

Sutton Times

August 2020

Sutton on the Forest Parish Council

Parish Council News

This really is a year of extremes in many ways. The weather has been very variable, with the monsoon earlier in the year, followed by a very hot dry period. This did have the advantage of allowing the land to eventually dry out. More recently, there has been an alternating pattern between high temperatures and heavy showers. Fortunately, our area has been largely spared the very violent thunderstorms. Just to add to the variety, the recent gale produced winds that taxed gardeners somewhat. The great storm in the South in 1987 caused much damage to woodland as the trees were in full leaf and the ground wet. However, there were much fewer tree casualties here on this occasion. Either the ground was drier, the winds lighter, or Yorkshire trees like Yorkshire folk, have a firmer grip on things. I prefer the latter explanation!

Footpaths

Our thanks to all those residents who attacked the grass growing over the footpaths during the lockdown. There was immediate benefit in terms of the increase in width and neat appearance, although it is recognised that the exposed surface often left much to be desired. The next stage is to continue to pester Highways to re-surface the (wider) paths. It will be a lengthy battle to get some action on this as North Yorkshire County Council Highways are short of funds as are most Councils at present. However, we will persevere.

Friends of Moor End

There are a number of house keeping tasks in the Moor End nature reserve that could be undertaken by volunteers. For example there is currently a pile of chipped wood that could be spread on the footpath at the Well Lane end of Moor End. It has been suggested that a "friends" group be set up to look after the lighter maintenance tasks and to take an interest in preserving and improving this valuable habitat. Any work will be undertaken in a manner meeting social distancing rules of course. It is not intended to take on heavier or more challenging tasks which will still be undertaken by contractors paid by the Parish Council.

If you are interested and able to help, please contact the Parish clerk, whose details are on the back page of the Sutton Times.

New Parish Councillor

We are very pleased to welcome Tony Prowde to the Parish Council. Tony volunteered to be coopted to fill the current vacancy and we all look forward to working with him. His contact details can be found on the back page of the Sutton Times.

Volunteers

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who provided help to members of the local community during the lockdown and since. Their contribution is very much appreciated. The take away meal service by Neil and Nikki at the Rose and Crown also provided valuable assistance to the community during a difficult period.

Vehicle Activated Sign

Further progress on the project to purchase and use a mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) at three sites in the village was delayed by the lockdown as the chosen company could not provide training to the volunteers and was concentrating on more essential traffic work. The original plan was to alternate the unit between three sites, monitoring traffic speeds in both directions. This would result in the unit being located on each site for 12 weeks or more to the point, being absent from each site for 24 weeks.

The North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's office has recently invited applications for grants for projects related to road safety. The Parish Council has applied for match funding to support our MVAS project. There is no guarantee of a successful outcome, but should extra funding be available, it will be possible to purchase two units and increase frequency of deployment at each site. A decision should be available at the end of September and we have delayed purchase action until we know the outcome.

The unit we are planning to purchase also has a facility to download information regarding the frequency of speeds exceeding the limit, allowing an estimate to be made of the impact of the unit's presence over time.

We currently have two volunteers willing to help with deployment of the MVAS, but it would be helpful to have more. The units are re-aligned/re-located every six weeks and this takes no more than one hour. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors. This system is intended to complement Speedwatch, not replace it.

Speedwatch also desperately needs extra volunteers if it is to effectively maintain its operation in the village. If you are willing to help with this activity please contact -

Paul Phillips p.b.phillips31@gmail.com

Dog Fouling

This problem has continued and became worse during lockdown. Hambleton District Council also missed the bin in the recreation ground from the emptying rota, which didn't help. However, once alerted they dealt with it promptly. In addition to fouling, we are now suffering from a plague of discarded unused dog poo bags along paths in the woods. Please take your bags home if they are unused. Discarded bags do not rot and we do not want even more plastic waste in the environment.

Recently, a dog owner was asked if he was going to pick up after his dog on a footpath, and replied that he didn't see why he should. Frankly, I don't see why he should not, or more to the point why someone else should have to clean up after him.



There is no dog poo fairy godmother in this village. The last one wore out her magic wand due to over work and we are unlikely to recruit another so bag it and bin it please.



Harvest Traffic



It is Harvest time and inevitably there is an increase in agricultural and heavy goods traffic on local roads. Please take care when crossing roads, parking, and exiting parked cars, particularly with young children.

Some residents have complained that large vehicles tend to speed, particularly in Main Street. In fact evidence from Speedwatch suggests that the combination of size and noise tends to give an impression of excessive speed whereas the vehicles are complying with the legal speed limit. Whether the actual speed is always appropriate to the location and loading is a different question.

Residents also ask why enforcement action (MVAS or Speedwatch) is not available in other locations. However, the individual locations have to be approved by the controlling authorities and our proposals are not always accepted.

Things come to those who wait

The road sign at the junction of Well Lane and Carr Lane has been broken and drooping for several years and reported many times. However, when nobody was looking a brand new shiny three armed sign has appeared. It even points in the right direction. Well done Highways.

Councillor Bob Shearman

Recycling restarts

For those who are not on the St Nicks mailing list, please be aware that they have organised a few specific drop in sessions to hand over Terracycle materials. The list is quite specific, so please check opposite. The next date that will be relevant after receiving this newsletter is Monday, 14 September between 4-5 pm. No need to book, but there may be queues. Anyone with materials sorted in accordance with the guide opposite is very welcome. Please note, as the church is locked apart from services, this previous local drop-off centre is not available, so items not delivered directly will need to be keep at home until lockdown eases.



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Sutton on the Forest YCA

The YCA is happy to announce that it has speakers in place for it's September, October, November and December meetings, provided there are enough people wishing to attend, to make a meeting viable. Safety measures have been put in place by The Village Hall Committee and the YCA. There will be no refreshments or raffle and limited social interaction within the village hall. Members must inform Irene Martin in advance if they wish to attend a meeting. Non members cannot be accommodated at the moment. All members have been informed of the measures in place for each meeting, and will receive regular updates.

Thanks, Caroline Mytum - 01347 810969

STILLINGTON SURGERY FLU CLINICS

These clinics will be held on Saturday 19 & 26 September and 10 October
If you are 65 years and over or in an at risk group,
please telephone 01347 810332 to make an appointment
We now have our own facebook page for up-to-date information

f https://www.facebook.com/StillingtonSurgery/



www.cooperkingdistillery.co.uk info@cooperkingdistillery.co.uk Phone: 01347 808232



Distillery Tours

Distillery tours are running again! Every Saturday, 2pm & 4pm, September onwards. Limited to 6 people & carried out in accordance with the latest Government Covid-19 guidance. Pre-book your place online: www.cooperkingdistillery.co.uk/experiences.





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Sutton on the Forest & Huby Gardening Club

July has been a busy month, keeping on top of the gardening and also enjoying taking a nosy over the fences into other people's gardens in the villages on our government mandated exercise! All that time trapped in the house and garden has been put to good use!

We have provisional plans for the whole of the 2020-21 club session, starting on 23 **September** at the Huby Village Hall.

Please keep your eyes open for posters advertising the monthly meetings although, of course, it's not certain we'll be allowed to run them.



If the meetings need to be "socially distant", the Huby and Sutton village halls won't be able hold a typical audience! The speakers kindly understand they may/may not be coming to speak.

As you can see your club has some problems ahead but we'll do our best to be ready to start our activities at short notice. The posters will tell you when that happens. Those people who were members over the last few years who have email will get a message telling them what's happening". I think all clubs will be In the same boat! Thanks a lot.

I'm Derek Jacobs 1347 810208 djj3@btinternet.com and I will be able to answer your questions (usually!) about the meetings or membership.

Grey Village Hall

Notice of A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. (postponed from April) will be held on **Tuesday 22nd September** at 7 p.m. in the hall. All residents are welcome to attend (subject to a maximum of 25 people in the hall!!)

We were delighted when Pre-School was able to restart in June and have been busy preparing to allow other groups to be able to return after the summer break. This has involved reading and producing reams of paperwork to comply with government guidelines in ensuring that we are 'Covid-19 secure' and minimise the risk of infection. Anyone hiring the hall will be given written guidance which hopefully is only common sense and not too off-putting. We have obtained quantities of hand sanitiser, disinfectant spay and general cleaning materials for hirers to use, gloves, extra bins and a Covid first aid box. Inevitably there will be rules on social distancing, meaning we can host a maximum of 25 people and I am afraid that face-coverings will be necessary.

We had booked two theatre performances for later in the autumn but sadly, at the time of writing, live performances are not allowed. Such a shame, especially having missed The DIY Chef in May, but we can always hope.

Having the hall empty has, however, given the opportunity to catch up on a lot of necessary maintenance. The white woodwork outside has been repainted, a number of areas of rotten wood replaced and a new window fitted to replace one that was beyond repair. Inside, the cleaning cupboard has new flooring (thanks, once again, to John Smale). The alder tree on the Carr Lane side of the building is dead and needs to come down which is not proving easy to arrange as it is close to overhead wires as well as the road and will involve Northern Power Grid.



AGM

As a community owned, not-for-profit 'community benefit society', every year we are required to report our accounts to the Financial Conduct Authority which have to be first approved at the AGM. This year we will hold a socially distanced AGM in Huby Memorial Village Hall on **Friday 25 September 7pm**.

Numbers will be restricted so if you are one of our 500 shareholders who bought a £20 share and would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the shop.

We will ask guests to wear face coverings whilst in the hall and will use a microphone so you will be able to hear the reports from the Management Committee.

If you cannot attend but would like a copy of the accounts, these will be available to download from our website
www.barkersofhuby.co.uk

This will be our fifth AGM and will cover the trading period 1 May 2019 - 30 April 2020.

Recent Shop Improvements

One of our huge challenges is finding space to store stock. The shop is small and we don't have storage freezers and fridges to top up the main shop fridges. We are also having to manage social distancing on the forecourt, and continue to restrict 2 customers at a time inside the shop. This makes

managing deliveries and stock very difficult for our volunteers.

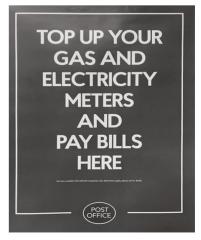
At the beginning of October we will be replacing the various sheds and fruit and veg shed/gazebo with a purpose built shed on the forecourt which will include fridges and freezers, stock shelves and a separate section for fruit and veg. We have used a temporary small shed for one fridge and freezer during the summer and couldn't have kept the shop supplied without it. Obviously, nothing of value is/will be kept in the shed.

The Management Committee is continuing to explore all options to purchase our own shop premises at some point and improve accessibility and storage, so the storage shed is meant to be a short-term solution to an everyday problem for us at the moment.

Our till system was replaced at the end of July as we had just about worn out the original EPOS used for the last 5 years. We also bought a new laptop and printer for the office to make it easier for everyone to print forms, signs and pie labels.

A touchless hand-sanitiser unit next to the shop steps is being well used by customers before coming into the shop.





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Thank You to all Our Volunteers

Without our wonderful volunteers we would not be able to keep the shop open. Without the income from the shop, we would not be able to fund the 43 hours the Post Office is open.

We usually host a volunteers get together in the pub every 3 months, and some kind of annual 'thank you' social event to show our appreciation for everything our volunteers do. Unfortunately, all plans for this year's social event and regular volunteer get togethers have had to be put on hold until we are clear of the pandemic.

It was very nice to receive a card from the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire thanking all our volunteers, and lots of customers have commented on how hard everyone has worked during the last few months to keep the shop stocked and open every day. We are a community owned and run shop and certainly proved how essential a local shop and post office is to all of us during recent months. The shop and post office stayed open throughout lock-





down as an essential service, and this saved 200 journeys out of the villages every single day. A truly remarkable effort from all our shop and Good Neighbour volunteers. We will celebrate together at some point! Without masks. With hugs and handshakes!

Denise Howard

ALL HALLOWS ANNUAL ADVENT DRAW

As many of you will know, the Church annual draw and Carol Singing evening always takes place in the Rose and Crown on the first Sunday of Advent. Sadly this year, for obvious social distancing reasons, this cannot now take place in its usual format.

However **the Draw is still going to take place** - and indeed it is important that it does because with the church having been closed for so many months, it will be a vital source of funds for the church so do please support it generously!



The draw will now take place in church on **Sunday 29th November** but only with a small number of people present to ensure that the process is performed fairly and legally. The winners will then all be notified by phone and their prizes delivered.

If you regularly receive tickets to sell, these will come your way soon, but if anyone else would like to buy and/or sell tickets please contact Alison Kitchen on 810685 and she will put them through your door. They come in books of 5 tickets and are priced at £1 per ticket. First prize is £75 cash and, hoping for the usual kind and generous donation of prizes, we hope to have as many as we usually do - around 80! If you have anything that you would like to donate, do please drop off to Alison at Tall Timbers.

Thank you

Summer news from Sutton on the Forest Primary School



Like all schools, the summer term at Sutton on the Forest Primary school has been an unusual one. At the beginning of term the school catered for the children of key workers, after half term welcomed children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and some children from other year groups from the middle of June. The staff have worked tirelessly to offer a stimulating learning experience for all the children – those in school and those at home.

The school is very lucky to have an expansive outdoor area so when the weather allowed a lot of outdoor learning took place and the children particularly enjoyed building dens. The key worker children decorated the school drive to say hello to their friends at home.

The children celebrated VE day – making bunting to decorate the village and topics have included 'The Borrowers', space and world records. Towards the end of term a socially

distanced sports day and talent show were enjoyed by staff and children alike.

We have welcomed our new starters to school with their carers and we are delighted that we are able to offer a four class structure from September. We have appointed 3 new members of staff – Mr Dodd, Mrs Alexander and Mrs Inman – we are looking forward to welcoming them to our school in September.

As always at the end of the summer term we are saying a sad farewell to our year 6 children and although their final term has been an unusual one they have spent time together as a group and had lots of fun. They all made cross stitch rainbow

cards as a reminder of the 2020 lockdown and their final term in year 6. We wish them well at their new schools.

We have also said goodbye to one of our teaching assistants – Miss Tubb and to Mrs Wagstaff from our catering staff. We wish them both the very best of luck in the future. Everyone at school is looking forward to a well earned summer break and to welcoming all the children back in September, including new starters in Reception, as well as Samson, Ollie, Nathan, Calum, Elsie and Ellie into other year groups.

Mrs Comito has put together a video of photos documenting the time of Year 6 at Sutton. Well done - we are so proud of you all! Helen Pye - Headteacher

https://www.facebook.com/746865069060127/videos/312755636768964/



Keep in touch









The Rose and Crown

Most of you will be aware of the tremendous efforts that Neil and Nikki have put in during the last 6 months to support our community and to keep the Rose and Crown trading during the lockdown. Despite their own personal difficult circumstances, as soon as the lockdown was announced they helped vulnerable people in our village by picking up and delivering essential supplies such as groceries. This initiative was quickly followed by the introduction of a food takeaway and delivery service which proved very popular; indeed, Neil and Nikki believe that without your excellent support for this service the pub may not have survived.

Neil and Nikki put in an enormous amount of hard work to prepare the pub for re-opening and as a result the Rose and Crown was near the top of the list of pubs and restaurants in North Yorkshire which were best prepared for re-opening. Following the Grand Re-opening on 4 July the Rose and Crown has traded strongly. The outbreak of COVID-19 at the Black Horse in Tollerton is a strong reminder - if any was needed - that pubs and restaurants will not return to regular trading patterns for the foreseeable future. For example, because of the COVID restrictions Neil and Nikki can't stage special events just yet ... but plans for Christmas Day Lunch are already being made! There will be limited availability so please book early to ensure a place.

Please note that Neil and Nikki will be taking a well-earned holiday from Monday 7 to Tuesday 15 September when the pub will be closed.

Until then and from their return on **16 September**, please continue your wonderful support for the Rose and Crown.

Kind regards, John Lister

Easingwold District Community Care Association

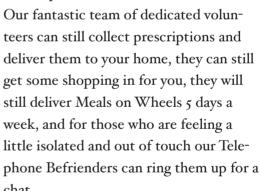
As we move towards autumn and we are all getting used to a new "normal" we would like to remind everyone that EDCCA is still here for you.

It is important to follow government guidelines to stay safe. We must be mindful of how this virus is transmitted and guard against it at all times, keeping ourselves and others safe.

There are people in our district who have been particularly careful and are classed as "shielded". They are the ones who received a letter from the government advising them not to go out at all. This has been a tough few months, especially for those people. The EDCCA volunteers have been helping many of the shielded so they did not have to go out. From 1st August 2020 people who have been shielding were permitted to leave their homes if they chose to.

Not everyone feels comfortable about being out in the community yet, so EDCCA is letting you know that our volunteers are still here to support anyone who would rather keep away from

the shops etc.



Unfortunately some of our usual projects are on hold at the moment. We are looking at ways of reopening them in a Covid Safe manner. Our Community Car Scheme, Day Centres and Minibus trips will be back as soon as it is safe to bring people together again.

We haven't gone away and are happy to help. Get in touch if you need support and we will all work together through these difficult days.

For help with - shopping, prescription collection, telephone befriending, meals on wheels Please contact us: 1347 822875 info@edcca.org.uk



1st Galtres Rainbows



During lockdown, the Rainbows have been completing activities for interest badges. Some of the badges they have completed are family tree, agility, nature and healthy mind.

Well done to the Rainbows who have completed these badges, which they receive in the post. We have also posted out activity packs for Easter and the end of term.

Once we receive guidance from Girlguiding HQ we hope to potentially resume meetings or try meeting over Zoom. If there are any girls aged 5-7 who would like to join Rainbows, please get in touch as we currently have spaces.

If there is anyone interested in helping out at Rainbows please get in touch at galtresrainbows@hotmail.com

As Woolly Owl is moving out of the area we are looking for someone to assist Fuzzy Owl in running the unit

All Girlguiding units have been suspended for the time being, although members are being sent challenges to do whilst at home. If you wish to put your daughters name down to join Girlguiding please visit:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

If you would like to contact any of the leaders please email:

Galtres Rainbows 5-7 year old - Anne: galtresrainbows@hotmail.com

Galtres Brownies 7-11 year old - Lynn: galtresbrownies@gmail.com

Guides11-14 year old - Claire/Laura: easingwold1stguides@gmail.com

Rangers 14 -18 years old - Anne: easinwoldseniorsection@gmail.com

Sutton and Huby Neighbourhood Watch

It has thankfully been a quiet period of late, undoubtedly because of the lockdown and fewer people than normal being out and about.

There was one major incident in Huby that got some attention at the time, with several cars being damaged by a group of youths late one Friday night. The Police were required to get involved but it highlighted the impact anti-social behaviour can have in our community.

These occurrences are rare, but we should not be complacent so please remain vigilant, and if you see anything suspicious call 101 and report it to the Police immediately.

We operate an email service whereby any information fed to us by the Police or other residents can be distributed quickly throughout the community – if you would like to be included on this distribution list please feel free to drop us an email.

Simon and Jackie Bullough (jsbullough@btinternet.com

Sutton-on-the-Forest Playing Field Association

As would be expected there has been little activity on the playing field in recent months. As the country went into lockdown we were advised by Hambleton Borough Council to close the play area, harder said than done when we have open access from three different points. However, signs were duly attached to the play equipment and warning tape was applied to cordon off the equipment. This was then removed later in the year when the Government lifted restrictions allowing outdoor play equipment to be used again. Thanks to all those residents whom stayed clear and resisted the many requests from children in lockdown to go to the park!

It is with regret that this year's Sutton 10k has had to be cancelled. With the current restrictions it was simply not possible to hold the event in a way that would be enjoyable for runners and spectators alike and we ran the risk of severely reduced entries which would also make the event a financial failure. Plans will resume again for 2021.

Also the Covid-19 pandemic meant the spring maintenance day could not be held this year. With a bit of luck, and good attendance and a list of completed activities from the Autumn 2019 maintenance day, the playing field does not appear to have suffered. That said we are planning an Autumn maintenance day and this will be held on **Sunday 27th September at 1pm** (the date of the cancelled Sutton 10k). Please attend if you can and if you have, or have access to, any petrol/battery operated hedge trimmers or chainsaws then these would be useful. There are a couple of overhanging tree branches from a garden neighbouring the play area and the surrounding hedges need trimming. I also have some new nets for the goal posts which can be fitted if the existing ones are deemed past their best.

This year's annual safety inspection has been booked and will be taking place in September. To keep costs down we agree to let Playsafety arrange a day during September whist suits their inspectors rather than asking for a specific date. I'm confident we will not receive any major actions this year. On a less positive note there have been reports of teenagers on the playing field using bad language, abusing the equipment and generally being unsociable. I'm sure they are not locals as they have been seen leaving the playing field towards the wooded area but it is currently unknown if they are in the area on holiday at one of the caravan parks or are here for another reason. If anyone sees any activity they deem unsociable please let me know.

Take care and keep safe.

Regards

Mark Lee. 🔯 markandjuliet@talktalk.net

SUTTON AND HUBY PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

Just a quick update on the Sutton/Huby prescription collections which was started at the beginning of Lockdown. We are continuing the service for another month or so. Very pleased to say we have currently picked up and dropped off 146 prescriptions to both Sutton and Huby.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who are helping.

Anyone else who would like help please contact Jackie and Simon Bullough at 01347 810873

Contacts and Phone numbers

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Next Parish meeting:

Wednesday, 9 September 2020

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NHS

| York District Hospital | 01904 631313 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| NHS Direct | 0845 4647 |

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Doctors

| Millfield Surgery, Easingwold | 821557 |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Stillington Surgery | 810332 |
| Tollerton Surgery | 839231 |

Services

| 811451 |
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| 011431 |
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| 01904 768262 |
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North Yorkshire Police

Main switchboard

(General contact) 101

Control Room immediately relay reported inci-

dents to appropriate police officer)

Crimestoppers

(Reports to Crimestoppers are confidential and you may receive a reward)

Drugs helpline

Victim Support

O800 555111

0800 776600

01904 636905

And Finally

Future dates for receipt of reports and inclusion in the Sutton Times are -

Winter - All articles received last week in November for publication first week in December

Spring - All articles received last week in February for publication first week in March



Unfortunately all planned events for this year have now been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Make a note in your diary for **5 July 2021**