

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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DRY JANUARY, FREEZING FEBRUARY & MAD MARCH?

Last month's Newsletter reported the departure of Alice Day and sadly this edition records another life that ended too soon. Sara Woodward, who, if not known in person, would be recognised by her dog grooming business on Deverill Road, died on 27 Jan after a short illness - aged 51. Sara bred Golden Retrievers and had achieved a best in class at Crufts. She was also known by many as a sympathetic instructor at Warminster Saddle Club. She will be missed by many and our condolences go to her partner of 30 years, Gary Carter.



Whether you were one who tried to have a low or no alcohol, dry January, the weather clearly signed up for it and delivered. According to Pater Strangeways' records it was a month with very little rain. February lived up to expectations, delivering an early cold snap that filled Peter's rain gauge with snow and closed the school for a day. As this edition goes to press the weather is now unseasonably warm. Perhaps these swings are indicators of the climate change fluctuations we must now expect and also recognise as reminders that we all need to pay more attention to the our treatment of the environment. In that vein there have been no takers to add to Jill Russell's tips

on reducing plastic. However, the Eco Church group have met to review the steps needed to move up from Bronze and are now cautiously optimistic that the Silver level is attainable soon. Some of the areas that need improvement relate to the engagement of the wider community. So watch this space.

The only topic that I have been actively canvassed to include this month is a depressing return to the subject of dog poo - particularly in the Springhead area. Come on dog owners! Clean up your act and clean up after your dog. To do this you do need to watch your dog and notice when it 'performs'. Walking in the dark or looking at your phone aren't convincing excuses to those who have the misfortune to step in what you have missed.

Last month's appeal for volunteers appears not to have fallen on completely deaf ears! Thanks go to Celia Rowe, who responded to the call to take over Alice Day's delivery patch for this Newsletter. The Parish Council seem upbeat that the gaps on the council might be filled and there has even been an expression of interest in joining the Village Hall Management Committee. The church council is still looking for a secretary and, as ever, help is needed producing this Newsletter. It's great that there are community minded people out there - we just need more of them. Your village still needs you!

Richard Jackman



YOUR VILLAGE STILL NEEDS YOU!

ALICE DAY

Last month's Newsletter broke the sad news of Alice Day's death. What follows is taken from the tribute given by Revd Anne Bennett-Shaw at her funeral.

Alice Bertha Ruth Day had a long and fulfilled life. A devoted wife, mother, sister, gran and friend to many who would all agree that she positively influenced their lives. She was born in 1939 in Chitterne and, aged 18 at the start of her 56 year marriage to Ted in 1958, she moved first to Upton Lovell then to Sutton Veny in the late 70's.



She became a mother in 1967 to Denise and later in 1971 to Susan. Denise and Susan only have fond, fun and happy memories from their childhood and were always lucky enough to go on holiday once a year to Ilfracombe. Alice taught her children respect, discipline and always to see the best in everyone and help

others. One of Alice's proudest roles was being a grandmother and she always encouraged the same principles which she taught her daughters. She was a great lover of being outside whether that meant walking or being in her garden. She instilled in her grandchildren a love for nature and always tried to educate them about the countryside and the importance of being a caring person. An allotment holder and caretaker of Sutton Veny school Alice delivered the Sutton Veny newsletter for more years than we can remember, where she would always have time to stop and speak to people where ever she was. She contributed much to the community and, along with Ted, won many prizes at the annual Flower Show.

The family's ever-lasting memory of Alice was being a fun, mischievous, humorous, kind and caring person who will be sadly missed by everyone. One thing we can all remember about Alice is her ability to always put others first and that she was such a generous, caring person.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Emulating the government's approach to BREXIT, with no very pressing business and some unable to attend, the Village Hall trustees decided to kick the can down the road and further postpone their first meeting of 2019 until March 5th. As part of our normal business we will discuss events that the committee plans to organise. At present there is nothing firm in the calendar before the next Fireworks & Bonfire evening, but who knows what might appear?

Spurred on by a very enjoyable quiz and curry night in the hall organised by the Friends of School, there is a rumour going round that Sam & Justin Head might be considering a

repeat of their past successes with a Fish & Chips variant. The trustees work hard to put on the events that they do, but suggestions of what people think would get the village turning out and using the hall are always welcome. Please contact the Newsletter or a trustee with your thoughts.

Richard Jackman

PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Parish Council for 2019 took place in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th February, with five Councillors present, Cllrs King, Lusty, Russell, Walker and Wilson. We were joined by two members of the public.

The first of the two vacancies on the Parish Council was filled by Joe Robbins, following a unanimous vote by the Councillors; we welcome Joe and thank him for joining us.

The second vacancy will hopefully be filled at our March meeting, following confirmation from Wiltshire Council that we are able to move forward. We have some applications already, but please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors if you are interested in applying.

The Chairman reported that after many years of voluntarily mowing and caring for the Old Chapel Graveyard along Chapel Drain, Johnnie and Auriel Winther are no longer in a position to carry on with this task. We are very grateful for the contribution they have made to the village by keeping the area in such good condition. If there are any residents who feel that they could take over this duty, please contact Melissa.

Recent planning applications were discussed along with various small maintenance issues to attend to; such as arranging the refilling of salt bins and reporting street lights that are not working.

The meeting closed at 19:25 and the next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th March beginning at 7pm.

Melissa Atyeo

FRIENDS OF SUTTON VENY CHURCH

As you may have read in the February issue of the Newsletter I have been asked to set up this Friend's Group of our church here in Sutton Veny as a charity. By forming a charity it will enable us to gain maximum value from all gifts and donations that we receive.



Our church is located right in the middle of our village and one of the initial aims of the Group is to bring this lovely building right into the middle of our village life. We need to make far greater use of the building and all its potential facilities.

To help me do this I am delighted that Patrick Clarkson, Christopher Elliott,

Peter Hopkins and Richard Jackman have agreed to join me as the initial Trustees of the charity. Since our first meeting on 21st January we have been establishing the constitution,

organizing a bank account and dealing with all the other paperwork necessary to form a charity.

Although we are independent of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) we are in total support of their duty to maintain the fabric of the church and the churchyard. The challenge of the Friends Group will be to establish and maintain contact with everyone in the village and also those who have or may have had a connection with the church in the past. We shall be seeking ideas for fund raising and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

We meet again on 11th March when it is hoped that we will be able to plan the timing of our formation and announce the date of a launching party for everyone to attend

George Brooks

CHURCH EASTER LILIES

Easter is a time both 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

BRIAN'S ON THE RUN!

Brian Long has once again got his "Begging Head" on.

I first completed the London Marathon in 1999 in my 50th year. I did it again in 2009 in my 60th year. 2019 is my 70th year and here I am again.

Up to now, with two London Marathons and a Great North Run under my belt, I have raised over £10,000. Believe me



when I say this definitely will be my last!

Training is going well so far with two months still to go. In early February I managed to run more than a half marathon distance, which put me almost a month ahead of my training plan. It is not without aches, but thankfully

mainly in muscles rather than joints.

With special thanks to all who have already pledged support, I ask all readers of the Newsletter to get behind my fund-raising effort and give as much as you can. My target is to raise £5,000 for Age UK.

I have a sign up form in the church, but the easiest way to support me is via the Virgin Money Giving website (search using my name from the home page).

Brian Long

CHURCH BOOKSTALL

A reminder that we have a good selection of books in our book shop at the back of the church. We keep them turning over so there should be a regular supply of 'new' books on display. Why not pop along, switch on the light and the little heater and have a browse, you never know what you might find!



Valerie Hopkins

CODFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On 20th March Mark Hinsley, Arboreal consultant from Tree Advice will be talking on "The Churchyard yew" - its history, significance and meaning in the past.



The April meeting is on 17th when Catherine Crouch will be returning to speak about "Plants That Should be Better known". Catherine won Gardener of the Year and now designs and contributes to various gardening journals.

All meetings take place in the Large hall of Codford Village Hall from 7.15pm for coffee and biscuits for members - 7.30pm speaker!

RAINFALL FIGURES FOR (DRY) JANUARY

January Rainfall: 47mm
January average (8 yrs): 120 mm
Range: 47 - 245 mm



Peter Strangeways

A MATHS MEDLEY

Nostalgia - When you long for the good old days of your youth, just think of algebra!

A polite problem - How much is 5q plus 5q?

Answer - 10q
You're welcome!

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Have you visited the mobile library recently? For adults, there are a large range of information books and novels, ranging from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books.

If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well.



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Libraries online catalogue. Books, audio books and DVDs can be requested on the mobile or online and collected by customers from the mobile library. All children's stock can be requested free of charge with a small fee for adult requests. You can also use your membership card at any Wiltshire library and return books to the mobile library.

It is free to join and there are no fines for overdue books on the mobile library. It's easy to join, just bring along proof of your name and address and the friendly Mobile Manager will sign you up straight away – they are always happy to help.

The mobile has full accessibility and is fitted with a customer lift.

The Mobile Library stops every 4 weeks on a Friday at **Sutton Veny, High Street** - outside the school. Time: 9.45 – 10.30. Dates: Mar 1, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24, Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16,

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 28th MARCH from 10.30 am



at Greenhill House
Norton Road,
Sutton Veny.
All welcome.

Gill Price

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

February

Sun 24th 8.30am Holy Communion

March

Sun 3rd 10.00am Café Church in the Village Hall (breakfast from 9.30)

Wed 6th Ash Wednesday Services 9.00am Codford St Peter, 6.00pm Heytesbury

Sun 10th 9.30am Parish Communion

Sun 17th 11.00am Matins

Sun 24th 8.30am Holy Communion

Sun 31st 11.00am Mothering Sunday Communion

BISHOPSTROW ST ALDHELM'S & VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

March Services:

Sunday 3rd: 9.30am; David Prescott

Sunday 10th: 9.30am; David Prescott

Sunday 17th: 9.30am; Jacques Desrosiers

Sunday 24th: 9.30pm; David Prescott

Sunday 31st: 6pm; David Prescott

Other Bishopstrow Village Events:

Saturday 9th March. Village Film Night in Hall – **CANCELLED**

Saturday 13th April. Village Film Night – Bridge of Spies

VILLAGE & SURROUNDINGS DIARY

March

Mon 4th - Men's Breakfast - 8.15 (Nick Johnson - Cancer Research)

Wed 6th - Woolstore movie - 7.30 Peterloo

15th & 16th - Codford Woolstore Drama Festival

Thur 28th - 10.30 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sat 30th - Codford Artisan Market 10am to 3pm

April

Sat 13th - Lent Walk - Start 10.30 at the church

Mon 22nd - Mells 40th Anniversary Daffodil Festival

HELLOS & FAREWELLS:

We bid a final farewell to Sarah Woodward who died on 27 Jan.

Welcome back to Sue and Steve Hall of Long Cottage in the High Street after their 4 years in Malaysia

If readers are aware of arrivals or departures from the village and the people in question are happy to be mentioned in the Newsletter please let the editor know.

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NEWSLETTER CONTACT DETAILS & NEXT EDITION

Send all items for the March Newsletter by 15th March latest please, to the interim editor (Richard Jackman) using the Newsletter email svvhnewsletter@gmail.com

Feedback / comments on this edition and also ANY other village topics are very welcome. Better still would be articles for print and or photographs of local events.

WANTED

Local publisher needs part time editorial assistance. Computer skills essential. Contact Chip Stidolph 840189.