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MAY 2015

VILLAGE DIARY

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



May				
Thur	5th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Thur	7th	7am – 10pm	General & Parish Council Elections	Village Hall
Sun	10th	4.30pm	St. James Singers	Church
Tues	12th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
	12th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
	12th	7.30pm	Friends of All Saints' Church AGM	Church
Fri	15th	7pm	DAMASCUS Youth Project Race Night	Drayton Village Hall
Sat	16th	1рт - 5.30рт	Vicar's Funday Bakeathon	Sutton Courte- nay House
Sun	17th	2.30pm – 5pm	Vicar's Funday Tea	The Green
Mon	18th	8pm	Open Meeting re Proposed Church Extension	Church
Tues	19th	7.30pm	Local History Society	Church
Weds	21st		COPY DEADLINE SC News	

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Sutton Courtenay Website	www.suttoncourtenay.co.uk				
Environment Agency: Landfill Odours Thames Water Leaks		0800 80 70 60 0800 71 46 14			

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline Grundy (848679)of the hall management team, e-mail: *scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com* This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organisation had the permanent booking.



HOLY MATRIMONY

We send our best wishes & congratulations to the following who were married in all saints' church recently

11th April 2015

Robert Frederick George HAMLING and Nicola Jane LUTHER.

The service was conducted by the Reverend Tim Hewes.

A ROOM

HOLY BAPTISM

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

There were none.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council comprises 11 seats and 13 residents have submitted valid nomination forms for the forthcoming elections. There will therefore be a ballot on Thursday 7th May to see who will form the new Council. The ballot will take place at the same time as the parliamentary and district council elections. The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday 12th May in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.

Abbey Footway

Several residents have expressed concern regarding the state and condition of the footway which runs alongside The Abbey and which links the village green area with Cross Trees triangle. This is particularly so after heavy rainfall as the path remains extremely wet and muddy. The path has been inspected by the County Council and has been found to be in a reasonable condition as far as they are concerned with only one small area in need of attention. There is no spare funding available for works that are not deemed absolutely essential. The Parish Council would therefore encourage you, if you have had problems using this path, to contact the County Council either by emailing *highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk* or telephoning 0845 310 11 11

Planning Obligations under s. 106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Warehouse

Questions have been put to the Parish Council regarding any funding from the warehouse proposals, which may come to the parish. In order to clarify the position, the Parish Council can report that the Vale of White Horse District Council, when passing the resolution for the approval for the warehouse required there to be a sum included in the legal documentation for village improvements, path clearance and maintenance and a contribution towards the Environmental Education Centre. This is currently being sorted between the Vale of White Horse District Council and the applicant. The Parish Council is not a party to the agreement. The Vale of White Horse District Council, as planning authority, will collect any sums due, and will agree with the Parish Council in due course as to how much will be released to the Parish Council, as and when suitable projects emerge.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

<u>P15/V0499/FUL</u> Erection of new fence and gateway in front of the electricity pylon in Harwell Road. The Parish Council had no objections to this.

<u>P15/V090</u> Extension to rear. New roof containing first floor accommodation. New porch to front at 5 Milton Road. Council asked the any windows to the side which could potentially overlook neighbours be either fixed with obscure glass or set at a height whereby overlooking was not possible.

 $\underline{MW.0039/15}$ s. 73 application to amend the landfill phasing for the restoration at the landfill site. The Council asked that previous issues relating to drainage be resolved first as the proposal to infill with inert material would have an effect on the ponds at the northern end of the site. Any drainage scheme should be monitored before agreeing to other changes on site.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:*info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk*.

LIST OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL (taken from the Vale of White Horse District Council Website)

ATKINSON Rita 9 Chapel Lane, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AN

BUTLER David Robert 71 High Street, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4AT

CAMPBELL Christopher Charles 13 Chapel Lane, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4AN

FIELD Teresa Sally Goslings, 3 Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AJ

GEBHART Karl Truman Chantry House, Courtenay Close, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AU

HANKS William 37 Harwell Road, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BW

HIGNELL David The Barn House, Old Wallingford Way, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4AR

HOWELL Martin Graham 16 The Green, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4AE

JENKINS Michael Stuart Danluda, Churchmere Road, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon, OX14 4AQ

KNIGHT Heather Patricia Dorogo, 12A Appleford Road, Sutton Courtenay, Nr Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4N

MEAD Ron 19 Chapel Lane, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4AN

MYERSON Claire Rosalyn 18 The Green, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AE

NOYS Steve 23A Harwell Rd, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BN

More information can be obtained about the nominations at:

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/SOPNParishContestedVale

The vote will be on 7 May 2015 between the hours of 07:00 AM and 10:00 PM at the Village Hall, Frisham Street.

At the last Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman of the Parish Council was asked if the notes for Chairman's Report could be included in Sutton Courtenay News.

Those notes appear on pages 16 & 17.

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SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOVE LIFE; LOVE LEARNING; LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Our vision of the school is built upon community – learning together, discovering together and loving one another in order to achieve the highest standards across the curriculum, in our values and how we value each and everyone. 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love

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John 13 v34

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to strive for excellence. The spirit and teaching of the Christian faith underpin all aspects of school life. We are committed to encouraging and supporting individuals to reach their full potential in becoming life long, independent learners.

OUR VALUES

We show respect	Do for other people the same you want them to do for you.		
	Matthew 7 v12		
We are honest	Think about things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. And do what you learned and received from me. Do what I told you and what you saw me do.		
	Philippians 4 v8-9		
We are responsible	Don't judge other people, and you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way that you judge others. And the forgiveness that you give to others will be given to you.		
	Matthew 7 v12		
We are kind	If one has the gift of encouraging others, he should encourage. If one has the gift of giv- ing to others, he should give freely. If one has the gift of showing kindness to others that he should do with joy.		
	Romans 12 v8		
We co-operate	Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share to- gether in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by hav- ing the same thoughts, sharing the same love and having one mind and purpose. When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and give more honour to others than to yourselves.		
	Philippians 2 v1-4		
We persevere	So we have many people of faith around us. Their lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up.		
	Hebrews 12v1.		
	WE ALWAYS TRY OUR BEST		
ISON ASHCRO	T www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk Telephone: 01235 848333		

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', SUTTON COURTENAY

Priest-in charge: The Reverend Helen Kendrick (848297) Helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk Churchwardens: David McKenzie (847489) Pat Napper (848292) Treasurer: Tim Budd (820942) Director of Music: Ian Miles (01235 426109, mob 07788 715873) Tower Captain: John Napper (848292) Children's Church: Vivienne Maunders (847077) Sacristan: Pamela Vivian Flowers: Ann White (848857)Women's Christian Fellowship: Rose Woodward (848510) Friends: Nora Harragin (848235)

MONTHLY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am
 2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church) and Evensong at 6pm
 3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Children's Church), & Evening Praise at 6pm
 4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Children's Church)
 Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

From the Ministry Team...

Vote for churches – Party leaders reveal their favourite churches

I wonder which is your favourite church? I hope some of you will say All Saints but then I am obviously biased! I came across this article from the National Churches Trust and thought it interesting and topical. Sutton Courtenay Parochial Church Council are hoping to apply to the National Churches Trust for a grant to help improve our facilities and to meet the demands of the 21st century – please see below for details of an Open meeting where you can hear more about our plans as outlined in previous issues of the Sutton Courtenay News.

The National Churches Trust has revealed the favourite churches of the seven party leaders who are taking part in the 2015 General Election.

The Rt Hon David Cameron, Leader of the Conservative Party, has chosen All Saints Church, Church Lane, Spelsbury, Oxfordshire and St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Green, Witney, Oxfordshire. He says: "All Saints at Spelsbury (is) where my family sometimes worship when we are at home in Oxfordshire. It has a very special memory of my late son, Ivan's, christening. Another church I have great affection for in my constituency is St Mary the Virgin in Witney. I have the honour of being one of the Patrons for the Appeal for Restoration and Renewal."

The Rt Hon Ed Miliband, Leader of the Labour Party, has chosen St Mary Magdelene Church, High Street, Campsall, Doncaster. "St Mary Magdalene is said to be the church where Robin Hood and Maid Marian were married. As strong believers in redistribution, the people of Doncaster North are happy to reclaim his roots. I am proud to have this church in my constituency."

The Rt Hon Nick Clegg, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, chose St Nicholas' Church, Town Gate, High Bradfield, Bradfield, South Yorkshire. "This stunning 15th century Grade One listed church is situated within High Bradfield in my Sheffield Hallam constituency. ... it can be seen for miles around and offers great views across the valleys."

The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Leader of the Scottish National Party, chose Fisherton Parish Church, Dunure, South Ayrshire. "I was christened in Fisherton Church in Dunure. It is a picturesque and peaceful place, with nearby castle, harbour and lookout tower. It's a place I loved as a child and still means a great deal to my family."

Leanne Wood AM, Leader of Plaid Cymru, chose Soar Ffrwdamos in Penygraig, Rhondda. "Soar is a vital part of the community as it facilitates all kinds of groups, from all backgrounds and from all sectors of Rhondda society."

Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of the UK Independence Party, chose St Thomas à Becket Church, Fairfield, Romney Marsh, Kent. "A uniquely situated church in the middle of the marsh. Quite enchanting."

Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, chose St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London. "Laying a hand on the walls dating back to Henry I, I reflect back on the many tumultuous events they've witnessed, and survived, from the Great Fire to the Blitz."

Since 1953, the National Churches Trust has provided £85 million worth of funding, at today's prices, to help pay for urgent repairs and the installation of up to date facilities to places of worship of all the major Christian denominations. As spokesperson says: "Whatever the result of the 2015 General Election, we hope that politicians of all parties will continue to support the task of keeping churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and able to cope with the demands of the 21st century."

With love and prayers, Helen

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

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND HEAR

ST JAMES SINGERS

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015 All SAINTS' CHURCH SUTTON COURTENAY

4.30pm - Recital of songs5pm Tea & Cakes6pm Choral Evensong

The setting of evensong is the "Childrey Service" written by Malcolm Pearce especially for the St James Singers.

ENTRY FREE – DONATIONS TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT WELCOME

COFFEE SHOP & BOOK SALE

Thursday 28th May

10.30am-12noon



All Saints' Church

Why not drop by for coffee, cake & conversation and to browse the books on offer? All Welcome – a good place to meet.

CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY

Saturday 2nd – Appleford Village Fete

- Sunday 10th May 4pm St James' Singers in SC (see advert)
- Monday 11th 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting
- **Tuesday 12^{th} 7.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church** AGM in the Church.
- Wednesday 13th 8pm DAMASCUS Group Council Meeting in St Michael's Hall, Steventon
- Thursday 14th ASCENSION DAY 7.30pm Holy Communion

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th May Vicar's Fun Day Bake-a-Thon on Saturday followed by Vicar's Fun Day Tea Party on Sunday 2.30-5pm – with teas, bouncy castle and fun for all the family (see advert for more details)

Monday 18th – 8pm Open Meeting in the Church for presentation and discussion of the church building project – all welcome.

Tuesday 19th – 7.30pm Local History Society AGM

Thursday 21st – 1-3pm Year 6 Children from Sutton Courtenay School – 'Experience Pentecost'

Sunday 24th May – PENTECOST – 10.30am Parish Eucharist. 2.15pm – English Music Festival Concert by the Choral Group – Albion. Tickets available via the English Music Festival website or on the door.

Thursday 28th - 10.30-12 noon Coffee, Cakes & Books

Friday 29th - 12.30 Wedding in All Saints'

Sunday 31st – TRINITY SUNDAY -10am DAMASCUS Group Service in St Peter's Church, Drayton (NB no service in All Saints')

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE and beyond...

Wednesday 3rd – 8pm Baptism Preparation

Saturday 6th – Lyra Concert in SC – the Russians return – please see advert elsewhere in the SC News for details.

- Sunday 14th June Friends of All Saints' Garden Party
- 20th/21st June Open Gardens & George Orwell Weekend.

Sunday 21st – 3pm Orwell Society Commemoration at the graveside of Eric Arthur Blair

Sunday 12th July – 10.30am Farewell Service & Lunch for the Reverend Colin Patching in St Michael's, Steventon – all welcome.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

OPEN MEETING FOR PRESENTATION OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Our plans for developing the church have been on display in church since before Easter and we would encourage you to go and look (we keep the church open during daylight hours). However we are very aware that there are questions and comments which people wish to make and we would value your input at this stage to help us get our plans right.

We would also be delighted if as many people as possible could come to an Open Meeting being held in the Church on **Monday 18th May at 8pm**. We will make a brief presentation of our proposals to upgrade the toilet and kitchen facilities and build a meeting room on the north vestry of the church. Then there will be time for questions and discussion – all are welcome. *Helen and the PCC*.

CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE

Sutton Courtenay Church has a small number of church pews which are now surplus to requirement. These are for sale via a silent auction with proceeds supporting the church's Heritage Room Fund. You can view the pews in the church (open daily) to the left of the main door or receive more information via Hannah Knowles. Best offers need to be submitted by May 31st.

Victorian Pine 6 x 4ft pews 3 x 10ft pews

All are approx 830mm (33ins) high x 485 (19ins) wide with a seat height of 450mm (18 ins)

Contact Hannah Knowles 01235 847932

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting held on Tuesday 14t April 2015 was well attended to listen to a talk by Mrs Sandra Pike on "Street Pastors in Abingdon" which was most interesting. Several of our members were not aware that such an organisation existed.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 12th May 2015 will be at the usual time of 2pm and held at the Village Hall and is going to be a talk by Mrs Eleanor Gree non "Maggies". This also should be interesting.

Our meetings are open to any visitor who would be made most welcome.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

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SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday April 7th we had a long meeting owing to the fact that David Chapman and Cathy were unable to arrive until nearly 9 o'clock due to train delays - again. However myself (Pat) and Sharon gave clairvoyance until David and Cathy arrived. The congregation were excellent and understanding and we all had an uplifting and good time.

Enquiries to Pat and Sam 01235 847460.

Tues. May 5th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Patrick Carbury

Tues. June 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Malcolm and Sue Nash.

Reserve SUNDAY 17th MAY for a Village Event

Vicar's Fun Day Tea Party 2.30 - 5.00 pm on The Green

Side stalls, Bouncy Castle and other Entertainment **Preceded by**

Vicar's Fun Day Bake-a-Thon

Saturday 16th May

1.00 - 5.30 at Sutton Courtenay House in the High Street

Baking and decorating the cakes for the Tea Party.... we hope that it is going to be better than the Great British Bake Off! Further details from

Lynne Cubbage (01235) 848768

REMINDER

Sutton Courtenay Open Garden Saturday on 20th June

If you would like to take part ring

Alison Budd on 820942 or Lynne Cubbage on 848768

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SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th May All Saints' Church 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an illustrated talk by Richard O. Smith – "Eccentric Oxford: A History of Mischief & Mayhem"

This entertaining talk will present an amusing but historically accurate look at tales of Oxford's lesser known eccentric history. Richard Smith lives in Oxford. He is the author of several books and a comedy writer who contributes to BBC4's News Quiz, the Now Show and other programmes.

Please note this meeting is in the church.

The Society welcomes new members. The Society aims to promote an interest in the history of Sutton Courtenay and the surrounding district through its speakers and visits, as well as undertaking research into the history of the village and neighbourhood. With a period of extensive development likely it is essential that the village's important heritage is not forgotten.

Lyra Choral Ensemble of St Petersburg (Russia)

in concert at **All Saints' Church**, **Sutton Courtenay** OX14 4AE

Saturday 6 June 2015 at 7.30pm

Tickets $\pounds 15$ to include a Russian-themed Supper

on sale at A.L. Vickery & Son (Drayton)

or Burgrey Stores (Sutton Courtenay)

or fred.cubbage@btinternet.com tel: 848768

or tim.budd23@gmail.com tel: 820942

(Russian-style costumes welcome, but optional!)

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Aunt Sally Fun Day!

The Plough

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project is organising

Family-friendly Aunt Sally competition

Sunday 7th JUNE 2015

12-4pm

How to enter a team: contact Roxy on 07875649008 or 848694

Teams of 5 - each member pays £5 to enter the competition

CAKES (fund raising for our village youth project) BBQ BOUNCY CASTLE RAFFLE GAMES STALLS

...AND THANK YOU DAVE AND CHRISTINA OF THE SWAN

Unbeknown to us Dave and Christina organised a Quiz night in January to raise funds for the DAMASCUS Youth Project. The trustees, staff and young people are extremely grateful to all those who supported the event – it raised a magnificent £2620. Now that the project's 5-year lottery fund has come to an end we need to raise funds locally to support larger grant applications – all help and support is gratefully received.

Rita Atkinson - Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project.

RACE NIGHT

for all the family! Drayton Village Hall Friday 15 th May Doors Open 7pm: First race 7.30.pm Buy a horse for £10 or sponsor a race for £100 cash bar, snacks, raffle Proceeds to Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project For more information contact Gary 07766 014676

NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

Warning over pension reform rip-offs

New pension reforms come in to force from April 6. A recent survey of those aged 55 and over, commissioned by Get Safe Online, the public private joint internet safety initiative, found that:

Only one person in four (25%) knew how to spot the difference between a pension scam and an approach from a legitimate organisation.

One in ten (10%) had already been targeted.

Over three quarters (78%) of those surveyed had no concerns about falling victim to a pension scam.

New data from Cifas, the UK's fraud prevention service also reveals that people aged over 55 are increasingly being targeted by identity fraudsters. There was a rise of 15% of such incidents in 2014. The same data that is used to impersonate people can also be sold and used to make pensions scams ever more convincing and effective. This highlights the need for those aged over 55 to remain particularly vigilant to identity fraud.

<u>Look for the warning signs</u> - unsolicited approaches over the phone, via email or text message or from a caller at the door about:

Accessing your personal or company pension before you are 55 years old.*

Investing the money released from your pension pot under the new rules.

Claiming to be from the government, offering retirement planning advice.

Providing your phone number, home address and/or personal financial information, when you are only enquiring about the products on offer.

* Only in rare cases, such as terminal illness, is it possible to access funds from your current pension scheme before the age of 55.

<u>Also be wary</u>

Of pushy advisors or 'introducers' who offer upfront cash incentives or suggest legal loopholes.

Of companies offering a 'loan', 'savings advance' or 'cash back' from your pension.

If you are encouraged to speed up the transfer process, including the 'provider' using an express courier service for documents.

If you are not informed about the possible tax consequences.

If documentation is withheld from you, either with or without an explanation.

Guard against pension fraud

Use free service such as The Pensions Advisory Service by calling 0300 123 1047 or visit the website at *http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/*.

Never divulge financial or personal information to a cold caller or in response to an email or text.

Get as much information as you can about the company's background, including internet reviews. Any financial advisers should be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Request a statement showing how your pension will be paid when you retire, and ask who will look after your money until then.

Gain an unbiased review from an advisor who is not associated with the proposal you have received.

Never be rushed or harassed into agreeing to a pension transfer or an investment of the cash you have released.

Tony Neate, CEO of Get Safe Online commented: "With these changes, pension scams could become

as big as Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) scams. Victims could be liable for heavy tax charges or, in the worst case scenario, they could lose their entire retirement pot and face an immensely difficult future. These types of criminals are clever, manipulative and will target their victims at a time when they are making big decisions about their future...they will try every way possible."

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NAG5 SAFETY CORNER CONTINUED

If you have been cold called and suspect it was a scam contact the Financial Conduct Authority's Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768 or use their online investment scams reporting form at

http://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/scams/report-scam/investment-scams-form.

If you have lost money to pension fraud report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre, by calling 0300 123 2040 or visit *http://www.actionfraud.police.uk*.

For more online information on pension fraud visit Get Safe Online at https://www.getsafeonline.org/. There's also a very helpful brochure available on the Neighbourhood Watch website. To view or download please visit

http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource_centre/document_library/ get_safe_online_pension_fraud_a5_brochure/?cat_id=160

National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Week: 20-28 June 2015



Expanding on last year's popular 'fraud and cybercrime' theme Neighbourhood and Home Watch will be working this year with Financial Fraud Action UK (www.financialfraudaction.org.uk) (FFA UK), the coordinating group for the Financial Fraud Action UK financial service industry's fraud prevention activity.

Working together to prevent fraud

Visit the online campaign page to keep up-to-date with all the latest information http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news and events/news/ national neighbourhood home watch week 2015

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com



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FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SUTTON COURTENAY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY LUNCH

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2015 at 12 noon

This will be held at The Manor House Barn

by kind permission of Penelope and Antony Warne

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

Free Punch on arrival,

Raffle

Tickets available from Nora Harragin (848235) Or any member of the Committee

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I have two further not-unimportant points to make on planning issues.

1. Building site problems. I have taken up Milton Rd. site problems with the Vale, and pass on some information. First the planners are responsible for seeing that the developers comply with the planning conditions, so any breech should be reported and they must act (if they do not tell your district councillor). Readers can understand that Vale planners who know they are very unpopular are somewhat reluctant to act, but they must enforce their own conditions, so feel free to chase them direct, or with petitions and questions to the Planning committee or the Council as I suggest last month.

Second, there are other site nuisances like ultra loud radios blaring out all day long. The Vale environment folk have to date been very helpful on this, so keep them informed. Just think of the curse of loud radios in daylight hours to someone on night shift or an invalid trying to sleep. Such intrusions can and must be stopped.

2. Localism v. Govt. Policy. My attention has been drawn to some who imagine they can get local feeling over through a Neighbourhood Plan, and thus stop endless major developments. Now consider what a Neighbourhood plan is. It is a parish plan which costs a lot of money and involves a lot of work, so it had better deliver something in return. I am told that so far only one has been approved in the whole of England! A plan has to agree with the District's local plan or it is vetoed. It has to pass an inspector after some sort of local referendum. Does anyone really imagine a Neighbourhood Plan, however excellent and however much (even unanimously) endorsed locally, could possible overthrow and counteract District and Inspectorate views? If they do, I fear they are living in cloud cuckoo land. Neighbourhood plans will never be allowed to overthrow Government housing policy plans. And the Government is working to overall housing numbers, as all main political parties keep saying.

I hope these two points help to clarify the complex issue of local housing and local planning. We can do things about it, but hardly by Neighbourhood plans.

Gervase Duffield, your District Councillor

The Ridgeway National Trail Partnership New Partnership set up to run The Ridgeway National Trail



From 1st April a new organisation, The Ridgeway Partnership, will be responsible for the future management, development and promotion of The Ridgeway National Trail. This new body will involve a wide range of organisations representing users and other stakeholders alongside Natural England and the local authorities that manage The Ridgeway at present.

Ian Ritchie, Chair of The Friends of the Ridgeway (FoR), said "The Partnership represents a great opportunity to bring the delights of the UK's oldest path to a much greater number of people, pursuing a wide range of activities. It is a wonderful asset so close to large centres of population. The Ridgeway has some spectacular scenery and unparalleled prehistoric sites such as the Uffington White Horse and the series of Iron Age hill forts along its length. We aim to encourage more people to get out to walk, cycle, and ride or drive horses along it, and we want to introduce it to young people and make it accessible for the less mobile and those with disabilities."

"We shall enhance the visitors' experience by improving the approach paths to The Ridgeway," said Dave Cavanagh of the Ramblers, a Partnership member, "with the help of volunteers from Ramblers and the Chiltern Society. This will encourage some people to park in villages or use public transport, enjoy many circular routes that take in sections of The Ridgeway, accessing it at more points, and to enjoy local pubs and tea shops on their return."

The Ridgeway Partnership comprises Oxfordshire Country Council (OCC) as the Lead Partner – the body accountable to Natural England - , the other local authorities for the areas through which the Trail passes, Natural England, North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Chilterns Conservation Board and organisations that between them represent many of those who use The Ridgeway and its wider corridor, including archaeologists, cyclists, families, equestrians, landowners, naturalists, runners, tourists and associated businesses, as well as walkers.

To further this inclusivity, a Ridgeway Forum will be established, open to all community, business and individual stakeholders for communicating information and ideas, answering queries and receiving feedback and opinion.

SCPC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS, 7TH APRIL, 2015

Parish Council Elections in May 2015:

Parish Council Elections will be held on Thursday 7^{th} May, 2015.

Planning:

Sutton Courtenay is ranked high on the list of sustainable larger villages in The Vale. Unfortunately, the NPPF 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and the absence of VWHDC local plan mean local opinion carries little weight when planning applications are considered by VWHDC. The Parish Council has submitted detailed written comments and attended planning meetings to represent residents' views for every large development application and hearing. Most recently the Chief Executive of VWHDC met with the Parish Council to discuss the unprecedented number of submitted, and expected, planning applications.

• A total of 53 applications for the parish were handled by VWHDC.

- New warehouse application and meetings with OCC, VWHDC and Diageo agents to discuss transport issues.
- Demolition of Cooling Towers
- Waste transfer station on landfill site and standby electricity generation plant in SC Lane
- In addition to main housing developments, 2 new houses in Churchmere Road and 2 in Mill Lane.
- Pursuing planning enforcement at Cross Trees Farm
- Considered VWHDC draft Local Plan and Science Vale Plan
- Culham Science Centre redevelopment
- Didcot "A" Future uses
- Pursued arrangements for a meeting with other parishes regarding housing numbers.
- Milton Road entry feature narrowing to reduce speed of traffic.
- Vale Neighbourhood Planning Conference to send representatives later in the year.
- Oxfordshire County Council Transport Plan
- Commented on a hydropower station on the Culham Parish bank of The Thames.

Main Matters considered by Council included:

- Budget and awarded grants to various organisations. Precept remained the same.
- FCC Drainage
- Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste statement of community involvement
- Considered undertaking flood assessment of village (Insufficient financial resources)
- Drayton Road Traffic Calming
- War Memorial restoration
- Old Wallingford Way resurfacing (Resulting in complaints of speeding traffic)
- Changes to Bus Services lack of service along Appleford Road
- Provision of village defibrillator
- Drayton village Neighbourhood Plan
- New Street names

Other Issues considered by Council:

- State and conditions of roads Sutton Courtenay Lane / Bradstocks Way estate
- Village Green posts to prevent vehicle parking
- Litter
- Dog Fouling in Cemetery
- Peep O Day Lane motorcyclists
- Condition of Bridleway 10 rear of High Street

Presentations at PC meetings:

- DAMASCUS- a report on recent activities and developments
- Linden Homes, London Regeneration and Diageo agents
- New policy in place to hold presentations in public domain when possible.

Representation on the following:

- FCC Appleford / Sutton Courtenay Liaison
- RWEnPower Liaison Committee
- Didcot Community Forum
- Harwell Chilton Stakeholder Group
- Culham Stakeholder Group
- Neighbourhood Action Group
- Reservoir Affected Parishes Group
- Oxfordshire County Council Parish Transport Representative
- Village Hall Management Committee
- Millennium Common Committee
- Damascus Advisory Committee
- Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Stakeholder Forum
- Parish Plan Steering Group

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- Milton Park Liaison Committee
- Abingdon Children's Centre Advisory Group Meeting
- Also attended Town and Parish Forum meeting and CPRE meeting regarding housing

	Possible no. of meetings	Actual no. of meetings attended	As a %
Michael Jenkins (Chairman)	11	11	100
Bill Hanks (Vice-Chairman)	11	11	100
Rita Atkinson	11	9	81
David Butler	11	10	90
Christopher Campbell	11	8	72
Teresa Field	11	7	63
David Hignell	11	8	72
Heather Knight	11	6	54
Ronald Mead *	11	3	27
Jason Warwick	11	5	45
Colin Woodward	11	10	90

My thanks to all councillors who give so willingly of their time to attend meetings and for the many unrecorded hours spent in working parties, discussion groups and on case work.

Finally, my special thanks to our clerk, Linda Martin, who, although employed part-time, ensures the council runs efficiently and effectively.

Michael Jenkins 7th April, 2015

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In an election period, I must be very careful what I say

After the enormous amount of work put in by so many people to Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan, the Referendum turnout was, perhaps, a little disappointing. 91% Of 36% is, however, a higher proportion of the total village population than elects most MPs and certainly higher than the proportion that elects local politicians.

The problem with falling turn-outs is the consequent risk of elections producing freak results, where very few of those elected truly represent their residents or, worse still, lunatic fringes can come to power.

Whatever I read in the media, much of which is written by highly paid men and women, it is my firm view that the overwhelming majority of those who serve in politics at local and national level, in whatever party, are hard working, caring people who genuinely want the best for those they represent. Many of them are not well off, and apart from a tiny few at the top of national politics, I have not met any who are motivated by the modest amount of money they get for their work. The very least we can do for all of them is come out to vote.

The right to vote has been hard won over many years. Please do not allow democracy to become hi-jacked. Read what the politicians send you, make up your mind, and vote. Then, by all means, hold them to account and expect much of them - that is the right which your vote gives you.

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<u>Bugfest</u>

Thursday May 28th 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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The show is based on the Treetop restaurant show where all the animals come for lunch. It serves treetop delights such as sycamore sausages, juniper jelly and oak leaf ice cream. Meet Emma's favourite customer whose appetite just keeps getting bigger, along with his body. A show with rod puppets, shadow puppets and gentle clowning you can really get your teeth into! Suitable for children aged 3 - 8 years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Church of All Saints .. Building Project

We are all extremely fortunate to live within a village with a Grade 1 listed Church which was founded in 12th Century.

Firstly I would like to point out that this is certainly not a case of NIMBY but...

1 Is the Church itself not a place of meeting as well as worship? Why do we need a new Community Room and an office and a Flower arranging area? I understand the kitchen needs an update as do the Toilet facilities. 2 The Vestry could be very cleverly designed as a space with an open plan kitchen including toilet facilities . This could be used for the Sunday School Class, for Family members and Children during Services and for flower arranging etc etc. These activities can be held within the body of the Church.

3 We are also forgetting that we have a very large and sound Village Hall that seems to accommodate most of the Village when we have meetings. Why can this Hall not be used for Sunday School Classes and any other activity that can not be held in the Church? Though I still do not understand why these activities cannot be timetabled into the Church Calendar.

4 We also have The Abbey that can be used for meetings etc. which is a stones throw from The Church.

What state is the fabric of the Church ? The Tower ? The timbers ? Internal decorations? The grave stones ? The trees and the grounds? The funds raised should go towards the up keep of this extremely precious Church rather than a new extremely costly Meeting Room that is seriously not a necessity. A new thorough survey of the Church should be carried out and made public.

Do we really want to exhume the remains of our dead? What respect are we giving to the Ancestors of this Village who are resting in peace and to their Families?

What response have you had from English Heritage?

The Church stands in its own very magical timeless grounds - why spoil it by adding a Community Room.

I personally feel that the village has been split over many projects over the years - let us not give it the coup de grace.

Christina Pilkington



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum to offer free entry to Second World War Veterans To mark the anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the Soldiers of Oxfordshire museum in Woodstock in pleased to announce free entry to the museum for Second World War veterans. The free entrance to the museum is offered to anyone who served between 1939-

45 in the Army, Royal Navy, RAF, ATS, WRNS, WAAF and members of organisations that supported the war effort including the Merchant Navy, Women's Land Army, Civil Defence, Bevin Boys and others. The museum is also carrying out a project to record the memories of Oxfordshire residents who lived through the Second World War - both veterans and civilians. Any veterans who visit the museum will be encouraged to share their memories, and the Museum would like to hear from any residents of Oxfordshire who are interested in having their memories recorded for posterity. The Museum is also interested in receiving copies of written memoirs or personal stories relating to experiences during the Second World War. Recent interviewees have shared their recollections of service with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, as a navigator flying with Bomber Command, a schoolgirl in Oxford during the war, and a seaman serving on Royal Navy ships in the Mediterranean. Find out more at *www.sofo.org.uk/oralhistory*

If any readers are interested in being recorded for the archive, or wish to find out more, please contact Matthew Smaldon on 01235 526734, email *matthew.smaldon@sofo.org.uk*, or write to FAO Matthew Smaldon, SOFO Office, Harrisons Lane, Woodstock, Oxon, OX20 1SS.

SUTTON COURTENAY CRICKET CLUB



We have a full fixture list for the forthcoming season, with our 'Home' games again being played at Steventon this year. We will be playing Sunday friendlies against other village sides and are again entered into the Downs League for midweek 20/20 games.



The Club also entered into two District leagues this year for our magnificent U 11's – (Runner's Up in the District Kwik Cricket League 2014 and Winners of the Cumnor Kwik Cricket Tournament in 2014) - one a Kwik Cricket League and the other a Development League using a hard ball.

Cricket Nets @ the Recreation Ground

Sutton Courtenay C.C. would like to invite players old and new to our summer net sessions which are held every Thursday evening, starting at 6.00. New players of all ages and abilities are most welcome - whether you haven't played for years or just would like to try your hand at batting, bowling or fielding! Our first net was last night, at the time of writing, and we had 24 players from the village attend!

The Cricket Pavilion

We are delighted to announce that we have 'in principle' approval from our Parish Council to submit plans for our own Cricket Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Whilst there still remains a huge amount of work to be done in terms of project planning and a considerable sum of money to be raised before this can become a reality, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their kind support. This will be a huge step forward for us as a club and we would welcome advice, help, support and contributions from anyone associated with the village.

Watch this space!!

For further information please contact the Club Sec: kit@silverfoxsilver.com

2014 Season review

It would be remiss of me not to mention some absolute stand out performances last year:

Our Kwik Cricketers were just fantastic – narrowly being beaten off the last ball in the District League Final and then emerging victorious in the Cumnor Invitation Tournament. Well done boys and girls, you were superb, you raised your game from week to week, you were worthy competitors, outstanding winners and you did Sutton Courtenay proud!!

Each one of you deserves a mention – Mia Pryde and Chelsea Hill (who even opened the batting a couple of times, well done girls) Joe Churchill-Stone, Toby Elford, Robin Brooke-Taylor, Daniel & Harvey Johns, Charlie Herbert, Ted & Alfie Borg, Leo Pryde and Reg Duckham.

Not to be totally outdone, the seniors won two games, including the final, in a T20 knock-out on the same day that the Kwik Cricketers won in Cumnor – making a total of Sutton Courtenay 5 the rest 0, all in one glorious day!!

The seniors won 8 out of their last 10 games and finished the season in tremendous style - chasing down an impressive 226—5 off 40 overs by Great Haseley, we made 227 for 3 with 6 overs to spare with Elliot Mathews hitting a glorious 108 not out, his first century for the Club.

The beer tasted sweet long into the night!!

All that remains is to thank the parents for all the invaluable support they gave each week to our youngsters, to thank Daniel Hill and Garry Dineen for managing our juniors so well and to thank Pippa and Charlotte for producing such memorable teas!

We wish each and every one of you, all the best for 2015 and look forward to another memorable season for the Club.

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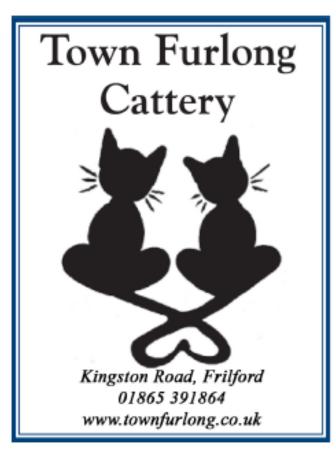


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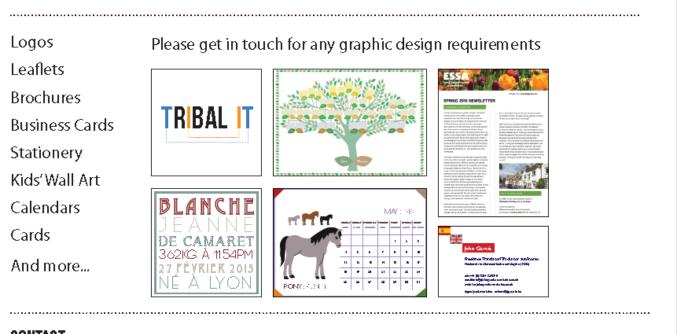
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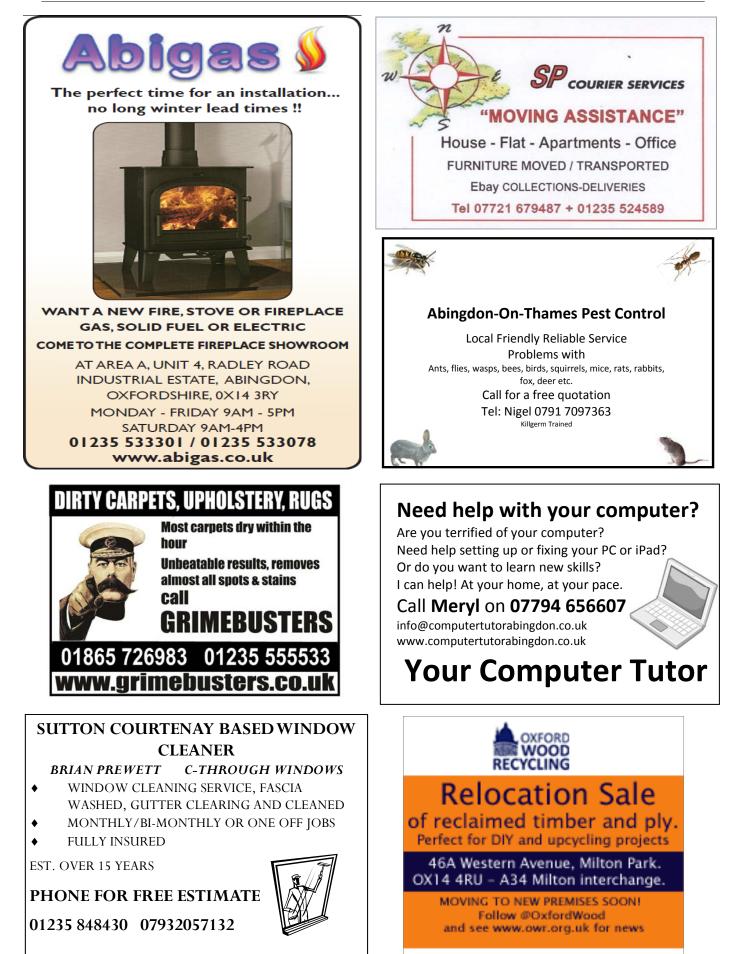
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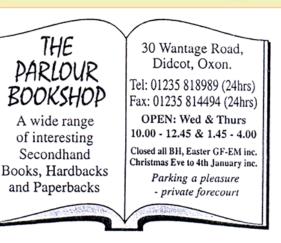


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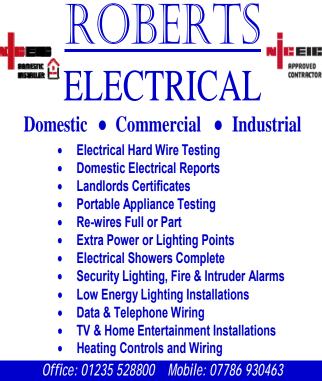
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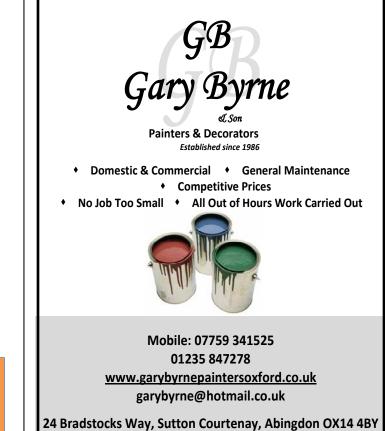
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