

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees met for the second time in 2017 on 7 March. Much of what was discussed was 'normal business' but it was acknowledged from the opening of the meeting that a pressing issue of importance is the need to find a replacement editor for the Village Hall Newsletter in view of Colin Baker's need to step down due to ill health. This subject was also discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 2 March in recognition of the importance of sustaining this important communication tool for the local community. As a consequence, an enthusiastic amateur rather than a professional has pulled this edition together, and I beg readers' indulgence for any glitches or omissions that arise.

Colin has been quietly, but very efficiently, producing the Newsletter for the last fourteen years; taking it from the typewriter into the computer publishing age. He has wrestled with both the editorial and Microsoft-induced challenges of drawing in material, vetting its content and formatting it into an attractive layout. Each month he has gently prompted his regular contributors to provide him with their material, in order to meet the printing deadlines that he has consistently achieved so as to provide the hard copies that Sue Gorwell divides amongst her unsung team of house-to-house deliverers.

I hope that there is someone out there who might enjoy taking on this important community role; if not alone, then perhaps as part of a group. If you are interested in helping in any capacity please get in touch to find out more about what is involved.

As part of the retrospective element of the meeting's agenda Allan Russell reported back on the important

preparatory work that he had undertaken to improve the traffic management at the next bonfire & fireworks evening in view of some of the problems experienced last year, and Gay Woods reported a successful Valentines Bingo Night, which had benefitted from a group of new faces who thoroughly enjoyed the evening and are threatening to return!

In giving thought to possible future events those trustees who had joined the Friends of School Quiz and Curry Night enthusiastically endorsed the view that we would love to see more events like that – a lot of people having a lot of fun in each other's company and all in a good cause. As well as the planned Spring Bingo on 4 April, candidate new events for the calendar include a cabaret evening supported by a local choir, a horse racing evening and a village wide brocante (That's posh-speak for flea market. See the advertisement in this edition).

The proposal for a Roll of Honour board to commemorate past village members who have provided exceptional service in support of the Village Hall gained trustees support and an outline design is being developed.

Trustees will meet again on Tuesday 9 May.

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

Readers have hopefully noticed in recent issues the addition of welcomes to new residents and notifications of those leaving. There are none to report this month but if you know of someone who should get a mention (always with their permission) please let the new editor(ial team) know.

SUTTON VENY ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2017

Meeting at 10am by the village school

All equipment provided



**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP SHOW
THE PRIDE WE HAVE IN OUR VILLAGE**

PRIZE BINGO

Sutton Veny Village Hall

Tuesday 4th April

Doors Open 7.30pm

Eyes Down 8.00pm



**Come and join us for a fun, friendly
and inexpensive evening out!**

Tea/coffee and biscuits

Proceeds to Sutton Veny Village Hall

SUTTON VENY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The March meeting of the Parish Council took place at the village hall on Thursday 2nd March, Cllrs Oxlade (Chair), Goodman, Guerri-Fear, King, Lusty, Morris, Owen & Walker were in attendance along with two members of the public.

Objections have been raised by two residents regarding the Parish Council's proposal to install double yellow lines on the junction of Norton Road and High Street. The issue has been referred to the local area board and their traffic specialists will investigate and make recommendations in due course. Although this appears to be an unpopular proposal with some residents, the Parish Council felt that in due to the parking violations in this area affecting the road safety, this is an issue that needs to be looked at and there is no certainty that double yellow lines will be approved by Wiltshire Council.

An objection was also raised to the request in last month's newsletter to remove signage objecting to the Poultry Unit. The Chairman reiterated that this was only a suggestion, as the signs are erected on private property and it is therefore down to the owners to decide whether they wish to remove them or not.

Entries for the Best Kept Village competition are due in during April, and it was decided that Sutton Veny would be entered this year. Leading on from this, the annual tidy up morning will take place on SATURDAY 8TH APRIL meeting in the vicinity of the village hall car park at 10am. All equipment will be provided.

The recipient of the Community Award Cup for 2017 was decided and will be announced at the Annual Parish meeting in May.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th April, 7pm at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to join us.

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE BROCANTE

Saturday 22nd April

9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A Brocante is a French term for a second hand market. At this time of year everybody is looking at spring cleaning and de-cluttering. But what do you do with all your pre-loved possessions? The answer is to sell them from the comfort of your own home, garage or garden at Sutton Veny Brocante.

For a £10 donation to the Village Hall, we will advertise the event locally; plot the location of your house, garage, or garden on a map of Sutton Veny, which will be available on the day for enthusiastic browsers!

All you need to do is provide a smile and display the goods you want to sell. For more information or to book a plot please email gl.woods@hotmail.co.uk

A SPRINGTIME LENTEN WALK

Enjoy Our Beautiful Countryside

***WHO?** - All Ages Welcome including well behaved Dogs!*

***WHEN?** - SATURDAY 1ST APRIL,*

MEET 10.30am

Even if you don't walk, JOIN US FOR COFFEE

SET OFF AT 11.00am

RETURN about 12.30

& adjourn to The Woolpack, Sutton Veny

***WHERE?** - Meet in Sutton Veny Church for Refreshments.*

***WHAT?** - Walk along the gallops (formerly 'Horses First') & return via local footpaths. Stunning views in good company. Find some Geocaches. Visit a Cold War Bunker.*

DONATIONS TO S.V. CHURCH & WARMINSTER CORNERSTONE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

- **EASTER LILLIES** - Easter is a time for memorial and rejoicing – there will be lilies placed beneath the altar for Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones who have departed this life. Any donations towards this memorial would be gratefully received. Please send them to St John's Church c/o Annabel Elliott, Galleon Cottage, Deverill Road, Sutton Veny BA12 7BY

- **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 Role are entitled to "vote" in the APCM. The Electoral Role 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 Role before this meeting.

- **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - If you are a church goer and wish to have your say on how your church is run, you will have to join the church electoral roll (ER) before the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) on 27

April 2017. The ER is reviewed annually and this review will be completed by 12 April 2017. I shall be in the church from 10 am to 12 Noon on 1 April 2017 to set up my ER stall, which will inform parishioners about the ER and what they need to do to join. Meanwhile, should anyone wish to discuss the subject please contact me, the Electoral Roll Officer, Richard Fitzgerald-Lombard, on 01985 841161.

- The following report of January's PCC meeting didn't make it into last month's Newsletter but is inserted below (updated where appropriate) because of the information it contains:

The meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on 27 Jan was packed, both in terms of attendees, who squeezed into The Rectory's dining room, and a very full agenda. This theme was reflected too in Annabel Elliott's Churchwarden's Report, which summarised the breadth and quantity of church-related activity that has taken place in recent months. Whilst it was appropriate to spend some time recognising past achievements, the main focus of the meeting was looking to the future. The PCC is using the 150th anniversary period, between the commemoration of the laying of the foundation stone last year and the celebration of the church's consecration in April 2018, to attempt to set a clear vision for a church that will be fit for at least the next 150 years. Having an inspiring vision is vital, but it needs to be realistic too. A reminder about the church's current financial situation by the Treasurer (sound but by no means in rude health might be a reasonable description) is always a quick way of injecting realism into a meeting! Chip Stidolph has been keeping the PCC grounded in this way for many years, and at this meeting he announced his intention to stand down as Treasurer at the forthcoming Annual Meeting on 27 April. If there is anyone out there with the enthusiasm (essential) and skills (not essential - training is available) to take over from him, please step forward.

Recognising that keeping the church as it is, let alone entertaining thoughts of significant refurbishment, will require a revitalised approach to the community's support for the church. A dedicated meeting to address this topic in the round took place on 10 March. This discussion included consideration of the possible launch of a 'Friends of St John's' group. Such a group might have a wider appeal to those who support the church as a building (but may not attend church). If you have views on fundraising, or better still expertise and a willingness to become involved, please let a member of the PCC know.

Undeterred by the dampening effects of a lack of funding, the sub committee tasked with scoping options for refurbishment and improvement within the church has continued to make progress. Many of you will have seen evidence of the experimentation employed to allow people to experience the benefits of some of the changes under consideration. Temporary additions in the rear of the church have created more of a social focus to this area. The new squares of carpet provide an improved zone for children and also a second hand bookstall. Courtesy of Airey & Guy, who provided an

old sink top, we now have a functioning kitchen area where we can provide hot drinks and wash up the dirty cups. For several weeks there has even been a small marquee erected in the rear of the church to enable people to experience what it might be like to have an enclosed (heatable!) space within the church. A permanent structure would be mostly glass rather than canvas, but your thoughts on this, and all the other possible changes, would be welcomed. Any firm proposals would have to be scrutinised by Salisbury Diocese Advisory Committee and several of its members paid St John's an informal visit in January. Their advice was invaluable and their suggestions were very stimulating.

There is more certainty in the near term with action already taken to register Sutton Veny as an Eco Church (more on that at a later date), plans afoot for a church team to introduce 'Open the Book' (acted out Bible stories) into the school and Experience Easter stands to be set up within the church. The date for Harvest weekend has been set as 14/15th October and this year's Walk in Lent has firmed up as a 1st April.



Enclosed space experimentation in the rear of the church

DEVERILLS PERFORMING ARTS 2017

Door Ajar Theatre: *Thisbe*

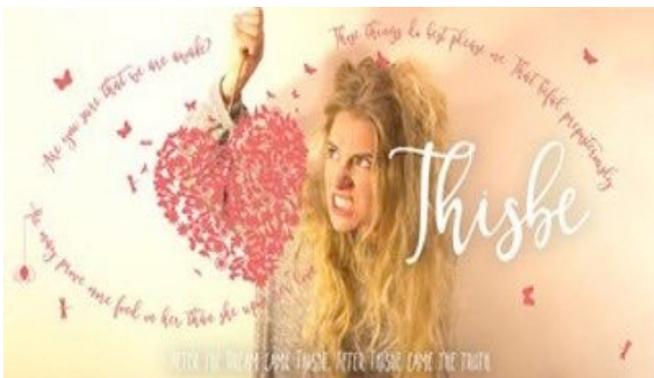
Date: Saturday 25 March

Venue: Longbridge Deverill hall

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £10

The end of A Midsummer Night's Dream sees the four lovers all paired off nicely. Simple. Or is it? Door Ajar's actor-musician ensemble accompany the innocent yet complex character of Thisbe to the forest where she is forced to account for her actions. Can she save her parents' marriage? And does she really want to? A fusion of magic, music and levity.



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"

March

Tuesday 28th - Sutton Veny WI, Soft Pots with Jill Breeze

April

Sat 1st – Lenten Walk
 Tue 4th – Bingo evening
 Sat 8th – Village Spring Clean
 Thur 14th - Starquest Astronomy Club
 Tue 22nd - Sutton Veny WI, Annual Meeting and Selection for Friendship Award
 Thur 27th – Church Annual Meetings
 Sat 22nd – Village Brocante

May

Tue 9th – 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 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 & UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM EASTER WEEK CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

Sun 19 11am Matins
 Sun 26 8.30am Holy Communion
 10am Mothering Sunday Service in Heytesbury

APRIL

Sun 2 10am Family Service
 Sun 9 10am Palm Sunday Service
 Mon 10 7pm Compline at Knook
 Tue 11 7pm Compline at Tytherington
 Wed 12 7pm Compline at Boyton
 Thur 13 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Codford St Peter
 Fri 14 12 noon An hour before the Cross at Codford St Mary
 2pm The Last Hour at Norton Bavant
 Sun 16 6am Sunrise Service at Codford St Peter
 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Tytherington
 11 am Easter Communion
 Sun 23 3pm ANZAC Sunday Service
 Sun 30 10am Team Service at Codford St Peter

DEALING WITH DOG POO

Please do NOT throw poo bags into the hedges around the Alexander Memorial Field - in fact NOWHERE apart from the designated bins . One is in the corner of the Village Hall car park and the other is diagonally across the field where the it meets the track. The Play Park bin is NOT for poo bags.

Please remember that children play on the AMF - football, cricket, having fun. It is a hugely valuable village asset - let us keep it that way!

WANTED

Cleaner wanted for Little Halse, Hill Rd. Probably one morning/afternoon a week. Must like dogs! Remuneration open to discussion!

Please call 840176 if interested. Will Templer

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All send items for the next newsletter, by 8 Apr please, to (hopefully!) the new editorial team using the email svhnewsletter@gmail.com or in the interim via Richard Jackman, Meadow Cottage, Duck Street (840899)

VILLAGE HALL CONTACT DETAILS

Bookings - Gay Woods (tel. 840057)

Chair - Richard Jackman (tel 840899)