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Robbie comes to Sutton

Another full house in the village hall came to see Robbie W, the Robbie Williams tribute. The hall had been wonderfully decorated, as our pictures show, for the performance from Robbie W, and David's Discos. It was really nice to see the hall looking so posh.

The evening started with music being played by David's Discos, allowing an opportunity to chat between the people at our table. Trays of fine snack foods and nibbles were served to each table, providing many options to suit most peoples taste, as well as a tray of Chocolate treats for the sweet tooth.

After the food had been consumed, the tempo of the music increased, which

brought many folk onto the dance floor. At 2130 Robbie was welcomed onto the stage, with pyrotechnics providing a loud and bright welcome to the stage. Robbie was straight into his presentation, with his looks, voice and antics, it could have been Robbie Williams on the stage. His show was fantastic, and he got the audience active with a singing competition between sides of the hall, and spent a lot of time on the floor, with the audience getting them involved in the show.

Robbie also got 'Take That' on stage to play a number of songs, members of 'Take That' being taken from the audience, and they sang very well. After Robbies performance, he was brought back to the stage after several encores, he provided some additional performances to finish his stint.

A tombola was held which included over 20 prizes raising in excess of £300. Our thanks are provided to everyone who donated a prize for the Tombola, making it so successful.

David's Discos continued to provide music allowing many of the audience the opportunity to dance the night away.

A fantastic night was had by all that attended, making this event another very successful evening hosted by Sutton Village Committee.

Garry Petersen Editor

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Sutton CP School Create Ceramics

Year 5 at Sutton CP School have had a super time creating ceramics. The children in Year 5 at Sutton CP School have been using clay to make tiles and seating. The tiles will be placed on a wall near the seats to improve a part of the playground and make it more relaxing.

A ceramicist called James Oughtibridge worked with the children on three consecutive Thursdays in January and helped them make the artwork. The theme of the artwork was nature and the children were inspired by the plant life at the local park.

The tiles were decorated with clay leaves and branches. The seats were made from pipes which had been drawn on by the children, with designs based on nature. There were three seats made in the time that year 5 was given.

Samuel Fletcher, one of the pupils involved said "it was really good fun making the art work, and James is a brilliant teacher".



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Sutton Village Committee

Chairman's Report 2006-2007

This year has been one that has seen fundamental change in the Village Committee. Stuart Robinson felt that he could no longer continue as Chairman, and tendered his resignation. We thank him for all his hard work in all aspects of the committee's work, but particularly for his impressive organisation of Bonfire Night. He leaves me a hard act to follow and I for one am pleased that he continues to be a member of the committee.

Paul Wilkinson has relinquished his post as editor of the Newsletter, and we thank him for his work. Garry Petersen takes over from him and we wish him well in his new role.

Richard Smith our minutes secretary felt that he needed to commit more time to his accordion group and as such has moved to pastures new, and we welcomed Jackie Dickinson aboard as our Secretary.

The Village Committee has had an active year. The Fun Day was well supported, and contributed towards our financial success. Bonfire Night was a great success both financially and socially, except of course for Chris Riley! He is now fully recovered, and has continued as one of our volunteers.

Regards our volunteers we have seen an increase in helpers and associates including a number of younger villagers. As chairman I am proud that the younger generation is willing to help both my self and the committee at our events to provide all the services that we do which take a lot of hard work and time, all of this is greatly appreciated.

Alongside this I was able to lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday, a first for myself which was a proud moment.

Our Bar Service has continued to raise money, not only for the Village Committee but in a wider context. The Village Committee's constitution precludes us from giving donations outside Sutton, but it has helped other charities indirectly via the bar as it was used at several functions where funds were raised for various organisations including -

- May School of Dance two Awards evenings
- Football Club
- Angela Riley for improvements at the Village Hall
- Tommy Tots fund raiser
- Kidney dialysis
- Hospital in India
- Stoma care and ICU (donation from a 40th birthday party)
- Multiple sclerosis (donation from a wedding party)
- Accordion Society two fundraisers
- Scouts fundraiser
- · Children's ward at Airedale
- Manorlands (donation from a 60th birthday party)

The bar was used on more than 30 occasions during the year, which involved a huge time commitment from the committee and volunteers in erecting and dismantling the bar and serving on of an evening entirely unpaid.

However the Village Hall committee's generous offer of letting the Bar structure

remain *in situ* for the last three months has saved many man hours in taking it down and and re-assembling it for our volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela Riley the booking secretary and caretaker at the village hall for being so supportive and a pleasure to work alongside. Thanks also to our volunteers without whom we'd be unable to provide such excellent events and services for the village to enjoy. I would also like to say a personal thanks to our committee of officers and members which give so much in time, hard labour and support to ensure everything we do is professional and well co-ordinated.

The party and theme nights go from strength to strength. The New Year's Eve Party was enjoyed by all, including the entertainer Zac Bauman who will be returning for another evening of top class entertainment in the future. The New Year's Eve Party 2007 and our Mercury & May, a tribute to 'Queen' Party Night — February 2008 are both sold out already with a reserve. The American Party Evening in September, a return visit by 'the Blues Brothers' tribute was again a sellout, as was the party evening with "Robbie".

A considerable amount of time and effort is needed by volunteers and committee members to make these events possible, but the support and feedback is overwhelmingly positive. Our thanks go to Christine Young for all the behind the scenes organisation and obtaining first class acts for these evenings.

The decision was made to purchase Christmas lights for the village – our most considerable contribution to a single project to date. It was thought that this would be a good way for the whole village to enjoy some of the money we had made, but turned out to be a controversial move. Some of the views on the Village website verge on the vindictive, but we can only emphasise that the work we do is in the best interests of the village at heart hoping that the silent majority were happy with our efforts to brighten up the village over the festive period. I can only reiterate that we are only volunteers and all have other jobs and commitments, but we do our best. It is certainly true that you can't please all of the people all of the time!

All our events and services for the village throughout the year have meant financial success, details of which are collated by our hard working Treasurer Chris Todd – thanks for all that you do and your support since I took over as chairman.

This has enabled us to make numerous donations to a large number of groups within Sutton to help them accomplish their own projects throughout the year. Coverage of our donations is contained with the treasurer's report.

In conclusion my thanks go to the people that help to raise funds at all our events and in doing so donate money to many causes within the village helping to ensure that our community continues to grow. These include the volunteer helpers and in particular the members of the committee who give so much of themselves to ensure present and future success. I hope we can continue to do our best over the the forthcoming year for our fantastic village.

David Harrison-Young

Sutton Senior Citizens

The well respected, and long serving committee member and Chairman of Sutton Senior Citizens, Mr J McElhinney has sadly recently passed away as has his wife, Evelyn, a dedicated and long serving member of the committee, they have both done a great service to the group, always available when things needed to be done, and they will be sadly missed in the future.

A new Committee member, Mr Les Joy who co-opted at the last committee meeting, and Mr Colin Smith also co-opted, has been appointed as the new Chairman. He was a stalwart Secretary for many years and did great work in that position.

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Countries we have visited? Since Oct 2006 we have been to Corsica, Mexico, Galapagos Islands, South Africa, Borneo and Washburn Valley. We've had highly entertaining talks from lan Dewhirst and lan Lockwood (Craven & Herald Editors).

Last year, members and friends have had excursions to Bridlington, also Richmond and Ripon, (followed by a fish & chip tea). 95 people attended our Christmas Lunch which was held at the Coniston Hotel, Coniston Cold. It was generally agreed that the event, the meal, and the entertainment were enjoyed by everyone!

Why not come down to see what we are about? Subscriptions are only £3 per annum, with a 50p attendance fee for each meeting. We look forward to seeing you here, and making you very very welcome.

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Thanks - Eric Ainsworth

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It doesn't seem two minutes since I was penning a report for the December 06 issue of the 'Village News', and now here I am contributing to the March 07 publication with the season well over halfway.

However I can report that on the field of play, things are looking extremely positive. Both senior sides are keeping good positions in their respective divisions of the West Lancashire League, and producing some very good football. The enthusiasm amongst the players is very encouraging. If this continues we should have one of our best seasons for quite a while. Time will tell.

Unfortunately the last few weeks have given us some of the wettest weather we have experienced for some time, causing many fixtures to be postponed. This has led to a backlog of games to be played, which will have to be completed before the end of the season. I will be able to be more specific in the june issue.

Our Junior sides keep on delighting our supporters with some absolutely cracking displays of football. If they continue like this and graduate to the senior ranks, I can forecast a very good future for the club.

As I have said the atrocious weather has affected all aspects of the clubs activities, not least a slight drop in the number of spectators. From a personal point of view, as chief cook and bottle washer, I have noticed a drop in my takings, over the refreshment counter causing a decrease in my pension fund. To counteract this I can assure everyone that I have now replaced the teabag with a new one, and will continue to do so regularly, well at least once every fortnight. That should bring you all flocking back, plus, at no extra cost, a drop of the amber liquid, on request, to give you that warm glow. For medicinal purposes only, of course.

> Best wishes Barrie Pearce - Chairman

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Treasurer's report for year ending 31/01/2007

The financial health of the committee continues to go from strength to strength and we were able to make donations at a record level.

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 expenditure on new equipment without having to resort to funds raised at Funday or Bonfire night.

Funday was once again a great success even though it decided to rain for the first time in years. The profit along with the surplus from other events was donated to organisations as mentioned later in this

Bonfire night made slightly more profit than last year but we had signficant increases in crowd control and firework costs. Fortunately Chris Riley made a full recovery and hopefully we can continue to put on a premier show in the park. As ever we continue to have problems with underage teenagers who think they are grown up by drinking alcohol but just confirm how immature they are once they get a drink inside themselves.

Yet again our events secretary Christine Young pushed the boat out and held a Casino night, American theme night 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 these events are now heavily subscribed we continue in our ability to 'punch above our weight' in the quality of acts who are willing to come to the village hall.

We undertook several race nights and casino nights to help other organisations and raised a total of £2,000 for these groups.

Despite what some people seem to think, this year we were able to donate a massive £8760, the largest amount ever given away by the village committee in its entire history. Money was given to the parish council (£6,330 to assist with purchase of Christmas lights and plants in the park), junior football club (£200), women's institute (£60), both schools (£1460), the playgroup (£200), allotment society (£60), E. Longbottom (£100) pavilion toddlers group (£150), Tommy Tots Playgroup (£50) and the girls brigade (£150). A fantastic effort and well done to all committee members and helpers.

Finally after 8 years as Treasurer I feel it is time for a fresh input and new ideas and so will be standing aside for a new officer. I would like to put on record my appreciation to everybody who has been involved during this time and wish the Committee continued success in the years to come.

Chris Todd

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1st April - 10.30am

Sunday United Service

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5th April - 6.30pm

indy Thursday Meal and Service

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6th April - 10.00am

Good Friday Procession

Meet at St Thomas' Church for a silent procession with cross, for a simple service outside St Peter's Church, Cross

6th April - 10.00am Children's Activit

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8th April - 8.30am

Easter Day

Holy Communion (said prayer book

10.30am - Parish Communion (sung service)

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Village Committee's New Years Eve Party

The New Year's Eve party, held at the Village Hall, was a full house, attended by 150 people.

Having been met by the smartly dressed door staff, and escorted to our table, we were able to take in the very pleasant surrounding that we were in. The Hall had been made to look very pleasant, with a decoration of coloured helium filled balloons, going up the wall at different levels, and also across the Hall in loops. The tables had all been dressed in the same colour scheme with fancy table decorations

Platters of food were delivered to all tables, platters that contained tasty snacks such as pork pies, scotch eggs, a selection of filled wraps, and spicy chicken pieces. A tray of sweet delights followed.

The evenings entertainment was provided by David's Disco and Zac Bauman "the summit of swing", a singer/comedian, who sang songs from the "Rat Pack" era. Zac had a great voice, and performed very well. Whilst Zac prepared or rested, David took over and played a wide variety of music, which got many people up onto the dance floor.

A raffle was held with a great selection of prizes which included bottles of spirits, wine, an MP3 player, and a mini hi-fi unit. The raffle made in excess of £300.

Dancing to David's Disco continued until midnight, when we greeted in the New Year to the chimes of Big Ben, flying streamers, ticatac tape and snow as balloons were released from the net in the ceiling.

Everybody appeared to have a great time, before leaving in the early hours to wend their way home. The Village Committee should be congratulated on their efforts to stage this event, and the hard work that went into making the event a very successful evening.

> Garry Petersen Editor

ocal Venues No.15 Billy Moor and Monkey Steps

On the moors above Sutton-in-Craven there are a few paved remains of a path or a packhorse track, which went from Ickornshaw to Manchester, which was known as "Billy Moors

In the oldest part of our village were two raised causeways, the one at Lister Hill is now a tarmac drive, and the adjacent lawn, was the site of the "Little Mission". As children, we called the remaining flagged and remaining path, the "Billy Moor", and would run along chanting "I'm on the Billy Moor, you can't catch me".

Children still love to walk on it. According to information given to me by local residents, the steps at the end were known as "Monkey Steps". Seventy or eighty years ago, youths used to gather there on Sundays, one of the youths, known as Jonston enjoyed clog dancing to an

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Sutton C of E School Friends Association News

We would like to thank Steve Morgan and the volunteers from the Kings Arms for their donation of £110. This is part of the proceeds of the Village Christmas trees and will be spent on activities for the children.

Our annual school disco will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th March at 2.00pm. All children from the CofE School are welcome.

2008 sees the 150th anniversary of the school. We are starting to plan events and activities to celebrate this. We want to put together a commemorative cookbook, with the favourite recipes of both the current and ex-pupils. All contributions will be gratefully received.

We are interested in how tastes have changed over the years. Recipes can be left at School, c/o Friends.

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The new Editor is Garry Petersen who can be contacted on 01535 637160 by phone, or at the following email address: garry_petersen_4@hotmail.com If you have any news worthy information for the newsletter, please provide your inclusion to me at 22 High Street, Suttonin-Craven.

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