

THE SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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THE VILLAGE DIARY

June

- Tue 20 Wives' Group. Mrs. Clifford, with Slides.
Mothers' Union Outing to Bath.
- Thu 22 Playgroup Outing.
- Sat 24 SUMMER FAIR at SUTTON COURTENAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.
Inside if wet !
- Mon 26 S.C. Boys F.C. A.G.M. 8 p.m.
- Tue 27 Wives' Group. Film on "Deep Sea Fishermen".
- Wed 28 Darby & Joan. Bingo.
Rounders Match at School: "Mums v. Daughters".
- Thu 29 Cricket Match at School: "Dads v. Sons".

JULY

- Sat 11 Jumble Sale 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at 1 Frilsham Street
in aid of 3rd S.C. Guides Camping Equipment.
Barbecue Dance 8.30 p.m. - 12 at Buckridges Barn.
- Tue 4 Wives' Group. Mrs. Armitage talks on Council work.
Evening Garden Party at Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
- Thu 6 Sports Day at S.C. School.
- Fri 7 Young Wives' Dance.
- Sat 8 1st S.C. Brownie Guide Pack Outing.
- Mon 10 Camera Club "Most Unusual Picture" & 2 Open.
- Tue 11 Sutton Courtenay Parish Council.
- Wed 12 COPY DAY
Darby & Joan: Whist Drive.
- Fri 14 End of S.C. School Term.
- Tue 18 Wives' Group. Mrs. Fish: Demonstration of Make-up.
- Thd 20 Women's Institute: Mrs. B. Tattersfield: "Indoor Gardening"
- Wed Darby & Joan: "Bingo" (Club closes)
- ALL EVENTS are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

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THE VILLAGE DIARY (continued from Page 1.)

COPY DAY this month is Wednesday, July 12th . For inclusion in the August "News" entries in the Post Office Diary must be made before that day and any news or advertisements must have been delivered to the Post Office, Ficarage or Rogers' Shop.

This month's artist is Ian Buchanan. He and his family live at 3 High Street (the furthest house in the picture). Old School House (the old Teacher's House and School) is in the foreground.

THIS MONTH

This month we look forward to various Outings, and to many events at the Sutton Courtenay School, ranging through School Sports, Rounders with Mothers, Cricket with Fathers, to the famous Fair on June 24th when we expect to meet everyone. We hope that this year the weather will be fine for the Fair, and also for the M.U.Garden Party at the Vicarage from 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. Although this is "Independence Day" the M.U.have been promised support from "The Men": we hope you will be there too !
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Most of us also look forward to holidays; and the Vicar, who has now fractured his other Achilles tendon (!) seems likely to spend his with his leg in plaster. This will mean extra work for Mrs.Jager, as they have accepted an invitation to visit Dresden in East Germany, and then go on to Berlin. Fortunately his elder daughter, Dorothy, and her fiance will share the driving on the outward journey. They plan to leave Sutton Courtenay on July 17th and to return on August 9th, leaving the Vicarage and the parish in the care of Mrs.Jager's cousin, Rev. Roger Gibbard of Orpington, who is Heamaster of a large Secondary School as well as being Curate of his local parish.

Apart from Sunday Duty and emergencies, Mrs.and Mrs.Gibbard will be on holiday at Sutton Courtenay. We are sure you will make them welcome.
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Editing "The News" with a leg in long plaster has its difficulties (things do get mislaid); but with good help we have managed.

As you will see, we find it all too easy to fill our eight pages with News and Adverts; but we welcome other contributions, provided that they are really brief. This month we are glad to find room for Charles Barnham's lively account of his recent visit to Gambia, and for two stanzas of a poem submitted by J.J. Dixon. As Vicar, the Editor would also like to have included Mr.Dixon's other poem, about a "Neat little man" who appeared in Church on Sunday evening. This 'man so odd, who came to their Church and brought them to God", by his example inspired the congregation, who had been singing in a "small gentle way", so that they "Joined in and sang till the old rafters rang", and continued ever after to sing that way "with voices no longer tame". At All Saints' we welcome all visitors but we really long for a heavenly visitor like that !

An appeal for lodging by two Belfast brothers on holiday work at Harwell was answered before we got into print. Now, in a phone call from Berlin we are asked to help find August accommodation for a 14 year old Frankfut girl who wants to improve her English. We expect to have further details by the time you read this note.

4. "I WISH IT WOULD RAIN...." FOUR WEEKS IN THE GAMBIA.

When I was asked to write a short account of my recent visit to The Gambia, I felt that I could sum up my impressions in four words - heat, dust, and happy children; on reflection these still remain my strongest memories - heat 100°C every day, dust - it has not rained in The Gambia since last September - happy children, yes, in spite of primitive conditions and few, if any, of what we would call modern necessities.

My impressions are largely concerned with children and young people because I was in this small country at the request of The Gambian Education Department to work with them on the development of their secondary education. The country is a small inlet of two hundred miles into Senegal, ten miles or so either side of the River Gambia on the west coast of Africa. My job was to visit the secondary schools in the country and talk with headmasters, teachers and the children.

Well, the only tarmac roads are in Bathurst, the capital, so visiting the up country schools meant treks in a Land Rover, with overnight stops in Government rest houses. I was well warned of possible animal intrusions, but in fact suffered nothing worse than hyenas around the rest house, bats by the hundred, a few monkeys and vultures, the occasional rat and the incessant noise of crickets in the African night.

The country is doing all it can to make education possible for those who want or can benefit from it. Some of the schools in Bathurst are in buildings as extensive as ours, but up country a secondary school may consist of little more than a few rush huts built by the local tribe, with no electricity water only available from a pump in the middle of the compound, with snakes and scorpions an occasional hazard. There are few books available and very little other resources; in spite of this though they are proud of their schools and are doing what they can with little money to improve them. The children of Sutton Courtenay Primary School might be surprized to see the arrangements for 'school dinner' - three or four women of the village setting up their wood fires in the compound to make omelettes, besides which they lay out lines of fruit; the children buy these for one or two bututs - about ½p.

We often visited villages where the women brought out their children to see 'the white man', and always it was a warm and friendly welcome; in other villages we were greeted by the missionaries, many of whom have been in The Gambia for twenty or thirty years, working with the people on their farms. Always though it was their friendliness that is my lasting impression, summed up perhaps by the small black boy of about nine years old who on my last day in his country gave me two oranges - which he could hardly afford - "You be my friend, you be my English father"

Charles Barnham.

From "HUMANITY" by J.J. Dixon

Let's try to get on with our neighbours, it's foolish to go it
alone.

Let's try and get on with a neighbour, and forgive him
whatever he's done,

For a neighbour is one who can help us, and we all need that in
some way,

In this fast moving age, don't stay in a cage, join in and
make joy of each day.

There are joys to be had for the taking, like love; and
friendship as never before. 5.
Music and laughter is our's for the making, if only we'd knock
next door,
All the world is there, and all we need where, by mixing and
meeting half way,
In giving a little, not making life brittle by demanding too
much from one day.....

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held at the School on Wed.,
May 31st. Alderman Francis was re-elected as Chairman and
Councillor, Mrs. Armitage as Vice-Chairman. The representation
on other Committees remained unchanged.

The Council received with great relief the news that the contract
lorries for the M.40 road would not be routed through the village.
The following matters were debated:

The Pop Group. It was agreed to write to the owner of the barn,
Mr. Astor, setting out the complaints of residents on the Green
and in neighbouring houses.

Grass Verges. Councillor Mrs. Armitage drew attention to the
deplorable whittling away of the grass verges around The Green
and the Almshouses owing to car-parking at week-ends. It is hoped
that a meeting to discuss this problem can be arranged between
the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the County Surveyor and a
representative from Morland's Brewery.

Children's Playground. It was reported that the Boy Scouts' Troop
had made an excellent job of clearing the playground and had
undertaken to keep this work done at regular intervals.

Planning Applications. "No Comment" was offered by the Council on
the application for the extension of Garage and Porch at
4, Abingdon Road. "No Comment" also on the application for erection
of Bungalow and Garage on the site of the Old Village Hall for
Mrs. Newell.

With regard to the proposal for the demolition of the Old House,
High St., and the erection of 25 houses on the site and land for
Mrs. Pomeroy, unanimous disapproval was expressed by the Council,
and Councillor Mrs. Armitage proposed that a temporary
Preservation Order be placed on the house.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, in Village Hall.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

We were sorry to have to say farewell to Maureen Rappe who
has been our Assistant Supervisor for the past 4 years. She left
Playgroup on May 25th to take up a new appointment. On behalf
of all Playgroup members, the Committee send you their best
wishes, Maureen, and grateful thanks for your devotion to the
children.

The Playgroup outing to Cutteslowe Park will take place on
Thursday, June 22nd, assembling at the Village Hall at 9 a.m.

1ST SUTTON COURTENAY BROWNIE PACK

There are still two or three vacancies for girls aged
7 - 7 years.

Please contact 45, Milton Road for further details

PLANNING APPLICATION for consideration of the Parish
Council:

Residential development, nine detached houses, "Jordans"
Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay, for Mr. C.A. Smith.

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To TEENAGERS, MOTHERS, FATHERS and UNCLE TOM COBLEY

P L A Y D A Y S 1972 - 23rd AND 24th AUGUST

FOR 7 - 11 YEAR OLDS

YOU ARE NEEDED

1. To play sports with the children.
2. To swim with them.
3. To do drama with them.
4. To clay model with them.
5. To paint with them.
6. To do gymnastics with them.
7. To walk and talk with them.
8. To play folk and sing with them.
9. To keep an eye on them while they are keeping their eyes on you.

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G U I D E S (1st Sutton Courtenay)

Over the Spring bank holiday a Sutton Courtenay Guide, Mary Headon, attended a South West England Guide Camp, which was held near Bournemouth. She was one of 72 girls camping there and was representing not only Sutton Courtenay Guides but the Abingdon District as well.

She met Guides from all over South West England and also from Jersey and Guernsey. We feel that she acquitted herself well, as being one of the first to arrive she pitched her patrol tent practically single handed under near gale conditions.

SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee have continued their consideration of the possibility of extending the Hall as outlined in the May issue of Sutton Courtenay News. The information gathered by Margaret Mackenzie and Chris Taylor was particularly helpful. The Architect's up-to-date estimate of costs is as follows: floodlit games area, at least £2,500 and bar/store, £2,000, or nearly double the original estimate, with a warning to add 10% per annum to allow for rising costs. Margaret Mackenzie has agreed to lead a small group to advise on fund raising.

As to the immediate problem of storing large equipment the feasibility is to be explored of extending the hut, including a covered way from the rear door of the Hall.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Members visited the Mothers Pride Bakery at Leighton Buzzard on 8th June and on the return journey stopped at Thame for tea and shopping.

Another visit planned is to the annual fete at Churchill Court in Kent on Saturday, 10th June. This is one of the several homes for its members run by the Royal British Legion.

NEWS, VIEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

7.

Brief news items and letters are welcomed by the Editor, Rev. George Jager, The Vicarage, at any time before "Copy Day" (see Page 3). 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.

WELCOME TO SUTTON COURTENAY

Rev. & Mrs. Roger Gibbard at the Vicarage, July 20 - Aug. 10.

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THANKS

Mrs. Curran would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Curd, also the other helpers, for the support they gave, also all the Senior Citizens for their great effort in making it such a success with the Bazaar on May 13th.

WORK WANTED

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PUBLIC NOTICES

JUMBLE SALE 2 - 4 p.m. on July 1st at 1, Frilsham Street.
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In aid of 3rd Sutton Courtenay Guides Company Equipment.

COME AND ENJOY THE VICARAGE GARDEN on Tuesday July 4th
at 6.30 p.m. at the M.U. GARDEN PARTY
Stalls and Refreshments: Games and Competitions

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A Summer outing has been arranged on Sunday, 2nd July to Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, to see the famous garden created by the late V. Sackville West and Sir Harold Nicholson.

The Summer Show will be held on Saturday, 12th August in the Manor Barn.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held
at 11.15 p.m. on TUESDAY, 27th JUNE in the HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, at the SCHOOL

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