

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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## VILLAGE DIARY

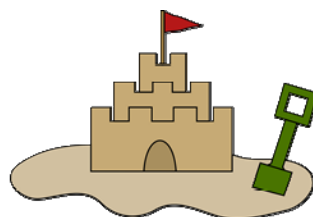
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THE EDITORS HOPES EVERYONE HAS A GOOD SUMMER. THERE IS NO EDITION IN AUGUST BUT PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. THE NEXT EDITION WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER. THE COPY DEADLINE FOR THAT EDITION IS

**WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST**

<b>JULY</b>				
Tues	7th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tues	7th	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Wed	8th	2.30pm	GraveTalk	Church
Sun	12th	12pm	Aunt Sally	The Plough
Tues	14th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship Garden Party	23 Harwell Road
Sun	19th	6pm	Parish Prom	Church
Tues & Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Holiday Club	School
Thurs	23rd	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes	Church
Sun	26th	6pm	Parish Prom	Church
Wed	30th	7.30pm	DAMASCUS Project AGM	Village Hall



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## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

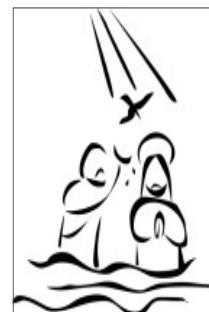
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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

Neil Richard MORRIS of Abingdon and Jennifer Ann Louise CLENDINING of Abingdon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The service was conducted by the Reverend Tim Hewes.



### HOLY BAPTISM

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

Charlie Michael Gordon WHITE (7<sup>th</sup> June 2015)

Sasha Kitty Darling KNOWLES (7<sup>th</sup> June 2015)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Mobile Library Changes**

Oxfordshire County Council has introduced changes to the mobile library service with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> July. The library will now visit Sutton Courtenay on Tuesdays on a fortnightly basis. In future, commencing from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, the library will stop at Chapel Lane from 14.50 – 15.10 and then Bradstocks Way between 15.15. – 15.45. Further information is available at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/mobile-libraries>



### **Sutton Bridge – Cycling**

Letters in the last issue of Sutton Courtenay News referred to cycling on the footways across the Sutton bridge. With the Sustrans cycle route going from Peep O Day Lane through Sutton Courtenay to Didcot, there are numerous cyclists elsewhere in the village, and reports have been received that it is not only the bridge where cyclists appear on the paths. The Parish Council is contacting the County Council to see what can be done to ensure the safety of everyone.

### **Redrow Homes**

Redrow Homes are proposing a housing development north of Hobbyhorse Lane on a site identified in the District Council's local plan as Sutton Courtenay East. The planning application has not yet been lodged. The Council is keeping a close watch on progress on the site, and will keep the parish informed when the Application is lodged. In case this is over the Summer months, anyone interested in looking at the details, will be able to find it, when lodged, on the website of the Vale of White Horse District Council [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

A village group has been working on a community led plan which gives everyone the chance to say what they think about the issues affecting the community and how they would like it to develop. In addition to community led plans, the Localism Act introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to contribute towards planning their areas by preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is not compulsory, and may not be the best option for addressing the issues in the area. On the other hand a new statutory document which sets out the objectives for Sutton Courtenay may have some merits.

Whilst the Parish Council does not usually meet in August, its members have decided to meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such a Plan. This is not a usual council meeting, as there is only one item on the agenda, but the public are welcome to attend and listen.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

P15/V0841/FUL Renewal of temporary planning consent for 2 containers to store equipment at the recreation ground, Old Wallingford Way. The Council had no objections to the application.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.**

**Additional date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.**

**Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:[info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)**

# **Aunt Sally Fun Day!**

## **The Plough**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

**12-4pm**

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project is organising a

### **Family-friendly Aunt Sally**

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

Teams of 5 - voluntary donation of £5 to enter the competition

or

Come and watch Wimbledon Final on TV  
(cream teas available)

or

Come and enjoy a drink and a super BBQ

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**CAKES** **TOMBOLA** **RAFFLE**

**GAMES STALLS FOR CHILDREN**

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am very pleased to inform you that Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School has been judged to be an **OUTSTANDING** church school.

As a church school, Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School is subject to an inspection – known as SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.)

SIAMS inspection focuses on the effect that the Christian ethos of the church has on the children who attend it. The principle objective is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school through three questions:

- How well the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

Our school was found to be **OUTSTANDING** in every area during the inspection in May.

The report states that the **distinctiveness and effectiveness of Sutton Courtenay as a Church of England School are outstanding.**

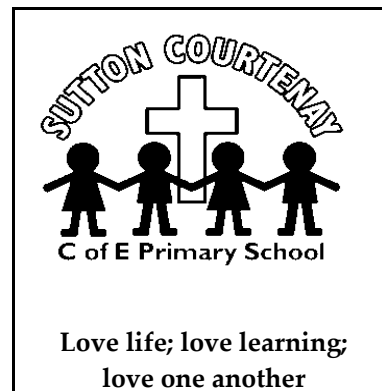
This is because:

- An exceptionally clear, strong and vibrant ethos firmly embedded in Christian values has been established in which the pupils thrive academically and personally.
- Very strong, Christian leadership by the Head Teacher in partnership with committed governors and a dedicated staff enables Sutton Courtenay to continuously develop and strengthen as an Anglican school.
- An extremely firm and mutually beneficial partnership has been established with the parish church, its clergy and community which enhances and strengthens the school's Anglican character.
- The strong, caring Christian ethos together with the impeccable example set by adults within the school produces well behaved, respectful and mutually supportive children who have a real desire to learn and achieve.

The school is obviously very proud of this achievement – As the outstanding grade is not given out to many schools. This outcome would not have been achieved without the work of The Reverend Helen Kendrick and other members of the church community who have worked very closely with the committed staff and governors who, along with the children of course, make Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School a very special place to be. Please do take time to read the full report which is available on our school website: (found under Key Information) [www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk](http://www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk)

On another note I would like to thank all those of you who sponsored our recent Race for Life event for Cancer Research where we raised a fantastic £1800.

*As you can see, there has been much to celebrate!*



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...

#### 'Open the Book' reaches 2000 schools

**For as long as there have been people, there have been stories. We all love stories, whether they are long or short, happy or sad, serious or silly. We are inspired by stories of hope and touched by stories of disappointment. Some people love fantastical stories of dragons and wizards, princesses and magical lands. Others prefer tales of rags-to-riches, heroes-to-zeroes, quests, rescues and thrilling adventures. And in many ways, your own life is a story! The Bible is one of the greatest collections of stories ever known but increasingly younger generations are becoming 'bible illiterate'.**

In order to stem this the Bible Society launched a programme called 'Open the Book' and it has recently announced that this initiative can now be found in 2000 registered primary schools, and that there are 11,000 volunteer Bible storytellers going into schools across the UK. One of those 2000 schools and five of those 11,000 volunteers are in Sutton Courtenay where each Thursday morning we 'Open the Book' in our village school.

'Open the Book' is a three-year rolling programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories, which are presented by teams of volunteers, free of charge, to primary schools. Volunteers present Bible stories in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way and provide a resource that assists schools in meeting their statutory collective worship obligations.

The volunteers use drama, mime, props, costume – and even the children and staff themselves. All storytellers agree to a strict code of conduct and follow the guidelines in the Open the Book handbook. Volunteers stick to the script and outline for each session and present the story simply, without addition or improvisation.

Since January a team of us from All Saints' Church have been running 'Open the Book'. We don't teach or preach, but simply tell stories. We allow each story to speak for itself, liaise closely with the school and show respect and sensitivity to those of other faiths. It is a great opportunity to engage imaginatively with the rich source of stories in the Bible. We love telling the stories and the children love playing their part – we have no shortage of volunteers of all ages to take on the different roles – as well as listening to the stories.

A team of us have also had the privilege recently of leading the Year 6 children in three 'Experience' afternoons. For the first one we experienced the events of Holy Week; the second we experienced the post-Easter events with Jesus and his disciples and in the third we entered imaginatively into the experiences of Pentecost.

It is a privilege to be part of school life in this way and to help enrich the lives of the children with knowledge and spark their imaginations with experience of these stories.

We are also delighted at the result of the recent SIAMS Report (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). As you will read on the school page of the News, the school achieved an 'outstanding' which is a wonderful accolade to the dedication of a tremendous team of staff, governors, parents and children led by the Head Teacher, Alison Ashcroft. It is indeed a church school to be proud of in the heart of our community.

With love and prayers, Helen

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

## COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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.

*We don't meet in August so the next one is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.*



## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
10-3pm

Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School,  
Bradstocks Way

*Run by the Churches of St Peter's Drayton & All Saints', Sutton Courtenay*

Booking Forms Available from the  
Church, the School Office or The Rev'd  
Helen Kendrick, 01235 848297

## 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 but please  
sign the list at the back of All Saints'  
Church to help with catering.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian  
Fellowship Garden Party.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** - 6pm Parish Prom - *Flautist's  
Fancy* – James Thompson in concert.  
Admission on the door £6.50 or  
Season Pass £21.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** –  
Summer Holiday Club for 5-11 year  
olds (see advert for details)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 10.30am-12noon Coffee,  
Cakes & Books in the Church.

**Sunday 26** - 6pm Parish Prom – *In the  
Spotlight* – Lynne Winter, Jenna  
Elliott & Rob Bertwistle. Admission  
on the door £6.50 or Season Pass  
£21.

## CHURCH DIARY FOR AUGUST

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 6pm Parish Prom – *Favourite  
Things* – showcase of young talent –  
*Morgan Dawe, Chris Emlyn-Jones,  
Megan Hooper, Elimear McCarthy &  
David Mears.* Admission on the door  
£6.50 or Season Pass £21.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 1pm Wedding.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** - 6pm Parish Prom – *Folk  
Finale* – *Three Pressed Men.*  
Admission on the door £6.50 or  
Season Pass £21.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Wedding.

## CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Oxfordshire Historic  
Churches Trust Ride and Stride – if  
you would like to help us raise money  
by cycling or walking between the  
churches of Oxfordshire please  
contact Nora Harragin on 848235

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH** CONTINUED**Book of Common Prayer Choral Evensong****6pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Sadly, due to lack of support, this service will be the last monthly Evensong we hold. We will still hold the occasional 'Festival' Evensong in the future. In the meantime you are warmly invited to come to our final monthly service.

**GraveTalk - THINKING ABOUT DEATH AND DYING? – come and join the conversation**

We would like to invite you to an afternoon in All Saints' Church to explore questions about death and dying, funerals and loss. This might be a strange invitation but we would like to help you think about these issues and perhaps start to plan what you would like to happen at your funeral.

The Church of England is the biggest single provider of funerals in England, with around 3,300 funerals held each week in churches, crematoria, cemeteries and green burial sites all being led by Church of England ministers – clergy and readers.

**The afternoon will take the form of a relaxed café style in the church**

**2.30pm-4pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

Possible questions range from: 'What would you like your lasting legacy to be?', 'How do you feel about being asked to wear bright colours at a funeral', to 'What music would you like to have played or sung at your funeral?'

Recent research from Mintel (2014) shows the need for GraveTalk, showing that less than one in five (16%) people have made written funeral plans. The research highlighted that many people who want to make a funeral plan haven't yet done so, with three fifths (61%) of respondents feeling that it was important to make at least some plans for the kind of funeral they'd like to have.

The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar, head of Projects and Development for the Archbishops' Council said: "We have been helping people to think about the big questions of life and death for generations. Our local clergy and lay people are a valuable source of support and help at every stage. Whether it is thinking about what hymns and readings you might want in your funeral service, or finding someone to listen during the painful journey of grief, a local church can play a big part in getting people talking about death and dying."

Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge for this event.

Any questions – please contact either The Reverend Helen Kendrick, 848297 or

the Reverend Tim Hewes 07771 880117



## REST IN PEACE

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

Barbara Ann HANDS who died, aged 81, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 was born in Marcham in 1933 where she was brought up by her parents, Nellie and Ernest along with her two sisters, Daphne and Eva. She went to primary school in Marcham before winning a place at Wallingford Grammar. She always said she had a happy childhood and loved growing up in the countryside with the freedom to roam. On leaving school she did a variety of secretarial work including working at MG and for Debenhams. Over the years she also worked part-time at Amey's and then fulltime as Secretary to Mr Amey. She retired from there when she was fifty. Barbara met Ken Hands at a dance. They were engaged for seven years until they had saved up enough money to put down a deposit to buy a house. They were eventually married in Marcham on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1959 and began their married life in Sutton Courtenay. Their son David was born in January 1960 and then Sally followed in 1962. She loved both of them dearly and her grandchildren who brought so much joy to her life. Barbara's instinctive and naturally caring nature meant that she loved being a wife and a mother – caring and providing for the family. As a Mum she was always there and her non-judgmental attitude and open-mindedness meant that she was easy to talk to. Anyone who has ever visited her home will know that she kept it spotlessly clean and food and drink would always be offered to make you feel even more welcome. She was a good cook - whether it was making Sunday Roasts for the family, a cake for any occasion, or providing dishes for the bring and share events at church, WI or Women's Christian Fellowship. In recent times she very much enjoyed the Hungry Saints lunches at The Swan. Over the years the family enjoyed regular holidays – caravanning in Scotland and Wales and once in Cornwall – or in David and Sally's words – wherever it rained they went! Barbara loved her garden and would spend hours tending it. It was lovely to go there for the WCF Garden Parties and enjoy the beautiful haven she had created. Sadly Ken died in 2003 but Barbara rebuilt her life, with the help of family and friends, and continued to enjoy time away on coach trips as well as keeping herself busy with all her village and church commitments. She never turned down an invitation and loved to go out! She also loved shopping – particularly for shoes and handbags. When at home she was never idle – she loved reading but would never just sit and watch TV without doing a Tapestry or knitting. In her younger days she used to cycle everywhere or walk to visit friends - she never learnt to drive – but this obviously helped to keep her fit and active until her final illness. She was a loyal and faithful member of our worshipping community at All Saints with a deep personal Christian faith. She was of course a stalwart of the Young Wives which morphed, as the wives 'matured', into the Women's Christian Fellowship and over the years had been Secretary and Chairman. She was also very involved in the WI and had been both Outings Secretary and the General Secretary. She led a very active social life with friends across the village and loved to help in any way that she could. She was always interested in people and never failed to be friendly and welcoming with a warm smile. Love shone out of her. Following her terminal diagnosis a little over a year ago she made the courageous decision not to have any treatment and the way in which she died was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her quiet acceptance of what was to come; her faith that all would be well and her decision to simply live each moment and be thankful for all the riches of her life was truly humbling to witness. It was a privilege to visit and spend time with her and every time we shared communion she never failed to give thanks for the blessings of her life or to keep her many friends in her prayers. She was always grateful for the care and support she received from her family, friends and neighbours which enabled her to remain in her home in her final illness. Barbara was a modest and assuming but immensely caring, faith filled person. She was a loyal friend who made a difference to the lives of those who knew her and who will all greatly miss her. *This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at Barbara's funeral, which was held in All Saints' Church on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.*

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI

We have had the opportunity recently to engage with some interesting speakers. It seems that our speaker in May has stirred some of our members to start researching their family trees. Many of us attended a group meeting in Drayton where Frances Benton gave a lively and entertaining talk about pearls and molluscs. She also runs pearl knotting courses at Denman College. Another inspiring speaker at Denman this month was Minette Batters who, despite her father sending her to catering college because farming was not for women, explained how her family circumstances changed and she is now the first female Deputy President of the National Farmers Union. She spoke passionately about British beef and in support of the Red Tractor mark. There was an abundance of questions from the audience; we could have listened to her all day, but after a delicious beef bap for lunch we then had a tour of the beef unit at Cumber Farm, Marcham, learning more about animal welfare.



One of our members was fortunate to have been selected to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this month, and we look forward to hearing about her day at our next meeting. Also this month we have a representative attending the AGM at The Royal Albert Hall, where I do believe the guest of honour is to be the Queen herself! She actually joined the WI in 1943.

On 21 July our speaker is Angela Panrucker. She is going to share with us her passion for the history and pageantry of the annual event held at Windsor Castle - the Order of the Garter.

Our Oxfordshire federation teams have organised trips to the National Memorial Arboretum and the City of Gloucester. We have an evening with John Craven and a Mendelson music taster day on the calendar too.

Whilst on a Royal note, I understand that the president of Anmer WI has recently written to the Duchess of Cambridge asking if she would like to join the WI. If you are new to the area, I confess that our President will not be writing to you to invite you individually to our meetings, but you can be sure that you will be made very welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. (In August we meet in one of our member's gardens for a BBQ.)

Beryl Davies

## SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 2nd June we welcomed Sue and Malcolm Nash who are new to our meetings. They gave a fine meeting and excellent clairvoyance which the congregation really appreciated. We will have them again, and they said they would be pleased to come.

Enquiries to Pat or Sam. 01235 847460

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Tues. July 7th 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual meeting with Sheila Webb and David.

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

## NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

As the weather warms up and the summer holiday season gets into full swing here are a few reminders to keep your property secure and for trouble-free motoring and travel.

### Home security

- Keep ground floor or accessible windows shut and locked in rooms you are not using, and lock up properly before going to bed. Insurance companies often won't pay out if a burglary is the result of an insecure door or window.
- Keep wallets, credit cards, house keys, car keys and other valuables out of sight.
- While in the garden don't leave accessible windows and doors open.
- If you're carrying out repairs or DIY jobs to your home don't leave tools, ladders and power tools out. Keep them locked up.
- Check the security of sheds, garages and gates and ensure it is adequate.

### Holidays

- Ensure that all doors and windows are closed and locked.
- Use timer switches on lamps and radios to give the impression that the house is occupied.
- Tell your neighbours you are going away so that they can keep an eye on your property.
- Don't leave the curtains closed during the day. If you want them closed overnight ask someone you trust to do it and to open them again each morning.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.

### Summer travel tips

- Avoid your car overheating by checking the coolant reservoir level regularly. Look out for wet or white staining on coolant hoses. Check the fan by running the car to normal temperature and allowing the engine to idle for 5-10 minutes. The cooling fan should cut in automatically.
- Check the oil level and top up if necessary.
- Check wiper blades for wear or splitting check the windscreen washer fluid level and ensure washer jets are angled correctly and not blocked.
- Check that all exterior lights are working, and that they comply with legal regulations - particularly if you are travelling to Europe.
- Check tyres and spare tyre for pressure, adjusting for extra load if appropriate. Also check the tread depth - the current minimum legal tread depth is 1.6mm (for vehicles up to 3500 kw gw). Check caravan tyres for cracking and renew if necessary.
- The RAC recommends carrying the following items in your vehicle: first aid kit;, warning triangle; high visibility vest/jacket; fire extinguisher; empty fuel can; additional engine oil and water for topping up; light bulb kit; up to date road map or sat-nav and an in-car mobile phone charger.
- Don't leave valuables in a parked car.
- If you have a spare set of car keys take them with you. Keys are all too easily lost in the sand on a beach, or the remote control can be, mistakenly, taken for a swim.
- Remember to shut car windows and sunroofs as well as locking the doors.
- When cycling remember to lock your bike using a good quality D-lock, even if you only leave your bike for a minute or two.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Lesley Clements was right to indicate in June's edition that the SC News is no place for a national house builder to advertise. The ethos of the News, since its inception, is that this Parish magazine is provided through public funding – church, Parish ratepayers via the Parish Council, private donations and advertisements from small, local businesses, in line with its local community mission; but there is more.

Many villagers consider Redrow to have damaged the Parish by their development in Milton Road. This was demonstrated by packed out protest meetings in the village hall and an unprecedented number of objections to the planning authority, on the strong grounds of flood threat, traffic and the further reduction of the scant number of fields left in our "rural" village. So concerned were many, they provided funds for expert reports on the flooding, overflowing sewage and traffic problems that the development could create, throughout the village – regrettably ignored by the planning authority.

Redrow, by placing an advert with the SC News, is mocking village sentiment about its activities here, using its hefty treasure chest to do so. It is doubly annoying that the company is using the services of a ratepayer subsidised publication, dependent on local volunteers, the very local ratepayers it has so disobliged. The editors might like to reflect that while the adverts were in place, those living near the development were disturbed by building noise and vibration in their homes, many heavy lorries passing to & fro and noise from water pumps, as Canute-like attempts are made to drain the high water table at the site, into the Gingebrook. They continue to be so.

It is to be hoped that should Diageo, of warehouse infamy, come along to the SC News, with another moneybag, they will be shown the door. And here's an example. While SC campaigned against the waste incinerator planned for us a few years back, a village in Hampshire was similarly threatened. As a sweetener, the incinerator company there offered to make a large donation to a financially struggling local youth football club. The boys, to a lad, refused the offer. To them, even if they lost their club, there was more to life than money. Think on't.

Pauline Wilson, Milton Rd

### **EDITORS' COMMENTS**

Thank you for your response; we always appreciate feedback from our readers.

First we need to clarify 'public funding' for Sutton Courtenay newsletter. The printing costs of 1150 copies of a 40 page edition are currently around £550. Quite often an edition runs to 44 pages, the cost of which is around £600. In the last financial year Sutton Courtenay News received donations of under £700 (of which £500 was from the Parish Council and £150 was from the Church). This means that less than one edition per year is funded "publicly" and the rest of that edition and the remaining nine editions (there are ten editions each year) are funded solely by advertising. All other costs are absorbed by the volunteers who produce and distribute the News. The economics are clear: we need every penny we can make from our advertising to continue to produce a high quality local newsletter. We treat all advertising requests impartially. There are set advertising rates for regular, local advertisers and all other applications to advertise are negotiated on a case by case basis. With regard to the Redrow advertisement, it was placed after the planning process had been completed and planning permission granted. Should Diageo ultimately get to build the warehouse, having followed the due planning process, and it wishes to advertise job vacancies in the News that request to place an advert would be treated on a entirely commercial basis, as are all other requests to advertise.

Second, as a community newspaper, we are very aware of our responsibilities to all residents, tradesmen, tradeswomen and the businesses of Sutton Courtenay. We have recently published letters from residents protesting about the Redrow development, including this one and the following one. But we also have to be mindful of the fact that people will shortly be moving into the new homes. They have a right to be welcomed into their new village, as so many of us have been in the past.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS CONTINUED

I agree with Lesley Clements' comments in the June edition of the Sutton Courtenay News that not all residents were informed of the Redrow meeting and it is not therefore representative of the views of the whole village. Perhaps developers now consider it unnecessary to make an effort as current planning procedures appear to negate the need for meaningful consultation with local people, and developers are aware that they need to do very little to satisfy the few planning conditions imposed on them.

To demonstrate their attitude to local residents, we were recently treated to loud music playing at the ends of our gardens with two different sound systems vying with each other with two different kinds of music. This was accompanied by loud, raucous 'singing' (lovely). To their great discredit, Redrow was made fully aware of ill, vulnerable, very young and elderly residents living nearby and people like me who simply find themselves at home all day through no fault of their own. They just didn't care, despite continuing intervention from Bill Hanks, Gervase Duffield and the Environmental Health Department. It would be reassuring to think that the Vale might consider the impact of this behaviour before rubber stamping further applications from developers who behave in this way.

Nicki Broadbent

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Dear Sutton Courtenay News,

Could you please ask residents to think wisely when parking on the road in both Bradstocks Way and Harwell Road. Twice in the last couple of weeks the bus has been unable to pass through as vehicles have been parked so close together on opposite sides of the road. Just last night I saw the bus driver running around knocking on lots of doors trying to find the owners of two cars parked very close together on Bradstocks Way, while his poor passengers watched and waited! Eventually after ten minutes one of the vehicles was moved, but obviously now the bus was running ten minutes late.

With many thanks Bernice Bailey, Bradstocks Way



**WANTED**

**Sutton Courtenay News Advertising  
Manager**

Our Advertising Manager is moving on and we need someone to take over the role.

What is involved?

- Dealing with email & 'phone enquiries from advertisers
- Inserting & removing adverts in the Sutton Courtenay News
- Sending out invoices to advertisers and monitoring payments
- Helping the editorial team wrap up the monthly edition

How much time does it take?

- Just a few hours a month

What skills or equipment do I need?

- Access to a computer linked to the internet and a working knowledge of Microsoft Access, Word, Excel & Adobe are needed.

**If you are interested please call Peter Draper**

**07831 526784**

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### SUTTON COURTENAY

Here we are then. For maybe the next 5 years. If all goes to plan, with a recovering economy based on a philosophy of growth at all costs – more houses everywhere – in or out of Europe – with or without the Scots – we will all be wealthier and happier. However doubtful some of us may be about the over-riding philosophy, it is the role of us in local politics to try to help to make it all happen.

#### **Facing the challenges**

Oxfordshire County faces some major problems. As a smaller County, its very size is a concern. Could services be delivered more cost-effectively? Is our system of 4 small Districts and 1 city council all pulling in different directions fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century? When it comes to the Green Belt, Areas of outstanding natural beauty, agreeing and apportioning housing numbers, would we not carry more clout with central government together rather than the present ragbag of small self-interest groups we currently seem to be? And what about the A34 whose inadequacy blights the whole county and beyond? How do we persuade government to spend the billions necessary to sort it out when we work so poorly together? There is a duty of Co-operation under the Localism Act which seems to be being ignored in all of this – many would say along with Localism itself. The County cannot sort these problems out on its own. The Districts certainly cannot. We might, just might get somewhere if ALL our councils and maybe neighbouring Councils worked better together. As we are, our chances of delivering the infrastructure we will need to cope with economic growth look slim.

#### **Flooding**

The new FCC flood alleviation strategy is now agreed (after many months), FCC have found the money to pay for implementation and with almost all red tape boxes ticked, I am promised things are about to happen. After a frank exchange of views at a meeting I had with senior FCC Management, we agreed a way forward to justify the restarting of Liaison Committee meetings. The next will meeting will happen in the next few weeks (once flood alleviation work has begun) and I am hopeful of a new era in the relationship between FCC and the local community based on confidence and trust.

#### **Drayton Road Traffic calming**

Planned, promised and apparently paid for many months ago with s106 money, the delivery of this scheme and its predicted costs has been like chasing the end of a rainbow. It seems that we now have C£28000 towards the scheme, but it is now predicted to cost C£42000. At the recent PC meeting I was charged with trying to get the following information:

1. A breakdown of the costs
2. What Sutton Courtenay could get for the £28K

I will report back to the PC and SC news next month.

#### **Home to School Transport**

In the past year, there have been a number of instances of SC parents going to appeal over the County refusing to pay for School transport. It is no secret that they have had to tighten up the regulations to save money. However, there is a concern that the regulations may not be being applied fairly or consistently. In order to get some evidence to take to the authorities, we are sending round a brief questionnaire to those who may be affected and will report back on the results. Many thanks to Parish Councillors Bill Hanks and Stephen Noys for their help with this. If anyone feels they have been affected by this and have not received a questionnaire, please let me know.

Richard Webber OCC

01235 534001 [richard.webber77@ntlworld.com](mailto:richard.webber77@ntlworld.com)

## ED VAIZEY MP

The General election campaign was a chance to hear about a lot of issues that concerned you. It won't surprise you to hear that the main concern I encountered was about housing development. I was, therefore, extremely pleased to hear that the Vale of White Horse Local plan is due to go before the planning inspector in September. Once it has been adopted the Vale can take proper control of housing development again and prevent the speculative applications currently coming forward. It will mean we get more housing but it will at least be controlled.

Other problems that were reported to me, which are related to development, were the pressures on Primary School places and on GP waiting times. I intend to look into these very carefully. The issues are complex and include demographics, constraints on school sites and encouraging young medics to take up General Practice. I will campaign on behalf of my constituents to try to ensure everyone has access to the services they need, when they need them.

I have worked with my Parliamentary colleagues in the past, and will continue to do so in future on plans to improve the rail line between Oxford and Bristol which includes the reopening of the Wantage Road Station at Grove. This would remove some of the pressure on Didcot Parkway Station and would provide a much needed alternative way for local residents to get to Oxford. I will continue to lobby at the highest level for this.

The issue of IVF funding has also recently been brought to my attention by several of my constituents and I plan to campaign hard on their behalf. Many deserving couples lose out on funding in Oxfordshire because of local rules – but they would be funded if they lived elsewhere. I will also continue my work to raise concerns about the side effects of roaccutane, a drug which has had such tragic consequences for a constituent of mine.

This month my postbag has been dominated by the debate on whether the Hunting Act should be repealed or not. I fully appreciate that this matter raises strong feelings on both sides of the argument, and I have indeed received many emails from numerous constituents on each side. The Prime Minister has said that a majority Conservative Government will give Parliament the opportunity to repeal the Hunting Act on a free vote, with a government bill in government time. In the event of such a vote, I would vote to repeal it. In my judgement the Act does nothing to protect wild animals and, in many cases, is actually detrimental to animal welfare when other methods of control are deployed, several of which can be indiscriminate.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

Ed Vaizey MP

### Marie Curie Charity

**Walk To Remember event at Blenheim Palace on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.**

Sign up to take part at [mariecurie.org.uk/walkoxfordshire](http://mariecurie.org.uk/walkoxfordshire) or

if you can help at the event contact Hannah Dowling on

***Hannah.Dowling@mariecurie.org.uk***

## 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.

**Sutton Courtenay Produce and Craft Show**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015– Village Hall, Frilsham Street**

**Entry Form**

Entries to be staged between 10.15 and 11 a.m. on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Please note that judging begins at 11 a.m. prompt, and late entries cannot be accepted. The committee reserve the right to move entries into a different category if they feel they have been wrongly placed

To be sent to either: Mrs V Dalby, 6 High Street, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AP  
 or Mr T Mulvey, 64 Tyrrells Way, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4  
 on or by  
**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fee 25p per item up to maximum of £5.00 per family – please remember to include this with your entry form. Entry for children's classes free. Please use separate forms for different family member's entries or indicate on one form. Only one entry in each class per person please.**

Please ring class number(s) entered:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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71	72	73	74	75					

For further information, telephone Val Dalby (848633) or Sally Furze (848924)

## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

All our members have been very saddened by the loss of Barbara Hands, who was Secretary and then President of our Fellowship for a long time. She will be greatly missed.

Our June meeting was a trip to the Aston Potteries and all who went really enjoyed the visit and the excellent demonstration we saw while there.

Our next meeting will be on 14th July which is to be our Garden Party and held by kind permission of Joan Moss in her garden, 23 Harwell Road, Sutton Courtenay, at 2pm.

Rose Woodward, Secretary

## PENSION SCAMS

Henley CAB has issued a warning to pensioners about scammers targeting their pension savings in the wake of the new pension rules.

Five types of scams have been reported:

1. Pension "transfers": Scammers charge pensioners high fees for moving their pensions but nothing happens; or the money is moved without their permission; or, if the pensioner agrees to the transfer, the money vanishes or is transferred to fraudulent schemes.
2. Pension savings become "investments": People are told that they can get more out of their savings by investing in goods like wine, or "revolutionary" new products or projects.
3. Pension "advice": Scammers offer "free" pension advice or a review of the victim's savings, which can cost money and be useless, or might just be a cover for obtaining crucial personal details.
4. Pensioners are offered services for a fee. In some cases no service is provided at all. In others, a service is provided but it is either expensive or not in the consumer's best interest.
5. Contacting people by email or telephone, scammers persuade victims to hand over personal data like their National Insurance number and bank account details. Sometimes the scammers will use information they already have, such as name of the victim's employer or pension provider.

### **Pension scam advice**

1. Inform someone else about a possible scam, an unsolicited phone call or text, or offer of money.
2. Never give out your bank details or send money unless you are certain you can trust the person who has asked you to do this.
3. Don't feel pressured to make a decision straight away. Take your time.
4. Seek advice by calling the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 040506
5. Report a potential scam to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

People approaching retirement with a defined contribution pension pot will be able to get face-to-face help from a Pension Wise expert in their local Citizens Advice Bureau. Make an appointment by phoning Adviceline on 03444 111444 or dropping in to the bureau. For CAB opening hours, see [www.caox.org.uk](http://www.caox.org.uk)  
Alternatively, visit the government's Pension Wise website or telephone 030 0330 1001.

### **Maggie's Culture Crawl—Oxford!**

On Friday 11 September Culture Crawl Oxford will take you on an 8 mile walking adventure around the city by night. As you wind your way through the streets, you'll uncover a route steeped in history, art, and culture, whilst gaining exclusive access to amazing buildings. You will be serenaded by a choir in Christ Church Cathedral, entertained by the costumed guides at Oxford Castle Unlocked and enthralled by the history of County Hall.

The night-time adventure will raise money for the Maggie's Centre at the Churchill Hospital which provides support for people affected by cancer at any stage, and their family and friends, free of charge. The Centre provides practical help about benefits and eating well; has qualified experts offer emotional support; is a place to meet other people or simply to sit quietly with a cup of tea. Find out more at <https://www.maggiescentres.org/our-centres/maggies-oxford/>

It is just £25 to register for Culture Crawl, with a fundraising commitment of £100: places are limited.

~ All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay ~

**6<sup>TH</sup> SEASON ! 2015 'PARISH PROM'**



# CONCERTS

*on Summer Sundays at Six\**

Come & join us to enjoy an ear-tickling variety of fine live music offered by established, friendly local performers in the atmospheric setting of All Saints' Church ~ Oxfordshire's first VisitEngland Place of Interest.

Admission includes complimentary light refreshments\*\*!

## 19 July FLAUTIST'S FANCY

Sutton-based maestro James Thompson (*flute*) makes a welcome return, to launch our season with a rafter-raising selection in a range of styles and moods

## 26 July IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Abingdon sopranos Lynne Winter and Jenna Elliott are joined by baritone Rob Bertwistle in a further scintillating Spotlight Entertainers' *soirée* of classics and 'standards' Accompanied at the *Kreisler baby-grand piano* by Ian Miles

## 2 August 'FAVOURITE THINGS'

A salon showcase concert featuring accomplished local artists of all ages including Morgan Dawe, Chris Emlyn-Jones, Megan Hooper, Eimear McCarthy and RAM scholar-elect David Mears (*clarinet*)

## 9 August FOLK FINALE

A rollicking round-off to our summer as versatile local vocal/instrumental trio **Three Pressed Men** offer novelties and old favourites in original guise ... alongside some not-too-formal 'last night'-style community singing!

\* Concerts start at 6pm on each given date, at All Saints' Church (off Sutton village green, behind the War Memorial; free parking available).

\*\* A complimentary *apéritif*, or non-alcoholic equivalent, awaits your arrival: what more civilised prelude to a summer Sunday supper? (Our aim is to finish by 7.15-ish.)

Admission £6.50, or Season Pass at £21 for all four events

## THANK YOU and Acknowledgments

Thank you to all who voted in support of the Damascus Youth Project in the Aviva competition. We polled just short of 4000 votes – highest in Oxfordshire but sadly not enough to make the nationwide short list.



Dave and Christina at the Swan started our local fund raising effort earlier this year and raised a magnificent £2620. Drayton Football Club organised a Race Night and raised just under £2000. Similar events will also be organised in the other Damascus villages.

You may recall from earlier articles that the youth project came to the end of its 5-year lottery grant of £35,000 per year in November 2014. There is every intention of applying for further grants. However, the process is extremely competitive. The more we can demonstrate local support by the way of fundraising, the stronger our likelihood of success.

You will see the poster for Aunt Sally at The Plough on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – please do come. This was originally scheduled for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June but was postponed due to the sudden and tragic death of Vince Collier.

We are so grateful to all those who have contributed in so many ways both for the Swan's Quiz Night and for the Plough's Aunt Sally. Thank you for the welcome you gave to the young people who accompanied the door-to-door adult volunteers. Your contributions mean we can promise a magnificent raffle and tombola on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Rita Atkinson - **Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project.**

**Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project AGM**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall**

**All welcome – come and hear about the work of your community project.**

## VICAR'S FUN DAY TEA PARTY

The weather was kind to us for the tea party on the Green on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. The takings on the day totalled £1724.08 and there should be at least £1,500 to spend on outreach projects in the village after the last of the expenses have been accounted for. It has already been decided that £1000 of this income will go to the Damascus Youth Project.

The tea party was preceded by a Bake-a-thon led by Fiona Frost. Those who attended had great fun making and decorating cupcakes. Our thanks go to Fiona and her wonderful team for managing the tea tent. Thanks also to all the stall holders and helpers, you know who you are. Especial thanks to the local businesses: The Fish for the wonderful éclairs and raffle prize, The Swan for the welcome breakfast for the setting up team, Mathews & Son, & Changes for the raffle prizes.

If you have any ideas for future community events or wish to be involved in any future fund raising please let Helen or myself know.

Lynne Cabbage

## THE EARTH TRUST

### **Introduction to Scything : Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am-4pm**

Learn the traditional way to tackle long grass and tall weeds with Clive Leeke. Practical but not back-breaking! All specialist tools provided. £50 (discount for Friends); booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.



### **Pond Dipping and Wild Art : Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-2pm**

Drop in to the Earth Trust and find out what's living in our pond, plus create your own creature to take home. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Summer Fruit Tree Pruning : Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-4pm**

Discover how to maximise your fruit crop with Andy Howard. Including both theory and hands on application in the Earth Trust orchard. £30; booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Woodland Adventure**

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-12pm**

An expedition for 5-8 year olds. Use your detective skills to discover our site, where we'll explore, build and play. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

### **Discover and Play**

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-12pm**

Forest School for pre-school children. Come and join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. Forest School offers hands on learning experiences in a natural environment. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

### **Clumps Club : Monday 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 9am-5pm each day**

Wild adventures for children aged 8-12yrs. Join us for outdoor fun as we build dens, cook on fires and make new friends! A different exciting activity each day. £30 per child per day, book all five and get one day FREE! Booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Heritage Skills Taster Session: Frame Basket Weaving : Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 9.30am-4.30pm**

Learn to make your own frame basket from willow in just two hours. Three sessions available: 9.30am, 12pm and 2.30pm; FREE but booking is essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Marvellous Moths at Paradise Wood : Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 9pm-11pm**

Join Marc Botham, local moth enthusiast, and spend the evening catching, identifying and learning more about these fascinating night-time creatures in our woodland in Little Wittenham. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: [admin@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Moths and Grasshoppers : Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 10am-2pm**

Drop in for a morning with moths and/or an afternoon with grasshoppers, and discover more about these interesting insects. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Little Explorers : Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-11.30am**

Sensory buggy walk for babies and toddlers. We will use our senses to learn about the natural world around us – stopping to smell, touch, taste, listen and look! £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

**FOR MANY MORE EVENTS SEE THE EARTHTRUST'S WEBSITE : [www.earthtrust.org.uk](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk)**

## THE SWAN FOODHOUSE AND BAR



**Modern British cooking with a Spanish influence, authentic paellas and tapas,  
freshly prepared and locally sourced ingredients**

**Traditional Sunday lunch, real log fire, sofa style seating, real ales**



### **Fresh fish Friday**

**2 x fish main courses, 1 x bottle of house wine red or white, every Friday  
from 6.30pm choose from 3 dishes every week, £27.00 for two people**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**GREEK EVENING**

**3 COURSES £14.95@ 7.30pm – booking required**

**Lunchtime specials menu £8.95**

**Selection of dishes available Tuesday-Friday lunchtimes changes every  
week**

**Large beer garden**

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