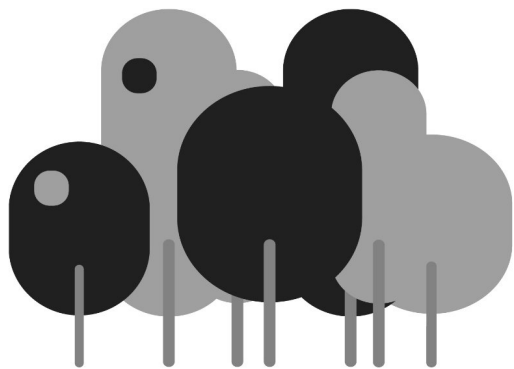




Sutton Times

June 2026

Sutton on the Forest Parish Council

Parish Council News

Summer is round the corner and the village begins to look its best. So, it's a big thank you to everyone who volunteered to take part in the annual litter pick on 12th April. As you can see from the picture below, it was very successful.

Our thanks also to the Playing Field Committee and all the volunteers, who took part in the Spring Maintenance day. This is an essential task for keeping the playing field in good order and we encourage residents to take part. On another note, **a full replacement of the agility trail is being planned as some timber posts have failed. Plans for the annual 10k run in September are progressing.**

The annual remembrance service for the Canadian Airmen both those who served at and those who did not return from wartime missions from the airfield at Eastmoor was held at the war memorial at the east end of Main Street on the 16th May and was well attended. The newsletter contains a full report produced by Lt. Jason Kelly of 415 Squadron RCAF (see report later - Ed.)

The Parish Council held its annual general meeting on 13th May to elect the office bearers and agree the audit arrangements for the coming municipal year. This was followed on 27th by the May ordinary meeting of the council. As well as routine business, the council discussed improvements to the traffic arrangements at the roundabout at the junction of Main Street, Carr Lane and Stillington Road. North Yorkshire Councillor Taylor, will organise a meeting on site with the Parish Council and The Highways Authority, to look at ways to prevent large vehicles from mounting the verges. Improvement to the bus stop are also being considered. Signs for Playing field about keeping dogs away from the play area, have been commissioned and will be put up in the near future.

Plans for the Memorial garden in the orchard area are being considered. Our thanks to John Barrass, for the work he has put into drawing up a scheme. We shall have to remove a number of self-seeded sycamore trees, but we'd like to retain as many of the original apple trees as possible. Below is a picture showing the current overgrown state of the orchard and an AI generated image of how it might look.

We have to say goodbye to Don Rankin from the Parish Council, who has left Sutton after many years. Don's planning expertise has been an invaluable resource over the years. It means there is a vacancy. Whilst the next election is not until 2027 volunteers can be co-opted onto the council in the



meantime. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Bracewell, who can advise on the role, as can any of the current members of the council.

Finally, we would like to thank Michael Kitchen for the hard work he has done over the years in pulling together and producing The Sutton Times. Michael is retiring from this position, which means we are looking for volunteers to take over the role. Michael will make all the necessary software available. Please contact Sue Bracewell if you would like to help.

Robert Barry

Editor's note -

I took over the editor's role for the Sutton Times following a request by the Parish Clerk in the June 2018 edition. At that time, it ran to 8 sides. Content rose to 12 sides with some at 16 and 20 sides, reducing to 8 for a few during Covid. I have currently completed 30 editions with regular entries requiring quite a bit of juggling to fit the space available and late entries.

While I use Apple computers, my current Desk Top Publishing software is available for both Mac and Windows, and it is free - <https://www.affinity.studio/download>

I have the template used for each edition and a host of logos and useful background material. I also have a digital copy of previous publications.

Happy to assist with my replacement to ensure a smooth transition.

Michael Kitchen, 01347 810685, michaelkitchen@me.com

Grey Village Hall

Centenary Celebration, Saturday 20th June from 7:00pm

Imagine Sutton a century ago in the summer of 1926 when the Main Street was lined with farms, there were shops, pubs, chapels, and work was going on to put up a village hall. Although the Grey Village Hall wasn't officially opened until the October of that year we thought the summer would be a good time to hold its 100th birthday party. We are inviting village residents to an informal cocktail party with live musical entertainment from local group, the Hollywood Sisters singing old favourites from the 1920s onwards. There will be free drinks to welcome you, canapés, and a bar available throughout the evening. And if you would like to get in the mood by dressing in retro style from a previous decade that would be lovely though certainly not obligatory. We do hope there will be a good turnout to make the evening go with a swing.

Entry is free (initially two people per household) but we do need to know numbers so please let us know by 12th June.

Contact Rhona McMeekin, 01347 811428 📧 r.mcmeekin@zen.co.uk or 📧 gvillagehall@gmail.com

We are hoping to gather together enough historical information about the hall and Sutton in general to exhibit at another event in the autumn, close to the 1926 opening date. Do let us know if you have any material that would be of interest: documents, objects, photos, recollections - anything relating to the village in times past.

Kim Phillips



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The Grey Village Hall

1926-2026

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Centenary Celebration

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The Village Hall Committee warmly invites residents of Sutton on the Forest to an informal Cocktail Party to celebrate 100 years of our Village Hall

Saturday 20 June 2026 (from 7:00pm)
at The Grey Village Hall

Join us for an evening of cocktails (*), canapés, music and celebration with live entertainment from The Hollywood Sisters, performing favourites from across the decades - 20s to modern day
Entry is free, with a limit of two tickets per household

To register, or to enquire about additional tickets, simply contact Rhona McMeekin via r.mcmeekin@zen.co.uk or 01347 811428 or email gvillagehall@gmail.com by 12 June

We very much hope you can join us

Vintage
attire encouraged
(inspired by your
favourite era!)

*Two complimentary cocktails per guest will be provided
There will also be a bar available to purchase additional alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks



What a busy and exciting term we've had at Sutton on the Forest! There's so much to celebrate and share with you all.

In May, we were delighted to welcome members of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 415 and 429 Squadrons to our school. The afternoon was packed with a fantastic, interactive assembly and lots of prizes. To top it all off, the children were thrilled by a spectacular C-17 flypast on the

Saturday—an experience they won't forget in a hurry!

Learning across the school has been packed with fun and discovery. Our curriculum was brought to life this term with fantastic trips, including pond dipping and orienteering at the Arboretum, and an exciting visit to the National Railway Museum. Meanwhile, our older pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential at Robinwood, where they bravely tackled adventure climbing, zip wires, caving, canoeing, and so much more. Back at school, we were also delighted to welcome Reverend Steve to lead collective worship, where we explored the Easter story together.

Our fundraising efforts for the new classroom continue to progress well, and we have raised £8,000 so far! We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations we've received from local community groups. If anyone knows of other potential funding avenues or grants we could explore, please do get in touch—we would love to hear your ideas.

As we look towards the end of term, we're excited about Sports Day, our Summer Performances and the Leavers' Assembly.

Helen Pye, Headteacher



☎ 01347 810230

✉ admin@sutton-on-the-forest.n-yorks.sch.uk

🐦 @Sutton_Forest18

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/Sutton-on-the-Forest-CE-Primary-School-746865069060127> 🌐 <https://suttonontheforestschool.org>

Rose & Crown

Just a reminder:

- First Thursday of the month for the (young?) men
- Second Thursday of the month for the Sutton 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



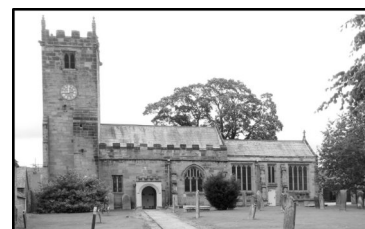
We're open Tuesday to Sunday every week, and always happy to hear from you. If you'd like to get in touch or make a reservation, please use the contact details below – we recommend calling ahead, especially for Sunday lunch! We recommend ringing after 5pm during the week to reach us!

Telephone: 01904 463117

E-mail: roseandcrownsutton@outlook.com

Address: Main St, Sutton-on-the-Forest, York YO61 1DP

All Hallows Church Sutton on the Forest and Huby



Services for June and July

June 7th 10.00am Holy Communion

June 14th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

June 21st 10.00am Morning Prayer

June 28th 10.00am Family Church (informal)

July 5th 10.00am Holy Communion

July 12th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

July 19th 10.00am Morning Prayer

July 26th 10.00am Family Church (informal)

We are introducing a new service especially for families which will take place at 10.00am on the 4th Sunday of each month, This a very informal event for children of all ages.

You can be assured of a warm welcome at any of these services.

The church is open every day from c9.00am to late afternoon.

If you would like to consult the vicar re baptisms, weddings or funerals please call 810251 or email benefice.admin@gmail.com



What makes the shop truly special is that it is run entirely by local volunteers. Every shift helps keep this much-loved facility open for everyone.

But to keep it going—and to protect these opening hours—the shop urgently needs more volunteers. Whether you can spare a regular morning, an occasional shift, or just a few hours each month, your help will make a real difference.

Volunteering is flexible, sociable and rewarding, offering a great way to meet people and support your village.

Interested? Pop in and speak to the team—you'll be made very welcome

Opening times:

Shop:

Monday–Friday 8am–6pm

Saturday 8am–12.30pm

Sunday 9am–11.30am

Post Office:

Monday–Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–12 noon

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.

Your Community Shop Needs You!

Huby & Sutton Community Shop is more than just a place to pick up essentials—it's a vital part of the two villages life. Stocking everyday items and local produce, it offers both convenience and a friendly welcome at the heart of the community.

Thady Senior, Member of the shop's Management Committee

Sutton on the Forest Playing Field Association

We held our Spring Maintenance Day on Sunday 19th April and a small number of volunteers met to tidy up the borders by cutting back hedges and overgrowing tree branches. As has been common in recent years number were low and, whilst we thank those that did give up a few hours of their Sunday afternoon, we do hope more people will join us in the future. Success of the playing field relies on the help of the community. Without volunteers to carry out simple tasks such as hedge cutting, cleaning equipment and minor repairs to play equipment then the playing field will either fall into disrepair or we will spend money on employing trades to carry out these tasks leaving less to spend on new play equipment.

On a more positive note, we are planning to replace the agility trail. This was installed circa 2009 by Playdale and we have already replaced several of the low stepping logs and had the two high beams replaced due to rot, although this was free of charge when the new swings were instilled early 2025. Playdale guarantee timber above ground for 20 years against rot and any timber installed directly in the ground for 15 years.

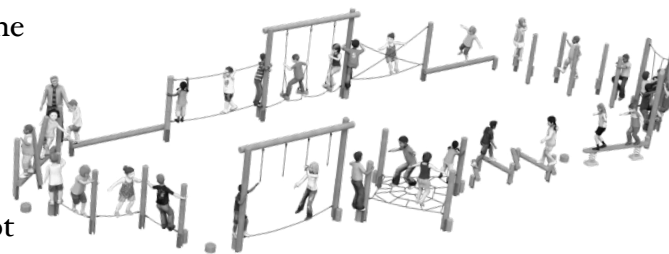
We are therefore out of the guarantee period for timber installed directly in the ground and will soon be out of the guarantee period for other timber. Earlier this year one of the medium timber poles snapped due to rot and has had to be fenced off for safety. The Playing Field Committee decided now was the right time to replace as we may find ourselves replacing components year after year.

By the time of this publication, we will have held our initial meeting with Playdale and another meeting planned for end-June for them to present the design and quotation. As you can imagine agility trails are built up by many components so there will be several options, the only constraints being the space and our bank balance! If anyone has any particular thoughts or requests then please contact me and we can consider.

We are starting to make plans for this year's **Sutton 10k** to be held on **Sunday 27th September** at **11am**. If you want to take part in the race all details are on our webpage www.sutton10k.org. This is one of the village's main events and creates a fun and social atmosphere to enjoy whether you are taking part in the race, supporting friends/relatives taking part or just coming to enjoy a sweet treat and cup of tea from the tea tent. It also raises approximately £2,500 - £3,000 which is used for major equipment repairs or to purchase new equipment. For those that have helped us in the past we are very grateful and hope to count on your support this year.

For those new to the village we set up the course, including tents/gazebos on the playing field, the finish line and signs throughout the course, on the Saturday prior to the race and then on the Sunday we need a number of roles filling including marshals, lead bike (to lead the runners through Sutton Park and out on to Carr Lane) and back bike (to follow the last runners). We then take all of the equipment down and pack away after the race. If you are interested in helping please contact me.

Mark Lee 07773 971792



Girlguiding

Rainbows achieve Gold Award

Isabelle and Ella from Galtres Rainbows in Huby, were recently awarded their Gold award.

They completed 6 theme awards in the Rainbow programme and several Interest badges. Isabelle designed a poster to show the activities she enjoyed and Ella completed a scrapbook.

Isabelle is now moving on to Brownies and Ella will be joining later in the year

Flower Owl was also awarded her 10 year service badge by Division Commissioner Zoe.

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

There is a waiting list for girls to join Rainbows, to register your daughter please visit:

www.girlguiding.org.uk For more information please email: **firstgaltresrainbows@gmail.com**



Sutton and Huby Gardening Club

The group's season of visiting speakers, that runs from September to April has come to an end and we are now enjoying group outings. Hilary somehow manages to find new gardens for us to visit and has not disappointed us this year. We kicked off with a coach trip to Burnby Hall Gardens in April to see the wonderful display of tulips throughout the gardens. There was a guided tour by the Head Gardener and an opportunity to take lunch in the tea rooms.

On the 9th June we are making a visit to Swindon House Farm near Harrogate. On the 24th June we are making an evening visit to Shandy Hall where, as well as a talk, there will be a tour of the house and gardens.

By time you read this, we will have held our Open Gardens event in Sutton on the 24th and 25th May. We open the gardens every 2 years in aid of charities and local good causes. This year we will make a donation to St Leonard's Hospice and to the Alzheimer's Society. There were 10 open gardens in Sutton village as well as Sutton Park. There was also a plant sale, a brass band, singer with a guitar, lunches and teas in the hall. You can read now how it went at the end. We will also be holding an Open Garden Evening in Huby on the 16th July. This will be for members only. If you would like to become a member of the group, you can e-mail us at -

suttonandhubygardeningclub@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you as a member or guest at one of our events. Meetings recommence in September on the 4th Wednesday of the month, alternating between Sutton and Huby Village Halls. Doors open at 7.30 pm for the guest speaker to start at 7.45 pm. Look out from September onwards for posters advertising the upcoming meetings.

Hot off the press!

What a glorious Bank Holiday Weekend!

Couldn't have been better (though perhaps a little cooler) for our Open Gardens event.

More people than ever came to view our gardens, buy plants, listen to the band and singer, and have lunch or afternoon tea in the village hall. These photos only give a brief snapshot of the beautifully tended gardens but I am sure that we will have the opportunity of viewing more of the photos at one of our Gardening Club meetings. I will give details of the money raised for charity in the next edition of this magazine. *Photo credits Alice Jacobs*

Pam Bankes, Chairman, Sutton-on-the-Forest & Huby Gardening Club



Sutton Preschool

We have had lots of fun at Preschool in the last few months and have lots more fun and adventures planned for the rest of the year.

March was a busy month. First, we celebrated Mother's Day with the special ladies in our lives with afternoon tea. We baked lots of treats to share and made lovely cards and presents. The Mothers Union ladies also joined us one morning to help us make flower posies for our mummies. In June we will be celebrating Father's Day with the special males in our lives with afternoon treats and gifts made by the children.

We then visited Askham Bryan Wildlife Park later in March, where we enjoyed looking at all the different animals. There were so many different animals to see but the favourites were the giant tortoise, meerkats and getting to visit the terrapins. We also got to feed the cockroach, there were so many of them!

This half term we put on a play of What the Ladybird Heard. The children all practiced really hard before we invited all the children's families in to watch the children perform it on stage. All the children did fantastically well.

We have also had visits from chicks and a lamb. We thank the parents who took time to arrange this for our children to have those experiences.

In June we are going on another trip, this time to the theatre. We are going to see The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl at the Theatre Royal in York. We hope the weather will be kind to us so we can then enjoy a picnic lunch in the Museum Gardens before we return back to Preschool.

We are looking forward to creating entries for Huby and Sutton Show in July and we are already thinking about the ideas that we can use.

We hope that there is some warmer weather coming and that we will be able to enjoy some trips around the village and to the park.

At our Friday toddler session, we now have a dedicated baby sensory area, that is a safe place for parents/carers and babies to explore sensory toys together.

Yvonne Nelson



SUTTON ON THE FOREST FILM CLUB - SUMMER PROGRAMME

The Grey Village Hall ✉ comfort.jeremy@gmail.com ☎ 01347 810252

7:30pm Drinks, 8pm performance starts - Entrance by donation at the door

Tuesday 23 June: H is for Hawk

In the wake of her father's sudden death in 2007, the English academic Helen Macdonald turned to training a goshawk, attempting to stave off depression by subsuming her grief in a relationship with a bird of prey—not just any bird but one considered notoriously difficult to train, even for trained falconers. But the goshawk's fierce, unpredictable nature spoke to something wild in Macdonald's own temperament, to her impulsive and perhaps self-destructive desire to withdraw from civilization, taking solace in the natural world.

Claire Foy, best known for playing a young Queen Elizabeth in the "The Crown," is heartbreaking in this adaptation's main role: steely and stoic in the stiff-upper-lip tradition yet thoroughly conscious of her sorrow, which smarts beneath all the poised expressions like the inner wound it is.
Ebert



Tuesday 14 July: Hamnet

Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal and Chloé Zhao capture just how art channels our emotions in a mystical period drama about a death in the Shakespeare family. Chloé Zhao's wrenching adaptation of the bestselling 2020 novel by Maggie O'Farrell has been described as being about how Shakespeare wrote Hamlet after his young son, Hamnet, died. While technically accurate, that misses the exact mechanics of Zhao's immersive account of the desire, grief, love and anger that course between a woman and her playwright husband, culminating in a remarkable demonstration of what art can do. Sight and Sound



SUTTON ON THE FOREST YCA

I wonder who remembers 'Call My Bluff' from back in the day on BBC1? Four valiant volunteers from Malton Museum visited our March meeting and using the Call my Bluff format, took us for a little tour around Malton's past using veteran words and names for long forgotten professions and objects. The group's compere followed each round with slides showing evidence of the word described and where it could be found in or around Malton. The audience guessed the true definition for seven of the eleven rounds and were suitably chuffed to have won overall. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening which reminded many of us of what an excellent (and sadly neglected) little museum Malton has. But if this short report has inspired anyone to visit, please note that it is only open Easter to October as the museum is run entirely by volunteers.

We were delighted to arrive at our April meeting in the daylight, and a good turnout enjoyed listening to Lesley Newnham who described the lives of 3 famous Yorkshiremen and 3 women. Her 6 little vignettes were accompanied by slides and interesting titbits of information. She started with John Harrison born in Foulby in 1693 who invented the first accurate sea going clock. Amy Johnson from Hull was the first female aeronautical engineer and flew in a Tiger Moth all the way to Australia. She was a huge celebrity in her day, but sadly died in mysterious circumstances whilst flying internally during the second world war. J. Arthur Rank, born in Hull in 1888 rang a bell with me as he set up Pinewood Studios in collaboration with my great grandfather Charles Boot - another fascinating and hugely successful Yorkshireman. Did you know that Betty Boothroyd, born in Dewsbury, started off as a Tiller show girl? Or that Freddie Trueman, born in Stainton in 1931, was equally talented at football and was signed to play for Lincoln City? But our favourite quote was from Diana Rigg (who although born near Leeds, actually grew up in India speaking Hindi and was sent to boarding school in Pudsey at the age of 8). When young she was asked to do a nude scene in a film and replied 'I come from Yorkshire and no one from Yorkshire takes their clothes off except on a Friday night.' Speak for yourself Diana!

In May we rubbed shoulders with celebrities - well vicariously anyway. Kevin Thornhill joined us from Sunderland to tell us about his life as a dress designer. Kevin spent much of his career in London and told us about his life, his training, and working in the West End, peppering his talk with anecdotes about the famous people he dressed. He also brought fascinating samples of clothes he had designed and made for the theatre.

Kevin's first fashion house job was with the Emmanuels. Not only was he involved with hand stitching Princess Diana's wedding gown, but he dressed her on the morning of her wedding. When she had her first fitting 6 months earlier, she was a size 14. By the morning of her wedding she was a size 6. Unhappy with the Emmanuels, he moved from fashion house design to stage costume design and worked on many of the big London West End shows, starting with The King and I. He worked in a private capacity for Elaine Paige creating her evening gowns and so she asked him to design and make her famous white dress for her role of Eva Perron. He continued to whizz his way through almost every musical you have ever heard of, before returning home to Sunderland and setting up a bespoke wedding dress shop. These days he is a member of the board of The Royal Dress Collection and organises exhibitions of these, across the country. He also collects wedding dresses and replica tiaras - exact copies including the precious gems!

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.

June 3rd - Presentation from Central Committee

July 1st- Annual Outing - Guided tour of Malton museum and town centre - members only

August - Afternoon Tea - details tbc - members only

September 2nd - Stay Safe Online - scams and emails - Eric Jackson

Caroline Mytum ☎ 01347 810969 📠 07742 963 689



EDCCA provides many local services and activities to support the local community.

Are you needing a volunteer car driver to take you to your medical appointment, we can supply the driver and a car to get you there.

We have a sitting and befriending service if you are feeling lonely or would like someone to be with your loved one whilst you have a few hours to yourself.

If you are needing some shopping collecting or your prescription delivered to you, we are able to help with this.

Our EDCCA coffee morning is on the 9th June, from 10am until noon. Why not pop along enjoy some free tea, coffee and tasty cake, meet old friends or make new ones. In the lounge area of the Galtres Centre, free to attend.

We have a crossword club, a Knit and Natter group plus we can hire out wheelchairs.

Our Meals on Wheels scheme provides a tasty 2 course meal delivered by our volunteers, cost £9.50 per day.

The charity boutique on Long Street welcomes new volunteers, donations of clothing for men and women plus books and bric a brac.

For the men we have Men in Sheds, a space just for the men to chat, or try some craft activities.

The Hub club is our Dementia day centre, open on Tuesdays and Friday 10am until 3pm.

Our next excursion will be to Grassington on 25th June, fare £20.

We have daily Food Share stalls outside Cozie in the small Galtres Car park.

If you require food urgently we have our EDCCA Food Bank, call 0772 44 44 750, all calls in confidence.

Many thanks, Sam Wilson, Coordinator Client Contact and Foodshare Scheme

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm

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YO61 3JX

Tel: 01347 822875

sam@edcca.org.uk <https://edcca.org.uk/>

EDCCA is pleased to share that Becky officially took over as Chief Officer in January. Over the past few months, she has settled into the role well and has been getting to know the team, our volunteers, and the wider community.

Becky is passionate about supporting local people and is already exploring new ways that EDCCA can continue to help and strengthen our community. She is very much looking forward to working closely with residents, local groups, and partner organisations in the months ahead.

As always, our services rely heavily on the kindness and support of volunteers. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with our Car Scheme, helping local residents get to appointments and essential journeys, as well as volunteers for our Sitting and Befriending Services, offering companionship and support to those who may feel isolated. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference to someone in our community.

We are also excited to say that we have some new ideas and projects in the pipeline, which we hope to share with everyone once they are up and running.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with EDCCA or the services we provide, please do get in touch – we would love to hear from you on info@edcca.org.uk

Becky Guy, Chief Officer



EDCCA'S 2026 Mini Bus Trips

~~26 March~~	~~Scarborough~~
~~23 April~~	~~Whitby~~
~~7 May~~	~~Bornby Hall Tulip Festival (admission £9.50)~~
• 25 June	Grassington
• 9 July	Bridlington
• 6 August	Ryedale Folk Museum (admission £10 – valid for 12 months)
• 9 September	Masham
• 9 October	Ilkley
• 4 November	Northallerton
• December	Christmas meal outing (details to be confirmed)

Fare: £20 per trip

We will aim to have a volunteer accompany each trip. However, if there is insufficient interest, we may need to cancel a trip. Transport will be provided by Morse minibuses. Pick-up times are 9:45am from the bus stop on Carr Lane, Stillington, and 10:00am from the Market Place, Easingwold. We expect to return to Easingwold at approximately 4:30pm, followed by a drop-off in Stillington. Booking is essential for all trips.

To reserve a place or request further information, please contact EDCCA on 01347 822875 or email Rachel at carscheme@edcca.org.uk.



Spring at the Forest of Flowers, Huby

Spring has been fantastic here at our woodland and meadows, with wildflowers blooming, bees buzzing and birds singing! It's been wonderful to watch the site come to life.

Cowslips (pictured) have been out in droves, as have Red Campion, Bluebells and a range of blossom, providing lots of early nectar for pollinators. Now the summer wildflowers are in full swing, with Vipers Bugloss, Oxeye Daisy and our Orchids all coming out in force.

Wildlife is out in abundance already, with butterflies such as Peacock, Orange Tip and Painted Lady all doing well. Broad-bodied Chaser dragonflies and a range of damselflies are out, and bird song on the site has been better than ever, featuring a Cuckoo on-site which is unusual for us and very exciting!

We've been busy with a range of tasks, including Himalayan Balsam removal and growing lots of plants in our nursery (thank you to everyone who said hello at the Sutton and Huby Open Gardens recently!). We've also upgraded our events orchard with a fantastic new oak structure, and the icing on the cake for the last few months has been the arrival of two lovely goat kids, Oscar and Oliver.



Tansy Beetle's Return

Last year we introduced the endangered Tansy Beetle to our site, with the hope of establishing a satellite population away from the River Ouse. They had their ups and downs last year, impacted heavily by the very dry weather.

They ended 2025 with very few numbers, so we weren't sure what to expect this spring, but thankfully the next generation emerged! Hopefully the start of a good year ahead.



Upcoming Events

This year's events are well underway and we've had some very memorable nature walks so far, including our Dawn Chorus and Twilight Walks, plus our first ever Willow Basket Making course. 2026 will see our biggest and most wide-ranging events calendar yet - we hope you can join us!

Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes are included at all events

Date	Event
Sunday 21 st June	Summer Wildflower Walk
Saturday 27 th June	Introductory Course: Wildflower Identification
Sunday 19 th July	Dragonfly Spotting and Identification
Saturday 25 th July	Butterfly and Moth Afternoon
Saturday 29 th Aug	Wildflower Seed Collecting Course
Friday 4 th Sep	Twilight Nature Walk – Bats, Moths & More
Sunday 13 th Sep	Creating Wildflower Habitat – Day Course

Tickets are limited and booking is essential via:

www.ForestofFlowers.co.uk

information on growing wildflowers:

www.forestofflowers.co.uk/advicecentre

 **info@forestofflowers.co.uk**

  **[@ForestofFlowersUK](https://www.facebook.com/ForestofFlowersUK)**

Tom Hook and Alwyn Craven

Prescription pickups

For the last 5 years Simon and I have (via a network of volunteers) done pick ups for prescriptions for residents in Huby and Sutton - Tel 01347 810873

Thank you, Jackie Bullough

Huby & Sutton Show 2026

Our annual agricultural show will be on Sunday 5 July!

Schedules are now available as a hard copy or online at:

www.hubyandsuttonshow.org.uk

Bookings are now being taken for tradestands, please email:

tradestandshubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com for more information

We also have several sponsorship packages available with benefits, please email:

info@hubyandsuttonshow.org.uk

To enter the vehicle display classes: **vehiclesathubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com**

If anyone is interested in helping with setting up the showfield or on the day please email:

infoathubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com



Surviving Winter Summer Fuel Fund

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

Crikey - what crazy prices for oil and lpg we have at the moment

If you desperately need to fill up now and are struggling please do ask for some help

We can help with the cost of oil, lpg or electric

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EAST MOOR MEMORIAL 2026



Remembering the contribution of RCAF members from 415, 429, and 432 Squadrons during the Second World War

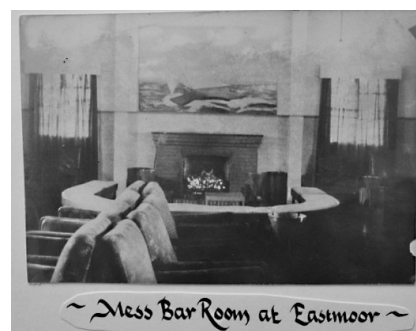
For a few days in the middle of May, the small parish of Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yorkshire, UK, holds a ceremony of special significance. This year, as in years past, several RCAF members from 415 and 429 Squadrons had the honour of travelling across the Atlantic to take part in a ceremony that remembers such history and sacrifice.

The RAF East Moor Ceremony, held each May at the sundial cairn in the centre of the village, is one steeped in both history and sacrifice. Originally established by Canadian veterans and families in 1990, this year's ceremony on the 16th was the 36th to honour the airmen who served at RAF East Moor during the Second World War.

Those 36 years have done much to cement the legacy of RAF East Moor. Throughout the war years, East Moor was home to approximately 1,800 RCAF and RAF personnel, which included three RCAF squadrons: 415, 429, and 432. In July 1944, 415 Squadron moved from Coastal Command to Bomber Command. After arriving at East Moor in July 1944, 415 Squadron flew more than 100 bombing missions in the Handley Page Halifax, focusing their attention on built-up fortifications and gun batteries on the German coast. Of the 1,800 airmen stationed at East Moor during the final years of the war, 640 flew their last mission there, giving their lives in service to their countries.

It is this history of sacrifice that both the village and RCAF members strive to remember, sending delegates as often as possible to show respect not only for the sacrifice itself, but also for the people of Sutton-on-the-Forest, who continue to remember our history as their own.

For this year's memorial, 415 Squadron was represented by Lieutenant Jason Kelsey and Master Warrant Officer Ian MacNeil, while 429 Squadron was represented by Honorary Colonel Aleesha Camp, Lieutenant Colonel Cole McGregor, Chief Warrant Officer Jason Hamley, and Captain Adam Abdelhamed.



The first stop on the event schedule was historic Sutton Park, the Officers' Mess and home to RCAF aircrew during the war. Mr. Robert Sheffield, as in years past, was again a gracious host, walking the us through his family home and gardens while speaking on the history and significance of the area on a beautiful Friday afternoon.



RCAF members from 415 and 429 Sqns meet at Sutton Park with Mr. Sheffield; Sutton Park was home to the aircrew and Officer's Mess



After being hosted for lunch by the event's organiser Tony Prowde and his wife Sue, we made for the local primary school, where children looked on curiously at the strangely dressed Canadians. Capt Abdelhamed and Lt Kelsey presented a brief history of their respective squadrons, including current operational roles and capabilities, while MWO MacNeil delighted the children with games and gifts from Canada. The children (and instructors) were wonderful hosts, and were thoroughly engaged throughout while asking thoughtful questions as we shared about our respective Squadrons.



Lt Kelsey and MWO MacNeil engage with the children at Sutton-on-the-Forest Primary School



MWO Ian MacNeil delivers the opening address

The day of the ceremony, Saturday, finally dawned, blossoming into a perfect day – not too cool and not too warm, with high clouds floating lazily across a deep blue sky. As the townsfolk began to gather, Tony Prowde gave the opening remarks, preparing the crowd for a special sight – a low-level flypast by a C-17 Globemaster from 429 Squadron. After that opening excitement, the ceremony officially began with a moving speech by MWO MacNeil. Touching on the significance of the moment, he highlighted the bravery of all those involved during those years, including the townsfolk who supported the RCAF and RAF with their own level of sacrifice.

Reverend Steve Whiting offered reflections and prayers, and then Sqn Ldr Henry Morgan (Ret) led the Act of Remembrance. Jamie Highton followed this with the Last Post/Silence/Reveille bugle call, and then wreaths and flowers were laid at the memorial cairn by many groups and individuals, including 415 and 429 Squadrons,



Lt Kelsey and MWO MacNeil lay the RCAF wreath at the memorial

RAF Leeming Group Captain Andrew Colley, Mr. Robert Sheffield, and the cadets from Easingwold. Lead Piper Jim Sharpe piped several moving tunes, and the ceremony was closed with the British and Canadian national anthems, and a final word from Mr. Robert Sheffield.

All who wished met at Grey Village Hall for afternoon tea, where stories were shared and new connections were made. After this, the RCAF members were invited to another small ceremony in Brafferton. In 1945, Halifax Bomber NA612 was shot down while returning to RAF Dishforth from a mission – the entirety of the young crew, six RCAF members and one RAF member, perished while attempting to land. Fittingly, a light rain began to fall as we stood in front of a memorial and plaque flanked by the British and Canadian flags.



Members stand at the Halifax NA612 Memorial

Nigel Dennison spoke on the surrounding area's history during the war, while Lottie Cranfield offered reflections and prayers, and Kevin Coulson piped several tunes, as all present once again reflected on the weight of the moment.

On Sunday, the RCAF members were invited to the morning service at All Hallows Church in Sutton-on-the-Forest. After a service where members of 415 Squadron delivered the readings, the group visited with the townsfolk once again. After this, Mr. Robert Sheffield, accompanied by daughters, took our group to the location of the old East Moor airfield, where we walked the grounds and again reflected on the history of the place. On our way back to London for our flight home, the 415 Squadron members also had the opportunity to stop at the Battle of Britain Memorial; a fitting end to a reflective trip.



Members attend Sunday Service at All Hallows church

The entire trip was short in time, but long in meaning. The warmth of the people and the sobriety of the moment brought the weight of history and sacrifice straight to the hearts of the RCAF members who had the privilege to participate in such a moving ceremony.



Sundial Cairn after the Ceremony

There is something about the intermingling of history and sacrifice that causes one to feel small, and properly humbled; however, at the same time such a union also causes one to be inspired, and strive for significance – to strive for something larger than, and outside oneself. For those of us who have signed on that line that says, "Unlimited liability," there is something about this history and sacrifice that causes a stir deep within our souls, breathing life into the weariest bones.



Enjoying post-lunch tea at the Rose and Crown with Tony, Sue, and Revd Steve



C17 Flypast



Showing our appreciation to the Pipers and the Cadets of Easingwold



Before heading back to Canada, we stopped for one final dip into history, sacrifice, and inspiration at The Battle of Britain Memorial

Photo Credits at Ceremony: David Gilliam

I would like to acknowledge the previous years' articles, specifically those of Majors Mike MacSween and Pat Ouellet, 415 Squadron. If I have seen clearly, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants - Lt Jason Kelly, 415 Squadron RCAF

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