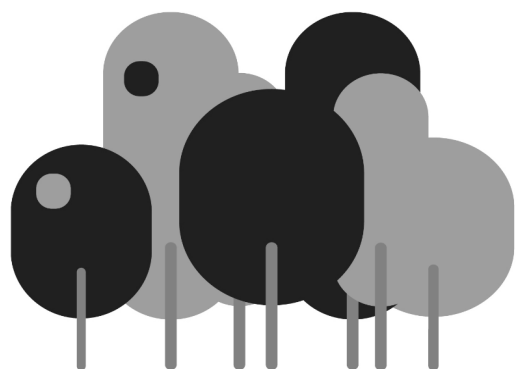




Sutton Times

March 2026

Sutton on the Forest Parish Council

Parish Council News

With the days stretching longer and the first flowers beginning to appear around the village, it feels as though Spring is finally within touching distance. There is something uplifting about this time of year: increasingly lighter evenings and the promise of warmer days.

It is also a time to look ahead to new projects. One such project is the proposed memorial garden in the old orchard adjacent to the playing field. We have been very encouraged by the positive feedback received so far, along with a number of thoughtful and constructive suggestions. It is clear that many residents feel warmly about the idea and are keen to see it develop into a peaceful and fitting space for the whole community. Over the coming weeks, we will be surveying the area in more detail to help shape a practical and sensitive plan. As always, we are grateful for your continued interest and input, which play a vital role in ensuring the space reflects the wishes of the village.

We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the recent survey regarding the Rose & Crown. There was widespread appreciation when it re-opened - many residents expressed how important the pub is to the social fabric of the village. However, it is fair to say that attendance by villagers has been somewhat lower than hoped. The survey will hopefully help to identify ways in which this might be improved, but ultimately the long-term success will depend on local support. As the saying goes: use it or lose it. A thriving pub can serve as a hub for community life, and we would encourage residents to make use of this valued asset whenever possible. These really are challenging times for village pubs, and without support they simply won't survive. We're hoping warmer weather will arrive and entice you all out to enjoy the beer garden. See you there!

We are fortunate to have the village playing field as a valuable open space for children and families to enjoy. Unfortunately, we have received increasing reports of dogs fouling the area, including around the play equipment and the football pitch. This is both unpleasant and a potential health concern. We kindly but firmly request that dogs are kept away from the designated play areas and that owners act responsibly at all times. A small number of incidents can have a disproportionate impact, and we would appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping this shared space clean and safe.

Overgrown footpaths and hedges continue to present challenges in parts of the village, with some walkways becoming significantly narrowed and, in places, almost impassable. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to those residents who have already put considerable effort into clearing paths and cutting back hedges near their properties. Your work makes a real difference. If you feel able to do so, we would once again ask residents to check and, where necessary, clear any excess growth. Working together in this way helps maintain both the appearance and accessibility of our village.

The annual memorial for the Royal Canadian Air Force will be at 2:30pm on Saturday 16 May 2026. We are expecting an increase in the number of attendees this year. Once again, refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Grey Village Hall.

Our village litter pick will take place again this year on a suitable weekend in April (date to be confirmed). These events are always a positive and sociable way to make a visible difference to our surroundings. We are keen to welcome as many volunteers as possible. Please keep an eye out for notices around the village and updates on Facebook for further details.

Finally, we would like to ask for volunteers to help deliver the Sutton Times around the village each quarter. We are very grateful to those of you who have been reliably helping with this over the years, and we are aware that it can become a little onerous when we are down on numbers, so if you can spare a little time and would be willing to help deliver the newsletter, please let us know.

Ben Knighton, Sutton-on-the-Forest Parish Council, 07881 942759



Litter picking in the village - April. Details on village notices and Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1046798346134781/>

We will be organising a morning for voluntary litter picking in the village and would like you to help.

The event will take place in April. Please meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Grey Village hall. We suggest walking boots or wellies and suitable clothing depending on the weather. Hambleton council will normally provide hi vis jackets, PPE, litter pickers and bags.

Thank you in anticipation of your support - *The Parish Council*



SUTTON ON THE FOREST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

What an amazing first half of the spring term we've had at school!

We've had an exciting six weeks filled with diverse activities that have challenged and inspired our children. From the dynamic Taekwondo sessions to the energetic

Skip2BFit programme, our children have been active and engaged. We've also marked important national awareness events, including Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, alongside our dedicated Metacognition Day, which have provided valuable opportunities for personal growth and understanding.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful cultural experience, visiting York Minster and York Art Gallery. We were delighted to welcome Tony from YoYo, who helped us celebrate National Storytelling Week, bringing the magic of storytelling to life.

Throughout these weeks, I've been proud to see our pupils consistently demonstrating our school values, truly embodying the spirit of our school family. A big shout out to our Wellbeing Champions! This inclusive group of Year 4, 5, and 6 students does an amazing job looking after our school community.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have more exciting events on the horizon. We're looking forward to World Book Day, Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a Tag Rugby Festival for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, and a nature visit to St Nicks Field for our Year 1 and 2 classes.

Helen Pye, Headteacher



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

RAF East Moor FAMILY Memorial Service SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026, 2.30PM

THE POUND, SUTTON ON THE FOREST

PLEASE COME AND HELP US TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO FLEW OUT OF OUR VILLAGE NEVER TO RETURN

AND AFTERWARDS ENJOY AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GREY VILLAGE HALL

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL



Catering Assistant

Salary: £12.65 per hour

Contract: Permanent - Hours: 11.25 per week - Location: York, North Yorkshire, Sutton On The Forest Primary School, York



We have an opportunity to join our award-winning Facilities Management catering team where you will be providing tasty, nutritious, home-cooked meals made from locally sourced fresh produce.

We are a 'fresh food' organisation encouraging children and young people to choose nutritious meals and eat well, fuelling their appetite for learning. We are proud to offer a wide choice of healthy options to our children.

We are currently recruiting a Catering Assistant to join our team at Sutton On The Forest Primary School. Your role will be to support the Catering Manager in delivering an effective catering service, operating to the highest standards of food safety. Daily, you will be setting up the dining hall, serving meals to students and staff, washing up and cleaning the kitchen and dining room.

You will be a valued member of our friendly team who is reliable, dependable and committed, working from 11:00 to 13:15, totalling 11.25 hrs per week.

No weekend work!

You will work term time weeks only; however, you will receive equal monthly payments throughout the year. For this you will be paid £12.65 per hour, in addition to annual holiday and Bank Holiday entitlement.

What can we offer you?

In addition to your salary, we offer a range of great benefits to help you financially and make life a bit easier. These include:

- a local government pension scheme with 18.1% employer contribution
- salary sacrifice schemes
- employee discount benefits including shopping, supermarkets, gym discounts and more!
- travel loans
- Health Assured - confidential help and support for your wellbeing

Contact and apply

If you would like an informal chat, please contact Geraldine Johnson (Area Manager) on 07974427178 or email Geraldine.johnson@northyorks.gov.uk

Please note: we will be interviewing whilst the role is live and reserve the right to close the advert should suitable candidates be appointed.

Grey Village Hall

Village Hall Centenary Year!

The village hall has now been standing for very nearly a whole century, something definitely worthy of note. A gift from the owner of Sutton Hall at the time, Mrs. Grey, it was erected during the summer of 1926 and officially opened by her in October of that year. As a way of marking the occasion we thought we would hold a cocktail party with some musical entertainment and have chosen Saturday 20th June as the date. We intend the event to have a 1920s-style theme so everyone would be welcome to come dressed in character (if they feel like it, of course).

Closer to the official 1926 opening date we hope to mount a display of historical material relating to the hall and village in general. If anyone has any photos, documents or anything at all of interest we'd love to hear from you.

Date for the Diary: Saturday 20th June, Centenary Event (Cocktails and entertainment)

Our broadband provider, Quickline, tells us they have a 'digital inclusion' programme, as part of which they offer to run some free 'digital skills workshops'.

We don't have any more details and aren't sure whether or not there would be a call for such so are trying to gauge interest. If you think this might possibly be of interest to you please let us know (perhaps indicating what specifically you might like to cover) and we can make enquiries.

Kim Phillips

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All Hallows Church Sutton on the Forest and Huby



Regular Services

1st Sunday in the month 10:00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday in the month 8:00am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday in the month 10:00am Morning Prayer

Easter Services

15th Mar 10.00am Mothering Sunday Service

Mar 29th 10.00am Palm Sunday Service

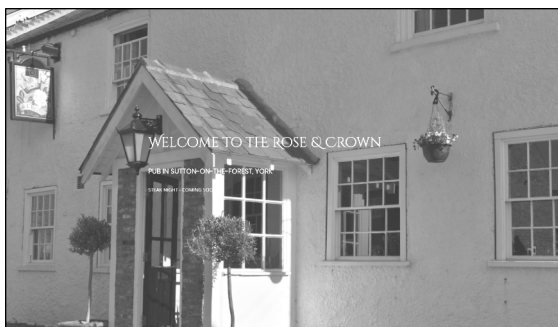
5th April 10.00am Easter Day Service

We are introducing a new service especially for families which will take place at 10.30am on the 4th Sunday of each month, e.g. 22nd February and 22nd March.

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



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

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 905791) Brown
or Frank Gutierrez (01347 810260) -BOFS



Sutton on the Forest Playing Field Association

Parts of the playing field are looking pretty waterlogged at the minute with all of the rain that we have had since Christmas, but this hasn't stopped the bulbs breaking their way through the ground. The flowers also should start to appear shortly which is a welcome sight as we come out of Winter.

We are planning to hold our Spring Maintenance Day on Sunday 19th April, meeting at 1pm on the playing field. We meet twice yearly, in Spring and Autumn, and take on small tasks such as hedge trimming, cutting back small branches and minor repairs to any play equipment. The repairs required are either brought to our attention via the annual RoSPA PlaySafety report or are visually identified and brought to our attention by members of our community. I am pleased to say there is nothing within the PlaySafety report requiring urgent attention, but we will inspect the play equipment prior to the maintenance day in case anything new is noticed. Please come and join us, even if you can only spare 1 hr. We are also grateful for the use of petrol or battery-operated gardening tools such as hedge trimmers, strimmers...etc and would welcome anyone to bring these if available.

We will soon be starting to make plans for this year's Sutton 10k which will be held on -

Sunday 27th September at 11am. If you want to take part in the race 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 further details will be provided in future Sutton Times editions or you can contact me on the number below and we will be happy to add you to our list of volunteers.

Mark Lee 07773 971792

Sutton and Huby Gardening Club

Hello fellow gardeners, you're probably not doing much actual gardening at the moment, but the snowdrops are starting to appear, signalling a new gardening year.

At the club we continue with our monthly meetings and outings throughout the coming year. We ended last year on a high note with dinner at The George, Easingwold. Food and venue were excellent, and everyone wants to do the same next year.

We started this year with a talk by Sarah Hopps in Huby Village Hall, Sarah was as entertaining as ever, with slides showing her garden throughout the year. She also brought a colourful display of plants for sale which were very popular and showed that we have no excuse for a dull garden, no matter what the season.

By the time you read this we will have had a talk about houseplants by Alice Maynard and again there were plants for sale. The talk started at 7.45pm at The Grey Village Hall, Sutton (we alternate between Huby and Sutton each month). Visitors are welcome at only £2.50 per visit, but as membership is only £10 per annum, why not join us and have access to all the club's benefits?

You might have missed this last talk but no problem, we have Kevin Foster on March 25th in Huby, talking about exotic and unusual plants. Again, there will be plants for sale. We also have refreshments and a raffle at each meeting so there is a chance to meet other gardeners. The next meeting after that will be 22nd April at Sutton in the Grey Village Hall.

The first outing of the year will be a coach trip to Burnby Hall on Wednesday the 29th of April. We will be giving more details to club members soon. We are also planning visits to Swindon House and Shandy Hall.

Of course, the biggest news is the Open Gardens event in Sutton which will take place this year on Sunday and Monday, the 24th & 25th of May 2026. As well as open gardens there will be plant sales, brass band, teas and more. I will update you as we firm up arrangements but please keep these dates free in your diary so you can support us and help fund local charities. Many of us are getting on a bit so help from younger and/or fitter people is always very welcome.

If you are interested in the club's activities, why not get onto our e-mail list by e-mailing Derek (our Treasurer) at djj3@btinternet.com? That way, we can get an accurate e-mail address.

Pam Bankes, Chairman





WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO ???

The Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association are a friendly group of women who meet at the Grey Village Hall in Sutton on the Forest on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Currently we have a growing membership of approx. 30 members.

We endeavour to further friendship, inform, and provide mutual support to women living in the village and surrounding areas.

New members of all age groups are always very welcome.

Why not give us a try ladies - only £3 for visitors payable on the night ?

We are very proud of our Annual Programme of speakers, and frequent outings and theatre trips. Once a month we have a Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms where approximately 15 members enjoy delicious cakes, and chocolate biscuits with their tea and coffee !!!! We have an on-going commitment to fund raising and we donate to village amenities as well as to local charitable causes including the Homeless, Struggling Families and Youth Incentives.

Once again we will be organising the Marquee for the Home Produce and Crafts Section of the Huby and Sutton Show on the 5 July 2026 and in May in the Village Hall we undertake the catering for the Canadians' Memorial Service and the Open Gardens Weekends. If we say so ourselves people come from far and wide for the delicious homemade cakes alone !!!!

We aim to have a club which is truly for the members, and encourage their input to let their voices be heard.

So if you feel like joining us ladies, then don't hesitate to contact our **Secretary (Irene Martin)** mob: 07752 154901 or email renamartin@homecall.co.uk for further information

JANUARY	ANNUAL LUNCH @ THE ROSE AND CROWN
WED 4 FEB	MEET THE BUTLER – CHRIS CADE An interactive evening with the actor and storyteller Chris Cade – set against the backdrop of the 1871 Census at Brodsworth Hall (an English Heritage Property near Doncaster)
WED 4 MARCH	WHAT'S IN A NAME – MALTON MUSEUM TEAM A fun quiz based around word definitions
WED 1 APRIL	SIX OF THE BEST – LESLEY NEWNHAM A look at the lives of six Yorkshire greats – some more well known than others who have left lasting legacies in widely varying fields (John Harrison, Amy Johnson, J Arthur Rank, Betty Boothroyd, Freddy Trueman and Diana Rigg)
WED 6 MAY	CELEBRITIES AND WEDDING GOWNS – KEVIN THORNHILL From a Chanel original and Royal replicas, Kevin talks about the wedding dresses worn by Princess Diana and Catherine, Princess of Wales accompanied by celebrities behind the scenes stories
WED 3 JUNE	CENTRAL COMMITTEE – UPDATE Members from YCA Central Office will be in attendance to talk about the running of the YCA and any questions members may have in this respect.
JULY	SUMMER OUTING – to be confirmed
AUGUST	AFTERNOON TEA FOR MEMBERS – in the Village Hall with the date to be confirmed
WED 2 SEPT	STAY SAFE ONLINE – SCAMS AND EMAILS - ERIC JACKSON A guide as to how to recognise scam emails and telephone calls presented in a non-technical way with the tell tale signs to watch out for.
WED 7 OCT	HEARTS BOUTIQUE Members of the Easingwold Hearts Boutique Team will bring a range of fashions and home designs presented with their usual enthusiasm.
WED 4 NOV	GHANA AND FAIR TRADE – MARGARET PRICE Margaret will give an insight into problems with Ghana's cocoa crop and the high chocolate prices currently in the shops.
WED 2 DEC	MY LIFE IN MUSIC – STUART ATKINS Stuart will give a presentation on the big stars he has played for, the various bands including his own 18 piece, the orchestra's he has played with, the places he has worked and about the time he was Musical Director at Batley Variety Club.



Girlguiding

The Rainbows have joined together with other Girlguiding units in Easingwold and Thirsk for a screening of Zootropolis 2 at the Ritz Cinema, this was a private screening just for our members and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

Our village Rainbow unit continues to thrive. 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 below for more information

The village Rainbow unit in Huby meets on Wednesday evenings - 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:
firstgaltresrainbows@gmail.com



A local resident is collecting used postage stamps to raise money for the Bone Cancer Trust
Any stamps can be left at the Post Office in the village shop
Jack will pass on your donations

Sutton Preschool

What a busy start to the year we have had. We started the year with a dance class. Esme visits us every Thursday from Jazzy J dancing and the children look forward to all the fun activities we do in the dance class each week. It is definitely a firm favourite with all the children.

We have enjoyed celebrating the Luna New Year. We learnt about the different animals in The Great Race story and also which year we were born in and painted pictures of the animals. We also tried some yummy Chinese food for our snacks.

We have been learning about animal habitats and life cycles, drawing our own pictures of the animals at different stages. As the children have enjoyed this so much we have arranged another visit to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park later in early Spring. We can't wait to see what animals we might see.

Before Christmas the ladies from the Mothers Union joined us so that we could help them make the Advent Wreath for the Church. We also joined them at the Church to put together the Nativity Scene, which we had great fun doing. We now look forward to the ladies joining us at the beginning of March to make posies for the special ladies in our lives.

We are now looking forward to some warmer weather so that we can have more adventures out and about.

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.

Everyone is welcome to toddlers on a **Friday morning 9am to 11am £3** per family, snack and drinks included in the price including a drink for the adults.

We have spaces available September 2026 for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and we accept all funding. Prices are £5.50 an hour with no hidden charges.

If you would like any more information, you can find this on our website, suttonpreschool.com or phone 01347 811741 (during preschool hours).



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 24 March: One Battle after Another

One Battle After Another is a 2025 American black comedy action thriller directed by Paul Thomas Anderson. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn and Benicio del Toro. It follows an ex-revolutionary who is forced back into his former combative lifestyle when he and his daughter are pursued by a corrupt military officer.

Anderson's phenomenal screenplay is a timeless story of resistance but it's also a remarkably propulsive, fun, and eventually moving piece of work about the human beings caught up in the chaotic machine.

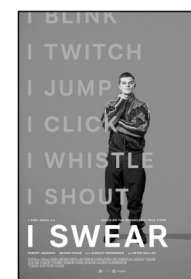


Tuesday 21 April: I Swear

Kirk Jones's terrifically warm, generous film is about real-life activist John Davidson, who is from Galashiels in the Scottish Borders and has Tourette syndrome, with its tics, compulsive behaviour patterns and random obscene shouts. He was awarded an MBE in 2019 for his work educating the nation about the condition.

I Swear contains a great performance from Robert Aramayo, full of intelligence and charm. This is an absorbing, compassionate film.

The Guardian



Tuesday 19 May: Dead of Winter

After her husband's death, widow Barb sets out to fulfil his last request to have his ashes scattered in Lake Hilda in northern Minnesota. When Barb reaches the lake, she sees Leah, a young woman with her hands bound trying to escape from her abductor

Director Brian Kirk gives Emma Thompson an inspired opportunity to play a completely different kind of role. You've never seen her like this, grungy in working overalls grappling over a rifle in the middle of a frozen lake. But all the craft and presence you'd expect from the two-time Oscar winner are on display, as always. She's often alone on screen and much of the performance is wordless, but because she's Emma Thompson, she always holds our attention with warmth and wisdom. Roger Ebert



SUTTON ON THE FOREST YCA

It seems a long time ago now, but we enjoyed a wonderfully festive evening at our meeting in December when we were royally entertained by Main Street Sound. Fifteen of this twenty five plus, award winning, women's barber shop choir, performed for us and they really were excellent. They sang a combination of songs both seasonal and from their normal catalogue. They also managed to include a few that we could sing along to. Warmed by such good cheer, plus mulled wine and Christmas cake, we hardly noticed paying for our annual subs and January meal.

And indeed, a few weeks later we were thrilled to be able to return to the Rose and Crown for our annual repast, where we were beautifully looked after and enjoyed a really delicious meal. We are extremely grateful to Eileen and Malcolm for opening especially for us and so thoughtfully accommodating our needs.

In February we were delighted to welcome back Chris Cade who is a charming, retired actor with a particular knack for story telling. He has visited us before, bringing tales to life through role play and props. A non-threatening, low level of audience participation, keeps everyone thoroughly engaged. This time we found ourselves transported to Brodsworth Hall in 1871 where we were interviewed by the butler for the role of junior housemaid. Imagining we were fourteen was quite a stretch and being offered an annual salary of £4.00 with three days off a year was not enormously enticing. But the stories that Chris told us about the family and their servants are based on actual people and events from Brodsworth Hall and were intriguing enough to possibly entice us there for our annual trip in July.

All this and the year has only just begun!

A bargain at £30 for the year, the YCA is a warm and friendly organisation to join, with plenty going on throughout the year, and it is not too late if you think you might like to join for 2026. Typically we have nine evening meetings with a lively speaker, raffle and refreshments, and plenty of time to chat and catch up with friends. Most months we also meet up in the church room on the morning of the last Wednesday, for coffee, friendship and very superior biscuits! Our annual meal in January, outing in July and afternoon tea in August are highlights. We regularly organise theatre and other trips. New members are welcome, but if you are not sure you would be able to attend on a regular basis, the evening meetings are always open to guests.

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.

March 4th - *What's in a Name?* - Malton Museum Team

April 1st - *Six of the Best* - Lesley Newnham

May 6th - *Celebrities and Fashion* - Kevin Thornhill

June 3rd - *Presentation from Central Committee*

Caroline Mytum ☎ 01347 810969
📱 07742 963 689



COOPER KING

DISTILLERY

Cooper King Distillery

Production is back up and running after our winter shutdown at the distillery, with supplies of sold-out favourites being restocked as we speak, including our Berry & Basil Gin Liqueur. Our next release of Single Malt Whisky is also just around the corner - make sure you're signed up to our newsletter to hear when exactly that will arrive on shelves.

Sign up on our website, at www.cooperkingdistillery.co.uk
This whisky is a rich celebration of Port casks and we can't wait for you to try it.

We're hosting a small launch party for the new whisky at the distillery on the evening of Friday 27 March. Tickets are £10 and include a tasting of the new whisky with Abbie and Chris and light nibbles. Delicious drinks will be available to buy at the bar. Over-18s only. You will find the tickets in the shop on our website, we hope to see you there!

And don't forget we're open for tours on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays, and drinks and nibbles at the bar on Saturdays 12-6.





The King's Award for Voluntary Service honours Huby & Sutton Community Shop volunteers

Huby & Sutton Community Shop was officially presented with The King's Award for Voluntary Service on 26 February 2026 at a ceremony held in Huby Memorial Village Hall. His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner, was joined by Deputy Lieutenant Rebecca Cotterall DL to present the award on behalf of His Majesty The King.

The King's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest honour given to volunteer-led organisations in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. The award recognises the remarkable contribution made by the volunteers who run Huby & Sutton Community Shop, a Community Benefit Society owned by local residents and operated entirely for the benefit of the local community. The shop provides essential services seven days a week, supports local suppliers and producers and offers opportunities for young people through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Surpluses from the shop are reinvested and the shop intends to create a small grants fund to support local initiatives.

The ceremony was attended by former owner David Barker, representatives from the Parish Council, members of the Management Committee, volunteers and community shareholders. Co-Chairs Jan Garrill and Nigel Morgan thanked all the volunteers for their commitment and also expressed appreciation for everyone who supports the shop including its wonderful customers, noting that their continued loyalty is vital to the shop's success.

Co-Chair of the Huby & Sutton Community Shop Committee, Nigel Morgan, expressed gratitude on behalf of the team, saying "we are deeply honoured to receive The King's Award for Voluntary Service. This achievement belongs to every volunteer who gives their time so generously and to the community that supports us every day. We are incredibly proud of what we have built together." Huby & Sutton Community Shop has become a focal point for our villages and those who live nearby, maintained by nearly 50 volunteers who give their time to serve customers, manage stock and support the daily running of the Post Office. It remains a place where people can connect and feel part of the community, reflecting the spirit of collaboration and care at the heart of village life. Those interested in volunteering, including young people seeking Duke of Edinburgh placements, are warmly encouraged to get in touch or visit our website to find out more. We look forward to welcoming new faces and old alike as we continue to grow and strengthen this community-owned enterprise.



Shop Co-Chair Nigel Morgan accepts The King's Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of all volunteers, presented by HM Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner

Photo credit: James Drury Photography

Thady Senior: Member of the shop's Management Committee

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



Winter at the Forest of Flowers, Huby

It's been a spectacular winter so far at our woodland and wildflower meadows, with crisp weather brightening up the place and lots of wildlife enjoying the habitat here in Huby.

We've been taking stock, including with our annual New Year Plant Hunt, which showed a record number of species in bloom. Our harvest mouse survey was also successful, with 8 nests found – a new record for the site and double last year's findings! Amazing to see this struggling species doing so well here at FoF.

Wisps o' the Willow!

Our 2026 volunteer sessions started brilliantly with groups of 10+ helping us each week. One of the main jobs has been harvesting from our willow coppice, cutting the lovely straight stems grown in the last year. Once cut, we stack all the material for it to dry, and we're hoping to use it for weaving in a few months' time.

Each week is different for our volunteers, who help every Monday 9.30 – 12 (with coffee and cake served afterwards as a thank you!). If you'd like to join a Monday taster session, just email info@forestofflowers.co.uk



Upcoming Events

Our first events of 2026 have been announced! There's lots to look forward to, including Guided Tours, Wildflower Walks, plus our Twilight Nature Walk exploring the habitat at dusk to witness bats and other amazing nocturnal wildlife in action. For the early birds, we'll also have our Dawn Chorus Walk, with local expert Keith Gittens showcasing the wonderful sights and sounds of our birdlife in full swing.

Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes are included at all events. We hope you can join us!

Date	Event
Saturday 14 th March & 18 th April	Guided Tour: From Field to Forest
Saturday 11 th April	Creating Wildflower Habitat – Day Course
Saturday 25 th April	Spring Wildflower Walk
Friday 1 st May	Twilight Nature Walk – Bats, Moths & More
Saturday 9 th May	Dawn Chorus Guided Walk



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

Tom Hook and Alwyn Craven

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Huby & Sutton Show 2026 - Good news!

Our annual agricultural show will be on Sunday 5 July!

Bookings are now being taken for tradestands, please email: tradestandshubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com for more information

Enquiries about catering classes: secretary@hubyandsuttonshow.org.uk

We also have several sponsorship packages available with benefits, please email: info@hubyandsuttonshow.org.uk

We will also be holding our vehicle display classes: vehiclesathubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com



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

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

sitting and befriending service if you are feeling lonely or would like someone to 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 Tea and Tarts is on the 10th March, 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.

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, 01347 822875

1st Moxby Moor Scout Group

What a busy and brilliant few weeks it's been across 1st Moxby Moor Scout Group! From muddy night hikes and museum sleepovers to camp adventures, pizza-making and pancake flipping — our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have packed so much into the term already. Here's a look at what each section has been up to and what's coming next.



Beavers - This year marks the 40th anniversary of Beavers — a fantastic milestone to celebrate. After Easter, when the weather improves, we'll be marking the occasion with a special teddy bears' picnic. Recently, our Beavers have enjoyed pancake-making together, and we'll be finishing the term with a much-anticipated Easter egg hunt.



Cubs have had an especially busy few weeks. Alongside their regular meetings, they recently enjoyed a camp at Hesley Woods Scout Activity Centre, where they took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities and developed their teamwork and independence skills.

Back at HQ, Cubs combined practical skills with community spirit during a pizza-making evening, creating everything from dough to finished dish. They also held a successful toy sale, with profits generously donated to a range of charities supporting children, adults and wildlife causes.

Looking ahead, Cubs will be focusing on environmental topics — learning about conservation, sustainability and how they can help protect nature locally. Plans also include Mother's Day activities, a visit from the church to learn more about Lent and Easter, and outdoor skills sessions such as tent pitching in preparation for a potential camp later in the year.



The 1st Moxby Moor Scout Troop has taken part in a range of challenging and rewarding activities recently.

In early February, Scouts tested their navigation skills on a night hike from Coxwold to Byland Abbey, using only maps, compasses and torches to guide their way. Despite strong winds, heavy mud and persistent rain, they successfully completed the 2.5-mile route, demonstrating real determination and teamwork.

During half term, the Troop travelled to Beamish Museum, where they explored the museum's historic exhibits and enjoyed a unique overnight stay in the on-site Masonic Lodge. An early start the following morning meant they were first in line at the famous sweet shop — which proved very popular!

For the remainder of the term, Scouts will be focusing on a hands-on engineering challenge as they design, build and race their own Pinewood Derby cars.

Across all sections, these activities continue to develop confidence, resilience, practical skills and teamwork — and it's fantastic to see our young people thriving.



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Stillington Surgery and Patient Participation Group (Stillington PPG)

29 Nursing Appointments were not attended by patients during January

This equates to 7 hrs 20 mins of nursing time and results in other patients having to wait longer for an appointment
Please always try to keep your appointment or let us know in reasonable time if you are genuinely unable to do so
Patients who fail to attend on a regular basis may be asked to register elsewhere - Drs Metcalfe and Keen

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

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

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

Winter - Last week in November for publication first week in December ☎ 01347 810685 ✉ michaelkitchen@me.com

Michael Kitchen

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Sutton on Forest Primary School 810230
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North Yorkshire Police

Main switchboard

(General contact) 101

(Control Room immediately relay reported incidents to appropriate police officer)

Crimestoppers

(Reports to Crimestoppers are confidential and you may receive a reward) 0800 555111

Drugs helpline 0800 776600

Victim Support 01904 636905