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Sutton Village Committee Annual Report for the period February 2004 to January 2005

It's that time of year when I must put pen to paper and write my annual report. Looking back I can honestly say I am proud to have been the chairman of a committee that has worked together exceptionally well as a team and has produced some quality events. All were very successful and show the dedication and enthusiasm of members and non-members who work so hard and volunteer their services free of charge to ensure that the villagers of Sutton can attend good, safe and enjoyable events in the village.

At this point, I would like to say a special thank you to the volunteers who turn out in rain or shine to help the committee at most of the events we undertake. Without their help we would struggle to stage some of the events in the first place, so a massive thank you to all of you and I trust that we can look forward to your continued support over the next year.

The bar continues to grow from strength to strength and has undergone phase two of its refurbishment with the third and final phase planned for later this year. As most of the bars run by the Village Committee are in the village hall, the Village Committee and the Village Hall Committee decided to licence the village hall and Chris Todd, David Harrison, Christine Young and David Harrison-Young all successfully completed the licensee course during the year. Congratulations to them as it is a difficult accreditation to achieve. We can now provide a fully licensed bar in the village hall without having to apply to the courts every time the bar is used, thus ensuring the people who hire the hall have the bar facilities available to them should they require a drink or two at their function.

Funday planning started in February. As an incentive for people to enter floats, the prize money was increased and this seemed to work, drawing a few extra floats into the parade - so thank you to all who entered. The procession went without a hitch, following the usual route around the village and into the park. All the stalls, refreshments and fun fair were set up and the crowds flocked in to have what seemed to be an excellent day. The fair was smaller than we had wanted, but the 2005 fair should be bigger than we have had before.

The year quickly moved into November and of course Bonfire Night. I felt it was important to revive the old Guy Fawkes making tradition, so the prize money was increased for the Best Guy competition. Again this did the trick with eleven guys entered and the judge had a difficult time picking the winner but a winner was picked and

placed on top of the bonfire and at 6.30pm was lit. The highlight of the evening, even though I say it myself, was the firework display. This year a new format proved to be much better, culminating in a spectacular three-minute finale to music. My only concern is how to improve on this and produce an even bigger and better display but I am sure we will manage. The event itself was a credit to the committee who worked so hard to get it right with the safety of the audience being paramount. So well done.

We then moved into December and with Christmas looming ever closer we decorated the village with trees and lights and the festive spirit once again started to move. The Conservation Group again helped Santa to get around the village, much to the delight of hundreds of children. Then it was onto the New Year's Eve party in the village hall. Tickets were sold out, the bar set up, entertainment booked, food provided and the hall decorated. It is a great delight that 140 people decided to celebrate the arrival of the New Year at this event and reports are that it was a good night. This event is growing stronger each year, which is brilliant.

It is not normally my intention to report on negative aspects, however I feel the cancellation of the evening disco held three times a year should be included and the reason as to why. It is sad that a few individuals should deem it necessary to ruin an evening, by trying to be big and clever and sneak alcohol in to a junior disco. More importantly, it was the verbal abuse and threatening behaviour that followed which caused a unanimous decision to cancel any future evening discos for the 11 & 15 year olds. It is important to stress that every one on the committee gives up their time free of charge to stage these events. I cannot and will not allow the committee and volunteers to be subjected to this kind of behaviour and abuse

Finally, in closing, I would like to say thank you to Betty who has sadly retired as secretary, and welcome two new members in Neil and James. I hope you really do know what you are letting yourselves in for, and a special thank you, in no particular order, to Roy, Mick, Peter, Bob, Christine, David & David, Paul, Christine, and last but not least Chris, all of whom have supported me over the last twelve months. They deserve the real credit for the success of the year. Their tireless effort and dedication is to be commended and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and contributions over the last year. Thank You!

Stuart Robinson (Chairman)

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We would like to bring to the attention of anyone who is planning to provide disabled facilities, including the provision of visual and hearing apparatus, that this group has a number of disabled members who are willing to give their opinions and User Knowledge, hopefully to ensure that the best equipment is provided and money is not wasted.

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Treasurer's report for year ending 31 January 2005

Once again, 2004 proved to be memorable in financial terms. Turnover has now grown to over £27,000 p.a. having been just £8,000 four years ago, albeit we are now starting to see a sharp drop in the year on vear increase.

The bars in the village hall still account for just over half of this figure. As they are still undertaken on a voluntary basis (except for drinks) they provide a substantial surplus which enables us to continue the funding of equipment purchases without having to resort to money raised on Funday or Bonfire Night. This year our major equipment purchases were the storage container and glass washer.

Funday came and went and, despite the problems with the fair, we once again made a healthy profit. This year, weather permitting, I anticipate we will do just as well.

The other main outdoor event is the Bonfire. What a night! This has to be the best free entry display in the area and we really need to make sure people are aware that it can only get better if everybody gives a reasonable donation (£1) as opposed to the present estimate of 50p per person. The magnificent turnout made the event profitable, with Bonfire Night falling on Saturday this year hopefully this can be

The final event of significance was New Year's Eve. With better stock control on bar purchases this event turned in a good profit. Congratulations to everybody who helped and in particular Bob, Christine and David.

On the downside, the number of marquee hires dropped substantially, but the marquee has already more than paid for itself. The number of race nights that Stuart and I undertook has also gone down, but the new casino venture will hopefully turn in a profit over the next 18 months.

It is pleasing to report that all the profit from Funday and Bonfire Night was donated to good causes with the O.A.P.s, Girlsí Brigade, Park and Conservation Group all benefiting.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with our tried and trusted events plus St Valentine's dance and bars already booked. We could make a substantial surplus this year depending on the donations made.

Finally, may I thank everyone for their efforts over the year and a special thank you to Stuart for his continued support and assistance.

Chris Todd (Treasurer)

New Year's

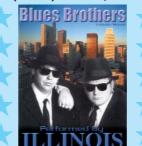
This year, following the success of last year's event, we are able to

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along with "Stateside" Once again at the Village Hall.

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on (01535) 636906 / 636639



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It certainly was on the evening of Saturday, 12th February. Suttoners know how to have a good time, as demonstrated at the St Valentine's Dance in the Village Hall. Photo shows the hall decorated in readiness for the festivities.

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Sutton Parish Council

- 1. As usual it's been a busy time for the Council, particularly with the proposed development of Greenroyd Mill and surrounding land and for the erection of closecare flats on the former Sutton Mill site. The Parish Council has no actual power as far as planning is concerned but it is hoped that its local knowledge and considered opinions have influence when the Planning Committee of Craven District Council sits down to consider these sensitive matters. On 29 November a public meeting was held in the Church of England Primary School where residents voiced their concerns and learnt something of the proposals from the developers of the Greenroyd Mill site and the District Council Planning Officer. The Planning Committee has yet to decide on this. January's Parish Council meeting saw a good number of residents sharing their concerns over the Sutton Mill development and representations were made on their behalf to the Planning Committee who have in fact now passed the
- 2. Bus Shelters. The Village Hall bus shelter saga rolls on. Hopefully it will be ready for the bad weather... next winter's! The plans to up-grade the shelter opposite the Black Bull are on hold until the outcome of the Greenroyd Mill planning application is known, as the proposed plans incorporate a new bus shelter in the work to be carried out on the boundary wall.
- 3. The Council is looking into finding a suitable site in the Holme Lane area to store sandbags for use in flood prevention. Craven District Council will be providing the sandbags, which are also available to individual householders. The District Council is actively working on flood prevention and an early warning scheme involving local volunteer wardens is being developed.
- **4.** The River Authority has recently carried out flood prevention work on Holme Beck. A substantial increase in the flow rate has been achieved which will reduce the risk of flooding.
- 5. A number of parents have voiced their concern over the amount of dog dirt deposited along Wet Ings Lane and Gatering Lane. Central government is encouraging youngsters to walk to school and have instructed local governments to develop "Safe routes to School". This path is one of these designated routes and although students are in less danger from traffic when walking down it, they are putting themselves in more danger as far as their health is concerned. The District Councilis dog wardens have promised to increase patrolling but ultimately we are dependent on dog owners acting more responsibly.
- A reminder that the multi-sports facility in the park is available for bookings which can be made at the Pavilion or by phoning 07963 970546.
- 7. A new project has been proposed by the Council, which will invite village residents and businesses to sponsor a plot or area in the park and have their contribution recognised on a plaque at the site. The details have yet to be decided so if you would like to contribute ideas on this project or would be interested in sponsoring a flowerbed etc please ring the chairman on 630302.

Sutton Park Bowling Club

The green opens at Easter. Doug Stone is the new President and Sean Birch is Chairman. New members very welcome.

A team captain: Doug Stone B team captain: Charles Cadwallader C team captain: Ian Emmott

Cross Hills Football Club

Two minutes ago, back in November, I was writing for the December 'Village News' and telling about the massive damage caused to us and so many others by the devastating floods in August. Here we are now, half way through February and the season is well under way.

All three senior sides are still well placed in their respective divisions and are providing our spectators with some good football. It is very gratifying to see so many people attending 'Sutton Fields' on match days and very encouraging to the players. I will, of course, be able to be more explicit on the overall positions of the teams in the next edition of the 'News'.

I can, however, be more exact on our under twelve junior side. They are having a cracking season and at this moment in time need only to win one more game to secure the league title. If they do (and I am sure they will), it will be a marvellous achievement in their first season. Anybody who watches them on Sunday mornings will tell you what great football they are playing, it is a joy to watch.

Before I close I would just like to wish Phillip Hardaker, one of our regular supporters, a speedy recovery. We miss you on Saturday afternoons, especially me, as Iim on the receiving end of some wonderful and original insults. 'Get yourself back, Phillip, it's not the same without you.'

All the best.

Barrie Pearce (Chairman)

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Sutton-in-Craven Park Restoration Group

Although the work in the Park has been completed, the paper work until now has not. I am happy to inform you that we have now provided the Heritage Lottery with all the information they need.

The Heritage Lottery are vigilant to ensure that the grants they make are used wisely and we have had to wait for the sign which you will soon see outside the Pavilion which acknowledges the generous contribution they have made. In the next issue of the Village News I will include a 'breakdown' of the money and how it has been spent.

It is now the responsibility of all residents of Sutton to ensure that this grant is not wasted. Without it, the park would be a complete wreck by now - it must never fall into that condition again. Please inform Mr Hough, our Park Keeper, of any damage and/or details of the perpetrators. Remember that all repairs and replacements will have to come from the rates - meaning our pockets.

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

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can you help?

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News Editor: Paul Wilkinson Tel 632960

Easter Services at St Thomas' Church

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Sun 20 March 8.30am **Holy Communion**

Palm Sunday 10.30am Palm Sunday Service

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Thu 24 March

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm The Last Supper - meal in the Pensioners' Centre

Fri 25 March GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Children's Project Morning in the church

10.00am Silent walk with the cross to St Peter's Cross Hills

Sun 27 March EASTER DAY

8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion

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Keep on running

Park-keeper Mark Hough took part in last September's Great North Run and raised £1,000 for Dogs for the Disabled. Mark finished 2,581 out of 40,000 runners in a time of 1 hr 41 minutes and 32 seconds!

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Secretary Wanted

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Our next exhibition is in Keighlev Shopping Centre from 12th to 26th June and our annual exhibition in the Village Hall is on 17th & 18th September.

New members are welcome.

Bryan Gill

Black Bull photo

After seeing the old photo in the last issue with the Black Bull in the background, Stephen Cashman got in touch and provided the following information. In the doorway of the Black Bull stands a woman holding a baby. The baby is Joe Harry Haigh who grew up to be licensee of the Black Bull. His son Tom Haigh was the last licensee in the Haigh family.

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