

SUTTONS SEASONS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018



Village Diary

1 October	5.00pm.	AGM of Village Hall Committee	SW Village Hall
5 October	7 for 7.30pm.	WI; Indian Supper, open to all (£10pp.)	Abingdon Hall IM
13 October	7.00pm.	Arabian Night	SW Village Hall
17 October	2.30pm.	WI; My Scented Home, Catherine Nix	Abingdon Hall IM
17 November	tba	Murder Mystery Evening with Rod Swift	SW Village Hall
21 November	2.30pm.	WI: Resolutions, discussion & Stitch and Bitch	Abingdon Hall IM
5 December	7.30pm.	Parish Council Meeting	SW Village Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

The known circulation of this small but perfectly formed magazine is 38. In addition there are those who choose to download their copy from the village website or read one of the 10 copies left in the phone box and church porch. If you know someone who hasn't seen the magazine please tell them how to access a copy.

The sequence of flowery images on the front cover can only go so far. Please submit your best/favourite photos of our beautiful village, its surroundings, of your last exotic holiday or anything that just looks good. Scanning facilities available on request. As all photos will be clearly acknowledged—your reward will be the admiration of your peers, rapturous applause from all your fellow readers, and my everlasting thanks.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

What a wonderful summer we have had. Bountiful harvests of apples, soft fruit and vegetables etc. Lots of jam and chutney making and if you are like me the problem of how to get it all in the freezer or find enough jars.

With Autumn now with us the Village Hall Committee has organised some exciting events which we hope you will enjoy:

1. The AGM of the VHC. Yes I know this isn't riveting but it is really helpful to know what you think or have any ideas for future events.
2. Film Nights start again on the 3 October. Cinema Manager Dave in charge.
3. Our highlight Autumn event – An Arabian Night on the 13 October. Join us for a selection of delicious Middle Eastern foods. Plus fun and games for you to enjoy. Ring Jane on 811008 to book a place.
Come and join us.

Ann Boddy

Yes, well spotted! Not written by our leader Jane as she is enjoying a week in sunny Northumberland.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The **new** Parish Council website has now gone live and the address is <http://www.suttonwaldronpc.co.uk>. The search engines will take a little while to recognize this site so for the time being you may need to put in the whole address including <http://> in order to access the site. The Parish Clerk also has a new email: clerk@suttonwaldronpc.co.uk she will monitor the old email for a short while but please delete the old email from your address books and use the new email.

The Parish Council thought some of the residents might like to be kept informed of Parish matters on a more regular basis and to this end are proposing to set up a group email which can be used to pass on information for example planning applications. If you would like to be included in this group email please send your email address to the Clerk on clerk@suttonwaldronpc.co.uk. If you send your email to the Clerk she will only blind copy you in on any relevant emails so that your address is kept confidential. If you no longer wish to be part of the group email you just need to notify the Clerk and she will remove your address from the group email.

If you have any events that you would like to be advertised on the website you should contact the Chairman on chairman@suttonwaldronpc.co.uk. Events will only be advertised if the Chairman in his absolute discretion deems it appropriate.

At the last meeting the matter of speeding through the village was raised. The Parish Council are looking into setting up a speed watch team but in the interim if you spot anyone speeding through the village **and you are able to record the car registration number then** send this through to the Chairman on chairman@suttonwaldronpc.co.uk and he will **pass the information** on to the community Support Officer. If there are any persistent offenders the Parish Council have been informed that the police will visit them. The next meeting was due to take place on 12th December 2018, however that is the same day as the Christmas lunch and accordingly the meeting is now on 5th December 2018.

Marianne Wheatley

Suttons Seasons is now available to all in the following ways:-

Full colour: Downloaded in pdf from the Village website - www.suttonwaldronpc.co.uk

Or sent direct in pdf to your personal email (with blind copy exclusivity)—write to suttonseasons@suttonwaldron.info

Black and White copies: available in limited quantities from the telephone box or church porch

SWIM NEWS

We had two unusual guests in our village hall in July when Cherry Barlow brought two of her rescue owls to our meeting. The barn owl was an old hand at visiting schools, retirement homes and WI's so some of us had the chance to hold him whilst he looked around his latest surroundings. The young little owl was very cute and inquisitive as it was his first outing to a village



hall. Cherry gave us a lot of information about her different breeds of owls hunt and feed in the wild which isn't just in darkness. Most of her rescue birds are released back into their original territory once they have recovered.

In August we held an afternoon WI garden party in a member's garden to raise money for Breast Cancer Care. The weather was good, neighbours gardens were emptied of furniture, extra geraniums brightened up some parched flowerbeds and a large number of ladies arrived from SWIM and surrounding villages to the sound of ukulele music. Fortunately the wasps had taken the day off!

Many cakes, scones and cups of tea were consumed and with the generosity of our visitors we sent £332.50 pounds to the charity.

Sandra Jelbart

The WI is committed to education, so following our very successful tea party for breast cancer in August, we had an open meeting inviting men as well as women to hear about prostate cancer on September 18th. Trevor Rogers who has suffered from prostate cancer gave a very informative and frank account of his experiences and answered questions from the audience.

Next month Catherine Nix will be talking about 'My Scented Home' on October 17th. Visitors are welcome at Abingdon Hall Iwerne Minster.

Gill Samways

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT UPDATE

Dear Pageant Travellers,

As you know we had to cancel last year's pageant because of Dot's illness which sadly proved terminal. The Swift family are very keen for the pageant to continue but feel that the time has come for the reins to be passed on to a wider community. This is the ideal opportunity to review the event and to sort out it's limitations. I have discussed the situation with the PCC and others in the village and expressed my thoughts and ideas on the way forward. The main limitation is the lack of parking, that perennial problem that the village suffers from. I worry every year that someone will be injured crossing the A350 coming to or leaving the pageant. Despite the excellent efforts by our stewards, we cannot control the speed and ignorance of some of the drivers and it will always be a high risk item. The other concern to address is the capacity limitation of the church. A safe maximum number is 200 people, we have exceeded this on several occasions, this must not continue. We have identified a solution which negates these 2 issues.



The proposal is that the pageant should find a new home and Clayesmore school have very kindly agreed to host the pageant this year. There is ample car parking and a greater crowd capacity. It will be a great wrench not to have it in the village but I know that you will understand the reasons behind the move. I do hope that you will all continue to support this precious event. If anyone is willing to help with the catering (mulled wine and mince pies at the Clayesmore social building) please let me know.

Thank you for your understanding.

Rod Swift

Hell's Kitchen (part 2)

(Things I wish I had never eaten)

In my last article I was extremely careful to avoid too many descriptive or evocative words that may have brought the article to life and again I need to exercise restraint if I can.

Sadly I am not challenged to find things that I have exposed myself to from a French menu that have caused regret, partly due to poor French but also due to a reckless attitude that swings me towards trying any dish at least once. And so to a particular experience which took place four years ago in Gaillac, a town in the Tarn Region. I was there with family in tow, all of who scoured the menu boards for pizza having learnt that burgers are not as they expect, sausages are more like chorizo and sandwiches miss the mark too. Determined not to be restrained by the limitations of my family, I plumped for that most famous of dishes, and one I have never tried, steak tartare. For those who are unaware of this delightful dish it is simply made from raw ground meat, usually served with onions, capers, pepper and a Worcestershire sauce, and often served with a raw egg yolk. Mine was accompanied by frites. My play safe family scoffed and poo-pooed my intrepid choice, predicting doom, gloom and disaster round the next corner as they slapped mayonnaise and ketchup all over their internationally acceptable food.



My 'food' (uncooked meat and uncooked egg) was devoured cautiously and I attempted to gallantly outwardly enjoy it, too proud to declare what a horrible mistake I had made. I can however report that capers are a strong flavour and rather like the drink rum and black, taste the same going down as they do coming back up again. The outcome of my dabble with raw meat and egg resulted in a day and a half of severe and violent food poisoning! Capers are now carefully side stepped and steak tartare can be declared a total no go zone.

Life is a learning experience and I can now say that pizza and chips is a remarkably versatile meal, a good safe bet, and should not be cast aside as a food too far beneath me to order. Sympathy was offered during my hours of suffering as I remained in proximity to the loo, however so were several large portions of 'Told You So' and several servings of 'Serves You Right'!!



Celia Myth



Rage Rap

Anger, rage, I can't keep it in.
I wish I could make a change.
By making an aim,
That won't be the same.
People can get angry sometimes,
That's OK, it's natural
As pure as rain.

Claire Mabbott

GARDEN NOTES

This summer I have gone mad on Salvias, I have been getting more and more interested as time goes by in these wonderful plants. In particular I mean the sub-shrubby tender types.

They are not particular as to soil but prefer good drainage and a reasonable amount of fertility and most thrive best in a sunny position. They are tender but it will depend on the winter and the drainage of the site as to whether they will survive so it is always a good idea to take some cuttings in the early autumn/late summer.

Amongst my favourites are the following which I have collected over the years.



Salvia involucrata Boutin. (pictured left)

A large pink flower which is late in flowering but well worthwhile for the colour it provides then and should be placed mid to back of any border.

Amistad (pictured below) goes with any plants and is the most wonderful dusky purple blue and grows to about 2'-3'



Nachvlinder. (pictured below) Low shrubby and very floriferous purple. A must.



Cerro potosi; deep pink wide flowers

Golden Girl; low shrubby creamy pale yellow a very valuable colour.

Heatwave Glimmer; low shrubby white.

Hot Lips (seen below) is a divided pink and white flower.,.



Hybrid Hot Pink; flowers like miniature penstemon flowers Dark Blue. Very dark flowers near black

Discolor; silver leaved very dark unobtrusive purple flowers, another must in my opinion.

Leucantha; A bush sage, palest lilac spiky flowers

Others I want to try are Calcifolia Waverly and Trelissick, greggii lycioides, guaranitica Indigo

There are plenty more, some floriferous, some interesting, some shade-loving but mostly sun loving. They should be planted late May-Early June.

You can get quite a few from Thorngrove Garden Centre in Gillingham but otherwise you can find them on the internet with good photographs as well.

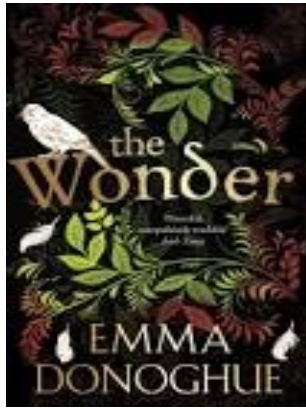
As to what to do in the garden now, my best advice is to ensure you take cuttings of your precious plants before autumn sets in and sow grass seed while the ground is still warm. Be ready when all the leaves begin to fall and be sure that you have enough space in your compost areas for the leaf fall to make precious compost.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Wonder by Emma Donoghue

I'm not sure if you remember Room, the moving 2010 novel about the 5 year old boy and his mother, locked into a room by their captor, which was subsequently made into a film, but The Wonder is the much heralded next novel by Irish Canadian author Emma Donoghue. This time the action takes place in



19th century Ireland, in a very poor very rural community. The story centres on Anna, a sweet and devout 11 year old girl who has been fasting for months and Lib, her English nurse, sent to keep an eye on her. Anna, allegedly, has not eaten or drunk anything more than sips of water for a very long time, and yet survives. Her immediate (devout) family claim she is a saint but local residents are uneasy. However, she is a tourist attraction. Large numbers of Christian visitors come to feast their eyes on the miracle hoping some of her saintliness will rub off on them, and the villagers aren't immune to their tourist cash. Lib has trained under Florence Nightingale and is strict but sceptical and yet she sees no evidence of sustenance being given to the girl. How can this be? The clash between science and religion is very raw at this point.

Again, very much like Room, the protagonist at the centre of this story is a child. In this case she is 11 although you can be forgiven for assuming she is older initially as Anna is almost beatific at times and assumes the religious beliefs of someone much older. However, at the point she is treated as a child, the truth begins to emerge and the mystery is cleared. Is the big reveal a let-down or a surprise?! For me, a bit of both... in many ways it seemed obvious and yet it wasn't, so full marks to the author for maintaining the suspense for as long as she did.

This is an enjoyable read, not as heart stopping as Room, but the characters are well drawn, and the spectre of the ultra-devout catholic community looming over one of their own is unnerving. The author illustrates well the eye wateringly poor rural community, their lack of "wit" and education; their tenuous grip on survival and how their superstitions influence their behaviour. Often to cruel effect. The final end however, well, is more than a little annoying in my opinion. Written with an eye on a movie deal perhaps? Certainly forgivable given the author's previous success but a little Hollywood for my liking although it does stay within the realms of possibility (just!)

Next: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, now a successful film starring Emma Thompson & Stanley Tucci.

A Book Lover

SW2; SUTTON WALDRON SKY WATCHERS

October Skies

This is without doubt my favourite time of the year. I love the night sky as we approach winter and the winter constellations return. The coincidence of my month and year of birth and its link to man's first adventures into space have always felt important to my interest in Astronomy.



For me the constellation of Orion, which has now returned, is both beautiful and interesting. It's easily the most recognisable of constellations characterised by its three stars lined up as Orion's belt. But just as interesting is the nebulous patch just below the belt. The Orion nebula is the birthplace of stars and shows us stars at the early stages of formation (best viewed in your peripheral vision – side on).

Also available to us in this constellation are the stars Betelgeuse and Rigel. A red giant and a massive Blue white star. So if you observe nothing else over the coming months take time to study this beautiful area of the night sky.

Joe Mabbott

Notes From A Country Church

Harvest Celebrations:-

Grateful thanks goes to all those who contributed to our Harvest celebrations; to all those who decorated the church, gave produce, took part in the Harvest Festival service and attended the service; to all those who helped plan and prepare for our Harvest Lunch, who prepared the food, who attended, bought raffle tickets and bought produce. Special thanks goes to Amanda Ellis for co-ordinating the Harvest Lunch event, to Sandra Jelbart for preparing and overseeing activities for the children at the event and to David and Maryan Milanes for hosting. Twenty eight people attended the Church service and 70 attended the Harvest Lunch. £525 was raised for church funds and £113.95 for the charity, "The Farming Community Network".



Church services:-

There is a church service every Sunday at St. Bartholomew's which for a village of our size is no longer the norm. Many parishes may only have one or two services a month and indeed may not have any at all. In rural areas it is not uncommon for several parishes to be linked together into one benefice. There are benefices sometimes that consist of ten or more parishes. Our vicar, Rev. David John, tries to offer a variety of types of services, over the month, in each of the five parishes he oversees. Finding ordained clergy to lead services is not easy. Increasingly lay people are being trained to lead Non-Eucharistic services. The vicar and Sutton Waldron P.C.C. are always seeking to offer styles of worship within the framework of the Anglican Communion that will meet the spiritual needs of parishioners. A mid-week monthly praise service has started in the benefice. It is held in Shroton's church. The next service is on Wednesday 17th October at 7 p.m. Further details are available from us.



On Sunday August 26th we held a "Breakfast" in the church which was well attended by some thirty people and was very well received. Thanks was given for the food, there was a quiz, an A.A. Milne poem read and a very short reading offering a "pause for thought." On regular Sundays, our congregation size, depending on the type of service, is usually somewhere between 12 and 20 people.

Not to be missed! On Sunday 18th November, "Peter the Magician" will be helping to take our Family Service. If you have any thoughts and suggestions on church services they will always be welcome.

Future Activities and Events:-

The Star-gazing Night was postponed due to weather conditions but a new date will shortly be published. Please contact Laura Snoulton if you are interested.

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

Friday 14th December and Monday 17th December 2 pm – 4 pm:- Christmas Gift Wrapping in the church.

Saturday 19th January 2019:- The Great Annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall. The churchwardens co-ordinating. Items for this are always welcome, even at this early stage!

Saturday 26th January 2019:- A "Burns Night" Celebration (a day late!) Anita and Rev. Jeff Waring co-ordinating.

St. Bartholomew's Recipe Book:- All households should have received a leaflet about this. Caroline Marsden is co-ordinating. She would love to receive copies of your favourite personal recipes by the end of October please. Thank you.

Carol Service:- Apologies but the date has not yet been finalised. Imminent!

Our next P.C.C Meeting is on Tuesday 16th October. We are always pleased to receive feedback on our church activities and to provide further information on them. Our continued thanks goes to all those who support our church.

Ian and Yvonne Pinder (Churchwardens)

Key local price indicators

Description	Price	Amount/timing	Source	Date
Heating Oil	£272.01	500 litres (incl. VAT)	The Heating Oil Company	30 Sept 2018
Electricity	£788.64	5000 Kwh p.a.	Website: Annual Contract	30 Sept 2018
Broadband, unlimited + calls	£24.99	Per month	Website: Annual Contract	30 Sept 2018
Broadband, Fibre, unlimited, + calls	£27.99	Per month	Website: Annual Contract	30 Sept 2018
Savings Rates, easy access	1.50% variable	Per annum	Website	30 Sept 2018
Savings Rates, notice account	1.80% variable	Per annum	Website	30 Sept 2018
Diesel	133.9p	Per gallon	Website	30 Sept 2018
Petrol	130.9p	Per gallon	Website	30 Sept 2018

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