

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' REPORT

Until the trustees have gathered feedback on the recent experimentation with a colour format and considered the implications of possible changes (mainly increased cost) this edition returns to the traditional 'Yellow Peril' format under its (hopefully temporary) interim editorship. Last month's appeal for an editor, or members of an editorial team, has been met with a deafening silence. But its holiday season, so there's still time to step up!

On 8th August a number of trustees attended the funeral of Colin Baker, this publication's editor for the past 14 years. After a moving ceremony, it was fitting that his wife, Christine, his son's Simon & Duncan and their families offered hospitality in the Village Hall to those who had attended. A summary of the eulogy given by Simon Baker follows later in this edition.

At a meeting, focussed primarily on future events, which took place on 1st August, Peter Hopkins clarified the plans for the cabaret style evening on 7th October. Featuring the Steeple Rocks Choir and a duo band, Burbank, it promises to be a very entertaining evening. See the advertisement below for details

Sutton Veny Village Hall

Cabaret Evening
with
STEEPLE ROCKS CHOIR

and special guests
the exciting duo band
Burbank

Saturday 7th October
Village Hall
Sutton Veny
7.30pm

Tickets £5 from Village Hall Trustees or
ring Peter Hopkins on 01985 840375
BYO Drinks and Snacks
Tables of Six, why not make up a group?

Similarly, the ball has started rolling on this year's Bonfire & Fireworks Night on Saturday 4 November. Alan Russell has invested considerable time in scoping the revisions to the parking arrangements in order to avoid traffic mayhem and Matthew Butcher is keen to source good material for the bonfire as early as possible. Ideally he would like the heart of the fire to be 40+ wooden pallets. If you can provide them, or know someone who can, please contact him on 840846. We will build the bonfire on the morning of 4 November. Please put the date in your diary to contribute a couple of hours of enjoyable work and get ready to notify Matthew if you anticipate having any other good, dry, burning material to be collected that morning.

Before either of those events, there is a Bingo evening planned. These evenings are consistently good fun – particularly if you pull a table's worth of friends along too. Do come along on 19 September. Next up after that there is the possibility of another Village Sale event. Flushed with the success of the Garage Safari in April, active consideration is being given to a table-top sale in the hall in October. Watch this space for details.

The Village Hall Trustees* next meet on Tuesday 12th Sep at 7:30 pm. (*With apologies to Dennis Trudgett – a trustee left off the list publicised in the last Newsletter.)

Richard Jackman



Sutton Veny Village Hall

Tuesday 19th September

**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

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COLIN BAKER

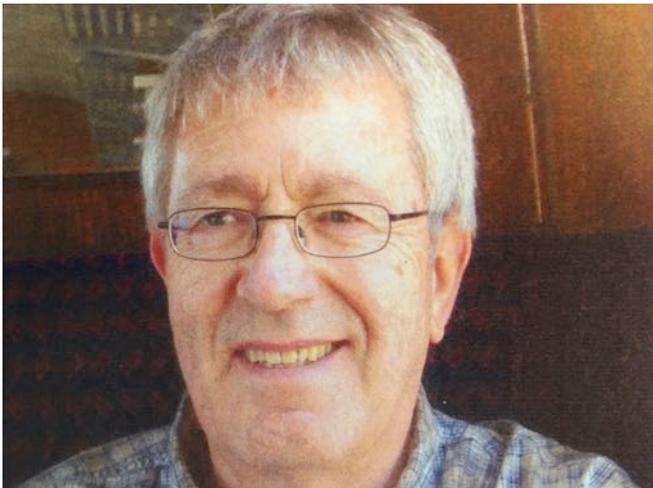
Readers of this Newsletter will have followed during the course of this year the news of Colin Baker's illness, which dictated his stepping down as editor after 14 years, his subsequent treatment for a brain tumour and, very sadly, his death on 21 July, aged 75.

Back in March he was presented with the 2017 Parish Council Community Award in recognition for the quietly efficient way he had performed his vital role in producing the Newsletter; a publication that helps to bind our community together with trusted information of past and future events. Until that presentation was publicised many of the village could not put a face to the name. At his funeral those attending learned more about this genuine and practical man through hearing the eulogy that was delivered so movingly by his son, Simon.

Originally from Bromley in Kent, and with David Bowie featuring fleetingly in his early education, he trained as a civil engineer and was employed on numerous engineering projects, particularly road building, undertaking tasks as diverse as the M56 near Chester and the new road network in Kenya. According to Simon, it was only with a little bit of help from his friends that he single-handedly built the Warminster bypass! He and Christine moved to Sutton Veny 30 years ago where his garden is testimony to one of his many enthusiasms.

Both his sister, Barbara, and his two sons, Simon & Duncan live in the USA.

He will be greatly missed, but will be remembered not only in the hearts of many but also through one of the component plaques on the Roll of Honour Board, which is being commissioned.



Colin Baker

SUTTON VENY FLOWER SHOW

Sutton Veny Flower Show committee are having the first meeting of the year on Tuesday 12th September at 7:30 in the Village Hall. We would lovely to see some new members join to make the 51st show in 2018 a triumph. The committee meet once a month from September, usually in the Village Hall, for a friendly and informal meeting and everyone is welcome. It would be great to see some representatives from Norton Bavant, Bishopstrow and Tytherington, as this is your show as well.

As the 50th show was my last, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped during my time as Chair of the Flower show, both on the committee and on the day. I wish the committee every success in the future.

Rachel Guerri-Fear

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met in the Rectory on 25th July after a short outdoor service to bless the new church sign. It is a sign and not a notice board and we hope that people will venture into the church porch to check for new notices.

As part of the Churchwarden's Report Brian Long expressed thanks to Ben Kandy & Mike Carroll for their help in establishing the new sign and indicated that progress had been made in gaining approval for the innovative, resin-based repair of the bell tower steps. He commended the churchyard crew for their hard work, following a regime of close mowing of paths, regular high mowing around graves and wild flower areas. Rev'd Ali Morley confirmed that guidance on acceptable grave adornment and planting, which would be applicable to all churchyards within the Upper Wylde Valley Team is being prepared. The mown labyrinth in the churchyard extension was also discussed. Although its creation had been approved by the PCC several years ago, she was keen to ensure that its primary purpose as a reflective walk was understood and that the PCC's support for it was mirrored by the wider community. Explanatory signs will be posted adjacent to it and readers of this Newsletter are invited to pass their views on it to any member of the PCC. If you haven't yet experienced it, please do.



The Churchyard Labyrinth

The social committee was commended for organising a very successful Barn Dance after the Flower Show in July and they now have in their planning sights a Harvest Supper, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th October. In the longer term, plans for events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the

completion of the church during the period from April to July next year are taking shape.

Under financial matters, the handover of Treasurer duties from Chip Stidolph to Andrew Crisp is nearing completion and final arrangements were agreed for the sending out of letters to regular donors and members on the Church Electoral Roll to ensure that they were thanked for their donations to date and encouraging them to review their future giving. With Gift Day planned for Saturday 16 September, it is planned to send a letter to all households in the village explaining the church's financial position, which can best be described as 'just about managing' rather than healthy. Additional regular donations are needed to maintain the church's steady state and a significant fundraising campaign will be needed to fund any improvements (initially a toilet, a kitchen area and improvements to heating in the rear of the church) as well as to address any major item of routine maintenance. In this latter category the PCC were notified that in the coming years it will be necessary to give the organ its first overhaul in its 150 year history. It is an instrument of considerable historical significance and repairs, when they become due, will inevitably be costly.



SUTTON VENY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Summertime is a busy time for Sutton Veny Women's Institute. We had our Picnic in June which this year was hosted by Mrs Sue Crane in her beautiful garden. We manage to eat outside under cover and avoided the rain which started late in the evening. In July we traditionally go on a day trip and this year was no exception and we went to Bletchley Park. This was by request as some members had been before but were keen to go again as there is a lot of information about the 'Code Breakers' to take in. We were very lucky, in view of the weather since, to have had a lovely hot summer's day and were therefore able to stroll around the grounds and take advantage of the deck chairs around the lake after visiting the museum and learning about the Enigma machine.

We continued our journey through the First World War this August with a history lesson on the Battle of Passchendaele by Lt Col Bill Common account of that horrendous time a century ago. Our talks are open to non-members who may like to come along. Refreshments are generally provided and therefore it would be convenient if visitors would telephone either Penny Carroll on **01985 841 340** or Brigid Houghton on **01985 216 288** in respect of the catering.

Future Talks and Events.

September

Tues.26th SS GREAT BRITAIN - Ian Caskie

October

(Date TBA) – Outing to SS GREAT BRITAIN

Tues. 24th - Herbal Remedies from the Kitchen - Lyn Blythe

November

Tues. 28th Making Boxes Workshop

(Date TBA) Visit to Bath Christmas Market

Outings are open to non-members and if you are interested then please telephone on the numbers above for further information as to date and times.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME Donation £3.00

PARISH COUNCIL

No meeting in August. Next meeting on 7 Sep.

THE ONE LINER

Sadly we'll never know how many chameleons sneaked onto the Ark.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



Gill & Eric Price invite you to come along to Greenhill House, Norton Road at 1030 on Friday 29 September to support his great cause.

OH WHAT A NIGHT - and DAY!!

July 8th saw a wonderful 50th Celebration of Sutton Veny Flower Show, followed by a balmy evening, perfect for a Barn Dance.

The PCC would like to thank the Flower Show Committee; the White Horse Band - for their music and patience! Mark Briffitt for electrics - Spire Electrical Services; Brian, Ann and Nick for the BBQ - Warminster Lions Club; Brian our multi talented Churchwarden and his team of 'Bar Tenders' - Rosemary, Duncan, Louise & her husband and Mike; last but NOT least, the PCC Social Committee & their helpers on the day.

A special 'Thank You' to those who came along, some after a very busy day, to support and help raise an amazing £753 for our village Church restoration. A truly wonderful day, blessed with sunshine and an abundance of village community spirit.

Judy Cooper



2017 PRODUCE STALL

Every Saturday at 10.30 on the Green
half way down the High Street

Thank you to all those who are making this year's produce stall such a success. As well as all the stalwart producers and shoppers of the past there has been a very rewarding increase in people taking an interest. We can always do with more new faces and hope that we have been welcoming to those coming for the first time this year. If you have enjoyed the stall do tell your friends and neighbours - there is room for all.

We usually have tea/coffee and a few seats to sit and chat, a wonderful way to meet others from the village. All volunteers to help bake, donate jams etc, and bring excess vegetables and fruit are essential to the success of the stall as are people willing to give a little time to help sell everything. The stall is only open from 10.30 to about 11.00 and being such a short time it can get hectic but no one minds that. The weather this year has not been great for the garden produce but we have had a good selection already so hopefully the rain will cease and allow the gardens to flourish.

Those who have been involved with the stall for a long time are excited about the way it is developing, so thank you again to everyone and we look forward to welcoming more of you before we finish with our last stall and coffee morning at the end of September.

Joan Gleave

FOR SALE

Rotary Mower - Masport 18" petrol self-propelled lawn mower for sale £200. New April 2016, about 20 hours use. Contact Matthew 840846

MONTHLY RAINFALL

July 2017 – 66mm. About the average over the last 6 years which feature highs of 128mm and lows of 17.5mm. Year to end July total is 436.5mm.

Peter Strangeways

VILLAGE & SURROUNDINGS DIARY

September

Sat 2nd – Steaminster. Warminster Town Park
Thur 7th – Parish Council Meeting
Sat 10th – Salisbury Food & Drink Festival
Tue 12th – Village Hall Trustees Meeting
Sat 16th – Church Gift Day. 1000 - 1200 in church
Tue 19th - Autumn Bingo . 7.30 Village Hall
Fri 29th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 1030 Greenhill Hse

October

Mon 2nd – Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Bishopstrow Hse
Sat 7th – Cabaret Evening 7.30 Village Hall
Sat 14th – Harvest Supper. 7.00 Village Hall

SUTTON VENY CHURCH SERVICES

September

Sun 3	10.00am	Family Service
Sun 10	10.00am	Parish Communion (with Junior Church)
Sun 17	11.00am	Matins
Sun 24	8.30am	Holy Communion

Bishopstrow St Aldhelm's and Village Hall dates

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

Sunday 3rd: 8am (said Communion);
Sunday 10th: 8.15am (morning prayer as part of Revd David Prescott's licensing celebration)
Sunday 17th: 9.30am (sung Eucharist)
Sunday 24th: 6pm (Evensong)

HALL DATES TO NOTE:

Friday 13th October: Village bi-annual meeting
Saturday 4th November: Bonfire Night
Saturday 18th November: Italian Quiz Night
Saturday 16th December: Village Christmas Party

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

We bid a final farewell to Ian Chant-Sempill and Daphne Finlayson.

We welcome Terry and Claire Hibben, and their children James, Alexander and Edward, who have moved from Devon into 2 Park View in the High Street.

If you know of arrivals to or departures from the village please let the editor know.

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