Budd 01235 820942

Lynne Cabbage 01235 848768

Coffee Morning

The regular monthly Coffee & Cake event at the Church will take place on Thursday 25th September to raise money for the Macmillan Coffee Morning campaign.

Please come along to the Church 10.30 – 12 noon



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.

Yvonne Morgen who died on 22nd July 2014 was born in Oxford – one of triplets with Vivien and Nigel. She had two other sisters, Marita and Zena – one older, one younger. The family grew up in Abingdon Road. At school Yvonne discovered her sporting abilities, including netball and athletics. Her love of horses began at a very young age. Her most recent horse is Harvey who is now 22 years old. Harvey and his predecessors have formed a very important part of Yvonne's life.

Yvonne has had various jobs during her working life including, in the early days, with Vivien, at a company called Neilsons. She also worked at Pergammon Press and then for CABI in Wallingford. More recently she spent over ten years at UPS in Milton Park.

She and Paul were married in 1992, although they had known each other going way back in their lives. First they lived in Abingdon and then moved to Sutton Courtenay at the end of 1999.

Yvonne was a very sociable person who was a member of numerous Pub Darts Teams in Oxford and around Abingdon. She enjoyed life – especially if she could have a laugh - and her Tina Turner impression was, apparently, something to remember. She liked food and cooking, as well as sitting quietly solving her crosswords. Yvonne also had a particular interest in the American Indians and in the two World Wars. For some years Yvonne and Paul had a motor caravan and had recently bought a holiday caravan in Weymouth which they had looked forward to visiting frequently in their retirement.

Yvonne embraced life to the full and leaves Paul and Justine and her granddaughters Ella and Lois and her brother and sisters as well as Paul's family. *This is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral on 1st August by the Reverend John Coombs.*

Harry Wood who died on 1st July 2014 was born in Twickenham in 1921, and lived in nearby Hounslow with his parents and his sister Maisie. After leaving school he worked in a newsagents' for 2 years but later started work as a Plumbers mate, a job he really enjoyed. He attended evening classes, gained a City and Guilds qualification and went on to become a registered Plumber.

He met Mum in 1940 at Richmond ice rink and they were married in June 1941. They were together for the next 73 years, except for the 2nd World War. He joined the RAF with the hope of becoming a pilot. Early training in the UK went well, but he suffered air sickness during aerobatics when undergoing final training in Canada, so was disappointed that he could not fly, but he continued his RAF service working on radar and radio.

His interest in radio and electronics was put to good use after the war when he built a small television from an ex military radar set, this being the first in our street. He went on to build a larger set on which the whole family keenly watched the Queen's coronation in 1953.

After the war he returned to plumbing, but later took a job with the Ministry of Works at Heathrow airport, later moving to Greenham Common airbase, Brize Norton and finally Abingdon until his retirement in the 1980's

In the 1960's he accepted a one year posting to Masirah which is a small island and RAF staging post in the Indian Ocean. He left the UK on the 2nd of June 1966 which was his 25th Wedding anniversary; you can imagine how well that went down at home! However it was the salary from this posting which allowed him to buy his first house in Minster Lovell.

He had various interests over the years, and was an accomplished radio amateur, contacting other enthusiasts all over the world using speech and Morse code via short wave radio. He loved reading Charles Dickens and every year he would reread 'A Christmas Carol'. He was also keen on building and flying model aircraft, loved music and took to computing in his late 70's. My Niece who lives in the USA says her friends are very impressed that her 93 year old Grandad was using Skype and Facebook. In fact the last photograph I took of him showed him happily tapping away at his laptop keyboard on his 93rd birthday.

That is Dad's story, and he will be sorely missed by family and friends, but enjoying his "big boy's toys", caring for his family, and especially for Mum is how I will remember him. *This is an edited extract of the address given by his son Brian Wood at the funeral on 17th July*

Gerald Arthur Prior died on 29th July 2014. He was born in Appleford in 1938. He did his National Service in The Gloucester Regiment. He worked at Ameys and then ARC Asphalt and was a regular at the Plough, enjoying the organized outings, even going to the Arc on one occasion I believe.

I'm also told he was a forthright nice bloke, who liked his pint and his racing, speedway, Spurs, and Elvis! What a character!

But the slenderness of the thread that separates life from death and the suddenness with which it can be broken can leave a real sense of numbness, and of loss at the death of a loved one; a great mass of feelings that can take ages to work to the surface. That's when it is easy to forget that God's love, God's renewing and healing love extends over all creation. Every life, however long, however short, even our own is precious to God, and is loved with overflowing forgiving, transforming, healing, love. That is God's desire for Gerald and for us all. *This is a brief edited extract from the address given by Tim Hewes at the funeral on 19th August.*

Seymour (Jack) Wasley was very much a 'man of the Cotswolds'. He regarded the Cotswolds as his breathing space, his homeland. So he loved to go back to N. Oxfordshire and Warwickshire, Shipston on Stour, Moreton in the Marsh and Stratford on Avon. He also spent some time at Fyfield and Islip. Essentially, he was a Cowman and so had to go wherever the work was. He spent some time at the Water Board and told some tales of his stone-picking and 'scaring' there.

WW2 saw him in North Africa. He spent some training time beforehand at Kempton Park – marching around the racecourse, in fact he used to joke that all he seemed to do was the marching!

But he loved cycling and used to cycle on holiday to Stratford to visit sister Gert and niece Sylvia.

Although divorced, Jack always considered himself married. He kept a strict house and his girls (Patty, Annie (dec.) (twins), Diane, Lucille and Ruth) were used to sawing logs in their back yard in Barratts Way when young to pay their way. He loved gardening and always reckoned his garden was 'the best'!

Jack used to regard the 'Admiral Benbow' (now 'Plum Pudding') as his pub. He had a favourite chair next to the Fruit Machine there and woe betide anyone who tried to occupy it! He was a man who brought a smile to anyone to met him. *This is an edited extract of the address given by Colin Patching at the funeral on 20th August.*

Christina Page died on 15th July 2014. She was born in 1912. One of her early memories was seeing zeppelins over London with her father on a visit to Woolwich Barracks around 1914. They often travelled up in a pony and trap. When her father left the army the family settled back in Scotland, and he became town officer in Anstruther. Christina enjoyed the freedom of growing up by the seaside with the companionship of her siblings, although their father was very strict. She did well at Wade Academy and went to college in Dundee, going on to teaching in Scotland, England and across the world in the Education Corps. She travelled on a slow boat to Singapore and under the wing of the captain had a wonderful social experience. Her brother was stationed in Singapore and her social life continued, even dancing with the Maharaj of Jaipur at Raffles. She met her first husband, a merchant naval officer, whom she later married in England, although it was a short marriage as he lost his life in an Atlantic convoy. She did however miss all the problems of the fall of Singapore which her sister and brother in law had to contend with.

Her daughter remembers the following about her in her subsequent life after the death of her second husband with whom she had three children:

As a mother in law: Mum was thankful that she had such a good daughter and son in law who supported her children looking after her, especially in the last year when there were so many late night calls, hospital visits and support needed when moving to the care home.

As an aunty: Mum tried to keep up with all the nieces and nephews but did not have today's technical resources. They have all shared words of kindness and have a range of memories over the years.

As a friend and acquaintance: most people remember Mum's smile and how she would chat. Heather was her stalwart carer and friend for over 20 years. Ashley the befriender who visited Mum regularly at home and provided support when she was in hospital in London. June, a neighbour who kept an eye out for her. Kate, her hairdresser at Bridge House who said it was a pleasure knowing her. The staff at Bridge House who were very caring to both Mum and the family. *This is a highly edited extract of her daughter Anita Kay Robertson's account of her life. Her funeral service was held at Thatcham Crematorium on 23rd July.*

Reginald Bolton died on 2nd August 2014. He was born in 1951. His funeral service was held at Oxford Crematorium on 14th August.

Rosemary Salisbury who died on 5th June was born in Liverpool on 27th July 1926 to Marjorie and Oswald Turner. Her father was a Merchant Navy Captain who was honoured with an OBE for his wartime service as a Commodore of convoys.

She grew up in Bebington on the Wirral, went to school at Holt Hill Convent, and, at the young age of 16, began Froebel training at Birkenhead Girls High School. Aged 19, she was appointed assistant mistress at a Preparatory School in Guildford and two years later took a job at Abbotts Bromley School near Rugeley. Three years after that, she returned to the Wirral to a post at Birkenhead Preparatory School. The director of music at the boys' school over the road happened to be Patrick Salisbury whom she soon met when he came across to teach music to some of the younger boys. After a whirlwind romance, they married that December at a church in Oxton, Birkenhead where she was given away by her cousin, her father being characteristically away at sea.

After a few months they moved to their first flat where they paid the princely sum of £1 a week rent! On becoming pregnant, she resigned her post at Birkenhead Prep following an outbreak of German Measles and her son Simon was born in July 1953. In January 1955 Patrick's new post at the King's School entailed their moving to Macclesfield. At first they lived in a school house where her second son Nicholas was born. Subsequently they bought their first house in nearby Tytherington for the princely sum of £2,750! Patrick being organist of the Parish Church, Rosemary was quickly able to make new friends, some of whom were present at her funeral here on June 20th.

When in 1960 Patrick's new job as HMI entailed a move to Yorkshire, they bought a house in Bramhope near Leeds and four years later she returned to part-time teaching. There were holidays in the Lake District with long walks.

In 1968 they moved yet again - this time to Pinner, Middlesex. Her sons remember her with her basket on wheels on daily shopping trips to Pinner or Hatch End. She helped to set up the local branch of Save the Children and the new SCF shop. Rosemary was keen to get back into teaching, but on a part time basis, so she took a job at Northwood Prep School, initially as football coach. (There is some speculation amongst the family as to whether or not she fully understood the offside rule!) She passed her driving test at the second attempt after two years of twice weekly lessons; the driving instructor also sang in the church choir and the pair of them enjoyed chatting whilst at the wheel. However, her first trip out as a qualified driver with her husband was enough to ensure that she never drove again!

In 1975, they were back again in the Wirral. They had a lovely house in Heswall overlooking the Dee estuary which she kept immaculate. St Peter's Church offered the next choir and Choral Society for Patrick and Rosemary provided the usual support with all that that involved. In 1981 it was back south to Wallingford where she became a part-time library assistant - very appropriately in view of her lifelong passion for reading. The final move in 1986 was to Sutton Courtenay, where she and her husband spent the longest time of their married life and really put down roots. It is where they celebrated their Golden and Diamond wedding anniversaries and where she was supported by a very loyal and devoted set of friends. Chapel Lane is where the grandchildren - and eventually the great-grandson Henry - visited her and the home where she was nursed until the end by her husband.

Rosemary was devoted to her family. She had an incredible memory for names, facts and events and very knowledgeable about theatre, ballet and books. She was feisty and held strong views; she was a committed royalist and a wonderful cook. She was the family worrier and shouldered all the anxieties and concerns for the whole family. She gave loyal and devoted support to her husband and family members - especially in times of trouble and upheaval. She was a generous hostess who made visitors welcome. As someone said at the Memorial Service she was "charming and welcoming with an occasional hint of mischievousness". *This is an extract of the address given by her sons at her funeral on 20th June.*

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting was in July when we had a garden party by kind permission of Mrs Joan Moss. Everyone who came really enjoyed the afternoon and the lovely food, prepared and served by our committee members. The weather was fine until about 3.30pm when the heavens opened and it poured. There was a big scurry to collect cushions etc. before taking shelter in Joan's house. Luckily it was nearly time to go home.

How quickly this year is slipping by—our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September at the usual time of 2pm and held in the Village Hall. We hope as many of our members as possible will be there as it will be our AGM.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust
Annual Sponsored Ride or Stride Cycle Run
Saturday 13th September 2014

Do get out your bicycles and get fit to cycle round as many churches as possible on 13th September – I have the sponsorship forms so please contact me for one – 848235. It is always a fun run and this year we want to get as many people as possible out on their bikes!

I shall be in the church at 10.00 to cheer you all on.

Nora Harragin

Please reserve the date

BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 11th October commencing at 7.00pm

Village Hall

Tickets (to include two-course meal)

Adults **£15**: Under 16s **£6**: Family ticket **£38** (2 adults + 2 children)

Tickets available from **Burgrey Stores**
 or Lynne Cabbage (848768),
 Pat Napper (848292) and Alison Budd (820942)

A Village Community event for all ages



SUTTON COURTENAY
CRAFT GROUP

resume their bimonthly evening meetings on
11th September

at Southbourne, Hilliers Close

Meetings 7.30 - 9.30 on second and fourth
 Thursday of each month

Details: Lynne Cabbage (848768)

Come along and share knowledge of different craft skills

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



In July our speaker was Ian Scott-Hunter, who spoke with enthusiasm about his experiences as a-butler to the royal family at Buckingham Palace and also the Royal Yacht, the Queen's Flight and the Royal Train. His talk was embellished with photographs and he explained many aspects of the pomp and ceremony. He was particularly proud to show us photographs of himself as a footman in the Queen's Silver Jubilee procession in 1977.

Our members have many opportunities coming up over the next months: an evening with Michael Portillo at Oxford Town Hall; a county lunch with Victoria Huxley; music tasters; a visit to The Jewish Museum; and Camden Market. In the autumn we have: a visit to Westonbirt Arboretum; a day learning how to design and hand stitch personalised accessories; and the annual science lecture where Dr Susan Jebb, OBE, will speak about food for a fitter future. We even have a mystery treasure hunt - but of course we don't know where!

Our meeting in August is always a coach trip and this year our members went to explore the world's most beautiful garden, Kew Royal Botanic Gardens and Palace. What a wonderful day – we even had nice weather!

We also have a trip to Henley planned this month with a visit to an open garden.

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 16 September. Our speaker is Judy Kendrick – Simonsen, whose talk is entitled 'The English Country Lady'. We understand she will be bringing vintage clothing to illustrate her talk.

Beryl Davies

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Tuesday 23rd September

7.30pm Village Hall

**“THE HISTORY OF THE RIVER
THAMES”**

Speaker: Dr Andrew Sargent

The speaker is an author, formerly with English Heritage. He has recently published a book “The Story of the River Thames”. The longest river in England, the Thames has played an important part in the history of the country, and that of Sutton Courtenay and how society has been affected by it.

During the summer members had a visit to the Harwell site to learn of its important development and its past history. Another visit was made to Chalgrove where we viewed the medieval wall paintings in St. Mary's church and had a talk about their history. After a pub lunch members enjoyed a memorable guided tour of Chalgrove Manor by the owners who have lovingly restored it over the years.

Everyone welcome to meetings: Members free, visitors £3

Mary Thompson

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 1st July once again we enjoyed our meeting with David Chapman who was on his usual good form. He arrived a little late due to the trains from London but that made no difference to a great evening. Many thanks to those who put the chairs away for us and Minty for the teas. On Tuesday 5th August John Scotcher gave us a very informative talk on psychic art. John and myself (Pat) worked clairvoyantly with a good response from the congregation. Some new people, who are always welcome, joined us and we thank them for their interest.

Enquiries - Pat and Sam. 01235 847460

Tue Sept 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall	Meeting with Irene Fowler
Tue Oct 7th 7.30pm Village Hall	Meeting with Patrick Cadbury

THE BIG KNIT

Calling all knitters! The Big Knit is back for 2014



Age UK Oxfordshire is calling on nimble-fingered knitters in Oxfordshire to whip out their wool and needles and create little woolly hats for Age UK and innocent's Big Knit and help local older people keep warm, safe and well in winter.

Now in its 11th year, The Big Knit returns and budding milliners across the UK are being called upon to get inventive and knit miniature woolly hats to adorn innocent smoothie bottles, which will be sold in stores nationwide from February 2015. For each be-hatted smoothie sold, innocent will donate 25p to help Age UK fund national and local winter projects. Age UK Oxfordshire is calling on local knitters to get as many hats as possible to them by Friday 7th November 2014 and needs knitters of all ages to help make this a reality.

Each year, as many as 25,000 older people in the UK die because of the cold. With over a decade of support from knitters and down the country, The Big Knit has raised vital funds to support local winter projects to help older people keep warm in winter.

Last year alone Oxfordshire's knitters helped Age UK Oxfordshire to raise over £3,000 for its Information and Advice helpline during the winter months. Nationwide, more than a million hats were lovingly created, with designs including a giant squid, peas in a pod and an ice cream cone topped with a classic flake.

To get involved in the Big Knit, knitters can contact Age UK Oxfordshire on 0345 450 1276 to get a free hat pattern or visit the website www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire to download one. Please send completed hats to Age UK Oxfordshire, 39 West St Helen Street, Abingdon OX14 5BT by Friday 7th November 2014.



A VISIT BY THE ORWELL SOCIETY



On 22nd June Richard Blair, adopted son of Eric Blair (George Orwell), met at the grave of his father at All Saints' Church to read extracts from different writing watched by his grandchildren and members of The Orwell Society. This has now become an annual visit by the Society in midsummer to coincide with Orwell's birth date.

A PLEA TO DOG OWNERS

Over the summer months a number of residents have been extremely upset to find graves, in The Old Wallingford Way Cemetery, damaged and fouled by dogs. Perhaps even more upsetting, is that some dog owners are using the cemetery as a dog exercise area, throwing balls for dogs to chase over the graves. Recent offenders mentioned are the owners of a Jack Russell and two yellow Labradors.

We are so fortunate to live in a village with beautiful walks, please take advantage of these to exercise your dog responsibly.

Mike Jenkins

NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

Neighbourhood Watch or Home Watch

Wherever you live you are part of a community and, regardless of its size, your community may experience crime. Neighbourhood Watch, or Home Watch as it is sometimes known, is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives. The aim of the Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch movement is to create strong, friendly and active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen and to make sure that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated where they live. It's about people looking out for one another, crossing barriers of age, race and class. Today it's one of the UK's largest voluntary movements, covering approximately 3.8 million households.



Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch groups at 'street level' are generally known as 'schemes' and are run by a volunteer 'coordinator'. The police will help with setting up new schemes and the coordinator's role is to encourage members to work together and to circulate information from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network and Thames Valley Police, e.g. alerts about rogue traders and cold callers, scam awareness, seasonal security reminders, neighbourhood updates for the local area, details of crime, burglary and resulting arrests/charges.

There is no charge or fee to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or to join an existing scheme and, other than being a good neighbour, there are no specific social obligations. New members receive a welcome pack comprising general information about Neighbourhood Watch, security tips, an internal widow sticker (as circular illustration above), contact details for the police and more. If you would like more information, to set-up or search for a scheme in your area please visit the Our Watch web site at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk>. This web site has a wealth of information relating to Neighbourhood Watch as well as security and crime prevention tips. If you are interested in joining a scheme and do not have internet access please contact NAG5 direct using the details below, or call the police non-emergency number 101.

NAG5 and Neighbourhood Watch work together as a team, with the police, on issues and concerns affecting the NAG5 community. These include anti-speeding and anti-crime initiatives, cycle safety, highlighting the risks from scam mail and phone calls, sources of information and help for those affected by dementia and Smartwater property marking kits.

More Neighbourhood Watch coordinators are needed in the NAG5 area, particularly in Drayton. If you are interested or would like more information please call Carol Rudd, local NHW Administrator, on 01235 556937, or use the non-emergency police number 101.

Smartwater update

The number of properties in Sutton Courtenay now using Smartwater to mark property and valuables continues to increase as a result of visits from PCSO Sandra Syphas and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. These include The Green, Church Street, Churchmere Road, The Nursery, Lady Place and High Street. Visits to Drayton households will begin in the next few weeks. Regular updates will be provided through NAG5 Safety Corner pieces in the village newsletters. If you would like to buy a kit, or would like more information, please call the non-emergency police number 101, or contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

Rogue traders

If you think a rogue trader is operating in your area, call Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845.

NAG5 can be contacted by e-mail at neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com or by telephone on 01235 848694.

ED VAIZEY MP

One of the privileges of being an MP is the opportunity to visit some of the remarkable organisations that flourish in my Constituency. In recent weeks I have been able to see the work done by two of them.

The Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance service is based at RAF Benson and provides a vital service for my Constituents and many others across a broad, very rural area. It is a charity which receives no government funding for the helicopter or the team who maintain and fly it, but works very closely indeed with the South Central Ambulance Service which provides the paramedics and doctors who are transported to wherever they are needed. The standard of equipment on the helicopter was a great surprise to me – it really is almost a flying A&E department in its own right. The professionalism and teamwork evident in a service which can get to the most remote and difficult areas to help patients after accidents or with severe medical conditions such as strokes or heart attacks were truly awe-inspiring.

I was also inspired when I visited Mission Motorsport, a charity based near Wantage which works with both serving members of the armed forces and veterans to use motorsport as a means of rehabilitation. That ranges from organising trips for wounded veterans to motorsport events to setting up work experience placements and even finding jobs with major motor employers. The dedication of the small but very focused team was really impressive, but what really struck home was – again - the way everyone worked together as a team to achieve their aims. It's a serious organisation with a serious purpose, but the sense of camaraderie and humour I saw was fantastic.

As charities, both the Air Ambulance and Mission Motorsport need all the support they can get from the public, so I thoroughly recommend taking a look at their websites – www.missionmotorsport.org and www.tvaca.org to find out more about them. I hope you'll be as fascinated and inspired as I was.

This month, as well as correspondence about the situation in Gaza, I've received a number of emails and letters regarding climate change. Climate change is one of the twenty-first century's biggest policy challenges, and I was pleased to be able to reassure those who got in touch that the UK is taking a leading role in tackling climate change on the world stage, working towards a binding global deal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit change to manageable levels. The Government is clear in its commitment to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80%. In the meantime, Ministers will continue to work with their European counterparts to push for an ambitious 2030 EU target.

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.



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Legal advice

In these days of targets and key performance indicators, it is very difficult for most people in public service, in private companies and in the professions, to hide mistakes or shortcomings. There is always a line manager or inspector somewhere ready to pounce. Most of us can be held to account. Modern society's demands for value for money and ever higher targets have certainly made us a much more efficient and productive society (if perhaps more stressed).

Strange then, that one of the most commonly used, highest charging professions of all does not seem to have fallen in line with most of the rest of society. I am, of course, talking about the legal profession – and I very much hope that there will be solicitors out there who can reassure me that I am wrong.

I have become painfully aware over the past few years of examples of poor or inadequate legal advice given to residents I represent – particularly in the area of house conveyancing. The number of homeowners whose solicitors do not seem to have made them aware (or aware enough) of not having a “right to a view”, the possibility of new developments around the home they wish to buy and the implications of living on unadopted roads, are just a few of the issues that I, a mere unqualified and non-expert politician, have had to explain to people (I am not answerable for, but then I don't charge for the advice I give). It is disappointing that the resident who has received poor or inadequate and relatively expensive legal advice has few realistic options. To be fair, there is so much housing and infrastructure development going on in our area at present, it is quite a challenge to keep up with it all. But that is what we pay our hefty conveyancing bills for, and it is surely reasonable to demand some answerability.

Luxury Buses

Whilst visiting the Marcham Community Shop I saw one of the upmarket new buses on its way to Oxford with hand sewn Italian leather seats amongst other luxuries. My first reaction, given that the fares are the same as for a normal bus, was it really worth the bus company's time and money? But now I am thinking that if luxury buses encourage people out of their Jaguars, Mercedes and 4X4s, then maybe they really are an interesting idea!

Area Stewardship Grants

Well done, the hard-pressed, hard up County Council for managing to find the resources to fund these Grants for another year. If anyone has ideas on how £200-£2000 could be spent in or around their village on a “Highways” project – please get in touch.

Car Parking in Villages

As the number of cars in our villages rapidly approaches the number of residents, how we park and where we park is becoming an ever more common theme in local councillor casework. It seems that the law is not very helpful on this issue. In law, I am told that No-one has a “right” to park on the public highway, however, if the parking is clearly causing an obstruction, then the police can take action. As we all know, an obstruction is a very difficult thing to define. Developers of new housing are required to provide 2 parking spaces per home and 1 per flat. Many of us now have far more vehicles than that. It seems, therefore, that the only way to address the issue in our ever-more crowded villages is to appeal to everyone's sense of reason.

- Please be aware of your neighbours need to access his/her own house/driveway.
- If you own more than 2 cars in your household, please think carefully where you are parking the extra cars and be prepared to park the extras a little farther from your house than might seem convenient particularly if your road is very full of parked cars.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

- If you believe someone is causing an obstruction by the way they park, please try speaking to them first. (Once the authorities get involved, it becomes an issue that takes a long time to go away!).
- If this doesn't work, please let me know and I will discuss it with the police.

Some notices for General Interest

- Work begins in October on the long awaited 'Hamburger' roundabout on the A34 Milton interchange – there is bound to be disruption while this lengthy project is undertaken.
- Reduce traffic on Drayton Road – use the new free cash machine at Milton Park – it's slightly closer and a lot easier to get to than any in Abingdon – ensuring that it is heavily used will increase the chances of keeping it!

Richard Webber

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CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

Did you know that current plans for the county include 80,000 new jobs, 90,000 more residents and 100,000 more houses – all within the next 17 years? This proposed growth in housing is the equivalent of every town and village increasing in size by 40%.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned about how the speed and scale of this development could cause irretrievable damage to our landscape and local communities, and the impact it will have on already over-stretched services and infrastructure particularly in rural areas.

It has launched a campaign – **Protect Rural Oxfordshire** (PRO) - to fight for a more sustainable vision for the future of the county.

To find out more see our website www.cpreoxon.org.uk

or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin (E: administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk / T: 01865 874780).

World's Biggest Coffee Morning - in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 27th September 2014

Come along for Cake and Coffee

11:00 - 14:00

Village Hall

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Bad smells around Didcot & Sutton Courtenay

August 2014

In July, the Environment Agency received over 50 reports of bad smells from residents living near to waste sites at Appleford Sidings. We would like to update you on our investigations and what you can do to help us.

There are a number of waste operations on the land at Appleford Sidings. We regulate these activities using permits which include conditions the operator must comply with to minimise emissions from the site. FCC operates a landfill, compost site and a materials recycling facility at this location. Each has the potential to generate odour. There are also other activities that go on in the area that can generate smells such as muck spreading.

While we accept there will be occasional smells from waste sites, operators must not cause serious odour pollution. When we receive a report we contact the operator who will investigate if the smell is from their activity. We will also endeavour to investigate the source of odour ourselves, determine its severity and check if the operator is complying with their permit.

In light of these recent complaints we have increased our inspections to these waste sites and have had extra staff completing odour surveys in the area. Investigating this issue is a high priority for us. Out of five surveys we have carried out following complaints, one of them confirmed a faint compost odour. We have informed FCC of our findings and asked them to review their procedures at this site. We have also completed inspections of the landfill and highlighted areas for FCC to improve their gas collection system which they are already completing.

What you can do to help

If you have a complaint about odour from a waste site please use our free phone 24 hour hotline number 0800 80 70 60. It is very important though that we receive timely and accurate information (see information box for the details we need).

If you have a complaint about odour from one of our regulated sites please call our incident Hotline on:

0800 80 70 60

This is a free phone 24-hour service.

When you call please provide as much information as you can, such as:

- When did you first notice the problem?
- Is it occurring now?
- What are the weather conditions?
- What does it smell like?
- Is the problem constant or intermittent?
- How intense is the odour on a scale of 1 – 6 (see below)?

1 – Very faint odour 4 – Strong odour

2 – Faint odour 5 – Very strong odour

3 – Distinct odour 6 – Extremely strong odour

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

CAN THE PLANNERS COUNT??

Another 26 houses proposed for behind Milton Road, making 136 altogether. If all the agreed developments, proposed developments and those in the pipeline are built which, from past experience, will be, this village will increase in size by nearly 1000 houses. How can this be called sustainable?

The school is already full

The sewage system is ancient and cannot cope now

The water pressure is already low

This could mean 2000 more cars just from the enlarged village. At peak times, the village can't cope well with the traffic now, so, the roads are inadequate.

And now, to top it all, the warehouse has raised its revolting head. There is an appeal and a new application.....all without knowing who intends to use this facility. The application was refused partly because of the objection from Milton Park, which refused the extra traffic using their roads. Have Milton Park "done a deal" with the developers? They must have done if the planners agree that the roads can sustain HGV's arriving and departing at the site 24 hours a day.....or are they mad?

We pay these planners.....we are their employers. So, how is it that they can ride roughshod over the residents of Sutton Courtenay who, at every chance and with very good reasons, have objected to the plans.

I despair !!!!

Lesley Clements

'ASQUITH PARK'

Earlier this year the Vale of White Horse District Council, at the suggestion of the Parish Council, agreed to name the Redrow housing estate being built in Milton Road "Asquith Place". Many will know there is a connection between the Prime Minister HH Asquith and the village. He retired here to his weekend house, The Wharf, and is buried in our churchyard; but should our streets be named after individuals, especially particularly controversial ones? As Prime Minister, Asquith was war leader for the first 28 months of World War 1 and many war historians claim his tenure was disastrous, including the high casualty rates suffered during the Battle of the Somme. It therefore seems insensitive to name a large addition to the village after him, especially in this year of national remembrance for the fallen of that terrible tragedy.

I consider the village and Milton Road residents should have an estate not named after a long dead politician, but perhaps a location or something historic. Redrow themselves mention the Saxon history of Milton Road in their advertisements for the estate and perhaps this would be far more appropriate. The company were kind enough to contact me about this. They are concerned although, in general, they feel the name "Asquith Park" is "aspirational". As I write, the Managing Director will consider whether to seek a name change.

I understand from both the District Council officer concerned and Parish Council rules that change can also be made via the local authority route; but, with respect to the Parish Council, there would have to be a "special motion" supported by 7 councillors.

If others in the village feel, as I do, that it is not acceptable to use the name Asquith Park for the newest area of our village, perhaps they could make their views known to our Parish Councillors and Redrow alike, in the hope that it can be changed to something more appropriate?

Pauline Wilson, Milton Road

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Volunteers Needed

The appeal last year in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford was our best ever, totalling £2,493.46. This reflects £2,429.46 collected and £64.00 in gift aid following recent HMRC approval of £256 collections supported by valid Gift Aid declarations.

I urgently need some additional house-to-house poppy collectors in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford to help with this year's appeal, as some of my collectors have now moved from the area. If you can spare a few hours of your time then please contact me.

Mark Haffenden

Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Oxfordshire Advocacy

We are looking for volunteers for our next training course

Charity no: 1131403

Oxfordshire Advocacy is an independent, confidential free service supporting adults in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account.

Volunteer advocates work with people who need support to challenge decisions, uphold rights, attend meetings or make a complaint. We have a new project supporting adults over 50 who have been affected by cancer.

Next training course is in Oxford on 2nd 3rd, 10th October 2014

For an informal interview prior to training, contact :

jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk

Tel: 01865 230201

Website: www.gettingheard.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (CONTINUED)

EMERGENCY ON THE RECREATION GROUND

On the 24th July I found a man collapsed on the recreation ground in Sutton Courtenay. An ambulance was called but was unable to get through the overhead barrier. Also, the field gate was locked.

I feel there ought to be information nearby with a phone number to ring in an emergency. Or, maybe a key could be kept in a shop or public house.

In these cases, time is of the essence.

Mick Clack, Appleford