

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.



JULY

EVERY

Wednesday		9.30am	Music & Messy Play (see page 12)	Village Hall
Sunday	3rd	2-5pm	Summer Walk & Teas	Millennium Common & Ameron, Churchmere Rd
Tuesday	5th	7.15pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
		7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Tuesday	12th	3-8pm	High Street Sewer Improvement Works - Drop in Day	Village Hall
Thursday	14th	1.30-3pm	School Musical Edith's Wartime Scrapbook	School
Tuesday	19th	7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Sunday	24th	6pm	Sutton Courtenay Action Meeting	Speakers Corner Recreation Ground

AUGUST

Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Tuesday & Wednesday	16th & 17th	10am-3pm	School Holiday Club	School
Wednesday	17th		SEPTEMBER SC NEWS COPY DEADLINE	

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	3rd	2pm	Village Produce Show	Village Hall
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Sutton courtenay VILLAGE HALL

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@gmail.com This allows one week for them to convey the needful six weeks notice to whichever organisation had the permanent booking.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mobile Library

Unfortunately the mobile library service in Oxfordshire will cease in September. The County Council has reached this decision as part of its huge financial savings that it has to make. The last round of visits will be on Monday 5th September 2016, and the final day of the service will be Friday 16th September. The County Council will continue to work with the users of the service to find alternative ways for them to access library services either through the network of library buildings, the online library service or Home Library Service.

Bradstocks Way Shops – Refuse left outside

Sacks of refuse from homes are being left in and around the litter bins by the shops. On one occasion recently, special arrangements had to be made for extra collections from the litter bins as they were very full and overflowing. Sadly, immediately after they were emptied, more sacks with household waste appeared. The Council would ask that household refuse is put in the appropriate wheelie bins, or the allocated sacks if you do not have a bin, and that the refuse is put out on dustcart day. Household refuse in a public litter bin could be regarded as fly tipping.

Changes to Bus Services

Following the withdrawal of bus subsidies by the County Council owing to its budgetary constraints, Thames Travel and other bus companies have been working with the County Council to see how the affected areas could be best served. As a result changes to the local bus services have had to be made. Service X1 will be renumbered as service 32A and will operate hourly between Abingdon and Wantage on Mondays to Saturdays. Between Abingdon and Didcot the 32A will operate via Sutton Courtenay and Culham village.

Timetables are being uploaded to the Thames Travel's website and should be available, or will be in the near future at <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/timetables-fares/>

Annual Meeting of Council

At the annual meeting of the Council Cllr. Michael Jenkins was elected Chairman for the following year and Cllr. Christopher Campbell elected Vice-Chairman. Details of nominated representatives to **key local groups can be found on the Council's noticeboard.**



Footpath 27

The Council has received complaints that along footpath 27 which runs from Old Wallingford Way to Frilsham Street behind Lady Place, garden waste is being dumped, particularly grass cuttings. Residents may feel that as this is a natural material it will break down and is therefore an acceptable practice. Unfortunately heaped grass clippings and garden refuse do not just go away. Garden refuse dumped in public areas, like household refuse dumped in litter bins, is regarded as fly tipping. The Council would ask residents to be responsible and to acquire a brown wheelie bin from the Vale of White Horse District Council, and not to dump grass cuttings on public footpaths and leave them for others to clear.

High Street – Closure

A road closure Order has been made by the County Council for the section of the High Street between Mill Lane and Courtenay Close. This came into effect on 13th June and is valid for up to 18 months. This is to allow for sewer upgrade works which will take approximately 19 weeks to complete. Access for emergency vehicles and those properties within the closed section will be maintained. A public information event in the village hall will take place later this month. This has been arranged by the parties involved. Please see next page.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

P16/V1097/HH Side and roof extension at 3 Milton Road. The Council had no objections.

P16/V1197/HH Conservatory at 5 Lady Place. The Council had no objections.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

Planning Applications continued

P16/V1111/FUL Erection of 3 dwellings at Peewit Farm, Drayton Road. Council objected to the proposal as it was outside the built up area of the village and had concerns regarding the safety of the access and B4016.

P16/V1031/FUL Replacement dwelling at 54 Harwell Road. The Council had no objections in principle to replacing the dwelling, but did question the impact of the particular design proposed and thought it not appropriate for the street scene.

P16/V1231/FUL Building for storage and distribution at Didcot Power Station. The Council had no objections in principle, but requested a routeing agreement to ensure that vehicles did not come through Sutton Courtenay.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th July, 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall, Frilsham Street.
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833 or email:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

HIGH STREET SEWER IMPROVEMENT WORKS “DROP IN DAY”

As part of the planning permissions associated with new development off Milton Road by Pye Homes, Linden Homes and Redrow Homes, a condition requires the developers to work together with Thames Water to improve the capacity of the local foul water network, catering for the additional demand from these properties.

All three developers have been working with Thames Water over the past 18 months to design a scheme which improves the capacity of the wider foul water system.

This improvement work, focussed around the installation of a new below ground sewer in the High Street, is now scheduled to start in the Autumn and will mean some disruption for local residents whilst this work is undertaken.

We're holding a drop in day at the village hall where you can speak to the team who will be working on the improvements as well as the team from Thames Water who can tell you how the improvements fit into the wider drainage plans for Sutton Courtenay.

Drop in day Tuesday 12 July between 3pm and 8pm at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Lane, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4BB

You can also call us on 0800 148 8911 or visit www.highstreetworks.co.uk after 1 July to find out more.

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SUTTON COURTENAY ACTION MEETING

24TH JULY 6PM

RECREATION GROUND

SEE PAGE 19

SCN DISTRIBUTOR VACANCY

After many years of dedicated service one of our deliverers in Tyrells Way is retiring. The Editorial Team would like to thank them for all their help over the years.

If you would like to help deliver the Sutton Courtenay News in Tyrells Way please email mary_pike38@hotmail.com or telephone any member of the Editorial team.

SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term we have been exploring the Olympic values with the children. If you are not aware, these are: Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Determination, Inspiration and Equality. We have been asking the children how they demonstrate these values in their work and activities at school. As ever, they are very thoughtful and consider carefully how to display key values.

On 23rd May, Sophie, the Tyrannosaurus Rex visited us to bring the KS1 dinosaur topic to life. If you look at the school website in 'About Us' under 'Gallery' you will find some fantastic photos.

Barn Owls Class (Nursery) – Enjoyed their trip to the Environmental Centre for a special teddy bears picnic.

Cycling proficiency continues to ensure that the children are safe on the roads. Did you know that the guidance for the 'Green Cross Code' has changed since we were

children? There is more emphasis now on 'looking around' to 'listening' due to the increasing numbers of very quiet electric cars!

Our Falcons Class (Year 5/6) have been very busy by creating moon buggies at school and they took them to St Birinus School in Didcot for a local Primary Schools competition to decide which buggies performed the best.

At the time of writing they are also completing their two day trip to Hill End, a Residential Centre near Oxford. Their topic is currently WW2 and they departed convincingly dressed as evacuees.

They also have this special invitation for you.....



Invitation to Sutton Courtenay School Musical

The children of Falcons Class would like to invite you to a very special performance of their World War II musical – **Edith's Wartime Scrapbook**. A memory lane adventure recounting the trials and tribulations of a wartime family.

Tea and homemade cakes will be served in our 1940s style tea room whilst the children entertain you with their wonderful production.

We do hope you can join us on Thursday 14th July (1.30pm - 3pm). Tickets are available in advance from the school office (telephone: 01235 848333) at the price of £2.00 per person, which includes refreshments. Our tables are suitable for five people and we are happy to reserve a group booking.

Sutton Courtenay is very much a community school and we benefit greatly from the families and village volunteers that support our activities. Our links with the community and church are extremely important to us and so we are excited to offer this as an opportunity for the wider community to come and see us in action. We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely school.

Please note that due to the serving of hot drinks, this performance is not suitable for toddlers and young children. The school is wheelchair friendly.



At the end of June, the whole school went to Millennium Common for a picnic and by the time you read this we will have had a lunch in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday!

Community Week started on Monday 27th June – The children looked closely at the village to understand as many aspects of it incorporating any help with future plans. This culminated to a parents' afternoon on 30th June which also included community members who are leading on the Village Plan.

Our heart-warming thanks go to FOSCS (Friends of Sutton

Courtenay School) for yet another successful Summer Fete. This was held on Saturday 25th June and was enjoyed by all.

We have been working closely on decisions for next year with our new permanent Headteacher, Rachel Hornsey, who starts in September. She has quickly come to know and understand the character and distinctiveness of the school and is excited to get started in earnest.

We wish you restful summer and look forward to welcoming Rachel at the start of the academic year.

Andrew Markham

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SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH CHURCH

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)
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...

Unfortunately Helen is unwell at the moment. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Editors

Please note that a shortage of Game Hunters on the 9th July means that the

SAFARI SUPPER

is not now proceeding.

Watch this space for news of a special event at a later date.

HOLIDAY @ HOME FOR OVER 60S

Tuesday, 6th September 2016
@ The Abbey,
Sutton Courtenay
10.30 – 4.30

Various activities for
Ladies and Gentlemen

Coffees, Teas, Lunch

All-inclusive cost for the day £5.00

Further details to follow

Information: (01235 848768)

A community event sponsored by **Vicar's Fun Day**



TWO DAY HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

Wednesday 17th-Thursday 18th August - 10-3pm
Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School, Bradstocks Way

£20.00 for TWO DAYS
BOOK BY WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

Extra Booking Forms Available from School Office
or The Reverend Helen Kendrick - 01235 848297

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

RIDE & STRIDE

10th September 2016

Every year 100s of people get on their bikes or just have a walk to their nearest church, chapel, even cathedral in support of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT). As a participant over the last two years I really strongly recommend you get ready for the event in September. Believe me, you do not have to be that fit! A cycle or walk to Milton, for example, means you get to see the remarkable RC chapel inside Milton Manor. At other places there are representatives present to not only record your arrival but also offer some refreshment. Abingdon has around 10 different places of worship where you can make a visit. As some are aware, having visited the immediate area, I transported my bike to Oxford. More than 40 places to explore there, including Christ Church, but my sponsors were relieved that I didn't attempt to go to everyone!

I wish to publicise the event not as any boast of any personal achievement (minor compared with many participants on the day) but to alert you to this opportunity to explore the many interesting religious buildings (all with their own interesting history). It really gives great satisfaction and you meet with others exploring Oxfordshire at the same time. Sponsorship money is divided between OHCT and your local church, All Saints'.

Have a look at www.rideandstrideuk.org for more information (you can even pre-plan your walk or ride). Your local contact is Nora Harragin (01235 848235). A great event for people of all ages (push a buggy into Abingdon and get the 'bus back?')..

See you on the 10th September for a day of adventure (unlike some sponsorship events there is no cost for participation)?

Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com)

LOCAL CYCLING RIDES WITH CYCLING UK

Cycling UK is the UK's national cyclists' organization and several local groups organize regular rides in our area, all led by an experienced cyclist. The groups cater for all types of recreational riders: beginners, families, and more experienced riders. Rides are graded with a star system and are always conducted at a pace to suit all participants. Café stops are usually included! Non-members are welcome to come and try.

Examples of forthcoming rides:

July 12th – Ten Mile Club ride [c. 10 miles], starting Grove @ 6.30 p.m.

July 16th – East Saturday Afternoon ride [c. 20 miles], starting Grove @ 2.00 p.m.

July 17th – Road ride [c. 35 miles], starting Wallingford @ 1.30 p.m.

Many more tougher rides also available!

For more details – and a full listing of rides - see the websites below or talk to Nick Dunton on 01235-848580.

<http://www.ctcwantage.org.uk/>

<http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk/>

<https://ctcmidweek.wordpress.com/>

Scout marquee available for hire

Scout marquee available for hire. Size 20 x 40 feet or 20 x 20 feet, with 3-foot boundary required for pegs. Donations to the 26th Abingdon Scout Group for beaver, cub and scout activities in Sutton Courtenay.

Please contact Mandy Hawkins on 01235 847897, preferably in the evening.



One chance to influence our future

At the Vicar's Fun day on the village green on Sunday May 15th, the campaign for our village to have a Neighbourhood Development Plan - "SC30" sprung into action. Villagers young and old came to our stall and expressed their views - the process has begun...



We can't put a stop to new developments, but we can influence their impact on the environment, safety, conservation, local services and amenities.

Created in conjunction with the Parish Council, Our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will ensure developers do more towards accommodating our needs and concerns, and take responsibility for delivering housing projects that don't detract from the quality of life that makes our village so special.

Once adopted, our NPD will be a legally binding land use document that means Sutton Courtenay can have a real say in the nature and scope of future developments. Without a NDP we will have no influence in shaping the future of Sutton Courtenay.

Sutton Courtenay 2030
Shaping our Future Together



www.sc30.org.uk

email: info@sc30.com

Sutton Courtenay Craft and Produce Show

Saturday 3rd September 2016 – Village Hall, Frilsham Street

Entry Form

Entries to be staged between 10.15 and 11 a.m. on 3rd September.

Please note that judging begins at 11 a.m. prompt, and late entries cannot be accepted.

To be sent to either: Mrs Val Dalby, 6 High Street, Sutton Courtenay

or Mr Terry Mulvey, 64 Tyrrells Way, Sutton Courtenay

on or by

Thursday, 1st September 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. _____

ENTRY FEE 20P 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
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
			71	72	73				

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

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. 1 sweetcorn - kernel to be ½ exposed
3. 3 potatoes, any one variety
4. 6 runner beans
5. Bunch of fresh herbs
6. 3 onions (trimmed)
7. A lettuce
8. 3 tomatoes
9. Cherry tomatoes on the vine
10. 2 courgettes no larger than 6 ins
11. Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)
12. 3 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 sweet peppers
20. 1 cucumber
21. The fattest leek
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. 3 gladioli
28. Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers (inc. shrubs)
29. A potted cactus or succulent not exhibited before
30. A potted fuschia
31. A flowering house plant
32. 1 pot plant shown for foliage

COOKERY

33. Jar of jam
34. Jar of marmalade
35. Jar of jelly
36. Jar of lemon curd
37. Jar of chutney
38. Cherry cake *given recipe and tin size must be used
39. Swiss roll
40. 4 cheese scones
41. 4 cup cakes
42. A lemon tart
43. 4 pieces of shortbread
44. 4 sausage rolls – 3"

DRINKS

45. 1 bottle home-made lemonade
46. 1 bottle fruit gin or vodka
47. 1 bottle home-made non-alcoholic cordial

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

48. New 4 ply hand knitted garment
49. New hand knitted item not a garment
50. An item of crochet
51. An embroidered article
52. Hand-made item of jewellery
53. Hand-made fabric soft toy
54. 'Something new from something old'
55. A garment made from fabric
56. A hand-made greetings card – for a new home
57. A piece of original craft work – ceramic, metal or wood

ART (Items not to have been shown before)

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

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

60. Black and white photograph
61. Colour print – general
62. Colour print – 'Sleep'
63. Colour print – Sutton Courtenay village

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

64. A decorated box - max size 6"x6"x6" - age 6 and under
65. A decorated box - max size 6"x6"x6" – age 7 - 11
66. Flowers in a jam jar
67. Garden on a plate
68. A gingerbread person
69. A hand-decorated hard-boiled egg

FLOWER ARRANGING (Accessories must be within size limits)

70. Petite – maximum 9" x 9" x 9" high
71. Flowers for a Royal Birthday
(max 21" ht x 20" sq. Accessories allowed)
72. Arrangement in a cup and saucer– garden flowers only
73. "A Beatle Song"
(max 20"sq, unlimited height. Accessories allowed)

*Class 38: Cherry cake.

Grease and line 20cm cake tin. Set oven 160 c/320f.

Quarter and rinse 175g glacé cherries, pat dry.

In a large mixing bowl measure 175g softened butter, 175g caster sugar, 225g self raising flour, finely grated rind of 1 lemon, 50g ground almonds, 3 large eggs. Mix well and fold in cherries. Mixture will be fairly stiff. Turn into prepared tin, level and cook for 1 hour 20 minutes. Leave in tin for 10 minutes before cooling on wire rack.

AN UPDATE ON ULTRAFAST BROADBAND COMING TO SUTTON COURTENAY

Virgin Media have confirmed that their detailed planning for construction of the network expansion into Sutton Courtenay is almost complete. They plan to commence and finish network construction before April 2017, subject to appropriate permissions from the highways authority and operational requirements.

Anyone interested in the receiving the service should register by visiting 'Cable My Street' on the Virgin Media website. Registration will help speed up provision of service to residents once the network has been constructed and can additionally sometimes help identify precise locations where additional (wayleave) permissions might be required, such as from landlords/landowners, in order for service to be provided – as the company cannot construct on private property without appropriate permissions having been secured. If there is a particularly high level of registrations before August 2016, Virgin has said that it might also be possible to advance the start date for the network expansion programme in Sutton Courtenay.

It should be noted that the network expansion works do not provide for automatic connection of residents. The works will only bring the network past resident's homes and it will then be for individual residents to decide whether or not to subscribe to any Virgin Media services. Residents who register on 'Cable My Street' as being interested in receiving VM services will be kept up to date about the progress of the network expansion works and be alerted when service actually becomes available – so that they can then decide whether to subscribe to these.



SOUTH ABINGDON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Music and Messy Play

EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:30AM UNTIL 11AM

**SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL, END OF FRIELSHAM STREET,
SUTTON COURTENAY, OX14 4BB**



Come and meet with parents/carers and children in a friendly and fun environment.

For further information please contact South Abingdon Children Centre on: 01235 555524



Moth Night: Saturday 2nd July, 9pm-11pm - moth trapping with Marc Botham. Suitable for adults and older children. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.



Marvellous Moths: Sunday 3rd July, 10am-2pm - suitable for younger children. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Botanical Illustration: Sunday 10th July, 10am-4pm with RHS Gold Award winning botanical illustrator Romilly Swann. For beginners/intermediates. £30; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Discover and Play: Friday 22nd July, 10am-12pm - Forest School for the under 5s. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Clumps Club: Monday 25th – Friday 29th July, 9am-5pm - Wild adventures for 7-11yr olds! A different activity each day (see website for details). Look out for Clumps Club for 12-14yr olds coming up in August. £30 per child per day, book all 5 and get 1 day FREE; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Summer Fruit Tree Pruning: Sunday 31st July, 10am-4pm - with Andy Howard. £30; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Natural Dyeing: Sunday 10th July, 10am-4pm - £30; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Plenty more Summer Holiday activities coming up in August, please see our website for details: www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG 5) SAFETY CORNER

SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (SID)

Police carried out speed checks along Drayton and Milton Roads, Sutton Courtenay, in April. (The data collected was provided in the June Safety Corner piece). The view of Thames Valley Police (TVP) is that regular speed checks – perhaps once per week – would be one of the most effective deterrents to speeding. It has been suggested that Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay Parish Councils consider the joint purchase of a SID, with local volunteers being trained to use it. This could be done by setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme.

A Community Speedwatch scheme would provide residents, who are concerned about speeding at a particular village location, and at particular times, the opportunity to accompany a police officer or PCSO to gain an informed view through the sight of real-time data.

How does a Community Speedwatch scheme work?

Watches can only operate in areas up to a 40 mph speed limit. Community volunteers work alongside TVP officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit. Registration numbers are then entered onto a police database, which produces a letter informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit.

If the same registration number is logged in another Watch anywhere within Thames Valley the owner will receive another letter advising them that if they are caught a third time the information will be passed to Roads Policing, who may take further action.

Speed detection operations

Locations are suggested by the community. A neighbourhood Police Officer or PCSO will then risk-assess the location. Volunteers must be aged 18 and over and may have to undergo training.

The costs of a SID are in the region of £1,500 to £2,000 and this would be shared by the three parish councils if they all agreed.

You can find more detailed information on Community Speedwatch on the Thames Valley Police website at <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/rdsafe/rdsafe-roadpol/rdsafe-roadpol-speedenforcement/rdsafe-roadpol-speedenforcement-speedwatch.htm>

If you are interested in volunteering for Community Speedwatch please get in touch with NAG5, using the information at the bottom of the page, and provide your name and contact details.

SUTTON COURTENAY POLICE OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to lack of funding Thames Valley Police is intending to close all satellite Police Offices, which includes the Sutton Courtenay office, by 2017. It will endeavour to keep an office open where the community can pay for it.

TVP would seek to only cover rental and running costs/service charges. Equipment etc would continue to be provided. The cost for the Sutton Courtenay office is in the region of £4,500 per annum. The NAG5 parish councils (Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay) are being approached to ask if they would consider sharing that cost, should they wish to support the continued presence of an office in Sutton Courtenay.

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

SCIDS

Following the wonderful fun we had with “**Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner**” this is just to confirm that SCIDS is alive and well! “**Alice Through The Internet**” by Antonia Lee will be put on in March next year. As a group we look to expand, so if you were not involved last year but would like to join – just drop me an email. No need to be an actor or singer, this is just for fun and is an all Sutton Courtenay group.

“**Alice.....**” is close to being a pantomime and involves one or two adults in a cameo scene, so although SCIDS is a group for 8 – 16 year olds, please join us if you have ever felt like a Mock Turtle or a Walrus! And we always need a backstage team!

It is a “**watch this space**” in the September newsletter for the dates, both performance and start.

Do get in touch if you would like to know more,
Morna Whitlock (morna28whitlock@gmail.com or 01235 848335)

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Gardeners and historians – a date for the diary!

On September 27th in the Village Hall, 7.30 pm, Timothy Walker, Director of the Oxford Botanic Gardens for 28 years will talk about the history of the Gardens, founded in 1621. He is an entertaining speaker, lecturer, gardener and TV presenter and we look forward to

welcoming everyone to this meeting.

At our meeting in May John Talbot gave an informative talk about the origin of local names and places. In July we will be having guided tours of the historic Abbey buildings and the medieval Merchant’s House in Abingdon.

Visit our website, sclhs.org.uk, for more information about the Society.

Mary Thompson

SUTTON COURTENAY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

The Centre has many activities over the summer holidays including:-

Monday 1st August 7.00 to 9.00pm - It’s Marine Week! Suitable for children 7+ Cost: £4 per person. Booking Essential!!

Friday 12th August Bug Hunt Toddle 10-12am - Activities are designed for pre-school children. Cost: £4 per child. Booking Essential.

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th August 10 – 3pm - Family Fun: Meadow Mysteries. Just drop in there is no need to book. Picnics are welcome. Come dressed for outdoor exploration. Activities are aimed at children aged 5-11 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sorry no dogs allowed. Cost: £4 per child

And much, much more. For more information please go to the website www.bbwt.org.uk or telephone 01235 862024

SUTTON COURTENAY WI



Our next meeting is on 19th July. Why not come along and bring a friend, your mum or daughter, even all three!

The talk by Julia Miles is called Ragbag and Cocktail.

Original Life Sayings is our talk on 20th September by Jane Fletcher.

Why not join us for a cuppa and a lovely slice of homemade cake.

We will be pleased to welcome you to our very friendly group.

The first meeting is free and is always on the third Tuesday of the month.

For more information, call Sally on 01235 847472.

Further dates for your diary are:

An Annual Science lecture is being held at the Didcot Civic Hall on Monday 6th September 7 – 9.30pm.

Pickleball Event Abingdon Tennis Centre Monday 12th September

An evening with Dr Phil Hammond on Monday 24th October at the Oxford Town Hall.

More details can be found in the News and Views magazine.

Tina Wade

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday June 7th we welcomed Sylvia Thorne from Swindon on her first visit to us and she gave an excellent address and clairvoyance.

Again we had some newcomers and quite a few being fairly young. They paid attention and appeared to enjoy it and hopefully they got upliftment from it. It is always good to have some young blood.

Many thanks to those who donate very nice raffle prizes.

Any questions? Pat & Sam 01235 847460

Tues. July 5th. 7.30 pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Sheila Webb and David.

Tues. August 2nd. 7.30pm. Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Patrick Carbury.

Tues. Sept. 6th. 7.30pm. Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Warren Fisher.

Can you help? I am a keen gardener and especially enjoy growing and showing tulips. However, I cannot plant any more bulbs in my garden – **there's no room.** Do you have any spare space in your garden that I could use? Ideally, the ground should be sheltered from the wind, but accessible to the heavens to ensure the bulbs are watered without being waterlogged. All I ask in return for providing and planting the bulbs is occasional access to them and for you not to be upset when I cut a few.

Interested? If so, please call 848711. You can leave a message if I am in the garden!

Jennie Corrigan

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Beware the man with forked tongue.

The trouble with experts is they do not always agree. Even those employed to give independent, dispassionate advice to the decision-makers often give conflicting advice. There is a similar danger that the two firms, paid to advise us all on Unitary Government in Oxfordshire, may also wind up giving us conflicting advice. **The problem is compounded if the "experts" appear to have been "got at" by people seeking only the advice they wish to receive.** This devalues the perceived integrity of independent advisors and, as with the EU Referendum, it leaves the decision-makers (in that case you and me) in a state of confusion as to whom to believe.

By the time you read this, the Referendum will most likely be done and dusted, but the one question I have been asked time and again over the last few weeks is "How can I believe what the experts say?". Leaving aside the question of whether you and I are capable of making a decision requiring a detailed understanding of economics, the best answer I can give is – find the experts you trust most, and question their possible motives for giving the advice they are giving. At the same time look at the advice being given by those with

least to gain or lose from any outcome. It is interesting therefore, that Vladimir Putin, Marie le Penne and Donald Trump all think we should vote to leave the EU. That advice, together with what I hear from most young people makes my decision as to which way to vote on June 23rd much easier!

The same issue arises over Unitary argument. We are depending on Price Waterhouse Cooper, (employed by the District Councils to advise them) and Grant Thornton, (employed by the County Council to advise them) to give us genuinely dispassionate, independent advice on which way we should go. When asked by GT what I wished from *their* report, I was very clear that whatever they had to say, it must be independent advice based on their independent analysis. In my view the integrity of the whole process will be blown away if any Council is perceived to have tried to pre-judge or sway **the consultants. I expect GT's analysis to be scrutinized** for independence and I will be doing my best to ensure that the PWC analysis is subjected to the same scrutiny.

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DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm in Didcot Civil Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to a meeting as a taster before joining. Our next meeting will be held on 19th July 2016 when our speaker will be Liam D'Arcy-Brown "China and the Opium Wars".

On Tuesday 16th August Cymon Snow will give a talk entitled "Sulgrave Manor & the Washington Family".

It's never too late to expand your horizons.....

The University of the Third Age offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting of the Didcot & District U3A and find out what we are all about. A member of our committee will be on hand to make you welcome.

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Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didc>



ED VAIZEY MP



I was delighted to see that a local charity, based at Long Wittenham, The Earth Trust, has been given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It is thanks to volunteers like this that many of us have access to large areas of open space, which they use freely and widely, such as Wittenham Clumps, Thrupp Lake, and the Castle Meadows in Wallingford. The work done by the Earth Trust Volunteers is undoubtedly deserving of this award.

Young people looking for volunteering opportunities over the summer months might be interested in the programs run through the National Citizen Service. This is a program for 16 and 17 year olds, and runs for three weeks in the summer, followed by a 30 hour community action project. The scheme brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them to develop greater confidence, resilience, self-awareness, responsibility and skills for work and life. Over 200,000 people across the UK have already taken part in NCS. Further information on the 2016 programme can be found at: <http://bit.ly/28nEaty>

I recently met some amazing young people undertaking apprenticeships at Oxford Instruments, a local company. Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice for school leavers and more information on the current apprenticeship drive can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1PiTemU>

I frequently get contacted by constituents who are experiencing problems on the roads. Highways England

have informed me that they are updating their route strategies which will inform projects for the period 2020-2025. This is one of the key steps of research required to help provide information on the use and performance of roads and shape future investment priorities. An online mapping tool has been launched that allows the public to inform them about the performance, impact, and challenges the road network faces. Further information and the mapping tool can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1RYiN6a>

During the last month, I have taken part in a number of debates on the EU referendum, with the first being held at Didcot Civic Hall on Friday 27th May, and the second in Faringdon on Friday 3rd June. The third and final public debate on the EU referendum that I am taking part in is due to be held in Wantage at The Beacon on Friday 17th June at 7pm.

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. 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 complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

Royal British Legion - Steventon and District Branch, Summer 2016

The Branch is delighted to announce that the date and venue for our annual dinner and quiz night has been confirmed as the Officer's Mess, 11 EOD Regiment RLC, Vauxhall Barracks Didcot, on 23rd September 2016. Further details will be promulgated in due course, however the continued support of 11 EOD Regiment for this function is greatly appreciated.

The format for the evening will be similar to that in previous years, and the cost will be a very reasonable £27-50 per person, including a 10% donation to the Poppy Fund. This event is an excellent opportunity to relax with a group of friends in the unique atmosphere of a functioning Army Officer's Mess, and demand for tickets will be high – be sure to talk to any committee member sooner rather than later to ensure your place!

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

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The Branch meeting will continue to be held on the third Monday of the month, at 7.00pm at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. Dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

18th July 2016

19th September 2016

21st November 2016

16th January 2017

New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.



Letters to the editor

ODOURS AND FLIES

It's that time again! Just as we begin to use our gardens and open our windows, we are subjected to noxious odours from the composting site and flies, probably from the waste site.

The smells have again been in evidence recently and there has been a serious infestation of flies. We do not need to tolerate this.

It is important therefore that we complain about these occurrences, otherwise a complacent FCC is likely to mean that these will increase and less notice will be **taken of these issues in the Vale's consideration of planning applications.**

Please always make a point of ringing the Environment Agency complaints line:
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and make a note of the details of the incident and the registration number the EA gives you.

In the case of odours you will be asked to judge the wind direction, weather conditions, severity of the odour on a scale of 1 -6 and the time and the duration.

There is a form to help you keep a record of these details on the village website:
<http://suttoncourtenay.co.uk>

Alison Draper
High Street

BUS SERVICE SURVEY

Saturday 28 May X1 Bus

Caught the 11.55 bus to Oxford from the Triangle, Sutton Courtenay. A lady came to each person asking to complete a questionnaire (eight pages).

I duly gave answers and posted in prepaid envelope. I question the survey fearing the company are thinking of cutting our service, for many of us a lifeline.

Said person and driver would not say what it was about. I told them no way would they get a true picture travelling as it was a Bank Holiday, lunchtime, school half term with people away on holiday. No

commercial traffic would enable keeping to the time table. A survey taken at these times are under question so unfair.

I clearly made a point that our village is growing in size also mothers with children depend so much on buses.

Kay Slater
Born Sutton Courtenay
Brook Street

HARWELL ROAD DEVELOPMENT

As part of our ongoing planning application our clients London Regeneration Limited have committed to an extensive Archaeological Trench investigation of the site. This follows an already extensive desktop assessment, and a Site Walk and Geophysical survey.

No matter anyone's opinions on the development, this work will be the one of the largest archaeological surveys in the area for some considerable time and will be we are sure of great interest and benefit for the local heritage and history records.

The works will be commencing next week and be likely to take a couple of months or more, and we would like to extend this opportunity to not only you as a courtesy that this work is taking place, but also to offer the opportunity for any local resident, interested party or relative who wishes to visit the dig and have a short session with the Archaeology team.

We shall be extending this offer to the village school and to all neighbours and indeed anyone within the community who is interested.

Do let me know if there is any interest for a visit, so that I can arrange this for you.

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SUTTON COURTENAY ACTION

We are now reaching a crucial stage in our fight against the 560 houses split between East Sutton Courtenay and behind Harwell Road. The outline applications for both sites are currently undecided, thanks to our objections, but renewed effort by the whole community is essential if we are to defeat them.

There are already 283 houses in the pipeline for Appleford Road, on top of the 127 on Milton Road. Site clearance for South of Appleford Road has recently started.

560 HOUSES HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADD OVER 1000 CARS TO OUR VILLAGE!



For East SC, (land between the village hall and recreation ground) the main planning considerations are proximity to historic landfill, the risk of contamination, substandard access and inadequate drainage. We are still waiting on responses from OCC to the professional highway and drainage reports provided by the village and are pressing for them.

The Harwell Road site (land from Village Hall to Milton Park boundary) is delayed due to the validity and inadequacies of the application, which we have highlighted. There are also objections from statutory consultees. The other major issues are the closure of the gap between the village and industry, proximity to landfill, land ownership and practicalities of using the site for development. Rather than speculative developments such as this, our Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used for the village to develop.

The cumulative impact of all this development, including the massive warehouse will put too much pressure on our fragile infrastructure and our ability to maintain and grow our village community.

A big thank you to all those who turned out to the photo shoot for Harwell Road. We now need involvement of ALL residents to defeat these massive housing developments.

PUBLIC MEETING. You are cordially invited to a public meeting for ALL residents, old and new.

Date: Sunday 24 July Time: 6 pm

Venue: Speakers Corner Recreation Ground

Residents will hear about what is happening and how to get involved.

For example, did you know that the VOWH has just issued a call for even more development sites to meet Stage 2 of the Local Plan?

Meanwhile Act Now!

Join us on Facebook: *Sutton Courtenay Action* Email us: action@suttoncourtenay.co.uk

Did you comment yet on the outline planning applications? They are still open for comment. Comment now on the VOWH planning site at:

East of Harwell Road P16/V0646/O & East Sutton Courtenay P15/V2353/O

Please also write letters to the VOWH, OCC, the EA, our MP and comment on related Press articles.

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17 July **THEME AND VARIATIONS**

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24 July **THE CHARM OF THE CELLO**

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31 July **SUMMER SPOTLIGHTS**

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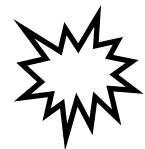
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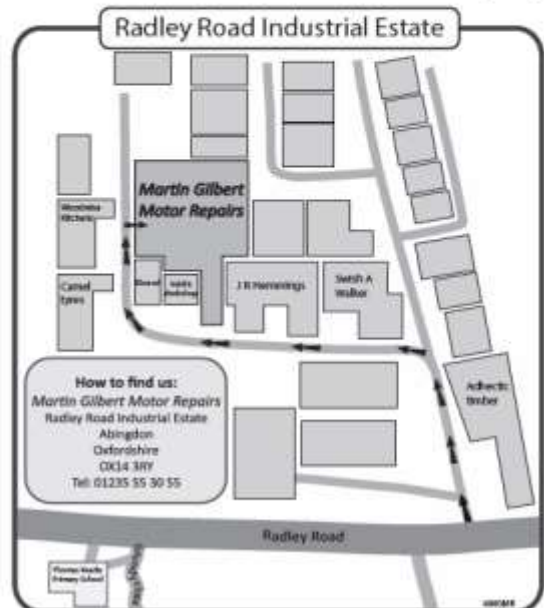
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