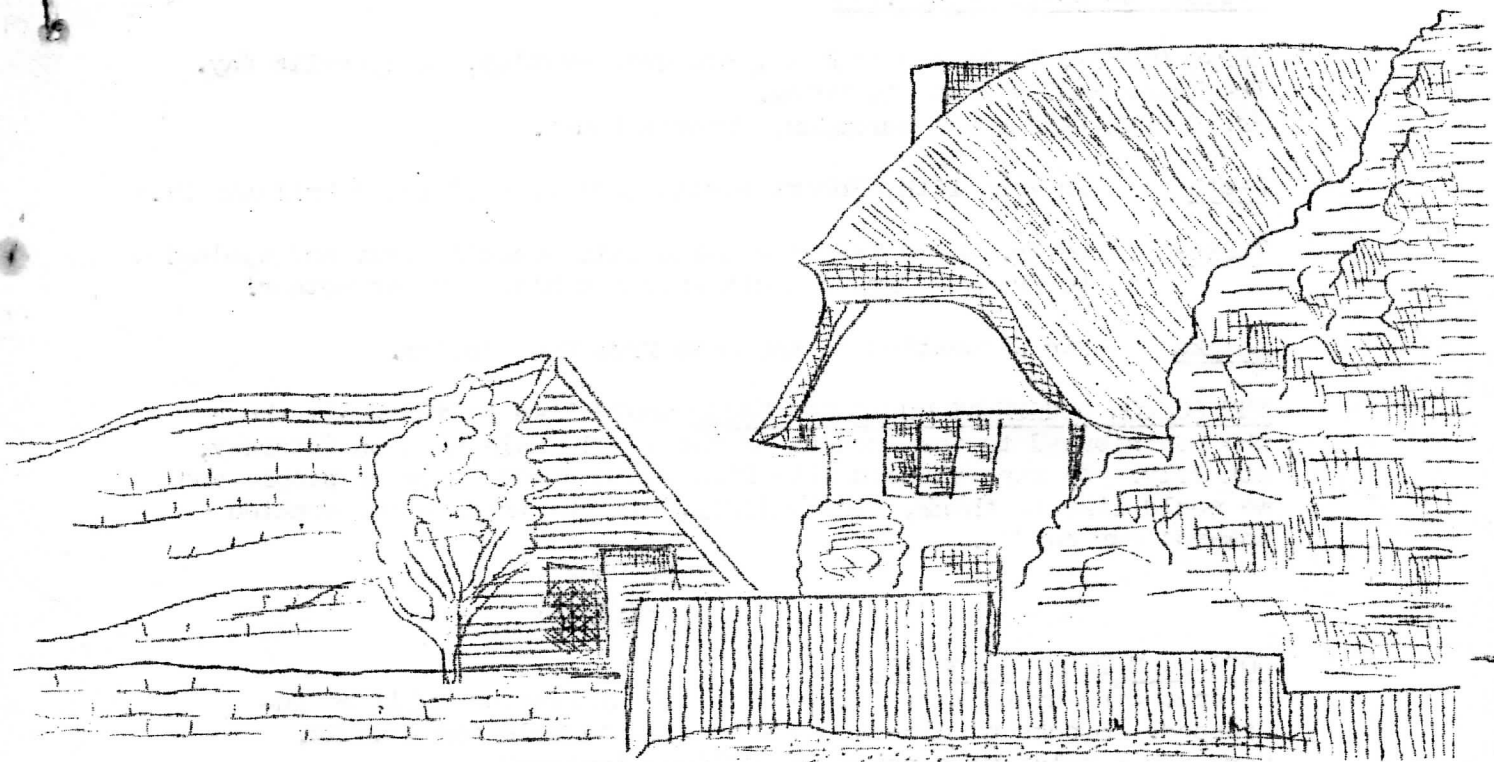


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Sutton Courtenay News



VILLAGE DIARY FOR AUGUST

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| July 23 Tue. | Parish Council Meeting |
| July 30 Tue. | Wives Group, Talk on Carmen Hair Rollers 8.00 p.m. |
| July 31 Wed. | Darby & Joan. Mystery Drive. Club Closes |
| Aug. 1 Thur. | Playday |
| Aug. 4 Sun. | 11.00 a.m. Family Service at All Saints'. Cars for Evensong at Appleford. No service at All Saints' |
| Aug. 7 Wed. | "Under Fives" at Vicarage 2.30 p.m. |
| Aug. 11 Sun. | Services at All Saints'. 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 6.30 p.m. |
| Aug. 15 Thur. | Playday |
| | W.I. 7.30 p.m. |
| Aug. 17 Sat. | Horticultural Society Summer Show. 2.30 Manor Barn |
| Aug. 18 Sun. | 10.00 a.m. Family Communion at All Saints' |
| Aug. 20 Tue. | "Son et Lumiere" Rehearsal at All Saints' 8.30 p.m. |
| Aug. 21-24 | "SON ET LUMIERE". (All seats booked for these performances.) |
| Aug. 25 Sun. | Open Air Service 6.30 p.m. in Barretts Way |
| | Services at All Saints' 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. |

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.
COPY DAY for September issue is Wednesday, 7th August.

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, 7th August.

Welcome to Sutton Courtenay

Beryl Holden, Paula and Michael, c/o Mrs. Pratley, 68 Tyrrells Way.
The Evans Family - 15 The Green.
Mr. & Mrs. Page - new bungalow, Prior's Court.

Death On June 14th, Robert Harold Davies, aged 67, 3 Frilsham St.

Thanks to Mr. David Teat for doing this month's cover and apologies to Frances Bird who did last month's, NOT her mother!

Thanks for a donation to the News from Mrs. Jordan.

THE SUTTON COURTENAY CUB/SCOUT GROUP would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Jumble Sale held on Saturday, 6th July. We were blessed with fine weather and generous people and we would like to thank, particularly, all the traders who donated towards our raffle.

M. Cook
Secretary

NOTE FROM THE POST OFFICE

As from 5th August National Insurance Contributions will be increased. Stocks of old-rate stamps will be held for 4 weeks.

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EDITORIAL: For the first time since becoming Editor of the News, I thought I was going to be short of material to go in it without writing the whole thing myself! However, I'm glad to say that I was saved at the last minute by some additional copy, but PLEASE if you have anything at all of interest to go in the News, do let us have it as I would like to make it as varied as possible - you can always remain anonymous if you wish! This means contributions from children also - perhaps they will have some spare time on their hands now that the holidays are approaching, and could write about anything, from a favourite hobby to their holiday experiences. Anything amusing is particularly welcome as life is a bit sobering at present.

NEXT MONTH'S NEWS will be probably limited to a couple of pages because of holidays, etc. but please fill in the VILLAGE DIARY in the Post Office, because we shall need dates for September meetings and events, as this is when things start happening again.

WELCOME TO EIGHT BELFAST CHILDREN, aged 9 to 11, staying from August 6th to 16th, at the Vicarage, 'The Fish', 3 Abbey Cottages and 75A High Street.

Most of the children will be from a new estate at Greenisland where families from Catholic and Protestant sectors of Belfast have to live as neighbours. The Vicar would be very glad of the loan of suitable bicycles etc. for this period.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The July 2nd Meeting of the Parish Council was postponed until July 23rd at 7.30 p.m. Meanwhile, the Planning Committee of the Parish Council met to discuss the following planning applications, their comments being passed to the District Council for consideration when making its decision.

1. Signpost for Recreation Ground - No comment.
 2. Part change of use from Grocers to Coin Laundry for Mr. Musselle. The Parish Council felt the proposed laundry was not in the right position for the following reasons - (i) in a conservation area, (ii) on a dangerous bend, (iii) drainage inadequate, (iv) unsuitable for type of building, (v) causing inconvenience to neighbours.
 3. Two-storey extension, 27 Barretts Way - No objection.
 4. Extension, 6 High Street - No objection.
 5. Six detached houses, Jordans, Drayton Road. The Parish Council felt that access onto the Drayton Road could be dangerous in view of the increased traffic along the road due to the High Street restrictions.
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CONGRATULATIONS

To the children of Sutton Courtenay Primary School whose National Savings totalled over £1,700 during the past year - this is a good achievement as most of the savings are small amounts contributed weekly.

SUTTON COURTENAY

Corner of England, once my very all,
Cool church, old manor, where in life's first prime
I strayed by brookside meadows, Norman hall,
Mellowed and sanctified by passing time,
Home of my youth, still, still the lovely same,
Unchanged your patriarchal elms, unchanged
Your cottages in coloured medley ranged,
Unchanged for me the music of your name,
You bring back to my heart thoughts half forgot,
Kind ghosts, but most the ghost of one dear head
By whom my earliest days were cherished,
Familiar yet, whom time has altered not,
Nor me for them, seeing through sorrow and joy
Still lives in me, still speaks, the immortal boy.

E.B.W. CHAPPELOW, F.R.A.S., F.R.S.A.

The above poem appeared in the Reading Mercury Oxford Gazette, July 18th, 1942, and was kindly sent in by Mrs. Timbrell, but who was "E.B.W. Chappelow"?

A FAMOUS GARDEN

Mrs. Moran brought my attention to a recent article which appeared in the 20th June edition of "The Field". It was an article about rare pinks and referred to a dwarf pink with pink and white markings named after Nancy Lindsay. It also mentioned several varieties of dwarf pinks which came from Miss Nancy Lindsay's garden in Sutton Courtenay and which are now being grown at Boughton House - "..... deep crimsons with curved petals blotched and brocaded with pink and white on their six inch stems."

If you have any of these rare plants in your garden you are lucky indeed, and I wonder if there are any people who knew Miss Lindsay and her garden who could tell us more about it?

SUTTON COURTENAY'S RIVER

We are now in the season when the river is alive with the activity of boats exploring the beautiful stretches of waterways at our doorstep. The proximity of the river is not without its dangers, however, as older residents recall the raised causeway built by the roadside to surmount the floods - if people wished to go to Abingdon they would hail the Culham lock-keeper who would come and fetch them in a rowing boat! It is said that the footpath behind the cottages on the Appleford Road was to enable people to reach "The Fish" even when the road was flooded. But it was as a means of transport and a trade route that the river played such a vital role in the early history of Sutton Courtenay.

From an early date a wharf belonged to the Courtenay Manor and a toll was paid for goods handled at the turnpike or lock. Before this lock was made, the river ran between places called the Mid Eight and the Laver. Here stood the ancient but somewhat inaccessible wharf which became inadequate for the amount of river traffic and trade. In the 1580's one, Richard Bishop, wrote to the King complaining against the obstructions all along the River Thames and mentioning weirs, a mill and two flashlocks (locks with one gate) at Sutton Courtenay. Heavy tolls were charged at Sutton, apparently because of the expenses incurred in filling the large basin of water for the passage of barges, etc. At one time the heaviest single toll on the entire river was charged at Sutton. Malt, cheese and later coal were probably the principal products handled at the various wharves in the village, but a record of 1608 reveals that a "fishery" was damaged by flood in that year. In 1786 a complaint was made that the "occupier of the Public House has frequently impeded the passage of the Barges". Bargemasters complained of the difficult and costly passage, and of being obliged to drink at the Public House before continuing their passage. (The Public House referred to could have been the Queen's Head, then close to the site of the wharf.) In 1801, a surveyor recommended that the present Culham Lock be built to avoid the inconveniences at Sutton, and thus the present main bridge between Sutton Courtenay and Culham was built about 1807.

Throughout the ages mills played an important part in the life of the village. Three mills are recorded in the Domesday Book as Crown property, and there were two belonging to Abingdon Abbey. The Courtenay family possessed three mills in the fifteenth century, whilst in 1756 two water mills at Sutton Wick were completely destroyed by fire. In the Reading Mercury, 23rd April, 1811, the mills at Sutton Courtenay were offered for sale. "A large paper and flour mill comprising a Tonnage of Fourpence per Ton for all Barges and Boats passing the said Mills to and from London, which produces a handsome income." In the 1840's the Papermill was at a peak of production employing over 25 villagers, but by 1880 it had closed, and it was not until this century that it was demolished.

As competition from other means of transport increased, so the importance of the river as a means of transport diminished. Now we regard it as a place for leisure activities and a source of pleasure for both the inhabitants of Sutton Courtenay and its many visitors.

SUTTON COURTENAY FOOTBALL CLUB

A very poorly attended A.G.M. took place in the Village Hall on 11th July. This meeting formally brought together the two sections (men and boys) and the conclusion to the year's work of amalgamating the finances and administration. The officers elected for the new Club are as follows:-

President - Mr. F. W. Cauldwell
 Life Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Healey & Mr. H. Linnegar
 (awarded in appreciation of long and loyal service)
 Vice Presidents - Mr. C. Allen & Mr. T. Haynes

Senior Section Committee

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 Mr. F. Heredge Mr. M. Denton
 Mr. G. Lacey Mr. D. Dodd
 Mr. A. Birkby Mr. J. Purbrick
 Mr. R. Tame Mr. J. Russell
 Mr. W. Hanks Mr. F. Whiting

Junior Section Committee

Mr. M. Mooring Mr. A. Ellaway
 Mr. J. Napper Miss L. Powell
 Mr. N. Cafearo Mr. J. Hornby
 Mr. W. Tillbrook Mr. R. Jones
 Mr. L. Bond Mr. A. Wood
 Mr. M. Jenkins Mr. A. Glass
 Mr. R. Harvey Mr. A. Russell

Officers of these committees and the management committee will be elected shortly.

N.B. Training has started for men every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

P L A Y D A Y S '74

C A L L I N G A L L J U N I O R S C H O O L C H I L D R E N

On Thursday 25 July you can PLAY GAMES on the Recreation Ground

On Thursday 1 August you can do ART & CRAFT & POTTERY in the
 Primary School

On Thursday 8 August you can do POTTERY and MAKE MUSIC in the
 Primary School

On Thursday 15 August you can do COOKING and DRAMA in the
 Primary School

On Thursday 22 August you can PLAY GAMES on the Recreation Ground

T I M E S - 9-12 on all five days
 C O S T - 2p each day

Names for cooking will be taken on Thursdays, 1st & 8th August so that we can tell how many kitchens are needed.

CALLING ALL MOTHERS, BIG SISTERS and BROTHERS - your help is needed at all these sessions, under a qualified leader.

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