

# 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	1st	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Spiritual Fellowship	Village Hall
Wednesday	9th	after-noon	Community Craft	School
Saturday	12th	10.30am	Defibrillator training (see page 4)	Village Hall
Sunday	13th	11am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
	13th	11.15am	Remembrance Service	Church
Tuesday	15th	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday	16th		COPY DATE FOR DEC/JAN	
Sunday	20th	7.30pm	<b>All Saints' Singers Advent Concert</b>	Church
Tuesday	22nd	7.30pm	Local History Society	Village Hall
Thursday	24th	10.30am	Coffee and Cakes	Church
Saturday	26th	11am	Community Christmas Bazaar	School
Monday	28th	7.30pm	SC News AGM	Village Hall

### Delivery of Sutton Courtenay News

Many thanks to those who offered to help with deliveries, following our plea last month. Thanks to you, the situation is being resolved, but it does change constantly, so if anyone else would like to be added to our list, please tell us. We continue to appreciate our many long serving deliverers, especially as the darker nights are starting.

Your editorial team

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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](mailto: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

### October Parish Council meeting

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, Ms. Emily Hamerton, Development Manager at the Vale of White Horse District Council gave a presentation about the current position at the District Council, regarding the planning application for 200 houses off Hobbyhorse Lane. Meetings were taking place within the District Council to discuss, amongst the officers, the various issues such as drainage, proximity to landfill site and access. A meeting would then take place with the developers of the site. The Parish Council had previously met with the planning officers and had directly raised concerns over the access, the narrowness of road, insufficient width for vehicles to pass, how road widening would cause problems for existing cross overs. There are numerous problems with drainage, land contamination, and lack of capacity in the public sewers in the area as well as other points. The application was being revisited by the officers involved. The Council is keeping a close eye on the progress of this application.

### Sutton Courtenay Recreation Ground

It is some 10 years since the play area in the recreation ground was first installed, and this well used site, in several areas, was showing signs of wear. Repairs have now been carried out to the play equipment. New posts have been installed in the multi use games area, a basket ball backboard put in, and repairs to the slide unit and toddler area together with some new surfacing has made the area one where long term enjoyment of its users can continue.

The repairs works were made possible with a grant from the Vale of White Horse District Council, and the Parish Council acknowledges the support it has given towards the project.

### School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2017

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 2012 and 31st August 2013. 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, 2017. 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.

### Church Street – Roadworks

The roadworks in Church Street have brought chaos to the village with access to the roads behind The Green being restricted. No delivery van or refuse vehicle could get through, so wheelie bins were left unemptied. The timings on the lights have been such as to bring the road to a standstill. Vehicles have been parking illegally on the village green, and there seems to be an increase in litter in the area. The Parish Council has raised these issues with the contractors for Thames Water.

### FCC – Landfill site

The Environment Agency when recently speaking with a parish councillor stated that it was unaware of any complaints regarding odours, smells and gas bubbling on the FCC site.

Could anyone who experiences odours or smells from the site, or happens to see gas bubbling through areas of water, please report the matters to FCC on 01235 844502 or email [suttoncourtenay.info@fccenvironment.co.uk](mailto:suttoncourtenay.info@fccenvironment.co.uk) This is in addition to reporting it to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. Local residents are mentioning problems within the village, but do not seem to be reporting the incidents to the Authorities who keep the official records. The Council would encourage you to report the incidents so that an accurate record of problems can be maintained.

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## 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 Parish Council has considered the following planning applications:

P16/V2131/FUL Erection of chalet style bungalow to replace static mobile home and swimming pool at 6 Abingdon Road. The Council objected as the site was within an area known for flooding.

P16/V2212/FUL Demolition of garage at 90 Milton Road and erection of 4 detached dwellings, garages and associated works on land at rear of 90A Milton Road. The Council had no objections but requested a condition that parking space remained unconverted. The residential amenities of the dwellings either side of the access were questioned as was access for dustcarts

P16/V2120 Extension of National Grid Electricity transmission on national strategic stores building in Old Milton Road. The Council had no objections.

P16/V2196/LB Repoint defective brickwork around fire place, install wood burning stove, chimney pot and register plate at 20 High Street. The Council had no objections.

P16/V2182/PDH Single storey extension at 4 Hillyard Barns. Council had no objections

P16/V2341.FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a similar chalet style dwelling with first floor accommodation in the roof at 73 Milton Road. Council had no objections

P16/V2365/HH Double garage with bedroom accommodation ancillary to main dwelling at 93 Bradstocks Way. The Council objected as it would impact on the area, and was similar to an application previously refused.

R3.0119/16 Erection of 2 classrooms at Sutton Courtenay Primary School. The Council had no objections

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 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.*

## Defibrillator training

Last month, the Council reported that the new defibrillator had been installed at Sutton Courtenay Tyres at the southern end of the High Street. The Community Heartbeat Trust who assisted with the project is running a training event to create awareness of the issues surrounding treating a patient in the community. They will explain what sudden cardiac arrest means, how to recognise it, and cover topics such as physiology of the heart, and 5 minutes to save a life, as well as CPR and using the defibrillator.

The training event has been arranged for Saturday 12th November at 10.30 a.m. in the village hall, and is open to anyone locally who is interested in attending. Please let the Parish Clerk know if you wish to take part so that a check can be kept on numbers.

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

or telephone 01865 391833

## Sutton Courtenay Post Office

A wide range of key Post Office products and services are available at Burgreys Stores in the High Street.

The opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

08.00 – 18.00

Wednesday

08.00 – 17.00

Saturday

08.30 – 13.00

Sunday

09.00 -12.00 noon

# SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our school at the heart of our community

Various events this month have caused me to reflect on the geography of our village. Our Harvest Festival for children in Years 1-6 was held in All Saints' Church on Tuesday 4th October. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, and we all really enjoyed the chance to walk the length of the village from our school to the church, admiring some of the historic buildings and the beautiful autumn gardens on the way. It was a perfect opportunity to encourage the children to really stop and notice, and to be thankful - not just for our food and the efforts of our farmers, but also for our beautiful environment.

In the same week, I was able to take a small group of children to the Sutton Courtenay Day of Action. We walked from the village Centre to the Council Offices at Milton Park. It was an opportunity for them to consider the implications, both good and bad, of the rapid expansion of the village. Prior to the walk, the children had written letters to Ed Vaizey, our MP, to express some of their concerns about the pace of change and its effect on the village.

Bethany wrote: 'We are worried about the extra houses being built in our village. We are worried about our road leading us to school, because the cars are blocking the entry to our school gate and someone could get really hurt.' Luke wrote: 'We need more car parks, because of the cars that park on the path.' Jenai expressed her concerns about facilities in the village: 'There are not enough shops or parks for us.'

Of course, the new developments also bring many positive changes. We are all looking forward to our two new classrooms to expand our school, planned to be complete by next September, and it is lovely to welcome new

children. By taking part, the children were able to see the importance of being a part of their community and having their say about change. At Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School, we aim to raise pro-active, articulate citizens!



Our ethos of being a school at the heart of the community is a central part of school life. We are currently working with All Saints' Church to plan our annual Christmas Bazaar, which is held in the school hall – if anyone would like to help out, please contact Alison Bampton at school or The Reverend Helen Kendrick. In preparation for this, we are holding a Community Craft afternoon on Wednesday 9th November where you can come to the school and take part making craft items that will be sold at the bazaar. No prior experience is needed, just enthusiasm, and our Year 6 pupils will be on hand to serve refreshments!

Meanwhile, school life continues at its normal, busy pace. We have welcomed a new cook, Carrie, to our school team. We recently took 16 of our budding athletes to the inter-schools cross country race held at Tilsley Park in Abingdon. All of them finished the course and four children came in the top 20 out of over 120 competitors in each race. We were very proud of them! Super Hero Day saw all the children arriving in fantastic costumes to take part in various activities to save the world... I have loved my first couple of months at school, and would like to once again thank everyone in the village, who has helped to make me feel so much a part of it and so welcome.

*Rachel Homsey*

Headteacher

*Lisa Knight and Louise Tristram*

Assistant Headteachers

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## Modern Jive Lessons

*Modern Jive is one of the easiest dances to learn and slower than the original jitter bug or rock and roll. Not as serious as ballroom but tremendous fun and exercises both the mind and body! No partner needed.*

Lessons will run from 10 - 11 am at the Conservative Club from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 59 Ock St, Abingdon, OX14 5AG (access by the rear car park from Conduit Rd.). Each session costs £4.

To find out more or to book your place, contact Generation Games Tel: 01235 849 403

[www.generationgames.org.uk](http://www.generationgames.org.uk) Registered Charity No. 1091529

# 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

As we gather for the Act of Remembrance at 11am on Remembrance Sunday (13th November) at the Sutton Courtenay War Memorial and then for the Service of Remembrance in All Saints' Church we remember, by name those from the communities of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford, and all those who have given their lives in war – very often in acts of heroism and bravery.

However, Jesus calls us all to a radical heroism: 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

### Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are not always life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude towards them must be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love – no matter what.

### Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone we don't get on with, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they too are in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote: 'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

In this season of Remembrance when we recognise that we all need heroes, what does Jesus' call for radical heroism mean to us in our own lives?

*With love and prayers Helen*

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

### ALL SOULS'

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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6pm

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

Grateful thanks to all those who donated harvest gifts or money for The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford, providing day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives. A car full of produce was delivered to their store room after the Harvest Festivals in Appleford and Sutton Courtenay and from the Sutton Courtenay CoFE Primary School Harvest Celebration too.

### COFFEE, CAKES & BOOKS

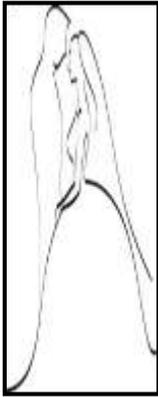
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

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



### Holy Matrimony

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were **married in All Saints' Church recently:**

Andrew Richard GRANT & Rebecca Jane SLATTER (24th September 2016)

Wesley Paul ELLAWAY and Bryony Helen ARTHURS (1st October 2016)

*The services were both conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick*



### Holy Baptism

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the family of the church through baptism:

Stephanie Faith CARTER (25th Sept2016)

Elodie Mary HULMES (2nd Oct2016)

Ada Marlene WILKINSON (2nd Oct2016)

*All the above services were conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick*

### RIDE & STRIDE 2016

Veterans of the annual sponsorship event raising funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and local churches declared September 10th as one of the worst conditions ever. It rained and rained! Despite this seven intrepid cyclists or walkers from Sutton Courtenay raised a record £745. Peter and Linda Foster, Christopher and Helen Kendrick, Ian and George Simpson covered up to 21 local churches. Fred Cabbage, your local coordinator, reached as far as the Oxford city centre. The Kendricks commemorated 25 years participating in the event, starting in their days in Brill.

Grateful thanks to all the local participants and thanks to the sponsors too. Put 9th September in your new 2017 diary now for your opportunity to visit churches of all ages and denominations.

## Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

### DAVID - THE MUSICAL A Symphony of Psalms

Words by Mary Spalding  
Music by Patrick Salisbury

First production since 2000

A Family Service with a difference at  
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH at 10.30**

### CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Wedding
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>- 10.30am Performance of 'David the Musical - a symphony of Psalms' during the Family Service. This musical, with words by Mary Spalding and music by Patrick Salisbury is Free and open to all!  
6pm All Souls' Service (see advert for details)
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – 8pm Baptism Preparation for all those interested in baptism for themselves or for their children
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 13-3pm Community Craft Afternoon at Sutton Courtenay CoFE Primary School – making gifts to sell at the Church/School Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26th November – all welcome – all resources will be provided and training given! Refreshments will be provided.
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Licensing of the Reverend Rebecca Peters at Peachcroft Christian Centre
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10am Parish Eucharist (NB earlier time). 11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. 11.15 Remembrance Service for all the community
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – 8pm Sutton Courtenay PCC Meeting in the church
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm All Saints' Singers Concert in the church
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.30-12noon Coffee, Cakes & Books in the church – all welcome
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – 11-2pm Church/School Community Christmas Bazaar – in the school hall

### CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7pm Sponsored Sleep-In All Saints' Church for children and young people
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm Wedding @ All Saints
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Festival (see advert for details)
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – 6.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening at the Abbey

## REST IN PEACE

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

Elsa Beryl Tyler, known as Beryl, who died on 4th September 2016 was born on 27th April 1930 in Sutton Courtenay and lived all her life in the village. She grew up as an only child with her parents, Jack & Amy Wise at 4, Drayton Road. Her father was a farm labourer for the Cauldwell family and her mother was a cook – having worked in service. Beryl attended the old village school, leaving at 14 to work for Woolworths in Abingdon, where she remained, working her way up to the position of supervisor, until she retired aged 60. She and Lawrence met in the Black Horse in Appleford – the village where Lawrence grew up. And after a courtship of six years they were married in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on 11th September 1954. They would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this year. Theirs was a marriage of loving, supportive companionship which endured through all the ups and downs of life. Although they had no children of their own they took great delight in their nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews – although Beryl did not like to be called a Great Aunt! She was a very accomplished baker and made many wedding cakes. She was also a skilled dressmaker and made wedding and bridesmaid dresses. She enjoyed knitting and crochet work – making baby shawls for the growing family. Beginning with holidays in a caravan at Littlehampton and then an exploratory trip to Ostend, to see if they liked going abroad, Beryl and Lawrence began many years of

adventures with holidays across Europe. Beryl was a happy, jolly person with a good sense of humour. In large gatherings she could be quiet – but always listening and enjoying the company. She loved nothing better than being surrounded by the extended family and they share many happy memories of Christmas times and other family celebrations and holidays spent with one another. She was a lovely aunt who was always kind and thoughtful – she always made the time and had the patience to play games with children and she never forgot a birthday. She liked to spend time with her cousins, Dolly and Joan and she always visited Mock Berry every Friday. In later years Beryl and Lawrence enjoyed trips to garden centres. Beryl would tell Lawrence what to buy and plant in the garden and he would work hard whilst she supervised. Over the years their beautiful roses have given pleasure to anyone passing their garden along the Gingebrook. Having had a lifetime of good health Beryl became ill a year ago and had an extended stay in the JR where Lawrence fulfilled his wedding vows by visiting her almost every day. He only missed two days and that was when he himself was in hospital. She was then moved to The Close Care Home in Burcot where she was very well looked after. Throughout all of this she never complained but was grateful for the loving support of Lawrence and her family who will greatly miss her. Her funeral was held at Oxford Crematorium on Monday 26th September 2016 and her ashes were interred in the churchyard on 29th September 2016. *This is an edited extract of the address given at her funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick*



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

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

Saturday 10th December 6.30 -8.30 pm

Cheese & Pate, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine

Soft drinks and cash bar. Raffle. Carol singing.

In the The ABBEY Great Hall , The Green, Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AF

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

Available from BURGNEY STORES, High Street – your local post office

or Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com ) 01235 848768

Everyone welcome!

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



# Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> (10-4pm) & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (12-4pm) December**

**All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay**

Following the success of last year's inaugural festival, with imaginative and creative entries from every class in the school; the WI, the scouts and cubs and several individuals, we would like to invite **all** residents of the village – individuals, families or local groups/organisations and businesses to take part in 2016. Bring along a Christmas Tree (artificial or real) and decorate it on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (from 2-6pm or 7.30-8.30pm). Let us know if you need to borrow a tree. Then visit the Church over the weekend to join in the 'judging' and enjoy the refreshments.

Visitors to the exhibition will pay £3 (children £1.50). Each will be given three tokens to place next to the tree(s) they like the best. The winners will be the tree(s) with the most tokens at the end of the Festival and first, second and third prizes 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 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00pm – 6pm and 7.30 – 8.30pm**

**Church open for viewing/enjoying/judging**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 – 4.00pm**

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 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Any questions? ('phone 848297)

" .....

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016**

Name .....

Organisation/Group (if any) ..... Contact 'phone number

Title/Theme for your Tree..... approx.. size of tree

Please tick this box if you need us to provide the tree

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



## Vintage Village Games

### Are you 60+?

Join us and participate in fun & friendly games, meet new people & learn new skills!

Teams will be allocated on the day and compete in the following games (seated or standing):



- Skittles
- Indoor Croquet
- New Age Bowls
- New Age Curling

**Steventon Village Hall**

28 November 2016

10 am - 12 noon

Cost £2

All abilities welcome!

Booking essential:

01235 422219



## Photograph of Plough Customers in October SC News

We thank Sandra Ellaway of Frilsham Street who has sent the editors the following list of names of people she has identified:

From left to right, Dilly Drake, Jo Tame, Jim Lacey, William Mooren, Bert Ellaway (her grandad), Mrs Clargo, Rose Mooren, May Davis, Brian Priest.

She does not know the names of the other two men. Can anyone else help please?

## Missing Cat

Our cat has been missing since Sunday 16th October and we are desperate for any news. I have checked all roads and I am convinced that either she has been stolen or someone may think she is a stray and has been taking her in. I have 4 very distressed children who just need news.

Our cat is a young dark spotted female bengal, she isn't wearing a collar but is microchipped. She has a regular route every morning which is to go out the back alongside the lakes and wander along. I really need people to check any outbuildings or get in touch if they have been feeding her.

Paula Lofthouse, 07747 637332, Amey Close

## Royal British Legion - Steventon and District Branch

The Branch will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Sports and Social Club, Steventon on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016. All members are strongly encouraged to attend, and the AGM will be immediately followed by the normal Committee meeting if there is sufficient interest and support to enable the Branch to continue in its current form.

If there are any point for inclusion in the AGM, these should be forwarded to the Branch Secretary, Paul Francis, 07799 026666 [francioxo@aol.com](mailto:francioxo@aol.com), as soon as practicable.

## Oxford Harmonic Choir Concert Oxford Town Hall

Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm

Elgar

The Dream of Gerontius

01865 305305

[www.ticketsoxford.com](http://www.ticketsoxford.com)



We are a group of girls aged 7 to 10 years old who meet every Monday evening from 18:00 to 19:30hrs at the Sutton Courtenay Scout & Guide Hall (next to the Village Hall), during term time. At the moment we are a very small group of Brownies and would love more girls to come and join us for fun, games, crafts, trips, badges and friendship. If you would like to come and see what we do please contact Sarah on 07855 544609 to arrange a visit or for more information please visit our web site [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

Brownies are also looking for adult or young leaders (14yrs+) to help run the unit, this is a volunteer role and very rewarding. You will be fully supported by an experienced leader and training opportunities. Please contact Sarah on 07855 544609 for more information with no obligation.

# S.C.I.D.S

Don't forget that on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm at 30, Chapel Lane, is your chance to sign up for the next production by SCIDS. The rehearsals for "Papertown Paperchase" will start on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. The performance dates are March 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>.

If you are between 8 and 16 years and would like to find out more, please get in touch, this group is as much about fun as it is about drama, and is for the village and by the village.

Morna Whitlock (01235 848335 or [morna28whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com))



## Sutton Courtenay Local History Society

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Village Hall 7.30pm

**"DROVE ROADS OF OXFORDSHIRE AND BEYOND"**

Speaker – Tim Healey

Drove roads often used ancient tracks such as the Ridgeway to drive livestock from one place to another, sometimes for long distances. Livestock passed through this area en route to London markets from Wales and the Cotswolds. Tim Healey's illustrated talk will describe this way of life and the impact on the area.

Tim Healey is a musician, and writer and broadcaster on a wide range of subjects. He is a popular speaker at historical societies, U3A groups and other associations.

Everyone welcome: Members free; visitors £3

For information about the History Society see our website [sclhs.org.uk](http://sclhs.org.uk).

Mary Thompson

### UNDER 14s RUGBY (Year 9 at school)

We are a thriving and active under 14s rugby team and are always looking for new players to join our squad. We play at Abingdon Rugby Club, Lambrick Way, Abingdon. We train on Friday evenings from 6.30pm and we play our matches and train on Sundays at 10am.



If you are interested, please call 07810 858618 or just turn up – we'd love to see you.

## Neighbourhood action safety action group corner

101



999

### Contacting the police

101 is the 24-hour number to call in non-emergencies.  
Call 999 in the case of emergencies.

#### Police office

As a result of the planned withdrawal of funding for the police office in Sutton Courtenay, which was announced by Thames Valley Police (TVP) earlier in the year, NAG5 approached Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay Parish Councils to ask if they wished to share funding the anticipated cost (circa £4,500) to maintain the office. At the August meeting Drayton Parish Council agreed, in principle, to funding and Sutton Courtenay Parish Council had agreed an agenda item for a future meeting.

Since the request, NAG5 has learned that Thames Valley Police has taken a strategic decision to close all non-police-station offices within the TVP area as their leases expire. It is anticipated that the Sutton Courtenay police office will close towards the end of March 2017. Access to existing community facilities is being explored in all three villages to facilitate any occasional need by the policing team within the communities. Further details will be provided in the three NAG5 village newsletters as it becomes available. It should be emphasised that the closure of the office does not impact on the policing support we get within the community.

#### Speeding

NAG5 is in the process of understanding, through discussions with relevant experts, how speeding issues (both perception and actual) can be tackled in the current tight financial climate, where measures can only be taken if the recorded accident statistics are significantly high.

#### Scrap metal

Anyone selling scrap metal is advised that purchasers should have a licence and should also provide a receipt, on headed paper or similar, for all purchases. If there are any queries from the police this ensures that both buyer and seller have written proof of the authenticity of the transaction.

#### Cold callers

There have been more reports of cold callers in the area. It is thought to be likely that cold callers will return to an area if people buy from them. If they call on you, and you do not wish to purchase, a polite 'no thank you', then closing the door without any further engagement, might be an option. Those who have door chains are encouraged to ensure the chain is in place before opening the door to unexpected callers. If you have a 'we do not buy or sell at the door' style sign you may wish to draw the attention of cold callers to it. Please note that it is not an offence for callers to ignore such signs. If callers become aggressive or threatening please call the police for assistance.

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



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Didcot & District U3A meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Didcot Civic Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to ensure you are all seated for the 2pm start.

Tuesday 15th November  
Alan Copeland will give a talk entitled  
"Tales of the Unexpected"

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

For more information phone 01235 211291 or 01235 510048

email [secretary@didcotu3a.org](mailto:secretary@didcotu3a.org)



## The All Saints Singers Advent Concert November 20th

### All Saints' Church 7.30pm

Joseph Haydn: Cäcilienmesse

George Frederic Handel: Coronation Anthem, Zadok the Priest

William Boyce: Symphony No.1

Once again the choir of All Saints' Singers return to fill the church with the glorious sounds of one of the finest and most stirring musical offerings in the repertoire. Haydn's Cäcilienmesse to honour St Cecilia, the patron Saint of Music

This rarely performed but truly great work is already proving to be popular with the choir and rehearsals are progressing well. As always, we will have excellent soloists and our own professional orchestra under the direction of our new leader Elizabeth Nurse. We are delighted to welcome the return of Penelope Appleyard, Soprano, Clemmie Franks alto, Felix Leach, Tenor and a new bass soloist in John Lofthouse.

This year we are very pleased to welcome our new conductor Sebastian Thomson, an established, leading choral scholar and conductor within Oxfordshire.

Tickets will be on sale shortly from Burgrey Stores, Pamela Vivian (01235 848205) or from any choir member. Should any reader wish to join our choir, you are invited to attend rehearsals in The Matrix music school building on Friday evenings at 7.30pm, where you will be given a warm reception, especially if you have a soprano or tenor voice! No auditions take place, just come along, sing and see if you like us.

Readers may be interested in the significant and ground breaking Oxford based research on the benefits of choral singing for health and wellbeing, put simply,

*Singing in a choir is good for you!*

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### Sutton Courtenay Action Day – A day to Remember

With a crowd of more than 150, of all ages, the Press, speeches from local experts, activists and politicians, and a general feeling that we had a good, well-argued cause to fight for, we all arrived at the VWHDC offices in Milton Park for final speeches and the handover of our petition calling for “A Fair Deal for Sutton Courtenay”. As half the crowd began the trek home, the other half marched into the foyer and asked if/when they might get a response from the Council. To his credit, the Chief Executive came down to face the forthright questioning and agreed to respond in writing and with a follow up meeting or meetings.

Sutton Courtenay has every reason to feel proud of itself. The day demonstrated a village united, concerned but well-behaved and reasonable. The Action Day will not be the end of it, and the first signs from the Council are that they are taking the village's concerns very seriously.

### Still struggling to stay optimistic...

In a recent Planning bulletin, I read that there is a Council in Yorkshire whose planning officers have advised their Council to delay their local Plan because their future housing growth figures on pre-Brexit assumptions. Living in an area such as ours, where we have been desperate (for more than 5 years) to get our Local Plan in place to protect us from yet more speculative planning, many will want to throw up their hands in despair.

Our Local Plan is based on assumptions about future housing

growth which many of us have questioned for some time. Are we capable of building the number of houses assumed in the Local Plan? Do we have the builders and the bricks? What makes us think we can build at nearly twice the rate we have achieved at any time in the last 20 years? Now we are told that some of the experts believe that Brexit may mean the figures on which a Local Plan is based may be all wrong. Of all the possible impacts of Brexit, that one had not occurred to me. The Government has plenty to occupy it at present (and spare a thought for the Civil Servants who are being asked to run around in small circles in trying to work out the possible effects of Brexit). The possible effect on Planning and Housing is, I fear, one more thing they need to sort out as quickly as possible. Asking towns and villages to take a mass of housing for which there may not be the demand will not go down well.

**And it isn't just Government that has the headaches.** Councils are settling down to worry about their next budgets in an atmosphere of unprecedented uncertainty. We may hope that the Chancellor's Autumn Statement will not contain any nasty surprises. “No changes” seems to be the best we can hope for. No-one is expecting any good news. It is all too easy to get very depressed about the immediate future.

Ah well, we have the election of a President to look forward to....

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

*Richardwebber777@gmail.com* 01235 534001

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Two new Neighbourhood Watch schemes have recently been set up in the village. Sutton Courtenay now has schemes in the following roads:

All Saints Lane  
Appleford Road  
Church Street  
Courtenay Close  
The Green & Churchmere Road  
Harwell Road  
High Street  
Katchside  
Lady Place (numbers 1-25)  
Sutton Fields Way  
Tullis Close

If you would like to join one of these schemes but don't know who to contact I will ask the relevant Coordinator to get in touch with you if you provide me with your name, address and a contact e-mail address or phone number. I am

also very happy to provide more information about Neighbourhood Watch, and how it works, to anyone who is interested.

Regular alerts from Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Action Fraud and other agencies can be found on the Neighbourhood Watch in Sutton Courtenay Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/neighbourhood.watch.in.sutton.courtenay>

Current Neighbourhood Watch members may be interested to know that the Co-op is offering members a 10% discount on buildings and contents insurance policies. Full details plus terms and conditions are provided in the latest edition of the eNewsletter from Neighbourhood and Home Watch.

Bridget Haffenden (Area Coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch in Sutton Courtenay)

E-mail [nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com](mailto:nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com)



## ED VAIZEY MP



Since Parliament's return from the summer recess I have used my new role as a backbencher to ask a number of questions and hold debates in the chamber.

On national issues, during Home Office questions I asked if the department were working on recruiting to ensure they have the skills needed to police cybercrime. I also questioned the new Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union about the creative industries after Brexit, and the new Justice Secretary on how the arts can provide new opportunities to those in the justice system. I also attended the debate on the BBC Charter and asked about diversity.

On constituency issues, I used Transport Questions to secure a meeting with the Minister responsible for highways, John Hayes, to discuss issues with safety on the A34. This meeting is to be held next month, and I am looking forward to discussing some ideas on how safety of the A34 can be improved.

I also hosted a debate on funding in the arts, where I called on the Government to increase funding and support to the arts and heritage. During the Second Reading of the Digital Economy Bill I made a number of contributions during the debate, including on the reforms to planning for digital infrastructure, upgrading the offence of copyright infringement, and the broadband Universal Service

Obligation which is of great importance to rural areas such as Wantage and Didcot. I was pleased to highlight the success of broadband roll out in Oxfordshire, in particular.

Thames Water have contacted me to let me know about their new public awareness campaign that you will be made aware of in the coming weeks. Their 'Bin it don't block it' campaign, is aimed at alerting the public of the problems created when fat, oil and grease is poured down drains and when wet wipes are flushed down toilets. This can create nasty 'fatbergs' in the sewer system that block pipes and cause the sewers to back up onto roads, gardens and even into people's homes. The consequences of this are unpleasant, inconvenient and expensive. Over the last year there were 3025 blockages in my constituency. Over the next 6 weeks, Thames Water will be contacting residents to encourage them to change their behaviour, and prevent these blockages and their consequences from occurring.

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, [dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk) or 020 7219 6350. 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. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. 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>.

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#### Potions and Pumpkins

Sunday 6th November, 10am-2pm

At this month's Sunday Drop-in, come and experience a naturally spooky Halloween with potions galore and pumpkin soup over the fire. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

#### Cordage and Fibres

Sunday 13th November, 10am-4pm

Did you know you can make rope and cord from nettles, hemp and flax? Join Earth Trust for this practical session that includes spinning with the fibres you produce. £30; booking essential: 01865 407792.

#### Star Walk

Friday 25th November, 6pm-8pm

Join us for a starlit countryside walk with Dr Russell Layberry from Oxford University. For adults and older children. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

#### Hedgelaying

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th November, 9.30am-4pm

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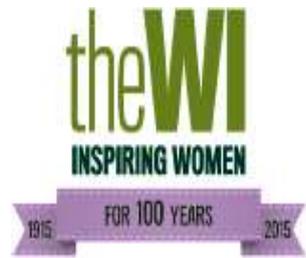
## SUTTON COURTENAY WI

The leaves are turning and Autumn has well and truly started. Only a couple of months left of this year, where has it gone!

**Have you visited Sutton Courtenay WI yet?** No, well let's make November the month you come and join our friendly group. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 7.30 in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. First meeting is free. You will be made very welcome by all our lovely ladies.

and lovely shops to start or complete your festive shopping. To book and for more info please get in touch with Margaret on 847472.

Price for your coach travel is £15 and will pick up from Sutton Courtenay.



Our speaker for the November 15th meeting will be Ann Sharman who will be giving us lots of ideas for making homemade Christmas decorations.

The 20th is the date for our December meeting which will be our Christmas party, hopefully Father Christmas will have time to visit us!

On the subject of Christmas SC WI have a trip to Stratford Upon Avon Christmas market on Thursday 24th November. Everyone is welcome, friends, hobbies even! Lots of stalls

Lots going on in 2017 too, with a voice coach and swishing to start us off. Tina Wade

## Harwell, Chilton and Culham Welfare Fund

The Harwell, Chilton & Culham Welfare Fund (HCCWF) and The Nuclear Industry Benevolent Fund (TNIBF) - both registered charities - have existed for over 50 years, to offer financial assistance and advice to many of the current and former employees of the principal organisations based on the Harwell, Chilton and Culham science campuses. Organisational changes over the years have made it increasingly difficult for the Funds to maintain contact with potential beneficiaries. If you think that you, or someone you know, may be eligible for financial help through a difficult time, please contact [chair.hccwf@gmail.com](mailto:chair.hccwf@gmail.com) or [info@tnibf.org](mailto:info@tnibf.org) for more information.

## Spiritual Fellowship

On Tuesday October 4th we had a really good evening with David Chapman who we are fortunate enough to book twice a year. Kath, also booked with him, was unable to make it. He gave a good address and some very accurate clairvoyance, much appreciated by all.

On our next meeting on November 1st we were able to book Brenda Manning who has not been with us for several years.

Tuesday November 1st 7.30pm Village Hall. Spiritual Meeting with Brenda Manning

Tuesday December 6th 7.30pm Village Hall Spiritual Meeting with David Chapman and Kath

Enquiries - Pat and Sam 01235 847460

## Sutton Courtenay News AGM

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 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.

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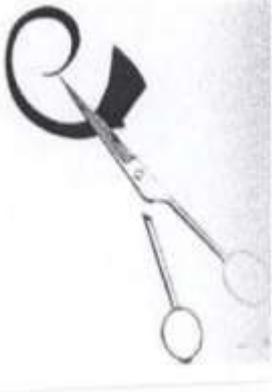
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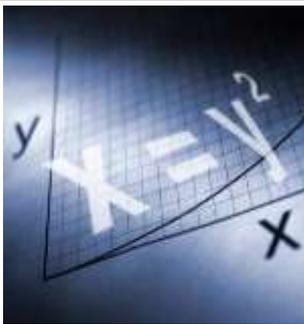


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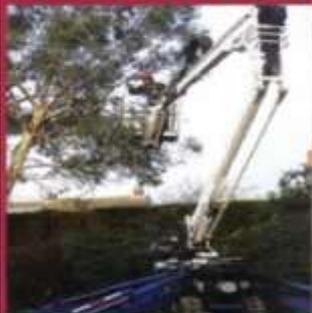
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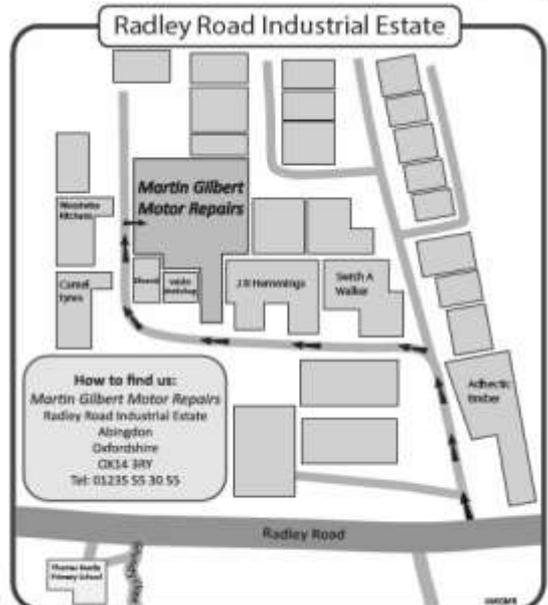
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