

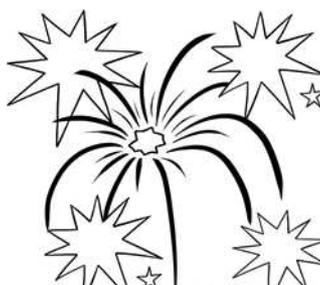
# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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## VILLAGE DIARY

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



### November

Tuesday	3rd	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Sunday	8th	10am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
Tuesday	10th	2pm	Women's Christian Fellowship	Village Hall
Tuesday	10th	7.30pm	SC Local History Society	Village Hall
Sunday	15th	12.15pm	Reminiscences of Japan	Church
Tuesday	17th	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday	18th		COPY DEADLINE SC NEWS	
Saturday	21st	4pm	Movie Matinee 'Paddington'	Church
Sunday	22nd	7.30pm	All Saints' Singers Concert	Church
Wednesday	25th	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting	Village Hall
Thursday	26th	10.30am	Coffee, Cakes and Books	Church
Saturday	28th	11am	SC Christmas Bazaar	School
Saturday	28th	7.30pm	Big Variety Show	Village Hall

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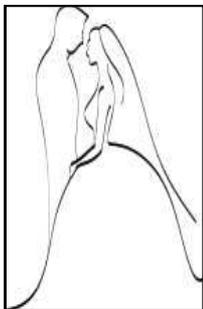
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## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

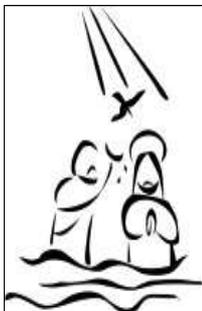
Various organisations have permanent bookings for use of the Village Hall on certain days of the week. Local individuals or organisations may nonetheless enter one-off bookings for events which clash with permanent bookings. **At least seven weeks notice must be given to Rita Atkinson (848694) or Caroline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

Jamie Steven SLIPPER and Marianne BRINKLEY (19<sup>th</sup> September 2015)



### HOLY BAPTISM

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

Kaelan Gary REEVES (27<sup>th</sup> September 2015)  
Freya Anne Robyn Michie SANDS (4<sup>th</sup> October 2015)  
Esme Sarah WHEELER (11<sup>th</sup> October 2015)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

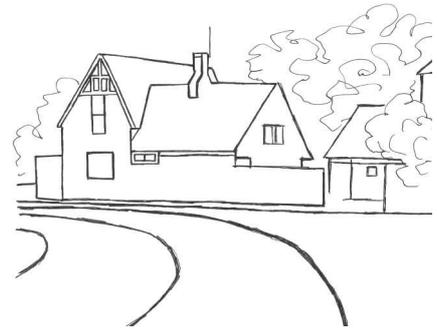
### Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

25th November, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Please see notice on Page 12.

### War Memorial

The work to clean and restore the war memorial is now complete and in time for Remembrance Sunday. It is made of Bath stone which is quite soft, so there is a limited number of times that lettering can be recut into the stone. Best conservation practice was followed throughout, so the work undertaken has been to conserve the memorial, and done under the guidance of the War Memorial Trust. Therefore minimal work has been carried out to ensure that the memory of the individuals recorded are remembered and to ensure that the memorial is safely conserved for future generations. A full photographic record was kept of the work undertaken. Thanks are given again to those who donated to help this project reach fruition.



### Church Street/Brook Street – traffic and cyclists

Further to the article which appeared last month, the Council can confirm that all possible measures to deal with traffic, advisory signs and the safety of cyclists crossing Cross Trees triangle have been fully explored. The County Council has very limited funding and is providing replacement signs and new signs where it is considered necessary, and where there is compliance with Traffic Sign Regulations. Changes to the traffic priority have been considered at Cross Trees triangle. The B4016 is the main road with High Street joining it. Whilst residents may disagree, in the opinion of the County's engineer, nothing could be done to change priorities as this would affect the main B road, and it was the B4016 that is the classified road. There is no acceptable way of change as far as the County Council is concerned.

### Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council has received comments from residents concerned about overhanging hedges which are causing problems for pedestrians and even cyclists in the area. Could landowners and those with responsibility for maintenance please ensure that the public areas on paths and cycle tracks are kept clear.

### New Housing

As there are numerous new houses under construction and new planning applications for housing pending, the Parish Council has thought about producing a welcome leaflet for the new residents that are likely to move into the parish. Ideas and suggestions are invited as to what should be included. Please let your local parish councillor or the clerk have your thoughts as to content and design.

### School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2016

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012. You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications) The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2016. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone 01865 815175 for further information.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

### **Presentations at Parish Council meetings**

The Parochial Church Council will give a presentation to the Parish Council about the proposed extension to All Saints Church, at the next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November commencing at 7.00 p.m. The Damascus Youth Project will give a presentation to Council about its work, at the Council's budget meeting, on a date to be agreed. Please see noticeboard for further information.

### **Parish Council Budget Meeting – Grants Reminder**

The Parish Council will be considering around the end of the month, its budget for the 2016/17 financial year. The Council can award grants where there benefit to some or all of the inhabitants, and where the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. If there is any organisation where there is benefit for Sutton Courtenay residents, and which wishes to be considered for a grant, then please write to the clerk, setting out the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts, by 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2015.

### **Fireworks**

Please be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

### **Planning Applications**

**The following planning applications have been considered :**

P15/V2062/HH and P15/V2061/LB Alteration and extension of the existing 70's and 80's additions to the original barn structure at the Wharf Barn, 43a Church Street. Council had no objections

P15/V2090/FUL Removal of condition 10 of P12/V2642/FUL – restriction on access to Appleford Road, in connection with the erection of a dwelling at The House, All Saints Lane. The Council objected as nothing had changed since the condition had been imposed to ensure highway safety and maintain neighbor amenity

P15/V1721/HH Proposed first floor extension (amended plans) The House, All Saints Lane. Council maintained its earlier objection. The total footprint was out of keeping in the backland development location.

P15/V2227/LB Retrospective internal works and alterations at 4 Brook Street. Council had no objection, but did express disappointment at the fact the works had been carried out to a listed building without prior consent.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 at 7.00 pm. in the village hall, Frilsham Street. Prior to the commencement of formal business, the Parochial Church Council will present its plans for an extension to All Saints Church. 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](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk).**

## SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Celebration of Harvest at Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School

During October, our school held a beautiful Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, Led by The Reverend Helen Kendrick. All classes organised their own presentations, with Year 4 thinking about a Magic Harvest box! I wanted to share some of their poems with you:



#### In my 'Magic' Harvest box I will put:

The swishing of the windmill grinding the flour;  
The dripping of raindrops hitting the hot, dry fields of Africa;  
Swaying golden wheat growing on the dark brown earth;  
Angels flying in the sky sprinkling kindness over the world.

#### I will put in my box:

The golden apples in the shining sun;  
The glowing, glistening raindrops of life;  
A planet of kindness and a dream of joy;  
A land of fruit and vegetables that last forever.

#### My Harvest box is full of:

A clear and clean ocean full of fish;  
The moving clouds bringing the life giving rain;  
Soft, silent seedlings warming up the sun.

#### I will put in my box:

Plentiful seeds, rich soil and clean water;  
Friendship holding hands across the world.

#### My box is made from:

Golden wheat – Its hinges are the ears of corn;  
In the corners are pockets full of love for the world.

**And ... my box will fly me to a magical world where no one is hungry!**

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 (847662) **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... Be a Barnabas - encourage One Another

'You'll never amount to much' said a Munich schoolteacher to a ten year-old pupil of his. It was a good thing that the young Albert Einstein did not listen but instead went on to prove his teacher wrong! Just as children need encouragement, so do all God's children. St Paul urged the Christians in his young churches to 'encourage one another.' (1 Thess 5:11). In the Upper Room, Jesus used the same word to describe the Holy Spirit, meaning one 'called alongside to help'. When we encourage others, we exercise a ministry like that of the Spirit to each another. In the Book of Acts we read of Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. We know him better by his nickname Barnabas, which means 'Son of Encouragement' (Acts 4:36). Barnabas earned his reputation for encouraging others because he was an example of *generous giving* (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. And, in the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we prepared to be generous to those in need around us? He later gave *encouragement to a new Christian* in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul's conversion and aware of his fearsome reputation, Barnabas came alongside Paul and brought him into the fellowship of the Church. Are we ready to help those who are new to the faith to find a place in our church? Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch and there 'saw the evidence of the grace of God' (Acts 11:23). Here was a church which brought together Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, are we able to rejoice when we see God doing new things? Are we also willing to encourage others to embrace these things and facilitate change? Don't forget, as Albert Einstein once said, 'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.'

With love and prayers, Helen, *The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Priest-in-Charge of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford*



**Movie Matinée, All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**

**Starting at 4pm**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Paddington (cert. PG) – fun for all the family**

**ENTRANCE FREE – DONATIONS WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS****Thursday 26th November****10.30am-12noon****All Saints' Church**

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

**And a heartfelt thank you to all those who supported the September coffee morning where £300 was raised for the Macmillan Cancer Fund.**

A HUGE thank you to Julia James and all those involved in the Junior Church and Junior Choir Harvest Tea Concert on 4th October. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the display of talents on show and the delicious tea. It was so good that we are hoping to make it an annual event!

**ALL SOULS'**

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

Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.30pm

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

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

**HARVEST GIFTS**

Thanks to the generosity of all those who brought harvest gifts to the Harvest Festivals at Appleford and Sutton Courtenay and to the children, parents and staff of Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School we were able to deliver a car full of food and other items to the Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford, along with donations totalling £400. It was all very gratefully received and will be used to help and support homeless people in Oxford. Thank you!

**CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER**

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10.30am Family Service for our Patronal Festival of All Saints – all welcome to worship and celebrate with us – cake and bubbly served after the service and there will be a sale of Christmas cards for Save the Children.
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 7.30pm All Souls Service of Naming and Remembering – see box for further details
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – 11am wedding in All Saints
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** – **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – 10am (NB earlier time) shortened Eucharist followed by 11am Act of Remembrance and rededication of the restored War Memorial. 11.15 Service of Remembrance
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Pastoral Care Course.
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Wedding.
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Hungry Saints in Church after the morning service – bring and share lunch with talk and slide show from Fred and Lynne Cabbage sharing their experiences from a recent visit to Japan – all welcome!
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 8pm Baptism Preparation in the Church for all those interested in baptism for themselves or their children.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7.30pm Pastoral Care Course
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 7.45pm Abingdon Deanery Synod
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** - 4pm Movie Matinee showing Paddington (cert. PG) – all welcome!
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7.30pm All Saints' Singers Concert.
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am-12 noon Coffee, Cakes and Books @ All Saints
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** – 11-1pm Church & School Christmas Bazaar – see advert for details
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** – **ADVENT SUNDAY** 10.30am DAMASCUS Group Eucharist at All Saints

**CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER**

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm Women's Christian Fellowship Meditation and Farewell Party
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Tree Festival (see advert for details)

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED



Lest We Forget.



Lest We Forget.

#### An Invitation to the whole community

As many of you may be aware the Sutton Courtenay War Memorial on the Village Green has been restored over the summer months, following a fundraising campaign last year. At this year's Act of Remembrance on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11am we will be giving thanks for the generosity of all those who made the restoration possible and re-dedicating it following the restoration work. The Act of Remembrance will be followed, as usual, by a Service of Remembrance in the Church at 11.15 when all the names of those on the Sutton Courtenay and Appleford Rolls of Honour are read out and the children of Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School place poppies on a wooden cross in their memory. The collection at this services goes to the RBL Poppy Appeal. All are welcome.

### REST IN PEACE

We send our condolences and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of the following :

**Jane (Jen) McKenzie**, who died on 8th September 2015, was born on 20th January 1928, the second daughter of Ally and Alex and she grew up with her older sister Elsie in Jarrow where their father was a boilermaker in the shipyards. They were brought up in a large but close knit family. Jen went to school in Valley View and Croft Terrace before becoming a 'Woolworth's Girl' – working behind the counter at the start of her working life which would continue in shops but branch out into fashion. She worked for many years for Binns in South Shields – part of the House of Fraser group – and she loved working there. She particularly enjoyed being a store model – wearing the latest designs in the store to show them off to the customers. She had a great sense of style from a very early age, which she never lost and she knew how to dress extremely well. She was always immaculately turned out and took great care over her appearance – always accessorizing her outfits with matching jewellery. She met her husband, Frank McKenzie – but always known as 'Mac' -when she was just 17. They were introduced by her cousin Albert, who worked with Mac. Apparently it was love at first sight for Mac and their first date was to the pictures. Jen thought he had a 'lovely head of hair, and a lovely set of teeth' – which was her criteria for judging a good man! This obviously worked as they were married in Jarrow and began their married life living with Jen's parents. It wasn't too long before their daughter, Lyn, was born. They spent many happy days on holiday with their extended family – caravanning and camping and exploring the Lake District, Scotland, Wales and Blackpool. And in later years Jen never stopped enjoying days out and holidays abroad. Sadly Mac died 14 years ago but Jen determinedly rebuilt her life and enjoyed going line dancing with Ethel, her best friend in Newcastle. Seven years ago Jen had to have a major heart operation and it was after that she made the decision to move to live with Lyn and Kevin. A decision she never regretted.

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Time with the family was always something she valued and, moving to Sutton Courtenay meant that she was able to spend quality time with them all. She took great pleasure in the company of her grandchildren. Known as Nanny or Nanny Glamour she loved them all very much! Moving to Sutton Courtenay also meant that she made new friends and I know that she was very grateful to Molly for welcoming her into her circle of friends and Jen became very close to them all. She loved living in the village and hopping on the bus to Abingdon or Didcot and always said what a beautiful village she lived in. Jen was notorious for having a sweet tooth. One of her favourite delicacies was a scone with marmalade or peanut butter or chocolate – Lyn and Kevin are convinced that sales of scones will now fall! She kept her mind active by doing crossword puzzles and she would often just while away the hours in the conservatory – looking out into the garden and listening to her favourite music – Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. She always enjoyed going out on a Saturday and looking for clothes. The family would often laugh as so many times she came home without anything because Jen would say they haven't made the outfit she wanted yet! Christmas time was always special and Jen would enjoy a glass of Baileys whilst the tree was decorated. Throughout her life Jen proved to be very determined and strong willed. She was quiet and unassuming but could also be stubborn and steely firm when needed. Kind and generous, she was a loyal friend to many – and indeed had a pen-friend, Carol, from America, with whom she corresponded for over seventy years! She was always social and outgoing and one of the deep pleasures of life with Lyn and Kevin was being able to join in with the parties they held. In fact, she proved so popular that whenever their friends asked them to go out they were always asked if Jen would be coming too! Her funeral took place at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 17th September. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Lyn, son in law Kevin and all her family and friends. *This is an edited extract from the funeral address given at her funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

## Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 12th (10-4pm) & 13th (12-4pm) December**

**All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**

A new competition open to all residents of the village – individuals, families or local groups/organisations. Bring along a Christmas Tree (artificial or real) and decorate it on Friday 11th December (from 2-6pm or 7.30-8.30pm). Then visit the Church over the weekend to help judge all the entries, or, just visit the church to join in the judging and enjoy the refreshments!



Visitors to the exhibition will pay £3 to come in by putting in money to the tree or trees they like the best. The winner will be the tree(s) with the most money at the end of the Festival and a prize will be awarded. Proceeds will go to the Church Building Project – working to provide new toilets, a kitchen and meeting room at All Saints' Church - and 10% of what we raise at this event will also be used to fund the building of a toilet in an impoverished community.

Setting up – Friday 11th December from 2pm – 6pm and 7.30 – 8.30pm

Church open for viewing/enjoying/judging: Saturday 12th December 10am - 4pm, Sunday 13th December 12 - 4pm

Would you like to take part? Please complete this form and submit it to:

The Vicarage, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BD or place in the box at the back of church by 6th December.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015

Name

Contact phone number

Organisation/Group (if any)

Title/Theme for your Tree

Please tick the box if you would like to use lights on your tree (we will try to accommodate your wish)

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED

### All Saints' Building Project

#### There is work in progress!

First - a big **thank you** to all those who have already pledged via the appeal; those who have donated already and to all those who have organised and/or supported a fund raising event.

The fund has raised so far approximately £82 thousand pounds – wonderful but with work to be done! If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the plans or fundraising please do contact Helen Kendrick; Tim Budd or either of the Church Wardens who will be glad to help. The working group will be updating the village on progress over the coming months in the Sutton Courtenay News.

At the present time the group is awaiting a meeting between our architect and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and English Heritage whilst also pursuing all possible grants that the project may be supported by.

#### An initial meeting of the Events “Dynamic Doers” Group will be held on –

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45 in the Church**

This follows the Family Service and is a gathering of all those members of our community, church goers and all others who believe that the Church is an important building and who have the extension of the Church as a meeting place for everyone in their hearts.

**A meeting to share any thoughts; ideas; plans for fundraising events.**

Bring along the family, while you are meeting a treasure hunt around the churchyard will be run, with two age-appropriate level hunts! So all young will be safe and occupied!

## SUTTON COURTENAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Village Hall 7.30 pm**

**“THE HISTORY OF ABINGDON”**

**Illustrated talk by Anne Gould**

It is thought that Abingdon may be the oldest town in the country to have existed continually on the same site and therefore has a long and interesting history. From early days Sutton Courtenay had connections with Abingdon which will be referred to during the talk by Anne Gould, a local historian and lecturer.

Everyone welcome:

Members free; visitors £3

Can you help? In January there will be a talk about the Victorian School and Courtenay Lodge School and their contrasting histories. I would be grateful if anyone has any photos etc. of the Victorian School or children and would be willing to lend them or allow material to be used.

Please contact – Mary Thompson Tel 0235 848527 [mary.thompson2@virgin.net](mailto:mary.thompson2@virgin.net)

## SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Our Oxfordshire Federation produces a magazine each month. This month it was full of lovely photographs of WI summer events and centenary celebrations from around Oxfordshire. The Sutton Courtenay WI often features in this magazine, and this month was no exception. Did HRH really attend our Summer Madness barbeque? This magazine also features events that we may like to attend: our Foreign Affairs committee has organised a Norway Day; the Home and Garden Committee has planned a Christmas Flower demonstration with a two course lunch; and the Combined Arts Committee is running a trip to a Benjamin Grosvenor Concert in Birmingham. We are very fortunate to have these dedicated and enthusiastic teams organising events on our behalf.

Sutton Courtenay also has an enthusiastic committee always coming up with ideas and open to suggestions. Our coach trip to the Hindu Temple was a great success. We are planning a trip to Bath Christmas Market and another coffee morning in the New Year. We also have tickets for Sunset Boulevard in Oxford.

Our lunch this month will be at Millets Garden Centre on 12 November. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17 November in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall at 7.30 pm. A talk entitled 'Strong Women' should prove very interesting!

Beryl Davies

Please note: Trip to Bath leaves the Garage on Nov 29th at 9am. All seats booked to be paid for in advance. Contact Margaret on 01235 847472

## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our October meeting was poorly attended but all who came really enjoyed the Picture Show that Florence and Jin Hayden did for us. It was about the recent short break they had in Belgium where there was a Flower Festival. The floats were really amazing.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November and it is a return visit of Shirley Wong to do exercises to music, sitting down.

Rose Woodward (Secretary)

## SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On October 6th Patrick Cadbury still arrived on time after a very congested drive from Luton. He gave an excellent address about helping people, followed by some great Clairvoyance. He has been coming to us for quite a few years now and is very well liked.

On November 3rd we have our very popular speaker/mediums David Chapman & Kath from London. On December 1st we have Sharon Higginson from Sutton Courtenay, a regular at our meetings and she gives very good services.

Again we had some newcomers who of course are very welcome.

Tues. Nov 3rd. 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman and Kath.

Tues. Dec 1st 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Meeting with Sharon Higgins

Pat or Sam 01235 847460

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### It won't stop the development, but can we influence it with our own Neighbourhood Plan?

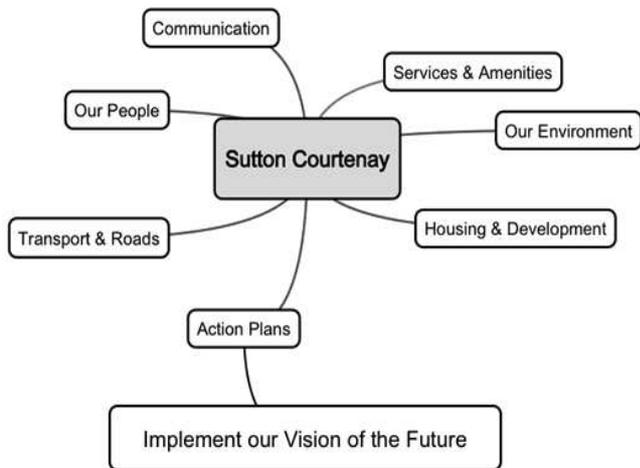
- **WHAT:** A public meeting to inform everyone about the latest status of housing development in the village and to help decide on whether we should produce a Neighbourhood Plan
- **WHEN:** 25<sup>TH</sup> November, 7pm
- **WHERE:** Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
- **WHO:** All Sutton Courtenay residents
- **WHY:** The Parish Council is responsible for leading on neighbourhood planning and has recently been weighing up whether to begin work on a plan for Sutton Courtenay.

This meeting will give more information on neighbourhood planning and what is involved, as well as some of the potential advantages to Sutton Courtenay and the arguments against producing a plan.

This is an opportunity for everyone to discuss the latest status of housing development in the village and the merits of producing a Sutton Courtenay plan and to vote on whether we should develop a Neighbourhood Plan or not.

We hope very much that you will be able to come along and give your input. Please also feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council with your views in the meantime, or email the Parish Clerk: [info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)

## SUTTON COURTENAY COMMUNITY LED PLAN



The Plan is almost complete and pending consultation with the Parish Council, it will be available for distribution shortly.

Here are some of the main findings:

- there was a reasonable response rate to the questionnaire
- as a village, we are fairly happy and satisfied with where we live
- there are concerns around affordable housing and road safety
- we value our local services and amenities
- housing and development is seen as the most important challenge facing us right now

## NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

### Reporting breaches of HGV restrictions

Residents who wish to report a suspected breach of HGV regulations are asked to complete and submit the online form available on Oxfordshire Trading Standards web site by visiting <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/weight-restriction-orders>.

Residents who do not have internet access are requested to write to Trading Standards with details of the date, time and location of the incident, the town or district, the direction in which the vehicle was travelling, vehicle registration number, vehicle make and model, company name or any other distinguishing marks, plus their own name, address and telephone number. **It is essential that any report submitted is in writing rather than verbally.** Please keep any notes as they may be required as evidence if the matter goes to court.

Send the letter to: Oxfordshire Trading Standards Service, Graham Hill House, Electric Avenue, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford OX2 0BY.

Please also note that it is the police, rather than members of the public, who have the jurisdiction to stop vehicles and enquire about their destination.

### Speeding

Residents in the NAG5 villages continue to be concerned about speeding. Neighbourhood police will continue to conduct speed checks on a regular basis and NAG5 is requesting Parish Councils to consider purchase of speed indication devices. Updates on progress will be provided in village newsletters.

### Cycling

Recent checks by neighbourhood police have found that some cyclists continue to cycle on the footpath to cross Culham Bridge. The traffic lights are phased to allow ample time for cyclists, even those cycling slowly, to cross before the lights change. Cyclists who don't wish to cycle on the road over the bridge, or are concerned for their safety and younger cyclists who don't feel confident cycling on the road, can dismount and push their bicycle on the footpath until they feel safe to re-join the road.

Please refer to the Highway Code, Rules for Cyclists (59 to 82) or visit the website at <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>, for further information.

NAG5 is exploring a community project to inform and remind all cyclists that cycling on a footpath is illegal. More information will be provided in the village newsletters over the next few months.

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

## ED VAIZEY MP

Earlier this month I attended the annual Conservative Party Conference in Manchester. I'm always impressed by how many charities attend – and it's always useful to meet them to hear what they are doing nationally and locally.



Amongst those I visited was the Cancer Research stand whose admirable ambition is to accelerate progress so that 3 in 4 people survive cancer within the next 20 years. I will do all that I can in order to help them achieve this goal.

I also visited Pharmacy Voice who gave me a sheet of statistics about the health and wellbeing of the people of Oxfordshire. One of their statistics which staggered me was that only 52% of at risk individuals receive the flu vaccine, well below the target level of 75%. At this time of year I would urge anyone reading this, who is in that at risk category, to have this jab as soon as possible. A further check I would also suggest to those eligible is the NHS Health Check at a GP's surgery or Pharmacy. It appears that only 21% of those entitled to this free check in Oxfordshire are taking advantage of it.

This month, my mailbag has been dominated by emails and letters about adding mothers' names onto marriage certificates. Currently, marriage certificates include the couple's fathers' names, but not their mothers. This is clearly outdated, and I would agree that mothers should be able to add their names. The Government is currently reviewing the marriage certificate system and will be looking at making appropriate changes. Other issues featuring this month are the TTIP free-trade agreement, changes to the Student Loan system and the Volkswagen emissions tests.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk). Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at [badyaljb@parliament.uk](mailto:badyaljb@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

Ed Vaizey MP

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### OCC Budget

In tough economic times, tough choices have to be made. Making savings within an already hard-pressed budget, is not much fun and certainly not what any of us got involved in local government to do. The problem with making cuts is that some will be very difficult to put back if/when things improve.

It is very possible that we could lose all our children's centres, all bus subsidies and most of our recycling centres in an effort to make the books balance over the next 5 years.

However, it is possible that the Government will allow a fairer allocation of New Homes Bonus (presently 80% goes to Districts and only 20% to Counties). Although it may be too late to stop some of the cutting, the newly announced Business Rate arrangement (where Councils will keep all the revenue, but not be allowed to raise rates, and where other obligations are likely to be passed on to Councils to manage) will probably have a small overall benefit to thriving counties like ours. Senior staff restructuring could yield a small saving, and a major revue of Council-owned property a rather larger saving.

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

Councils are also encouraged to consider ways they can generate extra income. With all this mid-term uncertainty, we need to be very careful when making irreversible cuts to highly valued services. In the case of Children's centres, the future cost impact of more people falling into vulnerability will need to be carefully considered.

Oxfordshire is a wealthy county. There is plenty of money out there. The problem is that too little of the money is in the hands of the Council, which has to provide the infrastructure – hence infrastructure cannot keep up with economic growth.

Many people, whose opinions I would value, have told me that many of the Council's contracts represent poor value for residents, and the County is paying way over the odds for them. All this tells me that we should be considering investing in a new department. I haven't got a name for it yet – but let's call it the County hard-nosed department. Employ a small team (well paid to get the best) to oversee all major contracts as they come up for renewal- a team which would ensure that residents are getting the best possible value and that there are tough penalty clauses for non-delivery of good service. The same team would be responsible for developing a commercial arm of the council to consider ways the council's current expertise can be marketed to businesses, academies and other organisations at a fair price. I suspect that such a department would pay for itself in a very short time in savings, and might well have the capacity to generate a sizeable additional revenue.

I would urge everyone to look at the budget ideas out for consultation on the OCC website, form their own opinions and send in a response. Richard Webber [Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com](mailto:Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com) **01235 534001**

## CORNERSTONE ARTS

Our November programme is packed with a great variety of events, classes and workshops. Popular **Top Fun Sundays** continue through November, offering family friendly entertainment and facilities. A range of activities begins at 11am and there's a super children's show at 2pm. On Sunday 15 November we have highly skilled theatre from one of the leading UK children's theatre companies with **Puss in Boots**. This story, brought vividly to life by Patrick Lynch from CBeebies, has a host of puppets, a working windmill, hidden trapdoors and lots more. It's the cat's whiskers!



**CORNERSTONE**

Recently named as one of the Top Nashville Artists, by 'The Alternate Root', **Wild Ponies** offer dead right honest songwriting. Headed up by Doug and Telisha Williams their most recent album, *Things That Used To Shine*, spent over twenty weeks in the top forty. Come along and be captivated by their magnetic and stunning stage presence on Thursday 12 November.

There's stand-up comedy from **James Acaster** on Friday 20 November. You'll have seen him on Nevermind the Buzzcocks, Mock the Week, 8 Out of 10 Cats and heard James Acaster's Findings on BBC Radio 4. He was also a Fosters Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Show Nominee in 2014, 2013 and 2012.

**Disco Pigs**, on Saturday 28 November, is an electrifying, high octane, roller-coaster ride piece of theatre. Born seconds apart Darren and Sinead, aka Pig and Runt, live in a fantasy world of their own, fuelled by disco beats and cheap booze. Reality violently collides with fantasy as they go for a 17th birthday binge, and their world begins to crumble.

For full details of the programme go to <http://www.cornerstone-arts.org> or tel 01235 515144

Are you finding your feet twitching to join in while watching Strictly Come Dancing? Why not give our **Argentine Tango** classes a try? Both beginners and improvers are catered for, and you can book for a block of five weekly classes (starting on 6 November) at a new cheaper rate, or just drop in and give it a go. There's also a Practica session for more experienced dancers after the class finishes.

Do you love to knit, or have always wanted to learn? We have just the thing for you on Saturday 14 November with **Knitting for Beginners: Make a Bag** in the morning and **Knitting, Colours and Patterns** in the afternoon! The beginners workshop will include learning how to cast on and off and the basic stitches you need to begin knitting your own bag. In the afternoon you'll learn the techniques involved with knitting with several different coloured yarns including Fairisle and Intarsia techniques.

**Sutton Courtenay**  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**11am-2pm**  
**Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School**  
**Bradstocks Way**



Come and enjoy festive fare

**Stock up with Christmas goodies**

Buy homemade cakes

**Chocolate & bottle tombolas**

Sumptuous Raffle

**Quality bric-a-brac and books**

Browse and buy from stalls

**Visit Father Christmas**

Play seasonal games

All proceeds to be shared between the Church and the School

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Cyclists and road safety: please dismount on the pavement**

To redress some of the balance from last month's letters regarding cyclists on Culham Bridge, I have every sympathy with cyclists who feel that they or their childrens' safety is in danger from cars on the bridge. However, just as cars are requested to 'Think Bike,' I urge cyclists to please 'Think Pedestrian.'

I frequently walk my dog across the Culham Bridge, praying a cyclist doesn't come along on the pavement in the opposite direction. This is because they rarely stop, usually try to push past, hardly ever dismount and rarely ring their bell if coming from behind. On many occasions I have been abused when asking (politely) these bicyclists to dismount and abide by the law. The worst occasion was someone who went through the red light behind me and tried to push past me, but then fell into the road as his wheel left the pavement curb, forcing the oncoming traffic to stop. He then punched me twice, in the shoulder and face, remounted his bike and carried on along the pavement. On another occasion, I had to jump fast off the pavement into the road as the cyclist in question came directly at me, head down, at speed. My wife was accosted by another bicyclist, causing our dog to break free and run onto the road. Two ladies we know have been variously called 'cow', 'bitch' and other names as bicyclists have forced their way past. Other neighbours can supply similar stories.

The point I wish to make is that it can be a near terrifying experience to meet a cyclist on the pavement, as the vast majority don't seem to give a damn about your - or even their own - safety. The law states very clearly that cyclists must dismount when getting on a pavement alongside a road unless it is specifically designated a cycle path. The penalty is an immediate £30 fine. I am very sorry the Culham Bridge route is so congested and that it causes problems for cars, cyclists and pedestrians alike. However, the law is the law for a reason and we are all expected to abide by it. Please be considerate and dismount and you will have my and many other pedestrians' sincere thanks.

Edmund Rowley-Williams, Appleford Road

### **Online petition about Road Safety on Drayton Road**

I read with interest how most of the letters to Sutton Courtenay News in October were about our roads. In late September some of you will have seen Drayton Road on BBC South Today. This feature on road safety (or lack thereof) followed a further serious collision and injury on the road which again closed it for several hours - That's two serious accidents in as many months. There is an online petition which asks for a 30mph limit and signage which encourages drivers to recognise the area as a village environment. The petition will be used to maintain momentum in discussions with the County Council, who continue to say that there needs to be more accidents before anything can be done.

If you would like to express your concern about the road and show support please sign the petition, which can be found at; [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) Please search for 'B4016' or 'Sutton Courtenay'.

This is not the first time residents have alerted the County Council to the dangers of the road. This time we need them to understand the full extent of the concern, so please sign the petition and share it with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who has already signed - the comments people have left are a good indication of people's experience.

Bryony Landsbert, Drayton Road

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS CONTINUED

### **Redrow Again: 200+ houses behind the village hall off Hobbyhorse Lane**

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*<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/planning-application-register>*

I would like to alert all village residents to the new and recent outline planning application by Redrow. The deadline for written responses is 6 November and for on-line responses is 11 November.

Unfortunately the application has not been widely published or notified to all interested parties. There will be related building works directly outside our house but we were not informed by the planning office.

This development will directly impact the level of traffic on the high street, any users of the village hall, cyclists who use the existing cycle route on Hobbyhorse Lane, and any users of the recreation ground and village walks near the village hall. This is of course not exhaustive and I would be interested to know of any others.

Residents should note that if they do want to comment on the application that only material planning considerations will be taken into account.

These are: loss of privacy, loss of light, car parking, traffic generation, noise and disturbance, character of the area, green belt, conservation area, design appearance and layout, national and local policies.

The following will not be taken into account, loss of value to a property, loss of view, personal disagreements, boundary disputes, covenants, commercial competition, construction disturbance, Sunday trading, matters controlled under other legislation.

It is important to make our voices heard. Additionally, if you do have strong views you can also write to our district councillor.

Anne Morgan-Smith

*[annemorgansmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annemorgansmith@yahoo.co.uk)*

### **Message to dog owners**

One day last week one of you let your dog leave a very big deposit outside my gate. I live by the school and lots of children walk on this path. If I go out in the dark I also walk on this path.

I have put a notice on my fence, plus dog waste bags in the hope that you will be kind enough to use them. You may never have had to clean the children's shoes off before they could enter school or clean pushchair wheels.

Come on, dog owners, we can't blame the dogs, just you!

Margaret Hamilton, 53 Bradstocks Way

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### **Wanted! Exercise bike**

If anyone has an exercise bike that they don't use and want to get rid of it, please telephone Nora Harragin on 01235 848235

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - STEVENTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

November is upon us once again, and as ever your local British Legion will be fully supporting a range of activities across the Branch area, particularly the series of local Remembrance Services on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Details of these services are as follows:

Milton, 10.45, Sutton Courtenay 10.45, Steventon 3.00, Drayton 6.00

This year is particularly poignant, as we mourn the loss of a real Legion stalwart, our much respected Chairman, Mr Tony Ireson. Tony had been a key member of the local Branch for many years, and it is safe to say that without his dedication and enthusiasm, even in the most difficult of times, the Steventon and District Branch would probably have withered on the vine in the way that so many small Branches have in recent years. His ready smile, constant enthusiasm, and real dedication to doing the best he could for others, was an example to us all, and he will be sorely missed.

On a happier note, it is with the greatest of pleasure that we congratulate Mr Vernon Jones, a long term Legion member and D-Day veteran, for his recent award by the French government of the rank of Chevalier in the *Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur* (National Order of the Legion of Honour). This is a considerable honour, and our congratulations go out to Vernon and his family.

On a more administrative note, actual and potential Legion members may have noticed a series of ongoing changes to the mechanism for paying annual subscriptions and joining the Legion. The preferred system is now web based, and further details can be accessed at the following website - <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/members/become-a-member/>. Please don't hesitate to contact any Branch Committee member if you would like support to use this service. As ever, your local branch is always available to support and advise members. Contact the Secretary: Paul Francis, 07799 026666, e-mail – [francisoxo@aol.com](mailto:francisoxo@aol.com)

The next Branch meeting will be our AGM, and will be at 7.00pm on Monday 16th November 2015 at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. This will be immediately followed by our monthly meeting at 7.30 pm. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area, and it would be particularly great to see any volunteers to get more involved with committee or other Branch activities.

### Sutton Courtenay News

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sutton Courtenay News will be held  
in the Committee Room, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall  
on 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm

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

Jigsaw Stage  
Productions'



**BIG  
VARIETY SHOW**

Jigsaw Stage Productions are on tour with their  
"Big Variety Show" which takes a peek at each of the four  
seasons in Song (including sing-a-longs), Dance and hilarious

**Sutton Courtenay Village Hall**  
**Saturday 28th Nov 7.30pm**  
Tickets £7 from Burgrey Stores or ring 01235 767509

## The Earth Trust

Potions and Pumpkins, Sun 1st Nov, 10 -2

Heritage Experience, Sun 8th Nov, 11-3

Star Walk, Fri 13th Nov, 6 -8

For further details :01865 409406 [lucy.benyon@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:lucy.benyon@earthtrust.org.uk)  
[www.earthtrust.org.uk](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk)

## Reminiscences of Japan

An illustrated presentation  
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at approx 12.15 pm.

**EVERYONE WELCOME.**

No charge (just bring something to eat and share  
with others).

*Some Japanese food and drink to sample.*





**Don't miss out on one the Village's  
traditional events.....**

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'\*  
***YULETIDE EVENING  
AT THE ABBEY***

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.30 -8.30 pm**

**Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine**

**Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.**

**THE ABBEY, The Green, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AF**

**Admission by ticket only: Adults £12, Children (under 12) £6**

**Available from BURGNEY STORES, High Street**

**or Fred Cabbage ([fred.cabbage@btinternet.com](mailto:fred.cabbage@btinternet.com)) 01235 848768**

**Everyone welcome!**

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

## The All Saints' Singers Advent Concert November 22nd

7.30pm

Haydn: St Nicholas Mass

Mozart: Te Deum, Regina Coeli, and Tantum Ergo

Mozart: Divertimento in D for string orchestra

This exciting "not to be missed" programme, containing some of the most beautiful and joyous music written by Haydn and Mozart will be performed under the direction of our new conductor Alexander Berry.

Haydn's Saint Nicolas Mass was written in a time of turmoil, wars and bloody revolutions; how surprising then to find such joy, wit and inspired humour in this work. At a time when musical tastes are shifting and classical music branded as "elitist" we think that this music written by Haydn, a much loved man of the people will speak straight to the heart of the listener.

Three beautiful short pieces written by the young Mozart help to make up the first half of our concert. Two of these pieces were disputed for a while showing remarkable similarities to works by Michael Haydn, and it is likely at the age of 13; Mozart would have used other compositions as guidance. Few doubts however remain as to the authenticity of these works as performing parts with annotations in Mozart's hand were discovered in Salzburg quite recently.

Our orchestra will perform the Divertimento in D, one of the most delightful short string works in the repertoire.

Join us on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm for another evening of wonderful choral music and of course, refreshments. Tickets available from: Burgrey Stores, or by calling 01235 848205.

<http://www.allsaintssingers.org>

### MORE MUSIC DATES

#### **Steventon Choral Society**

will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning from 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November in Steventon Village Hall Millennium Room. There will be a Tea and Coffee, Bring and Buy, Christmas raffle, cakes and biscuits and other stalls with things for sale.

Also – our two Christmas concerts this year, entitled 'Sounds of Christmas', will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm in Steventon Village Hall. Tickets £8 (under 12's free) include drink and mince pie/nibbles and can be obtained from Trish Napper (01235 848292), Caroline Miller (01235 834015) or from Steventon Post Office. The Saturday concert proceeds will go to our chosen charity for this year, 'Medical Detection Dogs'.

#### **Oxford Harmonic Choir**

Performs Beethoven's Choral Symphony (no 9) and Bruckner's Te Deum on 28th November at 7.30pm in Oxford Town Hall. 01865 305305, [www.ticketsoxford.com](http://www.ticketsoxford.com)



# SCIDS



The first get together/read though: Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016  
 The place : Sutton Courtenay Village Hall  
 Time: 3pm to 5pm  
 The Play: Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner  
 Performance dates: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

If you are between the ages of 8 - 16 years and would like to help put on an amazing show please feel free just to turn up - as above. Or sign up beforehand, just email me, on [morna28whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com). Rehearsals will be on Sundays from 10<sup>th</sup> January until the performance.

This is just for fun; SCIDS welcomes all-comers! It is a great script, everyone who wants to be on stage - IS! Do telephone me (01235 848335) if you need more information, this is a Sutton Courtenay event!

SCIDS also needs lots of adult input, if you feel able to join a rota of helpers on Sunday afternoons from 10<sup>th</sup> January it would be wonderful, just let me know, even if you can only do one Sunday it would be good to hear from you, the SCIDS do all the work but it does need adults for safety and if you get involved it is great fun.

Morna Whitlock

## Do you enjoy gardening?

Enjoy chatting to other like minded people? Then come to the Plough Public House to meet over a free coffee/teas and biscuits on the third Wednesday morning of each month. Just turn up - no need to book - on November 18th 2015, starting at 10.30pm.

Pepe the landlord has kindly allowed us this opportunity to bring the gardening community together.

Graham Wells

13 Milton Road

01235 847322 [Graymar.wells@btopenworld.com](mailto:Graymar.wells@btopenworld.com)





The Oxfordshire Craft Guild will be staging its centre-piece 6 week long Christmas exhibition at The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock from 14 November until 23 December 2015. With over 25 designer makers showing their work, this established fixture on Oxfordshire's arts calendar is a must see event.

The Guild also has shorter exhibitions in the Chipping Norton Town Hall from 27 – 29 November and at the Arts and Crafts Market in Broad Street, Oxford on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

Members of OCG have to go through a rigorous selection process, so visitors can be assured of the quality of the handcrafted pieces on show. Those looking for unique gifts for Christmas will find a wealth of beautiful objects from which to choose.

#### **Oxfordshire Museum**

Park Street, Woodstock

[www.tomocc.org.uk](http://www.tomocc.org.uk)

14 November -23 December

Tues – Sat 10.00 am-4.45 pm

Sundays 2.00 pm-4.45 pm

Closed Mondays

#### **Chipping Norton Town Hall**

Chipping Norton

27 – 29 November

#### **Arts & Craft Market**

Broad Street, Oxford

5 & 6 December

### **Specialist helplines available in domestic abuse cases**

South Oxfordshire Citizens Advice is raising awareness of specialist helplines people can call if they suspect that someone they know is in an abusive relationship.

Although friends and family can provide a lifeline by encouraging victims to seek specialist help, Citizens Advice say they currently face difficulties in helping victims this way because most people in Britain do not feel equipped to help people who are suffering from domestic abuse.



Surveys also reveal that more than one in three people who have personally experienced abuse didn't tell anyone else. Victims are often too afraid or isolated to talk to others about their problem.

Citizens Advice staff and volunteers are trained and supported to identify instances of domestic abuse with a simple but sensitive approach during face-to-face advice. The staff and volunteers are then able to provide support and advice to those who are experiencing, or have experienced, any kind of domestic abuse.

People who want to support victims of abuse need to know the steps they can take and where they can get specialist help. Citizens Advice is joining the national "Talk About Abuse" campaign so we can help ordinary people to know how to recognise abuse, talk about it safely and enable victims to make the right decisions for themselves.

If you are experiencing domestic violence or abuse, or you are concerned that someone you know might be in an abusive relationship, you can seek help by calling confidential freephone helplines. You can also get help and support from your nearest Citizens Advice, or call Adviceline on 03 444 111 444.

Helplines:

- If the victim is a woman, you can get help from the freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline on 0808 2000 247 (run in partnership by Refuge and Women's Aid)
- If the victim is a man, you can get help from the Men's Advice Line on 0808 801 0327
- If the victim is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, you can get specialised help from Broken Rainbow on 0300 999 5428