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St Thomas' Hall - 8.45am Black Bull - 8.50am Sutton Bridge - 9.00am

The Forum meets on the first Tuesday of the summer months in the Baptist Church Hall at 9.15am. ie 7th June, 5th July, 6th September. NB No meeting in August. The new session starts 4th October 2005.

Girls Brigade

We now have 60 regular members attending Girls Brigade, with a number of names on a waiting list.

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Sutton Parish Council

- 1. The Church of England Primary School has been invited by the Council to brighten up the bus shelter situated near the Park gates. We can look forward to some exciting artwork appearing to match the bright summer weather that is on its way!
- **2.** As reported earlier, the plans and legal documents are in place for erecting a bus shelter outside the Village Hall and it is merely a matter of waiting for the work to commence.
- 3. The Council has been informed that the original development plans for Greenroyd Mill have been withdrawn following the input from the village meeting held in the C of E school, the Council and submissions made by individuals. It is understood that revised plans are being prepared and will be submitted to the Craven District Council Planning Committee in the near future. The Parish Council will be
- **4.** The Park Pavilion is going from strength to strength and as the weather improves we expect to see even more people taking advantage of the facility. If you have not yet visited the Pavilion please pop in....a warm welcome awaits you! The Pavilion now has a web site, online at

www.suttonparkpavilion.co.uk.

- 5. Following some disturbing incidents in the village the Council is working with a number of agencies and young people to develop a youth project in the village. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in any way please contact any member of the Council.
- **6.** Finally a plea for motorists to obey the 20 mph speed limit in the zones near the schools. Energetic youngsters are prone to lapses of concentration and this can be particularly dangerous on the two occasions of the day when there are so many parked cars making visibility difficult.

Sutton Cricket Club

At the club's AGM in March the current committee was re-elected: Clifford Gill -President, Danny McCormack - Chairman, Ady Fountain - Treasurer and David Holdsworth Club Secretary. Alan Johnson is the new captain of the first team and Alan Parker will again captain the seconds.

This season the club are running two senior teams with the first team, who were relegated last year, playing in Division 2 of the Craven & District Cricket League, while the second team will play in Division 5. Both sides play on a Saturday afternoon with Cup games taking place on Sundays all with a 2pm start. We also have an Under 13's side playing at 10.00am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Airedale Junior

Due to a lack of players at the under 11 age group we have had to withdraw this team from the league but we hope, subject to there being increased interest this summer, that we can reinstate this side next season.

The senior season started on 16th April but due to the wet weather, the first and second teams have only played one of their first three games. The first team lost by seven wickets away at Airedale (Keighley) whilst the second team won by the same margin at home to Gargrave.

The senior teams practice at the ground on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm and the juniors from 6.30pm on Fridays. Old and new players

URGENTLY **REQUIRED**

Tombola Prizes needed for Funday, Sunday 19th June. If you can donate anything please contact Christine Young, Events Secretary, on 01535 636906 or 636639.

The Village Hall

In 2000 the responsibility for running St Thomas's Church Hall was handed over, on a 35 year lease, to the Village and it is now run by a committee of village residents. Renamed The Village Hall, it continues to be a centre for many varied village activities. To Sutton people it is a link with the past and maybe, in the busy and often impersonal world of today, reminds them that they are part of a distinct and special village community.

The hall has seen many changes and improvements over its 80 year history but the present committee, chaired by Janet Phillip, realise that the time has come for some serious modernisation if it is to serve the needs of the 21st century. With that in mind the committee is at present in the process of raising funds to totally renew the heating system, with the aim of carrying out the work during the summer months. It also intends to draw up a business plan so that decisions on the modernisation process and possible changes to the hall can be taken in the context of the hall in its entirety rather than in bits and pieces.

The rates for hiring the hall and the adjoining rooms, in the day or evening, are set at sensible levels and we encourage people to contact the booking secretary on 634330. The hall is available most weekends for functions. along with a fully licensed bar run by Sutton Village Committee.

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(including Saturday matinee) at The Village Hall Sutton Annual Traditional Family Pantomime

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Evenings: 7.15pm Matinee: 2.15pm

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Tuesday 26th April. Chairman Bryan Blackie thanked all the members of the committee for their support together with many other members who had helped to make 2004 a successful year. He reported that the panto Aladdin had sold a record number of tickets. Treasurer Liz Ross reported a successful year financially but added that the society must not rest on their laurels. Retiring secretary David Knights thanked everyone who had helped him during his term of office.

Officers Elected: President: Doreen Smith. Chairman: Bryan Blackie. Secretary: David Boddy. Treasurer: Liz Ross. Membership Secretary: Julie Smith. Executive Committee: Milton Ross, Michelle Jennings, James Jennings, Katrina Knights.

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Sutton-in-Craven Park Restoration Group

When I was elected to the Parish Council almost ten years ago I didn't know I was going to be involved in a project that would take up the next nine years of my life.

I am relieved and happy to report that we have received the last payment of the grant made to the Park Restoration Group in January 2001 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and completed the work within budget.

We have had lots of 'Ups and Downs' during this time but now everything is complete it all seems worthwhile, especially when I see so many people enjoying the improved facilities.

I must give praise to my colleagues Roy Wilkinson, who organised and provided much of the volunteer labour, and Chris Todd, who kept a strict control on our finances and cash flow (not an easy task). Without them, I could not have managed. We must thank our wives and husband who have had the task of supporting us throughout. Jack Whitaker, who sadly did not live to see the completed work and his wife Muriel, Shirley and Harold Hawker, Tommy Wilkinson and Joyce Wilkinson, who were members of the committee and contributed towards the project. There are many more people who helped and those who helped financially, including Betty Hawkins and Kath Emmott who organised the Children's Play Equipment and the Village Committee. Much of the pavilion furniture was generously donated. The seats were sponsored by several residents and are already being well used.

The cost of the restoration was £203,000. The Heritage Lottery provided £130,000. Volunteer labour was £28,000. The Play Equipment cost (£21,000 (£12,000 provided by the Lottery Fund). The Parish Council contributed £22,000. A Sutton resident paid for all ongoing office expenses, post, phone calls etc

A special mention to the shelters, which have been faithfully restored to their original design. They are receiving praise from many sources. This was not easily achieved; please help to maintain them, by stopping or reporting vandalism.

So many people gave their time and expertise, too many to name individually. Please forgive me for not naming everyone, but they were all important and the work could not have been achieved without them. Thank you.

Last but not lease, I must thank the Heritage Lottery Fund. Without the Grant we could not have started the project.

Roy Wilkinson, Chris Todd and Barbara Smith

Local Venues No 8 continued Parish Hall

Passing Clouds

When dances were held, men liked to support local Inns, arriving later to take partners for the supper dance. This meant an escort to walk her home. Plated suppers for 1/6d (71/2p) had two sandwiches with a choice of boiled ham, cheese, potted meat or egg & cress; two or three cakes and tea. At a ball, fresh fruit salad in a saucer would be included in the admission price.

Popular balls were the Farmers' in February (a new birthday dress for me), the Nursing Association's, Amateur Dramatics' and the Blue Ball which was a 'POSH DO' with men wearing evening dress and long dresses & furs on the ladies. These were held on Friday nights, finishing at 1am. The cricket club, football club and other village organisations held dances on Saturdays. Smoking was allowed, the oval shaped 'Passing Clouds' popular with young ladies, pity they wouldn't fit into cigarette holders.

Programmes included ladies and gents' excuse-me's, elimination waltz, spot dance. The raffle would also be drawn, shopkeepers and businesses would have given most prizes, and a net of balloons would be released.

It was the duty of the village constable to attend at some point late evening, wearing his cloak and helmet with shining silver badge, and I believe the fire brigade had to be informed.

During the 1939-45 war, soldiers were billeted there, benefit dances helped to provide funds for comforts and knitted items. They made friends and sweethearts, marrying at St Thomas' Church or the Baptist Chapel. Sadly, some never danced again.

After the war when clothing coupons were no longer required, my first evening dress was a long black grass grain taffeta skirt which rustled, deep yellow blouse with frills and long sleeves, a Dorothy

bag and black patent Cuban heeled shoes. Skirts were the 'IN THING' and different tops, boleros and sequinned stoles could be worn.

Men wore three piece suits, white or blue shirts, collar and tie, very smart. Some wore collar and matching 'DIKKY FRONT', fastened with an elastic loop and button to a backstud. Pullovers with a diamond design were fashionable and jackets were taken off during the dances.

Fashions changed, calf length 'NEW LOOK' dresses, then circular skirts with layers of sugar stiff underskirts; then the 'MINI', very short.

Youths wore drainpipe trousers or flares, boot lace ties, suede shoes and elaborate hair do's. Rock and rolling and jitterbugging to guitar and washboard skiffle music was all the rage. One young man was so supple he was known as rubber legs.

In December a party and tea dance was held for pensioners. Two long rows of trestle tables and half again for the second sitting. Strange, we helped for many years, NOW WE ARE OLD there is nothing. Between the tea and concert party there were a few Waltzes, Veletas and St Bernard's.

Now it is casual wear, jeans, plain or designer or ragged fringe; unisex tee shirts with slogan prints, long drab black dresses or trouser-suits. A disc jockey plays loud taped music with psychedelic flashing lights, a bar in one corner and no smoking signs; but just as enjoyable for young people, shaved heads for youths and straightened hair for girls.

Evenings ended with the last waltz, when partners chose whom to walk home. One young man in his teens had treat three girls to supper, much to the amusement of his mates who said 'SITHER HE'S GETTEN THREE'. He waltzed of with another girl who lived near his home. Walking several miles was not unusual, the three girls all had escorts. Dances were often planned for a moonlit night. Cloakroom tickets were handed in, the pin carefully placed in a coat lapel seam as a protectative.

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Cross Hills Football Club

Here we are, the last day of our season (7th May) and the final game to be played this afternoon. The last two or three weeks have been hectic to say the least. With a lot of postponed matches to be played there has been a game virtually every evening by one team or another.

The first team having completed their fixtures has finished in the top half of the West Lancs 1st Division. Having looked a possible candidate for promotion early in the season, injuries and a backlog of games to be played put paid to their chances. On the plus side the first team did win the Keighley and District Challenge Cup and have some silverware to show for their efforts. Taking it all round, a good season.

The second eleven playing in the West Lancs Reserve Division virtually mirrored the achievements of the first team and will finish mid-table. However, they did win the Keighley and District Supplementary Challenge Cup, altogether a cracking season.

The third team playing in the Craven League have finished third in their Division which is a great achievement bearing in mind that in most cases they are facing opposing clubs'

As I stated in my last report, the junior under twelve's side needed to win one more game to clinch the title. This they duly did and ended a magnificent season as champions. I was privileged to attend a presentation night on Friday 6th May at Cross Hills Social Club and see the youngsters receive the trophy. A great night.

It just remains for me to say a big thank-you to everybody involved in the club. We have seen some superb football from all the teams and been thoroughly entertained. There has been an increase in the support of the teams and as I am in the kitchen on match days I hear a variety of comments and opinions, some not fit for my sensitive and delicate constitution. Definitely not for the readers of the 'Village News'.

I look forward to keeping you up to date on the club's progress in future issues.

All the best.

Barrie Pearce (Chairman)

Sutton Village Committee Officers 2005

Life President: Roy Wilkinson Tel 634343

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Vice Chairman: David Harrison-Young

Tel 636639

Treasurer: Chris Todd

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Events Secretary: Christine Young

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Secretary: Richard Smith Tel: 07910 280943

Sutton Art Club

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