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Sutton Village Committee Annual Report for the Period February 2005 to January 2006

Yet another Year has gone by and once again I have to put pen to paper and write my annual report. The Village Committee has had what could be described as one of the busiest and fullest years that the committee members can remember, it was my intention to write about all the events covered over the past year but this would have generated a report the size of a small book, instead I would like to cover what the Village Committee is all about.

Firstly a brief history, the Village Committee was first formed in the 1950's and ran a gala day to generate some funds to provide a News Letter for the villagers of Sutton. From that day the committee has continued through thick and thin and has grown from strength to strength to what we are today where we produce a variety of events to raise money to benefit the villagers of Sutton in Craven. The Committee is made up of a cross section of Suttoners who are all volunteers and give up a considerable amount of their time to put on all these events. Some of the committee members very kindly do share their time with other organisations in the village such as the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee etc. At this point I would like to say that the Village Committee operates totally independently of any other organisations in the village, but would also like to point out that we do continue to work very closely with these other organisations in order to stage our events. Over the last year we have successfully held a variety of events which included: Casino nights, Race nights, Funday, Bonfire night, Themed party nights, Village Christmas trees and decorations and over 20 bars in the village hall supporting local people celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or indeed organisations raising their own

funds

In monetary terms the committee has had a good year, details of which are contained in the treasurer's report. I am pleased to be able to say that financially we have been able to help groups such as the Girls' Brigade, the Amateurs, the Parents and Friends Associations of both primary schools, Mums & Toddlers and are currently sponsoring a large area in the bottom of the park and several other requests are currently awaiting a decision. Whenever the committee receives a request for financial assistance I can assure you that we give it our full attention and consideration before a decision is reached, the committee do want to help in any way that we can, however we do not have a unlimited amount of funds to give and where necessary we may grant part or all of a request presented.

As I stated earlier we are all volunteers and this committee relies heavily on other people to help on our major events, there are too many people to mention individually but a very big thank you goes out to you all if you helped in any way shape or form, no matter how big or small you contribution your help is invaluable and very much appreciated

invaluable and very much appreciated. As I near the end of my report I would like to thank the committee members' families for putting up with us disappearing off to committee events all the time. A special thank you must go to Mick Herpe who was a founder member of the committee and has decided to retire this year. Mick has been instrumental in the development of the committee over the years so from us all Mick Thank You. Finally the biggest thank you must go to all the committee members themselves for their work, their input and ideas all of which enable us to stage excellent and safe events for all to enjoy so thank you to you all!

Stuart Robinson Chairman

Sutton C of E School Friends' Association News

We are holding a

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Funday Procession Route Change

The Village Committee is continually looking at ways to improve Funday and, as the procession has more and more walking floats, we feel the current route is too long for the smaller children. We have therefore decided to change the route as follows:

Form up on the Holme Lane end of Bridge Road Mobile floats joining the procession must enter Bridge Road via Mill Street (by the Rupali)

- Right onto Hazel Grove Road
- Left onto Bent Lane
- Right onto Croft Hill
- Left onto Manor Way
- Right onto North Road
- Left onto High Street (King Arms)
- Right onto Main Street (Black Bull)

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Treasurer's Report for year ending 31 Jan 2006

The financial health of the committee continues to go from strength to strength and we were able to make donations where appropriate once again.

The Village News made a small loss following further increases in the cost of printing, albeit we can now produce the paper in multi colours.

The bar hire in the Village Hall continues to grow and this funded the continued big expenditure on new equipment without affecting our ability to continue making donations. An added major benefit to this is the additional hires that are made in the Village Hall.

Funday was once again a great success and having sorted the problems with the fair a fantastic day was had by all. The profit along with the surplus from other events was donated to organisations as mentioned later in this article.

Bonfire night as ever is difficult to describe in words and the letters of thanks were very much appreciated. The event made a profit but we had significant increases in crowd control and firework costs.

A memento of the night is available on video and DVD by contacting the Treasurer or Chairman at a cost of £5.00. Unfortunately, if the minority of mindless idiots continue to drink alcohol in the park, despite our best efforts, and then believe they have the right to abuse anyone and everyone, the event is clearly under these

This year our events secretary Christine Young really pushed the boat out and we held a Valentines party, Casino night, Spooky Do and New Year party. These events were extremely popular and all tickets were sold. Once again, despite the heavy costs in both money and effort we were able to make a profit. As villagers are now supporting these events enthusiastically and tickets are sold within days of issue we are able to obtain the services of quality entertainers which would previously been beyond our means.

We undertook several race nights and casino nights to help other organisations and raised a total of £4300 for these groups. All this for the minimal cost of £100 for the race night and £300 for the casino night. These must be the best fundraisers in the area.

This year we were able to donate £3830 in total. Money was given to the park, the Village Hall, both schools, Girls' Brigade and two toddler groups.

Finally, it is only through the dedication of the committee members and group of volunteers that we are able to undertake Funday, Bonfire night, Themed Parties, Kids' Discos, Christmas trees and fund raising nights for others. If anybody would like to join this vibrant organisation, give something back to the village and have an enjoyable time then please contact any member of the committee.

Chris Todd Treasurer

Local Venues No 11. East Riddlesden Hall (National Trust)

For over twenty years I have enjoyed being a Voluntary Steward at East Riddlesden Hall, there are approx. 100, we are there for security and to assist visitors with information. The hall is reputed to have several ghosts, none of which have been seen by me.

Visitors have included TV, Radio and theatrical people, well known sportsmen, hikers, boaters from the canal, holiday makers, disabled, coach parties & people from all over the world. The Japanese always bow on leaving a room, & the visually handicapped are allowed to touch wood carvings on furniture, mullioned windows & the Priest escape route.

In October 2005 on leaving Sutton-in-Craven by bus, the journey was an adventure, being informed that in Venue No 9 that SENTINEL had not been mentioned; this turned out to be a steam driven lorry, driven by his father for T & M Bairstows.

A cafe lunch in Keighley looked tempting, chicken with a deep pink concoction. This was a mistake! On reaching the Hall gates, a long dark object on the ground moved, then to add to my consternation, a curly haired head appeared above ground; we were both surprised, he was working down a manhole to relieve a blocked drain.

Now, what has East Riddlesden Hall to do with Sutton-in-Craven? In 1934 Briggs Bros, Keighley manufacturers, purchased the property from a builder considering development; and gave it to the National Trust. Alderman Brigg used to mention in his speeches that he was educated at Stubbing Hill Boys' Grammar School. The family owned much land in Craven district; in the village is Briggs Farm, a smallholding and, going over Fall Bridge (1632), up Ellers Road (the old highway), there is Brigg Gate Farm. Possibly there would have been a gateway leading to the Stoop, the fields of Aden & Sutton Moor.

The Hall re-opens at the beginning of April, the National Trust copyright emblem is four oak leaves with acorns.

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Sutton Cricket Club

The club has started winter net practice at Sandylands Sports Centre, Skipton every Sunday 11.00 am to 12 noon until the new season starts on 22nd April. Any new players are welcome to join us.

In addition to the two senior teams who play in the Craven League next season we will again be running a junior team at Under 13 age group. A registration evening will take place at the ground on Friday 21st April. Junior games will be taking place on Sunday mornings.

The first fixtures for the senior teams on 22nd April include the First XI away at Foulridge in Division 2 while the Second XI, newly promoted to Division 4 are at home to Haworth.

Finally the club's AGM takes place on the 19th March in the Kings Arms, Sutton at 7.15pm.

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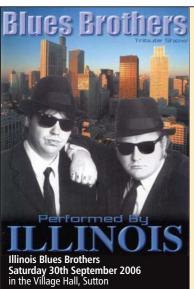


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Sutton Art Club

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15th March

Demonstration/practical Any media - Buildings Still Life

29th March 5th April

Annual General Meeting Easter Break

12th & 19th April 3rd May 17th May

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And if you're worried about the cost - some people living in Orchard Homes are entirely state funded whereas others pay a varying contribution. We welcome enquiries from everyone and can help explain costs based on your particular circumstances.

Please call Sandy 0845 602 7469, we will be happy to give you more information. We are running two open days, one for the general public on Saturday 15th April between 10.30am - 3.30pm. All the family are welcome to look around the homes and meet the staff, there will be a magician to entertain the younger guests, and one for professionals who deal with the elderly which will be held on Wednesday 12th April between 11.00am - 3.00pm. There will be a short presentation given by Mr Tony Thornton, local coroner officer for the Keighley area. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you would like an invitation or reserve tickets don't hesitate to

We are also recruiting all grades of staff from RGN's to gardeners, so if you think you might have what it takes to become part of a very caring team, just call Elaine and we'll tell you all about career opportunities within Orchard.

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South Craven Retired Men's Forum

The thirty first year of the Forum comes to a close with the Annual General Meeting on the **4th April 2006.**

This has again been a successful year for the programme of talks and slide shows, with their rich variation of subjects. Our Speaker Finder, John Walker, has to be congratulated on this success.

Yet to come this year are the Forum Trips, the first on the 8th June to Bridlington, followed on 19th October 2006 by a circular trip via Wharfedale to Richmond & Ripon, then a fish and chip tea at Murgatroyds (Yeadon). Ring 01535 630266 for further details.

A programme of Forum Walks for the Summer/Autumn will be issued shortly.

The next session of Forum meetings will commence on Tuesday, 3rd October 2006 in the Baptist Church Hall, Holme Lane, Sutton at 9.30am.

Everybody welcome!

Cross Hills Football Club

After the disappointing report I presented to you in the December issue, I was hoping to be able to give you better news.
Unfortunately I am unable to do so.
Although the first team has climbed the table and is out of the relegation zone, the second and third team are still looking like relegation prospects unless a remarkable transformation takes place. I cannot criticise the enthusiasm and dedication shown by all concerned and with a little bit of luck, which every team needs, things could improve. I sincerely hope I can report better news in the June issue.

On a more positive note, I am happy to say our Junior under 13 side looks like finishing as league champions at the end of their season. They have developed into a cracking side, playing some lovely football and attracting a lot of support on their home games. Good luck lads.

The Junior "B" side is finding it more difficult in their division but they are showing lots of promise and plenty of dedication in their approach and I am sure things will turn round very soon.

On the social side I would like to recommend our "Casino Night" to be held in Sutton Village Hall on Sat 11th March, 7.30pm - 12.00pm. It is, I promise you, a very enjoyable night out and a good laugh. It is a ticket only event and if you are interested, be quick, as they are going rapidly.

There's one good thing about writing for the March issue - Spring is on the way, the days are getting longer and we can all look forward to digging the garden, cutting the grass, outside maintenance etc. What the heck am I saying?

All the best. Barrie Pearce (Chairman)

South Craven Elderly Initiative Group

Our Spring Road Show will be held at St. Peters' Church Hall at Cross Hills on Wednesday 15th March, between 10am and 12noon, when we will have many of our usual exhibitors and some new. We do hope you will join us for FREE Refreshments, a Raffle and Transport when required.

We aim to provide the help and advice that people attending want, if we do not provide the help and information you require please ask one of our members and we will try to assist.

Last week we held our A.G.M. when our committee was re-elected en-bloc:

Mrs. G Birks (Chairman), Mrs. C Brocklesby (Treasurer) and Mrs. B Smith (Secretary).

The Elderly Initiative Group has links with most groups in South Craven with a majority of Older Members; we have links with the National Pension Convention and are a member of the Better Government for Older People Organisation. We aim to make the lives of Older People as Healthy and Enjoyable as possible. We campaign for improvements Locally, Regionally and Nationally. We meet monthly, at the Rest Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven, on the second Monday of the Month at 10am. If you would like to attend a meeting you will be very welcome.

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Who are these seven boys & six men at Sutton?

Does anyone recognise them? Can the photo be dated by the galvanised barbed wire - when was it first produced? Boys wearing neb caps, which used to be fastened by a press stud. Men used to wear hats called Billy Cocks, do these? Two of the men appear to have clay pipes. D Riley

Sutton Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society

Wednesday April 5th to Saturday April 8th 2006 At the Village Hall 7.15pm

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PARISH COUNCIL **NEWS**

On Monday 3rd April 2006 at 7.00pm, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the North Street Centre. This is the occasion when the chairman gives a summary of the Council's activities during the year and financial statements are available for inspection. There is the opportunity for questions and general feed-back. Councillors are very aware of the need to increase communication and involvement within the village and are inviting residents to come along and participate in the democratic running of our village.

Parish Council meetings are held in the North Street Centre on the first Monday of every month (unless it falls on a holiday when it is the second). Each meeting commences at 6.45pm when planning applications are examined. The Parish Council has no powers under planning laws but it does pass on to the District Council any concerns, objections and requests for further inspection. The meeting then continues with "Public Participation" when villagers can air their views and question councillors. Hopefully at this time misunderstandings can be cleared up, councillors made aware of concerns in the village and avenues of communication established. For the rest of the meeting members of the public are welcome as observers. The meeting taking place on Monday 8 May is of particular interest as it is the Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or even grumbles please contact the Council on

Sutton Village Committee Officers 2006

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Vice Chairman: David Harrison-Young Tel 636639

Treasurer: Chris Todd Tel 636959

Events Secretary & Bar Manager: Christine Young Tel 636639

Secretary: Richard Smith Tel: 07910 280943

Mick Herpe was one of the founder members of the Village Committee and after many years of loyal service has decided to retire. Mick has held every post imaginable on the committee and over the years he has shown a remarkable dedication and loyalty giving so much of his free time to work and organise events to benefit the villagers of Sutton. The Village Committee members and friends together with myself would like to thank Mick for all his efforts and wish him a happy retirement. Thank You Mick. Stuart Robinson

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