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## View from the Village

This has been a busy few months for the Village. The re-opening of our much-loved clubs and the peace of mind knowing that most of us of a certain age have been vaccinated, has meant that the world is starting to go back to normal, but I feel that there is a subtle difference in us all. People are friendlier, more inclined to say Good Morning etc. There is a sense of togetherness and relief that so many of us have come through these awful last 21 months.

We are not totally in the clear yet. I suspect that we will have to have a Covid Vaccine each year as we do for the flu, but that will be a small price to pay for normality.

So many of us enjoyed the wonderful Craft Fair, organised by Cathy Mutton. There were over 35 stalls of amazing items, all handcrafted and beautiful. Who knew that there were so many talented people in the area, and it was excellent news that the school benefitted from the entry fee. Well done to all concerned.

Many of the Village clubs and organisations are getting back to normal now but are still needing to be extra careful, masks are no long compulsory, but people are being very sensible and respecting each others space.

Coffee Shop in the Hall has re-opened on Mondays and Fridays. Mondays are still very quiet but things are picking up on a Friday when all of the intrepid walkers are out for their morning constitutional. It's lovely to have you all back.

There will also be the return of the wonderful Church Bazaar. This is to be

held at the Church on Saturday December 4th at 2pm. Please make sure to go along {they make the best mulled wine I have ever tasted}.

We also have another great event to look forward to on December 11th. It is the King's Sutton 1st Christmas Fayre on the 'rec'. It starts at 3pm and ends around 7pm. Stalls, Food, Drinks, Tombolas and Raffles, plus the lighting of the Christmas Tree, which has been given its forever home on the Rec, and so accessible to us all. Let's all get our singing voices tuned up for Carols and make sure that you wrap up warmly. Don't forget to bring cash with you as no-one will have card machines. Let's make it a great night to remember and the start of a Village Tradition.

And finally, it came as a shock to many of us to learn that Hendrik and Julie are leaving the White Horse Pub. They have built up a wonderful top class dining experience and pub over the last few years and in the words of one friend of ours who came from Saudi Arabia when we told him the news, "That's terrible, when I think of King's Sutton, I think of the beauty of the place, the Church, the Rec and The White Horse, they put the village on the map for many people."

The Brewery that owns the White Horse must be very disappointed to lose such a couple. Hendrik and Julie along with Otto will be missed by many of us, and our good wishes for them are sent by us all.

Ed

Image cover: Anon

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## Village diary

### KING'S SUTTON FILM SOCIETY

Dear Film Goers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas. I have sad news on the film front, Phoenix Rural Cinema are no longer trading, so no films for the foreseeable future.

However I am still looking for other options, I am not giving up. Anna Hayward who worked for Phoenix and arranged our showings has been in touch, she and some of the other volunteers are hoping to set up something next year, I would say this is not likely to be imminent, as they have to raise funds and so on.

I hope to have a further update in the King's Sutton Times for March. Stay safe and well. Kind regards to you all.  
Jacqui

### THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have now resumed our meetings at the Hall, and it has been great to see longstanding members, as well as newly joined members, in person – we have very much enjoyed each other's company after such a lengthy period of being unable to get together.

We are currently busy planning for our Christmas Party in December. Our programme of meetings resumes in January (19), with a talk from the charity Orinoco, which has recently opened a store in Banbury High St. Orinoco aims to repair, reuse and recycle items. It is a particularly good place to purchase arts and crafts materials, which is likely to appeal to WI members!

Our February meeting (16), is a talk from Analiza Jones about handwoven bags from the Philippines – she will be bringing a range of items for sale, alongside her talk.

And our March meeting (16), will be a surprise event, as it is organised by our members.

Guests are most welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Millennium Memorial Hall. Please contact Anne on 07950 222 360 for more information.

### KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH

In the past few months it has been good to be able to fully celebrate the Harvest Festival, and return to our usual observance of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday after last year's attenuated services.

We have also launched our Children's Church which takes place on the **first Sunday** of each month. Each session includes lots of craft activities, and so it's been lovely to see the children's art work, and to share refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and find out more on the first Sunday of each month at 11am.

Working with our neighbours in other local parishes and churches we have continued to operate our foodbank. I'd like to thank everyone who has so generously supported this initiative. So many people have given food and toiletries which we have been able to distribute locally. Thank you all so much. We will continue this project, so if

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## Village diary cont:

we can help you please do not hesitate to contact me at the Vicarage.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have been busy planning our activities and services. We are looking forward to the return of our Christmas Bazaar. This will take place at 2pm on Saturday 4th December. There will be a traditional service of Lessons & Carols at 7pm on Thursday 23rd December, Midnight Mass will be at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and our service on Christmas Day will be at 11am. Everyone is welcome, as you are to our services each Sunday at 8am and 11am. Wishing you every blessing,

Father Matthew, Tel.811364  
Email: fathermatthew.r@icloud.com

### **KING'S SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Before I tell you all about our plans for Christmas and the New Year, I'd like to say Thank You. Thank you to those of you that I have met since moving to the village in September for the way that you have made me (and my family) feel so welcome.

It's been wonderful to open our doors again for coffee morning each Wednesday. If you'd like to pop by for a coffee or tea and a yummy slice of cake, our doors are open from 10:30 until 12.

At the Baptist Church we have a few things planned during December as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Birthday Christmas morning. Hopefully if you haven't already seen it in the next few days, you should find a card from us through your door with details of

everything we have planned but some to highlight.

**Sunday 12th December** from 3pm you would be welcome to join us for Messy Church. A great afternoon of craft fun for all the family finishing with an informal time of worship and Christmas dinner. Keep an eye out for details to book a space!

**Sunday 19th December** from 4pm come and join us for Christmas afternoon tea with a service of Carols by candlelight at 6pm.

**Christmas Morning**, we will gather at 9:30am for a short family service to 'Sing Praises to the New Born King'.

Keep an eye out for our Advent Windows, showing you our favourite Christmas Carols as you walk around the village this month!

In the New Year we hope to be able open up even more that we would love to welcome you along too, so please do keep an eye on our Facebook Page, Website and Notice Board.

We meet each Sunday at 10:30 for our gathered time of worship and you would be welcome to join us anytime, regardless of where you feel your faith is at. Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more. All at King's Sutton Baptist Church wish you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Abby: revabbyl@gmail.com or  
01295 812436.

## Village diary cont:

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**CCTV:** Following instances of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall and the Rec, the Parish Council are currently considering installing a CCTV surveillance system. It is to be hoped that this will deter future incidents.

**PLANNING:** The Parish Council was recently asked to comment on a new Strategic Plan for the area issued by West Northamptonshire Council; this will replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and will cover the period up to 2050.

It was resolved to respond to the following question:

*What approach do you think the WNSP should take to development in the rural areas, in particular the level of growth that may be appropriate and where that growth could be best accommodated?*

The Parish Council's response:

- Growth should not, as has been suggested by some, be calculated based on historic growth. That would mean those who have taken the pain to date, would be expected to take even more pain in future.
- Growth should be allowed outside of agreed village confines only in very exceptional cases. This should be strictly adhered to so as to preserve the rural nature of the villages and to ensure that whatever is allowed by way of expansion, is environmentally sound.

- Any growth as is permitted, should primarily be geared up to meet village requirements in terms of true affordability and house size, rather than the aspirations of wealthy incomers or the profitability of developers. For example, smaller starter homes should be prioritised over larger 3/4/5 bedroom houses.

### Library in the Bus Shelter

The library in the Parish Council Bus Shelter is well used and beautifully maintained and has been really positively received as an asset to the village during the pandemic. Concerns were raised last year about the books becoming damp over the winter but this did not seem to cause an issue. The Parish Council would like to remind everyone to sanitise their hands before and after touching the books in order to minimise risks of infection transmission. We would also remind people that it is not acceptable to urinate behind the bus shelter and then access the library for obvious reasons.

We are interested to know whether you would like this facility to continue in the bus shelter or would prefer to see it re-located back into the church where it was previously.

Please contact Liz Hart, Parish Clerk [clerk@kingsuttonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsuttonpc.org.uk) with any comments.

## **Village diary cont:**

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We have seen a big drop in crime in the past couple months which is great, however we are seeing a lot of antisocial behaviour issues on the Rec and around the Millennium Hall.

We had vandalism to play equipment on the 'rec' where allegedly some children from our village used red spray paint to deface play equipment and a bench.

There have also been numerous instances where children have been banging on the windows of the businesses operating in the Millennium Hall and disturbing and sometimes scaring elderly patients/customers.

We can all agree that none of us want this happening in our village and I'm certain that we can work together to educate the youngsters involved in the trouble (we have all been young and acted badly).

That being said, it leads me to some fantastic news which I can now formally confirm, the Millennium Hall will be having a security camera system installed, hopefully before Christmas, it will protect the hall and the village rec.

2022 can be an amazing year if we continue to pull together as a community.

### **Road Closure**

Plans to close the back road from King's Sutton to Middleton Cheney and Banbury for structural repairs to the bridge over Farthinghoe stream have been put back to next month.

Closure will now start on December 6, but the road will be re-opened temporarily on December 24 to allow traffic during the Christmas/New Year period.

Parapet works will start on the Tuesday January 11 and the scheme will be completed on February 18 according to the traffic disruptions website here: <https://one.network/?tm=123447784>

### **King's Sutton 1st Annual Christmas Fayre**

King's Sutton's 1st annual Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 11 December, make sure to save the date!!

We have fantastic stalls, food trucks, and a raffle with some great prizes. Please bring cash as no card payment machines will be available.

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## Rectory Homes Update

Representatives of Rectory Homes and Glanville, their flooding consultants met representatives of the Kings Sutton Parish Council on 4th November.

The main purpose of the meeting was to update the Council on further work done on planning for flood prevention in the new Hampton Drive planning proposal which is currently being prepared for submission to West Northamptonshire Council.

Rectory Homes had been given more background on current flooding problems in the area by residents and Parish Councillors at the drop-in meeting held in August. It had also been made aware that in the survey of residents carried out by the Council, 80% had been against more development in the village and 75% of those had expressed concern that the proposal would create further flooding problems.

The main amendments made to the original draft Rectory proposals are to:

- Change the wild life pond in the north of the site into an attenuation pond into which they will direct any 'exceedings' (flood water) to reduce pressure on the Hampton Drive / Windsor Close outlet into the drain there.
- Install a major new ditch along the north and east of the site.
- Divert some of those 'exceedings' towards the Banbury Lane culvert from the pond. Rectory and Glanville say that this will be done in a controlled way as to ensure that the capacity of the Banbury Lane culvert is not overrun.

- Enlarge and re-design the planned southern attenuation pond.

The plan opposite gives further details.

The Parish Council will wait until the final application is submitted before commenting on the issues. However, as no members of the Parish Council are drainage experts, it will have to rely on West Northamptonshire Council's flooding specialists to make a thorough investigation into the efficacy of the flooding proposals.

For that reason, and because of the complications and sensitivities of the issue, the Parish Council has alerted our Unitary Councillor Breese, that it will be relying on the technical skills of the West Northants Planning Department to examine the scheme thoroughly. It has however also offered to meet with those who will have the job of reviewing the scheme at West Northants, to give them a feel for the important issues and a history of the site and its immediate surroundings.

Rectory Homes confirmed that it will provide final copies of its drainage plans when they are completed. They are now planning to lodge the outline planning application at the end of November or the beginning of December.

They have also confirmed that they are still working towards answering the Parish Council's questions previously submitted in August which they hope to do at the same time at the planning application submission.



## THE MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL HALL AND HEALTH CENTRE

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## Footpath Lighting

As the nights are drawing in, footpath lighting once again becomes more relevant to more parishioners. The Parish Council are responsible for footpath lighting in the village and are reviewing ways to upgrade the lighting in the village with a view to becoming greener as well as saving on energy and maintenance costs.

To this effect the Council is conducting a trial on a new LED lamp which is located in Glebe Rise (outside number 9). This lamp has the advantage of directing the light downwards reducing light pollution as well as being able to be reduced to 50% from 10pm. The Parish Council would welcome your feedback on this, please email Liz Hart on [clerk@kingssuttonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingssuttonpc.org.uk)

We are also in the process of obtaining quotations to upgrade the Windsor lamps to LED and replacement of the glazing in these lamps. Any faults with these lights should be reported to the Parish Clerk, Liz Hart via email on [clerk@kingssuttonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingssuttonpc.org.uk)

We would also like to call on residents to ensure that trees on their boundary are not blocking the lights. A number of trees are causing a problem and we request that the property owners prune these so as to ensure the footpaths are adequately lit.

## Poppy Appeal Update

The Royal British Legion would like to thank the residents of King's Sutton for their kind contributions to this years Poppy Appeal.

In addition, thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to carry out the door to door collections, the business who kindly allowed a collection box to be placed on their premises and the Parish Church who held a retiring collection.

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## Primary School

We have had a good start to the year at King's Sutton Primary Academy. In September we welcomed 22 new children into our Reception class and it has been lovely getting to know them and their families.

It has been wonderful to return to a more normal school experience this year and the children have been enjoying the chance to come together at break time and for assemblies, as well as enjoying after school clubs and starting to go out on trips away from school.

Over half term, we had some work completed on our EYFS outdoor area. We have had a new surface, as well as adding some more play equipment for the children to enjoy. The children are really enjoying using it.



This year, we have re-introduced the house system at KSPA. We are using the three original house names, which were established in the 1930's, along with a fourth one that was voted for by the pupils.

All our children belong to one of the four houses – **Scott, Watt, Faraday and Parks**. They enjoy being rewarded house points for working hard and demonstrating our school values.

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In September we took part in **National Boccia Day** in celebration of the fantastic success our Paralympian team achieved in the Tokyo Paralympics. Not sure what Boccia is? Take a look at the Boccia website: <http://boccia.uk.com/>



In October, Skylarks had a wonderful time peeling, chopping and tasting different fruits. They evaluated how easy they were to prepare, which flavours they liked best and then designed a recipe to make their very own smoothies. They have also looked at where all the fruits came from enable us to make such tasty treats.



In November, our Owls class enjoyed tasting Greek food as part of their topic 'Groovy Greeks!' Based on their tasting, they chose which items they liked the most and re-created their own version of a Greek salad.

If you would like to visit our school, please get in touch to make an appointment to look around and to find out what we offer here in our friendly school.

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- Crostini topped with Pate and caramelised onions with chutney.
- Cocktail Blinis with Goats Cheese and Pomegranate.
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There are three funding streams:

- Direct Grants: made to the voluntary and community sector to fund key services, including infrastructure support, money and debt advice and community transport. These services are funded either by large grant awards or as commissioned services.
- Councillor Covid Support Fund 2021-22: funds are allocated to Councillors to allocate money within their ward to make a positive impact on the areas they represent and to empower local residents to be active in their communities' recovery from the impact of Covid.
- Community Funding Grants: grants made to local community and voluntary groups to enable them to deliver important services and activities to our communities.

The Council's Community Funding Grant Policy (<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/community-safety-and-emergencies/community-funding-grant-policy>) sets out the principles and criteria that govern how Community Funding Grants are awarded, who can apply for a Community Funding Grant, and what can and cannot be funded.

Community Funding Grants are capped at £15,000 and £5,000. The initial funding round, within each financial year, will be open to all applications seeking a Community Funding Grant up to the value of £15,000. All subsequent funding rounds, within the financial year, will be capped to projects / services where the total value of the Community Funding Grant requested is up to the value of £5,000. Full details are here: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/community-funding-grants>

### Community Grants – King's Sutton Parish Council

There is approximately £20,000 in total available from the Parish Council for grants or expenditure, mostly under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) scheme. The money can only be used for projects which: *“support the development of the parish council's area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development has placed on the area.”*

Further Government information confirms that it may be used to *“fund facilities such as play areas, parks and green spaces, **cultural and sports facilities**.”* The inclusion of 'cultural and sports facilities' widens the possible areas of spending to enable local organisations to apply. Local organisations are invited to make applications for consideration by the Parish Council during January 2022.

The following principles apply:

- Organisations must operate within the village and be of benefit to as many village residents as possible.
- Projects must be able to fit either the 'infrastructure' or 'cultural or sports facility' conditions listed above.
- No individual organisation will be granted more than £4,000.
- The projects involved should normally be of a capital nature and therefore provide long term benefit.
- Written submissions should be made to the Parish Clerk by the closing date of 31 December 2021 and should demonstrate how the project fits the definitions listed above.

Organisations must submit:

- a copy of their latest annual accounts
- the application form (obtainable from the Parish Clerk: [clerk@king-suttonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@king-suttonpc.org.uk))

If successful in their application organisations must:

- produce invoices for money spent
- provide a full written report completion of the project

The Parish Council looks forward to receiving your applications.

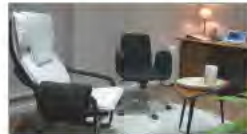


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## Quiz - Books & Literature

1. Which character travelled around the world in 80 days with Jean Passepartout?
2. What was the girl's school created by Ronald Searle and portrayed in several comedy films?
3. Which author created the aggressive, lethal plants called triflids?
4. Name the Scottish schoolteacher played by Maggie Smith in the film of Muriel Spark's novel?
5. According to Aesop's Fable, which animal did the tortoise beat in a race?
6. Who wrote The Last of the Mohicans?
7. Name the young hero of Treasure Island.
8. In which book by William Golding are Piggy and Ralph shipwrecked?
9. Victor Hugo wrote The Hunchback of Notre Dame. What was his other famous book, the story of an escaped convict, Jean Valjean?
10. Which character in David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens, always insisted that he was 'very 'umble'?
11. In what London street did Sherlock Holmes live?
12. Under what name is the author Samuel Langhorne Clemens better known?
13. In which novel does the heroine finally marry Mr. Rochester?
14. Whom did Minniehaha marry in Longfellow's poem?
15. Peter Ustinov has portrayed Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot in films. What nationality was Poirot?
16. In a 17th-century novel, Don Quixote decides to become a knight. What does he begin attacking because he mistakes them for a row of giants?
17. By what romantic name was Sir Percy Blakeney known in Baroness Orczy's novel?
18. Which novelist wrote of a farm run by pigs and of the imaginary world of 1984?
19. Name the character who visits Lilliput and Brobdingnag.
20. Carrie and The Shining were both successful films. Who wrote the novels on which they were based?
21. Which character lived at Sunnybrook Farm?
22. Which best-selling novelist was the youngest member of the British House of Commons in 1969?
23. Two novels by Alan Sillitoe were filmed in the 1960s. One was The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner. What was the other?
24. Jeeves was the perfect butler. Who was his employer?
25. In 1991 the sequel to Gone with the Wind, written by Alexandra Ripley, was published. What was the title?
26. Who wrote Sense and Sensibility?
27. Pip is the main character of which book by Charles Dickens?
28. What are the two characters called in Normal People?
29. Who wrote 'On Beauty' and 'White Teeth'?
30. Name the first book in the Noughts and Crosses series.

Answers at the end.





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We are aware Carers who live in rural communities such as King's Sutton are especially disadvantaged as they are often isolated from more centrally based services. There are still many 'hidden' Carers which we are endeavouring to reach and of course we support unpaid Carers across the whole of Northamptonshire too.

We do this by offering Carers Drop-in Sessions, Support Groups, One-off events, access to our Telephone Support Line and much more. Groups are now meeting again in person as we get back to the 'new normal' but like everyone during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our services and are very proud to have continued supporting Carers successfully through regular phone calls, WhatsApp groups and Zoom get-togethers until our usual groups could re-start. We are always looking to expand our services and so have arranged for two staff members from Northamptonshire Carers to be in King's Sutton on

**Friday 10th Dec between 10am-12 at the Memorial Millennium Hall during the regular Coffee Morning.** It would be lovely to see lots of Carers there. Carers and their Cared For are both welcome.

So if you feel there is a need to open a new standalone support group in your area on a more regular basis, or would like to see us at the Coffee Morning on a monthly basis, do come along that day or let us know via email. Evidence shows that these sessions not only benefit the Carers themselves but also help local communities become more resilient.

To successfully run these groups at a local level we rely on the help of the many kind ambassadors who we refer to as our 'Carer Champions.' If you know someone or are yourself willing to assist in some small way, either by promoting our services in your village or helping us at Carers drop-in sessions please do approach us or forward your details on to Northamptonshire Carers.

We provide training and lots of support and a recent quote from an existing Carer Champion said 'Volunteering with Northamptonshire Carers is a truly humbling experience which has given me much more than I contribute.' So it is heart-warming to hear that they get as much reward from their volunteering role as they give back. We are happy to provide information and support to individual villagers, so King's Sutton residents are fully aware of our services. For more information on this drop-in session please call Kay Giles on 01933-677907 Option 2 or 07496-949114 (Mon to Thurs). Alternatively email [kayg@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:kayg@northamptonshire-carers.org) or visit [www.northamptonshire-carers.org](http://www.northamptonshire-carers.org)

## King's Sutton saddlers

The accidental discovery on the internet of a photograph of a small brass plate reading "Cadd, Maker, Kings Sutton" has thrown unexpected light on the history of No 1. Red Lion Street which has been known for many years as 'Saddlers'. We now know that it was indeed lived in as a house and business by families of saddlers and harness makers from at least the 1840s until 1935.

Saddle and harness making was one of those essential rural crafts without which rural communities would have found it difficult to function. Horses were an essential part of Victorian life and the working horse was the chief means of motive power on most farms. It has been estimated that here were around 3.3 million horses in late Victorian Britain. In the country horses were needed for all sorts of functions, but principally for a wide range of agricultural activities including ploughing, harrowing and the carting of crops. They were also needed by carters who collected and delivered goods between villages and the nearby towns where there were markets. And at the upper end of the social scale saddle horses were required by the middle classes and gentry to travel around at their convenience, singly or by carriage, or indeed, to indulge in fox hunting.

In rural villages like King's Sutton most of the demand would have been for making and repairing harnesses for working horses. By no means every village had a saddler and harness maker, but in west Northamptonshire from the end of the eighteenth century

there are records of saddlers in Middleton Cheney and in King's Sutton. In the 1890s the nearest saddlers and harness makers to King's Sutton were at Middleton Cheney, Adderbury, Bloxham and Deddington. Saddlers in Northamptonshire were further away at Brackley and beyond. It is more likely that customers wanting to buy or order a new saddle would go to Banbury where there would be more choice. More than a dozen firms of saddlers are recorded in Rusher's Banbury Directory between 1832 and 1906.

The Cadd family were not the first saddlers recorded in Red Lion Street as Samuel Taylor, who was born in King's Sutton in 1819, appears there in the 1841 Census as a saddler & harness maker. Interestingly when his twins were baptized in 1844 the vicar noted his occupation in the register more specifically as that of 'collar maker'. The construction of the collar was a very important part of a heavy horse harness to which the traces from the plough or cart were attached. Samuel had three boys and two of them became saddlers themselves but they moved away to Oakham in Rutland and Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire. The last we see of Samuel was in 1901 when he was retired and living with a grandson, himself the manager of a saddlery, in Oakham. He retired sometime before 1891 because by then the house in Red Lion Street was occupied by David Cadd and his family.

## Saddlers cont:

David Cadd was born in Hinton in the Hedges to a labourer's family in 1861. He must have been apprenticed at some point to a saddler and is found in 1881 aged 20 as an assistant to the foreman of a saddler's shop in Stow on the Wold owned by the widow of Henry Sedgeley, a saddler who had died in 1874. Cadd ran his own business in Red Lion Street until he retired in 1933, when, as the Banbury Advertiser noted at the time: "An old established business which has been in existence for a great many years has been closed down. Mr. David Cadd who took over the business of a saddler and harness maker over 40 years ago, decided, owing to ill-health, to close down the business as from Friday last. As this is the only business of its kind in the village some inconvenience will be caused to the local farmers and others". (Banbury Advertiser, 6 July 1933). In 1901 a "journeyman saddler", John Thomas Adkins or Atkins, was living with his parents in Dobbin Street (now Richmond Street) – but whether he worked for David Cadd, and whether there was enough trade for two saddlers in the village we cannot tell. However, in 1910 he married Ellen Twynham of King's Sutton and they moved to North Road, Grimsbury, where he was still resident in 1939.

By the mid-1930s the number of horses used in agriculture had decreased substantially from its peak in the Victorian era, and it is not surprising that there was no saddler wishing to take over Cadd's business. Horse numbers are very difficult to quantify

but government information reveals that the number of horses on agricultural holdings in 1900 amounted to some 1.3 million; by 1925 this had declined to 1.15 million; and the trend was accelerating sharply - and after the Second World War in 1950 there were only 364,000 left). In these circumstances, of the aftermath of WWI, saddlery and harness making had inevitably become a declining, then dying, trade.

David Cadd also acted (from the early 1890s) as a local agent for Edward Atkins at Old Wharf, Banbury, who hired out sacks to farmers on a weekly basis, and was a stalwart of the village Horticultural Society and regularly participated in their shows. He had married Phoebe Edwards from Drayton, west of Banbury and had four children. His daughter, Ellen, married Vincent Tilbury, the eldest son of King's Sutton's long-serving headmaster Albert Tilbury who lived at Fernleigh in Whittall Street.

At the house in Red Lion Street the large window of the saddler's workshop facing on to the street is still very evident, with a large double entrance door on the end elevation. The building itself is probably dates from the seventeenth century, and the steep pitch of the roof is evidence that it was originally thatched – as were most houses in the village.

But what of David Cadd's nose plate? Terry Keegan notes that "most harness makers went out of their way to place a trade mark of some sort on their craftsmanship. On bridles in England

## Saddlers cont:

and Wales this was usually done by advertising their name and [locality] on a brass nose band plate". "The noseband plate which was attached by two threaded studs and nuts, with an internal leather cover to protect the horses' nose. These were often hinged, either in the centre or using two side hinges allowing for movement with the horse's breathing". (Saddlers Brasses NHBS) The Cadd plate is of the double hinged pattern and, as in most examples, the wording cast into the plate, is simply "Cadd - Maker - Kings Sutton". The word 'saddler' rarely appears on nose plates, maybe because the 'makers' were primarily harness makers and not saddlers.

Nose band plates were among the many items of saddlers' ironmongery required for the making of a horse harness, and for which Walsall outside Birmingham had been the major centre for decades. Indeed it had been mentioned as early as 1690 by Dr Plot in his pioneering Natural History of Staffordshire. It is very likely therefore that David Cadd ordered buckles, bridles, bits, brasses

and the other metal fittings he needed, as well as his nose plates, from Walsall. Keegan also notes that "as the [country] trade began to decline [in the twentieth century] ...many saddlers [and harness makers] looked to the traveller from Walsall to supply them with some of the heavier work connected with the making of the cart harness. [The harness makers would] send to Walsall for the collar body and even the complete cart saddle leaving only the collar covering and strap work to do."

David Cadd could well have placed his orders through fellow saddlers in Banbury who would be visited regularly by the commercial travellers from Walsall. It is suggested that the plate dates from the years immediately before the First World War.

Finally, I am grateful to Alan McConville for giving permission to reproduce the photograph from his collection.

Tom Forde



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## King's Sutton Playing Fields

It has been a tough two years for all charities and Playing Fields have been no exception, with no Cricket all last year and football played only a few games. But the fields have been kept in tip top condition by some fantastic volunteers who spend a lot of their time treating the pitches, cutting, mowing and marking them out.

We are again urging everyone, (with no exceptions), who use the fields for walking their dogs, to keep them on the lead. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after the dogs and use the new poo bin, and many very kindly pick up any other poo or litter that they find. However there are still a few who ignore the notices and let their dogs run free. If this continues the Playing Fields Association will have to stop people using the fields for dog walking, and therefore the few will be ruining it for the many. Please be more considerate.

### Break In

Weekend 20 November the playing fields pavilion and storage shed were broken in to and vandalised. Various items including tools and battery from the mower were stolen. This has been reported to the police, but anyone who has any information...or been offered any of the above please contact Brackley Police.

The Playing Fields were donated to the village in the 1960's for the use of the villagers and it is important that they get support from the villagers old and new, and village organisations such as the school, churches, public houses and businesses.

Without such support it is very hard to maintain the fields and the pavilion. We will be holding an Annual General Meeting In January and anyone wishing to volunteer to help on the Playing Fields Committee or anyone who just has any ideas please come along. The date and time will be announced on King's Sutton News, Social Media sites, or for father information contact Terri Felder on 0779515891 or [terri.felder@kingssutton.org](mailto:terri.felder@kingssutton.org)

### Cricket

Gladly the Cricket team managed a full season this year and despite having a bad start, losing two games and having three rained off, they went on to win nine games going top of the league at that point. Eventually only finishing 3rd in the league after the last few games were down to ten men due to holidays.

They are looking forward to next season, hopefully with more players. Anyone interested in Cricket please call Robert Sharp (Taffy) on 07507 300742.

## **King's Sutton Playing Fields**

### **King's Sutton Football Club**

The Football Club managed to get two teams together for this season, and are doing well, with the First team currently 4th in the Banbury and District Lord Jersey Premier Division, after eight games.

The reserve team are top of Division 3 and are currently unbeaten after nine games. Supporters can normally find a game at the Playing Field on a Saturday afternoon. For further information about the football please contact 07925 410141.

### **FIREWORKS**

We were again given a great firework display and all who attended had a fun evening, with music supplied by Radio Horton, and a BBQ, Bar and Hot drinks.

Numbers were a bit down as it had been very wet and windy early in the day and also as it was halloween and a lot of children were in the village playing tricks or getting treats. However many managed to drag their parents along, in their spooky costumes and the best halloween outfit competition, which was judged by Tracey from Storm Fireworks, was won by Lottie Wickham who also got to detonate the fireworks.

We wish to thank our sponsors Stanbra Powell, who also provided notice boards around the village, Harpers Farm and the Butchers Arms. We want to thank everyone for coming, and all of the volunteers.

Images overleaf from the fireworks courtesy of Thomas Malcher.

### **XMAS RAFFLE**

We have some fantastic prizes again this year in our christmas raffle. All proceeds go to supporting the playing fields. Tickets are available from the Butchers Arms and the draw will take place on New Years Eve lunchtime.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you next year.

**In our March issue we want to look at how the King's Sutton community is being more sustainable.**

**What things are you doing to be protect our environment?**

**Let Liz know at [Elizabeth@al-anazi.com](mailto:Elizabeth@al-anazi.com)**





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## Seeking additional board members:

King's Sutton Primary Academy is seeking additional members for our local governing board.

The board provides challenge and support to the school, through the school leaders, to ensure it continues on its current journey of rapid improvement. The work of the board is vital not only so that our school is fully prepared for its next Ofsted inspection, but also so that it continues to thrive beyond this.

We need people who can give time to visit the school during the day, once a term, for around an hour to meet staff and see the work of the school when it is in session.

Additionally, you will need to be able to attend full Board meetings (approx. four a year for up to two hours) and occasional other meetings, all of which usually take place in the early evening. These are currently being held remotely, though we hope to resume meeting in person soon.

The school would particularly welcome expertise in the area of safeguarding. We would also welcome people bringing other skills and expertise, but most importantly a passion for education and the school.

Due to the current composition of the board, expressions of interest from individuals who do not currently have children at the school would be especially welcome, but those who do have children at the school are also very welcome.

Contributing to the work of the local governing board is a great way to give back to the community, so we would be interested in hearing from any local resident who can give up some of their time to support the village school.

If you are interested and want to put yourself forward, then please send a brief 'expression of interest' and a pen portrait explaining the skills and expertise you could bring, to John Watts, Acting Chair of Governors at [governors@kspa.prime7.org.uk](mailto:governors@kspa.prime7.org.uk)

If you are interested, but would like to find out more before committing yourself, then please do email John at the same address.

## Quiz answers

Below are the book and literature quiz answers:

1. Phileas Fogg
2. St. Trinians
3. John Wyndham
4. Miss Jean Brodie
5. A hare
6. James Fenimore Cooper
7. Jim Hawkins
8. Lord of the Flies
9. Les Misérables
10. Uriah Heap
11. Baker Street
12. Mark Twain
13. Jane Eyre
14. Hiawatha
15. Belgian
16. Windmills
17. The Scarlet Pimpernel
18. George Orwell
19. Gulliver
20. Stephen King
21. Rebecca
22. Jeffrey Archer
23. Saturday Night and Sunday Morning
24. Bertie Wooster
25. Scarlett
26. Jane Austen
27. Great Expectations
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29. Zadie Smith
30. Black and White

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