

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.



November

Tue	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	4th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Wed	5th	6- 7.30pm	Damascus Youth Art Project	Village Hall
Sat	8th	7- 8.30pm	Evening of Remembrance	Church
Sun	9th	11am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
Tue	18th	7.30pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Wed	19th		SCN DEC/JANUARY COPY DEADLINE	
Sat	22nd	10.30am	WI Christmas Coffee Morning	The Plough
Sun	23rd	9am	WI visit to Gloucester Quays	Garage in SC
Sun	23rd	7.30pm	All Saints' Singers—The Messiah	Church
Thur	27th	10.30am	Coffee and Cakes	Church
Sat	29th	11— 2.00	Christmas Bazaar	School

December

Sat	6th	6.30pm	Yuletide Evening	The Abbey
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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

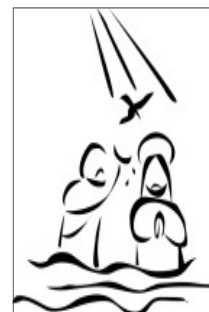
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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

Matthew James CULLEN and Jennifer Clare ANSDELL on Saturday 11th October 2014.



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Charlie Jonathan William Morris on 12th October 2014

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Recreation Ground

It has been noticed that residents, whilst walking in the recreation ground, have been picking up litter and helping to maintain the area in order. The Council very much appreciates the help and would thank those involved in keeping things tidy.

School Admissions - Entry to primary or Infant school September 2015

If you are a parent or carer of a child born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 then you need to apply for a primary school place now. You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2015. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone 01865 815175 for information about applying via a paper form.



Mobile Libraries

The County Council has recently reviewed its mobile library service. The service is very much appreciated by those who use it, but statistics show that some stops are not used very much. The County Council is not proposing financial cuts, but is looking very carefully at the way the mobile library service is delivered. The County Council is consulting on the mobile library service until 31st December 2014. The current proposal is to have just one stopping place in Bradstocks Way on a fortnightly basis. Further information can be found at <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/mobilelibraryserviceconsultation/consultationHome> where a response form can be completed.

Cemetery

As mentioned previously by Michael Jenkins, there are several dog owners using the cemetery as a dog exercise area with dogs chasing over the graves. The Council has received more complaints about dogs in the cemetery over this last month. The Cemetery is provided as a final resting place for parishioners and should be a place of dignity and peace. It is not intended as a walking place for dogs. The Council would ask dog owners to be responsible for your animal and respect the burial ground. The Council would ask residents to be observant and to let the clerk know if people with dogs are in the cemetery inappropriately.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants when setting its budget for the next financial year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Sutton Courtenay residents benefit, which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk as soon as possible, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Dark Nights/Fireworks

Now that the clocks have changed, and the dark nights are drawing in the Council would remind residents of the importance of keeping homes and vehicles secure throughout the darker winter months. It will soon be bonfire night when many enjoy fireworks, but please be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

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PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

Culham Bridges - Closure

The Abingdon Road and Tollgate Road will be closed from 13th November for 7 working days to allow for footway reconstruction works. The suggested alternate route is via Drayton Road, village of Drayton and Abingdon.

Superfast Broadband

Open Reach are well on the way to updating cabinets within the village to allow for superfast broadband to most properties. Check whether you can obtain the higher speed broadband by going to

<http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/> and entering your postcode. If the cabinet near you is accepting orders and you wish to change to superfast broadband, then look at the service providers to selected the best deal for your needs.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P14/V1978/FUL Development of a standby electricity generation plant at Sutton Courtenay Lane. The Council objected to the proposal on grounds of location, noise, pollution fumes, and lighting.

MW.0090/13 Release of condition 20 for the traffic management plan – Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site. The Council objected to this, as the information submitted was just a drawing, and did not take into account traffic implications off site.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th November, 2014 at 7.30 pm. 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 News

Notice

Of

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of will be held in
the Committee Room, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
on 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm

Nominations for Chairman, Editor, Advertising Manager & Treasurer together with the details of two seconders should be sent to Clare Pennicott at clarepennicott@btinternet.com or
8 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

In September, children from Year 5 and 6 went on a residential week long trip to an adventurous activity centre. Residential trips are excellent for developing independent skills and to enable children to tackle new and exciting activities. They may well be a little daunted by some but most overcome their fears.

The following are diary entries from some of the children:

On Wednesday we did the giant swing. It was really scary but really good fun. The giant swing is when you were harnessed on and you dangled really high and then your friends pulled you up really high. Then when you said "STOP!" you pull a white cord and then you keep on swinging until you stop. Tara Clay

On Tuesday my group did abseiling, aeroball, open canoeing and climbing. When we did abseiling the wall we abseiled down looked very high - but not as high as it looked when you were actually up there! When I got to the top and put my foot out on the wall I felt really scared because it felt like you were going to fall. Once I got to the bottom I didn't feel as scared so I had another go!

At the end of the day I fell straight asleep after we talked for about 15 minutes. Megan Jones

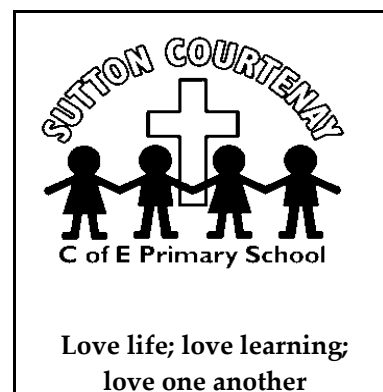
The setting totally changed as we moved onto climbing. Climbing was very hard and I was feeling worried because I needed to really trust the person b-laying...

The giant swing was challenging. First we had to pull the rope to hoist people high up. I was amazed of how high others had gone. My heart was racing. I was very scared of having a go, however I did go on with Mrs Clark. I was terrified as soon as Mrs Clark pulled the string my tummy flipped. Then we had another go so we went even higher. In the end that was my favourite activity. Gracie Whittington

Please do visit our website to see pictures of these exciting activities!

Date for your diary:

Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 29th November 2014 (11.00am-2.00pm)



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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

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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

From the Ministry Team...

Without your prayers, we might not be alive today

The Bible talks a lot about remembering. The Israelites are to remember the Lord who led them out of slavery; the psalmist says "I will remember the works of the Lord"; and of course Jesus commanded us to remember him every time we celebrate Holy Communion in breaking bread and drinking wine.

Remembering is something that, as Christians, ought to be part of our very fabric – and November is a great month to be able to do that, with All Saints and All Souls, as well as Remembrance Sunday.

But as well as remembering events from the past, and loved ones who have passed away, and giving God thanks for them, we should take time this November to remember Christians in other parts of the world who are suffering oppression, marginalisation and persecution. Sunday 16 November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), so why not make a commitment to pray every day in November for Christians – in over 100 countries, from Iraq to India, from Sudan to Sri Lanka, from Cuba to China - who live in countries without religious freedom. They face difficulties, dangers and even death, and they desperately need our prayers. Kenia Gude Pérez knows all about the power and importance of prayer. From where she stood outside the Cuban prison where her husband Omar was held, she cried out to God for mercy and justice for her family. Omar Gude Pérez had been sentenced to six years and seven months in prison on 16 July 2009. He was detained on various false charges, targeted by the Cuban government because of his leadership position in a church network which isn't officially recognised. While Omar was in prison Kenia was only allowed to visit him every three weeks. At home, she was forced to fight for their own house, as the authorities repeatedly threatened to confiscate it. After years of struggle, the whole family has now safely relocated to the United States. But for many others, the struggle to be able to worship freely in Cuba goes on. Please pray for them, as well as those who persecute them. So, as we head through November, the month of remembering, let's look back and praise God for what he has done; let's look forward and trust him for what he will do; but let's also remember all those who face difficulties and danger because of their faith and give thanks for all the freedom we have.

With love and prayers, Helen

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

ALL SOULS'

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

Sutton Courtenay

Sunday 2nd November 2014 at 6pm

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

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

COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE

Thursday 27th November

10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- **Sunday 2nd** – 10.30am Family Service for **All Saints' Day**. After the morning service there will be a sale of cards and wrapping paper in aid of Save the Children.
- 6pm Service of Naming and Remembering for All Souls'.
- **Saturday 8th** – 7-8.30pm An Evening of Remembrance with readings, poems, songs and stories from the WW1 Experiences of the men of Sutton Courtenay's Roll of Honour. Tickets £5. All proceeds to the War Memorial Restoration Appeal.
- **Sunday 9th** – **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – 10am Shortened Parish Eucharist.
- 11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. 11.15am A Service of Remembrance for the whole community.
- **Thursday 27th** – 10.30-12 noon Coffee & Cakes & Book Stall in the Church – open for all
- **Saturday 29th** – 11-2pm Christmas Bazaar @ the Primary School – see advert for details – if you can help in anyway please contact the Vicarage Office 848297 or the School office 848333.
- **Sunday 30th** – **ADVENT SUNDAY** – 10.30am Family Service for Advent. 6pm DAMASCUS Group Advent Carol Service – singing the great hymns of Advent and telling the story of waiting for the birth of the Saviour of the World.

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- **Saturday 6th** – Yuletide Evening hosted by the Friends of All Saints' in the Great Hall of the Abbey

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

UPDATE ON ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

Over the last few years we've installed CCTV to enable the Church to be safely left open for visitors; we've installed a new heating system; we've improved the interior of the church with an enlarged carpeted dais; we're in the process of creating a welcome area near the door and plans are progressing on providing improved kitchen, toilet and meeting facilities. We are not alone as, across the country, church buildings are being adapted to help them meet the needs of the 21st century. Few have modern amenities let alone the suitable spaces to meet the demands of expanding populations. Anyone visiting All Saints', whether on a regular basis or for a family event or concert, will know that we do not have the essential facilities to offer the local community. For example, we only have one toilet, which is not fully accessible (or available to visitors during the week), and no proper kitchen facilities for a multi-purpose venue. There are several churches in the near locality that have already risen to the challenge of making essential changes and a number of Parochial Church Council members have been to investigate projects in Benson, Stadhampton, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Harwell, Goring and Stokenchurch to see what might be the best solution for Sutton Courtenay. These study visits have been extremely useful and every place has seen increased use by young and old across the community. Our challenge is now to come up with an appropriate extension and we need everyone to get involved so that the Church is 'fit for purpose' for today and future generations. It is that important! We are in the process of commissioning architects and are looking forward to seeing their proposals – watch this space for more information or feel free to contact Helen or the Churchwardens for any more information.

HARVEST GIFTS

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended our Harvest Services in Appleford and Sutton Courtenay, and to the children of the primary school, we were able to donate a car full of harvest gifts to the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford plus cash donations from the church, individuals and the school children totalling over £250. The Steppin' Stone Centre have written to thank us saying, "The generous support from individuals and groups such as yourselves make it possible for us not only to exist but to continue to provide the support and help for those most in need of it. Food and clothing donations enable us to keep running costs down and ensure that all funding is being spent where it can best be used to improve the lives of those who use our service."

WOMENS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

At our October meeting several members gave us an interesting and amusing account of their childhood. Pat read from a paper written by her great aunt Ada Jordon who was born in 1896 and witnessed many interesting events in the village, how things have changed since then.

Next month Jim Haydon is kindly going to entertain us with some of his very interesting slides etc. I am afraid I can't be more specific.

I would like to wish Barbara and Rose well and hope they will be back with us very soon.

Our next meeting is on 11th November, 2pm in the village hall.

Pat Steptoe

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

WELCOME

We were very pleased to officially welcome the Reverend Tim Hewes to Sutton Courtenay and Appleford as a new member of our ministry team at our Parish Eucharist on 12th October.

Tim spent his early years growing up in Sutton Courtenay and he is very much looking forward to reconnecting and getting to know the community once again. He can be contacted directly on 07771 880117 and will be working one or two days a week – generally Wednesdays and then covering for Helen's day off on Fridays as well as helping out with services on Sundays and with weddings and baptisms.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All Saints' Church choir is looking for extra voices to enhance the music at our Christmas Services. If you would like to join us in singing a variety of Christmas Carols and Anthems over the Christmas period then please come and join us in the Church for rehearsals on the following Fridays: 28th November, 5th December, 12th December, 19th December. Juniors meet from 6.15pm-7.15pm and Adults from 6.30pm-7.15pm. Any questions please contact Ian Miles 07788715873.

REST IN PEACE

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

JOYCE (JOY) PATRICIA SHUREY who died on 11th September 2014 was born on 22nd May 1926 in Southall in Middlesex to her parents Fred and Edith and she grew up in Cranford, near London Airport, with her older sister Betty. On leaving school she worked for HMV as a Dictaphone typist. Joy was a brilliant ice-skater and she met Stan at Richmond ice-rink, where she had gone with her friend, Daphne, when they were about 15. By his own admission Stan couldn't really skate but he took an instant liking to Joy and fought off her other suitor so determined was he to court her. After a courtship spent ice-skating and going to the Chiswick Empire to see many of the celebrities of the time – including The Inkspots and Johnny Ray - they were married in March 1951. They spent the early years of their married life living with Joy's parents before Stan got a mechanic's job working for Mr Sinclair at Lady Place in Sutton Courtenay which came with a house and so they moved to Oxfordshire. They had three children, Carole, Martin and Lyn and Joy stayed at home to look after them in their home in Barretts Way, whilst Stan went to work as a telephone engineer for the Post Office. They developed a great love of Dorset and they would holiday there every year at first camping in a tent and then in a caravan. In 1968 they discovered Church Knowle Farm and year after year they returned and their BBQs became legendary. They met countless people and made life-long friends across the generations. Joy also loved her garden, growing vegetables and flowers, and over the years was a very busy knitter making clothes for children and grandchildren. As the children became more independent she worked as a dinner lady at Sutton Courtenay Primary School and made sandwiches for the village shop to sell. She was also a home help for the elderly and would always help out with friends and neighbours whenever she could. Sadly Martin died suddenly eight years – a tragic event which devastated Joy and all the family but they continued to love and support one another through difficult times. In later years Joy also had to face up to the increasing pain of rheumatoid arthritis but she never complained or moaned and, with Stan's help, continued to live as actively as possible. She still maintained her smile which always managed to light up the room and continued to take an interest in the lives of her family. She was very grateful in recent times for the loving support from her friends and neighbours who offered daily support and from all her family. She also greatly enjoyed time spent at the Didcot Day Centre. She was a tiny lady with great personal strength and courage – one of life's optimists, always looking on the bright side of life. She loved her family and always put them first. They will greatly miss her.

Her funeral took place at Oxford Crematorium, Friday 19th September 2014 and this is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.

TRIBUTES

Martin Davies

It is with regret that we recently learned of the death of Martin Davies last April. Martin set up Oxford University Resources for the Blind (OURC) which was based in Room 128 in the New Bodleian. OURB had the backing of RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People), and provided materials for blind scholars and the staff who taught them. Not least of the materials provided by OURB were the tape recordings made by volunteer readers – staff might well recall the adverts on noticeboards around the library calling for volunteers to undertake the task! Martin was also one of the early Bodleian guides, becoming a familiar figure around the library. When he decided to retire from guiding, Martin went back to his former department (now called ARACU) as a volunteer and was always keen to keep up to date with the new technologies which enable students with a variety of disabilities to study successfully at Oxford.

Gwydwr Leitch

Mrs Doris Edith Harrison of Sutton Courtney died in Abingdon Hospital after a short illness on Saturday, 27th September, aged 100 years. She celebrated her 100th birthday on the 10th November last year and was so thrilled to receive her birthday card from the Queen and have all her family around her.

Doris was always a very outgoing person, always looking forward to travelling, especially her holidays and right up until she was 98 she was very fortunate in not having had any serious illnesses to prevent her travelling abroad.

Doris was married to Frederick who died in 1990 and they had three children, Donald, Doreen and Christine and she had 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

She survived two World Wars and lived in Hornsey, London which was heavily bombed so the family was evacuated to Shrewsbury in Shropshire where they lived for some 18 years until Frederick got transferred to Abingdon Aerodrome in his job as an engineer.

She moved house a couple of times but remained living in Sutton Courtenay and in her later years she lived in a purpose built annexe at her daughter's home. Whilst she wanted to remain independent in her later years she became reliant on her daughter Doreen to insure her care needs were met.

She was a very devout Catholic who never missed attending Sunday Mass and a service was held at The Church of English Martyrs, Didcot in celebration of her life.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STEVENTON & DISTRICT

As I write this, British servicemen and women are again in harm's way over Iraq, for the third time in just over 20 years, fighting a particularly vicious and inhumane enemy. The equipment and technology has changed over the years, but I am very sure that the camaraderie, dedication and self-sacrifice of these outstanding young men and women would be familiar to their RAF predecessors, who first fought in the skies over Iraq in the early 1920's, almost 100 years ago.

November is the month traditionally associated with Remembrance, but for thousands of families and former service personnel, memories are a constant throughout the year, often still raw despite the passing of decades. Please do take a moment at 11am on the 11th to pause, reflect, and give thanks to all those who have laid down their lives to protect the rights and freedoms that we too often take for granted.

If you have the time please consider attending one of the several local Remembrance Services on the 9th of November, and details of these are:

Milton Church - 10.45am, **Sutton Courtenay** -- 11am, **Drayton** 6 pm

There will also be a short service at **Steventon** War Memorial on Tuesday 11th Nov at 11am.

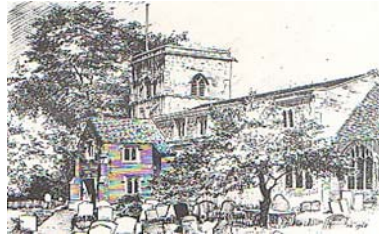
Your local branch is always available to support and advise, and key contact details for the Committee members are:

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The next Branch meeting will be at 8.00pm on Monday 17th November. The venue remains at the Steventon Sports and Social Club from 7.30pm on for a pre meeting drink, before the committee meeting itself at 8.00pm. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



YULETIDE EVENING



In the Great Hall of the Abbey
On Saturday 6th December 2014
from 6.30-8.30pm

Paté, Cheese and French Bread

Mulled Wine

Raffle

Carols



Tickets £9 (under 12 £6) available from Nora Harragin (848235)
and Members of the committee

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



The History Society will be taking part in the Evening of Remembrance on Saturday 8th November at 7.00pm to commemorate the centenary of World War 1 and the lives of the men from this village who appear on the Roll of Honour. (See details elsewhere in the News and on posters).

The Roll of Honour book will be on sale for £5 at the event and all proceeds will go towards the restoration of the War Memorial.

Sutton Courtenay Local History Website

The official history website is sclhs.org.uk where you will find up-to-date information about the society and its meetings. We try to be accurate with the historical items on the website which also includes many photographs of the village, both old and new, so do have a browse and any comments are welcome.

Mary Thompson

THE EARTH TRUST, LONG WITTENHAM

Introduction to Coppicing

Saturday 1st November, 9.30am-4pm

An introductory session for anyone with an interest in traditional woodland skills. £50; booking essential.

Winter Wetland Bird Walk

Sunday 2nd November, 9.30am-11.30am

A walk around Thrupp Lake, Radley to see some of the wetland birds on site. £5 adults, £2 children, FREE for Earth Trust Friends; booking essential.

Insect Home Making

Sunday 2nd November, 10am-2pm

Turn up throughout the day and make a hibernacula for the insects in your garden to keep warm in this winter. £3 per child, accompanying adult(s) free; drop in.

'River of Life' Tree Planting

Sunday 9th November, 10am-4pm

This month's Sunday Volunteer Group will be planting trees in the new wet woodland on our River of Life site. The activity starts at 10am and runs until 4pm though you're not obliged to stay all day. Meeting place to be confirmed - for more information email volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk or call 01865 409413.

All events unless stated take place at the Earth Trust, Long Wittenham OX14 4QZ. Website www.earthtrust.org.uk



An Evening of Remembrance
TELLING THEIR STORY
in Readings, Poems & Songs

The Experiences of the men of Sutton Courtenay's
WWI Roll of Honour

(and artwork from the DAMASCUS Youth Project on display)

7.00pm

Saturday 8th November 2014

in

All Saints' Church

Tickets £5

all proceeds to the War Memorial Restoration Appeal

(Available on the door or

in advance from Burgrey Stores)

Light Refreshments will be available



Sutton Courtenay
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 29th November

11am-2pm

Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School
Bradstocks Way



Come and enjoy festive fare

Stock up with Christmas goodies

Buy homemade cakes

Chocolate & bottle tombolas

Sumptuous Hamper Raffle

Quality bric-a-brac and books

Browse and buy from stalls

Visit Father Christmas

Play seasonal games

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE
SCHOOL**



Top Fun Sundays continue throughout the Autumn season. Every Sunday is the perfect **Family Fun Day** out, offering rib-tickling children's shows, lots of great free activities to keep the little ones amused and delicious family food. What more could you want?!

- **Juggling, live music, puppetry and mischievous storytelling**, in Three Wise Monkeys, bring Seeno, Hearn and Speakno to Cornerstone on Sunday 2 November. They come to entertain and enlighten all little monkeys aged between 3 and 7 and their families.
- **Folk duo Megson provide a lovely gentle afternoon for ages from 4** in a fun concert of children's folk songs on Sunday 9 November.
- **Pop-up sets, original music and beautiful puppets** help to tell three traditional tales in The Magic Porridge Pot, which is brought to us by Theatre of Widdershins, a Cornerstone favourite.
- Children's theatre from Compagnie Animotion on Sunday 23 November with Silver Moon, for ages from 4 to 11 years. Helda, a poor girl, is cold on Christmas Eve but her imagination is filled with her grandmother's tales. Jurgen, a rich diplomat's son, invites her to warm herself by the fire. Helda takes him on a fantastical journey where friendship cannot be bought and imagination is the cleverest thing. Live music and shadow puppetry.
- **Lots of jokes to make children from 6 - and their parents - laugh** with the return of children's comedy show Comedy 4 Kids, and a pre-show workshop for ages 7 to 13 years, on Sunday 3 November. Professional stand-ups perform a whole show devised for children. No swearing and no naughty bits.

Top Fun Sunday MULTI-BUY. Buy tickets for two Top Fun Sunday shows and get the third set of tickets for free.

Offer excludes The Queen's Knickers and Comedy Club 4 Kids. All three shows must be booked at the same time.

Only one discount per booking. The same value of tickets must be booked for each show.

St Giles Orchestra returns to Cornerstone on Saturday 8 November with A Night in Vienna, a great introduction to the classics for all the family, full of polkas, marches and waltzes including the Blue Danube. On Wednesday 12 November **Not About Heroes** tells the unforgettable story of two of the finest 'Great War' poets, Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. Stephen MacDonald's acclaimed play paints a vivid and moving picture of their friendship, interdependency, poetry and the conflict that brought them together.

Christmas Crafts for Cornerstone on Saturday 15 November is a free workshop offering the opportunity to work with a facilitator to learn new techniques. Use a variety of materials to make festive decorations for us to use in the building over the Christmas period.

Finally a reminder that this year's **family Christmas show is The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus** and, as always with our festive family shows, it's full of fun, laughs, audience interaction and music to really get you in the Christmas mood. Tickets and full details available from the Box Office or our website.

We'll be back next month with more news of what's in store for Christmas and the New Year.

Details of our full Autumn season programme and online booking are available on our website at

<http://www.cornerstone-arts.org>, or call the Box Office on 01235 515144 (closed Monday).

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



It was lovely to see so many new faces at our Singalong Showstoppers open evening. I do hope that you will return. Our meeting on 18 November is about film and television locations. We certainly have a few of those in Oxfordshire, and maybe Lynda Warren will talk about some further afield. We shall have to wait and see.

I think that we have just about dried out from our very wet visit to Westonbirt Arboretum. The beautiful autumn leaves looked spectacular in the rain!

Now our WI thoughts are turning to Christmas. Well, our ladies like to be prepared! We are booking for Christmas songs at The Oxford Town Hall, a Christmas workshop, and a day at our WI college in Marcham, sponsored by Aldi.

There are trips to Bath Christmas market and also a special coach is booked for Sunday 23 November leaving from the garage in Sutton Courtenay at 9am to Gloucester Quays Victorian Market, where there will be shopping, music and mulled wine available, or you can wander off to the cathedral. We are pleased to be able to open this to anyone from the village at a cost of £12 for non members. (Please phone Margaret on 01235 847472 to check availability.)

We are also holding a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 22 November in The Plough - many thanks to Pepe for welcoming us again. This will run from 10.30am, and there will be free entry, coffee and mince pies, bric a brac, raffle, a beauty stall, plants and - well you can't beat a WI cake stall! (Any donations of bric a brac are welcome and Margaret is happy to collect.) We have invited the Damascus Youth Group to join us to boost their fund raising. Do please come and join us, have a chat and bring your friends.

Beryl Davies

POLICE ADVICE AFTER ASSAULT IN DRAYTON

Editors' note:

A resident contacted Sutton Courtenay News about safety concerns following an incident of rape in Drayton recently. The advice given by Sandra Syphas, of Thames Valley Police, is as follows:

We have no information to impart as yet regarding a suspect as the investigation is still ongoing. The only advice regarding news of the suspect I can give is to watch the media for updates.

From a safety point of view, I would advise that you continue to enjoy your activities, but perhaps find a companion, or only run where there are residencies and plenty of light. This is more for your own peace of mind, as many people, especially in Drayton, have lost confidence in enjoying their pursuits. Over time these anxieties will ease I am sure.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone : 07890 317292

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Tues. Nov. 4th. 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual meeting with Maureen Bright

Tues. Dec 2nd. 7.30pm. Village Hall Spiritual meeting with Michelle Quinn

On Tuesday 4th October we enjoyed the meeting but it was not quite as planned. Due to circumstances we did not get into the Village Hall until 7.10pm, where upon the people who came a little early put out the chairs and tables and got the hall ready in 20 minutes flat. We do thank you all. Our speaker/medium failed to arrive. Once again John Scotcher and Sharon, a village lady, both worked very well for us all. It is the first time we have had Sharon give clairvoyance and she is good. She is one of our regulars and we hope to see more of her work sometime. Thank you all for your support.

Any queries - Pat and Sam. 01234 847460

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Sat Nov 22nd 7.30pm Verdi Requiem

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING APOLOGY

I am so sorry for the confusion over the Macmillan Coffee Morning, due to a misunderstanding of another Coffee Morning on the same date both events were cancelled.

Sincere apologies to those of you who turned up!

Teresa Harris-White

NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

As the clocks change and the shorter days of winter approach it's a good time of year for some safety and security-related reminders.



Pedestrians

- Use pavements, or paths, whenever possible.
- If there is no pavement keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic, keep close to the side of the road and walk in single file
- In poor daylight conditions help road users to see you by wearing or carrying something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent.
- When it's dark use reflective materials (armbands, jackets, waistcoats, sashes, footwear). Drivers using headlights can see reflective materials three times further away than those that are non-reflective.
- Never try to cross the road in front or behind of a vehicle with its engine running.

Cyclists

The following are some of the legal requirements for cyclists. If a breach is witnessed the police can issue an on-the-spot fine.

- If used before sunrise, after sunset or in poor visibility bicycles must have, and use, fully operational front and rear lights. They must also have a red rear reflector.
- Riding a bicycle on a footpath is not permitted (with the exception of very young children).
- Obey a traffic sign or order (e.g. stop at the line when a traffic light is at red, or contra-flow to permitted traffic direction).
- Obey a signal from a police officer or traffic warden.
- Riding a bicycle under the influence of drink or drugs is not permitted.
- A bike is for one person only - passengers must not be carried by a cyclist.

For your own safety please wear head protection and ensure visibility to other road users.

Vehicle drivers

To ensure your safety and to avoid breakdown during the winter please note the following advice.

- Keep your windscreen and other windows clear of dirt and remove any snow from front and rear lights, windscreen, windows and roof using de-icer and a scraper as necessary.
- Ensure the windscreen wipers are in working order and keep the screen wash reservoir topped up.
- Ensure front and rear lights are in full working order and free from dirt.
- Keep number plates clean and visible.
- Tyres should have a minimum 2mm of tread and preferably 3mm or above.
- Avoid the water pump freezing by using antifreeze.
- Car batteries rarely last longer than five years. Consider replacement if it's nearing the end of its life - lights, heating and wipers place a high demand on batteries during winter months.
- Use headlights in seriously reduced visibility.
- Remember that stopping distances are 10 times longer in ice and snow.
- Carry an emergency kit in the car: tow rope, shovel, hazard-warning triangle, a fully charged mobile phone, de-icing equipment, a working torch, warm clothing, wellington boots, blanket and emergency rations including a hot drink in a flask.

More information can be found in The Highway Code, <https://www.gov.uk/highway-code>, or visit ROSPA's website at <http://www.rospa.com>. Alternatively call ROSPA's general information line on 0121 248 2000.

NAG5 can be contacted at neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com or by calling 01235 848694



Bosom Friends is a small, Oxfordshire support group run entirely by volunteers and offers a listening ear as well as practical, confidential support to those who have been affected by breast cancer. The group was formed several years ago by two women who wanted to ensure that others in Oxfordshire would not feel the same isolation that they had experienced following their diagnosis.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK, with one in eight women being diagnosed in their lifetime. Each year around 12,000 people will die from the disease. Although survival rates have improved dramatically – with more women now surviving breast cancer than ever before – there is still a long way to go.

Members of Bosom Friends meet once a month, usually in the home of one of the members. There is the opportunity to get together for a chat over a cuppa and cakes in a supportive and informal atmosphere. The monthly meetings often include guest speakers and other social events.

Whether you have just been diagnosed, are currently undergoing treatment or completed your active treatment a while ago, the group offers emotional support and practical, up-to-date information.

Above all, the group offers an understanding voice at the end of the phone should you ever need it.

If you or someone you care about has been affected by breast cancer, please do take a look at the Bosom Friends website - www.bosomfriends.org.uk; alternatively if you prefer, please call Jan on 01844 290362.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Archimedes Screw

To quote Virgil: Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

That Archimedes chap is at it again, I think it's too late to stop him invading Abingdon, but with luck and a fair wind, perhaps we can defend Culham Weir. I know the driven greens are whooping it up and dancing in the street because of the conceived victory in Abingdon, but can we not wait to see any consequences before just allowing a blitzkrieg on the tranquil waters of Culham.

The Thames is under enough pressure from invading avian, mammal, crustacean, and invasive herbage. Confusing the flow further is not helpful and the small amount of power gain is negligible. Due to other influences the flow on the Thames is already damaged, extraction, farming, boating etc. These are either necessary or already in situ. We see poor flow on the Thames, as each year passes it gets worse, so can we expect to see Archimedes resting on his laurels, stationary as the Quixote windmills that lay idle in the frost when we need them.

I am a green in the stream, but not the extreme. However, I do like my greens to remain unspoiled. A rant in time is not a crime.

Roger Rance, Churchmere Road

Broadway Butchers

On Saturday I had cause to visit the abovementioned butchers to purchase some topside to make Biltong (a South African delicacy) and some Boerewors (an SA spicy sausage). I was served by Trevor who, when I explained to him what I wanted and how I wanted it prepared got to work and presented me with the perfect cuts of meat. He couldn't do enough for me and showed what service is really about. From now on, Trevor is the butcher and Broadway are the Butchers. Thank you.

Rod M Mackay 1A Barretts Way, Sutton Courtenay, OX144DE 01235847581

ED VAIZEY MP

I was delighted to hear that TRAIN, a great organisation which works with young people in Didcot, has been Highly Commended in the Kids Count Inspire the House Awards. I am always inspired by the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Didcot TRAIN, as I am by so many of the voluntary and charitable groups across the Constituency, and it is fantastic to see them being recognised in this way.

I was recently sent information about another group that relies on volunteers to do much of its good work. Healthwatch Oxfordshire, is an independent organisation that listens to your views and experiences of health and social care in Oxfordshire, and they've asked for my help in letting you know about 3 big opportunities for local people and organisations

Firstly, Healthwatch gives grants of up to £5,000 to local organisations to help you research the issues your members face trying to access health and social care services. On a smaller scale, if you want to run a local event you can apply for £500 towards the cost, so long as Healthwatch can attend and talk to your visitors about their health and social care experiences. Finally, you can volunteer with Healthwatch: more details are at www.Healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk

More widely this month I have received around 300 emails on national issues and campaigns. The largest batch have been on the Bill to allow the recall of MPs. I also have many constituents concerned about assistance to the Iraqi Government against ISIL. I firmly believe that the UK must play its part in destroying these evil extremists. Other issues that I've been contacted about this month include the rights of pedestrians, Palestinian recognition and the matters arising from the Scottish referendum.

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. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at vaizeye@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Ryder Cup

I am well aware that many people find golf slow, tedious and boring. I don't agree, but I am not going to try to dissuade them. However, no-one can have missed the news that Europe has just won the Ryder Cup. It wasn't the fact that the European team was well-led, better prepared and, man for man, just plain better, that most struck me. I don't know of any other event – sporting or artistic – which gives people the chance to gather under the European flag, cheer on people from many European nations for their joint efforts and celebrate victory on behalf of Europe. In the team was a quirky Frenchman, a jokey Spaniard, a Scandinavian, Irishmen (leading the way in management and play – please note my Irish ancestors) and English and Welsh stalwarts. All seemed delighted to be representing Europe, and the constant chanting of “Europe! Europe!” I found heartwarming – but then I would, wouldn't I!

However you may feel about the European Court of Human Rights, the financial difficulties in which the EEC finds itself, the undoubted need for major reform, the fact remains that we are a nation less than 25 miles from mainland Europe, with a pro-European Scotland and Ireland and a “wait and see” England and Wales. We can no more draw anchor and sail away to friends across the Atlantic (assuming they would find that helpful) than we can lay a minefield down the Channel. The other European nations are our neighbours, like it or not. We do not serve our own purposes in hurling abuse and making enemies of them. Some of the current rhetoric on the issue is doing just that, and our children will not thank us for it.

So, well done Europe! If you can win like that, maybe you can sort out your current problems. And you never know, maybe we will want to join in too and be part of the solution.

Anger Management

I am finding that there are so many issues, which make me, and/or the people I represent, angry. It's not affecting my heart, touch wood, but attending a dozen or so meetings a week means that, when I arrive, I have to try to remember “why” I'm angry – and it takes a moment or two to do this. I hope this isn't just a sign of old age, but more an indication of just how many contentious issues there are around at the moment. It is very easy to become pessimistic in the prevailing atmosphere. We need the support of calm, reasonable, thinking people if we are to find solutions to our problems and there are plenty of them out there.

If this month's contributions seem a bit off beam and over-generalised, I am well aware of planning issues in Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Milton, Milton Heights and Marcham. I am aware of outstanding issues around the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan and the enormous planning complexities in Marcham. I am also aware that traffic is an issue all over the Division. I have to be careful what I say here, as I am on the Vale Planning Committee – but I will write what I feel, when I can.

In the meantime, please help me to be patient and keep calm!

Thank you

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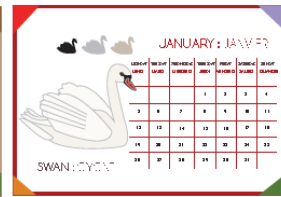
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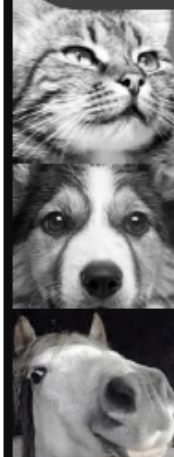
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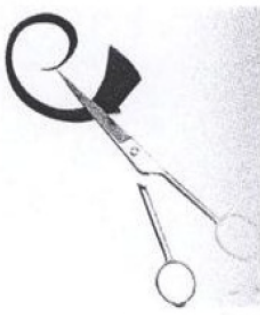


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