

# The Sutton Courtenay News.

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## VILLAGE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Fri. All Saints' Day. Holy Communion 7.45 a.m. at All Saints'.  
 Nov. 3 Sun. All Saints' Festival. 8, 11 a.m., & 6.30 p.m.  
 Nov. 5 Tue. Mothers' Union 2.30 p.m. in Church, followed by A.G.M. in Vicarage.  
 Nov. 6 Wed. Darby & Joan. Mrs. Woodward's Extra Big Bring & buy. Whist Drive. "Under Fives" 2.30 p.m. at Vicarage.  
 Nov. 10 Sun. Remembrance Sunday. Parade 10.30 a.m. at War Memorial. Junior Church 10 a.m. All Saints' Service 11.05 a.m. 8 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
 Nov. 11 Mon. Camera Club. Tape/Slide competition for Windward Cup.  
 Nov. 12 Tue. Parish Council. 7.30 p.m. Wives Club Skittle Evening also on 14th Nov.  
 Nov. 19 Tue. Wives Club A.G.M.  
 Nov. 20 Wed. Darby & Joan. Mr. George Pulley 'A Policeman's Lot'.  
 Nov. 21 Thur. W.I. 7.30 p.m.  
 Nov. 24 Sun. Services at All Saint's - 8, 10, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
 Nov. 25 Mon. Camera Club. Competition - 'A garden picture' & 'Sport'.

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

COPY DAY for the December issue is Wednesday, 13th November. Please take contributions to the Editor, Mary Thompson, 124 High Street, the Post Office or Rogers' Shop BEFORE copy day.

Additional Diary dates -

- Nov. 6th, 7.30 in School - Presentation of best kept Garden Prizes.  
 Nov. 12th. Playgroup Coffee Morning.

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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 Kate Davies for the cover picture.

#### WELCOME TO SUTTON COURTENAY

Mr. & Mrs. Harries to 21 High Street.

Miss Vincent to Southfield Farm.

#### FOUND

Lovely young male cat. White with tabby markings. Very friendly. If not claimed, would someone please give him a kind home.

Clargo, Willowdene, 74 Milton Road, S.C.

A pair of glasses in black case. Frame of glasses marked 'Made in Germany'. These are at the Post Office.

#### WANTED

Retired couple require to rent undercover storage for 2 berth touring caravan - barn, lean-to, or similar accommodation suitable.

Phone. Sutton Courtenay 7113.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

We would much appreciate the gift of an old carpet to help cover the stone flooring of the Village Hall whilst Playgroup is in session. If you can help us, please contact Mrs. Montague, 7 Tullis Close. S.C.411

#### NORTH BERKS SOCIETY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

The total raised by Sutton Courtenay was £55 - 8% up on last year - and the Society was very grateful for our continued support. I should like to thank all the contributors and collectors who made this possible by their generosity and help.

Sarah Ward.

#### FOUND - CLOCK KEY!

Someone bought a clock at a Jumble Sale earlier this year. The key has now been found! Please contact Mrs. Pat Steptoe, 20 Milton Road, S.C.

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EDITORIAL: On October 17th the Sutton Courtenay News held its A.G.M. Details of the Committee, etc. will be published later. More important are the problems we discussed such as the rising cost of production. During the past year the cost of paper and other materials has risen from approximately £60 to £140. In addition, mechanical troubles have forced us to consider the purchase of another Duplicator, probably a re-conditioned one, cost as yet unknown. Our only regular income is from advertisements, and we have recently appealed to organisations for a donation for the year 1975. Individuals may also like to contribute and we plan to put a box in the Post Office (what would we do without the Post Office?) for any gifts, large or small. We all agree that the News should be free to all, but you may like to show your support in this way.

D I S T R I B U T I O N: Efficient distribution is essential. Since the News began the Guides have been largely responsible for its distribution and would like a rest from this task. We warmly thank them for this vital work and hope some will continue to help. ANYONE, whether ADULT or CHILD, who is willing to play a small part in distribution of the News, please leave your name & address with Clare James, 4 Courtenay Close, Mrs. Potts, Old School House, Chris Taylor, the Pumping Station, the Post Office or (if you are an older junior) with Helen Thompson in Class 4. The present system will continue whilst this is being reorganised.

#### DIRECTORY 1975

WILL ALL SECRETARIES OF ORGANISATIONS please let us have up-to-date details for the new Directory promptly. Also any other useful information. Send to any of the Copy Collection points or to Mrs. Mackenzie, 3 Abbey Cottages.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN..... We hope to produce a special children's edition of the News early next year, and I already have a jolly good story from an 8 year old. Send in anything you like such as stories, poems, jokes, things about Christmas and see your name in print!

#### JOHN MASON SCHOOL BUSES

The 8.15 a.m. bus is a public service bus intended to cope with the increased numbers of children going to John Mason School. From the numbers being left behind it is clear that the service provided is inadequate, whilst on some occasions the bus has not run at all. The Headmaster has asked for co-operation at this difficult time as he is doing everything possible to ensure the service improves. It would be helpful if all incidents could be reported to the school so that they can be passed on to the Bus Company and the Education Authority.

The bus drivers themselves have complained about the misbehaviour of pupils whilst travelling on the buses. So if YOU have children using the buses, please make them realise they are letting down the school, and their families and seriously endangering the lives of many people by their behaviour.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Mason's team (which included Stuart Smith of Milton Rd.,) who recently won the first round of the BBC's Top Of The Form Contest - good luck in the next round!

CONGRATULATIONS also to 3rd S.C. Guides who came first in a recent Swimming Gala in competition with many other Companies in the area.

THE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION regrets the cancellation of its Autumn Dance because of the Election, and hopes to arrange another date soon.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. October 8th 1974

The following were among matters discussed:-

The County Forestry Officer, the Chairman and the Clerk met to examine sites where trees might be planted and these were on the grass verges outside 57 and 61 High Street, also on the verges at both entrances to Bradstocks Way, and a replacement for a tree outside the shops. All these sites are subject to approval by the County Council and nearby residents.

F.P.13 Barrier - The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor explaining that the new barrier prevents access by prams and asking whether it can be altered.

Correspondence

1. A letter from the County Archivist re copy of Enclosure Map - it could be reproduced 2/3 size at cost of £1, or full size for £9. It was agreed to order a copy at £1 so that it might be examined.
2. The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils asked that names should be sent in as proposed Governors of Secondary Schools, and Mrs. Thompson's name was put forward by the Parish Council for consideration.
3. The Parish Council has already applied for a £2,500 loan sanction in 1975 for the Village Hall extension. In connection with this matter a letter was received from Mr. Bird, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, enclosing a plan for the proposed extension to form a Bar & Lounge with space for storage at a later date, along part of the east wall of the Hall. Councillors were of the opinion that it was false economy to add these extensions piecemeal and that extra storage space should be included. It was agreed that the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council should attend the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee to put forward these views.
5. Mrs. Fletcher wrote to complain about the noise made by the Pop Group in Mr. Astor's barn. Councillor Mrs. MacKenzie is to contact Mr. Astor's secretary about the repair of the sound-proofing, but some of the noise came from a private party.

Among matters raised by Councillors -

The Vice-Chairman suggested permission be sought by the owners of the hedge in front of Tullis Close to root out the elm saplings which have contracted Dutch Elm Disease.

Councillors Ward and Mrs. Thompson drew the Council's attention to the chaos existing over the picking up of schoolchildren for John Mason School. Children are frequently left behind which in some cases encourages truancy, and the problem is aggravated by undisciplined behaviour of children on the buses. The Clerk was asked to write to the Education Authority's Transport Officer, and the Headmaster of the school.

Next meeting -- November 12th 7.30.p.m.

R.S.P.C.A.

Mrs. E. Hailey, Hon. Secretary, reports that the sale held recently at her home was a great success, raising £50. She also reports that local branches of the R.S.P.C.A. have been asked to increase their contributions by £20 per year, and also to cut down on expenses. Unless this can be done, there is a possibility that Mr. Honey, the Ancillary Worker who does invaluable work in the area, may no longer be employed. The subscription is £1 a year and Mrs. Hailey appeals to all who would like to show their appreciation of the work Mr. Honey does to get in touch with her - she will be glad to collect your contributions.

CONGRATUALTIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Hailey on their DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

## BRING SOME COLOUR INTO YOUR LIVES.

Have you ever had the call to paint a wall at all?  
Time to spare to get paint in your hair?  
Would you rush to brush up your brush work?  
Would you find decorating a ceiling appealing?

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Are you ever overcome with emulsion?

(You could work on the woodwork).

When a shabby hall wall

Begins to appal,

And the ceiling paint looks far from clean,

Ring the chairman at home,

(He is on the 'phone)

To enlist in the hall painting team.

SERIOUSLY THOUGH.....In the week beginning October 28th we are redecorating the large room in the Village Hall. Anyone who would like to help in the job please get in touch with me at S.C.422.

Frank H. Bird, Chairman,  
Village Hall Committee.

## MAPS AND YOUR HOLIDAYS

Whilst planning my holiday tour for next year the thought occurred to me that there might be many people in the village who, like myself, have Ordnance Survey maps which they seldom use, but which could be used by other people. Would you agree to a central list being held so that your O.S. Maps could be used by others? Alternatively, perhaps a library of maps could be started and maintained. Your comments and suggestions would be welcomed by - Ivor Davies, Post Office.

## NEW LIFE AT THE ABBEY - THE NAMIBIA PEACE CENTRE

After a long spell of occupancy by the Ockenden Venture, whose history in Sutton Courtenay ought to be reported in some future issue of S.C. News, the Abbey has new tenants. Bishop Colin Winter, who was living with his family in the Abbey some two years ago, and has since been living at St. Margaret's Vicarage in Oxford, has now been granted a lease. The Abbey will become the English centre for the work of the Diocese, which covers the whole of what used to be called German South West Africa, and is now (outside the Republic of South Africa) known as Namibia.

Bishop Winter and his family and helpers will be the focus of a multi-racial Community which will welcome short and long term visitors from Southern Africa, and will also wish to have active contact with Sutton Courtenay people and other local friends. The heating plant at the Abbey has broken down, and there is much other preliminary work to be done; but the Bishop expects to be in residence well before Christmas. He is still recovering from a serious illness, and when well, will again be in great demand elsewhere; but we have made one firm booking for him in All Saints' Church, where he is to preach at our United Service on Sunday, January 19th in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We welcome this new Community, and in particular the Winter family, and pray for God's blessing on this important new venture. (An article on the Peace Centre, by Bishop Winter's American secretary, Miss Anne Lowell, should have appeared in the Abingdon Herald on October 10th, and may yet be in print before this note).

George Jager.

## ANNUAL CAMP

Sutton Courtenay Scouts held their annual camp at Buckmore Park near Chatham, Kent, during the summer holidays. Twelve Scouts, three Venture Scouts and all necessary equipment were transported across London without loss, and we found Buckmore Park a most welcoming place.

Camp was very quickly set up on the edge of a large grassy clearing in the woodland site, and the troop settled down to a programme which made full use of all Buckmore Park had to offer. Cooking in the open is an art which our troop is learning fast, with the result that food was good. I am sure many of the boys' mothers would have been very impressed with the results!

The scouts were given the opportunity to practice many other aspects of scouting. Roller skating in a large sports hall was one of the favourite evening activities. Also available daily was an indoor heated swimming pool and a rifle range. There was a very good Go-Kart circuit and at least one member of the troop will never make a racing driver; he ended up unceremoniously amongst the straw bales!

It was agreed by all that the camp was a great success and many thanks to Geoff Currey, the troop Scoutmaster, for all the hard work involved.

The Scout troop has some vacancies. Will any boy aged 11-14 years who is interested please contact Pat Luther, 140 High Street, S.C.

P.D.L.

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 10th. Members are asked to meet as usual by the Memorial.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the New Inn on Wednesday, 13th November at 7.30.p.m. All members will be most welcome at both functions. We shall also need to appoint at the A.G.M. a standard bearer to assist Mr. T. Hazel, who has filled this post so willingly and ably for so many years - any volunteers?

Mr.E.N.Musselle will be in charge as usual for organising the Poppy Appeal. Our branch would like to thank all collectors who each year do this excellent service. We do, however, need a further 3 more to cover all the area. If you could help with this, if only for a few hours, please contact Mr.Musselle or the branch secretary.

M.M.Matheson, Secretary.

## THE HARVEST SUPPER

Once again, the Village Hall was filled to capacity for All Saints' Harvest Supper, over 130 tickets, at 30p being sold. The price, which included a full meal, with a glass of beer cider or squash, and memorable entertainment, was kept at this low level for the sake of pensioners and large families. It was made possible by the gifts of salads and apple pies, and by much hard work by Mrs.Jager and Mrs.Armitage and many willing helpers. The memorable entertainment, as in former years, was provided by Chris Bartram, and by a presentation of "Call My Bluff" arranged by Tony Malein which was worthy of national presentation by BBC TV. For those fortunate enough to be present it had the additional attraction of showing local personalities "live" in 3D. The Teams, with our Churchwarden Clifford Evans as compere, consisted of Fred Curd, David Ward and Jean Bird, and Margaret Mackenzie, George Gallagher-Daggitt, and Ted Whitehead. The words included "poliwog" (not a female Golliwog but a tadpole), "frantling" (the crying of peacocks) and other even more obscure words which were lucidly and wittily (and, in two cases out of three, incorrectly) defined by team members. Several of the team members were friends, but not normal attenders, of our Parish Church.

G.J.



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