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Sutton Village Committee

Once again it is time to go to press with the december edition of the Village Newsletter. To start with the committee would like to apologise to Angela Hayton who is one of the current Queen's Attendants, apparently in the last edition of the newsletter we spelt her name incorrectly, sorry Angela.

Since the last issue the committee have donated £500 towards new curtains for the stage at the village hall which we hope many of you will appreciate at Sutton Amateurs next production.

The biggest event however has been the village bonfire night. What a night! Once again we were blessed with good weather and villagers from near and far turned out for the night. Visitors from as far as Leeds and Bradford were rumoured to be in the village. Once again our firework men Chris 'pyro' Riley and Stuart 'technic' Robinson were prepared to risk life and limb setting off the fireworks with assistance from Stuart Todd who passed the gunpowder and Mark Hargreaves and Chris Todd who helped with the finale. A fine selection of fireworks with names such as End of the World, Hell Raiser, Armageddon and Doomsday were ignited to illuminate Sutton sky. The finale had a total of 32 individual fireworks to be lit including 28 large rockets all synchronised with music from the film Top Gun (well that's what was supposed to happen!) All the fireworks successfully went off and nearly took the lighting team with them. We unfortunately all had our heads between our legs so have no idea what the display was like. If anybody has some video footage we would appreciate it if you could contact us!

There was an unfortunate incident whereby a group of youth's felt it would be good fun to throw eggs at the firework lighting team whilst fireworks were being lit. This was extremely dangerous, as these are

not garden fireworks and one of the team was actually hit. As a number are lit at a time a great deal of concentration by the team is required to ensure each others safety and so any slight loss of concentration could potentially cause serious burns or at worst a fatal injury. The committee will take whatever legal action it can to ensure this does not happen due to the possible consequences.

A big thank you to everybody who donated and to those individuals who took the time to write to us enclosing donations - we are most grateful. The total cost of this event was £2,500 to the village committee, all of which had to be spent in advance. After the money had been counted from the gate and other stalls we are pleased to announce that we made a profit of £4.00! So when you see all those people and think we are making lots of money - we are not.

Finally we thank everybody for attending and hope you had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Also a big thanks to all those people who gave their time to us to set everything up in the park, we cannot do it without your help. For those of you with pets we also thank you for your patience as many of the committee have pets and we are aware of the distress that this kind of event can cause to animals.

We look forward to seeing you all once again next year when we will once again be bigger and better! (Well that's what the chairman promised at the post event meeting).

Over the next few weeks we will be erecting Christmas trees around the village, and lights in the park, where the Christmas carol service will take place on the 6th December with the official switch on taking place at 6 o'clock.

The Village Committee's Annual General Meeting will take place on 19th February 2004 at the Senior Citizens Rest Rooms, North Street commencing at 7.30pm.

SUTTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

New Year's Eve Dance

Dancing to Tom Sawyer
"The Man, The Music"

Sutton Village Hall

**Carols in
the Park**
Saturday
6th December
2003

**Christmas Services at
St Thomas' Church**

Sunday 21st December
6.00 pm - Christingle Service
in aid of Children's Society

Christmas Eve
10.00 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Carol Service
11.30 pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
10.30 am - Family Communion

Kids Disco!
for 4 -11 year olds
Village Hall

Saturday 13th December
2.00 to 5.00pm

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Kids Christmas Discos

We are holding a Christmas Disco on **SATURDAY 13th of DECEMBER** for children aged 4 to 11 where Santa will be making a special appearance in his grotto, and where everyone can get a special present, there will also be snow, fun, games and dancing between 2 - 5pm.

For the older kid's and teenagers between 11 and 15 we are holding a Christmas Disco with chart hits and dancing favourites, complete with Sound-to-Light, Haze and Snow with your local DJ Dave. The disco will start at 7.00pm and finish at 9.00pm.

Both events are £1.50 - look out for the posters! Look forward to seeing you all there!

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SUTTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

New Look, New Year's Eve!

"The Man, The Music" – Tom Sawyer

Sutton Village Hall

Wednesday 31st December, 2003

Licensed Bar ★ Grand Buffet ★ Tickets £10.00!

Sutton Village Committee is proud to present for your exclusive evenings entertainment. "The Man, The Music" as seen on TV, the Cabaret Scene and Grand Theatre, The Fabulous Tom Sawyer.

This former local cabaret act an Equity member originally from Silsden, returns to bring in the New Year with the village committee, for one night only! With songs from the musicals, right through the decades to the present day! This is your spectacular night of top class entertainment starting at 8.00pm, complete with a grand buffet, and fantastic prizes in the New Year's Eve raffle including an Exercise Bike and DVD Player!

A well stocked licensed bar is available for your enjoyment combined with an un-rivalled party atmosphere complete with snow for that seasonal feel.

Tickets for this exclusive evening are strictly limited to enhance your evening, and now as we go to press are **selling fast**. Tickets are available from:- **Places Place - Sutton, West Lane Garage - Sutton (01535) 636906, and 35 Hazel Grove Road - Sutton (01535) 636639**

Mouldywarps

In autumn moles become active pimpling the fields with small heaps of earth, making underground runs from their fortresses or breeding nests; the colour of the heaps changes in other countryside places.

Moles are about six inches in length with shovel like limbs which push the soil upwards; a dark grey or black looking animal with poor vision.

When out walking, interesting observations can be made of the "mouldywarps" showing previous human occupation eg, buttons, cairns, cloth, bones and shells when the heaps are disturbed.

Moles do damage to field grass and garden plants by destroying roots and hinder farm machinery, the soil in bales can turn the hay mouldy. Living mainly off worms they reduce fertility.

As children we all loved to hear and read of Toad, Ratty and Mole, "I AM A MOLE AND I LIVE IN A HOLE", three animals of the "Last of the Summer Wine" TV breed.

Mole skin trousers were worn by foundry workers, possibly a spark deterrent. Still in the area are mole catchers, one who's ambition was to find a white one took forty years; then found three, these were taken to a taxidermist.

A tale is told how traps went missing from a field, later to be found empty by the farmer near a badger sett; a takeaway meal!

Simon, a ginger eared spaniel once came across a dead mole and rolled on it, for several years after he rolled in the same spot.

When travelling by train to London, a noted broadcaster and naturalist from Wharfedale told in a speech how a passenger said his meat pie was leaking on the rack! He replied by saying "it was his mole", took it down and proceeded to feed it worms.

Compliments of the season to all readers.

Doris Riley - Local Historian

SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN CONSERVATION GROUP

Grand Christmas Raffle

(1st Prize £40 Morrison's Hamper)

plus other prizes to be drawn at

Christmas Coffee Morning at the King's Arms on

Saturday 6th December 9.30am – 11.30am

Proceeds for Santa's visit to Sutton on Christmas Eve

☆☆☆ Father Christmas ☆☆☆

Once again Father Christmas has promised to visit the children of Sutton on Christmas Eve. He just has time for a tour of the village! Starting at approximately **6.00pm** from **Wilson Street** he is hopeful of getting away from the **Hall Estate** before **9.00pm** to start his real delivery to the rest of the world. The Conservation Group would like to thank Sue, Steve and all customers of the King's Arms for supporting this event and their generosity throughout the past year.

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The Forum meets every Tuesday morning at the South Craven Baptist Church, Holme Lane, Sutton. Members arrive approx. 9.30am, coffee and biscuits are served and this is the time for "meeting old friends and making new friends" in friendly conversation. From 10.15am, members receive a talk, talk/slide show or entertainment from invited speakers. The meetings close around 11.30am. Members attending are from all the villages in South Craven.

What does it cost? Annual subscription is only £2.00, weekly attendance fee is 50p (inc. coffee & biscuits).

So why not come along and give us a try, you must know somebody of the 60 members who attend each week! Their ages range from about 60 to 95 years old.

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★★ Sutton Village Hall ★★

The Summer Grand Draw made a profit of £405, which has gone towards paying for a ramped disabled access at the side entrance of the Hall. The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and purchased tickets.

The Committee are currently working towards improving the heating system at the Hall and are hoping to apply for any available grants and are holding fund raising events over the coming year.

★ INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE ★

Sutton Village Hall
Sunday 18th January 2004,
8.30am - 12.00noon, £5 per table,
Refreshments available.
Tel: 01535 636708 to book a table - All welcome!

★ CEILIDH ★

Sutton Village Hall
Saturday 21st February 2004,
7.30pm - 11.30pm, Adults £5, Children £3,
including pie and pea supper, Licensed Bar,
Tickets available from Londis Store, Sutton or
Tel: 01535 634116 - All welcome!

Sutton-in-Craven Housing Needs Survey

Enclosed with the village newspaper this month is the Housing Needs Survey for Sutton-in-Craven. This is an initiative brought forward by the Parish Council helped by Mary Russell, the Craven Rural Housing Enabler and is one of a number of housing needs surveys being carried out within Craven.

There is concern both nationally and locally about soaring house prices in rural areas bringing about a lack of affordable housing for local people. In fact many people have to leave their parish to find accommodation elsewhere. The aim of the survey is to find out whether there is a need for housing for local people in this parish and will help to determine the numbers and type of houses that could be provided and also your views on such a development.

Surveys must be completed by **Wednesday 17th December 2003**. They can either be posted back in the envelope provided (please make sure you put on a stamp) or enclosed in the envelope provided, and returned to one of the collection boxes situated at Holme Lane Bakery/Café, Sutton, or Places Place, Londis Store, Sutton, or The Kings Arms, Sutton.

Please fill in this very important survey, which could affect your village, even if you do not have a housing need yourself. Further details can be obtained by contacting **Mary Russell, Unit 1, Carleton Business Park, Carleton New Road, Skipton BD23 2DE** or by telephoning **01756 701110**.

Sunday 7th December, 2003

Christmas Shopping Trip to Meadowhall, Sheffield

Coach departs Sutton 8.30am. Cost £7 per head.

There are still seats available and the offer is open to anyone who wants to go. For further details please ring David Boddy on 01535 662944

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Sutton Cricket Club

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Paul Williams scored over eight hundred runs and his average of 67.67 won him the league batting prize.

Paul Hardaker also did well averaging just over 33.00.

Darren Wild was second in the league bowling and Justin and David Holdsworth were sixth and eighth.

Ben Ballard won the Craven League's trophy for the most promising player in the league under eighteen years of age.

Ben Airey took 49 wickets for the second team and Dave Clark did well with both bat and ball.

Finally thanks to everyone who helped at the club last season, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Clifford Gill (President)

Sutton "Likely Lads" or the Blether'eeds



Further to the Blether'eeds Band in September's edition I received from Mr R. Walton the original photograph taken by Bruce Johnston of Keighley. The caption underneath reads - *Old Dyke Cast Iron Prize Brass Band*. It has the members names on the back. *Front Row: L-R Leslie Carlton, N. Clark Mannie Walton (horse) Albert Lord.*

Second Row: C. Hustwick, L. Brockelsby, A. Rudge, Jim Hodgson, E. Towers, F. Lynch, A. Walton, Walt Barsby, J. Hough, Jim Flecture, J. McIvor, J. Weatherhead? B. Myers. Back Row: A. Marsden, T. carter, H. Foster, C. Coulton, J. Murrey, W. Davies, Jos Clough, T. Morrell, D. Banks.

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Girl's Brigade

Many of you may have seen the photo in the Craven Herald of Cathy Davy who was pictured receiving her Brigade Broach the first one to do so in 1st Craven in at least 30 years. Other than the Queen's Award this is the top award given in GIRL'S BRIGADE, Cathy has been in Girl's Brigade for 13 years.

We have a good group of older girls some of who help at the Explorers which is the 5-8 year group.

We have 55 girls at the moment and have no vacancies. We meet on a Thursday night from 6.00pm - 8.30pm at South Craven Baptist Church. *Our motto is Seek, Serve and Follow Christ* and we encourage the girls to attend the once a month Church Parade.

Aunt Ada's Chocolate Cake

2 tablespoon cocoa
1 level teasp. bicarb. soda
1 level teasp. baking powder
6 1/2 oz plain flour
5 oz caster sugar
2 tablespoon golden syrup
2 eggs beaten
1/4 pint corn oil
1/4 pint milk

Method: Place dry ingredients in a bowl, add syrup, eggs, oil and milk. Beat and pour into two well greased 7" tins. Bake till spongy at 325°F

Cross Hills F.C.

Here we are again, at the beginning of December and well into the 2003-04 season. Where does the time go?

At this moment all three senior sides are doing very well in their respective leagues and if the present trend continues, things are looking towards our most successful season for quite a few years. There is a very positive attitude emanating from the players, who are going on to the pitch with a genuine will to win. From a spectators point of view it is an exciting prospect and we have been entertained with some very good games from all three teams. Just keep it going lads and good luck for the rest of the season.

Our under 12's team who are playing their games in the Craven, Aire and Wharfe Junior League for the first time are still finding their feet at this level but are showing a great deal of promise. We are still looking to strengthen our squad and if there are any youngsters out there looking for a game, come and join us. Under 12's must be 11 years of age but must be under the age of 12 by midnight 31st August in the playing season. For further details ring John Harrison 01535 631680.

The work we have done on the pitch in the off-season has, up to now, proved to have been money well spent and the playing surface has been superb. We have had many encouraging comments from visiting teams who have been impressed with the facilities we have to offer, which makes all the hard work that has been put in, worthwhile.

Well that's it for now. As this is the last report of 2003, may I on behalf of all our members wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year. As I say in every report, we can always squeeze a few more spectators into Sutton Fields on match days, so come along and join the thousands who flock to the ground on Saturdays. Please don't be put off with all the chanting, singing, marching bands etc. and I can always put an extra tea bag in the pot at half time.

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