



THE SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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Gargoyle: All Saints Church.

THE VILLAGE DIARY FOR MAY 1972

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| Wed 3 | Darby & Joan Club. Bingo. Bring & Buy Stall. |
| Mon 8 | Camera Club. "Big Game in Africa" P.W. Davis. |
| Tue 9 | Wives' Group. "Flower Arranging" Mrs. Bailey. |
| Wed 10 | COPY DAY. |
| Sat 13 | Senior Citizens Bazaar - 2.0 p.m. |
| Mon 15 | Christian Aid Week begins. House to House Collection. |
| Wed 17 | Darby & Joan Club. Entertainment by members. |
| Thu 18 | Ascension Day.
Women's Institute. "Resolutions" |
| Sat 20 | Youth Club Jumble Sale - 2.30 p.m.
In aid of Outdoor Games Court. |
| Tue 23 | Wives' Group. Whist Drive. |
| Thu 30 | Wives' Group at Chieveley. "Skittle Evening"
Village Hall Committee. |
| Wed 31 | Darby & Joan. "Myself when young" photographs.
Parish Council - 7.30 p.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 accuracy is more probable if the writing is clear. COPY DAY is also the last day on which you can safely deliver News, Views, or Adverts. to the Post Office, the Vicarage, or Rogers' Shop.

This Month's Artist is Jo Allen, The Barn, Church Street.
A gargoyle is a decorative water spout.

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We have letters this month, and a note from the Chairman about the proposals for adding to the amenities of our Village Hall, and, because Sports News has been slow in coming in, we have a note by the Vicar, which had been squeezed out of our admirable 5p contemporary, The Deanery Church News! But it could well be of particular interest to some who would not otherwise have seen it.

We do not know who Dai is, but we hope his message is well taken. It is particularly hard when you have worked hard with a mower to make a lawn, say, in front of the Alms-houses, to find that somebody's wheelspin has destroyed a year's good turf.

Fred Curd's message is even more important. If you do as he suggests, you may well on occasion get an earful of abuse from some too fond parent, but you will help to prevent much present and future misery. Even when it does not take the extreme form that he quotes (of demanding money with menaces), bullying is a beastly thing whoever does it, child or adult. We need your help to stop it.

On the insistence of Chris Taylor (Secretary of the News), the Editor has been reading "Cancer Ward" by the Russian author Solzhenitsyn (who has lately been awarded a Nobel Prize.) In spite of its normally unmentionable setting, this is a book that I will remember with warm gratitude. Its last point is typical. The hero, having seen and suffered innumerable horrors and injustices, still has energy to be angry over cruelty to a monkey in a zoo.

"An evil man threw tobacco in the macaque rhesus's eyes. Just like that"

Whatever the major troubles of the world may be, in Ulster, in Vietnam, or anywhere else, we must always be ready to be active in protest against such "little" things as bullying, or any exploitation of a weak person by one or more stronger ones.

ANOTHER DONATION. The Editor acknowledges with gratitude a gift of £5. from Dr. Hugh Sinclair, sent with kind congratulations "on your very successful journal of the Village". In his capacity as Vicar, he has, however, coupled his thanks to Dr. Sinclair with a strong request to speed up the repair of the dangerous wall by the gate of Lady Place and of his dilapidated boathouse on the river, and to replace the makeshift fence and remove the rubble lying where his picturesque cottages formerly stood in High Street.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. Sutton Courtenay has done well in this best of all House to House Collections in recent years, and with your help (perhaps even as a collector), we hope to do better this year from May 15th to 20th.

and RED CROSS? Now Lady Herschell of the Berkshire Branch of British Red Cross asks me to find someone to replace Mrs. Miles as organiser for a collection for the Red Cross. The dates? May 8th to 13th!

And at APPLEFORD. The latest addition to the growing band of monthly Newsletters is "Appleford News". No.1 has only a single sheet; but this includes an admirably provocative article "Whither or Wither Appleford?". We have sent a donation of duplicating paper, with good wishes and a correction of fact.

CORRESPONDANCE

Dear Sir,

During the past few weeks of glorious weather I have walked around our lovely village and have seen, all too often, the scars left by selfish drivers. The grass verges, wherever they are, help to make our village and we do not like to see vehicle tracks left on them by drivers who forget the road is made for the vehicle - even when parked. Would those who park vehicles on grass verges please think of the damage they are doing, not only in this village, but wherever they go. Please try to find a car park or failing that, leave the vehicle properly parked in the roadway. If you have visitors please ask them not to park on the verges which are so easily destroyed but not so easy to re-instate.

In case you might think otherwise, I am also a motorist.

Yours very truly,

Dai.

The Editor,
Sutton Courtenay News.

KIDS FIGHTING OR SOMETHING WORSE?

What do you do when you see children fighting?
Most adults leave them to "get it out of their system"; but recently there have been cases of very unpleasant bullying.
The Law has a stronger term for it!

"Do as WE say, or -----!"

"Pay us, or -----!" Yes, in this village.

Next time you see some child badly outnumbered, don't leave them to it!

Break it up! This action must be stopped for the sake of both parties. It is hoped that the offenders do not realise what they are doing; but, for the victim it is sheer horror, so please play your part.

Fred Curd.

ALL SAINTS' BROWNIES

At a very special evening in March, attended by the Division and the District Commissioners, after 12 Brownies were awarded thrift badges by Mrs. Musselle, and another 6 Brownies entertained adults to earn their Hostess Badges, All Saints' Brownies presented Mrs. Jager with a Thanks Badge.

In the words of Sarah Caudle and Catherine Barnham this was for "teaching us to pronounce our words properly, and to sing without shouting, for the Festival of Song Competition.

SUTTON COURTENAY WIVES' CLUB

The result of the collection for the Deep Sea Fishermen was £22. Grateful thanks to all of those in the village who gave so generously.

Mr. Cotterill of the Deep Sea Fishermen will be visiting our meeting on June 27th. All those interested in seeing his film and listening to the accompanying talk are welcome to attend.

SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Max Tame, the retiring Clerk, was the principal guest at a party given in his honour by the Parish Council at Walton House on 29th March.

During the evening the Chairman gave Mr. Tame a picnic case subscribed to by Parish Councillors and others associated with the Council's work.

Mr. Tame's successor, from 1st May, will be Mrs. Doreen Newton of 11 Chapel Lane. Telephone Sutton Courtenay 425.

(Mrs. Blinman, who normally reports Parish Council Meetings for The News, has had an operation. We are glad to hear that she is making a very good recovery.)

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Mr. Tame, as well as being Clerk of the Parish Council, has been Secretary of the Village Hall Committee for seven years. He has now resigned that office, and, at a recent meeting, the Committee gladly accepted the offer of Mr. D.J. Stubbins of 18 Bradstocks Way to succeed him.

The Committee, which has been considering the possibility of building extensions to the Hall, has now decided to try to build these in two stages. The first, consisting of:-

- (a) a bar/second kitchen and adjoining store (for general use) to be built on to the South end of the Hall, and
- (b) a flood-lit hard surface area, mainly for younger people's activities,

is likely to cost, at present day prices, around £2,500.

The Jersey, Youth and Camera Clubs have taken the initiative in starting to raise money for these urgently needed extra facilities. This money forms the nucleus of a new Building Fund. The Village Hall Committee hopes that the example set by these three Clubs will encourage other village organisations to follow suit, and that individual residents also will subscribe to the Fund.

The Committee is anxious to find out what response is likely to be given by the Village to this Appeal. The Secretary, Mr. Stubbins, or the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Turnbull, 118 Bradstocks Way will be glad to hear from organisations and individuals before the next meeting of the Committee at the end of May.

J.E.J. Francis

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL DINNER will be held this year on April 29th at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

There will be a licensed bar, and light entertainment and dancing will follow the Dinner. There will also be Raffle Prizes. This is a marvellous annual get-together for Legion members and friends. So get your tickets early!

The cost for the whole evening will be £1.25 and tickets may be obtained from Musselles Stores or from any Legion Committee member.

THERE ARE 4 VACANCIES for girls aged 7-7½ yrs. in the 1st Sutton Courtenay BROWNIE GUIDE Pack (meets Tuesdays in the School from 6.0 - 7.30 p.m.)

Please contact Miss J.L. Carter, 45 Milton Rd. for details.

SUTTON COURTENAY BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Our League fixture programme will be almost over when you read this, with the exception of Cup Finals.

The Under 14's have reached the Cup Final, and play Northway on 7th May at 11.0 a.m.

The Under 18's will have played their War Memorial Cup semi-final replay by the date of this publication and could well be in the Final on Sunday April 23rd.

MEDALS

Most of our Under 12 year old team are in fact under 10 or 11; so we could not expect a lot from them against the stiff opposition in the League. From these boys, a team of Under 11's was entered in a football competition at Benson on Easter Monday. In this they did well and reached the final. This they lost; but came away with a medal. Well done boys!

SUNDAY MAY 7th at the Village Hall is the date of our SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS. This is to give the boys something to work and aim for.

We would like the parents of our boys to attend if possible.

THE ECUMENICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear:
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel a brother's care.

This discussion group, of Church of England, Catholic, Free Church and uncommitted members, failed this Lent to attract new members. Some felt sometimes that it was failing altogether; but it's smallness did sometimes enable its members really to help each other to face more difficulties and discover more possibilities in prayer and worship.

To a more intense degree, the Group Therapy sessions that are now a main resource of such centres as the Fairmile Hospital, do help people suffering from acute depression and similar troubles to help each other towards real recovery, and a new ability to accept and enjoy life. Drugs and Doctors have their place, and the inexplicable miracle of shock treatment is available if necessary; but, for most patients, the help that they give to and receive from each other is what matters most. So I was assured by a friend whom I visited at Fairmile and is now happily back at work.

Any sensitive person suffers at some time from some degree of depression. If ever this becomes severe, ask for help.

If Doctor's pills or Vicar's listening do not help enough, ask for specialist help. It is mad not to!

To return to Sutton Courtenay, if you would like to come to a meeting of our Group (the May date is not yet fixed), or are interested in helping with a Play Project for Sutton Courtenay children this August, please ring me at the Vicarage, Sutton Courtenay 228.

George Jager.

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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PUBLIC EVENTS

THE CHURCH BUS leaves Bradstocks Way on May 7th at 10.45 & 6.15, May 12th at 9.45 & 5.40 (Church 5.35, for Drayton), on May 21 and May 28 at 9.45 & 6.15 p.m. All are welcome.

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