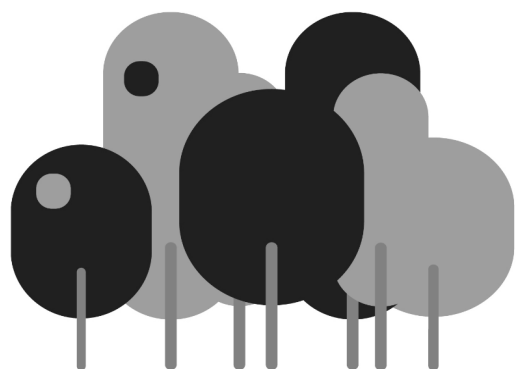




Sutton Times

March 2025

Sutton on the Forest Parish Council

Parish Council News

As this issue of Sutton Times goes out, we can begin to look forward to Spring with the current unseasonably mild temperatures and the snowdrops in prolific full bloom. Admittedly, the mild weather has come at a price in terms of wind and rain. However, not with the 70 mph wind gusts that we experienced with storm Éowyn in January. There was some superficial damage locally due to that storm; broken fences and a few fallen trees, but we escaped lightly compared with areas further to the North and West. Carr Lane was closed for about an hour, and we would like to thank the local driver of a “front loader” who removed the fallen tree very quickly and efficiently, allowing the road to reopen.

Tree Survey

We now have the report following the routine tree survey of trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Further maintenance will be carried out as a result. However, there may well be additional damage, that has occurred post survey, as a consequence of the recent high winds. If you happen to spot any trees that have sustained damage that could become a potential risk, please let us know.



Jubilee Oak

Our beautiful Jubilee Oak tree in the centre of the village suffered significant storm damage in September. Work was carried out to remove the broken branch in the hope of protecting the tree from further damage, as well as in the interest of safety. The oak was inspected again as part of our recent tree survey, which revealed that the fracture had advanced further down the tree. Without further work it was likely that the crown would fail and the tree would need to be felled. We were advised to remove the remaining 'leader' branch in order to save the tree. This work has now been done. Every effort was made to avoid unduly detracting from the appearance of our Jubilee Oak.

Moor End

Residents who walk through Moor End will have noticed that the path has now been dressed with wood chips for almost its entire length. A wooden retaining edge has been fitted where necessary to prevent the chips washing away “down slope”. The surface seems to have coped well with the rainy periods. The water table is currently very high and the ponds quite full.

The large pond is almost completely free of the invasive Azolla growth, and the smaller one near Well Lane only has some sparse cover around the edges. It is hoped that the North American Weevil population, introduced last year, will have hibernated successfully during this Winter and will emerge hungry, in the Spring, should the Azolla expand again.

North Yorkshire Local Plan

The creation of the new unitary authority demands that a local plan be developed to cover development for the whole area. This will replace individual plans currently in place, for the old District Councils and will specify development for the next 15 to 20 years. The creation process is lengthy, taking approximately 3 years, with the objective of having the new plan in place by 2028. The team responsible for the plan has recently invited landowners to submit details of land that might be developed. The submissions will be examined by the team and a short list of sites will be created that are considered to meet overall planning policy for the area. Our Parish Council will be asked to comment on short listed sites in our Parish.

With this in mind, it is proposed to include the Local Plan as one of the topics for the next Annual Parish Meeting (Date of this meeting to be agreed). It is hoped that the ensuing discussion will allow residents to express their views regarding development in and around the village.

Home to School transport funding policy

North Yorkshire County Council has changed the home to school transport policy. Students attending secondary school from September 2025 now have to attend their closest secondary school and not their primary school's catchment secondary school if they wish to qualify for travel funding from the Council. If you are concerned about this issue, please contact the Parish Clerk, who can provide some additional information.

Bus Service

As many residents will have realised, our local number 40 bus service is now provided by Transdev : York and Country, following the sale of the route by Reliance. The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to Reliance for the excellent service provided for so many years.

The only noticeable change seems to be the gradual adoption of a blue livery for the buses.

The Sunday service is funded by North Yorkshire County Council and will continue for the present.

RCAF Memorial Event - May 10th 2025

Three Royal Canadian Air Force officers who are already located at bases in the UK have committed to attending the memorial service on May 10th. As was the case last year, funding is uncertain, at present, for members of 415 squadron in Canada to travel to the UK for this event. However, it is still possible that somebody may travel from Canada.

BOFS (Boring Old F—ts) Meetings

A small group of "mature" men have met in the Rose and Crown at 8 pm on the third Wednesday of January and February so far. However, some extra members would be welcome. So if you feel like some male company and a chat over a pint or two then why not come along in March. Further details below.

Bag it and Bin it

Our constant harping on the need for owners to clean up after their dogs has been fairly successful. However, this has led to another problem. We have had a justified complaint from Sutton Park (see attached photo) regarding bags of dog poo being left at the side of the path near their fence.

Unfortunately, this is a "worst case" example of a much more frequent occurrence of bags hung on trees etc. along paths in the fields and woods. These bags are usually not degradable at all, or take a long time to do so. Please either put them in a bin or take them home



Bob Shearman

Stillington Cricket Club

Stillington Cricket club is a local, friendly club who run various league and social teams at both junior and adult levels. Whatever standard you may be and whether you are looking for competitive or relaxed adult cricket, there are opportunities to play at Stillington in summer 2025. Perhaps it's a game that you've always wondered about but never had a chance to play – we welcome anybody with any interest.

We run different junior sessions for 5-8 years, 8-11 years and U13 players, which are suitable for both boys and girls and we are really keen to reinvigorate our women and girls team.

The facilities at Stillington are very good and there is also a bar and children's play area (for spectators of all ages and interest!) – what better way to spend a few hours on a summer's afternoon or evening. Like many small villages we find it an ongoing challenge to find sufficient players and without local interest there is a possibility that something quintessentially English (i.e. village cricket) will be lost to our community. Why not pop into the club or call Tim Jarvis (Chairman: 07591 056135) to find out more – practices will start in March and games will begin in late April.

Tim Jarvis



Winter at the Forest of Flowers

The last few months have seen some spectacular sights at the Forest of Flowers in Huby. Very low temperatures turned the habitat into a crisp winter wonderland, with some amazing natural beauty making the conditions all the more bearable to work in! A very cold week saw stunning ice formations on our ponds (pictured).



The wildlife has been out in force even in winter, with plenty of bird life foraging across the habitat here. Taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, we saw 15 species and 49 individuals within an hour. Blue tits were most common (x13) with Chaffinches a close second (x10), and some lovely sightings of Goldcrest (x1), Bullfinch (x4) and Redpoll (x1). We also had a Sparrowhawk try its best to disrupt our survey!

Volunteering

Our team of volunteers have accomplished an incredible amount this season - stoic in the adverse weather. No week has been the same, with tasks including willow coppicing, tree guard collection and setting up a new area for our 3 pigs to roam.

If you'd like to help in managing the habitat for wildlife here, you can join the team on Mondays (9.30 - 12).

Please get in touch via email at info@forestofflowers.co.uk.

Grow your own wildflowers

If you'd like to grow some stunning wildflowers to help our native wildlife, the recommended sowing season is just around the corner (March - May). We offer locally-grown seeds, hand-collected from our 100-acres of meadows in Huby. Our online Seed Shop has various seed mixes, plus 50+ individual wildflower species, and we will have potted plants available from April/May. Visit our website's Advice Centre for more information on growing wildflowers: www.forestofflowers.co.uk/advicecentre



Upcoming events

Date	Event
1 st March 13:00	Woodland Volunteering Afternoon
15 th March 10:00	Guided Tour
3 May 04:30	Dawn Chorus Guided Walk
4 th May 13:30	Spring Wildflower Walk

Tom Hook and Alwyn Craven

 info@forestofflowers.co.uk

  @ForestofFlowersUK

Surviving a cold Winter

All Hallows Church and Easingwold and Villages' Food bank have a fund to help residents in Sutton and Huby struggling with the cost of heating

This could be a one off need - perhaps you've had an unexpected repair to your house or car which has left you short of cash this month, or an ongoing issue

We can help with the cost of oil, lpg or electric. We can provide heaters or electric snuggle blankets so you and one room can be kept warm more economically

If you know anyone who this could help please encourage them to ring 07724 444 750 in complete confidence - just leave a message

Surviving Winter Fund set up by All Hallows Church and administered by Easingwold Food Bank

Sutton and Huby Gardening Club

After our talk by the enthusiastic head gardener turned nursery owner Ben Preston on 26 February at Sutton Village Hall, we have Chris Pearson who will tell us about "Gardening with wildlife at Shandy Hall" in the Huby Memorial Village Hall on 26 March. After that, on 23 April, Steve Bradley on "Making the most of growing plants in pots" at Sutton, all at 7.45. I'm sure pub quizzers will know that 23 April is Shakespeare's birthday (1564) as well as St. George's day!

Visitors are asked to pay £2 per talk but free, of course, to members (£10 per year, due next September). Refreshments are free at all meetings and there are always plenty of chances to ask questions of the speakers or talk to them afterwards if you are too shy! We also have the first of our evening outings, this time to the huge Vertigrow Nursery on 30th April. Using our own transport or cadging a ride - to get there at 6.30 for a conducted tour with wine and nibbles. I have seen some of their "closed to the public" areas and it's quite an iceberg! There's a glass of wine with something to wash down, all for donation to the NSPCC.

We are also expecting to hold a plant sale in Huby as usual this year, more details later.

If you would like to be on the e-mail list to members and aren't already - or are just interested in what we're doing and would like to be reminded what needs doing each month in the garden by the club's old friend Martin Fish, **e-mail me at djj3@btinternet.com**. By doing that I won't get the wrong e-mail address!

Derek Jacobs ☎ 01347 810208



Counter Intelligence



The latest news from Huby & Sutton Community Shop & Post Office

Can you believe it that the new shop has been open just over a year. We opened on 2nd February 2024, and it was great to see so many volunteers and customers there. In the last year we have consolidated operations in the shop, got a tenant for the maisonette and introduced several local suppliers such as sour dough from Sarah of Bransby and honey from Forest of Flowers.

We have another big anniversary coming up in May when the shop will celebrate 10 years as a community owned and run shop and Post Office. We couldn't let this anniversary pass without a cake, so on 15th May 2025 there will be cake and a drink for customers visiting the shop. Please do pop in.

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without the 58 volunteers who keep the shop open, stocked and well managed. We are having a bit of a push to encourage others locally to give volunteering a try and have produced a guide to volunteering that can be picked up from the shop -

and is on our website www.hubyandsuttoncommunityshop.co.uk

We have designed some great posters which we are keen to get up in places across the village and here's a sample. If you fancy finding out more contact us ☎ hubysuttonvolunteers@outlook.com

LOCAL HEROES WANTED!



VOLUNTEER TODAY

Not all superheroes wear capes, some wear aprons!
Become a local hero by joining our team.
You could make a big difference.

Did you know....

- 1 All profits from the shop benefit the local community, for example, it keeps the Post Office open 6 days a week
- 2 We take orders for meat and fish every week, so why not order from us in the week and collect it a few days later? We take orders for pies and other baked goods from Thorntons, meat from Hartley's, & fish from Hodgsons. We can order from their full ranges, not just what we normally stock. Simply ask to order next time you pay a visit

Sutton Preschool

What a busy start to the year we have had, the children came back to preschool with a love of jungle animals. This resulted in a whole group jungle picture with lots of imagination and painting and sticking of jungle animals. We had birds, zebras, tigers, giraffes, lizards, elephants and monkeys.

Recently the children have really enjoyed role playing cafes. So, as a treat we took the children on the Bus to Easingwold to visit The Olive Branch. What a great morning we had, we choose apple juice to drink, and we shared chocolate brownies, millionaires shortbread and a cheese scone to eat. Thank you to The Olive Branch for having us. We also visited the charity shop and bought new dinosaurs which we love.

We are now looking forward to a visit to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park and learning about baby animals which is linking to our children's learning and furthering their love for the jungle.

Yvonne Nelson

We are a friendly, well-established preschool that has been caring for the children of Sutton on the Forest and surrounding areas for over 20 years.

We provide quality early years and development for all preschool children. Preparing individuals for their transition to all Primary schools.

All our staff are highly qualified, and we have a high staff to children ratio.

We provide funded places for all children aged 2, 3 and 4 year old. Our prices are £5.50 per hour and include no extras.

We are rated Ofsted good with *outstanding* in Personal development 2019.

We can be found at Grey Village Hall, Main Street, Sutton on the Forest.

Sessions are Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am - 4pm. Monday afternoon is a dedicated transition session 12:45pm-4pm. Friday 8:30am - 12:45pm

TODDLER SESSION Friday mornings 9:30am - 11am. £3 per child with a snack and drink provided and a hot drink for the adult

For more information, please visit our website: suttonpreschool.com

Phone number (during session times) 01347 811741.



It has been a busy start to 2025 in school with loads of opportunities for our pupils to grow, learn, and engage with the world around them.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had the exciting opportunity to step back in time with their Stone Age Day, bringing their

history topic vividly to life. This immersive experience allowed them to explore ancient practices such as fire-making and bread baking, construct nomadic shelters, and examine traditional animal furs and tools.

One of the highlights of our term was the visit from Dave of Skip2BFit, who conducted skipping workshops with all our children. The workshops not only provided a fun physical activity but also challenged our children to push their limits, resulting in plenty of red faces and beaming smiles - clear indicators of their hard work and enjoyment.

We were also delighted to welcome representatives from the York Maths Hub to our school. This visit provided an excellent platform for teachers from across York to observe maths lessons in action at our school. Collaborative efforts like these are crucial in ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible mathematical teaching and learning experiences.

Looking ahead to next term, we have some exciting events on the horizon. York City Football Club will be leading workshops focused on building resilience among our girls - an important life skill that extends far beyond the sports field. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be visiting the Royal Armouries to support their World War II topic, offering them a tangible connection to this significant period in history. In the spirit of our school's and community engagement, we're planning an Easter fundraiser on Thursday 20th March. This event will be run by our pupils, supporting two worthy causes: the Open Arms Malawi Children's Charity and SHINE. It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop their organisational skills while also fostering a sense of global citizenship and compassion.



Helen Pye, Headteacher

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Huby & Sutton Show 2025



After careful consideration of the many challenges facing the Farming Sector and associated rural industries, including the impact of Blue Tongue and Avian Influenza, the Committee made the difficult decision on Friday 31st January to postpone the 2025 Huby and Sutton Show for 12 months.

Thank you for all your support, the Committee and the Sheffield family look forward to welcoming everyone back to an exciting, activity filled Huby and Sutton Show in 2026.

Huby & Sutton Agricultural Society Committee

Have you made your New Year's resolution yet?



Why not join our amazing team of volunteers and support your local dementia charity?

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Birds of a feather - Take two

For those who live in a house with a chimney that is not used as intended with a live fire beneath, you may need to consider the following -

Jackdaws love to make their nests in disused chimneys. They use a lot of twigs to make everything 'homely'. Unfortunately, they also manage to completely block the chimney stopping future use without a major clear-out. There are already examples in the village.

Below are typical examples -

Jackdaws finding the only chimney without protection



Chimney protectors come in all sorts of shapes



The after-effects can be quite alarming



Something to consider?

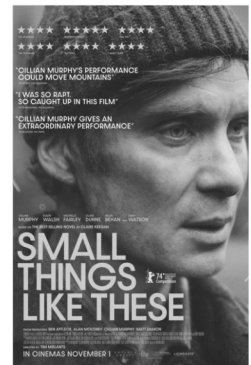
SUTTON ON THE FOREST FILM CLUB - SPRING PROGRAMME

The Grey Village Hall ☎ comfort.jeremy@gmail.com ☎ 01347 810252
7:30pm Drinks, 8pm performance starts - Entrance by donation at the door

Tuesday 25 March: Small things like these

Closely based on Claire Keegan's novel, this moving film tells the story of Bill Furlong, a coalman in a small town in Ireland. He works hard for his family but seems preoccupied. He comes across a girl locked in a coal shed at the local convent and takes matters into his own hands. Brilliantly portrayed by Cillian Murphy, fresh from his Oppenheimer Oscars success, the film gives us another insight into the cruel world of the Magdalene laundries.

'his small act of kindness veers close to martyrdom, it is all the more noble and precious for that' (Guardian)

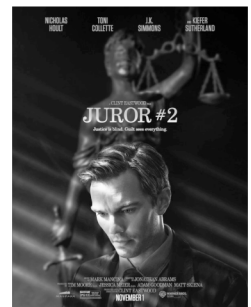


Tuesday 22 April: Juror # 2

Probably Clint Eastwood's last film, this tells the story of a man serving on the jury of a high-profile murder trial who realises that he may be responsible for the victim's death.

Nicholas Hoult gives a subtly compelling performance as a man steadily realising his entire future is in jeopardy if he comes forward and does the right thing.

'a movie for grown-ups with its classy production values, strong performances from a starry cast, and thoughtful themes for viewers who want to be entertained but maybe think a little, too' (Roger Ebert)



Tuesday 20 May: Conclave

Conclave is a 2024 Vatican thriller directed by Edward Berger, based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. The film stars Ralf Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. Slated to do well at the Oscars, it tells the murky tale of a papal election, with cardinals behaving badly.

Berger, whose skill in setting tone and atmosphere was already apparent in his Oscar-winning All Quiet on the Western Front (2022), adapts Robert Harris's novel in a way that's so taut and controlled that it's near-impossible not to be drawn in (Independent)



We will have our monthly Tea and Tarts get together on the 11th March from 10am to noon, Lounge area, Galtres Centre. All welcome to attend, free entry, complimentary refreshments, raffle and gentle piano music.

EDCCA are able to provide a shopping service, we also collect prescriptions. If you are feeling lonely we have a Befriending Service for companionship and Sitting Service to give the carer a break. We offer

minibus trips and a volunteer car scheme to get you to medical appointments

There is our Hub club for those with a diagnosis of Dementia, plus our charity boutique to pick up a bargain or two. We have wheelchair hire, Citizens Advice come to the office, there is a Knit and Natter group, Meals on Wheels are delivered 5 days per week.

We have a Crossword Club that meet on Mondays, Men in Sheds meet on a Monday.

Food Share and Food Bank are also available, if you need support with food please use the dedicated number 0772 44 44 750, calls listened to daily.

27th March to Halifax do some shopping in the Piece Hall or visit the Eureka museum or 900 year old Minster. The trip costs £20

SUTTON ON THE FOREST YCA

December seems a long time ago now, but we enjoyed a lovely Christmas meeting early in the month. Subscriptions were renewed, and we were delighted to once again welcome some new members. In addition to collecting subscriptions, we celebrated with Christmas cake and raised a glass of bubbly (rather than our traditional mulled wine) to our dear friend Anne Butler who died earlier in the year. We were then seasonally entertained by Bertie Bingham of Butterflies Chocolates in Pocklington. Bertie educated us into the mysteries of how cocoa beans end up as chocolate but also gave a master class in chocolate tasting - with lots of samples of course, with which to carry out that task.

Bertie and his wife Claire, run Butterflies Chocolates as an independent chocolaterie and they make a very beautiful and delicious, hand-made product. Luckily Bertie had brought plenty of his melt-in-the-mouth deliciousness for us to buy. Perfect timing for seasonal treats!

We once again visited The George in Easingwold at the end of January for our annual meal. We enjoyed the most delicious food and were beautifully looked after by the staff, as we had been for the previous two years. It is no mean feat dealing with a dining group of 20 when folks add to the orders at the last minute, forget what they have chosen and want starters as main courses. Everything was handled seamlessly, without any fluster and all requests calmly accommodated.

We were delighted to welcome 15 guests from a number of other local ladies groups, to our meeting in February. The larger than usual gathering made for a joyous, loud and colourful evening. We were joined by Stuart Priest who prefers to be called Circus Stu and is also known as Custard the Clown.

An enthusiastic and energetic Stuart, dressed in red circus waistcoat and tails, soon had us up on our feet learning how to spin plates. Once we had mastered this (and we all did - although they were coloured plastic plates that could be dropped with gay abandon) we learned how to perform tricks with said twirling dishes. A masterclass in juggling followed, which Stuart cleverly taught using coloured, chiffon scarves which fall slowly, giving you time to think about your next move, rather than using bean bags or balls which fall speedily onto your head or someone else's toes, before you have had time to react. Personally, I could have done without quite so much time to reflect about what on earth I was doing!

Stuart did admit that he had been to The Grey Village Hall before, to do exactly the same circus skills workshop - with playgroup. Although he went a bit too far offering us 10 minutes free play at the end, which was met by a face-off with 40 women sitting motionless and defiant, the whole evening was actually an excellent example of how playing, as an adult is thoroughly enjoyable, beneficial and therapeutic. And that is exactly what we were doing - playing. We had an absolute ball.

In case you are wondering; faced with 40 immovable women, Stuart relented and taught us how to do tricks, twists and twirls with flower sticks. Everyone left with a smile on their face, many of us chattering happily about what a fun evening it had been.

Meetings continue to be held on the first Wednesday of most months and begin at 7.30pm. All women are welcome to attend as a member or a guest.

Wednesday 5th March - Copper to Shepherd - Sue Woodcock

Wednesday 2nd April - Yorkshire Air Ambulance - Kevin Hutchinson

Wednesday 7th May - The Crimes of Dr Gramshaw - Rosemary Cook

Wednesday 4th June - Retirement - what retirement? - Maggie Poppa

Caroline Mytum ☎ 01347 810969

Rose & Crown

Just a reminder:

- First Thursday of the month for the (young?) men
- Second Thursday of the month for the Spring Chickens (ladies)
- Third Wednesday of the month for the BOFS (mature men - 60 and upwards)

All at 8pm and all welcome.

For further information contact:

David (07789 900939) & Margaret (07733 075791) Brown
or Frank Gutierrez (01347 810260) -BOFS



Stillington Surgery and Patient Participation Group (Stillington PPG)

Music in the Surgery

If you have visited the Surgery recently you will have noticed that music is now being played in the Waiting Room. Hopefully this is not too intrusive.

Due to our space limitations, music is being used to provide a degree of confidentiality to patients at reception or on the phone to our receptionists.

To aid confidentiality further, it would be appreciated if patients queueing at reception could stand back to allow other patients a degree of privacy.

If as a patient you feel a need for greater privacy than afforded at reception, please ask to be seen in a private room.

Use of NHS APP

If you are comfortable using Mobile phone, iPad, Laptop or Computer Apps we would actively encourage you to maximise the use of the NHS App.

You can use the NHS App to view and manage prescriptions, order repeat prescriptions, check availability of appointments and book a time/date, see results and history from either GP or hospital tests, see history of letters on file and much, much more.

Your increased use of NHS App reduces the workload and time pressures on our Surgery Staff, saves you time and puts more information at your fingertips.

One of our PPG members, Chris, is available to help you start or enhance the use of your NHS APP on a one-to-one basis.

All "training" sessions are from 14.00 to 16.00 hours and dates are: -

Friday 28th March, Friday 2nd May, Friday 6th June

Please let the Surgery know if you wish to attend a particular training session to assist our resource planning. When attending, please bring along your own device to be used for NHS APP access.

Further dates and/or times can be provided if necessary.

Patients who cannot or do not wish to use the NHS App can still make prescription requests and GP/ Nurse appointments in the current way.

John Pollock, PPG Chair

Should you wish to make suggestions of ways to improve the Surgery service you can either -

write directly to Stillington Surgery

✉ stillington.admin@nhs.net

✉ stillingtonppg@btinternet.com

Grey Village Hall

Last month we hosted Ma Bessie and her Pigfoot Band, all the way from Reading on their North Yorkshire tour, organised by Rural Arts. It was a fantastic evening as anyone who came will tell you – some people have since even emailed or phoned to say so. This was a great relief after a nerve-racking few weeks wondering whether we were going to sell enough tickets to break even. No doubt a Thursday in half-term wasn't the best but this is our usual worry whatever the date. We had hoped to sell 50 or more tickets but, in the end, sold just 40. Luckily, we were charged a subsidised price for the performance, meaning it was just covered by ticket sales, but it was a close thing. So, a great evening but disappointing for everyone involved not to have the hall packed out. Putting on an event like this involves a lot of hard work and we do wonder whether we should carry on booking entertainment or if there's really not enough appetite in the village for such things.

Having said all that, you may remember we had a gig booked last November with Bladerunners, a rock and blues band from Scarborough. For once this was a sell-out but then unfortunately the band had to cancel. We are pleased to hear they are now back in business and hope to be able to give us a date in May, so do look out for that.

The village hall is run by a small band of volunteers who put on events and hire it out to meet running costs and maintain the building. It's quite a job and there's always something needs doing. We've been pleased to welcome a few new members over the past couple of years who have brought in new energy and fresh ideas but some of us have been here for years and are growing increasingly long in the tooth. We really do need to keep the committee turning over with new blood bringing in different ideas and to ensure the hall remains available to the village into the future. If you think you could offer help please do get in touch.

The charge to hire the hall is £20/hour for a minimum of 3 hours and we offer a 10% reduction for residents of the parish.

✉ gvillagehall@gmail.com - www.greyvillagehall.org - Find us on Facebook and Instagram

Kim Phillips



Summer Bash 2025

Join us at this year's Summer Bash! The date has been set for Saturday 21st June - please pencil it in your diary. Tickets are available now, and always sell out ahead of the big day. More info and tickets available on the website: www.cooperkingdistillery.co.uk/summer-bash-2025. For those who don't know, we host the Bash every year, with guests enjoying live music, coopering demonstrations, freshly baked pizzas and summer cocktails.

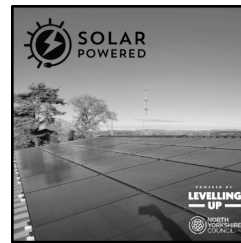
New Whisky Release

We are proud to present to you the 'Pioneer' single malt whisky, the next adventure in the Expedition Series. It brings together notes of rich, dried fruit and vanilla from premium wine and sherry casks, interwoven with layers of ginger and toasted oak from rye whiskey casks. This small release of 1046 bottles is available online or through the distillery shop, every Saturday 12-6pm. Pop in for a dram at the bar!



Solar Power & Electric Vehicle Chargers

The distillery is now powered by the sun! On sunny days, our gin and whisky stills run entirely on solar energy generated right here on site, which is a rare achievement for a distillery. We've also installed a pay as you go dual Electric Vehicle charger, for use by anyone in the village, Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm, and Saturday 12-6pm.



Sutton on the Forest Playing Field Association

Plans to install new junior swings and repair the agility trail are continuing. Five volunteers, with some help from a mini tractor, met on a cold January afternoon with a plan to remove the old swings in preparation for the new ones being installed. Unfortunately, the concrete foundations were found to be bigger than expected and, despite every effort by man and machine, we could not remove them. Following a few calls and e-mails with the new swing supplier to discuss options we decided to have a second attempt a couple of weeks later with a different machine (as pictured) and a skip to dispose of the waste. This time we were successful and managed to remove all existing concrete. Thanks to everyone who helped.

The new swings will be installed at the end of March, however, in the meantime we are planning to have some soil delivered to backfill the holes left by the removal of the old concrete. The repairs to the agility trail will be carried out mid-March.

We will be holding the spring maintenance day on Sunday 6th April @1pm. Please come and join us if you are able to. Tasks for this spring include cutting any overhanging tree branches, hedges and general tidying up of the borders surrounding the playing field. Even if you are only able to spare 1hr this is appreciated. If you can attend, please bring any general gardening tools with you, in particular, if you own any petrol or battery-operated chain saws, hedge trimmers and strimmers then please bring these also. We hold maintenance days twice a year, one in spring and one in autumn, and usually carry out 'gardening type' tasks or minor repairs/maintenance to play equipment. This way we avoid paying trades for tasks that are manageable by volunteers and can keep funds for new equipment and improvements when needed.

Plans will soon start on the Sutton 10k which is being held on Sunday 28th September @11:00. This is the main event for the playing field and raises significant funds to enable the space to be kept safe and looking good. Nearer the time we will be requesting help from residents to set up the equipment on the field and the course, marshal the event and pack everything away afterwards. We hope you will join us in supporting this important event.

Finally, we are looking for a new space to store some of the 10k equipment as we need to vacate our current storage space. We need a dry, indoor space, approximately 3m x 3m, to store some of the equipment we use such as signage, metal stakes, orange netting/fencing, scaffolding (for the start/finish line), gazebos, power cables and storage boxes containing consumables for the tea tent. If you have any space available or know anywhere that we could use, please get in touch.



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Girlguiding **Brownies**
1st Galtres Brownies

The Hubby and Sutton Brownie group for girls aged 7-10 had a great start to the school year. Since we merged two units over the Summer, we have been getting to know each other and completing a 'Know Myself' themed badge. We have had a trip to Tesco to buy food for the food bank and had a science theme evening including making DNA from sweets.

The unit was also well represented at the Easingwold Remembrance Parade. We are very proud of the girls for supporting this important event.

We are now looking forward to Christmas crafts and activities in the next few weeks

If your daughter is interested in joining us find out more and sign up at girlguiding.org.uk.

We would love to hear from any local people that are willing to visit us to share a skill or anyone willing to help in any way. Get in touch at galtresbrownies@gmail.com



We are looking for an adult volunteer to help at Rainbow unit to cover maternity leave next year

We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping at the unit and possibly training as a leader, please email as above for more information

The village Rainbow unit in Hubby meets on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm, for girls aged 5-7 years

Our waiting list is getting quite **LONG!** To put your daughter's name down on the waiting list, please visit:



www.girlguiding.org.uk

For more information please email:

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Schools

Huby Primary School 810432
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Crimestoppers

(Reports to Crimestoppers are confidential and you may receive a reward) 0800 555111
Drugs helpline 0800 776600
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Refuse collections

For those eagle eyed amongst the web surfers, you may have spotted that the green bin collections will not be at the same time as the blue bins.

For details, check out your post code at -
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bin-calendar/lookup>

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

Summer - Last week in May for publication first week in June

Autumn - Last week in August for publication first week in September

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