

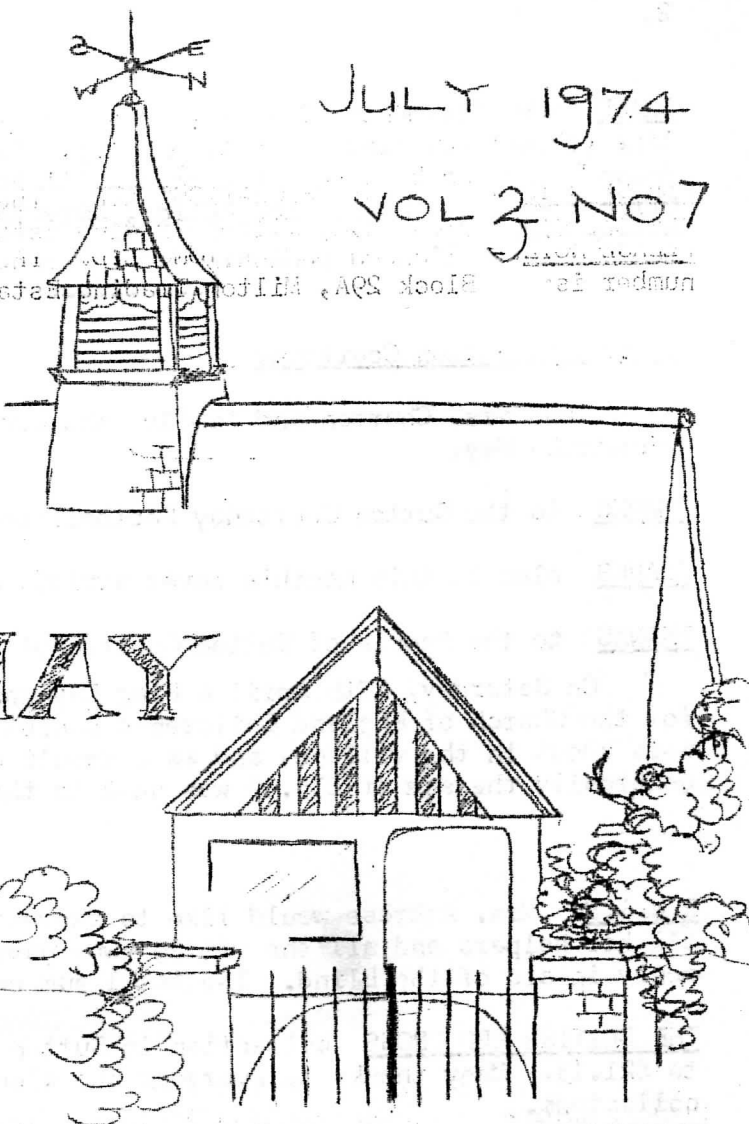
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THE

SUTTON

COURTENAY

NEWS



#### VILLAGE DIARY FOR JULY

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| June 21st  | Coffee and Bring & Buy Evening in aid of Belfast Children.<br>From 7.30 p.m. onwards at Catholic Church.                      |
| June 25th  | Village Hall Committee A.G.M. 7.30 p.m.   |
| July 2nd   | Wives Group. Open Meeting. Cookery Demonstration. 8.00p.m.<br>Parish Council 7.30 p.m.<br>Garden Party at Vicarage. 6.30 p.m. |
| July 3rd   | Darby & Joan - Whist Drive.<br>Under-Fives at Vicarage. 2.30 p.m.   |
| July 6th   | S.C. Scout/Cub Group Jumble Sale at Manor Barn. 2.30 p.m.   |
| July 7th   | 11.00 a.m. Family Service at All Saints'.   |
| July 8th   | Camera Club. Members Night.   |
| July 11th  | Sports afternoon. 2.00 p.m. at School.  |
| July 14th  | All Saints' Services. 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 6.30 p.m.<br>No Junior Church.   |
| July 17th  | Darby & Joan. Headington W.I. Choir.  |
| July 18th  | W.I. 7.30 p.m.  |
| July 21st  | All Saints'. 10.00 a.m. Family Communion. Evensong 6.30 p.m.  |
| July 25th  | First 1974 Playday. Games and Fun on the Rec. for Junior<br>Schoolchildren. 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.                              |
| July 28th  | All Saints'. 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., and 6.30 p.m.   |
| July 30th  | Wives Group. Talk on Carmen Hair Rollers and other products.  |
| July 31st  | Darby & Joan. Mystery Drive. Club Closes.   |
| August 1st | Playday.  |

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All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.  
Copy Day for AUGUST issue is Wednesday, 10th July.

BRIEF advertisements, letters, etc., are welcomed. The rate is 5p. a line (except for trade advertisements). "Welcome to Sutton Courtenay", "Found" and "Work wanted" are free. All contributions to the Post Office, Rogers' Shop or the Editor, Mary Thompson, 124 High Street, before Copy Day.

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Welcome to Sutton Courtenay

To Mr. and Mrs. Churton and family, who are now at 'Jones' Shop' in Bradstocks Way.

THANKS to the Sutton Courtenay Football for a donation of £5.00.

THANKS also to this month's cover artist, Mrs. J. Bird.

THANKS to the People of Sutton Courtenay!

On Saturday, 27th April a Flag Day was held in Sutton Courtenay for the Church of England Children's Society (Sunflower Day). Collectors were about in the village, and as a result of their effort and your generosity the sum of £15.32 was sent to the Society.

P. Luther.

R.N.I.B. Mrs. Ambrose would like to express her grateful thanks to all her helpers and all the village who gave so generously in time and money in aid of the Blind. The total sum collected was £53.65.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS collection in Sutton Courtenay recently amounted to £21.13. Many thanks to everyone who kindly contributed, and to all collectors.

P. Tinson.

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EDITORIAL: I have received a letter from Mr. Bruce Fraser - unfortunately too long to include in the News - with reference to the comments made in the recent Survey concerning the lack of a social club in the village. His main point is that the Village Hall is too expensive to hire for Discos and Dances, though there are people willing to organise them. Clearly there is a wish for some kind of social club, but the Village Hall is already well booked for a variety of organisations and these interests must also be catered for. I contacted the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and it is evident that the charges for hiring the Hall compare very favourably with other Halls (for example, Northcourt Centre charges £20.00 on a Saturday night until 11.45 p.m.; Sutton Courtenay the charge for main Hall and kitchen from 8.00 p.m. to 12 is £9.30). Additional charges for late functions are necessary to cover the expense of clearing up the following day, and it is necessary to charge a deposit for certain public functions such as Discos and Dances where the possibility of damage is more likely. A further point to consider is that late night functions can, but need not necessarily, cause considerable disturbance to the rest of the village, especially to those in the vicinity of the Hall itself.

If you have any views or constructive suggestions to make about these matters don't forget the best place to discuss them is at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE, to be held on Tuesday, 25th June at 7.30 p.m.

#### NURSERY EDUCATION

We are lucky that we have a unit in the village as our children can now have the start in life which all educationalists are certain is a necessity. Forms for admission are available at school - and it does help if we can keep well ahead of admissions. If you can put junior's name down by his third birthday it allows us to plan ahead. Sorry, the form really is necessary - I know you do not enjoy form filling. Please collect your form and send it to school.

Entries to the Primary School are also needed now to assist our forward planning. So if you have any five year olds hidden at home please let us know at once.

F. Curd.

#### MORE PLAYDAYS!

PLAYDAYS this year will be on the first three THURSDAY MORNINGS in August. We hope also to have two separate SPORTS DAYS on the Rec., one very soon after the end of Term and another near the end of August.

On the first two PLAYDAYS we hope to have Pottery, Drama, and Craft Sessions, and, on the third (15th August), Cooking and Music. There will be no Swimming Sessions this year. However, Swimming in the Abingdon Baths, thanks to the whole White Horse District now enjoying a privilege of the old Borough, is one thing that is cheaper than it was last year! Once again we can only cater for JUNIOR school children.

Look out for more details in the August News.

Meanwhile, we need more mothers (or others) who are willing, with a teenage helper, to give an hour's cooking practice to four children in her own kitchen (there will be a payment for expenses) and we also need teenage and adult helpers and some car drivers. Mrs. Gallagher Daggitt (S.C. 288) 9 Tullis Close, or Mrs. James (S.C. 300) 4 Courtenay Close, or Mrs. Mackenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages, will be glad to hear from them. Our Treasurer is Mr. Frank Nelson, 6 Tullis Close.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 4TH JUNE, 1974

Among matters arising from the Minutes were the following:-

Kerbstones on the Estate - a letter from the Surveyor stated that work on the worst sections would begin as soon as possible.

Dutch Elm Disease - the District Council stated that a charge of 4p. per tree would be made from spraying. Councillor Malein suggested possibly buying our own equipment in a few months' time when it would be apparent whether any trees were affected by the disease.

Among Correspondence was a letter from the Federation of Women's Institutes with regard to the forthcoming Son et Lumière they are staging. They anticipate that the majority of the audience will come by coach and be accommodated in the Car Park by Culham Bridge.

Planning Applications:

1. Store Room Extension, Owen's Garage for Mr. L. W. Basson. The Council considered that all residents in Southfield Drive should be notified and expressed concern at the loading and unloading that would occur in Southfield Drive were this application to be approved.
2. Sixteen bungalows and garages on land adjoining 21/23 Milton Road for Mrs. R. Carter. This application is a matter of concern to nearby residents, who have organised a petition objecting to the development and its possibly dangerous access on to the Milton Road. The Council felt that the plan, as it stands, is not acceptable, but would like it and the area to the West, including the playground and garages, to be considered as a whole. They proposed that Members of the Vale of White Horse Committee be invited to meet Councillors on the site to discuss the development.

Amev Roadstone - Filling in of quarry pits. The Council discussed the proposal to change the filling in of gravel pits with flyash to filling with refuse brought by rail. Though this will affect the Parish of Appleford more seriously than Sutton Courtenay, it was felt that we should be alert to future developments, such as transport. Further information was requested.

Report on Footpaths Walk - Councillors Jenkins and Ward walked Footpath 12, towards Appleford. It was fairly easily accessible though there was a need for one stile and a sign-post. The Chairman and Mr. Taylor took a party over the footpaths towards Drayton. They reported a great deal of barbed wire and the need for stiles, except on Mr. Fidler's land where the paths were in good order. Mrs. Law sent in a comprehensive report on the bridle paths, listing obstructions such as fallen trees and an abandoned car. The Chairman proposed that Mrs. Law be invited to join the Footpaths Committee.

The Enclosure Award of 1804 - The original copy of this plan for Sutton Courtenay and Sutton Wick was on view at the Meeting. As this is of great historical interest to the village we are to have a photostat copy made so that it will then be available for inspection.

The next Meeting will be on 2nd July at 7.30 p.m.

THE PARISH COUNCIL has asked the News to publicise the fact that it is ~~ILLEGAL~~ to park vehicles on the pavement, or partly on the pavement, in any part of the village.



### LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

Like a ripple on placid water, caused by a stone thrown to skip and skim across its surface - so it was when we departed as migrants on a 15,000 ton ship to Australia in May, 1948. Just 35 days and 13,000 odd miles away. Sutton Courtenay far behind, across the Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Red Sea, The Mediterranean and so on. Weather, time, scenery, wild life, homes, churches - many things were different. Yet in spite of this, human nature, kindness, happiness, a birth, wedding, death or a cup of tea were the same. No matter what time of day or night, the sun is shining on the Union Jack in some part of the World. After toil and tears and laughter, 26 years have sped by like an arrow from a bow. During this time we have lived a full life and have all we came to seek - our home, our small farm and picturesque Gippsland, the pick of Victoria, where the cows graze contentedly and the rolling tree-clad hills go on in to infinity. The Buw Buw mountain ranges, with Mount Erica standing prominently in the foreground rise up like Goliath in front of David. In the other direction lie the Strezlicks ranges. In between is our home situated in the Latrobe Valley where fast flowing mountain streams meet the rivers along tree-lined banks of towering eucalyptus gums and 8-foot long fronded tree ferns. The vivid red, green and yellows of parrots flash as they catch the sunlight in flight. Tinder-dry bush and danger of fire in Summer, moist earth and luscious growth after heavy rain - this is our home now.

After 26 years I took a holiday by fast flying jet. Instead of five weeks, it was only 30 hours. Sutton Courtenay is still on the map, but it has grown and changed. People I knew - what of them? Some I located, some like me are living elsewhere; some have passed on; others have married; many of you have become residents since I left. New streets, new houses, a new power station nearby. The old locks have been replaced over the river. Many of the old footpaths are not walked as frequently as they could be - some of you possibly don't know of their existence. The annual regatta on the river is no more. Some of the village allotments are a sad and sorry neglected sight. I missed those lovely old faithful Clydesdale horses that have been replaced by the tractor. The fritillary no longer blooms down the Otneys, and the kingcup and cowslips are rarely seen. In many ways I saw progress yet in others we have gone backwards instead of preserving what God and not Man created.

One thing I was delighted to see was the new village hall. It was a pleasure to walk down the village and have a nostalgic look around the church with its historic past. I have brought back with me to Australia photographs and memories of childhood places and days of yesteryear. We shall always appreciate a red rose and a golden sprig of wattle, a beautiful church and our anthem of "God Save the Queen".

Bob Mathews.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Committee wish to thank all who supported the Annual Dinner Dance at which 77 Members and their families attended. The Branch hopes to raise another social function in the future.

Members are also reminded that subscriptions of 33p. are now due.

# SUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

## SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT RESULTS, 11TH, 12TH MAY

MEN - Winner Challenge Cup - Milton United 'B'  
Winner Supplementary Cup - Sutton 'C'

BOYS - Under Eleven - Cholsey 'C'  
Under Twelve - Crowmarsh 'A'  
Under Thirteen - Abingdon 'A'  
Under Fourteen - Caversham 'A'  
Under Fifteen - Abingdon 'A'  
Under Sixteen - Abingdon 'A'

The Club again wish to thank all those who supported them and made such a success of this week-end, especially Amey Roadstone whose assistance was gratefully appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE:- The A.G.M. will take place on the 11th July at 7.30 p.m. sharp in the Village Hall (Men and Boys combined). Committee nominations from Club Members required in writing to Mr. P. Roffey, 130 High Street by the 27th June.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Once again, we thank all who collected or walked, and all who gave (some very generously indeed) in Christian Aid Week. The House-to-House total was £102.27 and the walkers beat this with £111.58½, and there are still some pounds more to come in.

His 37 sponsors will be glad to know that Martin Doyle collected £10.56 (second only to Mrs. Cullen's £17.00). We congratulate them and all the other walkers, including our youngest Anne-Marie Spraggs (whose first instalment was the first to come in) on their perseverance in a good cause.

The full list is posted in the Church Porch.

## THE VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

Everyone is welcome at the Vicarage Garden Party on Tuesday, 2nd July from 6.30 p.m. (Indoors if wet!) Brownies will entertain you, and there will be Stalls, Refreshments, Competitions and Hot Dogs.

Do come and bring your family and friends!

## SUTTON FEAST 1974

Emmett's Fair included more than twenty families who spent the best part of the week on the Green and areas surrounding it. In spite of their conditions being more cramped than usual, after their departure on Sunday, 9th June there was little sign of litter or disturbance left behind - a tribute indeed to our annual visitors who bring entertainment of a different and ancient form to the young persons in the area.

John Fletcher.

## "SON ET LUMIÈRE" - AUGUST 21ST-24TH

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