

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS



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VILLAGE DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- Sept. 22 Sun. Radio Oxford Harvest Service at Christchurch - 9.15 a.m.
- Oct. 1 Tue. Wives Group Trip to Chieveley for Skittles. 8.0 p.m.
Mothers' Union at Vicarage. Speaker - Mr. Bird.
- Oct. 2 Wed. R.S.P.C.A. Bring & Buy. Sale of Tomatoes and Tea.
3.0 p.m. - 23 Church Street.
- Oct. 3 Thur. All Saints' Harvest Supper. 7.30 p.m. Tickets from P.C.C.
Members. If an Election on this date, will be held on 10th.
- Oct. 4 Fri. Conservative Association Dance.
- Oct. 6 Sun. "Harvest" at All Saints - 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.30 p.m.
Preacher at 11 a.m. - Rev. H. Batey, Vicar of Culham (Bus 10.45)
- Oct. 7 Mon. P.C.C. at Vicarage (instead of 14th)
- Oct. 8 Tue. Parish Council. 7.30 p.m.
Wives' Group. Talk and Sale of Welsh Woollens.
- Oct. 11 Fri. Friends of Sutton Courtenay. A.G.M. 7.45 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Sun. Services at All Saints' - 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.30 p.m.
Junior Church 10 a.m.
- Oct. 14 Mon. Camera Club. Competition - Set of 4 slides with title.
- Oct. 17 Thur. W.I. 7.30 p.m.
A.G.M. Sutton Courtenay News. 8.0 p.m. at Pumping Station.
- Oct. 19 Sat. School Jumble Sale. 2.30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Sun. Family Communion at All Saints' 10 a.m. Bus 9.45 a.m.
- Oct. 22 Tue. Wives' Group - Free Meeting.
- Oct. 27 Sun. Junior Church at All Saints' - 10 a.m.
- Oct. 28 Mon. Camera Club. Competition - "After Dark" and 2 open.

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.
COPY DAY for the NOVEMBER issue is Wednesday, 16th October. Please take contributions to the Editor, Mary Thompson, 124 High Street, the Post Office, or Rogers' Shop BEFORE copy day.

Brief Advertisements, letters, etc. are welcomed. The rate is 5p per line (except for trade advertisements). "Welcome to Sutton Courtenay", "Found" and "Work wanted" are free.

THANKS to this month's cover artist, Mr. Barnham.

THANKS to an anonymous donor for £1.

MR. & MRS. DENTON would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and gifts to their son Stephen during his recent stay in hospital. A special thanks to Mrs. Maureen Happe for the loan of her portable T.V. set which helped his recovery.

MR. H. LINNEGAR and FAMILY would like to thank all who sent messages of sympathy on the death of HARRIET DAISY LINNEGAR, aged 95 years, and also to the Vicar who officiated at the crematorium.

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PLEASE Will the lady who gave me her name at the Mothers' Union Garden Party for All Saints' Brownies waiting list, PLEASE get in touch with me - Margaret Mackenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages.

FROM THE POST OFFICE - Due to a printers' dispute at H.M.S.O. nothing is being printed. The first casualty is Savings Stamps of which there are now none available. As soon as stocks are received, I will put up a notice outside the Post Office.

PLAY DAYS 1974. Mary Gallagher-Daggitt, Clare James, and Margaret Mackenzie thank the adults and adolescents (over 50 of them) who helped towards the success of Playdays 1974.

CONGRATULATIONS! Mr. Arthur Russell, 30 Bradstocks Way, elected CHAMPION REFEREE by North Berks (Vale of White Horse Football Association).

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! NEW BLOODAND MAYBE ANEW LOOKFOR THE NEWS !

The News has been running for almost three years now. It has had two editors, and there have been some changes among the printers and staplers, but for the most part we are the same old team.

Our present editor would welcome some help from someone who might possibly take over in the future. Other jobs need doing, and we always need new ideas. If you would like to help in any way, who not come to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday October 17th at 8.0 p.m.? It will be at the Pumping Station, the first house on the left down Mill Lane.

Chris Taylor, Secretary.

RADIO OXFORD HARVEST SERVICE

Everyone is welcome at Christchurch, Sutton Courtenay (opposite the Village Hall) for the Radio Oxford Harvest Service. Father Hickley will be the Leader, the Vicar will preach, and members of the Catholic and Church of England congregations will share the readings. There will be a collection for Christian Aid. Do come - at 9.15 a.m. on Sunday, September 22nd!

A PLEA FROM THE CHURCHYARD!

Thank you for bringing your dead flowers and cut grass back to the rubbish heap: but please do NOT put these in the incinerator. This is to burn the papers and plastic which otherwise looks so untidy. Please put these there for burning, and the flowers on the heap!

FRIENDS OF SUTTON COURTENAY

The A.G.M. will be held on 11th October in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. There will be a guest speaker.

FUTURE DATES TO MAKE A NOTE OF -

EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PICTURES, Christmas Novelties, Cards and Calendars. November 2nd. 10 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. Tea, Coffee, Records. In aid of Church Institutions - at 28 Frilsham Street.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 25th Anniversary. The Society was founded in December 1949 and the Committee are organising a dinner and social to mark this 25th anniversary. It will be held on Thursday 5th December and all members of the Society are invited to attend. Please make this event a MUST and note it in your diary. Further details will be sent to members later.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION DANCE at the Village Hall on Friday October 4th, 8.45 p.m. onwards. Group - "State Affair". Tickets obtainable from: Mrs. Day, 18 Barretts Way, Mr. A. Smith, 22A Tyrrells Way.

CANCELLED

A SMALL TRIBUTE

Miss Hall (who died in August at the age of 80) was always most willing to help in any way for any organisations by way of collections, etc. in the village. Of course, as long as the Chapel in the village was being used, she was invaluable as organist, and used to have small parties in her garden to raise money.

She also helped during the last war in raising funds. She was particularly good in concerts and fetes, a most willing worker in anything she was asked to do. I knew her for many years, but unfortunately I did not see much of her since she left the village, but she still visited the Darby and Joan Club when she was able and I think she always regretted leaving the village where she had lived for well over 70 years.

Mrs. A. Jordon.

IDLE THOUGHTS OF AN IDLE FELLOW

At nearly every Parish Council meeting mention is made of the excessive speed of traffic through the village. Sometimes during quiet spells in the Post Office, I stand outside and enjoy the fresh air and watch the traffic. Knowing that at 30 mph the time taken from Mill Lane to the Post Office is 18 seconds, it is surprising how few vehicles are maintaining the legal speed. THIS GOES FOR A GREAT NUMBER OF VEHICLES DRIVEN BY PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE TOO - whether they drive motor cycles, cars or lorries. Why not start by setting a good example.

A fast driver is not necessarily a good driver. More likely you will see a good driver keep to the left of the road (except when overtaking), at a safe following distance, at a speed governed by road conditions and the local limits.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

No doubt you are good, but keep trying. I do.

PICKLED GREEN TOMATOES

Thanks to Mrs. Angela Hardacre of Southfield Drive for this seasonal recipe - it makes a change from green tomato chutney should you have a surplus of green tomatoes after the lack of sun! Pickled green tomatoes are very good with winter salads when fresh tomatoes are expensive.

4 lbs. green tomatoes
 $\frac{3}{4}$ pt. white malt vinegar
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ pts. water
 1 tsp. salt

Kilner jars with lids

For pickling vinegar

$1\frac{1}{4}$ pts. water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. wine vinegar
 2 lbs. granulated sugar
 2-3 chillies, 8-10 cloves tied in
 piece of muslin.

Method

Wash tomatoes and remove stalks. Prick tomatoes all over with a fork and put in bowl. Boil vinegar, water and salt together and pour over the tomatoes. Cover with a plate to keep tomatoes covered with liquid.

Now prepare pickling vinegar: Boil together water, vinegar, sugar and spices for 5-10 minutes until like syrup. Strain tomatoes and put into the pickling vinegar. Simmer tomatoes until just tender. Remove tomatoes and pack them into Kilner jars. Take muslin bag of spices out of syrup and then boil syrup until quite thick. Pour syrup over tomatoes and screw lids down tightly.

SON ET LUMIÈRE

Many people came to our village to view the production in August, but you may, like me, have missed the event through being on holiday. We hope to reproduce some of the events in future issues of the News, but meanwhile, below is an appreciation of the occasion:

SON ET LUMIÈRE - SOUND AND LIGHT. A successful effort to tell some of the history of our village during the past thousand years. Scripted, recorded and enacted by women of the Berkshire W.I. (aided by some of their menfolk) the stories were told as seen through the eye of the Anglican Church. This was a fine idea as for many hundreds of years this Church was the heart of the village. As each chapter of history was dealt with a relative portion of the church interior was illuminated. In conjunction with the playlets, the gardens of some of the houses involved in the story were (through the kindness of their owners) opened to the many people who visited our village during the five days of the venture. The floodlighting of these houses and the Church also helped to make this a memorable occasion.

Son et Lumière in Sutton Courtenay is now itself part of the village history.

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SON ET LUMIÈRE, SUTTON COURTENAY 974-1974 is, as Norman Arch said, now part of the history of Sutton Courtenay along with the bishops and the statesmen. Village people combined in many ways with the Combined Arts Sub-Committee of the Berkshire Federation of Womens Institutes to make Son et Lumiere such a success.

We have so many people to thank. Firstly the Chairman and members of the Parish Council who have given us every encouragement from the start of this venture; Dr. John Fletcher who advised us on many historical details; Mr. Curd and the children of Sutton Courtenay Primary School who recorded a scene; Mr. Whitehead who provided an authentic note in our recording; Mrs. Clifford who showed the slides; those who opened their gardens to the delight of our audiences; the Friends of Sutton Courtenay who arranged the garden stewarding; and those who allowed the floodlighting of their houses.

Thanks also to the members of Sutton Courtenay Womens Institute who helped in so many ways from stewarding to helping with refreshments. And last, but not least, we thank the Rev. George Jager and the church wardens for the use of the beautiful old church of All Saints' - a perfect setting for this ambitious venture.

Thank you everyone. We are sorry to lose you to Oxfordshire.

Gladys Oliver,
Hon. Chairman C.C. Sub-Committee.
Berkshire Federation of Womens
Institutes.

SUTTON COURTENAY YOUTH CLUB

The Club is now meeting again and welcomes new members.
Every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. - 10.0 p.m.

The following were among matters discussed:-

1. Street Lighting. The S.E.B. has agreed lights shall be put on from 5.30 a.m. till dawn. An extra light is to be installed at the lower end of Mill Lane and the trees cut back.
2. Grass Cutting. The Parish Council has engaged Mr. Tyler to cut grass on the Green, outside the almshouses and in the children's playground, as it was felt the District Council could not provide an adequate service.
3. Investment of Capital Fund. It was agreed to invest the Capital Fund of £1,500 for one year at 13% rate of interest.
4. The District Surveyor has agreed that there is a need for a School Crossing Patrol Officer in Harwell Road and it is hoped to appoint one shortly.
5. It was agreed to accept the estimate of £285. for drainage of the Car Park as £300 had already been set aside for this project.
6. Tree Planting. The County Surveyor stated that planting of trees on the verges in High Street was inadvisable because of overhead wires. It was suggested they might be planted at the entrances to the new estate.
7. It was reported that approval (by the District Council) had been given for the erection of 16 dwellings at the rear of Milton Road (south side).
8. The Council was informed that Oxfordshire County Council is to take over the Power Station road.
9. The Parish Council recommended that rubbish tipping on land between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford should initially be a 20 acre experiment before planning permission is given for the full 200 acres proposed by Aney Roadstone. Because of the noise of shunting during the night, it was suggested the rubbish be transported by road via the trading estate, and skirting C.E.G.B. land. This application is under constant review by the Parish Council, in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Appleford Parish Council.

WIVES' GROUP

We have not reported on our activities for some little while, so to bring you up to date, I will mention some of them.

During July, we had a very interesting cookery talk and demonstration with some hints on deep-freezing; we next went on a trip up the Kennet Canal finishing off the evening with drinks and refreshments at the Cuning Man Inn at Burghfield; our final meeting that month was a talk on Make-up given by Mrs. Fysh, who very kindly came along at short notice as we were let down by the Carmen Hair Rollers' Speaker. In August we had a mystery trip which ended up at The Royal Standard of England, near Beaconsfield, for drinks and food, and a party of Wives and their children went on a day trip to Weston-Super-Mare. We started our meetings off again at the beginning of September with a very interesting talk and film about The Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen and the work that they do.

Whilst writing I would like to say that September is rather a special occasion for us as we have now been running as a Group for 10 years. When we first started in 1964 there was a membership of about 12 and we now have 68 paid up members on our books. To celebrate this rather special event we are having a party for all our members on Tuesday 24th September in the Village Hall, from 8.0 p.m. until 11.0 p.m. and we do hope to see you all then.

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