

Sutcombe Parish Newsletter October 2016

Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall

This summer we have had a several events held at the hall.

Saturday 11th June, the Parish council held celebrations for the Queens 90th Birthday. The hall committee were asked to run the bar for hall funds and there was a strong village attendance with everyone having a great social evening.

Sunday 4th September, we held the 1st Sutcombe Village Produce Show alongside a Nature Trail and photograph competition, this was a great success, with entry's from all ages and a wide variety of exhibits. Also the Nature trail was a short but challenging walk collecting a selection of leaves and foliage through the valley below the hall. Thank you to everyone for taking part.

Saturday 29th October, not yet held at time of typing this, but we are having a "Traditional Pub Night", the plan is to have a simple village get together so people can spend a evening with old and new friends, whilst playing games, with Darts, Pool, Skittles and a Quiz, free entry and hopefully a good night to be had by all! We are looking for new committee members of all ages, so if you have any ideas of events we should be running or are keen to be part of the hall committee, please come to our next hall meeting on Thursday 17th November at 7:30 in the Village Hall. Thankyou.

Darren Furse. (Hall Committee Chair)

St. Andrews Church

Services in Sutcombe Church

Sunday 6th November – 10.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – there will be a short service in Church followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial starting at 9.30am.

Sunday 20th November – 10.00am Family Service

Sunday 27th November – 10.00am Holy Communion

Nothing disappears without trace

There is an old, rather silly story, about an old lady who died. Her daughter had a five-year-old girl. So she took her on her knee and said, 'Grandma's gone away.' 'Where to?' asked the little girl. 'To heaven,' said the mother, expecting the little girl to be very upset. But she wasn't. Her reaction was, 'Oh, that's all right then, Grandpa's sure to be at the station to meet her.'

There's more to this story than meets the eye, because death and bereavement are very much like that.

When we have visitors, welcome friends or relatives, and the time comes for them to go home, the hours just before they go are always a bit sad and tense, aren't they. The business of saying, 'goodbye', casts a shadow before it, and nobody likes it.

Just in that way, when someone dies, there is this tense and uncomfortable last few days or hours. One does one's best, but we're never quite sure of ourselves.

Then, if you go down to the station to see them off, they get on the train, and we are left standing on the platform. We're separated - we can see each other, but we can't talk through the double glazing, the odd rough gesture is all we can do. And when someone dies, gradually fading away, we're in that position too, for the last little while. We can hold their hand, let them know we're there, but communication has faded away. There's nothing we can say, just be there.

Then the train leaves, it gets smaller, disappears into the distance, and after a last wave, they have gone. Disappeared. Like when the service finishes, and you go home, they will have gone. There will be plenty of

evidence that they have been, things to sort out and tidy, happy memories to recall, but as people, they have gone.

There is one other similarity. To them, on the train, they have not got any less. They have not been diminished in any way. To them, the excitement is who is waiting for them at the other end of the journey. They will be looking forward to being lovingly met, warmly greeted, and affectionately welcomed. 'Grandpa's sure to be at the station to meet her.'

Life is a journey, a pilgrimage, a voyage of discovery. It's a series of irreplaceable and unrepeatable experiences which carry us to whatever personal development we can reach. And all the evidence I can find seems to show clearly that death is not the end of the journey, but a staging post to a greater future.

Werner von Braun, the German rocket scientist, said once,

Science tells us that nothing in nature, even the tiniest particle, can disappear without trace. Nature does not know extinction - all it knows is transformation. Everything science has taught me strengthens my belief

in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without trace.

Add to this the teaching of Jesus Christ about a God of Love, who loves us as people whatever we've done, and whose kingdom spans life here and life hereafter. In addition, add a kingdom where the language is love, the time is measured in joyful moments, and the currency is peace.

Then, when we think of those we have lost we can be thankful for all that they meant to us - we can feel a fitting sense of the finale, and can go home with the peace of God in our hearts.

God Bless

Richard (The Vicar)

Services

With 6 Parishes now in the Benefice our Rector, Richard Freeman, still manages to be with us for a service on most Sundays. Times vary so please check the noticeboard in the porch. The pattern of services generally includes a Family Service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10am. You are all welcome to any service and it would be lovely to have larger numbers at "ordinary" services as well as on special occasions.

Fundraising

Our beautiful old building is constantly in need of repair/restoration, apart from the usual outgoings involved in keeping the Church running. We, therefore, continue to hold regular fundraising events. At present we are saving to pay for a major restoration of the bellframe. We hope the work will start in the next few months.

Recent successful fundraising events included the very popular Pudding Nights (next one planned in May) and the well attended Harvest lunch (record numbers).

Our next planned events are:

St Andrew's Coffee Morning – 26th November 10.30 to 12.00 in the Church. Cake stall, Bricabrac, Christmas stall, books and others

Christmas Community Lunch – 11th December 12.30 in the Memorial Hall. Book early as places are limited - contact Brenda Horn 01409 241754

Carol Service – 18th December - see Notice board for details. It is always very popular and a lovely start to the Christmas season

Big Breakfast – 21st January - Jointly with Hall Committee. Back by popular demand

Pancake Coffee Morning – 25th February 10.30 to 12.00 in the Church. Come and enjoy pancakes with your coffee while you browse the stalls

Curry and Quiz – 18th March in the Hall details to follow - watch the noticeboards

All these events are great community social occasions so please come and join us. Your support is greatly

appreciated

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St Andrew's Church Bell Ringing

Bell ringing practice will begin on Thursday 27th October at 7.30 pm for beginners and 8pm for regulars. We would welcome new learners.

We are still awaiting the go-ahead for the bell frame restoration, so fund raising continues for which we are grateful for your continued support. John Daniel. 01409 261226

Sutcombe Parish Council

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

On Monday, 26 September 2016, 15:47, Janice Alexander <janice@devoncommunities.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Town/Parish Clerk,

Torrige District Council is looking to establish how much interest there is in Self Build housing across the district. This initiative comes as a result of the new Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 which requires local authorities to keep a register of persons interested in self or custom-build housing.

This register will assist in identifying the level of interest in self-building in the district and landowners can also put forward sites for self-build on a separate register.

Devon Communities Together are assisting with the publicity for this initiative and you will shortly receive a letter from myself containing leaflets and a poster to help with this publicity. The letter and leaflets contain further details about self-build in Torrige and how to go about getting on to the register.

In order to maximise publicity for the self-build initiative I would be grateful if your Council could place the attached magazine article into any parish magazine or newsletter that you produce or have access to. This will ensure that as many people as possible are aware of how to register their interest or their site on the Torrige District Council website.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Meetings are held every six to eight weeks; the agenda is displayed on the notice board three clear 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, the next meeting being the 7th November 2016. 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.

Sutcombe School Playing Field

After the very sad event of the School being closed at the end of July, the good news is that the Sutcombe Parish has been granted a 'Tenancy at Will' for the school playing field. This is a temporary measure until legal administrations have been completed, when this has been done, the Parish Council has been reliably informed that the ownership of the field will pass to Sutcombe Parish. Councillor Barry Parsons has been a great help and supported your Parish Councillors in their quest for ownership of the field. Councillors Clare Furse and Councillor Barry Galbraith-Marten are working very hard to obtain grants to pay for play equipment to be erected in the field. It is hoped that this will then become a valuable asset for the Parish to be used by this and future generations.

At the meeting held on the 20th October at the Memorial Hall a sub-committee was formed to help run the facility and coordinate future events. Thank you to all who attended.

Parish Website: The parish Website is full of information for all, including an emergency plan and useful contact details. It is well worth a 'visit'. In the past I have had some comments that the Website is not kept up-to-date, I insert the dates of forthcoming Parish Council Meetings, the Agenda and the minutes as soon as possible after the meetings. I cannot inform the public of future events if I am not sent details. If any

organisations would like events or articles uploaded onto the website please contact me, you can email the article in either word or pdf format.

Projector/Laptop: Don't forget that there is a Projector, laptop and projector screen 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 : Once again your Parish Council decided to join Milton Damerel in applying for the T.A.P. grant to help towards the cost of cutting verges and hedges previously cut by Devon Highways. Since severe cutbacks the work is not being carried out by them, except if the hedges/verges become a danger to road users on the main highways. The safety of all residents and visitors that use our roads is very important, the Parish Council will continue to do what it can to keep the hedges and verges tidy that would otherwise impair the visibility of vehicles.

Wind Turbines: Some time ago when the planning application for a wind turbine at Youldon was submitted, W.J. Watkins and Son Ltd promised £1000 to be paid annually to St Andrews Church, The Memorial Hall and Sutcombe School, now that the Turbine is in operation the money is now being paid quarterly to the three recipients, the payment due to the school is being paid to the Parish Council which will be put aside for the upkeep of the school playing field.

Annual Grants 2016/2017: Just a reminder that the deadline for applications from organisations for grants for the financial year 2016/2017 is the 2nd November, please send request in writing to the Parish Clerk, an email will be sufficient. Consideration will be given during the meeting to be held on the 7th November, applicants will then be notified soon thereafter and the payments will be made during November 2016. Please remember the Parish Council is unable to provide grants to any individuals.

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. Details for all planning applications are available on Torridge District Council website.

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

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 Skittle Club

The Holsworthy skittle league games have started playing on a Tuesday evenings alternating home and away matches. Sutcombe plays in division two.

The team comprises of six players with two teams playing.

If anyone would like to try their hand at playing even if you can't commit to every week but would like to play please telephone Guy on 01409 241246.

Sutcombe Badminton

The new season has just commenced at the beginning of September, so if you would like to play please come along.

The club runs on a Monday night 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. New players welcome of any ability from the age of 14 years.

For further details please contact Emma on 01409 241810.

Sutcombe Short Mat Bowling Club

We started the 2016 winter season on September 21st, a total of 24 league matches and 3 knockout competitions fixtures have been arranged. There are 12 afternoon and 15 evening matches (more if we manage to win the knockout).

We have 16 members at present but new members will be welcomed, just turn up on any Wednesday at 7.30pm and give it a try.

Christine Cawsey. Secretary SSMBC.

Holsworthy Adult & Community Learning

For details:-

Alison Skinner - Administrator
Holsworthy Adult & Community Learning
Devon County Council
The Skills Centre, Well Park,
Western Rd, Holsworthy EX22 6DH 01409 254505

Please see web
www.learndevon.co.uk



Your local Children's Centre offers a range of free play sessions, groups and services for children under the age of five and their families.

We have a number of fun stay and play style sessions, as well as some which are focused on specific areas such as parenting and healthy lifestyles. We also offer services for specific age groups, such as Baby Massage for babies over 8 weeks.

You can find out more by visiting our website: www.holsworthyarea.childrencentre.org

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Holsworthy Police

Have fun but stay safe this bonfire night say police

Devon and Cornwall Police are encouraging those celebrating Guy Fawkes Night to remember that fireworks are explosives and should be respected.

Each year, children and adults are injured as a result of fireworks and sparklers. Sparklers can reach temperatures of 15 times hotter than boiling water and five times hotter than cooking oil.

Devon and Cornwall Police's tips for staying safe

- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never throw used fireworks, paraffin or petrol, on a bonfire.
- Take care around bonfires, especially keeping clothing away from flames.
- Make sure bonfires are out and surroundings are safe before leaving.
- Misfired or partly used fireworks should be soaked in a container of water and disposed of in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

On Bonfire Night, November 5, you can let off fireworks until midnight. On New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, until 1am. It is an offence to let off Fireworks between the hours of 11pm and 7am on any other day.

Contact us

Non-emergency telephone number is **101**.

999 still applies in Emergencies, but to call with any other issues or for any enquiries please use **101**.

If you would like to contact your local PCSO directly please call 101 and ask for **PCSO 30538 Emma TOMKIES** or alternatively email 30538@dc.police.uk

I also now have a mobile phone number that you can use to contact me when I am on duty. This is not to report emergencies, but can be used to contact me directly. **07718 575465**.

PCSO 30538 Emma TOMKIES

Holsworthy Police Station
Well Park
Western Road
Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6DH

Join us on Facebook - Holsworthy Neighbourhood Police

Chatterbox

Chatterbox is a new group for those who would like to chat informally whilst sewing/knitting etc. First meeting is planned to be held at 'Serenity' Upcott, Sutcombe on Thursday November 10th 2-4pm. All welcome. Tea/Coffee 50p.

If you are interested or for further information please contact Jan on 261636 or Maggie 261295.

S **The** **Sutcombe** **ALMSHOUSES**

Charity Commissioners No. 209359

Applications are now invited from any person wishing to be considered for appointment to accommodation within Morice Terrace, Sutcombe.

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Clerk to the Trustees, Emma Horn

Telephone 01409 241810

Email s.horn924@btinternet.com

Bubbas Baby Outlet

As many of you may already be aware, Bubbas has now closed down but there are still some great deals on prams and car seats and also Kozi Kids outdoor waterproof clothing, Bogs wellies, christening gifts, Lamaze toys including Christmas gifts and items. Please call Toni on 01409 241684 or go to the Facebook page, Bubbas Baby Outlet.

If you are a representative of a local club or activity or have an article about local events or achievements please contact Toni Sluggett with the details by (1st March 2017) in time for the printing of the March 2017 issue. Thank you very much for all your contributions, they are greatly appreciated. If you would like your future newsletter copies sent via email please let me know.

Also a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who deliver this newsletter to our doors.

Contact:- Mrs Toni Sluggett Tel. 01409 241684

Email: sluggetts@hotmail.co.uk