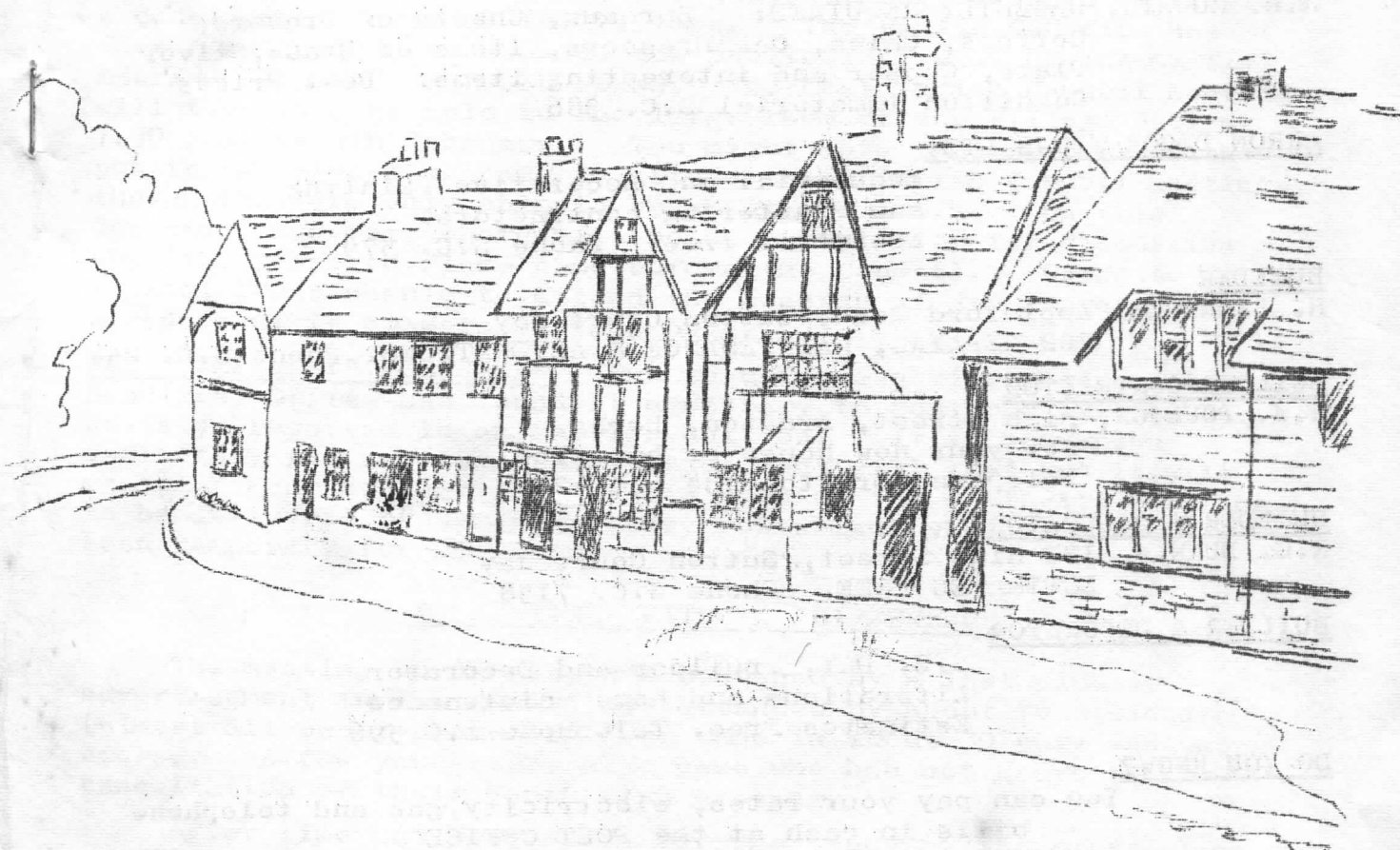


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- Feb. 6 Tue. Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. (see note on Editorial page)  
Wives Group. Beetle Drive
- Feb. 12 Mon. Camera Club. 8 p.m. Members' Night
- Feb. 14 Wed. Darby and Joan. 2.30. 22nd Anniversary Party.  
Parent/Teacher interviews at the school.
- Feb. 15 Thur. Parent/Teacher interviews at the School.  
J.I. 7.30 p.m. Talk on Pottery  
Competition - My favourite piece of poetry
- Feb. 17 Sat. W.I. Jumble Sale. 2.30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Tue. Wives Group. Mrs. Giddings from the Association for the Blind. Talk about the work and sale of products.
- Feb. 26 Mon. Camera Club. 8 p.m. "60 years of Photography"
- Feb. 28 Wed. Darby and Joan. 2.30. A Slide Show on Norway by Mrs. Fletcher.

All events are in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

COPY DAY FOR MARCH is Wednesday, 14th March. Please make entries in the POST OFFICE DIARY and deliver contributions or adverts. before that day to THE POST OFFICE, THE EDITOR OR ROGERS SHOP.

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EDITORIAL Included with this month's issue of the "News" is an up-to-date directory of local organisations and information which we hope you will find useful - we have produced it separately so that you can keep it somewhere as a handy reference when required.

The meeting held on 3rd January to discuss the proposal for the development of Lady Place and adjacent land aroused considerable public interest and concern, and quite rightly so when it involves a considerable area of the Village. The PARISH COUNCIL has therefore decided to open to the public THAT PART OF THE MEETING DEALING WITH THE PROPOSED PLANS. The next Parish Council Meeting will therefore be held in the large room of the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 6th February. You might note that members of the public are always welcome to attend their Parish Council Meetings, though they are only able to speak at the A.G.M. On this occasion, however, there will be an opportunity for discussion when the proposed Plans come before the Council. Owing to illness I was unable to attend the Meeting of 3rd January, but a report of it appears on this page.

OUR "TEMPORARY" POSTWOMAN Due to unforeseen circumstances Oxford Head Post Office has found it necessary to postpone the Postal Revision reported in an earlier edition. It is not known definitely for how long the postponement will last but it will mean, of course, that for a while some of the mail will continue to be delivered by our "Temporary Postwoman" who has already been temporary for 27 years!

#### A MEETING WITH A DIFFERENCE

The meeting on January 3rd convened by a last minute advertisement in the "News" was attended by about 70 residents (almost all owner-occupiers) who came in about 30 cars and one hearse. A few youngsters also came who had not heard of the cancellation of their Youth Club meeting.

After time had been given for the study of the draft plans and sample elevations of the development proposed on behalf of the International Institute of Human Nutrition (sponsored by Dr. Hugh Sinclair of Lady Place), Mr. Patey of the Associated Design Partnership (Oxford) explained the proposals and bravely answered many questions. In this he was supported by Dr. Sinclair who intervened from time to time with a certain charm and candour, which however, was not sufficient to save him from twice describing as "empty" the cottage from which a former employee, his wife and four small children had not yet been evicted!

The proposal is for the development of the 10 acres across the High Street from Lady Place with 16 cottages and 28 superior houses "as a source of income for the Institute". The other two owners of this plot, Mr. Hedges and Mr. Cudwell, who, with Dr. Sinclair, would seem to be the chief beneficiaries of this proposal, did not appear to be at the Meeting. It was pointed out, and admitted, that the two ancient barns opposite Lady Place were now "scheduled" buildings, and that their demolition could not be assumed. Many other objections and counter-proposals were made, several of which represented incompatible points of view. There was, however, no support given at this meeting to this proposal for extensive development north of High Street.

It did appear, however, that the development of Lady Place to receive this important new Institute would be welcome to most residents, particularly if it could involve the restoration of this dilapidated property and the suggested public access to properly maintained gardens. It would be a welcome token of this if (before this matter has it renewed public discussion at the Parish Council Meeting) the temporary fence on the north side of High Street could be replaced by something less unsightly.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th JANUARY 1973

Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous Meeting were:-

Southfield Drive A letter from the Thames Valley Police stated that Sutton Courtenay now comes under the authority of the Didcot Police, and no reply has as yet been received from them on this problem.

Stiles on Westbrook and Gingebrook Footpaths A letter was received from Mr. Caudwell disclaiming any responsibility for the stiles on these paths, but agreeing that, if the County Council were to supply them he would have them erected at his convenience.

Sutton Courtenay Feast It was agreed to grant permission to Mr. H. Emmett to organise the Feast on the Green on the same terms as those given to Mr. Pratt (by whom he was recommended) He was granted one extra day at the end of the period for "tidying up" operations.

Postal Services A letter from Abingdon Post Office stated that from 29th January the new Collection times will be as follows:-

Weekdays - 9.30 a.m. and 4.45 p.m.  
Sundays - 4 p.m.

It was unanimously agreed to send a letter to Mrs. Holborough expressing our gratitude for her services to the Village as Postwoman for so many years.

Planning Applications

a) The Council expressed reservations about an application from the Hon. David Astor for the erection of two bungalows on the site of an existing hen-house. As this is a Conservation Area, the Council would wish to have further information on this project.

b) Garage, porch and conservatory for Mr. Stubbins, 18, Barretts Way. "No comment".

Matters Raised by Councillors

Councillor Mrs. Armitage protested against the erosion of the grass verge outside the almshouses by parking of cars. Councillor Mrs. Blinman asked if the new site of the telephone box in High Street could be improved as it has no concrete surround. Councillor Jenkins asked whether some plan for cleaning up the litter in Bradstock's way could be arranged, possibly with the co-operation of Sutton Courtenay School. Councillor Taylor complained that there was an encroachment of derelict cars and scrap metal on the bridle path at the bottom of Mill Lane. The R.D.C. will be asked to look into this.

Financial Expenditure 1973-4

The Council precepted for 1p. rate as for 1972-3 but with the new coinage, this will increase the Council's scope for expenditure on projects for the benefit of the village.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council is 6th February.

LIGHT RELIEF

I wonder if anyone noticed one of the sidesmen at All Saints" having a tussle with a box of matches on New Year's Eve. What he picked up to light the altar candles turned out to be a trick box of matches left out in fun by one of his children. The joke turned out even better than expected, and it was the party season after all.

J.L.

TOTE DRAW

- 12.12.72 Prize Money £18.73 Numbers drawn 21,4.  
2 winners each received £9.36½
- 19.12.72 Prize Money £18.90. Numbers drawn 16,7.  
3 winners each received £6.30.
- 27.12.72 Prize money £18.93. numbers drawn 9,2.  
2 winners each received £9.46½
2. 1.73 Prize Money £18.75 Numbers drawn 17,9.  
5 winners each received £3.75.

BOYS' SECTION

Xmas Draw We would like to thank all those who kindly donated prizes and purchased tickets and thus made the Xmas draw a great success.

Team News The under 15's have reached the Cup Final and have a great chance of winning their League. The under 16½'s have reached the Semi-Final of their Cup and are also well placed to win their League. Congratulations to the under 14's who have just won their first match of the season.

The Six-a-Side Tournament is on Sunday, May 13th. More details later.

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CAMERA CLUB

I will endeavour to answer a question which a number of you have asked - "How are slides judged at a Camera Club Competition"? It is difficult to generalise as so much depends on the judge; one may prefer landscapes, another portraits or even "uprights" as opposed to "horizontal". Each has his own idea of judging but almost always they look for the same things. Composition of the picture; whether it is framed well or too much to one side, too much sky, or too much foreground; people or animals or subjects looking or moving toward the sides of a picture. Exposure is of course of prime importance, whether the picture is too bright or too dark. Focusing, too, everything must be sharp, no blurred images. Some judges will criticise colour although very often this depends on the make of film and its processing. Some photographers prefer one make of film which another would not willingly use. If the competition is for a particular subject, this too, is taken into account and points gained or lost. Marks are usually given out of a possible 10. In our club these marks are totalled at the end of the year and cups and trophies given to the highest, although in one respect we are unusual. The member who has put a slide in every competition (and obviously tried) and has gained the lowest number of points is also awarded a cup.

I hope this has answered your queries. If not, why not come along to our next meeting on 12th February at 8 p.m. and see and hear for yourself. You will be made very welcome.

SUTTON COURTEIMAY PLAYGROUP

The Christmas party was held on 12th December. After a good tea, the children were entertained with a puppet show and later Father Christmas made his ever welcome appearance. Our grateful thanks to all those who helped. Mrs. Spring was presented with a farewell gift with our thanks and best wishes for the future. As Mrs. Spring's successor, we welcomed Mrs. F. Silk to our Playgroup. We hope she will be happy with us. We also take this opportunity of thanking Glynis Stubbins and Pat Fysh for all their hard work and devotion.

Just a reminder to Playgroup mums - we still need names for our Rota of helpers. Can you spare half an hour every three or four weeks to lend a hand? Your help would be very welcome. We have one or two VACANCIES at Playgroup on Tuesday mornings and afternoons for children aged 3 or over. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. J. Rogers 15, Milton Road or S.C. 453.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BURMA VICTORY

MOTOR RACING

OIL WELL FIRE

THE WORK OF THE BRITISH LEGION.

The above films will be shown at the A.G.M. of the Legion. Members and those interested in the work carried out by the Legion are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on 1st March at 7.30 p.m.

D.M. Matheson, Secretary.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

The Womens' Section of the Royal British Legion held their annual Whist Drive on Thursday 7th December. Tasty refreshments provided by the committee added to the success of the evening. Grateful thanks to those who contributed to the Raffle Prizes. Christmas parcels were also delivered to C.A.P. Members.

New members are very welcome. The secretary is Mrs. P. Turner, 110, High Street.

A BIG MOVE

The Parker Family and their caravan have now moved from the mud of Dropshort Lane to the shelter of a barn in the grounds of the Manor House. Thanks to all who made this move possible, particularly to Farmer Allen and his men who did the actual move. A group is being organised to tidy up Dropshort Lane. Two ladies of the village, concerned about the plight of the family have been trying to get a reply to a letter written in November to the Chairman of the Abingdon R.D.C. about the living condition of the Parkers, but so far without success.

NEWS, VIEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Brief news items and letters are welcomed. The rate for advertisements is 5p. a line (approx. 10 words) except for 'FOUND' 'WORK WANTED' and 'WELCOME TO SUTTON COURTENAY' which are free. Take them to the Editor, Mary Thompson, 124 High Street, the Post Office or Rogers' Shop any time before Copy Day.

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WELCOME TO SUTTON COURTENAY

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny and their son, 35 Harwell Road, from Middlesex.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning and their three children, 22 Harwell Road from Didcot.

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THANKS

On behalf of the Senior Citizens, Mrs. Curran would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Curd, Mrs. Bulmer and all those who helped and gave so generously to the Christmas Dinner.

R.S.P.C. The amount collected and sent forward for 1972 was £86.52 a slight increase on last year. It included collections made at Appleford and Milton and the Secretary thanks all concerned for this help.

This month's artist is Mrs. Hughes and we thank her for her illustration of what is reputed to be the oldest row of cottages in the Village.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Major and Mrs. J.H. Potts apologise for the fact that their small contribution to the festive season only lasted until Christmas Eve, but are not really surprised as this is the fifth case of pilfering and trespassing (not to mention a fire hoax) that has occurred since they have been in residence. If, whoever removed the coloured bulbs cares to return them, the tree will again be lit next Christmas.

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Plans have been developed over several years for establishing between the Universities of Oxford and Reading an Institute for research on human nutrition, registered as a charity and governed by Trustees independent of the Government and the food industry. The Earl of Woolton, war-time Minister of Food, presided over a group of scientists concerned with establishing this Institute, and at one time it was proposed to buy the freehold of Nuneham Park (for which an option was held and money available), but it was considered to be too isolated. A few years ago a philanthropist suggested he should buy Lady Place and build the Institute in the grounds if planning permission was obtained, and a start was made by moving the old Village Hall onto the land for storage of apparatus and equipment. This site has obvious advantages. It is between the University of Oxford (which has one of the most distinguished medical schools in the world led by Professor Sir Richard Doll who is one of the Trustees of the Institute), and the University of Reading (which has the strongest Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science in the country and the only Professorship in Soil Science; two present and one Emeritus Professors are Trustees of the Institute). An additional advantage is proximity to Harwell (where work is in progress on trace elements) and the Tropical Products Institute at Culham. The mansion itself would be used for staff, the grounds kept up by the Institute and the glasshouses used for experimental work, and the building for the library and laboratories would be on two stories on disused land next to the former two hard tennis-courts, approached from the present drive. The trees will be preserved and additional ornamental trees and shrubs planted.

It is expected that ultimately the staff of the Institute might number about twenty-five persons, some of whom (secretaries, filing-clerks, technicians, cleaners) would be local residents. For others accommodation would be needed, and the Institute would hope to build three houses on the grounds of Lady Place and to own the proposed development (16 cottages and 28 houses) on the West side of the High Street as a source of income.

The main functions of the Institute are two-fold. The first is the collection, integration and dissemination of existing knowledge of human nutrition, both established scientific facts and folklore. For this a central library is needed with the relevant books, journals and reprints. I have an extensive library with the standard textbooks, 70,000 reprints, and 250,000 references, and the late Sir Robert McCarrison gave me his library for the Institute. The Institute will collect and investigate traditional beliefs about food and health from all over the world.

The second object is fundamental research to increase our knowledge of human nutrition and evaluate nutritional changes (including those due to foods eaten and air breathed) as foods, water-supplies and air are altered and polluted. The Institute will in particular investigate the relation of nutrition to those chronic degenerative diseases such as heart disease and cancer that are found particularly in the privileged countries such as Britain and are rapidly increasing in these. There is a great deal of evidence that such diseases are primarily nutritional in origin, and the fact that they suddenly decrease in war-time indicates that by altered food their rapid rise in the population can be abolished and they can be made as rare as they were in this country a century ago and are in underprivileged countries today. This is the greatest challenge in present medicine, and knowledge is urgently needed.

As a centre of research and of information the International Institute of Human Nutrition will shed urgently needed light on one of the most fundamental, wide-spread and inadequately managed problems in the whole domain of human welfare. For nutrition has now become the most important single environmental factor affecting health, since it includes eating or breathing excess of harmful substances and deficient amounts of substances that are needed.

H. M. Sinclair, DM, DSc, FRCP

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