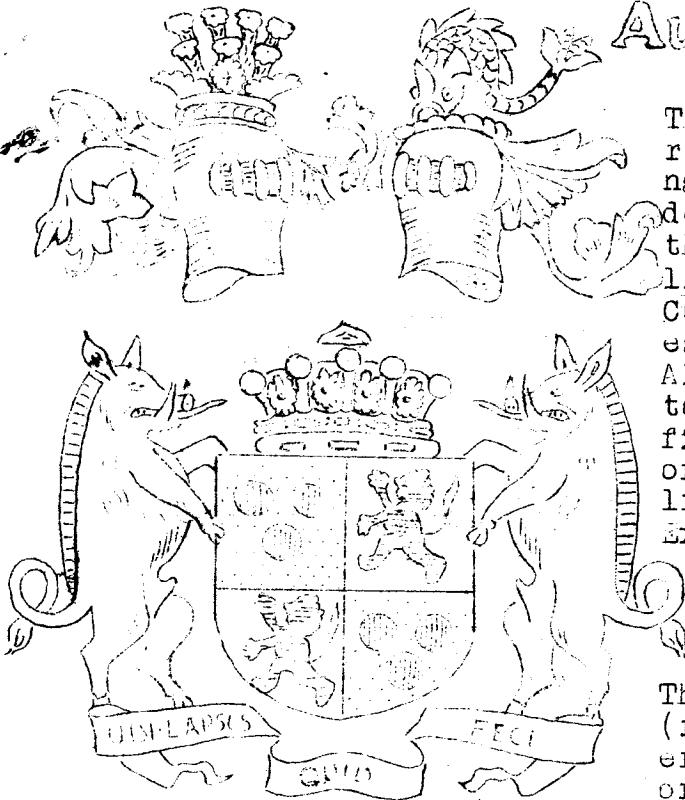


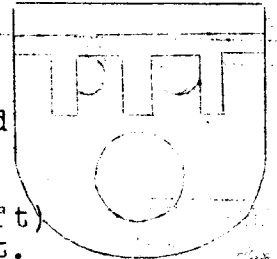
THE SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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The early Saxon village of Sutton received the second part of its name in Norman times when Reynold de Courtenay received a grant of the manor from Henry II between 1175 & 1184. In 1293 Hugh de Courtenay succeeded to the Redvers estate of Isabel countess of Albermarle & Devon. His title to the earldom of Devon was confirmed in 1331. The present earl of Devon - Charles C. Courtenay - lives at Powderham Castle, near Exeter.

The Courtenay shield (right) was quartered to be incorporated into the (left) present family crest.



THE VILLAGE DIARY FOR AUGUST 1972

JULY

Wed. 26 Darby and Joan. Bingo. (No meetings in August).

AUGUST

Sat. 5 Sutton Courtenay Angling Club CHILDREN'S DAY (by River).
 Thu. 10 Sutton Courtenay Infant Welfare Clinic. 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.
 Fri. 11 COPY DAY.
 Sat. 12 S.C. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW. In Manor House Barn.
 Mon. 14 Camera Club. Nelson Trophy. "My England".
 Wed. 23 PLAYDAY.
 Thu. 24 PLAYDAY (see Notices).
 Mon. 28 Summer Bank Holiday.
 Tue. 29 Village Hall Committee 8.00 p.m.

All events are at the VILLAGE HALL unless stated otherwise.

COPY DAY in August is Friday the 11th. Please make entries in the Post Office Diary, or deliver News or Adverts, to the Post Office, the Vicarage or Rogers' Shop, before that day.

STOP PRESS

Women's Institute

Thursday, 10th August, - Wine & Cheese evening at 12 Tullis Close, 7.30 p.m.
 Tickets 30p. Limited number.

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Luncheons, Dinners, Snacks at the Bar. 'Phone: S.C. 252.

THIS MONTH

You will see from the shorter Diary that this is a holiday month, and, from the somewhat disorderly pages that follow, that the Editor is in need of a holiday and is in a hurry to be off. Next month, space should permit us to say where we have been and we shall have room for other brief holiday reports as well as local news, views, and projects.

The Editor has had quite a time catching up after having had a leg in plaster, and in preparing these pages, and the Sutton Courtenay page of the Abingdon Deanery News, for the printers.

If you would like to know what the Vicar thinks, and what the Church is doing in this place in these odd times, the Deanery News is in All Saints' Church, and is well worth your 5p.; but in this Sutton Courtenay News we try to help everyone to know his neighbour better and, if he wants, to have his own say as far as space will allow.

As the letter on page 5 reminds us, we do not all share the same priorities; some, for instance, put privacy and quietness first, others give first place to freedom and development. This News however, thanks to the loyal efforts of our Guides and our production team, goes into every house, and is a reminder that every person is our neighbour, and is important.

Chiropody

One good job that the News had done (as well as finding lodgings for David and Brian Link, whom we welcome on a working holiday from Belfast) is to make the new County Chiropody Clinic at Didcot available to Pensioners in Sutton Courtenay. If you are a Pensioner and want a Chiropody appointment (and transport to and from Didcot), Mrs. James at 4 Courtenay Close - telephone S.C. 300 - can fix it for you.

Infant Welfare

You will see in the Calendar that the Infant Welfare Clinic is now again in full service. We welcome Mrs. Edna Barnham as the successor to the late Mrs. Bonfield, who served the Clinic so well for many years.

A chance to join our Team

Sutton Courtenay News has, as you will have seen, eight good typists. We should very much like to find four more; so that this big job of voluntary work need only be done once a year. Please tell Maureen Happe, 8 Harwell Road if you can help. We are also glad to recruit artists, who are willing to accept the rather tricky challenge of half a page of stylus work on a wax stencil. Margaret MacKenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages, is the one to see.

Consolation from Class X

When the Vicar's plaster kept him from Class X's turn to take Friday morning assembly, they decided to send letters to cheer him up. Among the best were a poem from Sarah Caudle:-

Dear Vicar,	
Sorry to hear of your mishap	This I know is the second time
Go back to bed and have a nap	I hope it wont amount to nine!
Of the house you'll be the master	I'm sorry you weren't here to-day
'Cause your leg is covered in plaster.	Because Class X all did the play!

and, a P.S. from Catherine Winter which showed the Vicar in bed with both legs suspended in plaster and a rather cramped bubble coming from his mouth reading:-
" O legs, now I can't go to Class X's play".

This, with Christina Gosbee's double picture of the Vicar falling from his apple tree (why bring that up after four years?), and lying in bed dreaming of Church, went by Air Mail to Lib...

OUR SCHOOL

Much publicity has been given to Education of late; so a word on the situation in the village may be opportune.

Your school was planned as a one form entry, i.e. 35 children per year would come to school. Unfortunately, as sometimes happens, the best laid plans of men go wrong, the school intake has been 48 to 57 per year, so compromise is needed.

With modern teaching methods no teacher can teach a class of this size, some children need extra help, and though they leave at the same time, the children do not arrive together; but they have to wait until after their fifth birthdays. We plan to overcome these problems by grouping the children in three classes for their first two years of school. Classes 1, 2, 3 will each have first and second year children. The third year, with the approach of junior school, will be spent as a group; but there may, by the pressure of numbers, be the odd child left in another group.

In the Junior school there will be six classes and in all, except one fourth year group, there must be overlapping of ages. From the teaching point of view this is harder work for staff; but since so much 'school' is now on an individual basis (particularly in Mathematics and English) the children will certainly not suffer. Those who saw our Open Evening - and we were delighted to welcome non-parents as well - will agree that the standard of work is not falling; and could you visit the school in session you would find that most children - alas, not all - think school is a happy place to be in.

Should you have doubts or worries, please make an appointment to discuss them. Each year when the new children come to school this is emphasised; but perhaps mother's thoughts are still on Janet or John, as they frequently forget. Talking between yourselves may help a little; but if you come to school we can probably put the matter right. The child is genuinely our very real concern.

Oh! Appointments! It is merely to ensure that you do not waste your time by finding that the person you wish to see is unavailable. Also it gives the school time to look more closely at details and so to give you a considered answer.

Fred Curd.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Curd thanks everyone who responded so generously to his appeal for a suitable presentation to Mrs. Dorothy Skinner, on her retirement after 18 years teaching in Sutton Courtenay, and 42 years in Berkshire, and congratulates everyone, especially Mrs. Skinner's own Class III, on keeping the secret so well. We hope to give an account, next month, of the presentation ceremony.

R.N.I.B.

Mrs. Ambrose would like to express her grateful thanks to all the Collectors and those who gave so generously to produce a total of £40.08 for the collection in June. A receipt from the R.N.I.B. is up in the Post Office.

13 Bradstock's Way,
Sutton Courtenay,
Abingdon,
Berks.

27th June, 1972.

To:- The Editor. The Sutton Courtenay News.

I, the parent of one of the young people forming the Local Pop Group, have become aware of complaints by some residents of excessive noise made by the Group when rehearsing. While it is agreed that this can be annoying, enquiries have brought to light the fact that others residing in close proximity to the barn, find no reason to object; moreover, the owner gave permission for the barn to be used as a rehearsal room which they would have refused had there been such volume of sound as to cause annoyance. It is one evening each week that these boys rehearse and surely if we are to "Live and let Live" as those excellent words of J. J. Dixon suggest, (as published in the July edition of Sutton Courtenay News), then surely these young enthusiasts must not be deprived of their short voyage into the "Realms of Modern Music".

D. Gardiner.

MORE ADVERTS

FOR SALE

A beautiful high carriage pram, black/white with tray and sun canopy - £4. Telephone:- Sutton Courtenay 467.

FOR SALE

BUILDING PROJECT LEFT-OVERS, hardcore, doors, window frame, etc. - Telephone:- Sutton Courtenay 425.

FOR SALE

Mr. W. C. Wilder, Lecturer in Art at Culham College, has painted a watercolour of the village church and green from the gateway of the Manor. Mr. F. Nelson, 6 Tullis Close, has it in his keeping and would be pleased to show it to anyone interested in buying it. Price (with frame) - £20.

WANTED

Conscientious woman to help with general housework - two mornings or afternoons per week. Please call or 'phone after 31st July, Mrs. Young, Willowbrook, Drayton Road - Sutton Courtenay 520.

RENT FREE OFFER

Widow unable to cultivate vegetable garden offers it rent free as allotment. Apply:- 22 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay.

SUTTON COURTENAY BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

On the 25th June at the Village Hall we held our Annual General Meeting, the Committee were re-elected en-block plus the following: Miss Lesley Powell, Miss Penny Hunt, Mick Mooring, John Prior and Neville Beams.

Soon the season will be with us again and this year we propose to run the following teams under 11's, 12's, 14's, 15's and 16½'s. Would you please look out for notice of your respective teams training nights.

All boys are welcome.

The Boys' Football Club in conjunction with the Men's Club have started to run a monthly dance at the Village Hall, so far we have run three and they have been a great success, but we would like to see more Sutton people there. The next dance will be on the 19th August and you can get tickets from the following Committee Members:-

Pete Harding
Dave Dodd
Philip Hunt
Robert Harvey

Don't forget boys' training nights - Keep your eyes open for notices.

SUTTON COURTENAY ANGLING CLUB

A Children's Fishing Competition, age 7 to 13 years inclusive will be held on Saturday, 5th August, 1972, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Draw 1.00p.m. at Culham Wooden Bridge, Abingdon Road End.

Any donations towards these children's prizes would be gratefully received by the Secretary, Mr. K. G. Stevens, 12 Church Lane, Drayton.

Also a Ladies' Contest will take place on Saturday, 12th August, 1972, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Draw 1.00 p.m. at Culham Wooden Bridge, Abingdon Road End.

All lady members are welcome. Names please to Mr. K. G. Stevens, 12 Church Lane, Drayton or arrive on the bank, rod in hand.

Come on ladies - try your luck!

K. G. Stevens.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer S.C.A.C.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

THE 23rd SUMMER SHOW will be held on
SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST in the Manor Barn
and will be open to the Public at 2.30 p.m.
Schedules from 32 Harwell Road or village shops.

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 5 p. 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.

THANKS

John and Margaret Webley wish to thank everyone for the assistance given at their unfortunate accident on the 27th May.

Special thanks to neighbours and friends for their kindness and sympathy.

THANKS

The P.T.A. Committee wish to thank everyone, and especially those with no direct connections with school, who helped with the Summer Fair. Over 200 people had an enjoyable afternoon; and we made a profit of over £150. If you didn't come, you missed a treat.

H E L P !

Urgently needed - adult female assistance with All Saints Brownie Pack (all intelligent, well-behaved children) on Tuesday evenings during term-time from 6 - 7.30 p.m. in Buckridges Barn. Please do apply to Margaret Mackenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages, Sutton Courtenay.

WANTED

An experienced drummer, to play at two major events in the village during October. Please telephone Steventon 631, or write to Stuart Jarvis, 5 Pembroke Lane, Milton, for more details.

FOR SALE

Girls bicycle to suit 8-10 years old. Needs one new tyre - £3.50.
Apply:- 20 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUTTON COURTENAY INFANT WELFARE CENTRE - CLINIC will be held on Thursday afternoon, 10th August, 2.30-4.00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Ostermilk, Rusks, Optrose, Vitamin Tablets and Drops for sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A helper is desperately needed to assist the Captain of the 3rd Sutton Courtenay Guides in September. Any offers would be greatly appreciated, please telephone Mrs. Halden - Sutton Courtenay 467 or call at 1 Frilsham Street.

THANKS

3rd Sutton Courtenay Guides would like to thank everybody, especially Mum's and Helpers, for making their Jumble Sale on the 1st July such a success. We raised just over £30 which will go towards buying a tent and other camping equipment.