

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.



September

Tuesday	1st	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (includes presentation by Environment Agency)	Village Hall
Saturday	5th	2.00pm	SC Craft and Produce Show	Village Hall
Sunday	6th	6.00pm	Concert - 20th Century Clarinet	Church
Tuesday	8th	2.00pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Saturday	12th	All day	Ride and Stride	Church
Monday	14th		Deadline for receipt of applications to National Power Trust	
Tuesday	15th	7.30pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday	16th		COPY DEADLINE SC NEWS	
Sunday	20th	2.30pm	Duck Race	Mill Lane
Thursday	24th	10.30am	Coffee, Cakes, and Books	Church
Tuesday	29th	7.30pm	SC History Society, The Civil War	Church
October				
Saturday	3rd	9 - 11.00am	Biffa Compost Giveaway	Rye Farm Car Park
Saturday	3rd	6.30pm	Harvest Barn Dance	Village Hall
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service	Church

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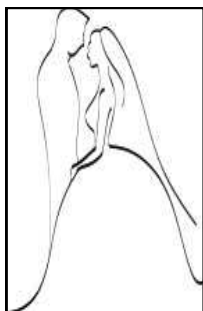
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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

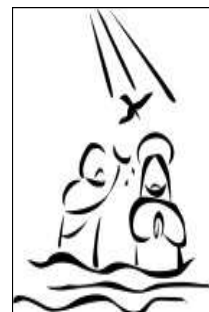
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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



HOLY MATRIMONY

WE SEND OUR BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE MARRIED IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RECENTLY

Jason Laurence CORDING and Laura Wendy THORPE (26th June 2015)
Christopher John DRUCE and Gemma Yvonne BOOKER (4th July 2015)
Adam Michael PORTER and Laura HANCOCK (8th August 2015)
Matthew Ian HORSWELL and Eleanor Rachel MATTHEWS (15th August 2015)



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Esmee Summer Hope STONE (26th July 2015)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency, and others, have been working on proposals for a scheme to reduce significant flood risk to residents and businesses in Oxford. This includes a new flood relief channel. The Environment Agency will give a brief presentation about the scheme to the Parish Council at the next Council meeting on 1st September.

Information about the scheme is available at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/environmentandplanning/flooding/Oxford%20FAS%20Public%20Consultation%20boards%20-%20Final.pdf.



Oxfordshire County Council – Subsidised Buses and Dial a Ride consultation

The County Council needs to save money on supported transport services. A consultation which ends on 14th September is taking place. Please check www.consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/stconsultation/consultationHome to comment. As part of the cut backs, the village no longer has the benefit of the subsidised evening and Sunday services. If you were a bus user at these times, then please let your local councillor know, as the matter is likely to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Oxfordshire County Council – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy

The Minerals and Waste Local Plan part I Core Strategy has recently been published and the County Council is inviting comments on the Plan before it is submitted for examination to the Secretary of State. The documents are available for viewing at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

Sunday Trading Hours – possible changes

The Government has put forward proposals to devolve Sunday trading laws locally, to give greater flexibility so that large shops can stay open longer. The Vale of White Horse District Council before responding, wishes to seek the views of residents in the Vale. Anyone wishing to have their say on the proposals should visit <http://tinyurl.com/Sunday-trading-hours> before 10th September.

Biffa Compost Giveaway

Biffa is giving away compost on Saturday 3rd October between 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. at Rye Farm Car Park, Culham Road, Abingdon. Please take container/bag and shovel. Also available are replacement kitchen caddies, buckets, and compost bins at reduced prices.

July Meeting of Parish Council

At the July meeting of the Parish Council, developers Redow and Pye from Milton Road sites spoke to the Council regarding drainage from their sites at the Southern end of the village. The Council is aware that there is a possible breach of planning condition in that some of the houses are being occupied and there are outstanding issues regarding drainage. The Parish Council has agreed to attend a meeting, with all parties to discuss an effective solution to the drainage issues in the village.

Vale of White Horse District Council – flood grants

The District Council has available funding to alleviate flooding. It is understood that few people have lodged applications. If you have been affected in the past, and require to undertake measures to try and prevent flooding in the future, then contact the Vale of White Horse District Council.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P15/V1304/O Redevelopment of Didcot A site. The Council objected to the application as submitted, as traffic studies did not take into account other approved applications, such as the warehouse in Sutton Courtenay Lane, nor the impact on through traffic in the village, as well as pedestrian routes, and industrial operations at the site being in conflict with the Science Vale proposals.

What is currently proposed for the site is for mixed development including up to 400 dwellings, 110,000 sq.m. of general industrial/storage use, 25,000 sq.m. of light business use, retails units, hotel and pub/restaurant., open spaces, and reserving land for a new science bridge. The full details of the application and what is proposed is available for viewing at

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V1304/O>

P15/V1497/HH First floor and rear extension at 4 The Nursery. The Parish Council had no objection.

P15/V1530/HH 2 dormer windows to roof space. 52d Tyrrells Way. The Parish Council objected as the proposal was to also include an additional bedroom as well, and a previous similar application had been refused. The required additional parking would result in loss of amenity space.

P15/V1721/HH First floor office extension at The House, All Saints Lane. The Council objected. The proposal showed a scheme which seemed inconsistent with residential use and concerns were raised regarding business use, and the impact on traffic in the area.

In addition to the planning applications, Hansons have enquired of the County Council as to whether an environmental impact assessment is necessary should they submit an application for a concrete batching plant on their land which forms part of the overall landfill site.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st September, 2015 at 7.00 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Please check noticeboard outside Burgrey stores in case arrangements change.

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

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Once again all our members have been saddened by the loss of another of our members, Mrs Irene Roffey, who died in August. She was possibly the oldest person in the village who has lived all her life here. She had a great knowledge of earlier times, and was a very interesting person to talk to. She will be sadly missed.

Our summer has flown by and autumn is fast approaching. Our last meeting was our garden party, which because of the weather forecast was held in the village hall, and not in Mrs Joan Moss's lovely garden. Our thanks to her, though, for her kind offer. All who came enjoyed the nice refreshments supplied by committee members and the social time together, plus the quiz.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September at the village hall at 2pm. It will be our AGM and your committee hope as many members as possible will attend.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

When you read this we will be starting our new school year, welcoming in a large class of Reception children and a number of other new children who have moved into the village. The school has grown from only 80 children when I started, to the current number of 144 and is set to grow further.

Prior to the holidays, I met with the Architect who will be planning the school extension. This is a very exciting time for the school and we are looking forward to seeing the plans that the Architect has been putting together over the summer term.

Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School is very fortunate to have very large grounds which will mean that the two extra classrooms that are going to be built will hardly affect the amount of play space. In addition, the run down temporary building that was used as the Family Centre will have been removed over the summer holidays, providing even more space for our pupils to play during break time and lunchtime!

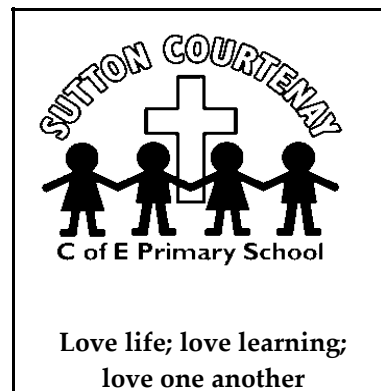
Over the last six years the whole school has been redecorated and modernised which has enabled us to offer even more to our pupils than ever before. Due to the Wi-Fi network in place, iPads and laptops are used throughout the school with all year groups; Forest School sessions are able to take place within the school grounds due to our developing area (as well as being able to use SCEEC). This year our Caretaker, Mr Greenough, has built and nurtured a wonderful allotment area with the children. Lettuces have already been used for the salad option at lunchtime and much more of the crop will be ready as you read this.

The two new classrooms are due to be ready by June 2017 and we expect pupil numbers to continue to grow while we are waiting for them to be completed.

If you do have children that are about to be three years old, or are looking for a school place for your child to start school in September 2016, please do make an appointment to come and visit the school. Our website www.suttoncourtenayprimary.co.uk has a lot of information on it too, but a visit will enable you to really get a feel of our school and the special ethos that we have within it.

ALISON ASHCROFT
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SUTTON COURTENAY (NATIONAL POWER) TRUST

This Trust was established with the donation from what was National Power (now RWE nPower). The Charity meets twice a year to consider grants specifically for the relief of poverty and distress, education and recreation and any other general charitable purposes. The next meeting will be on 6th October. If there is any local organisation or individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees by 14th September stating the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation supply a copy of the latest accounts.

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham, Oxon OX13 6PU
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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SUTTON COURTENAY

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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

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)

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

Wednesday: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

From the Ministry Team...

God can use everything we give him

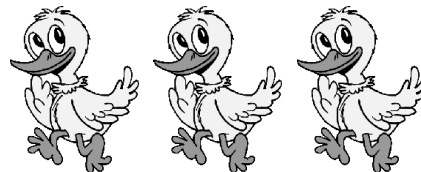
My husband has recently taken up the hobby of 'glass fusing' and I am amazed at the infinite variety of colours which can appear from the tiniest fragments of coloured glass. It reminded me of the story of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows. Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window. BUT – the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself.

Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been discarded, and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Our lives can be like that - no matter how small we may feel, or that we have only scraps to offer to God, He can still help us to use every bit of time and energy and love we do have, to build a life that is beautiful, and which will reflect the glory of God to others.

With love and prayers, Helen

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



SUTTON COURTENAY DUCK RACE - A Family Fun Event

Sunday 20th September - First race 2.30pm

Start line in Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay

Sponsor a duck for only £1. Cash prizes.

Tickets available from Pat Napper, 848292 or Helen Kendrick, 848297

(Proceeds to All Saints' Church funds)

Event to be held subject to adequate water level in stream!

COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

Thursday 24th September

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.

The proceeds from the September Coffee Morning will be going to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

HARVEST GIFTS

The Porch charity runs the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford, providing day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives, away from street-life and addiction.

Each year, at our Harvest Festival, we collect harvest goods and money to help support their work. This year they need either cash donations, to buy fresh produce through the year, or any of the following:

- coffee, tea, squash, sugar, honey, jam
- tins of: tomatoes, beans, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, corned beef, ham, fish
- stock cubes, herbs, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, cooking oil, biscuits
- washing powder, shaving foam, deodorants, disposable razors
- new socks, boxer shorts, hats, scarves, gloves.

Please bring your donations to the Harvest Festival Celebrations on **Sunday 4th October 2015 at 10.30am at All Saints', Sutton Courtenay.**

Thank you!

CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 6th** – 6pm 20th Century Clarinet – a concert by Royal Academy of Music Scholar David Mears in All Saints' Church – tickets available on the door.
- **Monday 7th** – 8pm Baptism Preparation for all those interested in baptism for their children or themselves.
- **Saturday 12th** – 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
- **Monday 14th** – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC meeting in the church.
- **Saturday 19th** – 2pm Wedding at All Saints'.
- **Sunday 20th** – 2pm Duck Race
- **Thursday 24th** – 10.30-12noon – Coffee, Cakes & Books @ All Saints' Church – all welcome.

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- **Saturday 3rd** – 6.30pm – Harvest Barn Dance for all the family – please see advert on page 19 in SC News for further details – all welcome!
- **Sunday 4th** – 10.30am Harvest Festival Service

A BIG thank you to all those who helped to run the Summer Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds in July. Great fun was had by all who came.



REST IN PEACE

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

Vince Collier who died, aged 36, on 4th June 2015 was born on 8th December 1978 in the JR Hospital. He grew up as the much loved baby of the family with his two older sisters – Kym and Lisa - and their parents Lyn & Dave in their home in Sutton Courtenay. He was the apple of his mother's eye – and she adored him. When he was about three years old he watched the film 'Tarzan' and for a long time he refused to answer to the name Vince but just wanted to be called 'Boy'! He had a great sense of adventure from an early age and had learnt to ride his pushbike without stabilisers by the time he was three. It was hard to stop him escaping from the garden and one day Lyn remembers hearing him shouting and came out to find him hanging by his trousers from the gate which he had been trying to climb over. The family also remember his determination never to give up but to keep on trying when he was on Wittenham Clumps and wanted to ride a tea tray all the way to the bottom but standing up. His drive for perfection meant that he simply kept on trying until he did it! To his sisters he might well have been an annoying little brother but it is obvious that they both loved him deeply. They also remember him being like a little magpie – and apparently this didn't change as he grew older. He was always 'borrowing' things! Growing up he was close to his Grandad Tony and he loved the River and fishing and simply being out of doors. His great passion was for metal detecting which became an all-consuming hobby. He was determined that one day he would find treasure. Vince and his Dad shared a love of Motor Cross and they would travel to events all over the place so that Vince could compete. There was one memorable meeting when, taking his Dad's advice, Vince had put on a pair of tights under his jeans to keep himself warm. Unfortunately that day he had an accident and had to go in an ambulance to be given a check-up. No-one could understand why Vince kept on refusing to let the ambulance staff remove his jeans – until he managed to tell his Dad it was because the tights he had put on that morning were borrowed from Lisa – and not only that but they were her bright pink ballet tights! Vince was so embarrassed and did not want to ruin his street cred and macho image! Vince went to Sutton Courtenay School before going to John Mason in Abingdon. On leaving school he did a variety of jobs from signwriting to working for Viking Tyres until he eventually became a hod carrier. He was physically very fit and strong and was proud of his ability to work hard and fast and be the best he could be. He met Angie at a pub and their friendship developed into a deeply loving relationship over time. He had no hesitation in becoming step-father to her children showing them unconditional love and acceptance. He also adored his nieces and nephews and relished his role as 'Uncle'. Sadly Vince started drinking in his late teens to give himself confidence and boost his self-esteem and eventually alcohol overpowered him and he became an alcoholic. He tried several times over the years to quit and showed real grit and determination to do so. He knew that it was ruining his life and affecting the lives of all those he loved and he struggled over many years. It is a testament to his efforts that he managed to go 18 months clear of alcohol before his last relapse. But we should not let this disease define our memories of Vince. From talking with Angie and the family I know that you all share many happy and positive memories of his life too. I know that he was loyal to his real friends and fiercely protective of his family. He was a man who was deep and thoughtful, caring and loving, soft and gentle. And this is the man we remember and celebrate today and who will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. *This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at Vince's funeral, which was held in All Saints' Church on 17th June 2015.*

Jasmine Hornsey who died, aged 71, on 24th July 2015 was born on 26 May 1944 – the youngest child in a family of six and she and her twin brother, Peter, grew up in Surrey where they attended the local prep school. From an early age her bright intellect shone through as she was the only one in the family who always came top in exams, and she positively relished taking them. Although she wanted to be a Doctor, the opportunities weren't there, and so she went onto do nursing training at St Georges and specialized in midwifery when she would trundle around on a bicycle. She eventually left the NHS to be a private nurse in corporate companies. And it was whilst working in this field that she met Terry, whom she married in 1987 and they moved to their brand new house in the Nursery in Sutton Courtenay. Sadly Terry died 17 years ago but Jasmine, with grit and determination, went onto rebuild her life. Her love of studying and hard work continued throughout out her life as she went onto take a Law Degree through the Open University and set up her own company – Oxford Health Works – specializing in Occupational Health issues and in recent years she studied yet again to become a specialist in mediation. She was always very hard working, incredibly well-organised and efficient at whatever she turned her hand to. A loyal and faithful worshipper at All Saints' she was a stalwart of our rotas – taking her turn at reading the Bible and serving at Communion. She was on the Parochial Church Council for many years and served as Churchwarden. She was an enthusiastic participant in the annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and she was a key figure on our Church Building Project until her illness forced her to step down.

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REST IN PEACE

Friendly, social and hospitable - she was well known for her 'Open House' parties. She protested that she was not much of a cook and that Terry was the expert but she always managed to produce delicious food! Jasmine was also devoted to cats – both her own and those belonging to other people. She was always very generous, thoughtful and helpful and made a good neighbour. She had a keen spirit of adventure – enjoying sailing and learning to windsurf at an age most people have already given up! She loved to travel all over the world and was very generous in taking members of the family on holiday with her. She was a voracious reader – and she was one of the founding member of a long running village book club. Jasmine had the skill of picking books which were challenging and thought-provoking but most importantly which everyone in the group enjoyed – something not all of us manage! She was funny and clever and had a gift for making astute, literary comments. She was a positive, faith-filled woman with courage and a great love of life. She was someone with a fierce intellect and knowledgeable about many things and keen to embrace new technology. She had a wry sense of humour and a great sense of fun. She was kind and considerate and generous with her time and money. Above all she was modest and unassuming, calm and seemingly unflappable and didn't like a fuss to be made. Jasmine strived to make the most of life as she found it. And the way she faced her final months is an example of this. Even though there were dark times Jasmine's calm acceptance of the challenges of her illness helped her to endure so much with the loving care and support of her sister Lorna. And even though Jasmine's faith was tried with fire she continued to live each moment of her life filled with 'lively hope'. Her quiet dignity and ability to find joy and embrace life each day was an inspiration to all who visited her. *This is an edited extract from the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at Jasmine's funeral, which was held in All Saints' Church on 4th August 2015.*

Irene Edith Roffey who died, aged 94, on 4th August 2015 was born in Abingdon on 10th December 1920. Shortly after her birth her Mother died and she was adopted within her Mother's family by Walter and Emma Garlick, who had returned from Australia to live back in Sutton Courtenay. She was to spend the rest of her life in this village. She attended the village school and loved recounting the story of the forgetful Vicar – who once posted his gloves through the letterbox by mistake! She enjoyed going to Sunday School every week and later joined the Church Choir. She left school at 14 to go into service and started work at Yarnton Manor, where she lived in during the week and then cycled to Oxford to catch the train with her bicycle to bring her back to Sutton Courtenay. In 1939 she went to work at the Milton Depot as a Transport Clerk – shipping parcels all over the world. Despite it being war time she had a lot of fun during these years with a very active social life. It was during this time that she met John Roffey, a Londoner in the RAF, stationed at Milton Depot. They were married on 20th of June 1941 by the Reverend Scanlan in All Saints' Church, and had a very happy and mutually supportive marriage until his death 20 years ago. Almost immediately after the wedding John was posted overseas for three years until he returned to work in Milton Depot and eventually at Morris Motors. Meanwhile Irene was kept busy looking after the family home in what was then Southend Bungalow. She spent a lot of time looking after the extensive garden and keeping pigs, chickens and rabbits. They grew so much that they often supplied the Mathews family with vegetables to sell in their shop. She was also an active member of the WRVS and would knit clothes for men serving in the armed services. She made one jumper, out of oiled wool for a sailor and included her name and address in the parcel. She was delighted when she received a letter of thanks in return! Peter was born in 1945, followed by Kathleen in 1948. They both remember Irene as a very caring and devoted Mum who looked after them very well – making all their clothes including their school uniforms and cooking delicious meals. They had some wonderful family holidays – caravanning to Beer, the Isle of Wight and coach trips to Hayling Island. Irene always loved to travel and she was very skilled at telling John where to go – he did not have a good sense of direction but fortunately Irene was an excellent navigator. Irene often entertained the extended family and friends – the family have many fond memories of tea in the garden on a summer's afternoon for up to 20 people. She was the longest serving member of the Sutton Courtenay WI and was actively involved in the Mothers' Union and the Women's Christian Fellowship. Later she greatly enjoyed attending the Evergreens Club on a Wednesday afternoon and joining in with the monthly lunches at the Milton Methodist Church. She maintained a wide circle of friends and, even when the frailties of old age prevented from doing so much, she still kept in touch with what was going on in the village and was a good friend and neighbour to many people across the generations. Above all Irene was devoted to her family. She adored her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was very proud of all of them and never forgot a birthday. They all loved her cookery skills – and she was affectionately known as Nanny Cakes. She didn't use recipes to cook but did it all by instinct. She always had to make the Christmas Puddings for the family; and the mince pies and the cakes. She even taught her son in law, Graham how to cook and was delighted when he took one of his quiches into the hospital. She was always very stylish – she would have her hair done every Thursday. With the help of her family she remained as independent as she could in her own home until going into hospital where she died. *Her funeral was held in All Saints' Church on 13th August and attended by over 90 friends and family. The Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**EXTRA LATE-SUMMER CONCERT ON****6TH SEPTEMBER***(at 6pm on a Sunday – like our Parish Proms)***The 20th Century Clarinet****Works by Finzi, Gershwin, Messaien,
Bartok, Stravinsky***with* **David Mears***(Scholar-elect, Royal Academy, London)
accompanied by Peter McMullin (piano)***Admission @ £8
includes complimentary interval refreshments****6pm, Sunday 6 September 2015 in
All Saints' Church****BARBARA HANDS**

Sadly we moved from Sutton Courtenay 5 years ago after 62 years in the village to be nearer to our daughter in our 'old age'. We still miss all our old friends so much. Luckily we often receive many copies of the Sutton News and we always find it very interesting and it also keeps us up to date.

We had been informed of the sad passing of Barbara Hands and felt I must write and reiterate all that was written in the July issue. We knew Barbara and Ken for many years and Barbara was exactly as described in the 'Rest in Peace' page. Arthur and I were so pleased that she was able to come to our 70th wedding anniversary celebration last December and - just like Barbara - she phoned afterwards to say how much she enjoyed the party. I know she will be missed by her many friends especially Joyce (Rayner) - they were more like sisters. She was always a very welcoming, caring and gentle person. Although we are now away from the village, we shall miss her so much and a great loss to Sutton Courtenay.

Arthur and Jan Clifford (late of Harwell Road)

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Most of us join the WI to make new friends, learn new skills, visit interesting places and generally have fun.

In 1915 Britain was in the depths of war. Suffragettes had finally won the vote for women and their role was changing: they were needed to boost food production on the home front. The Women's Institute brought friendship and purpose to the lives of its founder members. They started radical campaigning to improve healthcare for women. In 1938 they were successful in bringing pain relief in childbirth to country women. In the 1950s they campaigned to allow parents to visit sick children in hospital. 1954 saw the Keep Britain Tidy campaign; 1972 free family planning; 1975 screening for breast cancer and cervical cancer. More recent initiatives are SOS for Honeybees, More Midwives and Time to Talk About Organ Donation. Visit this website for more information: thewi.org.uk/campaigns.

During the Second World War when men were away for long periods, women in the countryside not only had to take over the manual jobs on the land but also took evacuee children from the cities into their homes. The WI perhaps won its reputation as jam makers from this time as they were responsible for turning the fruit wasting on the trees and hedgerows into jam and chutney. They were responsible for preserving and canning 5,300 tons of fruit during the war years. They also collected five hundred tons of rosehips for the pharmaceutical industry. They were highly organised and highly praised at government level for their outstanding contribution to the war effort.

It was probably in 1998 when a group of ladies from a Yorkshire WI, supporting a friend at a difficult time, decided to pose for a charity calendar - with a difference! The group aimed to simply buy a new sofa for their local hospice but were so successful that, to date, they have raised over £3million for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. They also raised awareness of today's modern organisation - perhaps there is a little more behind this Jam and Jerusalem.

You can find the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes on Facebook. The WI is also on Twitter. This year the WI were even selling their cakes at Glastonbury!

I have heard ladies say that they will join the WI when they retire, but time is too precious to waste - come along and be inspired! We will be decorating pottery and celebrating our centenary at our September meeting after attending a county service at Christ Church Cathedral. Then on 20 October our speaker is talking about Oxford City in the form of a picture quiz. We also have a trip to a Hindu Temple planned.

Our President is Ann Henderson and she is happy to receive any enquiries about our Sutton Courtenay group <tel:01235 821834>, email: annhenderson279@hotmail.com

MARGARET KILLICK

Previous Sutton Courtenay Brownies, Rainbows, their parents and supporters may wish to know that Margaret Killick's ashes are now interred at Sutton Courtenay Cemetery. She had passed away on 4 March.

Some of the Brownie walks must have passed within yards of the spot.

John Killick

SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Oxford and area during the Civil War

Speaker: Stephen Barker

Tuesday 29th September 7.30pm All Saints' Church

Stephen Barker's illustrated talk will look at Oxford's role as Royalist capital through the eyes of some of the people who were present, and assess the impact of the war on the city and surrounding area. Stephen is an independent Heritage Advisor who works for Oxfordshire Museum Services and on joint projects with English Heritage. It seemed appropriate to hold this meeting in All Saints' Church where an incident took place during the Civil War.

In July a group from the History Society visited the medieval complex of buildings at Ewelme, consisting of the church, almshouses and school. Our guide gave us a detailed account of their history and the notable people and royalty associated with this picturesque group of buildings and village.

For information about the Society and Sutton Courtenay see our website: sclhs.org.uk

Everyone is welcome to our meetings. Members free: Visitors £3

Mary Thompson (Chair, Sutton Courtenay Local History Society)

POPPY APPEAL

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Last year's appeal in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford was our best ever, totalling £2,731.14. This reflects £2,656.76 collected and £74.38 in gift aid following recent HMRC approval of collections supported by valid Gift Aid declarations.

House-to-house collections play a vital role in the amounts raised and I urgently need some additional house-to-house poppy collectors in Sutton Courtenay and Appleford to help with this year's appeal. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours of your time during the collection period, 24th October to 7th November.

Mark Haffenden
 Poppy Appeal Organiser
 Tel: 01235 847177
 E-mail: mark-haffenden@hotmail.co.uk



NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

Cycle checks at Culham (Sutton) Bridge

The neighbourhood police team patrolled the bridge between Culham and Sutton Courtenay in mid-July. Seven of the twenty three cyclists observed were cycling on the road. The remaining sixteen cyclists were reminded that cycling on the footpath is an offence and told they would be issued with a fixed penalty notice next time. Some cyclists, particularly children and young people, may prefer not to cycle on the road over the bridge for safety reasons. They may dismount and walk, with their bicycle, on the footpath. Random checks on cyclists crossing the bridge will continue.

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 RVLr regs 13, 18 & 24

Speed checks in Sutton Courtenay

In mid July neighbourhood police conducted speed checks in Sutton Courtenay. All 34 vehicles observed on Harwell Road were driving within the 30mph speed limit. On Milton Road 4 vehicles out of 31 were over the speed limit. Two of the four vehicles exceeding the speed limit were registered in the name of Sutton Courtenay residents. Random checks will continue to be carried out.

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

CHANGES AT SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

Peter Draper, our advertising manager, has now left Sutton Courtenay News, after four years in the post, to retire and move to Wales. We wish him and his wife, Sue, every joy in their new environment.

Peter replaced David Ward, who had established a loyal group of advertisers, providing essential income for the News. Peter built on this and used his IT and marketing skills to enhance the value of the directory pages. He also streamlined the production of the newsletter and reinvigorated its layout. All this was achieved with much energy and enthusiasm, which was sorely needed when the 'team' was very new and not sure what it was doing! We are extremely grateful for everything he has done to take the News forward.

In his place we are most fortunate to welcome Bernie Jones who came to live in Sutton Courtenay with his family just 12 months ago. He has already proved his worth on the IT side, and we very much look forward to working with him.

Clare and Diane

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Austerity...

This is an appeal to all residents for understanding of the very difficult position in which County Officers (not to mention Councillors!) find themselves.

The age of austerity has not been even handed with local government. Cuts in government grants have hit all councils, but New Homes Bonus (the grant awarded to councils for every house they allow to be built) has been split 80% to Districts and only 20% to Counties. Unfortunately, the bulk of the expensive infrastructure that the new houses need (roads, schools and social services) fall on the County Council budget. This imbalance has led to increasingly wealthy District Councils and increasingly cash-strapped County Councils.

Few of us involved in Local government thought that the only decisions we would be making were "What should we cut next to balance the books?". Local government officers have to face often angry and frustrated residents with the only answer they can give – "I'm sorry, we would love to do x and y, but we have no budget for it".

Adjusting the New Homes Bonus split (to say 50:50) would allow the County to save many services – roads, buses, children's centres and so on – services which are at the moment under threat. It would not involve asking government for more money – the money is already there. At the Council meeting on Tuesday 14th July, I proposed a motion calling on Central Government to take another look at the way New Homes Bonus is apportioned between Councils. I am delighted to say that it was past unanimously gaining full support even from those councillors who were also District Councillors. No-one wants Districts to be under the same strain as Counties, but until the split is more fairly apportioned, we will be in danger of superb Leisure Centres with gold-plated taps (District responsibilities) which no-one can get to through the potholes and lack of bus services (County responsibilities). We all now need to persuade our MPs to take the message to Westminster before we lose any more vital services in the next budget round.

Directing the blame...

In an effort to balance the books, the County has already had to take some tough decisions. One such is the decision to charge for dealing with DIY waste. The County does not have a statutory obligation to provide this service, but has done so for some time now. Recent conversations with staff at the Drayton Waste Collection depot, have exposed the fact that staff have to cope with irate residents who do not think they should be charged. (The fees are very modest and only kick in when more than 3 sacks are being delivered). These disputes happen almost daily. It is certainly not the fault of the staff and I would argue (although as an Opposition Councillor I don't have to!) that it is not the fault of the council. In May the country voted for austerity, and the need to charge for non-statutory services is what austerity brings with it.

In the coming weeks, the Council will be consulting on its plans to cut Children's Centres and Early Intervention Hubs. It is inevitable that there will be much anger at the potential loss of a major universal service particularly valued by many hard-pressed families. The Council is trying to cope with a budget cut in this area of 50% whilst trying to continue to provide a service to the most vulnerable families in the County. The County Officers do not want to have to do it. The County Councillors do not want to have to do it. It is being done as a result of national austerity policy. Right or wrong it is a national issue and there is little local government can do about it.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

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ED VAIZEY MP

Like myself many of you may have enjoyed a trip to the cinema on a rainy day during the school summer holidays, so I was very interested to be told by the British Film Institute that they have opened a new round of funding for the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment Fund. Any community cinemas that have been running for 6 months or more and have set up a profile on the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema website are eligible to apply for National Lottery funding to pay for projectors, screens, DVD players, also chairs and black out blinds. Communities that already have film clubs or village hall cinemas have until 28 September to apply. All you need to do is check your eligibility. If you need to start from scratch, then you will have to apply for the next round of funding in a few months. In the meantime you should watch the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema film and take a look at their organisations that support you so that you are ready for your application.

The British Film Institute set up this scheme to bring big screen experiences and a wider choice of specialised and independent British films to people in communities across the UK. To date they have awarded £362,000 to 96 community schemes across the UK and their aim is to allow everybody in the UK to see and enjoy a wide range of films in a shared cinema experience, no matter where they live and help bring local communities closer together.

On the other side of the screen the BBC have launched their Make it Digital Traineeship which will be available in around 60 towns and cities in England. The BBC Academy and partners the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) are calling on 16-24 year olds who are unemployed, have fewer than two A Levels and an interest in developing their digital skills, to register their interest via their local Jobcentre Plus. The Jobcentre Plus network will then play a crucial role in identifying suitable candidates, who will be invited to take part by their Jobcentre Work Coaches. Training will be delivered by high-quality local training providers across the country followed by structured work placements with local employers. Full details can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/make-it-digital-traineeships-open>

This month's postbag has been dominated by letters and emails on the upcoming parliamentary bill on assisted suicide. I have no moral objection to a law that would assist someone to die – provided they were of course making a decision entirely of their own free will, and based on their circumstances. However, my very real concern has been and always will be what one might call “the thin end of the wedge”. For every person that we might consider to have a clear and settled wish to end their lives, there are countless others who are vulnerable, despairing and often lacking in support who may feel under pressure to go through with this decision. Would we, in effect be encouraging those who might not otherwise have done so to decide to take their own life? This Bill legitimises the idea that suicide is a solution for disability and severe sickness. But, as years of debate on this issue in the House of Lords has shown, there is no safeguard that would be sufficient to stop a person who feels a burden on their caregivers from ending their life; nor can doctors accurately assess this, or worse, pressure or abuse which does regrettably exist in certain cases. This is why none of the Royal Medical Colleges support a change in the law. In fact, the British Medical Association, the Royal College of GPs and the Royal College of Physicians, actively oppose such a change for that very reason. As evidence from other countries has shown, a right to die would for many be a duty to die. This is a matter of conscience, and as such, will be decided by a free vote. For the reasons set out above, we must fiercely resist this bill.

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

Ed Vaizey MP

SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show 5th 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 5th September 2015– Village Hall, Frilsham Street

Entry Form

Entries to be staged between 10.15 and 11 a.m. on 6th 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, 3rd 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)

BRAVE THE SHAVE (FOR MACMILLAN NURSES)



On September 10th, Roger Rance is going to have a complete hair shave to help raise money and awareness of cancer and the incredible work of the MacMillan nurses. If you would like to support Roger please either go to MacMillan Nurses web site, click on Brave the Shave, and enter Roger Rance to donate, or call Roger on 01235847241 for more information.

Thank you for your support, Roger.

Editors' note: We have printed this picture of Roger with his hair (and fish!) and hope next month to show you Roger minus hair (and probably without fish).

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, STEVENTON & DISTRICT

Well, its almost that time and full details are now available for this years Annual Dinner at the Officer's Mess, Vauxhall Barrack, Didcot on 18th September 2015.

To attend, please contact any committee member . It must be stressed that due to the nature of the venue, attendees must both pre-pay and register their personal details to enable access through the Barracks security arrangements.

The evening will see a series of events, including our annual general knowledge quiz, a three course carvery supper, and a short wreath laying ceremony at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial in the Barracks.

We are very fortunate to have such excellent support for the Legion from 11 (EOD) Regiment RLC, a particularly heavily committed unit which is constantly operational. It would be great to make this year's dinner one to truly remember, and we would very much like to see Legion friends and supporters, both old and new.

Thank you to all those who attended the VJ Day commemoration service on Sunday at St Michaels, Steventon. The sum of £70 was given to the legion in the retiring collection which will be passed on to the Burma Star Association.

We would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Turton who have kindly offered to tidy the area around the War Memorial. We are very grateful to them and should anyone else like to assist with this work, please do get in touch with any committee member.

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, Vice Chairman: Al Costley, 07832 340468, e-mail – al_costley@hotmail.co.uk, Secretary: Paul Francis, 07799 026666, e-mail – francisoxo@aol.com, Treasurer: Rod Clewley, 01235 831206, e-mail – rod@rclewley.orangehome.co.uk

The next Branch meeting will be at **7.00pm on Monday 21st September 2015 at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon**. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.

BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER



Dancing to Oddsox, returning by popular demand

Saturday 3rd October

commencing at 6.30pm*

***Earlier start to suit more families (end 9.30pm)**

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Tickets (to include two-course meal)

Adults £15:

Under 16s £6

Family ticket £38 (2 adults + 2 children)

**Tickets available from Burgrey Stores
Lynne Cabbage (848768) or Alison Budd (820942)**

A Village Community event for all ages

DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

Thank you again to all who supported the Aunt Sally Fun Day at The Plough. Thank you very much to Pepe Pereira who was extremely generous and made everyone very welcome. Just over £600 was raised.

The trustees also gratefully acknowledge the support of Rev. Helen Kendrick and All Saints' PCC with a donation of £1050 for the youth project's work in Sutton Courtenay.



The youth project offers life-changing support to several young people in the village and also benefits the wider community as it is rooted within the communities it serves. Increasing inter-generational cohesion and responsibility within the community is at the heart of all its work with young people.

In the past three years young people have been key to the organisation of events that have raised significant funds for the refurbishment of the recreation ground and the War Memorial and funds for the Church and the village school. They have organised senior citizens' tea parties, litter picks and inter-generational quizzes.

The youth project was set up in 1999 and became a registered charity in 2003 largely due to the efforts of the late Ian Spalding (our first chairman). It has always been the community's project and at the time it was set up the main issues were around anti-social behaviour which was invariably associated with young people. The situation is still monitored as young people are more mobile and we do get young people visiting from neighbouring towns.

From our on-the-streets' analysis, a significant issue in our village today is about the increasing susceptibility of young people to negative peer pressures and risky behaviours as result of exposure and easy access to social media and inappropriate internet sites. This has also had an adverse impact on peer-to-peer relationships.

Building non-judgemental but enabling relationships is crucial to making a difference to young people's lives and their communities. Gary, Roxy, Holly and Daniel have worked tirelessly at evenings, weekends, bank holidays to make that difference.

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.

A huge thanks once again to all who support the work of the project in so many different ways. Thank you also to The Swan, The Plough, The Fish, Changes, Richard Matthews, and Deepak Patel for their support in fund raising events.

Rita Atkinson – on behalf of the trustees of the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

S.C.I.D.S

An update on SCIDS (Sutton Courtenay Incredible Drama Society) progress! We have lift off! There are enough young people willing to sign up for a fun group ready to put on a great show. There is plenty of space for many more and everyone will be able to say whether they wish to be on stage/back stage/artist/musician or general hanger on/doer. It is just for fun. And it will be rehearsed and produced in Sutton Courtenay, so no transport needed out of the village.

Please do email or phone if you are interested. The plan is to start rehearsals in early January and put on the show in March. If you are between 8 and 16 years (and any adults willing to give a hand) do have a go – rehearsals on wintry Sunday afternoons with drinks and snacks in the middle! What more could you ask?

Just let me know - Morna Whitlock tel: 01235 848335 or morna28whitlock@gmail.com

THE EARTH TRUST, WITTENHAM CLUMPS

Children's Fancy Dress Fun Run Sunday 6th September, 10am start

A 1km (approx.) fancy dress fun run around the Wittenham Clumps! Open to children up to age 11yrs (younger children, or groups of, will need to be accompanied on the run).

Sponsorship appreciated. FREE but please register in advance: <http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/10kRun/ChildrensFunRun.aspx>



10K Run

Sunday 6th September, 11am start

A cross-country run on the beautiful Little Wittenham Nature Reserve; the route takes in Little Wittenham Wood, our new wetland by the Thames and, of course, the Wittenham Clumps. Entry is £12 (in advance) – register online at <http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/10kRun> or call 01865 407792.

SC ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Wild Woods Day - free and open to all, Sunday 20th September, 10am-3.00pm

Come along to our wonderful woodland spectacular. We will be joined by a whole host of local wildlife groups offering games, crafts, activities and live animals.

- § Birds of Prey
- § Storytelling
- § Bushcraft demonstrations
- § Meet some amazing amphibians
- § Build a bug home for your garden

Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, Sutton Courtenay Environmental Educational Centre, OX14 4TE

01235 862024 www.bbowt.org.uk sceec@bbowt.org.uk

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Old Wallingford Way

It was only a matter of time. Sadly yesterday our pet cat was hit and killed by a car on Old Wallingford Way, which has devastated our family. Particularly at the weekend if there is a sports fixture or a function at the Football Club, Old Wallingford Way is used as a race track and cars drive at great speed which has resulted in the death of our beloved pet.

Old Wallingford Way is used by dog walkers who frequently let their dogs off the lead, as well as families with young children, and I fear that if it is not someone else's pet the next time, it may well be a small child.

To anyone who uses Old Wallingford Way, please consider the people who live on the lane and all who use it. It's a lovely part of our village, ruined only by a few who have no consideration for others and the consequences of their recklessness.

Sarah Holloran (written on 2nd August, address provided)