



WEALD VIEWS

In the Three Suttons

50p



This years RAF Association service on 2nd September. For more details of the history of this event see page 8

October 2018

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER			
	SUTTON VALENCE	EAST SUTTON	CHART SUTTON
7 October Trinity 19	10.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evensong
14 October Trinity 20	11.00am Harvest Festival Service	6.00pm Harvest Evensong	
21 October Trinity 21	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Third Sunday Special	6.00pm Evensong
28 October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	10.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evensong	11.30am Morning Service

CLERGY LETTER

Dear Friends

Have you ever noticed how many aspects of social media tend to be viewed with a certain amount of scepticism and even animosity? I suppose it's not surprising really, anyone can post anything they want so, scandal, outrage and "Fake News" often seem to be the prevalent order of the day. However, every so often a "Good News" story will appear that restores your faith in humanity and makes you realise that it is worth keeping your Facebook or Twitter account.

One such story appeared this week and seems to have gone viral for all the right reasons. It told of an 11 year old on his first day at a new school in Liverpool who managed to board the wrong bus home. With no money, phone or friends around him all he could do was sit and get progressively more worried as he found himself getting further and further away from where he needed to be. That was until a 15 year old lad noticed him sitting on his own looking very upset. Now, to be honest, in many schools these older pupils will have nothing to do with the new year 7's so the fact that his plight was noticed in the first place is quite unusual, but then this lad did something really special. Not only did he stop the bus so the boy could get off quickly, but he also gave him £10 out of his own



pocket for a taxi home, then two of his friends found the number of a local cab firm, phoned for a taxi and accompanied him safely back to his parents. As if that wasn't enough, the Taxi driver waived his fee. I think you would agree that this was the sort of story that we all like to hear about.

It is a story that revolved around one person in need and four very special "Hero's of the hour" who came to his aid that day. The one who noticed the boy and stepped in, the two who stayed with him and the Taxi driver who drove him home free of charge. Each one was willing to give him their attention, their time, their money and their care and concern.

Well all, this got me thinking (Surprise surprise), indeed I thought of two things. How good are we at noticing when someone is in trouble? And if we do, are we always willing to step in and help? How generous are we in being prepared to offer our attention, time and money to those who need it?

Also, what sort of news do we like to hear about and pass around to others the most? The scandal and Fake News that often clutter up our newspapers or in boxes or the sort of stories that highlight and applaud the selfless acts of others?

We have another “Good News story” which we try to tell in our Churches and in the lives of all those who join us there. It’s the story of someone who not only noticed the perilous plight of all humanity but was prepared to step in and do something about it – even though he knew it would involve giving up his own life. It is a story that has brought comfort, courage, peace and hope to countless people throughout history. It is a story that is rooted in love and it is a story that has changed and enhanced the lives of all those who have been prepared to listen to it and accept it.

We would love to tell you more, so please feel free to drop into any of the village churches or contact me or any of the other church leaders at any time.

With Blessings for the coming month

Time



Thanks to digital technology, the vicar never got the name wrong again



Every week they gathered for Bible Study

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The final deadline for the submission of material is the 14th of the preceding month. Acceptable formats for articles are MS Word, MS Publisher or text files. PDF files can sometimes be used, but as their proportions cannot be altered without distortion, they can't always be used. Suitable picture formats include: Jpeg, BMP, PNG, GIF, etc.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

19th August - at St Peter & St Paul's,
East Sutton Church - Lily Judge

Weddings

1st September - at St Peter & St Paul's,
East Sutton - Lydia Jakobs- Grant &
Richard Mortley

8th September - at St Michael's, Chart
Sutton - Ruby Burfoot & Harry Waters



Funerals

16th August - at Vinters Park
Crematorium - John Storey of
Sutton Valence

11th September - at Vinters Park
Crematorium - William
(Bill) Underdown of Chart Sutton

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

- 7th Oct** 8am East Sutton - Genesis 2:18-24. Mark 10:2-16
10am Sutton Valence - Genesis 2:18-24. Mark 10:2-16
6pm - Chart Sutton - Genesis 2:18-24. Mark 10:2-16
- 14th Oct** 11am - Sutton Valence - Exodus 24. Mark 9.38
6pm - East Sutton - Exodus 24. Mark 9.38
- 21st Oct** 10am - Sutton Valence - Isaiah 53:4-12. Mark 10:35-45
11.30 - East Sutton - TBA
6pm - Chart Sutton - Isaiah 53:4-12. Mark 10:35-45
- 28th Oct** 10am - Sutton Valence - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. John 5:36b -47
11.30am - Chart Sutton - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. John 5:36b -47
6pm - East Sutton - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. John 5:36b -47

St Michael's Church



Good News!

The electrical work has now started, and by the time you read this it should be complete!

It's taken quite a while to raise the funds, organise the tenders and get the right permissions, but we are there. Thank you to everyone who donated – we still have a minor shortfall, so if you would like to help top up the funds, please do let us know.

In the mean time however, we had a

wonderful choral evening with the Company of Singers in early September. It was a lovely summer evening with some beautiful music with most people staying on to enjoy a glass of wine and a chat afterwards. Thanks to the Company of Singers and the Prep School for opening their car park. The event raised nearly £600 – a fantastic boost to our fundraising efforts.

**** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ****

13 October 9.30am – Churchyard Tidy

Up – Come and help put the churchyard to bed for the winter. We've had a lot of help this year and the dry weather through the summer has slowed down the growth of grass, but there's still a lot of strimming and ivy removal to be done. Refreshments as usual...

100 *St Mary's* Club *Monthly* Draw

Winners of the September 2018 draw
First Prize - Mrs Gill Smith
Second Prize - Mr Stephen Parkes
Congratulations!!!

Sutton Valence Music Society

Our programme for the 2018/19 season is as follows:

2018 Friday 28th September at 7.30pm - Linos Piano Trio

Friday 26th October at 7.30pm - Attard Zerafa Duo
(saxophone & piano)

Sunday 18th November at 2.30pm - Rachel Roberts
(viola) & Julian Milford (piano)

2019 Sunday 27th January at 2.30pm - Amalia Hall (violin) & Somi Kim (piano)

Sunday 17th February at 2.30pm - Sarah Beth Briggs (piano)

Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm - Solem String Quartet



We would be delighted to see you at the first concert of the season on 28th September. Give us a try – you can convert a single ticket for the opening concert into an annual subscription by paying only the additional amount.

For further information please see our website at
www.suttonvalencemusicsociety.com or email us at
suttonvalencemusicsociety@gmail.com

Attard Zerafa Duo (saxophone & piano) Friday 26th October 2017 at 7:30 pm



J S Bach: Sonata in E major, BWV 1016

Tchaikovsky: 'None but the Lonely Heart' op. 6, no. 6

Iturralde: Pequeña Czarda

Yosimatsu: Fuzzy Bird Sonata

Chrisyne Zerafa hails from Malta and Philip Attard from the island of Gozo. Both studied in Malta before coming to the UK

for post-graduate studies. They have made their name as a duo playing at major chamber music venues all over Britain and Europe.

The Battle of Britain Pilot's Memorial Garden, Parkhouse Farm, Chart Sutton.

The Garden marks the site of the fatal crash of Hurricane pilot, Robert Shaw, of No.1 Squadron on the 3rd September 1940.

At that time fragmentary human remains were interred at Milton Cemetery, Sittingbourne, and therefore the site must never be referred to as a grave.

Although contractors removed surface debris which included the serial number of the aircraft, and the pilot's name was generally known, the authorities were adamant for many years that his identity could not be confirmed. Thus he remained our 'Unknown Battle of Britain Pilot'. In the early 1980s excavation of two other local crash sites allowed, by elimination, the pilot's identity to be officially confirmed and members of his family were able to attend the Service, and have remained very supportive ever since.

In 1940 an old couple living nearby planted a rose bush on the site and maintained an informal garden.

In September 1970 the site was adopted by The Royal Air Forces Association and the first formal Memorial Service was held in Chart Sutton Church followed by



a wreath laying at the site. This annual event continues to this day and is often graced by a flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. On the 21st August 2011 the Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire flew low over the site.

During the late 1970s

the C.in C. Strike Command attended and took the salute at the parade, which was attended by The Queen's Colour Squadron and The Central Band. Also at this time Dame Anna Neagle twice attended, reading lessons and laying wreaths at the Memorial Garden.

In 2017 Sir Hugh Robertson attended in his role of Deputy Lieutenant. The event is also usually attended by The Mayor of Maidstone.

The site is situated on a private farm and Headcorn Branch are grateful to the farmer for allowing access to maintain the garden, and opening it to invited guests on the afternoon of the Annual Service. The Branch are very grateful to the dedicated few who have worked so hard over many years to maintain this beautiful memorial.

Andrew Clarke. Branch President.

As a local village club, Sutton Valence Hockey Club has had a busy summer, where members have played in a few Golf events , hosting and playing in our Mixed Charity event and several other events, plus giving members the opportunity to cycle on Thursday nights or play cricket at ESCC during the summer. We now arrive at the beginning of the season , refreshed from a glorious summer until the August Bank holiday , ready to prepare for our 66th Hockey Season. On 9th September we host our Club Open Day , opening at 10:30 at SVS Prep School (Post Code



ME17 3RF). We welcome, coach and support all juniors (at any age 6yrs and above) wishing to learn to play hockey with a large number of coaches and players helping on Sundays and are

looking for new members of all abilities and age in our Senior teams. We have pride ourselves in having 5 Mens sides, a Ladies back to hockey" side and a strong Juniors section with sides from Mini's, U8, U10, U12, U16.

If you missed open day, then please find out more about what we are doing on our web site or via Facebook.

East Sutton Parish Council

East Sutton Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Filmer Hall at 8pm.

The Parish Council is made up of five voluntary Councillors and is the first tier of local government.

Issues discussed, and decisions made are varied and include planning which appears to be of the most interest to Parishioners. The Parish Council are consultees and the final decision is made by Maidstone Borough Council.

In the next few months the Parish

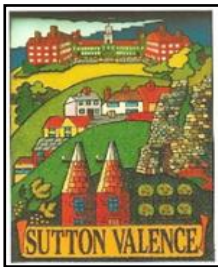
Council will be setting its budget for 2019/20 and would love to know if any parishioners have any projects that they would like the Parish Council to consider that would benefit the Parish.

The parish Council has a website at: www.eastsuttonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk on which minutes, agendas etc can be found. They are also considering setting up a face book page for general information such as road closures. If this would be of interest, please contact the Clerk at: eastsuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com

The parish Council meetings are open to the public so please feel free to come along.

NEWS FROM SUTTON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Battle's Over a Nation's Tribute



The parish council is holding a joint event with East Sutton PC, Chart Sutton PC and the Royal British Legion. On Saturday 10th November, we will holding a dance. John Hamilton's Band will perform a range of music; these band have proved very popular at previous events. Bring your own food and drinks. Tickets are available at the Post Office and you can contact the Janet Burnett at clerk@suttonvalence.org.uk or contact her on 844135. There are only 120 tickets available and these are being offered to all three parishes. The ticket price is £12.50, please do join us.

For Remembrance Sunday, there will be the usual service at the War Memorial, but in the evening, we are joining with the nation to light an official beacon. The Queen will light her

beacon at 7 pm and the rest of Britain will light theirs at 7.05 pm. Our beacon will be on Bowhalls and we will be joined by parishioners from the Three Suttons. We have booked a singer and refreshments will be available. This is a free event, but we would like to have an idea of the numbers for catering purposes. Please can you let the clerk know if you will be attending.

Harbour Play Area

We are continuing our work with our project manager to get the new play area underway. We are waiting on MBC for the S.106 money to pay for the new equipment. As soon as this is received, we can put in an order and work can begin. Thank you for your patience.

Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan steering group will shortly be sending out a survey detailing the results on our call for sites (an NPPF requirement) for you to see the sites that have been put forward and for you to comment on. Your opinion is vital for the NP as it your decision for the future of Sutton Valence.

Eve Poulter

What is The Three Suttons Helpline?

The Three Suttons Helpline has been operating as a "good neighbour" scheme for about 20 years to make life easier for those needing to get to medical appointments, but who do not have their own transport or cannot easily be helped by family or friends and for whom public transport is infrequent and not a viable option. This scheme covers the villages and surgeries in Sutton Valence, Chart Sutton, East Sutton, Kingswood and Langley.

The Helpline is operated entirely by volunteers who are not paid for their work:

the three ladies who answer telephone requests and arrange the journeys and the 20 volunteer drivers. Donations from the users of the scheme pay towards telephone calls and petrol costs. A number of the local parish councils and a local charity have kindly donated money which goes towards insurance, publicity and other costs.

If anyone would like to use the scheme, please telephone one of the following numbers: **844301 842530 842346**

If you have any other queries or if you feel that you may like to help, please contact Christine Parkes. (email:

christineparkes@hotmail.com or tel. **842217**)

All Souls Remembrance and Thanksgiving.



This annual service is our opportunity to gather together from all four parishes to give thanks for those whom we love but see no more. It is a gentle, reflective and non-threatening service that will take place at **Headcorn Parish Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 4th November.** During the service their names will be read

aloud and there will be an opportunity to light candles in their memory. We would also like to invite you to bring along a single flower which will be incorporated into an arrangement that will be made during the service.

We would welcome you to come and remember your loved ones in this way – regardless of whether your loss is a recent one or one that happened many years ago. However, we would also be more than happy to simply light a candle on your behalf if you would prefer this – simply add the name of your loved one to the list in church or let the vicar or one of the church wardens know in advance. The service will start at 4.00pm and we hope that you will stay for refreshments afterwards.

From humble beginnings when survival hinged on the life span of seventy rickety home-made tables, Sutton Valence Tennis Club has matured into the club it is today.

These days the Club enjoys facilities far beyond those of the day in May 1978 when the club founder Allen Collins first sowed the seeds of success.

Membership for that year amounted to 92 of whom 68 were juniors. In 1979 two teams were entered in the Maidstone League, now in 2018 there are four teams entered for the



**Sutton Valence
Table Tennis Club**

forthcoming season which runs from September until April.

Forty years on, now in his eighties Allen stood down as Club Treasurer this year.

Play continues during the Summer months for practice. Anybody interested in playing Table

Tennis can contact Peter Newing on 01622 850197 or email: peter.newing@tiscali.co.uk

If you wish you can just come along to the club night at Sutton Valence Village Hall on a Monday at 7.30pm.

As many of you walkers know, we leaders have to carry out a risk assessment on all our walks.

On Wednesday 28th August Paula and I decided to assess our December walk. We set off in a little light rain, both of us in some suitable clothes for wet weather, as the forecast was for showers.

Needless to say we did not encounter showers, just pouring rain and wind throughout the walk. Hot coffees later, two soaking wet leaders made their way back to Headcorn. I to receive a real ticking off by The Duchess of Fife, (as my Cockney friends would say).

There are three walks next month.

Wednesday 3rd October meet in Leeds Church car park ME17 1RL at 9.30 for 9.45am start for a 90min. undulating walk, returning on footpaths through Leeds



Castle grounds. There is one stile, several gates and some ups and downs and views across to the Castle.

If you would like a lift please contact barry@watersideoast.com by Monday 1st October or Monday 22nd for the progressive walk.

Wednesday 10th October meet in Headcorn Village Hall car park 9.30 for 9.45am start for a 45min walk around the Village.

Wednesday 24th October meet in Egerton Millennium Village Hall TN27 9DS car park 9.30 for 9.45 am start for a progressive 6 mile walk over the Downs towards Pluckley along some of the Greensand Way and back. There will be some ups and downs and the occasional stile.

Barry Walker

barry@watersideoast.com

Sutton Valence Choral Society is a group of about 100 singers who rehearse on Monday evenings during term time at Sutton Valence School with Bryan Gipps, our Music Director, and Martyn Williams, our pianist. We perform a concert each term: in November and March a major choral work with professional soloists and orchestra, with a lighter programme of shorter pieces in the summer and also a carol concert in the School Chapel in December. In recent years we have sung at both Rochester and Canterbury Cathedrals. We have an active social programme, mainly based around our support for local charities. SVCS is friendly

and enthusiastic but is not an elite choir and new members are not subjected to an audition.



Our next concert, on 25th November at All Saints Maidstone, is of English choral music with major works by Vaughan Williams and Holst. Rehearsals begin on Monday 3rd September and we would be delighted to welcome any new members.

Please contact Julia Ireland at juliajeanireland@gmail.com or on 01622 891058. Our website is at www.suttonvalencechoral.com and we are on Facebook, @SVCSoc

Farewell



Music played an important part of my 61 years in Chart Sutton and Sutton Valence.

Carol singing round Chart Sutton is one of my earliest memories. In later years we always ended the evening with the Chessons at Ladds Court. After arriving cold and footsore, the front door opened to a splendid fire, magnificent tree, lights, refreshments & the smell of mulled wine.

In the '80s I taught piano and recorder at Underhill School (now the Prep School) and played the piano for several summer shows.. I taught piano at home and at SVS and love to meet people who played their first piano notes with me.

I started the Chart Sutton Chamber Orchestra - a wonderful combination of musicians of all ages and stages. Its shortish history culminated in top billing at a concert **in** St Michael's also featuring a children's choir, recorders and guitar group.

Since being at the Royal Academy of Music I have always enjoyed choral singing. A few years ago I was invited to conduct SVCS. Initially anxious about

being the focus of many singers, an experienced friend reassured me 'oh they won't be watching you'!

My passion for singing took me round the world and to many UK concert halls but nothing compares with conducting your own choir, as I discovered during 10 years' conducting the Thursday Ladies choir and 6 years with the Company of Singers. Choral singers work as a team and there is a special bond and well being for all concerned.

I have participated in many church events over the years as pianist, organist, singer, accompanist and conductor.

Recently I lead the Singing for Health group in Headcorn, discovering better ways of breathing and new repertoire. "I didn't know this would be fun" are words I cherish from the group.

Now Colin and I live in Lewes, ready to discover the musical possibilities of the town. We will hugely miss our friends from the Suttons and Headcorn but look forward to coming back to concerts and services.

Sue Wight

Noticeboard

Pear and hazelnut cake



Ingredients

- 100g blanched hazelnuts
- 140g self-raising flour
- 175g butter, cut into small pieces
- 140g brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 3 semi-ripe packham pears
- 50g dark chocolate, chopped into small chunks

Method

- ◆ Preheat the oven to 140C for fan-forced (160C conventional).
- ◆ Butter and line the base of a 25 x 11-centimetre loaf cake tin with baking paper.
- ◆ Grind the hazelnuts in a food processor until fairly fine. Add the flour and mix briefly. Add the butter and pulse until it forms crumbs. Add the sugar and eggs and mix briefly.
- ◆ Peel, core and chop one-and-a-half pears into a small dice. Stir the pears and chocolate lightly into the cake mixture. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the top.
- ◆ Peel, core and slice the remaining pears and arrange on the top of the cake. Press down lightly and bake for 50-60 minutes, until a skewer comes out clean when inserted in the middle.
- ◆ Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out and cool on a wire rack. Dust with icing sugar.

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29 September @ 12

Bruce Grindlay - Headmaster
School, followed by a Plough
and a glass or two

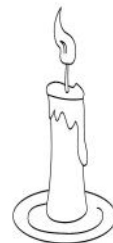


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All welcome

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Church

St Mary's Christmas Fair



Saturday 24th November
12.00 - 2.30pm



Sutton Valence Village Hall

Lunches Bar Gifts Cakes
Tombola Christmas Decorations
and more, including

Handmade Jewellery

by Loulou Workshop

Creative Gift Hampers

by Little Bluebirds

Apple Day 2018

Headcorn Parish Church

Saturday 20th October @ 11.00am—2pm

Games,
Competitions,
Displays &
Childrens
activities.



Produce,
Cakes, Pies,
Barbecue &
Other
Refreshments.

Free entry

The Royal British Legion Sutton Valence and District Branch



It is a busy time of the year for the Legion, we have enjoyed August with our coach outing to Eastbourne Airbourne. Not that much was Airbourne on a wet drizzly day when only a Chinook Helicopter took to the air at about 4.30. Not that the weather stopped anyone having a really enjoyable day.

We also had a recruitment stall and sale on Chart Sutton Village Green as part of the Community Shop Community event and again we were delighted to attract some new members and sold out our produce. For which we thank all those who supported our stall.

BATTLES OVER – A Nation's Tribute to mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War is on November 11th, Remembrance Sunday, so in addition to planning the usual Services we are working with the Three Suttons Parish Councils to join A Nation's Tribute at 7.00 pm on Bowhall to light a beacon and ringing out of the bells for peace. More detail to follow.



MONDAY October 15th is our Branch AGM at Sutton Valence School Café at 7.00

Mike FitzGerald MBE Chair **01622 743270**

Email mike@laxtondrive.co.uk



THE ARTS SOCIETY MID KENT

Interested in the arts? Want to learn more?? The Arts Society Mid Kent may be for you. We meet nine times a year in Sutton Valence Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10am for coffee and to hear our specially selected speakers deliver excellent talks from 10.45am.

If you would like to see for yourself please contact our membership secretary by email at : membershipsecretarymidkent@theartsociety.org.

To find out more go to: www.theartsocietymidkent.org.uk

Our next three talks are:

- ◇ 23 October: Peter le Rossignol: "The Treasures of Far Cathay"
- ◇ 27 November: Susan Kay-Williams: "Tapestries: The Ultimate Wall Decoration"
- ◇ 22 January: Susan Rumfitt: "The Romance of Nature – Early Victorian Jewelry"

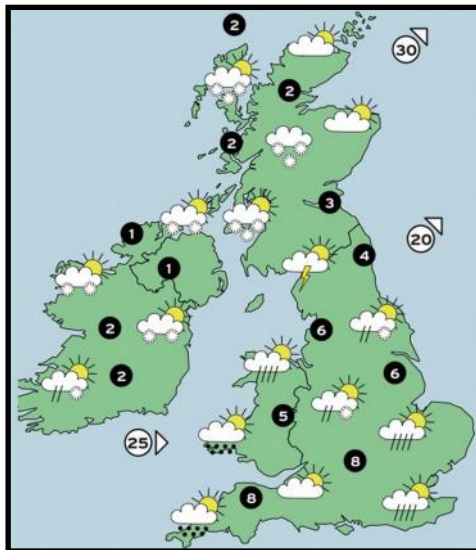
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October Jottings

The beginning of September may not have felt like the start of autumn; there was still a reasonable amount of warmth to be had from the midday sun and the fifth and final test match against the Indian cricketers was still to be played at the Oval. However, the diminishing

duration of daylight hours was already becoming noticeable and now, at the beginning of October, the sun is below the horizon each night for longer than it is above it each day. My almanac tells me that the Anglo-Saxons called this month Winterfylleth which apparently is a reference to the October full moon which they considered to mark the beginning of winter. To us the October full moon is usually the hunters moon although, if it occurs very early in the month within two weeks of the autumnal equinox, it will be the harvest moon.

It was in the middle of October 31 years ago that large areas of southern England were devastated by the powerful remnants of a tropical hurricane. Here in the Suttons quite a few large trees were uprooted and



many buildings were badly damaged. Almost 30 years to the day last October another storm that further to the south-west of the British Isles had been hurricane Ophelia swept up the west side of Ireland and on into Scotland and, like its predecessor, caused

considerable damage in those parts of the British Isles. The southerly wind associated with it here in Kent not only gave us unseasonable warmth but also a strange afternoon light with a very orange sun shining through an overcast sky. It was, apparently, a combination of Saharan dust and ash from Portuguese wildfires carried high into the atmosphere that produced this effect.

They say that our climate is becoming characterised by more frequent spells of extreme weather but I'm sure there will be quite a few days this month when it will be nice to be outdoors enjoying the autumn colours as our deciduous trees shut down for the coming of winter. Make the most of such days.

Michael Beaman

Cobtree Medical Practice Merger Notice

Plans are well underway and from 1st October 2018, we will be known as

Sutton Valence Group Practice – Branch Surgery

Dr Butler-Gallie will be moving on to pastures new and we wish her well. A new timetable for the doctors will be posted shortly listing clinic times for all doctors old and new!

We will be trying to keep changes to a minimum but unfortunately not everything will remain the same.

The appointment system will at present be the same, though from December the computer systems will be integrated so patients can be seen at either surgery.

The Cobtree website will be removed so anyone ordering online on there will have to change to ordering online via the patient access website.

From 1st October 2018, evening surgery will no longer be provided here but provision will be made in the near future.

The practice PPG groups will also be merging and will contain a mix from both surgeries.

Our core hours for the practice will continue to be 8am – 6.30pm (lunch 1 – 2pm). The telephone number will remain the same with an emergency number available at lunchtimes, evenings, weekends and training days.

FINALLY

***Open Flu Clinic Saturday 6th October
2018, 8.30 – 11.30am**



Sutton
Valence WI
will meet on
Tuesday 9th
October at
7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Heather Woodward will be speaking about Winston Churchill and Chartwell.

Please bring an animal ornament for the competition of the month. Visitors and new members are always welcome .

JUMBLE SALE on Saturday
20th October at 11am in the
Village Hall. For information
please ring **Rosie 01622 842034**

Lunaire Quartet



Steve has just got in touch and the Quartet would love to come back and do a concert for us in **East Sutton Church**.

The church will be decorated for Harvest, so will look beautiful.

If you missed them the last couple of times or just want to listen to them again - it is a real treat.

Saturday 13th October at 7.30

I have tickets, please phone

Julia 01622 891058

Encourage green tomatoes to ripen by wrapping them in a paper bag with one red tomato to show them how it is done!

When lifting onions, leave stalks attached which will allow them to be tied into 'ropes' – then hang in a cool dry store.

Potatoes : On a dry day dig up the last of your crop and spread out to dry on your 'patch' before storage. Keep in hessian sacks and store them in a cool frost proof shed and cover with an old blanket to exclude light.

Preparing ground for autumn and winter - Whilst digging do not remove stones, they help to maintain a good soil structure, improve drainage and keep soil moist in summer.

Heavy autumn rain can damage soil structure and cause erosion – Protect any areas of bare ground with a mulch of well rotted manure, compost or leaf-mould which will add nutrients and organic matter over time. If you have the space collect the falling leaves which will make excellent leaf mould. They are better kept separate from the compost bin if you have the room!

Remove stakes and canes that were used to support plants during the season. Brush off soil, wash them with disinfectant and store in a dry shed / garage.

Plant Spring cabbages 10 – 12" apart in rows 12" apart firming them well in.

Keith likes to sow some sweet peas on



17th October each year using root trainers with John Innes potting compost. Protect in greenhouse or cold frame.

Rhubarb crowns can be planted between

October and November.

If you wish to naturalize daffodils in a lawn ensure you mark out the area so it is not walked on!

GREENHOUSE – Water greenhouse plants only in the morning during the winter months so that by nightfall the atmosphere is dry.

Insulate the greenhouse by putting up a layer of bubble wrap which can be secured to the frame with clips or drawing pins depending on whether you have a metal or wooden greenhouse. If like us you use your greenhouse to give extra protection for over wintering then we also use fleece around precious plants!

If you still have some energy left then carry on digging as it will help to prepare a seed bed. Once dug this can be protected over winter with old carpet or black plastic weighted down to prevent weed regrowth. In Spring the soil should be warm and will only need hoeing before starting off the spring seed bed.

We hope you find this useful! Let us know if there is something you would like covered in a future 'Jotting'.

Enjoy your garden, best wishes Keith and Jean.

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