

Cheers, Chairs, Charges and "Chars".

At the meeting of the Village Hall Committee on August 29th, the main discussion ranged over the plans for improvements to the facilities offered in our village. The Committee welcomed the initiative displayed by the Football Club and the enthusiasm with which their project for a proper pavilion, changing accommodation and further training facilities was being pursued. It was decided that an early meeting should be sought with the Football Club Building Committee to discover what was to be provided and how complementary additions envisaged at the Village Hall could best be dovetailed into their scheme. Our main concern was to ensure that our respective requests for grants to help in improvements would be favourably viewed by the County Authority.

The Committee passed a resolution agreeing in principal with the formation of a Youth Trust to administer the proposed all-purpose playing space which we hope to construct behind the Hall. As soon as the legal arrangements have been gone into, we shall then be in a position to go ahead with the necessary planning and financial business. In the not too distant future there should be provision for a wide range of games, Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Five-a-side soccer, as well as a splendid fine weather space for the youngsters in the playgroup.

Other matters dealt with were the provision of a batch of new chairs, as the existing ones were becoming unserviceable at an alarming rate, whilst a small group of committee members were to meet at the Hall one morning to reorganise the use of the storage space and to explore the need for further storage of materials and apparatus used by organisations who meet in the Hall.

With all the talk of expansion and the need for replacing or redecorating, it was inevitable that discussion should finally turn to the desirability of reviewing our charges which have remained the same since the Hall opened seven years ago. It was decided that the Treasurer should produce a suggested new set of scales for the use of the hall and its facilities, which could then serve as a discussion document at a further meeting on September 26th.

Finally, the difficulties over cleaning and caretaking which we have been experiencing continue and I hope that we shall soon have some success in finding someone in the village who would welcome a chance to help out in this work - being suitably paid for their labours, of course. If anyone is interested would they please get in touch with Mrs. Turnbull, at 'Dornoch', 118 Bradstocks Way.

SUTTON COURTENAY SCHOOL

Our School begins its new year with the three Infant classes newly organised as "Parallel Family Groups": Classes 1, 2 and 3, therefore all of equal seniority and each includes 5, 6 and 7 year old children. The Vicar asked Mr. Fred Curd, our Head Teacher, for a list of teachers' names and classes and here it is! We give a special welcome to our newcomers and wish everyone a good term.

Mrs P. A. Evans.....	Class 1)
Mrs. J. M. Grinham.....	Class 2)
Mrs. P. Merritt.....	Class 3)
Mrs. S. M. Deadman.....	Class 4
Mrs. A. Vale.....	Class 5
Mr. D. Williams.....	Class 6
Mrs. M. Greenway	
Mrs. J. de Lusignan.....	Class 7
Mrs. M. Healy.....	Class 8
Mr. S. E. Vale.....	Class 9

THE VILLAGE DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1972 (cont. from Page 1).OCTOBER

- Thu 26 Horticultural Society Prizegiving.
 Wed 25 Concert by Culham Students at All Saints' 8 p.m.
 Sat 28 Jersey Club Dance.
 EXHIBITION 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 28 Frilsham St.
 Sun 29 "Songs of Praise" led by Bishop Eric Knell 6.30 p.m.
 Tue 31 Wives' - Talk from a Building Society.

All events are in the VILLAGE HALL unless stated otherwise.
 Entries for this column must be made in the Post Office Diary before
 COPY DAY. Please remember to state the time of your meeting!

THIS MONTH

This issue has been the third in succession to have cost the Editor more time and energy than he can fairly spare from his ordinary work of being Vicar of Sutton Courtenay and Appleford.

The causes may well be temporary, reaction after a delightful family wedding and memorable holiday, bad organisation (with this month's Sutton News and Deanery News both coming in the same week), other diverse anxieties and frustrations; but this camel (aged by ankle trouble) may well have too much on his back. Pause for chorus of "I told you so, George."

So, when the first A. G. M. of the Sutton Courtenay News comes up on October 23rd, we must not take it for granted that this "News" can continue under this Editor! Nor must it be taken for granted, ever, that other good works in the parish can continue without active, regular responsible, help from some particular person, maybe you. See the letter from Margaret MacKenzie, Sutton Courtenay, with its constantly changing new population, needs a constant supply of new volunteers.

WHO IS "OUR BANNED BISHOP"?

Bishop Colin Winter and his family came to the Manor in June, as exiles from South Africa, where his diocese of Damaraland includes Ovamboland and the whole of Namibia (The former German South West Africa).

After a month in London his family are now sharing the Abbey with three "Ockendon Venture" students and occasional week-end Conferences, and the girls have started school in Abingdon. The Bishop has so far preached once at All Saints' (memorably on "I have seen love") but is most of the time away, often overseas, speaking about his Diocese and gathering the support that it needs.

We understand that a Suffragan is being appointed but that he will continue a Bishop in exile. There should be two opportunities of hearing him talk this month, as you will see in the Diary. Here is an extract from a piece by him that will appear in the Deanery News:-

"... See the gaping holes in the roof of the school classrooms and see the urgent look on the faces of fifty African children who ask you which of them you are going to turn away next year because there is no money to build new classrooms. Rejoice with the young white teacher when she gets 60% successes from her students in the final exams. See the same face confused and strained when she hears that police have used tear gas on her students.

Ovamboland is on the march. Its changing, developing, suffering laughing, crying, bursting at the seams with a million needs and a million opportunities. A small wonderful team of Africans and whites daily work miracles of love in circumstances that would bring giants to their knees."

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NEXT MONTH

We hope to have in our November issue two months notes of our Parish Council meetings (our admirable Correspondant was too late for this issue), rebuilding and extending their pavilion. We have in this issue an account of the meeting of the Parish Hall Committee; and think that it will become plain that the Pavilion and the Hall are partners and not competitors in serving the needs of this village.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF S.C.N.

Sir,

In last months "News" you published two Public Notices asking for help with a Guide Company and a Brownie Pack. Neither Mrs Halden nor myself expected to be inundated with offers of assistance; but we had obviously hoped that there would be some reaction to our pleas.

Is there really no one in this village with 2 hours a week to spare to help either of us?

3 Abbey Cottages.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Mackenzie.

A VISIT TO RUSSIA.

The docks of any city or town are never a good example of the town itself; so I dismissed the fact that Leningrad would be as dirty and poor as the docks. How wrong I was! The city was so drab. All the buildings; brown pre-war storeys of flats. Usually the first floor was a shop; but it was hard to tell. The people looked poor too, especially the women and girls, dressed in dull coloured dresses and old shoes.

In Moscow we stayed near Red Square. Even St. Basil's was shabby close up: though I must say the centre, where we were, looked impressive all lit up at night. We visited the Lenin Mausoleum, and got in after only one and a half hours, because we were foreigners. The queues were enormous, much, much longer than the Tutankamun ones, and it was much hotter.

The Russians have very high regard for Lenin and have little option but to be Communists. The leader of our School group asked the guide if it made any difference for a child at school if they went to Church. She answered, perhaps too quickly, "No, it only means they can't be pioneers".

But if everyone else is a pioneer and goes to camp and on trips, a small child would feel very left out. So they join the pioneers and become communists. We weren't stopped from seeing this side of life, though.

We had a guide: but only during the day. In the evenings we would wander around by ourselves: everyone would stare at us because we were different. (Specially written for the "News" by our "John Mason" correspondant Sandra Newton).

CAMERA CLUB

The club competition in August for the "Nelson Trophy" was for a set of three transparencies to describe "My England" to someone who has never been to the country. Joan Clifford was the winner of this trophy after a very tight contest. For one slide on "Footwear" Ivor Davies was judged to have submitted the best slide.

On October 9th we have our "Windward Cup" competition for a slide show with commentary on any subject up to a time limit of 15 mins. and on the 23rd there is a cine and slide show evening being given by Mr. Johnson. I hope we have a good attendance for this very interesting evening. I.D.

SUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

As the Football Season is now well underway, there will be a game on The Recreation Ground nearly every Saturday, Kick off 2.30 p.m.

After a most successful Six-a-Side Tournament and Presentation Dance, we would like to thank all those who attended and made presentations. Also, all the ladies who worked so hard to make this a success.

Award winners were:-

Sportsman of the year. K. Cook.
Runner up. J. Chitty

Junior player of the year. C. Symons.
Runner up. R. Samways.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The collection of waste paper is continuing satisfactorily. But owing to the shortage of storage space, we can only accept newspapers and magazines.

We thank those who contribute to our collection.

SUTTON COURTENAY ANGLING CLUB

We wish to thank the Sutton Courtenay Playday Project for their generous donation of £5 for the childrens fishing competition on August 5th, which turned out to be rather a disappointing effort. This year only 24 children turned up, of which only 10 were from Sutton Courtenay.

The Winners being:-

1st Boy G. Jones. 81" Sutton.
2nd Boy G. Turner. 65" Steventon.
3rd Boy J. Whitworth 38" Sutton.

1st Girl J. Turner 69" Steventon.
2nd Girl M. Croucher 14" Drayton.
3rd Girl D. Mullins. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Drayton.

The Ladies Contest on August 12th did not take place through lack of support as only 4 ladies turned up, who were the wives and daughter of officers of the club.

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THIS+MONTH'S ARTIST

We thank Miss Cunnington for the picture of the VILLAGE HALL which adorns this issue, and wish her every success with her EXHIBITION at 28 Frilsham Street on Saturday, October 28th.

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 Rogers' Shop, 8 Milton Road, before Copy Day.

WANTED

ACTIVE PENSIONER wanted for caretaking duties at the Village Hall Enquiries: Mrs. Turnbull, 118 Bradstocks Way S.C. 482.

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An EXHIBITION of Picture Calendars and Christmas Cards will be held at 33 Frilsham Street from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 28th Coffee, tea.

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all the playleaders and play helpers who worked and played with such enthusiasm in order to make the Playdays the great success that they turned out to be. A big thank you is also due to Mr. & Mrs. Newell who allowed their Barn and Swimming Pool to be used and also to Mr. & Mrs. Pomeroy who agreed to let us use their swimming pool if needed. From the Playdays Organising Committee.

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