

The Sutton Courtenay News.

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THE VILLAGE DIARY FOR APRIL 1972

<u>APRIL</u>	
Sun 2	EASTER DAY
Tue 4	Mothers Union 2.30 p.m. Parish Council 7.30 p.m.
Wed 5	Darby and Joan 21st Anniversary Party Youth Club closed <u>Copy Day for the S.C. News</u>
Mon 10	Camera Club - Members slides discussed by Mr. R. Porter
Tue 11	Wives Group
Sat 15	Horticultural Society Spring Show in School Wives Group - "DOLL EXHIBITION" at Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
Wed 19	Darby and Joan - Kidlington Music Makers
Th 20	W.I. - Cookery Demonstration - Savoury Supper Dishes
Fri 21	"Playgroup Dance" - Village Hall 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Mon 24	Camera Club - "U. S. A. " by Mrs Baughan
Tue 25	Wives Group
Th 27	Horticultural Society A.G.M.

All events are at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise. Items for this Diary must be written in at the Post Office before Copy Day. It is helpful to readers if times are given and the writing is clear. It now appears that the event at the School on March 23rd at 8 p.m. is a "TUPPERWARE" Party. It is in aid of Company Funds.

This Month's Artist is Fred Curd, Head Teacher of Sutton Courtenay School. His picture is of the Burton's House over Ginge Brook. Last Month's picture was a composite effort. Jo Allen went over Martin White's picture with the necessary stylus.

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EDITORIAL

We are all thankful that the power cuts are over, and older people are particularly grateful to the many who did what could be done to alleviate the discomforts and dangers attendant on the coal strike. We were particularly glad to learn that our local coal merchant was able to see that old people, including some normally served by another merchant, had a continuing supply of solid fuel, even if it was not their usual sort.

We were also appreciative of the service provided by the local S.E.B. Showroom, who provided a clear indication of where and when cuts could be expected. It was not so in some other towns.

Motorists also appreciated the service of local garage men, who served petrol by "muscle power". The Vicarage also did its bit, by giving hospitality to Brownies, Wives, and the W.I.

There were anomalies. A part of Appleford Road, including a favourite hairdresser, had a different time-table for cuts. The Vicar went to see how old Mrs Woodham was getting on without electric heat, and found her warm and watching television: a customer, on another day, went for a hairdo at what should have been a safe time, and went home disappointed. And Rationalists may well have wondered why the Church end of Sutton Courtenay missed the last lot of cuts!

WELL DONE, OUR P.T.A. We congratulate the P.T.A. who put 48 hours into organising the Parent's Interviews described on Page 5, and thank Mr Curd and all his Staff for the two exhausting evenings so fruitfully spent on this project. To get 95% of a school's parents in for interviews would be remarkable in any district; in Sutton Courtenay it was a triumph. This is what a P.T.A. is for!

THIS SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

We were very pleased indeed to receive our first individual donation, £5 from Professor James Sutherland. We were also glad to see Mr Ling, dashing out of his shop to see that we had his special Ad., and to have had many other expressions of appreciation.

The News is a lot of work, and we have our times of extra stress. For instance last month we had a torn stencil, so that had to be typed again, and printed specially, and the Staplers had to come a day later. Then we found that too few had been printed (a warning not to trust "the dial"), and six new stencils had to be made and a new print done (that was why some people had no cover picture).

Distribution is not yet perfect; even Guides can err, particularly when the printers have had trouble first. If you hear of any Sutton Courtenay householder who has not had his or her "Newsletter" within four days of you getting yours, please give the name and address to Mr Davies at the Post Office. Meanwhile we thank and congratulate all our many helpers.

WHO MAKES IT? For three months we have been waiting to find room for fitting in sketches of the "News" Editors and Officers. Now we have lost the paper - and still have no room! It is sufficient now to say that our Editor, George Jager, first edited a duplicated Magazine - the Toc H "Salford Pilgrim" - in 1934 when he was an engineering apprentice; that Margaret McKenzie, his Assistant, who gets the pictures, is also Secretary of the P.T.A. and guards the door at the Youth Club; and that Reg Davies, the Postmaster, completes the Editorial Board. Chris Taylor of "The Pumping Station" and A.E.R.E. is our Secretary and Alan Rogers is our Treasurer.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MARCH 7th 1972

At the Meeting eleven members of the public were present and they raised the following matters.

Street Lighting - A plea was put forward for an improvement in street lighting, preferably a re-siting of some poles to overcome "blind dark spots" in some parts of the village. When the street lighting is restored, it is hoped that members of the public will write to the Chairman, 32 Harwell Road, suggesting which poles should be re-sited.

In this context complaint was also made of manhole covers that protrude above the level of the pavement and are a danger to pedestrians in the dark.

Pavements and footpaths - Complaints were again raised about the state of the footpaths, notably the crumbling curbs on the New Estate and the roots of trees in Frilsham Street that have broken the surface of the pavement. The Parish Council will again press for action on these points, and members of the public are asked to notify the Council of places that seem to be dangerous.

At the end of the Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council proceeded to hold its meeting. The following matters were discussed.

Southfield Drive - The responsibility for putting this in order lies with the developer, before action would be taken by the Council.

Sutton Entrance to Power Station - The barrier against heavy lorries has been put in place, but is not yet in working order.

Complaints against Pop Group noise - Letters were received from Mr Porter, Dr. Fletcher and the landlord of the Swan Inn complaining of the noise made at week-ends. Several Councillors hoped that the Group might be allowed to continue their practising in the Manor Barn (their only available place of practice) if they would contrive some means of adequately muffling the noise.

Children's Playground (new Estate) - Councillor Mrs Moss raised the question of the state of the children's sand-pit. It was agreed that the pit should be cleaned out and the sand renewed. Councillor Fidler has offered to cut the grass. It was felt that it would be a great advantage if some parishioner would be willing to undertake periodic inspection and tidying up of the play-ground, as a previous Warden of the flats used to do. Anyone who might be willing to undertake this could contact any of the Parish Councillors.

It was with the deepest regret that Councillors heard from the Chairman that Mr Tame, who has been Clerk of the Council for so many years, feels obliged to resign from this office, owing to ill-health. No Council could ever have had a more patient or sympathetic Clerk. The vacant position will be advertised, and the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Councillor Malein will form a Sub-Committee to deal with this. Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on April 4th, 7.30 p.m.

The following matters were discussed at the Meeting on Feb 8th.

Southfield Drive

Street Lighting. The Parish has to pay for wanton damage.

Car Park. The Police would be asked to investigate derelict cars.

Planning permission. The Council agreed that the plan submitted for a new house and annexe at 15 The Green, was not suitable.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the part-time appointment of CLERK TO SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL. Salary £125 p.a. Further details from The Chairman, S.C.P.C., 32 Harwell Rd.

SCHOOL NEWS

A new venture in February saw the parents of almost every child (only eleven families were not represented) enjoying a ten-minute chat with teacher about their mutual interest - MY child. The organisation required to organise 315 interviews is very considerable. All who took part thank the ladies of the P.T.A. Committee for a wonderful piece of 'home-work', and we hope that children, parents and teachers will all benefit from the liaison.

No, it is not instead of Open Day in the summer term! We hope that you will all come then. Please look round the whole school instead of just looking at Junior's work.

BUILDINGS - We had hoped for an extra classroom. As this is not possible we are re-organising to allow us to take in the infants more easily. They will come in as soon as possible; and never later than the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. More about re-organisation later.

Fred Curd

THE CAMERA CLUB

Fortunately our limited activities were not hampered by power cuts, and a very successful evening was spent in club competition for the Daneath Cup. The slides are being judged and the results will be published next month.

Later in the month we had a very interesting evening when Mr Andrews came over from Oxford and gave an illustrated talk on his "Slides Unusual". His simple explanations of how he achieved his more unusual designs were easily understood even by our novices.

The very close close-ups he obtained with his additional equipment were quite outstanding in quality and colour.

The whole gave us some new ideas for experiments.

A. CLIFFORD

OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD GIANT

Didcot Power Station authorities tried to warn us about new series of noises due to begin on March 13th and finish by the 25th. They are caused by the cleaning of No.3 Boiler and associated pipework.

In answer to a letter from the Vicar asking for an explanation for the new signs erected on the private road through Didcot Power Station, the Site Manager wrote:-

" We are now erecting official notices advising that this road is a private road and that there is no through route.

We do not intend to police the road or control the traffic on it; but in order to maintain our rights that it is a private road, we will be closing it from time to time to the general public.

In the meantime the general public will not be stopped from using the road; but the Generating Board will not be responsible for any accidents or damage to private vehicles that may use that route. This is a matter for each car owner to clear with his own insurers."

In the power crisis we were glad to see, from the vapour from the cooling towers, that the Station is now in partial commission.

FIXTURES FOR MARCHSUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

SAT. MATCH 18th 1st Team v Hendred HOME
Res. v Drayton AWAY

No fixtures for the 25th, as THE NORTH BERKS
CUP SEMI-FINAL will be played on our ground.

DANCE - The Club will be holding a dance at the Village Hall on Saturday MARCH 25th. There will be a bar, refreshments and a raffle. Dancing from 9 - 12. Admission by ticket only, 40p, available from Dance Committee Members. All proceeds towards a new Pavilion.

WASTE PAPER - Collection of waste paper will soon be starting. Notification slips will be distributed and collection will take place the following evening.

BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

As we approach the end of the season it becomes more difficult to give an advanced Fixture List. This is because all the postponed matches are now brought in to complete the League Fixtures, so the following Fixture List can only be as is known to date:-

26.3.72	<u>Under 12's</u>	AWAY to CHOLSEY	K.O.	11.00 a.m.
	<u>Under 13's</u>	AWAY to BENSON	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
	<u>Under 18's</u>	AWAY to SAXTON	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
2.4.72	<u>Under 12's</u>	HOME to CHOLSEY	K.O.	11.00 a.m.
	<u>Under 13's</u>	HOME to BENSON	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
	<u>Under 14's</u>	AWAY to CROWMARSH	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
9.4.72	<u>Under 14's</u>	HOME to DIDCOT BOYS	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
	<u>Under 15's</u>	CUP S/F HOME to ABINGDON	K.O.	2.30 p.m.
16.4.72	<u>Under 14's</u>	HOME to NORTHWAY	K.O.	2.30 p.m.

POINTS OF INTEREST - The under 14's are laying top of their League and are in the Cup Final. The under 15's are second in their League and are in the Cup Semi-Final. The under 18's are second in their League and are in the Semi-Finals of The Berks & Bucks Sunday Youth Challenge Cup. This match is likely to have been played before the publication of this issue of the Newsletter.

As can be seen the Club Record is not a bad one, thanks to all the Boys who are members and have done their best, win or lose.

ANYONE INTERESTED in joining our CANOEING CLUB?

You must be over 13 years old, and you MUST be able to swim at least 50 yards.

Interested? Please contact Barry Gordon, 42 Milton Road, or Mr Tony Elford, 32 Tyrrells Way, as early as possible.

SUTTON COURTENAY YOUTH CLUB

Our Youth Leader, Michael Jenkins, will be away from Sutton Courtenay for four months next year. We have no Deputy for him. Unless we find one the Club may have to close down.

We should be very glad to hear from anyone, of whatever age or experience, who is interested in Youth Clubs and would be free to come along to our Club on Wednesday evenings.

Whatever help they give will be much appreciated, and it may be that someone will be found who can stand in for Michael.

Please contact me by leaving a note for me, c/o The News, at the Post Office, or Mr Roger's Shop, or by ringing S.C. 369, or coming to the Village Hall any Wednesday evening between 7.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Chris. Taylor, Secretary of Management
Committee.

Brief news items and letters are welcomed by the Editor, Rev. George Jager, The Vicarage, at any time before "Copy Day" (see foot of Page 1). The Rate for Advertisements is 5p a line (approx. ten words) except for "FOUND", "WORK WANTED", and WELCOME TO SUTTON COURTENAY, which are free. Take them to the Post Office, or Roger's Shop, 8 Milton Road, before Copy Day.

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Saturday, 15th April - 12th SPRING SHOW in the School, Bradstocks Way, opening at 2.30 p.m. Schedules from village shops or 32 Harwell Road. You will be surprised at the number of classes. YOU can enter, if you really try. Do please come and support us.

Thursday, 27th April - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, followed by FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATION, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

JUNIOR CHURCH at All Saints. No meeting on April 9th (School Holiday). All children welcome on 16th, 23rd and 30th at Church at 10 a.m. (Bus from Bradstocks Way 9.45 a.m.) There is also a CHURCH BUS on Easter Day at 10.45 a.m. and every Sunday at 6.15 p.m. from The Bradstocks Way shops. All welcome always.

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