



SUTCOMBE PARISH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

SUTCOMBE MEMORIAL HALL

Well, it's been a busy time for hall members these last few months. First the AGM in March where we all play musical chairs and swop roles or refuse to move and end up with the same job. This year's lucky winners are Alistair Cawsey, Chairman and myself, Nicola Furse, Secretary. We are ably supported by **all** the members but especially by Rosie Rowe, booking secretary and Richard Quance, Treasurer.

Since the AGM we have organised the bluebell walk, in conjunction with the Bradworthy twinning association, a summer bar-be-que, (remember that sizzling heat?) which attracted a large crowd, and are soon to host Mammoth, a talented band from Exeter who will play at our **Silver Anniversary Ball on 20th October**. We have also cut the grass several times, washed the outside facias and generally maintained the building as best we can.

The hall is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, the committee are proud of the memorial hall and would like to say a special thank you to all those previous committee members who took on the challenge of replacing an old Nissan hut with the lovely building we have today. Also, thank you to all the committee members who have contributed during the last 25 years, to the people who come to support our events and those who run clubs during the winter months, the village is a lot richer for your input.

As usual, we try not to stand still and have started to discuss refurbishing the toilets and re-decorating. If you would like to join the committee our next meeting is on 10th October at 8pm in the hall kitchen or speak to any committee member. You can follow the hall on facebook, just search for Sutcombe village memorial hall. We welcome any feedback, positive or otherwise but please remember we all volunteer our time and are not professional event organisers! Please look out for future events advertised on the notice board, hopefully the "Snow Crow" event will be held in early December and the Big Breakfast in January.

If you would like to book the hall, please telephone Rosemary Rowe on 01409 241732

Nicola Furse.

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Council: Councillors S. Horn (Chairman), C. Quance (Vice Chairman), J. Daniel, C. Furse, J. Shepherd, B. Galbraith-Marten, M. Wonnacott.

Meetings are held every two months with the addition of the annual Parish meeting in April and the A.G.M in May; the agendas for the meetings are displayed on the notice board and advertised on the web-site three clear working days before the meeting.

Dates for future meetings will be posted on the web-site, as soon as they are arranged.

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise with the Parish Council, residents can do so during a public comment session which takes place at the start of every Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm, alternatively please put them in writing and send to the Clerk at the address below or speak to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Stephen Horn, on 01409 241810.

It must be pointed out that although residents are welcome to all meetings they may not take part in any discussion.

The annual Parish Meeting was held on 16th April 2018

Commencing at 7.30pm. The guest Speaker Matthew Barrow from connecting Devon & Somerset., gave an interesting talk regarding faster broadband and answered questions from the floor. The number of residents who attended was disappointing. Representatives of local organisations gave reports regarding their successes of the past year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 7th May

At the meeting Councillor Stephen Horn was elected as the Chairperson, and Councillor Chris Quance the Vice Chairperson, both will serve until the next A.G.M in 2019.

Neighbourhood Watch

A new co-ordinator is required for the Sutcombe area, if you are willing to take on this role please contact Emma Tomkies at Holsworthy police station. Emma is our P.C.S.O., although not always able to attend the Parish Meetings a crime update for the area is sent occasionally. If you have any concerns that please contact Emma at Holsworthy Police Station.

District Councillor Ken Carroll_

It is with great sadness that we report that Councillor Ken Carroll Passed away on the 28th August. Ken was a true gentleman who was enthusiastic about his role as a Councillor and always supported his constituents. Ken has always given Sutcombe Parish Council his unstinted support, just recently he approved a grant of £345 towards the WW1 Memorial Bench. A minute's silence in memory of Ken was held at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2018

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons

Barry attends meetings when his very busy schedule allows, he attended the Parish Open meeting in April and the meetings held in July and September. Barry works behind the scenes to support your Parish, always acts on complaints received from the Parish Council. He recently upheld an application for a £300 grant from DCC 'Investing in Devon' towards the WW1 memorial Bench.

WW1 Memorial Bench

The Parish Councillors made the decision to purchase a bench as a memorial to those fallen heroes of WW1. It is planned to hold a short dedication ceremony where the

bench will be erected near Memorial Hall, on the side just down from where the phone box used to be. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

This will take place on the 11th November after the usual Church Memorial Service and the laying of wreaths at the Memorial Monument. Further details will be posted in the notice boards and on the website nearer the time.

Projector/Laptop

The Projector, laptop and projector screen purchased in conjunction with Milton Damerel Parish Council is available for local organisations to use in presentations for information, raising funds or any other suitable reason. The equipment can be used at the Memorial Hall or other premises provided that the presentations are for the local community. For example, if there was a family celebration and the organiser hires the Memorial Hall the equipment would be available as part of the hall facilities, but an individual could not use it in their own home, nor can it be used by other Parishes (except Milton Damerel who are joint owners). If in doubt, or for any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

T.A.P. Fund

The T.A.P. can no longer be used for the purpose of cutting hedges and verges, the Parish Councillors unanimously decided to use Parish Council general funds to cut them this year. If you have any ideas of how to use the Fund in future please look on Torridge Website for the conditions of application.

Annual Grants 2018/19

The Parish Council have a budget each year to award grants to local organisations. If your organisation missed out last year please send your request in writing to the Parish Clerk for consideration by the **1st November 2018**. Requests will then be considered at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 12th November. Please remember the Parish Council is unable to provide grants to any individuals.

Financial Matters

The budget for 2019/2020 will be discussed at the meeting to be held in November, to be finally approved in January 2019 in time for the Precept Application to Torridge District Council which has to be completed before the end of the month.

School Playing Field

The playground was officially opened on the 7th April 2018, and has been much used since that date.

The Parish Council are in negotiations with Devon County Council to purchase the 'field' to secure the facility for the current and future generations of Sutcombe. Funds are always needed to maintain the playground to keep it a safe environment for those who use it.

Highways

Your Parish Councillors constantly send reports to Devon Highways and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons regarding the state of the roads in and around Sutcombe Parish, residents are encouraged to complain directly to Devon Highways via Devon County Website, the more complaints received the better.

Website

Please remember to send your forthcoming events to me, so I can advertise them for you on the website.

Planning Matters

Planning applications as received by the Parish clerk are discussed at Parish Council Meetings; details of the applications are on the agenda displayed in the Parish Council Notice boards at least three working days before the meeting. If any of the Parish Councillors have an interest in any development, for example, if it is a relative's application, the Parish Councillor is barred from making any comment or making any decision regarding that said application. Details for all planning applications are available on Torridge District Council website. Residents are always welcome to attend these meetings to listen to the discussion, but they cannot take part.

If residents have any objections or comments to make on the applications they can convey them in writing to Torridge District Council, send an email to the planning department, or go on to the Torridge Planning public access website.

The Freedom of Information Act requires Parish Council to make various documents and records available to the public, if you require copies of any information held by the Parish Council please contact the clerk.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Lorraine Buttery, 3 Sunset Heights, Shebbear, BEAWORTHY, Devon, EX21 5BN
Tel: 01409 282956 email: sutcombe.pc@btinternet.com

SUTCOMBE BADMINTON CLUB

The new season has just commenced on the 10th September, we play on Monday evenings in the village hall from 8pm.

Weekly sub £2 - no joining fee.

The evening is an opportunity to meet and see people in the village while taking part in a sporting activity. We mostly play mixed doubles and have some good competitive matches.

New players welcome of any ability for further details please contact Emma on 01409 241810.

SUTCOMBE SHORT MAT BOWLS

Club nights started on September 12th 2018. We have a busy season with 12 evening and 12 afternoon league matches against clubs from Winkleigh, Westward Ho, Langtree, Hartland, South Molton, Buckland Brewer, Holsworthy, Torrington, Goodleigh and Woolsery on a home and away basis.

Winners of last seasons club competitions were:

Singles Winner - Raymond Cawsey, Runner-up George Kinsman

Pairs Winners Michael Horn and Christine Cawsey, Runners-up Tony Lockhart and Raymond Cawsey

Triples Winners Mark Trayhorn, Michael Andrew and Christine Cawsey, Runners-up Michael Horn, Maureen Trayhorn and David Quance

Trophies were presented at our Dinner at the Bradworthy Inn. Our Chairman this season is Tony Lockhart, Treasurer Mark Trayhorn, Captain and Secretary Christine

Cawsey. We are looking forward to playing against different clubs this season so if you would like to join us come along on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fundraising Events

We decided to have a less busy year, now that the new Bell frame has been installed. We have still managed several events so far, including:

Lands End Trial breakfast

At Easter – fewer customers than usual because the river was flooding at Roachdown and the vehicles could not come through the ford, so many missed us.

Guild Day tea in May

A service and high tea in the church for the Tamar Valley Guild of Bellringers. The service included rededication of the bells.

Pudding Night in August

This is always popular and this time we were able to sit out on the village green with our scrumptious puds as the weather was fine.

Harvest Lunch

17th September – well attended as usual and enjoyed by all who came.

Future Events – Dates for you diary

St Andrew's Day – 1st December

A slight change to the usual coffee morning, we will be serving a homemade soup and pud lunch from 12.30 to 2pm. Come and try it. The usual stalls will still be there (cakes, books, bric a brac etc.)

Community Christmas Lunch – 9th December

Please book in advance for this always popular event. A full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE NOTICE BOARDS FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS AND MORE TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW YEAR

Things that can and do go wrong ...

I've worked in a number of parishes now – from Urban Priority Areas to villages like Sutcombe and over the years, almost anything that can happen at the Services, has happened! I thought I'd share with you a couple of the more unusual occasions.

Having worked in a very large Urban parish serving a population of 14,000, I used to have a wealth of Baptisms. I once worked out that over a ten-year period I had conducted something like a thousand Baptisms! In one parish it was the recognized thing to do baptisms once a month and I would have up to eleven baptisms in one Service! It was more like a Sheep-dip than a Baptism Service – but the Church was a very lively place on these occasions. But perhaps the most unusual Baptism didn't take place in a Church at all.

As a Curate, I worked in a Town Parish serving about 22,000 people. My Rector was a good man and trained me well in the conduct of Services – he also gave me a great

deal of freedom to do things I felt were right. I lived in a small close very near the Church and I got to know the small community there very well. Kathy and Pete were a friendly couple with a son called Nick – a six-year-old with a fine sense of humour, we got along very well! His parents clearly had a difficulty with the Church since whenever the subject came up they would excuse themselves and the atmosphere would become very frosty. Eventually I discovered they had had a falling out with a previous Curate. They had in the past attended Church about once a month but after a particular occasion they had stopped – their friends were reluctant to tell me why.

A little while after my discovery I was invited to a party in the Close and Kathy, Pete and Nick were there – this was my opportunity to find out what had happened. After much persuading, Kathy finally revealed that the Curate had forgotten Nick's baptism. The family had arrived at Church, but the Curate hadn't, and they had left feeling that their son wasn't good enough for the Church. To make matters worse, there had been no follow-up visit and they had brooded on this over the years. I later found out that the form had been damaged in a fire in the vestry and no one could remember the name or address of the candidate.

At the time, I had no idea why this had happened but felt that something must be done! I told them in no uncertain terms that they were good enough and that Nick certainly deserved better and that the baptism should take place as soon as possible! Kathy said, "Well, why not now?" I took up the challenge and invited them all into the kitchen. And there, at the kitchen sink, with hastily gathered stand-ins for godparents, half-remembered prayers of blessing for the water, and question answered, 'Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce evil?' All quietly explained to Nick who answered as well, he was duly baptized and later accepted in Church. When I left the parish, Kathy and Pete were serving as sidesmen and were very regular Church-goers. It was a very important lesson for a Curate – one which I will always remember!

Weddings are fairly predictable occasions; the brides themselves usually arrive two minutes late and quaking with cold rather than apprehension. Church porches are usually draughty, and I have welcomed more than one bride in a snowstorm.

At the wedding of Sally, the postman's girl to the massive Welshman Owen Thomas Williams there occurred an event which I had secretly dreaded for years. The day itself broke clear and bright, there was nothing to suggest catastrophe. Owen Thomas was in his place by ten minutes before noon and looking, I am bound to say, like the entry music they had finally settled on: 'A Whiter Shade of Pale'. The best man had that faraway look of one who would rather be at a football match than at this local match, and when I asked if he had remembered the ring, he replied after first checking his pocket.

A flurry of white movement at the lychgate signalled the arrival of Sally and her father. The Organist was in position, scowling at the murmuring congregation and steeling himself to vamp his way through that 'Whiter Shade'. Toddlers were snatched back into the pews from where they had been scuttering about in the aisle. Old Tom looked weather-beaten, nervous, and proud. He gave me a huge wink then wiped all over his face with a new white handkerchief.

In no time at all we had — as it said in the unsung words of that pop-introit — 'skipped the light fandango'; I had required and charged them both, etc.; the lovely couple had willingly uttered 'I will'; troths had been eloquently plighted. I held out the Prayer Book so that the best man could place the ring on it. His fingers tightly gripped the little

circle of gold, but not tightly enough; the ring slipped from his grasp and with two or three melodious clinks bounced its way down the honeycomb of the central heating grille!

I thought Sally was about to cry. It was obvious that she thought the marriage must now be off. The bridesmaids clapped their hands to their mouths. Tom, who had been day-dreaming, awoke to mumble 'What's up?' Owen Thomas stared down the black grille as if into hell. I noticed that Sally, as I had advised her, was wearing her engagement ring on her right hand. I tried my most nonchalant smile. 'Now, there's nothing to worry about ...' I felt like the pilot on the old films who steps out of his cockpit to reassure his passengers, knowing all the time that the starboard engine has packed up. '... Sally, you give him your engagement ring.' She did so — though not without first staring in horror at the grille as if it were a magnet which could easily attract this second ring also. And so, we went through the ceremony using this handy substitute.

In the vestry for the signing of the registers, both bride and groom wanted to know whether the wedding was valid without the ring.

'But you did have a ring!'

'Yes, but not a wedding ring.'

'And what is a wedding ring?'

The Prayer Book says, "and the man shall give unto the woman a ring" — and that's what you did.' Still they seemed to imagine that, as a consequence, the marriage might lack something in the way of durability. The bride's mother gave the poor best man a few narrow looks and seemed to be within a whisker of asking if he had been in the pub before the service. He looked as if he could do with being in the pub now.

In fact, it was only a ten-minute job to remove the grille and poke about in the shallow trench for the ring. The vergers had his sleeves rolled up at once and he even delivered the ring to the reception on his way home. Three weeks later, I asked Sally and Owen Thomas to stay behind after Holy Communion and I blessed their gold ring. But we did it in the Lady Chapel, well away from the grille.

BELL RINGING

Bellringing practice will commence again on Thursday 11th October at 8pm.

We are actively looking for learners.

If anyone is interested, please contact me beforehand. Learners have individual tuition at 7.30pm to learn the basics and to gain confidence, until they are of a standard to join the regular team.

Look forward to seeing you all then

John Daniel

SUTCOMBE COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELDS

The playing field was officially opened on the 7th April by councillor Jane Whittaker from Torridge District Council. We have lots of organisations to thank for their financial contributions including; Torridge District Council, Sutcombe Parish Council,

Friends of Sutcombe School, the Balsdon Trust, Waitrose and others. We hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed using the facility.

We are a small friendly organisation raising funds for the maintenance and improvement of the playing field for future generations to enjoy, and we would welcome new members to join our team. If you can help in any small way please speak to Claire Furse on 07855029818, or speak to one of the committee at the Bingo...

Our annual family Bingo will be held on Friday 30th November with lots of lovely themed prizes, eyes down 7.30pm, Sutcombe Village Hall. We will be getting into the festive spirit with Mulled Wine, drinks, snacks and a tuck shop for the young ones.

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help, please think of us when doing your online Christmas shopping!

easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Sutcombe Community Playing Fields raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), eBay, First Choice, and M&S.

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HOLSWORTHY POLICE



PCSO'S Emma TOMKIES and Mark JAMES.



Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/7/18 - 31/8/18:

The following incidents have occurred:

BRADWORTHY: Owner of a dog dangerously out of control.

BRIDGERULE: Theft of caravan from secure storage.

HALWILL: Fraud – Ebay fraud, Theft of Mini-digger, 2 x Cause of unnecessary suffering to an animal - namely, a horse.

HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS: Commercial burglary, Criminal damage – graffiti on various locations, Criminal damage – holes drilled in tree.

MILTON DAMEREL: Theft of eggs and change from honesty box

PYWORTHY: Theft of motor scooter.

WEST PUTFORD: Oil stolen from external oil tank.

Following Raquel's move to Okehampton, PCSOs Emma Tomkies and Mark James will be looking after all parishes in the Holsworthy rural area. Many of you will have met one or both of us before, as we have both been working at Holsworthy for a number of years. For those of you that have not, we are always happy to attend Parish Council meetings where possible and welcome the opportunity to attend community events. If you have a forthcoming event you'd like us to know about, please contact us via 101 or email: holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

PCSO Emma Tomkies & PCSO Mark James

Holsworthy Police Station

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sutcombe Memorial Hall

Silver Anniversary Ball

Saturday 20th October 2018

Dancing to Mammoth

Happy Hour 8.30.-9.30p.m.

Food from 8.30

£20 Black Tie No under 16's

**Sutcombe Playing
Field's**

**Annual
Christmas**

BINGO

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There are three Facebook pages relevant for village goings on Sutcombe Village Community, Sutcombe Village Memorial Hall and Sutcombe Playground. Please pop over and give them a like.

Thank you all very much for your contributions.



Also a big thank you to all of the volunteers who deliver this newsletter to our doors. If anyone would like an email copy please contact Fay Fry on the above email.