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FUNDAY

The countdown has started!

Make a note in your diary not to miss this year's
FUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA on Sunday 20th June.

Stalls, music, entertainment, cream teas,
hot dogs and a fun-fair in the park
preceded by the traditional procession
through the village. Support for the
procession has waned in recent years
and it would be a great shame if this
part of our gala day disappeared. So this
year we, the Village Committee, want to
encourage everyone to help restore the
procession to its former glory!

Prizes will be awarded for the following,
with rosettes to 3rd place. Judging will
take place at approximately 12.20pm
before the procession starts its tour of
the village:

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- winner **£20**
FANCY DRESS AGED UP TO 6 YEARS
- runner-up **£10**

FANCY DRESS AGED 7 TO 14
- winner **£20**
FANCY DRESS AGED 7 TO 14
- runner-up **£10**

FANCY DRESS AGED 15 AND OVER
- winner **£20**
FANCY DRESS AGED 15 AND OVER
- runner-up **£10**

Those taking part in the procession
please assemble at Croft Hill at 12 noon.
After judging the floats and fancy dress,
the procession will depart from Croft Hill
at 1.00pm down Manor Way turning
right onto North Road, then left onto
High Street and right onto Main Street
going past the park gates. It will
continue down Main Street and turn left
onto Mill Street then left again up
Bridge Road. At the end of Bridge Road
the procession will turn left onto Holme
Lane and right on Hazel Grove Road,
continuing left onto Bent Lane then
turning right onto Croft Hill, round and
down Manor Way once again. From
here the previous route will be re-traced
down North Road, left onto High Street,
right onto Main Street and finally
turning right into the mill car park
opposite the park.

Sutton Gala first took place in 1958,
becoming Fun Day in 1986. Nowadays,
for various reasons, traditional Gala and
Fun Day events are on the decline. We
are determined to buck this trend in
Sutton, and with your help we can make
this year the best yet!

Funday will include a special ceremony
to commemorate the completion of the
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Year 3 recently held a day of drama, music and poetry in conjunction with Year 3 from Ings C. P. School, Skipton. The aim was to improve writing standards as part of the Beacon Schools programme.

I can hear squawking seagulls.
I can see men and women surfing on the high rough waves.
I can feel candyfloss as I pick it out of the tub.
I can smell a yummy picnic.
I can taste a cold yummy strawberry ice-cream with a flake.

I can hear the calm waves going back and forward on the sea "swoosh, swoosh, swoosh".
I can see the children playing on the beach, people eating candyfloss, and donkeys trotting slowly on the beach.
I can feel sand sliding down my bare feet and sand all over my hands.
I can smell fish and chips, salt and vinegar too.
I can taste mint ice cream all around my tongue.
Yes that's my day at the seaside.

My day at the seaside.

I can hear the children laughing in the sea.
I can see the seagulls flying in front of the yellow sun.
I can touch the crabs that are on the sand.
I can smell the hot dogs that are in bread.
I can taste the vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream.

1st Craven Girls Brigade

We now have 56 girls, ages ranging from 5 to 18 years. We had a successful concert, all the girls taking part including many talented musicians. £120 was raised for the Save the Children fund.

Members of the Seniors and Brigades performed, dancing with flags, at the Lord Mayor's Parade in Bradford on **Saturday 15th May**.

Three members of the Brigades have passed their Young Leader training.

The Junior Section washed the church chairs as part of badge work on our Uniformed Organisations day.

SPORTY SUTTON C.P.

Soccer and rugby teams have recently excelled in two tournaments.

The School soccer team won through to the finals of the Yorkshire Water Cool School Euro 2004 competition, having won the Craven Schools' Event, held at Sandilands Skipton on **Wednesday 19th May**.

The rugby team represented Craven Primary Schools in the North Yorkshire Youth games at York on **Sunday 23rd May**.

We now look forward to extensive use of the new multi-use games area in Sutton Park.

Sutton Parish Council

Anyone who thinks they may be at risk from flooding should we have a bout of inclement weather should note there are some "new design" sandbags available from Craven District Council. Interested residents should contact Kath Emmott (Clerk to Sutton Parish Council) on 633503 stating the number required.

Sutton Village Committee 2004

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SUTTON ART CLUB

We will be exhibiting about 40 pictures in Keighley Shopping Centre from **27th June to 11th July**.

Our Annual Exhibition will be in the Village Hall on **18th and 19th September**.

Sutton Art Club meets Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm in the Rest Centre.

Newsletter goes global

Copies of recent editions of the Village News are available on the village web-site. Far-flung Suttoners can view, download and print copies of the newsletters from anywhere in the world thanks to the wonders of the world wide web. Tell distant family and friends to point their browser at **www.sutton-in-craven.org.uk**.

Old Sutton picture archive

If you have any interesting photos of old Sutton and you are willing to share them on the village web site, please contact Paul on 632960. The web-site can be viewed at **www.sutton-in-craven.org.uk**

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South Craven Elderly Initiative Group

In March we held another successful Road Show and are now preparing for our next, which will be held in September or early October. Our next Road Show, which has the theme "Slips Trips and Broken Hips" (preventing falls), promises to be a very special occasion, watch out for the date.

Two of our members visited the Pensioners' Parliament held in Blackpool on 17th - 19th May. We also hope to be able to visit an Extra Care Home for the Elderly in the near future - these are apartments where older people can live and access extra facilities which enable them to remain in their own homes. We will find out for ourselves what is offered to elderly people when they can't care fully for themselves any longer.

Don't forget you may be able to claim Pension Credit. Don't worry about filling in forms, the Pensions Service will call at your home and help you to do it. Don't be "put off", many people in South Craven are already receiving this benefit. If you don't know who to contact just ask one of our members who will call them for you.

Barbara Smith 01535 632083.

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Mrs Edith Ellen Laycock nee Riley

Sutton-in-Craven has recently lost at 93 years its oldest and well-respected Suttoner, who was born, lived all her life and died in the village.

Mrs Laycock was the eldest daughter in a family of four brothers and three sisters of Harry and Ada Riley, Hollins Rood Farm.

Leaving school at 14 Edith worked at Wm Hartleys, and during the war at the "Dump" Royal Ordnance factory in Steeton, returning back to the mill until her marriage to Mr Gordon Laycock.

Edith enjoyed gardening and chatting to people walking up Hall Drive, allowing visitors at last year's Open Gardens day.

The funeral service took place at South Craven Baptist Church, followed by cremation.

SUTTON CRICKET CLUB

Disappointingly a number of games have so far been cancelled due to the recent poor weather. The first team has yet to win in the league following their promotion last season, but are through to the next round of the Cup after beating Crossflatts by five runs.

The second team has made a sound start winning one, drawing two and losing one. The team contains a number of junior players which augurs well for the future.

The club is again running two junior teams this season at Under 11 and 13 age groups. All the players who played for the first team, which won its division last season, amazingly all played for the club's junior team stretching back some 30 years. This proves the value of a good junior section. Any youngsters interested can simply attend the junior practice night at 6.30 on Friday evenings.

As most readers who have recently passed the cricket field will know, we are making every effort to maintain an excellent playing surface plus keeping the field tidy. We would ask dog owners not to use the field for exercising their pets and to parents not to allow their youngsters to play football or other non-cricket sports in the field. Your support would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

David Holdsworth (Secretary)

Local Venues No.6 Syncopating Sandy at the Queen's Theatre

A Radio Leeds presenter, talking to a man who's interest was Old Tyme Music Hall performers and catch phrases, asked for anyone who could remember Syncopating Sandy - who did a marathon 24 hour piano playing at Queen's Theatre, Keighley non stop - to ring the programme; I did!

During a telephone conversation, I told them my memories of being there. It was free entry and he was on the stage playing a piano. They had been wondering how he had managed, and were enlightened by me saying "While we were there, a man came onto the stage carrying a blanket and a bucket, to attend to him. Because it was free, coins were thrown onto the stage to help to pay for expenses."

The presenter, in answering my call, jokingly asked if the bucket was plastic and did the coins go in!

Sutton-in-Craven Park Restoration Group

At long last the Park Restoration Group are happy to say that our work is almost complete and we are making provisional arrangements to hold a short opening ceremony on Fun Day, 20th June.

We are sorry to say that there has already been some minor vandalism to the park furniture. We will be very grateful if Sutton residents will be vigilant and report anyone report anyone seen causing damage to the furniture or/and structures. Remember that money for all repairs and replacements from now will have to come out of the rates - meaning from our pockets.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has helped so far.

Contact Barbara Smith on 01535 632083 or Roy Wilkinson on 01535 634343.

Christmas spoiler

In October 2001 by husband passed away after a short illness. As he walked Sutton Clough every day with the dog, I thought it would be nice to plant a tree in his memory. With my son and grandchildren, this I did in Spring 2002.

A week before Christmas in 2003 the tree was dug up and removed by a couple and two children who were seen carrying the tree from the woods. I realise the persons who took the tree (which was a small fir tree) would not have known it was a memorial tree, but there are signs up saying no picking of flowers or removal of anything from these woods.

I was upset and cross, as was my five year old grandson, that someone had taken what he called "Grandad Trevor's Tree", we had hoped to see the tree grow.

It's a pity people cannot enjoy the nature of the woods, not try to remove it.

Ann Snell

Sutton Village Committee

Members of the Village Committee are deeply upset at the mindless vandalism of the dedication plaques on the new park benches. The park is a wonderful amenity for the enjoyment of all. Please treat the park and everything in it with due respect.

Skate-boarders please note - the War Memorial is NOT to be used as part of an obstacle course. Each name listed on the memorial represents a local person who sacrificed their life so we could enjoy the freedoms we currently have. Respect is due.

I replied, "No, in those days the bucket would be galvanised and we didn't hear the tinkle of music twice!"

The man, being interested, said it was the last time the Theatre was used, and was open for one day only. I don't remember the date, perhaps 1949.

In that area was Mosley's fish and chip shop and café, who previously had one in Town Hall Square, Crosshills. The café had open fires and excellent fish and chips - no black bits left on the chips. It was a very popular place for afternoon shoppers in Keighley on Saturdays.

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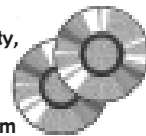
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CROSSHILLS F. C.

As I begin to write this report for the June issue of the "News" I am looking at the remarks I made in the March publication. I did say that the season was going well and with a bit of luck could be one of the best we have had for a few years.

How prophetic that turned out to be. I am delighted to report that the first team ended their season as champions of the West Lancashire League 2nd Division and from next season will be competing in the 1st Division. A wonderful achievement and thoroughly deserved. They also finished runners-up in the Keighley & District Cup competition. By any standards a great season.

After a long hard season the second team has still not completed its fixtures. Being involved in four cup competitions, three up to the semi-final stage i.e. County Cup, Northern Plant Hire, and Keighley & District Cup. The fourth, which is the Craven Premier Division Cup final, is still to be decided. At the time of writing this report two games have been played, both ending in a draw. There are also two outstanding league matches to play. They have played an extraordinary amount of games and it is a tribute to their ability that they have progressed in each competition as far as they have. Whatever happens in the replay of the league cup, they have had an outstanding season. Best of luck and well done lads.

The third team, mainly composed of young players with one or two older heads, has had a cracking season. Playing some delightful football they have finished well up the table of the Craven League 2nd Division. Their campaign was finished off however in great style by winning the 2nd Division league cup competition. As I said, a marvellous season and some silverware to show for it.

Looking forward to next season we will be continuing to run the under 12 side. Steve Tosney, the new manager is looking to strengthen the squad and anyone interested can contact him. Tel 637239 or 12 The Hawthorns, Sutton for more information. As an experienced player who's been there and done it the lads can look forward to some stimulating times ahead.

In conclusion, after a long season, may I thank everyone at the club for their efforts. All the hard work put in behind the scenes is made worthwhile by the success on the pitch. With new challenges to come I anticipate the 2004-05 season with a great deal of interest.

All the best.

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