

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have not met since 7 March but thankfully there is more to life than meetings! In last month's Newsletter I broke the news that Colin Baker, our longstanding editor, needed to stand down due to ill health and therefore the quest was on to find someone, or a group of people, to take it on. A few offers of help were made, but no one appeared willing to take on the leadership role necessary ensure the viability of the Newsletter **until Julia Tuff stepped forward!**

Many of you will know Julia from her involvement in the running of the Flower Show in the past and will appreciate that she fulfils the adage that to get something done you should give the job to a busy person. I'm sure you all join me in thanking her for volunteering to take on this important task for the community and I ask that everyone support her by providing any newsworthy material in good time to meet the printing and delivery timelines.

Research during the past month reveals that many of those who deliver the Village Hall Newsletter also deliver the Parish News and, in an effort to reduce their workload and also to deliver this Newsletter prior to the start of the named month, the intention is to align print schedules such that both publications are available to be delivered in the last week of the month. The implementation of this cunning plan will be announced in a subsequent edition.

Mention of those who deliver the Newsletter gives me the opportunity to spell Sue Gorwill's name correctly and to provide you with the names of the delivery team who, in last month's edition, I described as unsung. Sue divides the print run of over 350 into batches that then come to your door courtesy of:

Dennis Trudgett Glebe Farm & towards Tytherington), Heather Stanley (Springhead), Alice Day (Haycombe Hill & part High St), Penny Elliott (Duck St), Will Templer (Hill Rd), Lyn Payne (Bests Lane), Jenny Shingleton (High St – Woolpack down), Jane Coates (Norton Rd), Jill Price (High St top & Deverill Rd), Jill Russell (Five Ash Lane), Wendy Case (Nursing Home, Common & Imby Close), Pippa Shorland (Walnut Close, Dymocks Lane & part High St) and Maggie Duncan (Bishopstrow).

Normal business has seen the Hall well used by both the school and a number of external hirers. The in-house function this month was a well attended and much enjoyed Bingo Night on 4 April. Meanwhile the applications are rolling in to get on the map for the Village Brocante – now rebranded as a Garage Safari Sale – on 22 April. (See details below)

The Village Hall Trustees next meet on Tuesday 9th May at 7:30 pm.

Richard Jackman

SUTTON VENY GARAGE SAFARI

(formerly known as Village Brocante!)

Saturday 22nd April 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Sell anything from children's clothes and toys to garden ornaments, tools and Japanese kimonos.
Register your location (cost £10) by Monday 17th April latest. Please email gl.woods@hotmail.co.uk.

The event will be advertised in local papers, website, Facebook etc;

Browse and buy - pick up a map from 4 Walnut Close on Friday 21st April
or from any of the garage sales on the day.

Maps cost £1.00. All proceeds from sale of maps & registrations will go to the Village Hall.

SUTTON VENY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Sutton Veny Parish Council met on Thursday 6th April, there were 7 Councillors present.

There was not a great deal of business to discuss this month; some new bunting for the High Street was funded by the Parish Council and we are grateful to Brian Long and Mike Carroll for once again agreeing to erect it. We were also pleased to hear that a new editor has been found for the village hall newsletter, such an important tool for communication within our community.

The paperwork for our entry into this year's Best Kept Village Competition has been submitted. The first round of judging usually takes place in early summer, so fingers crossed that we do well this year. In preparation for this the Annual Spring Clean took place in summer weather on Saturday 8th April.



The Clean Up Crew

2017 Council tax bills have now been issued and we hope residents will be pleased to see that although there is an overall increase in cost for other services, the proportion used to fund the Parish Council precept did not increase due to our budget planning last year.

Finally, we are sorry to say that Zaria Gaydon has resigned from the Parish Council. Her humour and enthusiasm during our monthly meetings will be missed. This does however mean that we have a vacancy. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Clerk (melissaatyeo@btinternet.com or 840821) or any member of the Parish Council for more information.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to join us.

Melissa Atyeo

COLIN BAKER

Colin Baker, who until recently edited this Newsletter, is currently undergoing treatment for a brain tumour and has now started a course of chemotherapy. The numerous enquiries after him and best wishes for him and Christine have been relayed to them both.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETINGS - All residents of Sutton Veny are invited to attend the Annual Church Meeting (to elect churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to elect the PCC, Sidesmen, Deanery Synod Representatives, and to discuss any matters to do with church life in the village). Both meetings will be held in the church at 5.30pm on Thursday 27 April. Nomination papers for all offices can be obtained from the PCC Secretary, Chip Stidolph, at 36 High Street or by telephoning 01985 840538. The APCM sets out the aims of the Church Council, what has been achieved and what problems/ opportunities there are for the future. This is your chance to hear about how your church is being looked after; about all the experimentation that has been going on in the church over the past months; to ask questions about the future use of this beautiful building for the whole community.

NB. If any Agenda item is put to a vote, only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to "vote" in the APCM. The Electoral Roll papers with an explanation of what it means will be up in the Church throughout April, so there is ample time to join the Electoral Roll before this meeting.

FINANCES – The PCC has held two dedicated meetings to take stock and to consider how the church's financial strategy might be refreshed. Regular, stewardship giving (employing the new Parish Giving Scheme), one-off donations for the development project and potentially long term support making use of a Friends group have all been examined. Communicating the church's plans is recognized as an essential prerequisite for any new initiatives and so material to explain this is now being developed.



David Hobbs and Pearly



Palm Sunday Procession

THE LENT WALK

On Saturday 1st April an almost 30 strong group of walkers and a sizeable pack of assorted dogs met for coffee in the back of the church before climbing Cow Down via the Horses First gallops to see some stunning views. On the way up walkers were introduced to two of the numerous Geocaches (www.geocaching.com) that are hidden on public paths around the village. And on their return to the outskirts of the village, some braved the spiders to descend into the Royal Observer Corp bunker in Dymocks Lane.



Lent Walkers ready for the off



Near the top of the gallops looking back

Grateful thanks go to Joy Greathead for brokering the access to private land, to Tim White, the shepherd, for agreeing to it, to Richard Eyres for opening up the route for the walk and to Sylvia Sullivan-Tailour for access to the bunker (and also for the refreshments she provided from her garage!)

Donations made went to the Cornerstone Charity in Warminster and to church funds.

SUTTON VENY SCHOOL

It has been a busy term at school and so we thought you may enjoy finding out what we have been up to this month.

Book Fair - At the beginning of the month we held a Book Fair to celebrate reading. All of the children and staff came to school dressed as a Book Character and paraded in their costumes around the outside of school, to the delight of parents who cheered and waved us on! The Book Fair took place in the Village Hall and raised over £1000 for us to spend on books. Many of the parents also kindly donated books for the reading area in each classroom.



Book Fair Characters

Experience Easter - Just before we broke up for the Easter Holidays the children had the opportunity to take part in a very special 'Easter Experience'. They were able to learn about the events of Holy Week in an interactive and stimulating way by visiting different stations around the church. We were extremely grateful to the churchwardens and villagers who kindly gave their time to set up and run each station.

Great News! - We also wanted to share the great news that the school has recently received a letter from Wiltshire Council congratulating the school on the results our pupils achieved in 2016. These were amongst the 10 best primary schools in Wiltshire.

On behalf of everyone at the school, we wish you all a very Happy Easter. If you would like to find out more about the school, please visit our website www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk

Rachael Brotherton

STARQUEST ASTRONOMY

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th May but in the meantime some news of stargazing opportunities:

Jupiter - After being at its closest and brightest on the 7th April is still very bright in the southern sky by 9pm and is visible all night. With a pair of reasonable binoculars (10x50) you should be able to see the four Galilean moons Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. And with a small telescope you will see them change position nightly.

Venus - Now a morning object rising in the east one hour before the sun all month. So all you early risers can watch out for the "Morning Star"

Moon - Full on the 11th April and perhaps too bright and featureless then, the best time to view is when the moon is waxing or waning when shadows give definition to craters etc.

Lyrids - Saturday 22nd April is the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower so viewing is best from 11pm on the 21st till around 5am on the 22nd. Max hourly rate is about 18-20 but has been known to be higher in the past. Peter Lee

DEVERILLS PERFORMING ARTS 2017

Apollo5 - a cappella quintet

Date: Saturday 29 April

Venue: Longbridge Deverill church

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £15

The acclaimed London-based *a cappella* quintet, praised for their purity of sound and for their engaging and entertaining performances, will perform a range of sacred and secular classical, folk, jazz and pop.

Details at: www.deverillsfestival.com

Tickets: tel 01985 844385 | email:

info@deverillsfestival.com

"VILLAGE DIARY"

April

Tue 22nd - Sutton Veny WI, Annual Meeting and

.....Selection for Friendship Award

Sat 22nd - Village Garage Safari

Thur 27th - Church Annual Meetings

May

Thur 4th - Local Elections

Tue 9th - Annual Parish Council Meeting

..... - Village Hall Management Committee

Thur 12th - Starquest Astronomy Club

- For details of the next Sutton Veny Village Hall Management Committee Meeting contact Richard Jackman on 840899 or Gay Woods on 840057
- SV Parish Council normally meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm. Members of the

public are welcome to attend. Contact Melissa Atyeo on 840821.

- SV Women's Institute meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact Penny Carroll on 841340.

SUTTON VENY CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL

Sun 16	11 am	Easter Communion
Sun 23	3pm	ANZAC Sunday Service
Tue 25	9.30 am	School ANZAC Service
Sun 30	10am	Team Service in Heytesbury

MAY

Sun 7	10am	Family Service
Sun 14	10am	Parish Communion
Sun 21	11am	Matins
Sun 28	8.30am	Holy Communion

WANTED

Social Media Marketing & Admin Assistant

A local company based in Sutton Veny is looking to hire a part-time social media marketing assistant to work on LinkedIn, Twitter and Email marketing. Also some minor admin and accounting work.

Flexible working hours, competitive salary for an experienced candidate. 8-10 hours per week (to fit in with school times if needed).

Please contact Julia on 250074 to arrange an interview.

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

None to report again this month, but if you know of arrivals to or departures from the village please let the editor know.

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Send all items for the next Newsletter, by 6th May latest please, to Julia Tuff using the email svvhnewsletter@gmail.com

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