

SUTTONS SEASONS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018



Village Diary

11 August	tbc	Stargazing with Joe Mabbort	St Bartholomew's
22 August	2.30pm.	WI; Summer Tea Party in aid of Breast Cancer (visitors welcome)	Downside IM
12 September	7.30pm.	Parish Council Meeting	SW Village Hall
16 September	11.00am.	Harvest Festival	St Bartholomew's
	12.00 for 12.30	Village Harvest Lunch	The School House
19 September	2.30pm.	WI: Prostate Cancer Trevor Rogers Open meeting: husbands and boyfriends welcome	Abingdon Hall IM
5 October	7 for 7.30pm	WI; Indian Supper, open to all (£10pp)	Abingdon Hall IM
13 October	tbc	Arabian Evening	SW Village Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

The village has lost yet another good man and true with the passing of John England. All our thoughts are with Ann and the family. We extend a warm village welcome to Joann and Marc van Eijck and their sons who have recently moved into the village.

May I add my personal thanks for all the kind words and thoughts expressed before and following my trip to the "infirmity". The outcome seems to be good and I look forward to improved speed and style in my future ramblings around our beautiful village.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

This amazing weather meant that we had about the best BBQ ever earlier in July with 80 people attending, and a lot of us seeking out the shade, almost unheard of! There were a lot of families and younger people which is so good to see and just shows what a nice mixed village we are and not just full of retirees!

You might notice a brand new bench outside the village hall. This used to be on the Green by the main road, but had fallen into disrepair so could not be sat on. It was also partially obscured by the huge conifer there, so not the ideal place to sit and ponder! The Parish Council have paid for the refurbishment of it, ably carried out by Tim Woolcott and Iain McNeil, and decided that it would get a lot more use placed outside the hall, so please use it. It was given to the Parish to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The other bench that is there was kindly donated by John and Maureen Jones and the old broken one now removed, so all are safe to sit on and very comfortable.

The next event for the Village Hall to put in your diary now, is an Arabian Evening on 13th October. You will be treated to culinary delights + a few other treats, we hope.

Jane McNeil 811008

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council would like to pass on their condolences to Anne England and her family following the sad loss of John. He was the Parish Clerk for several years and was an active member of the community. His contribution to the Parish Council and the community generally was greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

With regard to the Parish Council business the Parish Council have decided to create a new website which they hope will go live very shortly. Once it has gone live there will be notices put up round the village. The website address will be www.suttonwaldronpc.co.uk. The website will contain the information that the Parish Council are obliged to publish online, it is hoped that an events diary will be maintained, it will also have the latest copies of Sutton Seasons and information about the various societies within the parish.

The formation of the Unitary Authority is progressing. One aspect of the formation of that Authority is that the Boundary Commission is undertaking a review of the ward boundaries. The Parish boundaries will remain the same but the various wards throughout Dorset are being reviewed. The Boundary Commission have put forward their draft proposals and if you would like to see them and comment on them please visit the Boundary Commission website:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/dorset/dorset>

The number of Councillors will reduce from 172 in the District and County Councils to just 82 in the Unitary Authority. The Boundary Commission mainly base their proposals on the number of electors within each ward which will roughly be 3750 in each new ward. Simplistically in the last boundary review Sutton Waldron left the Beacon Ward which included Fontmell Magna and joined the Hillforts Ward which included Iwerne Minster. The latest review proposes that Sutton Waldron is in the same ward as both Iwerne Minster and Fontmell Magna.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 12th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. As ever everyone is welcome to come along.

Marianne Wheatley

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or in pdf via personal email—write to suttonseasons@suttonwaldron.info

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Hell's Kitchen

The French are renowned for their high end cuisine and fine dining. They are widely recognised as culinary experts. It was with this in mind that my merry band set forth to the restaurants of Northern France on a visit to the French battlefields (how appropriate). My two companions were opposite ends of the gastronomic scale. One a hardened veteran of many a food campaign prepared to try all and everything at least once and possibly more, just to make sure. The other a novice who found the addition of garlic to a meal somewhat 'racy'. I lay more to the adventurous end and I'm prepared to 'give it a go'.

The restaurant was certainly at the top end of the French dining experience, one quick look at the menu and the associated prices had two of the party salivating with expectation, the other rapid glances to find anything on the menu that came vaguely close to something English. The French were out in full and had dressed to the nines for the obvious delights that were to be laid before us.

Menus at the ready we began our journey. It was then that we started to note the rather unusual implements being delivered to various tables around the restaurant. A smile and a nod to my intrepid explorer, whilst the land lover, unaccustomed to these foreign shores looked round in fear.

Just the two for a starter, my passable French aided me to identify a crepe and a soup that sounded appetizing. When they arrived the explorers were less convinced that they had boarded the right train on this particular journey.

The soup resembled dish water that had been left for a number of days and had objects floating within it that resembled the remains of an earlier meal. The crepe may well have been close to an oven but not sufficiently to have had any effect on any of the contents. Still there was always the main. That's when the fun really started.

The equipment was delivered. I say equipment as that's what it was rather than cutlery. I wasn't sure for a moment whether I was about do advanced car repair or intricate autopsy. The latter eventually being the closest. The dish was delivered with ceremony, the lid removed at which point the least intrepid literally ran for the toilet. There in front of me was the partial remains of what once was a major limb of an organism. It had some form of culinary operation but minimal and it bubbled in front of me. Daring me. The smell rather than aromatic, resembled an abattoir on a very warm day. Just when we thought it couldn't get worse the second dish arrived which consisted of the other parts. We mustered up enough courage to start but seconds in we quickly realised that this would be the shortest of battles. To this day I do not recall the name of the dish placed before us but it is remembered for being the most expensive uneaten dish on our many journeys. Forget Gordon Ramsey, I know where Hell's kitchen really is.

Celia Myth



GARDEN NOTES

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to all those people in the village who so kindly 'manned the fort' for my garden open days for the NGS. My first time ever and it went very well, hugely aided by the kind people who helped with cooking cakes etc and with dispensing the teas. No one was asked, all volunteered! Also, of course, many thanks to all the villagers who visited the garden.

We are so very grateful to providence that we preceded this dry old summer and the garden looked its best unlike now when we are all having such a difficult time with the paucity of rain.

If you are getting fed up with watering and you hate seeing the dried up plants you can always cut down the herbaceous plants. They won't look so sad and if rain comes they will come back. I am trying to keep it all going but not watering the lawns with purpose as they, I know, will come back fine. So if most of your time is taken up by watering at least you don't have to mow much and you can keep your garden tidy by cutting the hedges so they look neat. I have pruned the excess growth on my apple trees and have been taking the opportunity to train the cordon apples.

Vegetable gardening is not my forte I am afraid but I would just say we should collect water from our washing up basins, baths and showers with buckets and all this can be used for the garden.

A final plea for wildlife as I have noticed a lot of dead fledglings this year and ruined nests from marauding cats. We have a duty to protect our wildlife and at the risk of offending cat owners I would just like to ask please that if you let them out you should fit them with bells to at least give our precious wildlife a chance to breed for the year. Thank you so much!

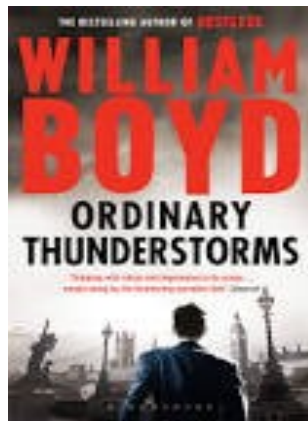
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BOOK REVIEW

Ordinary Thunderstorms by William Boyd

A thriller, a crime novel, an exposé of the corruption at the heart of global pharmaceutical companies and simply a case of "What If".... Being in the wrong place at the wrong time, and the devastating consequences that can follow. Ordinary Thunderstorms is all of these and many more.

I liked it. It follows the tale of an ordinary man, at various crossroads in his life, who has flown into London from the US for an interview. At dinner he strikes up a conversation with a fellow diner who mistakenly leaves his papers behind. Being a good soul, our protagonist endeavours to deliver the papers back to the man and finds him dead. The killer is still in the flat having not found what he was looking for. Our hero realises his life is in mortal danger and before you know it he is on the run, closely pursued by various of Europe's underworld. What fascinates me is Adam's (the main character) will to survive and how, in this digital age, he manages to do that by simply disappearing. How, with the minimum of tools and belongings, you can eke out a life sleeping rough, begging, visiting shelters and picking up low paid jobs which pay cash and require no id. How, despite all this, his education, natural ability to thrive, and intellect ultimately pull him back into mainstream society. Not quite at the levels he once achieved, but, let's face it, better than the alternative of floating down the Thames in a body bag...



The reality of London is eloquently described as each strata of society uneasily co-exists alongside its neighbours, with details identified that are often missed by those who work and live on a daily basis in the middle of it. The characters reflect the unusual, the unconventional and the eccentrics that you find

in a big city and these are real characters, no 2 dimensional cardboard cut-outs. The Thames becomes almost a character in its own right, as it flows east, giving and taking away life, hiding mysteries in its darkness and facilitating a community of its own.

One reviewer, rather condescendingly I think, describes our character as descending into something akin to Jason Bourne, but what is thriller fiction if not a little bit far-fetched?! I'm not sure it would be that easy to defy the forces that Adam needs to but if I wanted reality I would be looking elsewhere. And yet, Boyd is clearly drawn to the darkest parts of society in this novel and by doing so creates a genuinely interesting narrative, which is much appreciated as an alternative to the shallow, selfie taking, social media driven mainstream of today's society.

Next: The Wonder by Emma Donoghue

A Book Lover

SW2; SUTTON WALDRON SKY WATCHERS

Okay it's here again. **Meteor time**.....

We have three sets of meteors coming up in the next few months.

August 12/13 Culmination of the Perseids meteor shower. The moon will be a thin crescent and sets early so this should be a good year for viewing. Best times after midnight.

October 8th Bring the Draconids although less spectacular it runs for about four days with a rate of about 10 per hour at its peak

October 21 and 22nd the Orionids these will peak at about 20 per hour but will be hindered by a near full moon.

Two points of interest

- They are dust particles left by comet Halley
- They are particularly bright when observed

Astronomy weird facts

When you look at the light from stars the distances are so vast that light takes time to reach us

The Sun 8 and a half minutes

Alpha Proxima 4 years

Orion average of 600 years

The light from the Andromeda galaxy has taken 2 million years to get here.

Black holes are the remains of super massive stars that have collapsed. They form a gravitational field that even light cannot escape from, hence the name.

Joe Mabbort

Notes From A Country Church

On 7th June we were commissioned as churchwardens. At a service known as the "Archdeacon's Visitation" conducted by the Archdeacon of Dorset, The Venerable Antony MacRow-Wood, we were asked to respond to questions of our faith and our willingness to serve culminating in the following declaration. *"I solemnly and sincerely declare before God and his people that I will faithfully and diligently discharge during the period of my appointment the duties of the office of Churchwarden for the parish for which I have been chosen."*

So there is no escaping now!

On 10th June the Archdeacon of Dorset came and took a service in our church. We were a little anxious since he is the Bishop of Salisbury's eyes and ears for all the churches in our area of the diocese. He advises on the current state of parish churches, their well-being and administration and indeed any future arrangements for clergy appointments and clustering of parishes into benefices. All went well, particularly after the Archdeacon appreciated that our toilet facilities were somewhat limited! We had a very enjoyable and thought-provoking service. The archdeacon spent considerable time talking to members of the congregation after the service, which was greatly appreciated.

You will be pleased to know that our lightning protection system was inspected on 22nd June and is *"in good working order"*. So when that thunderstorm does come we will be OK!

On 30th June "Spring Cleaning" of the church took place. Thanks to all those who helped. We could do with more people to assist with the general upkeep and housework of the church. Do contact us if you have some time available and would like to help.

Over the last three weeks of the school summer term, Laura Snoulton sold ice-creams outside the village hall at around 3 p.m. Several adult parishioners were spotted enjoying a cone or lolly alongside the school children. As well as offering a service and some fun, £57.50 was raised for the church. Thank you Laura, a great idea.

Thank you to all those who took Christian Aid envelopes from the church and gave a donation. The total sent to Christian Aid was £60.

Your Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) last met on 6th June and considerable planning for the coming year was undertaken. Several activities over and beyond our weekly church services are now in the pipeline. The P.C.C. is determined to continue to be a welcoming body which serves the parish as well as meeting its religious and financial obligations.

Future Events:-

Saturday 11th August – Stargazing Night courtesy of Joe Mabbort. Open to all ages. Rendezvous in the church - Further details to follow - Watch out for the flyers and posters

Sunday 26th August – In celebration of our church's Saints day, St. Bartholomew (August 24th) a Coffee and Croissant style breakfast will be held at 9.30 a.m. in the church - again watch out for flyers and posters for more details.

Saturday 8th September – The annual Dorset Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" sponsored event. Half of the monies raised goes to the local church. The other half goes to the DHCT. It would be great to get up a group of people to do this. Is anybody interested in co-ordinating this? Details available from us.

Sunday 16th September 11 a.m. Our Harvest Festival service
12 for 12.30 p.m. Our village Harvest Lunch - Venue = The School House,
Courtesy of David and Maryan Milanes.

Saturday 17th November – Murder Mystery Evening in the Village Hall. Rod Swift co-ordinating

Looking Further Ahead – Christmas! Yes, Christmas! Sorry! Details for services at Christmas time are not yet finalised. However, we may be able to help you with your Christmas shopping! Plans are underway for the publication of a 2019 St. Bartholomew's Calendar and a St. Bartholomew's Recipe Book. With regard to the recipe book, Caroline Marsden is co-ordinating this initiative and invites all villagers to send in their favourite personal recipe(s) to be published. Further details will be forthcoming. Meanwhile do contact Caroline with your recipes and/or questions if you have any. (mrsdncr@aim.com). We also hope to be able to offer a gift wrapping service to help with the Christmas rush!

Looking Even Further Ahead – Dates for your diary:-

Saturday 19th January – The Great Annual Jumble Sale

Saturday 26th January – A "Burns Night "Celebration (a day late!)

A reminder that our church is open every day, generally between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. It is a good place for quiet reflection both inside and outside. There is also an interesting, small library and people are very welcome to borrow books to take home. Our pattern of services remains the same as published on posters around the village.

Our next P.C.C. meeting is on 28th August. We are always pleased to receive feedback on what happens in the church.

and to provide further information. Thank you, as always, to the many who support the life and work of our church.

Ian and Yvonne Pinder (Churchwardens)

Key local price indicators

Description	Price	Amount/timing	Source	Date
Heating Oil	£254.48	500 litres (incl. VAT)	The Heating Oil Company	31 July 2018
Electricity	£738.75	5000 Kwh p.a.	Website: Annual Contract	31 July 2018
Broadband, unlimited + calls	£24.99	Per month	Website: Annual Contract	31 July 2018
Broadband, Fibre, unlimited, + calls	£31.99	Per month	Website: Annual Contract	31 July 2018
Savings Rates, easy access	1.40% variable	Per annum	Website	31 July 2018
Savings Rates, notice account	1.67% variable	Per annum	Website	31 July 2018
Diesel	129.9p	Per gallon	Website	31 July 2018
Petrol	127.9p	Per gallon	Website	31 July 2018

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