

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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## VILLAGE DIARY

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



### June

|             |         |         |                                  |                  |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Tue         | 2nd     | 7.30pm  | Spiritual Fellowship             | Village Hall     |
| Sat         | 6th     | 7.30pm  | Lyra Choral Ensemble             | Church           |
| Tue         | 9th     | 7.30pm  | Parish Council Meeting           | Village Hall     |
| Tue         | 9th     |         | WCF outing                       |                  |
| Thur        | 11th    |         | WI lunch                         | George & Dragon  |
| Sun         | 14th    | 12 noon | All Saints' Friends Garden Party | Manor House Barn |
| Tue         | 16th    | 7.30pm  | WI meeting                       | Village Hall     |
| Wed         | 17th    |         | COPY DEADLINE SC NEWS            |                  |
| Sat/<br>Sun | 20/21st |         | George Orwell weekend            | Church           |
| Thur        | 25th    | 10.30am | Coffee and cakes                 | Church           |
| Sat         | 27th    | 11am    | Primary School Fete              | School           |



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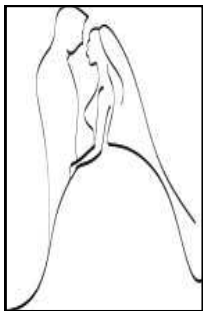
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| <b>Environment Agency: Landfill Odours<br/>Thames Water Leaks</b> |                                                                          | <b>0800 80 70 60</b><br><b>0800 71 46 14</b> |

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

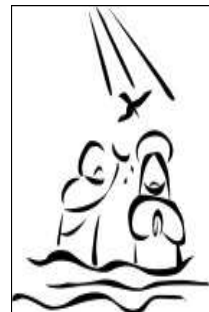
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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

There were no weddings this month



### HOLY BAPTISM

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

Finlay Martin HULMES (19th April 2015)  
Isobel Joan MANNING (19th April 2015)  
Mason Joseph Thomas FRANKUM (3rd May 2015)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### New Council is formed

13 residents keen to be on the Parish Council stood for election, and the new Council came into being on 11<sup>th</sup> May, with its first meeting being held on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Your new councillors are: Rita Atkinson, David Butler, Christopher Campbell, Teresa Field, William Hanks, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Michael Jenkins, Heather Knight, Claire Myerson, and Stephen Noys, Details about your new council members appear elsewhere in this issue, and on the Council's noticeboard.



Thanks must go, not only to the councillors who decided not to stand this time, Jason Warwick and Colin Woodward, for their efforts on the Council and on behalf of the community over the last 4 years, but also to the unsuccessful candidates in the election, Karl Gebhart and Ron Mead. The village is fortunate in having people who are prepared to devote much time working voluntarily for the community, and who were willing to serve on the Council.

### Didcot A Demolition - Update

The demolition is half way through a 30 month demolition contract. The turbine hall, roof and sides have gone. Asbestos work has nearly been completed. At present, 30,000 tons of steel have been removed. The remaining main building will be cut in two and each half blown down, the first in August and the second in December of this year. The three remaining cooling towers will be taken down next year, however the method of taking these down is still being decided.

At present there are 130 people on site, but this will go down this year to 50.

### Abbey Footway

Last month it was reported that the County Council was able to repair only one small section of the Abbey footway, and most of it, they considered to be in an acceptable state and condition. The Parish Council is not happy with this response, as tarmac has been placed on the old cobbled path, and come the Autumn weather, there is a very real chance of the remainder of the path becoming wet, muddy and slippery again as it has on previous occasions. The Parish Council is continuing to pursue the matter. Again, the Parish Council would encourage you, if you have had problems using this path, to contact the County Council either by emailing [highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or telephoning 0845 310 11 11

### Culham HydroPower

Concerns have been raised with the Parish Council that trees near the weirs have been felled.

There is a planning consent in existence for the creation of an Archimedean screw hydro power system. This provides for the felling of 17 trees, but also for an arboriculture method statement to be deposited with the District Council, for the protection of retained trees. A landscaping scheme too will be deposited with the District Council for approval.

The Parish Council is checking with the District Council that all necessary statements have been supplied to that Council, and that the trees that have been taken out are those with consent to be removed.

Continued overleaf

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

P15/V0713/HH Erection of single storey front and rear extensions at 93 Milton Road

The Council had some concerns for extending in front of the building line

P15/V0752/A Proposed new signage at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Study Centre

The Council had no objections to the signage

P15/V0788/HH and P15/V0789/LB Demolition of side extension and garage.

Erection of new side extension and garage at 1 Abbey Cottages. Council objected as the proposal was out of keeping with the listed cottage, particularly in regards to the new metal zinc roof.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.**

**Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Rd, Marcham 01865 391833 or**

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

### **An action to celebrate and say 'Well Done'**

I was approached by two concerned young ladies at The Vicar's Tea Party (a very enjoyable occasion, congratulations to Lynne and the team) who had discovered an opened box of syringes and needles on a well used walk along The Thames.

The contents of the box had been scattered. They had made the area as safe as possible, **without directly handling the items**, and were now asking for help to contact the responsible authority. Not an easy task on a Sunday afternoon when you do not have the direct telephone number.

The very helpful 101 operator redirected my call to the out of hours call desk at VWHDC and the details were taken.

Not a remarkable story but great to know we have such responsible and caring young people in our community.

Mike Jenkins

### **LOST**

I may have lost a blue stone fine plated gold necklace early April

between the Fish and 32 Appleford Road.

Of sentimental value, if anyone has found such a necklace

please contact Tess on 847338.

**Sutton Courtenay News needs you!**

**Please see advertisement on Page 28**

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Nursery Class - Barn Owls

Welcome to Barn Owls where no two days are ever the same and there is always something new to discover and explore

Taking children the term after they turn three years old, with three intakes: September, January and after the Easter holidays in April, the nursery class is very much part of our successful school.

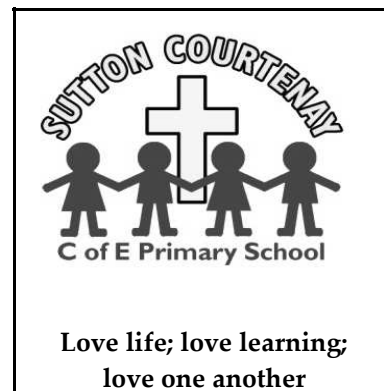
Led by a qualified teacher and experienced staff, exciting sessions are planned daily to ensure that every child's start on the learning journey is unique and personalised in order to maximise progress and learning of vital skills.

During the morning the children have the option to play indoors or out – whatever the weather. Short sessions are taught to help develop phonics knowledge and number skills, alongside learning to share and play with new friends.

New experiences are also on offer, for instance, finding out about Chinese New Year – tasting the food, making a dragon and even doing a dragon dance. This term the children have been learning about mini-beasts: they have sung songs, watched caterpillars turn into butterflies and made masks for their 'mini beast ball' amongst many other activities.

The nursery class is also very much part of our school and will join in with some of the whole school celebrations and events. They also go on trips such as strawberry picking at Q Gardens.

If you have young children and would like to have a look around the nursery we would be delighted to hear from you. Our operating times are 8:40 – 11:40am each morning.



ALISON ASHCROFT  
Headteacher

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## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', SUTTON COURTENAY

*Part of the DAMASCUS Group of Churches (Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay And Steventon)*

**Priest-in charge:** The Reverend Helen Kendrick (848297) [helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:helen@kendricks.fsnet.co.uk)

**Associate Priest:** The Reverend Tim Hewes (07771 880117)

**Churchwardens:** David McKenzie (847489) Fred Cabbage (848768) **Treasurer:** Tim Budd (820942) **Director of Music:** Ian Miles (01235 426109, mob 07788 715873) **Tower Captain:** John Napper (848292) **Children's Church:** Julia James (848129) & 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 Junior Church) and Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Choral Evensong at 6pm

3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Group – please see church noticeboard for details

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

### From the Ministry Team...

Knowledge of the Bible, and exactly what God does promise, can be a source of great strength. Here are just some of God's positive answers for all the negative things we often have to say to ourselves:

You say: It's impossible.

God says: All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

You say: Nobody really loves me.

God says: I love you. (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: I can't go on.

God says: My grace is sufficient. (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: I can't figure things out.

God says: I will direct your steps. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it.

God says: You can do all things. (Philippians 4:13)

You say: I'm not able.

God says: I am able. (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: It's not worth it.

God says: It will be worth it. (Roman 8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself.

God says: I FORGIVE YOU. (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: I can't manage.

God says: I will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19)

You say: I'm afraid.

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: I'm always worried and frustrated.

God says: Cast all your cares on ME. (I Peter 5:7)

You say: I don't have enough faith.

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

You say: I'm not smart enough.

God says: I give you wisdom. (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone.

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

With love and prayers, Helen

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

## COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

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

## VICAR'S FUN DAY TEA PARTY

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Grateful thanks are extended to everyone who played a part in the success of this year's Fun Day on the Green. It was a real team effort once again and it was so good that so many families supported the revised format. More information on the financial outcome and valued contribution from local companies will appear in the next edition but it seemed wrong to leave it for another few weeks before some form of acknowledgement.

Lynne Cabbage

## CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 8pm Baptism Preparation
- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lyra Concert in SC – the Russians return
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC in the Church
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Christian Fellowship Outing to Aston Pottery
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Friends of All Saints' Garden Party
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Summer Holiday Club Planning Meeting at the Vicarage
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation and Swearing in of Churchwardens, All Saints' Church, Faringdon
- **20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June** – George Orwell Weekend. Teas in the church and craft display – see advert for details.
- **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** - 3pm Orwell Society Commemoration at the graveside of Eric Arthur Blair
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am Coffee, Cakes & Books in the Church. 7.45pm Deanery Synod Meeting.
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – 11am Burial of Ashes. 1pm Wedding.
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Fete

## CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY

- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 1pm Wedding
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Baptism Preparation in the Church
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – 10.30am Farewell Service & Lunch for the Reverend Colin Patching in St Michael's, Steventon – all welcome.
- **Sundays 19 & 26 July & 2 & 9 August 6pm Parish Proms** (6<sup>th</sup> season) – more details soon

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

### CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

Some 100 people enjoyed a delicious lunch and an entertaining and informative talk from Sir Roy Strong at the launch of our fundraising appeal on 18th April. Sir Roy commended our plans most emphatically, as he emphasised the need to adapt and change church buildings for the 21st century to ensure their survival into the future. Thanks to all those who came and to the team of people who helped set up the church and provided and served the lunch. The event itself raised £1,528 towards the appeal and we have already received £80,000 in pledges and donations. This is only the start but thank you everyone!

Thank you too, to all those who came to the Open Meeting on 18th May and shared their views and opinions with us. We really value all those who have taken the time to look in detail at the proposals and to offer their ideas and comments. We will continue to keep you posted on progress via these pages.

Helen and the PCC.

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### Rest in Peace

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

**Peter Joseph MERNAGH**, who died on 26th March 2015, was born on 22nd February 1938 and grew up in Greenanne County with his parents, Jane and Morris, and his six siblings, Jem, Lil, Marge, Morris, Maura and Frances. Pete ran free, most of the time barefooted, in lovely countryside. Pete was a very kind and gentle man with the gift of the gab and the Irish charm. He left Ireland when he was seventeen and went to the north of England where he had numerous jobs before joining the RAF during which time he served in Germany and Benson. He married Renee, the mother of Michael, and they went on to have two children of their own, Jamie and Janice who between them gave Pete five grandchildren: Jamie's children Declan and Naimhe and Janice and Mark's children Laura, Claire and Hannah. His family were his life and he adored them. For many years he ran a haulage business with his son Jamie. Pete enjoyed watching horse racing and would spend hours going over form. Jackie's daughter Sharon would look over his shoulder and would point to a horse saying "that one" because she liked the name and the horse often would win which really annoyed Pete. Pete used to love going to the pub in the days when they had sing-songs at the weekend. Another love of Pete's was money. "Money, money, money." He loved having it but rarely let it leave his fingers. He would sit with his grandchildren counting out his loose change and when he was asked one day what he would do with a million pounds if he won the lottery he said he would draw it out of the bank so that he could count it every day! Pete was a disaster when it came to DIY. Jackie once asked him to hang up a kitchen tool set on the wall near the sink. He sat on the sink top counter and started to drill a hole when all of a sudden there was a blue flash and the drill blew out of his hands across the floor leaving him looking somewhat bemused with sticking up hair. Lucky for him his feet were off the ground! Pete loved watching quiz shows which tested his general knowledge. He was very clever and knowledgeable, knowing something about everything. Sadly in recent years Pete's health deteriorated with macular degeneration causing him to go nearly blind and he struggled for breath due to pulmonary fibrosis of the lungs. He will be greatly missed by his partner of over 32 years, Jackie, and all his family and friends.

*This is an edited extract of the personal tribute written by Jackie and given at this funeral in All Saints' Church on 20th April 2015 by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*





*Buffet lunch at 2014 Garden Party*

Fancy a Sunday without preparing lunch?  
The FRIENDS of ALL SAINTS'\*  
extend an invitation to everyone to come  
along to the

## **SUMMER GARDEN PARTY**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon

This year the Garden Party will be held at

### **THE MANOR HOUSE BARN**

by kind permission of Penelope and Antony Warne

**Admission by ticket only.**

Adults £12, Children (5+) £6

Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £30

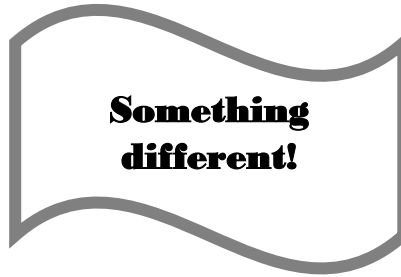
Ticket includes lunch and complimentary first punch drink.

Cash bar and raffle

Tickets from **Burgrey Stores**

or Nora Harragin (848235) and Fred Cabbage (848768)

*\*The Friends of All Saints' Church is an independent charity that has been in existence for nearly 30 years to assist with the preservation and upkeep of the Grade I listed church in the Village.*



## **A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL TALENT & SKILLS**

**All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 14.00 -16.30\***

An opportunity for *everyone* to exhibit their craftwork, paintings, photographs etc (no charge but donations welcome).

Local artists and glass jewellery craftsman already enlisted.

**Afternoon teas available on each day**

On Sunday afternoon the George Orwell Society will making their now annual visit to All Saints' on the anniversary of the writer's birth.

\*Displays will be on show during the Morning Worship.

***NB: OPEN GARDEN SATURDAY previously advertised for the 20<sup>th</sup> June has been postponed until 2016.***

## **MILTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 at the Methodist Chapel in Milton, and we are pleased to welcome visitors. Rev Peter Bennett is moving on after 7 years in this circuit, his last service with us will be 2nd August. Our new minister will be Rev Katherine Pickering who is based in Didcot.

On the first Tuesday in the month we run a lunch club, next lunch 2nd June. Anyone is welcome to join us for the lunch which costs £3.50, payable on the day, but it is important to book your meal by ringing Mary Hancock (Ab 848336) or Geoff Caudle ( Ab 531409)

Other activities are Knit and Natter ( 4th Tuesday, we are making jerseys for a charity in Johannesburg and blankets for SNAP), and the Art group (every Friday, 2-4.00 when we get together to progress our own projects and occasionally have a tutor)

Mary Hancock, Church Family Secretary

## **WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Our meeting on the 12th May was quite well attended to listen to a talk by Mrs Eleanor Green on 'Maggies' of Oxford. She was a good speaker and e all enjoyed listening to her. She showed us some pictures of the Centre, which looked very nice.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th June and is to be a trip to Aston Potteries, which should be a good day our. Our meetings are open to visitors who would be made most welcome.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

# S.C.I.D.S.

This *could* stand for “**Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society**” -- if there was sufficient interest from 8 – 16 year olds in the village. I would very much like to produce a young people’s musical, which would involve ten weeks of rehearsals, perhaps on Sunday afternoons from late January towards a production date at the end of March next year. Dates and times are of course open for discussion with parents and helpers!

Clearly a team is the way forward! SCIDS would need a host of adults, who could form a rota of helpers, but essential would be a piano player, of any age group, able to accompany the singers. My aim would be to keep everything very, very simple, and produce a wow of a show.

Before going any further I would love to know -

- Are there any interested 8 – 16 year olds who would enjoy this as a very light-hearted drama group? Do let me know!
- Are there any adults brave enough to put a peep over the parapet, just for fun and to provide a great way for the young of the village to get together?

Please email me, ([morna28whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com)) or telephone (01235 848335) with any comments or queries, there is no commitment while you find out more! But to progress I do need to know if anyone is interested, or even to let me know you think it is a bad idea! I will wait with baited breath.....

Morna Whitlock

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, STEVENTON & DISTRICT

Just a short update this month. Firstly a correction with regard to the date for our forthcoming Dinner, which will be held in the Officers Mess, Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot – tickets will be available well in advance, and in this 70th Anniversary year of VE Day we are hoping to make this a real night to remember. The date is the 18th of September, which is, of course, a Friday rather than a Saturday night as previously advertised. Second, with the warmer weather coming in, the Summer Fete season will soon be upon us, and the Legion would be keen to hear from organisers of events over the summer to see if there was any way that we could support.

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

President: Pat Buckland, 07778 039967

Chairman: Tony Ireson, 01235 831415

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Treasurer: Rod Clewley, 01235 831206, e-mail – [rod@rclewley.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:rod@rclewley.orangehome.co.uk)

The next Branch meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 15th June 2015 at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.



April has been quite a busy month for our WI. The arrival of The Centenary Baton in Abingdon was attended by many and accompanied by a fleet of MG cars before boarding a Salter's steamer to travel on an open-top bus through Oxford.

Thank you to Pepe for allowing us to invade The Plough again for our coffee morning, and also to everyone for their enthusiastic support.

Some of us were fortunate enough to attend The Oxfordshire Federation AGM at Oxford Town Hall. Julie Summers spoke about how she researched her books and in particular about her latest book, Jambusters, which is about the WI in the Second World War. It is this remarkable story that has inspired the ITV drama, Home Fires. Also speaking was Lucy Worsley, a fascinating historian. She spoke with authority and humour about ....Murder! I believe that, as a graduate, she was employed at our very own historic house, Milton Manor.

We have many coach trips coming up over the summer: Sudeley Castle and Gardens; Bowood House; Sir Harold Hillier Gardens; Buckingham Palace; and Elvis Presley exhibition at the O2.

Our lunch this month is on 11 June at The George and Dragon.

We have quite a selection of interesting speakers booked for the coming year but our June meeting is to be a chatter and games night. Our meetings are held in the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall at 7.30pm, always on the third Tuesday of the month, and we love to see new faces.

Beryl Davies

## STEVENTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Our two Summer Concerts this year, entitled 'Songs for a Summer Evening', will be held in Steventon Village Hall on Thursday 4th June and Saturday 6th June, both starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 (accompanied children free) include interval refreshments and can be obtained from Trish Napper (01235 848292), Caroline Miller (01235 834015) or Steventon Post Office. There will be a pre-concert bar which opens from 7.00 pm.

Pat Napper

## STEVENTON CRICKET CLUB

The sun is out and those of us with a love of sport start thinking about warm summer days and the sound of willow on leather, the hallowed game of cricket is back with us. Although Sutton Courtenay does not have a Saturday League Cricket Club we do have a successful team just up the road at Steventon. We play on the Steventon village green and are lucky to have the great facilities of the Sports and Social Club. This enables us to have a great place for friends and family and members of the community to come and watch and have a drink (or two) while the players run around after a small ball under the baking sun!

Steventon CC have been very successful in recent years gaining promotion in the league in both of the last two seasons. We want to continue this success and welcome new players of all abilities if you are interested please phone Mike Day on 07929 043733 or email: [mike@diemgrowth.com](mailto:mike@diemgrowth.com)

*Editors' note: we checked with SC Cricket Club about the inclusion of this article and they have generously agreed to it, since any exposure for cricket can only be beneficial!*

## NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

### New PCSO

Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay residents may well have spotted our new PCSO, Sue Haynes, who has now taken over from PCSO Sandra Syphas. Please do say hello if you see her out and about. She can be contacted by calling non-emergency police number 101.

### Cyclists

NAG5 and the police have been contacted again about cyclists who continue to cross Sutton (usually known as Culham) Bridge at speed on the footpath. It is an offence to cycle on a footpath. If cyclists do not wish to cycle across the bridge on the road, or are concerned about getting across before the lights change, they should dismount and walk on the footpath with their bicycle. The following extracts are taken from the Highway Code, Rules for Cyclists (59 to 82). Full details can be found in printed copies of the Highway Code or online by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>.

- You MUST NOT cycle on a pavement.  
Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & R(S)A 1984, sect 129
- You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.  
Laws RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD reg 10(1)
- You MUST NOT cross the stop line when the traffic lights are red. Some junctions have an advanced stop line to enable you to wait and position yourself ahead of other traffic (see Rule 178).  
Laws RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD regs 10 & 36(1)
- At night your cycle MUST have white front and red rear lights lit. It MUST also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85). White front reflectors and spoke reflectors will also help you to be seen. Flashing lights are permitted but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp. Law RVL R regs 13, 18 & 24

The neighbourhood police team will be carrying out random checks on cyclists at Culham Bridge over the next few weeks.

### Fraudulent car sales

Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) have been made aware that online auction websites are being used by fraudsters to advertise vehicles for sale which do not exist.

The fraudster advertises on an auction website and gets their victim to agree to purchase a vehicle, making sure that all correspondence is via e-mail. The victim then receives e-mails which claim to be from genuine payment merchants or auction websites, which state that the money they have paid for the vehicle will be held in an 'escrow account'. The e-mail indicates the money will be released to the seller once the person has confirmed that they're happy with the purchase. The e-mail says that this will provide the person with 'buyer protection'. In reality these e-mails are fraudulent. They don't come from the named companies, and the bank accounts are controlled by fraudsters.



### Protect yourself:

- Always stay within the terms and conditions of the auction website.
- Remember that PayPal do not include vehicles under their buyer protection.
- Meet the seller 'face-to-face' and view the vehicle before parting with any money.
- Be wary of e-mails that purport to be from genuine companies, and check the 'domain' name of the e-mail address for any inconsistencies.
- Check feedback online by searching any associated phone numbers or e-mail addresses of the seller.

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Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Hydro-electric power

I read with interest David Mackenzie's recent letters in two copies of the SC News, relating to alternative energy sources, and their likely economic benefit, and it seemed to me that he had made some very good points there. However I want to write about some probable misunderstandings about climate change and 'renewable' energy sources. At the moment the world as a whole is very reliant on fossil fuels (these are coal, oil, and natural gas) and might in the future rely on fracking gas. However if one is concerned about climate change and the emission of greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and methane) then all of these fossil fuels are 'non-green' including fracking gas which is just another hydro-carbon, and produces CO<sub>2</sub> when burnt just the same as coal and oil. It is difficult to see why there is so much interest in fracking gas when there are so many serious environmental concerns with it and it is no 'greener' than ordinary natural gas. Also as a general principle, the use of all fossil fuels must be reduced for the long term benefit of the planet, it is squandering valuable natural resources (for which there is no known way of replenishing) and which are vital for chemical production as well as just for heat. Therefore the long term energy requirements must be weaned off fossil fuels and use 'renewables' which are solar power, and wind and tidal power. Hydro-electric power in effect is another natural use of solar power: the sun's heat makes clouds, which make rivers, which flow down mountains and hills to the sea and their down hill flow can be used to drive turbines for hydro-power.

The other source of energy is 'geothermal' which uses the Earth's interior heat, which is very large, and manifests itself in the form of volcanoes, hot springs etc but is only available economically in a very few areas of the world.

On the subject of hydro- electric power, considerable interest has been shown recently in the use of Archimedes screws for power generation along the Thames, normally alongside weirs. Although this is superficially attractive, there are two areas of concern about the expenditure of large amount of money on such schemes. Compared with the electricity requirements of the whole country, the amount of power that can be generated in small schemes on the Thames is practically insignificant. This is because of two main factors. A significant quantity of power generation requires a large head of water difference between the water supply source and the turbine discharge and a large reliable water flow rate throughout the whole year. Neither of these is available on the Thames. The head of water available is just a few feet at each weir, (and then only when the Thames is not in flood, at which time there is practically no head of water difference across the weirs, as I have witnessed at Sutton Courtenay weir). So when there is almost no head difference —no power! The other potential problem is in the summer during dry periods when the Thames flow rate is very slow. Will the operators of the Archimedes screws be allowed to divert so much water from the weir /lock areas that it jeopardises the use of the locks especially in the summer when there is a large cruiser use of locks?

A year or so ago I wrote to the environment agency asking questions about these very topics including how many months on the year on average the Thames is in flood, and what is the flow rate in the summer in very dry periods so that could be compared to the projected water use for the Archimedes screw, and for the locks. Result: no answer! So it seems that these questions have not been asked formally and have not been answered, and unless they can be answered satisfactorily, the Archimedes screw systems are non-starters.

BJC Burrows, Brook Street

### Cyclists and traffic signs

The two bridges over the Thames that connect Sutton Courtenay and Culham have increasingly become more dangerous for pedestrians. This is also true of the footpath along the Sutton Courtenay Pools and their weirs. In the former case, individuals walking along the pavement have been abused, both verbally and physically, by cyclists who refuse to ride on the road or dismount their bicycles. This is not a shared path and cyclists can be subject to a fine by police if caught breaking this law. In the latter case, one resident walking her dogs who was approaching the weirs from the Culham end (where there is no signage) felt threatened by a pack of cyclists. Cyclists of all ages have been known to create these problems. This is clearly dangerous for individuals of all ages walking alone, with a child in a pushchair or with dogs being walked on leads.

Cyclists who do not wish to obey the traffic signals or who fear riding on the roads with single lane traffic should not  
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break the law and put pedestrians at risk because of either their fear or unwillingness to walk their bicycles on the pavement. The police, our local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), our MP and our parish council have all been notified. Three examples include my husband getting punched in the face by a cyclist; our family dog was nearly hit by a car when it slipped its lead during an altercation with two cyclists; a neighbour was spat on by a cyclist. Given this level of abuse, I appealed to Ed Vaizey, MP, to help approach the OCC for clear signage. He did so and the reply from Mark Kemp, Deputy Director Commercial at the OCC was incredibly illogical, bureaucratic and unhelpful: "There is no sign in the Traffic Signs Regulations and Directions that reminds people not to do something they should know is illegal. Cycle signs on footpaths are "permissive" in that they positively identify where a process has been followed to make it legal to cycle on the path, rather than remind people it is illegal. This is, therefore, not something we would support."

So, to Mark Kemp's argument, I offer the following rebuttal: Many cyclists are unaware of the illegality of what they do or choose to ignore the law and so his argument is illogical and without merit. Moreover, there is a sign listed in the Highway Code that means "Riding of Pedal Cycles Prohibited" and shows a picture of a bicycle with the red ring around the edge, providing the exact solution required. I do not believe a temporary, non-Highway Code sign will be sufficient to deter those intent on breaking the law.

Sally Rowley-Williams

### **Care and maintenance of All Saints' Church**

You published a letter last month which questioned the care which goes into the wonderful village asset which is All Saints Church. Open to all, available whenever any one wants to pop in for a moment of quiet reflection, and used for centuries past for villagers to meet. It is an architectural gem, mostly late English Gothic but with traces of earlier styles and worthily listed Grade 1. A real asset.

May I therefore reassure any doubters that it is very carefully looked after and explain how we do it?

First and foremost, it costs money, never easy. Legacies, grants from the Friends, special collections all ensure that the Fabric fund maintains a contingency against the many routine and unexpected demands - currently £30,000. Never enough but we get by. There is no State support, unlike most other European countries [and which has the greater heritage?]

Secondly, we have a team of volunteers who clean the inside, keep the churchyard as an oasis of calm and peace and do the essential maintenance jobs like painting, clearing gutters and drains.

And the major works. In the last 10 years - helped by a generous legacy [interestingly, not from a regular churchgoer] we have

- Reduced the infestation of Death Watch Beetle.
- Repaired downspouts and gutters
- Dried the building by replacing incorrect cement render and by improving ventilation.
- Updated the electrical installation
- Installed heating
- Made a flat carpeted area at the front of the nave for concerts and other events
- Redecorated
- Repaired the boundary walls.
- And this week we are engaged in improving access for wheelchair users.

Everything is done under the eagle eye of English Heritage and the Church Authorities, who also require an independent inspection by a specialist Architect every 5 years. The 2015 inspection has just reported most favourably - some routine maintenance but no major repairs are needed.

As Chair of the Fabric Committee, I feel privileged to be entrusted with the care of such a wonderful building and I am grateful to all who support our work.

David Knowles

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS CONTINUED

### Housing in Sutton Courtenay

Once again, Redrow has failed to notify the whole village about their new plans for development. Any development affects the whole village, not just those who live near it. Their delivery of leaflets is not even to all residents near by, just the select few. How can the village forward their views if they have no knowledge of any presentation taking place? This happened with their last development in Sutton Courtenay. Is this their normal ploy? Shame on them!!!!

Lesley Clements

Since when has the Parish Magazine been used to sell houses?

I have never seen any "houses for sale" adverts in over the twenty years I have lived here. And now, all of a sudden, there is a full page advertisement for a housing development which the majority of people in the village did not want and few people in the village can afford!!!

Is this the beginning of the Sutton Courtenay Parish Magazine including a "houses for sale" section? We have plenty of free newspapers that do just that!!

I think it is much simpler than that.....Money talks!!!

Lesley Clements

*Editors' response:*

*Yes, we agree that money is important. Without the income from our advertisers and the donations from the Parish Council and the Church, Sutton Courtenay News would cease to exist very quickly. Our printing costs take up almost all of our income.*

*Editing, advertising management, and distribution are carried out by volunteers.*

*The arrangement with Redrow was that they would advertise for three months, and they paid a generous amount. That period is now finished.*

*The editorial team strongly refutes the implication which has been circulating that the content of Sutton Courtenay News is influenced by the income from any particular advertiser. The editorial content remains strictly independent.*

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This is just a short note to thank the electors of Appleford and Sutton Courtenay for re-electing me as your District Councillor. I will of course do my best to help repay that trust. I expect you all know by now that there was something of a landslide in the poll against the Liberal Democrats. The Council itself has been reduced in size, but difference in numbers between LDs and Tories was very close; now it is 29-9 in Tory favour. It remains to be seen what exactly that will mean.

The main issue is likely to continue to be planning with all major political parties promising more and more houses. The present Government seems determined not to do much to look at the relative merits of a particular large building site (the older way of doing planning) but now to work backwards from very high overall numbers, not caring too much where the houses go so long as the numbers are met. Not a very satisfactory change.

After the Crowmarsh fire, Vale and SODC are mostly moving into 135 Milton Park, and hope to be all there by the end of June. There are other anomalies because Vale owns Abbey House and occupies most of the Ground Floor. Old Abbey House next door is currently empty and is more or less a post-election storeroom when I was last in it. No doubt all occupancy issues will be sorted out shortly. I will keep you posted from time to time on housing and other matters.

**Gervase Duffield, your District Councillor**



## ED VAIZEY MP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted to re-elect me MP for the Wantage and Didcot constituency in the recent General Election. I cannot tell you how thrilled and honoured I feel to have been returned with an increased majority, and I will do everything in my power to repay the faith you have shown in me. It goes without saying that I will work for everyone who lives in the constituency regardless of how they voted.

The main issues I came across while out canvassing and at the many hustings I attended relate to concerns over housing developments. It is inevitable that we will get additional houses, I have always been very honest about this, but it is crucial that we get the relevant infrastructure to support development. I will try to ensure that this is delivered in full and on schedule by the council and developers. Other related issues that I shall be looking into are the provision of local Primary School places and concerns over GP services.

I am also delighted to have been given the opportunity to resume my Ministerial roles at the Department of Culture Media and Sport and at the Department of Business Innovation and Skills. These are portfolios I particularly enjoy and aspects such as the roll out of broadband expansion are extremely important to many of my constituents, particularly those who live in the villages.

Congratulations are also due to all the newly elected District, Town and Parish Councillors – I look forward to working with those in the Wantage and Didcot constituency. My thanks also to all the Councillors who either chose not to stand again or were unsuccessful at these elections, for the work they have done for their communities over the past years. It is much appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my fantastic team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [atkinsl@parliament.uk](mailto:atkinsl@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 [badyaljb@parliament.uk](mailto:badyaljb@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

Ed Vaizey MP

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

After a hectic 2 months with Elections, things are now getting back to normal with Annual Meetings and briefings. Please forgive a brief report this month.

I am pleased to announce that I have been elected Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the County Council. This will give me better access to all that the Council does, which I hope will be to the benefit of everyone.

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## SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Show open for viewing at 2 pm.)

Please note: Entries must be staged by 11am when judging begins. Late entries cannot be accepted.

### PRODUCE

1. The best allotment in Sutton Courtenay
2. The best vegetable from a SC allotment
3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
4. 6 runner beans
5. Bunch of fresh herbs
6. 3 onions (trimmed)
7. 3 leeks
8. 3 tomatoes
9. 5 cherry tomatoes
10. 2 courgettes
11. Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)
12. 4 carrots -with 3" tops
13. 3 beetroot - with 3" tops
14. 5 shallots (trimmed)
15. 3 dessert apples
16. 3 cooking apples
17. 5 plums
18. 3 pears
19. 2 capsicum peppers
20. Dish of 9 soft fruits, any one variety
21. A comical vegetable
22. 3 hen's eggs

### FLOWERS

23. Vase of 3 stems of roses
24. 1 specimen rose
25. Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (Different varieties)
26. 4 dahlias
27. 1 potted cactus or succulent
28. A potted geranium
29. A pot plant in flower
30. An orchid
31. 1 pot plant shown for foliage
32. Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers (inc. shrubs)

### COOKERY

33. Coffee and walnut cake (Given recipe must be used \*)
34. Jar of jam
35. Jar of marmalade
36. Jar of jelly
37. Jar of lemon curd
38. Jar of chutney
39. Jar of piccalilli
40. 4 sultana scones
41. 4 pieces of flapjack
42. A Bakewell tart
43. 6 cheese straws
44. 4 jam tarts

### DRINKS

45. 1 bottle of wine (white)
46. 1 bottle of wine (red)
47. 1 home-made lemonade
48. 1 bottle fruit gin or vodka
49. Home- made cordial

**CRAFTS** (All items in this section must be your own work and not have been used or shown before)

50. New hand knitted garment
51. New hand knitted item not a garment
52. An item of cross stitch
53. An embroidered article
54. Hand-made item of jewellery
55. Hand-made soft toy
56. Calligraphy- max size A5
57. Item made from fabric
58. A hand-made greetings card
59. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood

**ART** (Items not to have been shown before)

60. Drawing (pencil, charcoal or pen-and ink)
61. Picture (any medium including collage)

**PHOTOGRAPHY** (photographs to be taken by exhibitor and not previously exhibited; mounted, overall size max 14"x10")

62. Black and white photograph
63. Colour print – general
64. Colour print – Sunrise or Sunset
65. Colour print – an animal

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES** (must be child's own un-aided work- age to be given)

66. Original collage made from pasta – age 6 and under
67. Rainbow collage – age 7 – 11
68. Flowers in a jam jar
69. Garden on a plate
70. 4 chocolate crispie cakes
71. A hand-decorated stone

**FLOWER ARRANGING** (Accessories must be within size limits)

72. Miniature 4" x 4" x 4"
73. Flowers for a Royal Baby  
(max 21" ht x 20" sq. Accessories allowed)
74. Arrangement in a tin can – garden flowers only
75. "Jam and Jerusalem"  
(max 20"sq, unlimited height. Accessories allowed)

**SC CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW CONTINUED****\* Coffee and Walnut cake:**

For the cake: 100g/4oz soft butter, 100g/4oz castor sugar, 100g/4oz self-raising flour, 2 large eggs, 1 tsp baking powder, 50g/2oz chopped walnuts, 1 tbsp coffee essence.

For the filling and topping: 75g/3oz butter, softened, 225g/8oz icing sugar, sifted, 2 tsp milk, 2 tsp coffee essence, 8 walnut halves, to decorate.

Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease and line the bases of two 18cm/7in diameter sandwich tins. Beat together all the cake ingredients in a large bowl until well combined and smooth. Divide the mixture between the cake tins and bake for 20-25 minutes. Allow to stand for five minutes before turning onto a wire rack to cool. For the filling and topping, beat the butter and gradually add the icing sugar. When all is added, add the milk and coffee essence and beat until smooth. Spread half the coffee icing on one cake and sandwich together with the other half. Ice the top of the cake with the remaining coffee icing and decorate with walnut pieces.

**New this year: Two Classes for Sutton Courtenay Allotments holders.**

All you gardeners... come and show off your allotments and your produce.

The schedule and application form will be on the Sutton Courtenay website to download too. We look forward to seeing new and old faces again this year.

Come and learn a new skill and play with foam clay with No Two Things and see what other exciting things our village has to offer.....

Entries to be staged by 11 a.m. on 5th September. Please note that judging begins at 11 a.m. prompt, and late entries cannot be accepted.

Application Forms should be sent to either: Mrs V Dalby, 6 High Street, Sutton Courtenay,

or Mr T Mulvey, 64 Tyrrells Way, Sutton Courtenay

on or by Thursday, 3rd September 2015

The Produce Show Committee

## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PRESENTATION



Nora Harragin receives a presentation on her retirement as Chairman of the Friends of All Saints' Church at the AGM on the 12th May. She has served for 11 years as Chairman, and previously was a committee member for many years.

### Long Wittenham Pre-school Open Day for prospective parents

on

Sun 14th June, Village Hall

10am-1pm

Drop in to see what pre-school is like and talk to staff, committee members and current parents. Places are available from September for 2-5 year-olds. Funding is available for eligible 2 year-olds and all 3+ year-olds.

Long Wittenham Pre-School is Ofsted-rated 'Good' (January 2015).

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27 June 2015, 7.30pm,  
St John the Evangelist Church,  
Oxford (SJE Arts)

Conductor: Robert Secret

Tickets £10 to £16 (conc. £5 to £14) on the door  
or from Oxford Playhouse: 01865 305305, [www.ticketsoxford.com](http://www.ticketsoxford.com)  
[www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org](http://www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org)

## HARWELL OPEN DAY

**Did you know that some of the world's best scientists and engineers work right on your doorstep? And for the first time in a decade they will be opening their doors for the Harwell Open Day, Oxfordshire's most exciting family science event, on Saturday 11 July.**

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is welcoming visitors to the Harwell campus, where scientists and engineers work around the clock on cutting-edge research projects that are changing life in the 21st century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get inside the laboratories and experimental areas to see the science up close.

Entry to the campus, the research facilities and all activities are completely free of charge.

*<http://harwellcampus.com/open-days/>*

There will also be many activities on offer for children and adults alike, including:

Extracting DNA from strawberries

Rocket building and launching

Finding out how X-rays help us learn about dinosaurs

Witnessing an exploding mini volcano

Programming mini robots to navigate around a map

## ABINGDON LADIES' NETBALL CLUB



ALNC was founded over 30 years ago by a group of mums who met to play regularly to keep fit and socialise; since then the club has grown & now has 2 teams playing in the Oxfordshire Netball League in Marston, Oxford. ALNC netballers range from age 16 to 55, a mixture of abilities and some also umpire for the club. We pride ourselves in being a competitive yet social team, with plenty of training, matches and social events being our healthy mix to the successful club.

ALNC are always welcome new players to the team, so if you would like to get back in to an old sport or try something new, then come along and try out one of our training sessions; We train every other Tuesday 7-8:30pm at Manor Prep School in Abingdon. For more information on the club and upcoming training dates please visit [www.alnc.co.uk](http://www.alnc.co.uk) or send a message to [info@alnc.co.uk](mailto:info@alnc.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!



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**For more information about the work of the Parish Council, including dates for upcoming meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, please visit our website: [www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)**



**Sutton Courtenay  
Primary School  
Summer  
Fete  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
11am until 2pm**



**Amazing Raffle  
Prizes**

**Top Prize worth £1000**

There are many many fantastic prizes including Jewellery, Hotel stays, a Vacuum Cleaner, Family Days Out, and much more.....

**Alice in  
Wonderland Theme**

**Mad Hatters  
Parade**

**Tea Cup &  
Saucer Ride**

**Balloon Modelling**

**Pony Rides**

**Bouncy Castles**

**BBQ, Cakes, Jam  
Tarts & Tea Tent**

**Tombola's**

**Entertainment,  
Games & Stalls  
for all**

The Mad Hatters Parade and Sea Cadets Brass Band will leave the corner of Barretts Way opposite Costcutter at 10:50 am – All Welcome.



## THE EARTH TRUST

*All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, O14 4QZ unless otherwise stated*

### **Summer Birds at Thrupp Lake**

Sunday 7th June, 10am-12pm

Join the Earth Trust and local expert Ben Carpenter for a morning stroll around beautiful Thrupp Lake, near Abingdon. Learn all about the summer migrating birds and their habitats. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Upcycling and Natural Creations**

Sunday 7th June, 10am-2pm

Drop in to the Earth Trust Centre and give upcycling a go! Make jewellery, wallets and other useful items from 'waste' and natural materials. Take home whatever you make; materials will be provided or bring along anything you'd like to reuse. £4 suggested donation per child, £5 suggested donation per adult (taking part).

### **Heritage Skills Taster Session: Woolworks**

Saturday 13th June, 10am-3pm

Come along to the Earth Trust Centre and try out simple spinning and weaving techniques. Discover traditional dye plants and watch natural dyeing in action. No need to book; this is a free taster session as part of our Stepping into our Natural Heritage project.

More information: [volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 409413.

### **Paradise Wood Open Evening**

Monday 15th June, 6pm-8pm

This is your opportunity to explore the Earth Trust's national research woodland, Paradise Wood, which hosts the largest genetic collection of hardwood timber trees in the country. Join our Forestry Research manager Dr Jo Clark and discover how we use these trials for timber improvement purposes and in the fight against Chalara ash dieback. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Heritage Skills Taster Session: Grassland Plants**

Tuesday 30th June, 7pm-9pm

A guided walk to discover the traditional uses of the wild plants growing in the Earth Trust's meadows and hedgerows. No need to book but please arrive at the stated start time. This is a free taster session as part of our Stepping into our Natural Heritage project. More information: [volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 409413.