

SUTCOMBE PARISH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

SUTCOMBE MEMORIAL HALL

The Village Hall has been widely used again this summer holding various events and the regular clubs. We have replaced the fence around the Hall with a new post & rail fence, the old one had got weak and the new one looks much smarter.

We are also upgrading the electricity supply in the Hall, this is necessary as there was only a domestic supply before and over time the demand has increased with the larger cooker, dishwasher, boiler's etc. Hopefully this will keep the Hall well used for various catered events, such as our Big Breakfast and also keeping the Hall electrically safe. Work will be complete by the end of October.

On the 9th of September 2017, we held a Summer Pub Night, this was held along the same theme as our previous Pub Nights, with Pool, Skittles, Table football, Air hockey, Jenga, Connect 4 and Card games, but this time we also did a BBQ. It was a great family night out, with all those who came having a good evening.

SNOW-CROW/ JOLLY CROW LIGHT DISPLAY / CHRISTMAS EVENT including SANTA'S GROTTTO!

We are holding a Snow-crow/Jolly Crow Light Display event on Saturday the 2nd December 2017. We are inviting everyone to make a Snow-crow (think Scarecrow/Jolly Crow but Christmas themed) with lights. All entries need to be finished by Saturday morning. Please enter beforehand and we will create a route mapping all the entries. Collect letters along the way to solve the anagram. There will then be an event back at the Hall to include Mulled wine, Turkey rolls, Mince pies, together with entertainment from Sutcombe Choir, A Santa's Grotto and a Christmas film. View the entries from 4pm onwards. This event is aimed at the whole family, so please come and support! Please see included flyer for details and contact Tracey Stevens with entries traceyandyhstevens@gmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the running of the Hall this summer and a big welcome to our new committee members. We are always looking for new committee members of all ages, so if you have any ideas of events we should be running or you are keen to be part of the Hall committee, please come to our next hall meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 in the Village Hall, Thank you.

Darren Furse – Hall Chairperson

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 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 13th November 2017. 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.

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, was held on the 15th May when the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council were elected, Councillor Stephen Horn and Councillor Chris Quance were elected to serve for another year.

Neighbourhood Watch: A new co-ordinator is required for the Sutcombe area, if you are willing to take on this role please contact P.C.S.O Emma Tomkies at Holsworthy police station. Emma is our new P.C.S.O.

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons and District Councillor Ken Carroll: both Councillors attend meetings throughout the year and are passionate within their roles and they help and support your Parish Councillors on all fronts.

If they are unable to attend a report is always sent to the Clerk, which is circulated to the Parish Councillors.

Highways

The Parish Council receive many complaints from residents throughout the year, regarding the state of the roads, your complaints are passed on to the relevant departments, but residents should also report matters directly to Devon County Council, their website is very easy to use, usually you will get an acknowledgement within 24 hours.

More recently there has also been complaints regarding mud and slurry not being cleared away, your Parish Council take all complaints seriously, as such a letter was sent to all local farmers reminding them of their duty to clean up the roads as much as possible.

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

Since severe cutbacks by Devon Highways no longer cut many of the hedges or verges in the Parish, your Parish Councillors have once again joined forces with Milton Damerel Parish Council to apply for the T.A.P. grant to enable them to cut back some of the hedges which impair the visibility of vehicles. The safety of the parishioners and those visiting the parish is of great importance to the Parish Council.

War Memorial

It was very distressing for all to see the damage that was caused by a vehicle to the railings surrounding the War Memorial.

Disappointingly the person who was responsible for the damage did not come forward. The cost of repair is over £500, as this was not covered by the Parish Council Insurance policy it would have been a large amount of money for the Parish Council to find, fortunately we have received a grant of £400 from Councillor Ken Carroll for which we are very grateful.

Annual Grants 2017/2018: Just a reminder that the deadline for applications from organisations for grants for the financial year 2017/2018 is the 10th November, please send your request in writing to the Parish Clerk, an email will be sufficient if you prefer. Consideration will be given during the meeting to be held on the 13th November, applicants will then be notified and cheques sent as soon as possible after the meeting.

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

School Playing Field:

There will be a separate update for you all, this will be made by the Committee of the Sutcombe Playing field.

Website

The new website is now up and running, remember, if your organisation is holding an event please let the Clerk know and it will be advertised. When you have next year's diary dates please let me have them. The New Financial Regulations stipulate that all account details must be available to all, Sutcombe Parish Council's Annual accounts including internal and external audits are now on the site.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Planning Matters

Planning applications over the past six months have been sparse, with just several applications for Silage Clamps and covers for slurry towers, all of which were approved.

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

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.

Fully Contained, Centrally Heated, One Bedroom Cottage

Bathroom with bath & separate shower

£270 per month

Council tax band A, Metered water, Key meter electric, Roadside parking

Details and Application Form available from the

Clerk to the Trustees, Emma Horn

Telephone 01409 241810

Email s.horn924@btinternet.com

SUTCOMBE BADMINTON CLUB

The club runs on a Monday night in the village hall from 8pm. Between September and May. - 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 games.

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

SUTCOMBE SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Club nights started on September 13th 2017, we have 13 registered members and would certainly welcome anyone who would like to give bowling a try on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm.

Our Captain Mark Trayhorn has arranged 14 afternoon league matches on a home and away basis with Torrington, Ilfracombe, South Molton, Goodleigh, Parkham, Stratton and Holsworthy, and 16 evening league matches, against Hatherleigh, Anstey, Hartland, Bradford and Cookbury, 2 Torrington teams (green and yellow), Bradworthy and Woolsery, plus 3 knockout matches. So far we have played an afternoon match gaining 2 points (maximum 3 points) and 2.5 points in an evening match.

Our Chairman this season is Michael Andrew, Treasurer – Mark Trayhorn, Secretary – Christine Cawsey.

We are looking forward to a challenging and enjoyable season.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Events

As you will know the Bells have been away in Loughborough being refurbished and a new frame constructed. We are expecting them back in November, so they should be in action for Christmas. Meanwhile, we continue to raise funds for the next repairs to the fabric of the Church, as well as for general running costs.

We have had several events so far this year, including Pudding Club in May, Barbeque (intended for the Village Green but rained off into the Village Hall) in June and, of course, a well attended Harvest Festival and lunch in September.

Our next event is St Andrew's Coffee Morning in the Church on 25th November – 10.30 to 12.00. Then we will have a Community Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall on 10th December. Our very popular Carol Service will take place in the Church on 17 December at 7.30 and a Christingle Service on 22nd December at 6pm.

Please watch out.

Church Bell Tower

Hopefully the new bell frame and installation work will be taking place in November.

We are yet to receive a commencement date, but I sincerely hope that the bells will be ringing in Sutcombe for Christmas. Bell ringing practice will resume as soon as the installation has taken place.

John Daniel

The Cost

Kevin sat back in his leather chair after he hung up the phone with a surreal sense of completion. He was now a millionaire. He took a moment to think back on his journey to the top.

He remembered growing up in a small town in Devon. Kevin did not recall a day he was hungry or cold or barefoot, but he remembered being restless. His mind would wander as his dad would read the bible to them before going to bed. He often questioned his mother about her contentment with their small house and simple furniture. He had wanted so much more.

A twinge of guilt tugged at his conscience when he thought of how long it had been since he had spoken to his mother. He had called to tell her he would not be able to come home for dad's funeral last year. He had had an important business meeting in London that could not be rescheduled. His mum had sent dad's old bible to him, and he vaguely remembered the drawer he had put it in.

He didn't like calling home anyway. His mother was always quoting the bible and she never failed to ask him if he was going to church. He had tried to stay in church after he left home, but grew disillusioned and confused with the overt hypocrisy, and the superficial relationships. His vicar back home may have been boring, but he truly believed what he preached. So did his dad; until the day he died.

But all that stuff about being a servant to be a leader, and the last being first may be okay for eternity, but not in the real world. In these competitive economic times, being humble and selfless would get you nowhere. Where had it got his parents? According to the address on the last letter he had yet to open, mum still lived in the same old house.

Maybe he would go home for Christmas. He would use his money to fix up the house and maybe donate some to the church down there. He would show them that though he loved money, he was not evil.

His ex-fiancée might disagree with him, he thought, as another stab of remorse made him frown. Linda. He had met her at one of the churches he had attended for a while. She seemed to be the perfect addition to his climb to success, but it was soon evident she wanted more than an occasional phone call. She wanted him to make more time for her and for the LORD. But time was money; and he only had time to make more money. She had warned him with tears that “a good name is rather to be chosen than riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold”. He recalled laughing sarcastically as he walked out the door. She reminded him of his dad and that old preacher.

True, he had lost a few things in his pursuit. He had sacrificed some relationships, and arguably he had compromised on some beliefs and values, but it’s not like he had totally sold out. He had not robbed a bank and he hadn’t murdered anyone. Hopefully it didn’t count that he had thought about it more than once.

His mental walk down memory lane was interrupted by his secretary letting him know she was leaving for the day. He should leave too. He’d go home and have a drink like he always did when his conscience bothered him. Wasn’t there some verse in the bible that said a little wine was good for the stomach? 2 So what if he drank more than a little sometime. Nothing was going to ruin this day for him. The deal was settled and by this time next week, he would be able to buy the company he now worked for.

The next morning Kevin was found dead in his luxury apartment. On the floor they found an unopened bottle of heart pills. On the bed next to him was an old tattered bible. Ironically it was opened to the page with this verse underlined:

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Makes you think, doesn’t it – God bless, Richard

Services

Special Services in Sutcombe are:

Remembrance - Sunday 12th November at 9.30am

Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm

Christingle Service - Friday 22nd at 6.00pm

Christmas Day - Communion Service at 10.00am

SUTCOMBE COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD

The work for the Playing Field Committee has continued this year. We have been busy finding the best options for play equipment, as well as securing additional funding to enable the project to go ahead. Using your comments from the survey in 2016 we will be installing the equipment shown in the picture below.



The equipment offers attraction for children of all ages and we look forward to getting it on site ready for next year. This is the first step to creating a fantastic facility and play area for the village to enjoy. Thank you for supporting our Easter Coffee morning which raised over £300 towards the play equipment. Thank you also to the wonderful Waitrose shoppers who supported our cause in August. Our next fundraiser will be our Winter Bingo on the 24th November; we are hoping to have a fun evening for all the family and will have some great prizes for the lucky winners. Look forward to seeing you there!



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

Email: hacc@actionforchildren.org.uk Phone: 01409 253508

David Seggons

Window Cleaner

Also carpet cleaning and chimney sweeping

Call 01409 241 702



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 February 2018 in time for the printing of the March issue.

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.