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## Sutton Village Committee

Annual Report for the period February 2003 to January 2004

Once again the Committee has had a busy year undertaking various events such as bars, marquee hires, Fun Day, Bonfire Night, Children's Discos, Christmas trees and of course the final event of the year the New Year's Eve Dance. Whilst I think everyone will agree with me that we all enjoy doing these events I would point out that they are all very manpower intensive and it is nice to see that it is not only committee members that turn out for each of these events but we have a comprehensive list of volunteers who are also willing to give up their spare time to not only help set up events but to assist in running them as well. I for one think that this shows a real community spirit and at times it would be near impossible for us to function efficiently as a committee without their help. So, I would like to pass on my most sincere thanks to anyone who has given us their help over the past year, all of which are too numerous to mention here, and would like to think that the committee can look forward to their continuous support over the next year.

One of the committee's main fundraisers is the bar, and has over the last two years grown from strength to strength with part of the bar undergoing a major refurbishment, and hopefully the remainder to be completed later this year. We are now able to present ourselves in a truly professional light and can offer a wide variety of alcoholic beverages. The last year has seen the bar erected on no fewer than 12 occasions and included a wedding, and a christening. On all occasions the committee has received warm thanks for the service and for those that are unaware every body who works on these bars and at all committee events does so entirely of their own accord and voluntarily. All proceeds that are raised go directly back to the village committee funds.

Over the year we have taken on several other events, one of which is to hire out the marquee. This has been hired out to Keighley & Worth Valley Railway for a Thomas the Tank weekend in April & August, to Silsden carnival and to the Keighley Rotary Club and we already have one request for the marquee for this coming year. Other events that prove to be popular are the children's discos, of which we do three and all are very well attended especially the Christmas disco where we have a special visit from Santa who has to work extremely hard to see all of the little ones in such a short time scale. The race nights continue to be popular which have kept the treasurer and myself quite busy over the last

year. Once again Christmas was fast approaching and the Christmas trees needing to be erected, so with a change to the previous year's systems letters were produced and distributed with the resulting replies ensuring that the erection of trees went smoothly and the village was quickly decorated giving Sutton a very festive feel - thanks and well done to all those involved in the erection and striking of the Christmas trees.

Our three main events of the year are Fun day, Bonfire Night and The New Year's Eve Dance. Firstly Fun Day, well this year proved to be yet again very popular and the day was blessed by good weather and people turned out in their droves to line the streets and watch the procession. Sadly there were less floats with more entrants choosing to walk than in previous years which is sad in a way as part of the Fun Day has traditionally been the floats in the procession which gives a great sense of occasion to the day. I feel that this part of Fun Day is sadly dying and I would say that we as a committee need to place a lot more emphasis on getting this part of the day back up and running in its original form without which, well Fun Day would quite simply not be Fun Day. Once the procession has completed its tour of the village it's on into the park where there is more than enough entertainment for all the family to have a good time. There are stalls provided by local organisations, music to sit and enjoy a cream tea to, food is plentiful and of course there is the fun fair which continues to grow and get better each year. A great day is said to be had by all.

Secondly we move onto the Bonfire Night Celebrations. Once again this event continues to grow from strength to strength. We started off with a best guy competition with the winning guy being placed on the top of the bonfire, and again more emphasis is needed to keep this old tradition going. After lighting the fire we proceeded to watch a fire work display, the like of which has not been seen in Sutton before and culminated with a barrage of 32 rockets, 6 aerial display fireworks and 5 fountains all to music which brought the evening to a brilliant climax. The event was attended by an estimated two and a half thousand people. I feel I must say that the committee is undivided when it comes to safety at this event and we strive to ensure that not only our safety but everybody's safety is paramount in our planning. This is, and always will be, the committee's priority at this and any other event.

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The final big event of the year is the New Year's Eve Dance. Following recent years the committee was reluctant to hold this event for various reasons, however after much deliberation we decided to completely re-style the event and to my complete surprise the event was a sell out by the beginning of December. On the day of the dance the hall was decked out, bar set up, caterers organised and entertainment rehearsing on stage and by early evening we were all set to have a good night and a good night it was, letters of thanks were still arriving well into January. On the strength of that event the committee has decided to hold this event next year for all to enjoy.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that this year the Village Committee has given £905 in donations, £140 was given to the Senior Citizens for refurbishment, £500 to the Sutton Amateurs for the replacement of the curtains on the stage in the village hall, £250

given to the park for flower beds and we sponsored a class in the Allotment Societies Annual Show at a cost of £15. We have also allocated £2500 to the all weather pitch which is now nearing completion. This has been our single biggest donation to date.

I started this report thanking all the helpers of the committee and it would be very remiss of me if I did not thank the committee members themselves for their support, enthusiasm and dedication to the committee. It is without a doubt a pleasure to be able to work with, and chair a committee of such vibrant people who are committed to providing a first class service when organising and running the various events which we do. I would like to conclude this report by once again thanking everyone both members and helpers for their continued support and I trust that we can continue to work together to provide the very best we can for the forthcoming year for this village. Thank You All!

*Stuart Robinson Chairman*

## Treasurer's remarks on accounts ending 31 January 2004

In financial terms, 2003 proved to be a truly remarkable year for the committee. Turnover has increased from £8000 in 2000 to £24250 for the last 12 months. Whilst we only made a profit of £600 this only tells a small part of the financial story and I would comment as follows:

### Village News

The advert income covered costs in 2003. Hopefully, with the small increase in prices and a full advertisers list for this year, we will continue to cover printing and distribution costs this year.

### Children's Discos

Almost broke even, but as we know, the Christmas party has to be subsidised by the earlier events in the year so this is a very acceptable outcome.

### Fun Day

What a day! The sun came out and so did the crowds. Once again an incredibly successful day, and financially one of the best ever. The only problem would appear to be what can we do to keep this our premier attraction and better ourselves each year.

### New Year's Dance

A fantastic effort by everybody. This event has been well and truly resurrected and a profit of £400 was made.

### Bonfire Night

Once again, we put all the opposition to shame. One of the most spectacular exhibitions of fireworks in the area, with free snacks and still no compulsory admission fee! We are now investigating the possibility of using pyrotechnics.

### Donations

We gave money to provide additional bedding plants in the park and new curtains for the stage in the Village Hall. Monies have already been pledged in the sum of £3000 for the coming year, with £2500 to the multi-use games area in the park and £500 to the Conservation Group for work on the path to the Pinnacle.

The committee have sufficient funds for the events of 2004 as Fun Day and Bonfire Night do require substantial amounts of money to be spent prior to them taking place.

*C Todd Treasurer*



*Children receiving presents from Santa at one of his many stops during the Conservation Group's "Santa's Sutton Tour" on Christmas Eve.*

## Sutton Village Committee 2004

Details of Officers  
and Members are  
available on the  
Sutton Village Committee  
web site at:  
[www.sutton-in-craven.org.uk](http://www.sutton-in-craven.org.uk)

## New Year's Eve Party

The New Year's Eve Party was a great success with the village hall transformed with stylish decorations. As the guests were escorted to their tables, a grand buffet and a fantastic evening's entertainment from star cabaret "Tom Sawyer" awaited the sell-out crowd. After a fun and enjoyable party many people have already booked tickets for next year's event. **All enquiries to (01535) 636906.**

Also, a big thank-you from Sutton Village Committee to all the local businesses that donated prizes for the raffle.

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## South Craven Elderly Initiative Group

At our recent AGM the SCEIG and Better Government for Older People in Craven amalgamated, giving the group a clear path to bring to the Government problems experienced by Older People.

We are pleased to report that following our concerns voiced to the Craven, Harrogate and Rural Primary Care Trust, the number of chiropodists has been increased and the waiting list for treatment is continually being reduced. We have several other initiatives in progress, which will be announced at a later date.

Our next Road Show is to be held at St Peter's Church Hall, Crosshills on **Wednesday, 17th March from 10am to 12noon**. These events are increasingly popular, providing a place where old friends meet over a cup of free coffee as well as finding the answer to some problems. At this Road Show we have amongst many others the Pension Advice Service who are anxious to tell us how to claim Pension Credits and Energy Saving Advice.

Three of our members are members of North Yorkshire Better Government for Older People. Barbara Smith has stood down from the Yorkshire and the Humber Committee; Geraldine Dodds has replaced her.

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## Where the heck's that?



*The answer to last edition's "Where the heck's that". The clover shaped window at the church school was pointed out to me by Luke Suri who is a pupil there. MH*

## A Newcomer's Tale

My wife and I had moved into a small cottage in Sutton a couple of years earlier but for most of that time we had been based abroad. Now we were living permanently in the village and looking to meet people and get involved in village life. Strolling for a paper one bright Sunday morning an unfamiliar word jumped out at me, once from the park notice board and then again from the shop window. "Co-opt" was that word. The notices stated that three villagers were required to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Well, I can honestly say that nine monthly council meetings later, I have certainly been successful in my desire to meet people and to get involved in village life. I have also learned something of committee procedures, planning regulations, village traditions, local gossip and frustrations and hopefully I have also begun to make a positive contribution.

One of the most fascinating aspects has been learning what an attractive and lively village Sutton certainly is. There are groups and clubs to suit all tastes and ages and it would be a formidable challenge to attempt to list them all. In fact if anyone fancies taking on this challenge I would appreciate receiving a copy of the list. In reality such a list would reflect a vibrant community made up of many able and energetic people working together for the benefit of all, and of course it is the Council's responsibility to actively encourage and assist these groups. No doubt it will bring a knowing smile to the faces of the locals when I say that in my quest for knowledge of the village and the surrounding areas I have found it quite a tiring business. There are certainly some steep hills around Sutton!

One day I had the very pleasant experience of coming across the Clough and what a fascinating yet tranquil place it is, tucked away so close to the centre of the village. Once the climbing started I found the Delph Nook picnic area and then the amazing setting of the Pinnacle with its breath-taking view and

bracing open aspect. Of course many people would consider no climbing is necessary in order to visit the jewel in the crown as far as village attractions are concerned as it is to be found conveniently in the centre of the village in the form of the park. Donated to the village people by the mill owners it acts much like a traditional village green and one senses the pride that everyone has in the park. On a summer day all ages, and shapes and sizes, can be seen enjoying themselves, particularly centred around the bowling green and boating pool. A casual visitor could not fail to be impressed. The renovation work financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund is nearing completion and the construction of the all-weather sports facility has begun, so the park is speeding along into the new millennium. It is true to say that wherever their favourite spot is and whatever their favoured pastime might be, everyone I have met in my short time in Sutton has clearly been proud of their village and appreciative of the life it offers them - I certainly am.

*David Harrison - Sutton Ward  
1 East View, Tel: 01535 630605*

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The playing surface has stood up well to the wet weather and only one game has had to be postponed due to the conditions. The ground improvement work we had done pre-season has been very effective and has justified the amount of money spent.

It has been a great delight to me and other members of the club, at the number of spectators we are attracting and the support given to the teams. It really does make a difference when you are being encouraged by enthusiastic supporters.

Finally, to anyone who hasn't been to see us, give us a visit. There is plenty of room for more spectators. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and a tot of the amber liquid, to put in your tea on cold days, is supplied at no extra charge of course. Now that's an offer you can't refuse.

*All the best*

*Barrie Pearce (Chairman)*

## Sutton Cricket Club

Not much to report at this time of writing as our AGM isn't until March 14th at the King's Arms.

Members are using winter sets at Skipton in preparation for the coming season.

The first team will be playing in the first division this coming season, and both teams have home draws in the cup. It is also our centenary year, as league cricket began at our ROYD HILL ground in 1904.

*Clifford Gill (President)*

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In the early years Mr Colin Spencer played the piano during the arrival of the patrons and, for silent films, Miss Nellie Simons would play her violin, with appropriate music for the action taking place.

For many years the Huff sisters, Charlotte and Chrissie assisted in the pay box.

During the winter months an open fire burnt in the main reception; eight showings took place.

All the boys sat in the cheaper seats "spit & whistle" on the left side of the screen. A girl was thought very forward if she sat there, with courting couples on the back row.

It was not unusual for a short breakdown, amid much bantering.

A bus service from Lothersdale came on Saturday evenings, long queues forming for the shows.

The evening ended with the playing of the National Anthem.

*Doris Riley - Local Historian*

Copies of "A HOME SPUN YARN" are available from local shops, price £5.95. More details about the book are available on the village website:  
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## Easter Services at St. Thomas' Church

**Palm Sunday - 4th April**

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**Good Friday - 9th April**

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## Sutton Youngsters' Musical Successes



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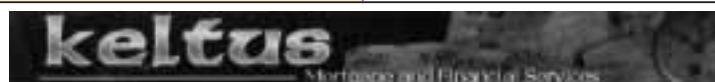


Rebecca Stirk has recently taken the Leicester School of Musics "G Grade Guitar exam" and was awarded a pass with distinction gaining 92.5 marks out of a possible 100.

## Sutton-in-Craven Park Restoration Group

At last I'm in a position to tell people that we are making progress and hope to complete the restoration on time and to the very high standards demanded by the Heritage Lottery. I'm sure everyone passing through or even past the park will have noticed the seats, the cost of which has been donated by generous residents of Sutton and the Village Committee and hopefully will be well used during the summer months. Also outstanding are the shelters, which are almost completed. Congratulations are due to the workers who have taken immense care to return them to their original state.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has helped so far. Help is still required, for details please contact Barbara Smith on 01535 632083 or Roy Wilkinson on 01535 634343.



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