SUTCOMBE PARISH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

SUTCOMBE MEMORIAL HALL

Since the AGM in March 2019 the hall committee have met five times and organised five events in the village. The Big Breakfast, (in conjunction with the church) a Pub night, the Summer Barbeque, the Gin and Quiz and the Christmas Pub night.

We are pleased to say that the hall has been booked for two weddings in 2020. With that in mind there will be a spring clean around the outside of the building in late March /early April, (depending on weather conditions). If you would like to help, then please look out on the notice board for information nearer the time or speak to a hall member.

Some improvements have been made to the hall this year, windows were repaired, roof fixed, ceiling tiles replaced, and the new hand dryers were recently installed. The kitchen, foyer and corridor have been repainted. The February gales have tried their hardest to remove the tiles again and the rain has seeped in once more, so repairs will be made as soon as it is safe to do so.

Dates for future events:

2nd May 2020 a themed Music/dance evening, kindly hosted by Cloud 9 Musica, (thank you to Mandy and Des Frater); this will be a special evening. Doors will open at 8pm. The evening will have a 1940s theme to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, so dig out those land army girl/home guard/soldier/nurse outfits and join in the fun. "Rations" will be served at 9.30pm. A bar will help the dancing go with a swing don't worry if you don't know the steps, Mandy will talk the dances through one step at a time or just get up and do your own thing!

24th **October Autumn Ball**, black tie event with – back by popular demand - "Mammoth". A chance to really dress up and dance the night away.

The Annual General meeting for 2020 is on Thursday 26th March at 8pm in the hall kitchen and the spring clean will be on Saturday 28thth March from 10am.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of hall events, without your contributions we would not have this wonderful facility in the village.

Chairman A. Cawsey Treasurer R. Quance

Secretary N. Furse 01409 241777 Booking secretary R. Rowe 01409 241732

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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 any Parish Councillor. It must be pointed out that although residents are welcome to all meetings, they may not take part in any discussion, other than in the allotted public comment time.

Sadly, on the 28th September 2019 our Chairman of 10 years standing Stephen Horn died suddenly at home.

He had served on the Parish Council for 20 years, giving his time enthusiastically - barely missing a meeting. His passion and commitment to all aspects of village life will be sorely missed.

He was particularly proud of his work to secure the playing field for the village, the final stages of which, we are currently negotiating. We not only lost our Chairman and colleague but a true friend.

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

At the meeting held on the 13th January 2020, Councillor Chris Quance was elected Chairperson with Barry Galbraith-Marten elected as Vice-Chairperson. Chris and Barry will hold this office until the AGM which will be held in May 2020.

New Councillor

Emma Horn was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the meeting held on the 13th January 2020, Emma is a well known personality in Sutcombe and all other Parish Councillors welcome her as a member of the team.

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons and District Councillors

Barry has attended both meetings this year and always supports the Parish Council, his reports are emailed regularly and put on the website. His approval of Grants from his budget have been a great help towards financing the playfield and has given his time and support to help secure the field for the community. The Parish Council are very grateful of his support.

District Councillors, Steven Harding and Richard Boughton have attended meetings this year and have kept the Parish Council informed regarding what is going on in the Torridge area. Our grateful thanks also go to Richard for his approval of a grant of £300 toward the playing field. Councillors cover a large area and their attendance at our meetings is greatly appreciated.

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 hire 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.

Annual Grants 2020

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 1**st **November 2020** requests will then be considered at the Parish Council Meeting in November.

Please remember the Parish Council is unable to provide grants to any individuals.

Financial Matters

The budget for financial year 2020/21 was discussed at the November meeting and finalised at the meeting held on January 13th January 2020.

It was the unanimous decision of the Parish Council to request that the precept be increased by £150, this is to ensure that the Parish Council has enough funds to help local organisations and to run the Parish Council business efficiently, it will also cover the extra cost of the insurance for the playground and to increase the 'project' fund.

It is unsure whether the precept will be capped in the future, but with the constant cut backs by the Government the Parish Council must ensure that it has sufficient funds to meet any unexpected financial burdens in the future.

Sutcombe Community Playing Field

The purchase of the Playing Field is in the final stages, all residents have been informed that the Parish Council will have to apply for a loan to cover the costs of the demolition of the old school room, the wooden structures and the refurbishment of the site. The loan will also cover the cost of the fencing off of the whole site, which is one of the conditions of the purchase from Devon County Council. This will also secure the site and separate it from the School building and ancillary buildings which will be sold on the open market.

The problem of the access and the erection of signs to warn of 'Children Playing' is in hand. The speed of vehicles along the road by the Memorial hall and the 'school' has always been a problem and residents should be mindful of their speed when driving in the village.

Highways

Your Parish Council frequently reports pot holes and roads that are in poor condition and Councillor Barry Parsons supports all complaints. The more people that complain to Devon Highways the better, it is very easy to report potholes on the Devon County Council website.

Website

The website is kept up-to-date by the Parish Clerk, but remember, I can only advertise events if your organisation notifies me, information in pdf format is better but word is OK as I can convert from most formats.

Planning Matters

Planning application over the past three months were detailed in the Agendas of January and March, the outline Planning application for ten houses in the field by the Memorial Hall is still being considered by Torridge Planning, we believe there are some questions regarding drainage, which is holding up the process. As soon as the decision is known it will be discussed at the next due meeting.

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.

Dates for your Diary

The annual Parish Meeting will be held on 20th April commencing at 7.30pm.

All residents of Sutcombe are cordially invited, if you have any issues you might want to discuss, this is the time. Representatives of local organisations will also be invited to give a short report regarding their successes of the past year.

It will also be an opportunity to raise any concerns you have regarding the loan for the Community Play field.

<u>Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council</u>, this will be held in early May, date to be announced, during this meeting the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council are elected.

All Sutcombe residents are invited to attend.

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

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Recent successful events include the Community Christmas Lunch, Curry and Quiz and the Pancake Coffee Morning. These were all well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

Our new organ has now arrived and it sounds wonderful. One of the windows in the church is currently away for repair (it had been held together with sticky-backed plastic for several years). There is further repointing to be done around the church, especially on the tower. We do therefore need to keep fundraising to enable us to keep our lovely church in good repair, as well as covering the usual running costs. The church is well used with a service most Sundays, as well as bellringing and choir practice.

If you are not able to attend regular services but would like to support the church there is a Parish Giving scheme in place. Please ask our treasurer Jenny Bean for details, or speak to one of the church wardens.

Forthcoming events

11th April – Lands End Trial – breakfast served at Hillside from about 3am

20th June (tbc) - "Oscar Night" concert in Church

20th September – Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch

28th November – St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning in Church 10.30 – 12.00

6th December – Community Christmas Lunch

18th December – Christingle service in Church

20th December – Carol Service in Church 7.30pm

Watch the Notice Boards for further details Thank you for your continued support

Lent - a time of reconciliation

Lent is a time of reconciliation. For those of us who are Christians, it's a time when we make space in our lives to think about our relationship with our heavenly Father and the ways in which we are responding or failing to respond to his love and care for us. Yet even if we are not people of faith, it's a good opportunity to 'take stock' of how our lives are going and what is important to us.

For Christians (and perhaps for non-Christians) one of the principle stumbling blocks we face in making a constructive and creative response is that we often have a distorted image of God. Such distortions have their origins in a variety of sources. We may have been given certain impressions of God from our parents

or teachers which have remained with us in adult life. We may have had difficulty coping with a crisis and feel that we were abandoned by God at that time. We may have found it difficult to cope with changes in our life and/or in the Church and feel lost and distanced from the God we thought we knew. We may have had a bad experience with a priest, a fellow Christian or a Church organisation which has made us question the God of the Christian Church.

We may in fact, have no feelings of faith perhaps backed up by a barrenness in prayer, which prompts us to question whether there is a God at all.

All these reasons are understandable. It's very easy to "lose" the real God in our world and in our life. It's easy to come to feel like a displaced person or a wandering soul in search of a home. Christians are no exception to these feelings. The fact that we do wonder, and we do question, is a healthy sign. It shows that God and our faith are still of significance to us. The rumour of God is alive and kicking, even if we sometimes feel very unsure of what to do about it. It shows too, that we care enough to be conscious of the existence of "something more" than the surface experiences of life.

Perhaps this Lent may be a time to follow our curiosity and questioning – a time for examining what the Church has to offer – a time to be reconciled to each other and to God.

God of peace speak words of peace to our hearts, and to our world. Help us to spread your peace this Lent and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard

BELL RINGING

Bellringing practice has taken place on a Thursday evening over the winter months, and will continue until mid April.

Thank you to my dedicated team who regularly attend, in what has been a miserably cold and wet time.

We have been impressed with the progress of our 14 year old learner this year. She is already ringing changes with the rest of the team, and shows great promise for the future.

We are always looking for new learners, and will be keen to recruit again in October.

We practice on a Thursday night from 8 - 9 pm. New learners start at 7.30 pm and then progress into the main team when confidence and ability allow.

If you think that bellringing is something you would like to try, then call in to the Church on a practice night to see what it is all about.

John Daniel

Tel: 01409 261226

E-mail: john.diane.upcott@gmail.com

SUTCOMBE BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club is continuing to be held on Monday evenings in the village hall until the end of our season in May. The club is having an enjoyable season, with some good competitive games. The evening is an opportunity to meet and see people in the village while taking part in a sporting activity. We play doubles and take in turns to play.

8.00pm onwards – weekly sub of £3.00 (no joining fee)

New players welcome at any time - including beginners. For details please ring 01409 241810 or come along to the hall on a Monday evening

Next year's season will start again on the 14th September 2020

SUTCOMBE COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELDS

Sutcombe Community Playing Field fundraise for the maintenance, upkeep and new equipment for the Playing Field. We are a small team of volunteers who give what time we can for the benefit of our children, grandchildren and the village community now and into the future.

We are seeking new committee members to join our team and would love to hear from you even if you can only support in a small way or occasionally. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm (location to be advised), new faces are warmly welcomed with tea and cake! If you are interested or want to find out more at any time please call Claire on 07855029818.

On a note of driver safety please do be aware the entrance to the playing field is now the gate in the short drive next to the Old School House, road safety signs are being erected and changed. Please could divers take extra care to pass the entrance slowly, Thank you.

In early summer 2019 we held a farm themed coffee morning at the Memorial Hall and the Playing Field. It was special to see families enjoying the playing field together, thank you to all who attended, took part and supported our event. We are planning to hold another summer fete on Saturday 6th June 2020, and hope to have fine weather for more playing field games and fun in the sun!

In late 2019 we held our popular winter Bingo, which raised a fantastic £511.50. We are very grateful to the numerous local businesses and individuals; Waitrose, Mole Valley, Harpers, Wilts, CEF and everybody else who donated prizes, which included hampers, gift vouchers and a TV as the star prize! Next Bingo is on the: 20th November 2020, a Bingo not to be missed!

Extra special thanks to the team at Art Brew for their continued support this last year, with donations in excess of £250.00. We are very fortunate to be supported by our local brewery. Thank you very much.

Please don't forget EasyFundraising when making purchases online. It's a free way to generate extra funds for causes close to your heart. Since registering with EasyFundraising we have raised over £300, take a look at the information below:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Sutcombe Community Playing Fields with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

Go to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sutcombecpf/?utm_campaign=raisemore and join for free.

- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Sutcombe Community Playing Fields at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Sutcombe Community Playing Fields will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.





Hello Sutcombe!

We are Mandy & Des Frater and we moved to Green Pastures on August 9th 2019

We have already met many of you at various social occasions or whilst out walking our Labrador Ralph. Thank you all for making us feel so welcome. We absolutely love living here and are feeling really settled already. We have a business called Cloud 9 Musica that we ran in Oxfordshire for over 20 years before moving here. We have set up a lovely music studio at Green Pastures where we can teach guitar, keyboard and singing to children and adults so please spread the word. We also perform as a 1940's themed act or as a more general act performing music from 1960's to 2000's. We will be your Band for the 1940's Dance on May 2nd at Sutcombe Memorial Hall so please come along and see us. We have a website www.cloud9musica.co.uk and a Facebook Page so please pop on and have a look. We look forward to meeting even more of you soon.

BRIGHTWATER FARM CAMPSITE

2 years ago Claire Furse cut the ribbon to announce the opening of Brightwater Farm Campsite. Since then we have entertained delightful people from all across the country and others including Germany, France, Switzerland and South Africa. To our delight we received many 5*ratings but imagine our surprise when a package arrived from the Camping & Caravanning Club containing a rosette indicating that we had been nominated for Best Certificated Site.

Our family microbrewery Artbrew has also proved a hit with our campers enjoying the range of beers Becky and John create here. Seville Rye being the most recent top pint on the people's favourite list. Our events, 2 Beer Festivals, Apple Day and rugby on the wide screen have all been successful occasions. Pizza's on the first Saturday of the month are also going down a treat. The rugby turned out well with a fair turnout of local and farming folk after what has felt like an age of hibernation! It was really lovely to see everyone again.

The welcome that has been given to us by the village has added to our enthusiasm and kept Ant going on the diggers, spades, chainsaws and home building and Becky and John on a programme of brewing. The whole family now feel truly part of this delightful community.

The Parish Council would like to invite Tenders to Mow the Village Green, the St. Andrews Close site and keep the War Memorial area tidy

For the 2020 season



All applications to be sent to the Clerk by Friday 17th April 2020
or for further details please contact the Parish Council Chairperson
Councillor Chris Quance

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Holsworthy Neighbourhood Police Newsletter March 2020





Modern Slavery is

It is happening in our communities.

An unseen crime, it hides in takeaways, hotels, car washes, nail bars and private homes.

It is estimated there may be as many as 13,000 victims in the UK alone. There is no typical victim of slavery.

Victims can be men, women and children of all ages and cut across the population, but it is normally more prevalent amongst the most vulnerable, minority or socially excluded groups.

Vulnerable members of our society, such as rough sleepers, are often targeted as the next victims of modern slavery. Homeless people may be targeted at night shelters, day centres, soup kitchens, hostels and on the street.

Homeless people are recruited into labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and criminal exploitation.

Homeless people & rough sleepers are offered work in agriculture, construction, paving, domestic work and other areas.

Always Be Aware of the signs of modern slavery and call Modern Slavery Helpline with concerns on 08000 121 700

Learn how to Spot the Signs of modern slavery, including general indicators and key signs relevant to the major types of exploitation, including child exploitation.

Find out how to spot the signs here https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/about/spot-the-signs





Child Sexual Exploitation is a type of child abuse.

CSE involves young people and children being 'groomed' and sexually exploited.

It can take many forms, such as through an apparently 'consensual' relationship with an older person or a young person having sex in return for attention, cigarettes, alcohol or other gifts.

Many young people who are being exploited do not realise they are at risk and will not ask for help. Some may see themselves as willing participants in such abuse, not realising that what is happening to them is illegal.

There are warning signs that may indicate something is wrong – unexplained gifts or money, excessive use of mobile phone, older friends, being picked up from school, self-harming plus many more.

If you know a young person displaying warning signs you should take action and seek help, contact us by ringing 101 or in an emergency 999 if you prefer not to speak to the police you can contact Children's services 0345 155 1071 or out of hours 0845 6000388.

If you are being exploited or abused HELP is available ring 116 000 for confidential help and advice, you can also ring child line 0800 11 11



Operation Snap is a secure online facility which allows submissions of video and photographic evidence relating to driving incidents that members of the public have witnessed.

Operation Snap (Dashcam footage) will investigate road traffic offences such as dangerous driving, driving without due care and attention, careless driving, using a mobile phone handheld, not wearing a seat belt, contravening a red traffic light and contravening solid white lines, however this is not an exhaustive list.

If you have captured a driving offence on your dashcam or other digital device, you can send it to the police simply, quickly and securely through Operation Snap.

You need to be 18 years old or over, able to supply the registration mark of the offending vehicle and be willing to sign a witness statement and possibly appear in court.

You can read the frequently asked questions on the web link before submitting your video or photos`www.dc.police.uk/opsnp

Captured a driving offence on your dashcam

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk



Holsworthy Neighbourhood Team







PS 11936 Sarah Jepp

PC 14017 Amanda Brown

PCSO 30643 Mark James

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Crimes reported in Jan/Feb 2020

ASHWATER - 2 x Common Assault

1 x Theft of planters

1 x Arson

BLACK TORRINGTON - 1 x Common assault

1 x Harassment

BRADFORD – 1 x Dog not under proper control

CLAWTON – 1 x Dog dangerously out of control

HALWILL - 1 x Theft of heating oil

HOLLACOMBE – 1 x Criminal damage to padlocks

1 x Theft of batteries

MILTON DAMEREL - 1 x Arson to car

1 x Theft of trailer

SHEEPWASH – 1 x Criminal damage to motor vehicle

ST. GILES - 1 x Theft of motor vehicle

Tel 101 or go to the web

www.victimcaredevonandcornwall.pnn.police.org.uk

Tel. 0300 303 0554



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Please support North Devon Hospice and Big Breakfast 2020!

Please come along and support your nearest Big Breakfast at:

The Bradworthy Inn Saturday 4th April 9.30am- 12 noon

Come and enjoy a delicious Big Breakfast, £6.95p donation includes tea/coffee and toast. Vegetarian option too.

Raffle draw. Everyone welcome!

You can be sure of a warm welcome so please support our generous Big Breakfast organisers if you can. The money raised through Big Breakfast, which is generously sponsored by Phillip Dennis Foodservice, will help North Devon Hospice care for local people who are suffering from the impact of cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. All hospice services are provided completely free of charge, but it costs over £5 million each year to care in this way. For other Big Breakfasts in North Devon and Cornwall borders, please visit our Big Breakfast webpage on www.northdevonhospice.org.uk





Saturday 2nd May 2020

8pm till late

We Can Do It!

Licensed Bar Light Refreshments Draw

Tickets £6 Adults £3.00 under 16's

Tel: Nicola 01409 241777

Local History Day

Is anyone interested in having a local history day at the hall?

Do you have documents or photos which would be of interest? Maybe you know the history of your house and would like to share some information, or the history of past occupants of the village.

Please get in touch with Nicola Furse if you are interested. Tel 01409 241777



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If you would like a catalogue please just ask.

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My number is 07871304750.

CORONA VIRUS

In light of the current situation with the Corona Virus, as a community we need to support each other. If anyone needs any help with anything they can contact the following people:

Claire Furse 07855 029818

dfurse65@hotmail.co.uk

Diane Daniel 01409 261226

john.diane.upcott@gmail.com

If you are a representative of a local club or activity or have an article about local events or achievements please contact Fay Fry (fvfry@fryswebserver.co.uk) with the details by middle of September 2020 in time for the printing of the October issue.

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.