Merry Christmas

All Hallows in the Snow by Alison Kitchen
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have had our first short lived sprinkling of snow and some moderate frost, so it is reasonable to conclude that Winter is fast approaching and might be a little more challenging this year. Is this my opinion based on a deep understanding of Met Office forecast models or not? Well not really, but the local wildlife are busy preparing for a hard Winter as are local residents judging by the recent activities of the oil consortium. However, the most telling piece of natural evidence is that our labrador has stopped moulting and started her annual migration to log burner latitudes much earlier than usual!!

The Lodge Planning Application
The application to build 46 luxury lodges on land adjacent to Moor End, phased over five or six years, was considered by the District Council Planning Committee on 13th October. The Parish Council appreciated the very thorough report by the planning officer and the firm recommendation for refusal. We were heartened by the remarks from the members of the planning committee and the manner in which they unanimously rejected the application. In particular, we were grateful for the very supportive remarks made by Christine Cookman, our local District Councillor.

We would like to thank village residents who helped with the campaign, particularly those who attended the site visit, complete with banner, and undeterred by the rain. A number of people also went to the planning meeting, further emphasising the level of opposition in the village. The applicant now has six months in which to lodge an appeal, so that we are back to a waiting game.

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Sewage Sludge Processing on Eastmoor Airfield
The Parish Council wishes to make it very clear that Fridlington Estates is not connected in any way with this sewage processing business, which is located on land adjacent to theirs and belonging to another landowner.

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Hambleton Local Plan
Hambleton District Council began to develop a new local plan in Summer 2015 by sending out a request to landowners for details of any land that they would wish to put forward for development. At the same time, Parish Councils were asked to specify any areas they viewed as sensitive and would wish to protect. By the early Spring of this year, the project team had prepared a number of development scenarios in an "issues and options" document. This was presented at several public consultation meetings, ours being in Easingwold. The Parish Council made a written response based on residents’ previously expressed views. In the Summer, there was another consultation, at which the sites submitted for development in settlements across Hambleton were made public. There were six such sites in the Sutton on the Forest Parish. The Parish Council attended the consultation and commented on the suitability of the suggested sites in relation to the previously expressed village development priorities. The views expressed by the PC have largely been taken on board in reaching the council’s preferred solution.

A further public consultation in November presented information regarding the policy section of the Plan and the outcome of an examination of the submitted sites against that policy. The “preferred option” for Sutton was a single site along the eastern side of Carr Lane, with a suggested content of 10 houses.

A village meeting was held on Wednesday 30th November and a number of pertinent suggestions were made by residents. These points will be covered in the Parish Council’s formal reply to the consultation.

Residents are also encouraged to comment on the proposals indicating support or any reservations. Details of how to do so can be found at www.hambleton.gov.uk/localplan or by contacting the planning policy team. The closing date for comments is 12th December 2016. The current draft plan will evolve as it passes through a formal statutory process, including submission to and examination by a planning inspector. The target date for adoption of the new plan is late 2018 and it will seek to cover the period 2018 to 2035.

Rose and Crown Public House
Following the departure of the Middletons and partial closure of the Rose and Crown, there is now a positive development. An enthusiastic prospective tenant is willing to take up the lease with some financial help provided via the CIC. The Parish Council hopes that this marks the end of the period of uncertainty regarding the Rose and Crown and wishes the new tenant and the CIC every success. More details and an up to date assessment of the situation are provided elsewhere in this issue of the Sutton Times.

Finally, and on behalf of the whole Parish Council, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2017.

Bob Shearman
Chairman
Sutton on the Forest Parish Council
A special meeting of the Parish Council received the Ecological report on Moor End on 10th October. Our consultant Ecologist, Martin Hammond, presented the report and also proposals for the approach to be taken to improve the habitats in the nature reserve.

Some major points were agreed as follows:-

- The existing path should be improved and maintained and that some spurs should be added leading to points of interest.
- Sycamore and Beech should not be removed entirely, but controlled now and in the future.
- The majority of the work should be concentrated on the large pond (B) adjacent to the chicken enclosure, limiting the management of the other large pond (A) to controlling surface growth. Pond A is markedly polluted probably due to the foul sewer in Carr Lane which overtops in heavy rain.
- The possibility of dredging pond B will be investigated.
- One or two larger pools in the centre of the wood should be improved as a future home for the rare mud snails, abandoning the existing mud snail pools as a lost cause due to pollution from Carr Lane.
- Measures should be adopted to improve wet grassland and the road verge.

The project manager, John Smale, and Martin Hammond have started the process of detailing work packages for the project and have initially identified some preliminary work that will be attempted this Winter to maintain project momentum. Invitations to tender for this preliminary work are currently being issued. It is hoped that the tendering process can be completed and a contract awarded in early January, allowing some work to be done before work must cease at the end of March to avoid disturbing species that depend upon Moor End.

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The YCA has had its usual varied programme through the autumn:

In September Kath & Clive Richardson’s talk “The woman who didn’t exist” told us, through the story of one woman, of the terrible impact of the first world war on women and families when their husbands were killed.

In October, our speaker Ian Thomlinson talked about the Treemendous project to plant 50,000 trees in York in 5 years. We also had an outing to see Kenneth Branagh in “The Entertainer” live from the Garrick theatre in London, although we only had to go as far as the Vue to watch.

At our AGM in November we had an excellent ‘bring and share’ supper, washed down with beer from the Treboom microbrewery in Shipton by Beningborough. John Lewis, the joint owner of Treboom, gave us a very informative talk about beer making, followed by a tasting.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Thursday 12 January 2017** – annual dinner at Pampas. No meeting in January

**Wednesday 1 February 2017** – Sue Bretherton will talk to us about setting up a school for street children in India.

New members are always welcome, and our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Grey Village Hall.

Season’s greetings to everyone on behalf of the YCA.

Judy Cliffe

810995
NEWS FROM THE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

After 13 years as the Chair of the playing field committee, Paddy Harrop has stepped down, as have long term members, George Burgess, Matt Rogers and Matt Groom and Mike Simpson.

On behalf of all playing field users I'd like to offer a huge thank you to Paddy for his excellent stewardship and to all for your hard work and commitment over the last few years.

The playing field is a fantastic green open space enjoyed by all and has been maintained in this lovely condition in no small part by your efforts.

I am taking up the reins as Chair having served on the committee in recent times. For those who don't know me, I've lived in the village for 11 years with my wife and children in The Gowans.

There is now an opportunity for new members to come forward to keep the tradition and fun going. New input and ideas are always welcome to make the most of this wonderful village resource for everyone.

The committee meets several times a year arranging the Sutton 10k race, organising seasonal maintenance days and community events.

If you wish to contact me my mobile number is 07785 385707 and email is neil.ashton@imagedata.co.uk.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Neil Ashton
GREY VILLAGE HALL

Outside the hall we have two new PIR lights which make things so much easier in the long winter evenings. For these we have to thank Michael Kitchen who very kindly thought to both provide and install them.

Passers-by will have admired our Christmas tree, as usual generously provided by the Parish Council, and a particularly fine specimen this year. Many thanks to Giles White for collecting it, to Tim and David Jarvis for putting it up and arranging the lights so beautifully, and to Tricia Allison for organising it all.

Last month we welcomed the Library Theatre Touring Company with a performance of Two Talking Heads. Full of Alan Bennett's characteristic powers of observation, acerbic wit and dark humour, these monologues more than lived up to expectation and were enjoyed by an audience of just under fifty people.

We are currently considering what events to put on next. It can be very difficult to decide what might pull in the crowds and we are keen to try to widen the audience so if you have any ideas we are always happy to consider suggestions. You can get in touch by emailing gvillagehall@gmail.com

Stillington Surgery

www.stillingtonsurgery.co.uk

Christmas and New Year Closures

The surgery will be closed on Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 December

We will be closed on Monday 2 January

Please ensure that you order your medication in good time for the holidays, allowing at least 48 hours before collection
Sutton and Huby Gardening Club

The Club has made a very good start to the season, with lots of new members from Huby, Sutton and surrounding villages. As you may know, the monthly meetings alternate between the Methodist Chapel in Huby and the Grey Village Hall in Sutton, usually starting at 7.45 on the fourth Wednesday in the month.

New members and visitors are most welcome and there’s bound to be someone there you know. Don’t be shy and we aren’t experts!

Our next few meetings are:

25 January 2017 Sarah Hopps and Martin Fish, Gardeners Question Time, Huby Chapel at 7.45

22 February, Julia Lewis, Gardening on the Radio, Sutton Village Hall, 7.45

22 March, Edible York, speaker to be announced, Huby Chapel, 7.45

26 April, Chris Small, Care of Annuals, Plant Sale and AGM. Sutton.

Sutton opens many of its gardens every two years for local charities and to help the club and the next opening is on 28 and 29 May, 2017. Offers of help are much appreciated.

In the Summer, there is a full day outing with a free bus and an evening outing and details will be given at the meetings nearer the time. Posters for all the meetings are put up beforehand in the usual places in both villages.

Derek Jacobs (810208)
The villagers of Sutton-on-the-Forest have succeeded in saving the last pub in their village – the “Rose and Crown” after a prolonged battle since November 2015. When the pub closed, Sutton resident David Brown formed the “Friends of the Rose and Crown” to lead the fight for the pub’s survival. The Parish Council helped enormously by successfully applying for the pub to be listed as an Asset of Community Value thereby preventing the pub site being developed for other purposes. Shortly afterwards a Community Interest Company (CIC) was formed which effectively gave the village community “first refusal” for buying the freehold for 6 months.

A lease on the pub was taken up in March 2016 by a previous owner but this proved to be a false dawn when the tenant left suddenly in October. “Suddenly, we were back to square one” said CIC Chairman, John Lister. “We were doubtful of our chances of raising enough money to buy the freehold and, with so many other pubs on the market in North Yorkshire, there was little interest from anyone. So, we were really grateful when Collette Willetts came forward as a prospective tenant. Collette used to work in the pub and had set her heart on returning either as a tenant or as the owner. However, she had just sunk all her capital into “Beautopia” in Gillygate so she needed help to buy the lease and help with working capital.

“Collette and the CIC described their plan for the pub at a public meeting and afterwards the village showed tremendous community spirit by raising over £30,000. In effect, the community saw a line in the sand – on one side was a suburb to the north of York and on the other was a strong village community.

“There’s a tremendous amount of work still to be done but, all being well, Collette will host a reception for investors between 7pm and 9pm on Thursday 8 December and then the “Rose and Crown” will re-open at 5pm on Friday 9 December with a new menu, great offers for Christmas lunch and New Year’s Eve and a plan for an exciting future with the pub at the heart of a village community. With support from Collette’s fiancé Tom and her brother Neil as head chef there will be great ‘family business’ support in the pub.

“Many people have helped with this achievement – David Brown and Maurice Jones who set up the ‘Friends of the Rose and Crown’, the Parish Council and Mark Raven, Anthony Chappell, Paddy Harrop, Grace Nodes and Michael Kitchen who have made a tremendous contribution to the CIC. Also, the people of Huby and Stillington who saved their shops for the community have given us great advice and invested in the pub. Good luck Collette!”
HUBY AND SUTTON
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regular meetings are now taking place using all the lessons learnt from last year’s Show. Bearing in mind that it was the first Saturday show for a long time and had been moved forward a month—we were very pleased with comments received—many said that it was the best Show for some time.

The new teams working under the direction of Rachel (our new Secretary) worked very well together. They have a lot of fresh ideas to put in place for next year’s Show. We are prepared to listen to new ideas in bringing the Show forward, providing entertainment for the public but never forgetting that it is very much an agricultural show and it is our aim to show the best of our rural area.

By moving the show forward we got more help in setting up than in previous years—anyone who might be interested in helping next year will be most welcome—just give me a ring. I am sure you will enjoy working with us. Next year we will have a new Horse Secretary—Darryl Waines who takes over from Shelagh Holloway—I am sure she will have new ideas and we welcome her.

Two new Honorary Vice Presidents were elected at the Council Annual General Meeting—Sue Bracewell and Derek McLuckie, in recognition of their services to the Society over many years.

I look forward to working with the committee next year and we are well forward with our preparations.

Willie Anderson
President
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Show date Saturday 24 June 2017
New Outdoor Improvement Services

Based in Sutton on the Forest Rob Delaney has set up a new business offering a variety of quality services, including:

- Fencing and gates erected
- Patio and paving repairs
- Concrete bases for garden buildings
- Gravel paths
- Pressure washing paths and patios
- Raised beds made to your requirements
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- Bespoke steel pyramid obelisks

All work considered

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Keep Fit in Grey Village Hall

We ran 3 taster sessions for Keep Fit in the Grey Village Hall in October with Tom Linnish running the classes. They have proved to be successful and so Tom is now running a 1 hour session on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm each week in the hall. We all huff & puff to a varying degree but I am sure it is doing us good.

The plan is that the sessions will close over Christmas but will resume on Monday 9th January at 2.30pm at a cost of £4 an hour. It is open to men and women of all ages. Do come and join us to get rid of some of the Christmas excesses & have a sociable hour in the gloomy days of January.

Lis Smale
North Yorkshire Police

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Next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday 4 January 2017
7.30pm Grey Village Hall

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