

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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## VILLAGE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 1972.

- Oct. 23 Mon. Sutton Courtenay News A.G.M. 8 p.m. at Vicarage  
Camera Club: Mr. Johnson, Cine & Slide Show.
- Oct. 25 Wed Culham Students' Concert, 8.p.m. at All Saints.
- Oct. 26 Thu Horticultural Soc. Prizegiving
- Oct. 28 Sat Jersey Club Dance
- EXHIBITION 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 28 Frilsham Street
- Oct. 29 Sun "Songs of Praise" 6.30.p.m. in Village Hall led by  
Bishop Eric Knell
- Oct. 31 Tue Young Wives Talk from a Building Society  
Festival Communion 7.30.p.m. at All Saints'
- Nov. 2. Thur Berkshire Blind Society Coffee Morning 10.30-12.30 at  
Nov. 7. Tue Mothers' Union 2.30.p.m. 'Pullcroft'
- Parish Council: 7.30.p.m.
- Nov. 8 Wed COPY DAY. Darby & Joan 2.30.p.m. Sq. Lr. Walton.  
P.T.A. Meeting at School 8.p.m. 'Your Questions Answered'  
Mr. K. Dawson, Head of John Mason School.
- Nov. 9 Thu Infant Welfare Clinic - Village Hall. 2.30-4.p.m.
- Nov. 13 Mon Camera Club '4 Slides' Trophy Competition  
P.C.C. 8 p.m. at Vicarage
- Nov. 14 Tue Young Wives Group 'Talk on Patchwork'.
- Nov. 22 Wed Darby & Joan 2.30.p.m. Northcourt W.I. Choir
- Nov. 27 Camera Club - Contest v. M.G.
- Nov. 28 Tue Wives Group - Visit to China Shop at Woodstock

All events are in the VILLAGE HALL unless stated otherwise.

COPY DAY in November is Wednesday the 8th. Please make entries  
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THE NORTH BERKSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED thank Mrs. Winifred Wright and her 'battalion of collectors' for the record sum of £44.44 raised in their recent envelope collection. And they thank all who gave their support.

THIS MONTH

Ugandan Asians have really arrived in Berkshire, and need your help. The following Items of clothing are URGENTLY NEEDED by the Ugandan Asians at Greenham:-

Woolly Caps, Woolly gloves, Woolly mittens, Woolly scarves and head squares (Adults and childrens sizes).  
Men's and Women's overcoats. Woolly jumpers and cardigans, all sizes.  
If you have any of the above to spare, please bring them to Mrs. Fletcher, Bekynton House, The Green, Sutton Courtenay for onward transmission to W.R.V.S.

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

In our January issue, we hope to have a complete and revised list of Organisations. So will Secretaries please let Mrs. MacKenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages, have their Names and addresses, even if there has been no change, by October 31st, with the correct titles of their Organisations. It would be a help also to have 'normal times of meetings' given.

THREE MORE WORTHY APPEALS

From Mrs. Pam Staples, 60 Tyrrells Way:-

Please support my SALE in aid of the  
PLAIN RELIEF UNIT AT ABINGDON HOSPITAL  
at 60 Tyrrells Way, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
on FRIDAY, November 10th and SATURDAY 11th. Thank you.

From Lady Monteath:-

Mrs. Parsons of "Pullcroft" (next to the Plough) is kindly lending her house for a BRING AND BUY COFFEE MORNING in aid of our Abingdon & District Branch of the Berkshire Blind Society on Thursday, November 2nd from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30.  
As well as cakes and produce stalls there is a Stall of Handicrafts made by blind and partially blind workers.  
Please support us by coming and helping to swell our funds remembering that there are a number of blind people in this Village who are helped by the work of this Society.

From ANON:-

Have you looked at your village lately? I walked the length of it and was appalled, particularly in the stretch from Walton House to Halls Garage, superficially a lovely walk until one looks.  
A challenge to all of us not to leave litter. But who picks it up? I throw this one to our Youth - with the suggestion that for the task well done the Parish could reward them with a donation for their hard playing area.

Here is a worth while task. Go to it!

WE THANK AND CONGRATULATE

THIS MONTH'S ARTIST, Regina Buckle, for her picture of "Goslings", in Drayton Road.

TWO SCHOLARS of Sutton Courtenay School for their articles "Harvest Thanksgiving", and Harvest Festival.

SUTTON COURTENAY GUIDES for their faithful distribution of "The News". Accidents do happen, though, and we are sorry that some people got their October "News" very late!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING September 12th, 1972.

The following matters were discussed at the September Parish Council Meeting.

Damage to Street Lamps by High Load Vehicles

The Parish Council had made enquiries as to the possibility of insurance against such damage but had been informed that the cost of such insurance would be prohibitive. It was, therefore, agreed that in next year's estimates money must be allocated for this purpose.

The Pop Group

A letter was received from the Hon. David Astor saying that the Pop Group would be practising on two weekday evenings only and all efforts would be made to muffle the sound.

The Village Green

The deeds granting the Green to the village by Captain Lindsay would be presented to the Office of Commons Commissioners by the Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Council.

Planning Applications

The application by the Amey's Group for use of a railway siding at Portway, Appleford, was not opposed. Though this may not have any marked effect on the traffic passing through Sutton Courtenay, it will greatly ease the problem at Appleford.

The application by the Sutton Courtenay Football Club for the demolition of the existing Pavilion and the erection of a two-storey sports pavilion, community centre and caretakers flat on the Recreation Ground was not opposed, though the Council expressed a hope that the building, as planned, could be modified in some particulars.

The next meeting will be held on October 10th.

THE GIFTS OF THE HARVEST.

Church and School combine in the happy task of distributing gifts, it is true to say that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and the children always enjoy it. The old people also enjoy the visit of small, smiling faces but at times we do not do things we ought to do. Sorting out is a lengthy job, to be absolutely fair to everyone would be beyond even Solomon, but the ones we miss worry us. Could you if you know of old people who would like to receive a gift let us know NOW - ready for next year. Leave the name and address with the Vicar, with Mr. Curd, or with Mr. Davis at the Post Office, and next year we will try even harder to ensure that no one is left out.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Last Thursday there was a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at school. After the service the fruit, flowers and vegetables were divided into a number of boxes.

When we arrived at the old people's homes it was very welcoming to see so many faces at the windows.

All of us were a bit nervous at first but the delighted faces of the old people as they received the gifts was very reassuring.

Some of the old people were a bit naughty and wanted to give us gifts in return and although we did not want to accept they insisted.

All of us thoroughly enjoyed giving out the gifts. We think this is because as we are children we are nearly always being given presents and hardly ever have the chance to give a lot of presents. Last Thursday I think we found the truth in the saying 'It is better to give than receive.'

## P.T.A. NEWS

On the 27th September the P.T.A. held its Annual General Meeting at the Primary School, and it was good to see at least ninety parents present. During the first part of the evening Mr. Curd gave a full report on the activities of the past year and then the new committee were elected. It was with great regret that we accepted Mrs. McKenzie's resignation as Secretary and we thanked her for all the hard work she has done on behalf of the Association. Mrs. Clare James was elected as Secretary for the coming year together with eight new members. The evening concluded with a most enjoyable beer, cheese and sausage buffet when parents had a chance to chat with each other, meet their child's teacher and partake of all the excellent refreshments provided by the committee. It was certainly an A.G.M. with a difference !

A forthcoming event of particular interest to all parents of children in the Junior School is the very welcome return visit of Mr. K. Dawson, Headmaster of John Mason School, on Wednesday, November 8th at 8 p.m. in the School Hall. He is coming to answer any questions which may be worrying parents now that the first year of Comprehensive Education in this area is about to start, i.e. September 1973. This will be an open evening and all are welcome. Please make a special effort to come. Your questions will be very welcome but please let me or Mr. Curd have them before the meeting, if possible, so that Mr. Dawson may have prior notice of them.

Clare James. Hon: Sec:  
4 Courtenay Close. S.C.300.

WHAT TO DO WITH A BURN OR SCALD !

Years ago there was a (filthy) bottle of carron oil for kitchen burns and scalds, later a tube of special ointment. Both have now been denounced by medical authorities.

The new way, as reported by Mrs. Drummond after a recent visit to the Casualty Clinic at Abingdon Hospital, is to put the scalded part under the cold tap, and keep it there for as long as you can (up to half an hour).

Then put a pillow case round it (or something else loose and clean -- do not bandage) and go to the Surgery. There your burn will be examined and dressed with vaseline gauze. So, if it really is a minor burn, clean vaseline is what you should apply to yourself. The great thing is to keep the air out !

ADVANCE NOTICE

The DARBY & JOAN CLUB ANNUAL SALE WILL BE HELD in the Village Hall on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd at 2 p.m.  
Gift Stall - Cakes & Produce, Toys, Clothing, White Elephant,  
Bottle Stall, Raffle, TEAS.  
Admission 3p Adult, 2p children. PLEASE COME.

Young Wives Social Evenings:

December 2nd. at Crown and Thistle, Abingdon  
December 18th. at Chicken in the Basket, Benson.

FOOTBALL CLUB NOTESNew Building

We have now received the blessing of the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to erect a new building on the Recreation Ground. Building plans and the application for a Grant are now with the Appropriate Authorities. It will probably be some time before we know if our Applications have been successful so we shall just have to sit back and wait.

Football Club Dance

The next dance will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 21st. Music by The Peter John Sound. Tickets 40p. available from Dave Dodd, Robert Harvey, Mick Denton and Lou Bond. Licensed bar and Refreshments.

BOYS SECTION NOTES

A successful Jumble Sale was held recently. Many thanks to Mrs. Cafearo and all her Helpers and those who supported it. We are again running a Christmas Draw this year and tickets will shortly be on Sale.

Team News

The season is now well under way. There are always matches on the Rec. every Sunday and the boys could do with more support, so why not pay us a visit.

MENS SECTION NOTES

The waste paper collection is a great success, many thanks to Fred Heredge and his helpers for their efforts. Just bear with us if they are a bit late calling sometimes, but keep saving it.

Team News

Both teams have made quite a good start to the season. The reserves being unbeaten in their league and the first team are lying third in their league.

RESULT OF RAFFLE HELD AT JUMBLE SALE

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| Prize No.1. | Mrs. S. Elford |
| Prize No.2. | Mrs. L. Hale   |
| Prize No.3. | Mrs. Mortimer  |
| Prize No.4. | Mrs. Emerson.  |

CHIROPODY

As reported in an earlier 'News' we now have a Chiropody Service for Pensioners in Sutton Courtenay. If you are a pensioner and need Chiropody, first get your Doctor or a Health Visitor to say so on the appropriate form, and then see Mrs. Sarah Ward, our new Chiropody Secretary and Transport Organiser, who will fix an appointment for you at the new Didcot clinic, and arrange the necessary transport. Her telephone number is S.C.330 and she lives at 2 Courtenay Close.

DO NOT MISS!

SONGS OF PRAISE in the VILLAGE HALL on Nov 29th at 6.30p.m.  
BISHOP KNELL will lead this from the piano.

THE NEW A. G. M. at the Vicarage on Monday Oct. 23rd

NEWS, VIEWS, AND ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

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R.S.P.C.A.

In addition to the £20. announced in the Press for the Bring and Buy Sale at 23 Church Street, a further £5 was raised by Mrs. Dorman at River Cottage for tea and a Raffle, bringing the total far higher than that collected at any Traction Engine Rally.

E. E. Hailey  
Hon. Sec: R. S. P. C. A.  
Holgate, 23 Church Street.

CAMERA CLUB

Someone remarked to me recently that whilst we gave notes on who won what at such and such competition, no idea was given as to how a decision was obtained.

In a later edition I will try and give some idea of the methods adopted by judges. Until then, why not come along - the dates are on the front page - and I wouldn't mind betting some of your pictures are better than some of ours.

I.D.

HARVEST PRESENTS.

When I was taking some of the harvest festival round to the old people I was a bit nervous. I was nervous because I didn't really know what to expect from them but when I had been to the first house I was feeling quite confident. It was quite fun, and of course I had a special knock.

The first lot of houses we went to were the old people homes where there's only one big garden. That's on the estate. A lot of the old people gave us money. We tried and tried to stop them but they insisted. Most of the old people asked us to come inside some of them said even come up stairs.

The door numbers were numbered 1, 1a, 2 2a, 3 3a, 4 4a and so on. I think that that day was a play day as far as work goes.

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