



Coming Up



Zumba Fitness

Zumba! ... it's back on Monday 16th January 2012 at 7:00pm to 8:00pm for regular sessions. Open to over-16's with a £4.00 entry charge. For one night only Sue will also be giving a free session of Body Balance at 8:00pm to 8:45pm. So keep those new year resolutions and come along and join the fun!

Alternative classes are also held at 6:15pm on Tuesday at Misterton Junior School and on Friday 6:00pm at Walkeringham Village Hall.



10th Annual Burns Supper

The 10th annual Burns Supper will be held at Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 21st January 2012. Doors open at 7:30pm, with tickets at £17.50 per person.

Judging from past years we expect this to be a complete sell out, so you are advised to book early.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 19th December and can be reserved by calling Mavis Bradley on: (01777) 705 060, email tickets@suttonvillagehall.net, or online at www.suttonvillagehall.net/reserve-tickets/



Sutton CE Primary School Community Lunch Dates

Sutton CE Primary School invites members of the village community to a Community Lunch in the school on

Wednesday 25th January 2012

Wednesday 29th February 2012

Wednesday 28th March 2012

Lunch is served at 12:00 noon and costs £2.50 per person. Everyone is welcome, but please book your lunch by phoning the school office on 01777 705 990 the week beforehand. We hope to see you there.

A Call to any Sutton cum Lound Musicians

The Parish Plan Steering Group is in the process of planning village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year (Sunday 3 June 2012). One idea that has been suggested is to form a band from village musicians, if we have enough interest.

So if you have any musical skills – singing or playing – and would like to take part in any capacity, please email your contact details to: parishplanchair@suttoncumlound.net as soon as possible.

The final format of what we would do will depend on the mix of musical skills that volunteer. The emphasis is always will be on fun. We are not expecting to attempt anything too challenging. So if you want to have a sing, or you have a musical instrument gathering dust in the attic, or would just like to be involved, please get in touch.

Recycling at the School

Don't forget that you can put your good quality "pre-loved", clothes, shoes, toys, books, DVDs, and household linens, in the clothes container at the back of the school car park. The last collection raised approximately £150 for school funds.

The next Ragtex collection will be on Monday 19th March 2012 – just in time for that spring clear out!

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The Sutton Spotlight

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Welcome to the December issue of the Sutton Spotlight.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Many of you will have seen that building work has started on the Village Hall, and not a moment too soon with winter upon us. Congratulations to Angela Close and Sharon Dyson for securing a substantial grant to start the Village Hall repairs and renovations.

All of the Village Hall Committee, but Angela and Sharon in particular, have been tireless supporters of the hall and its activities for many years, and it is entirely due to their dedication, hard work, and boundless enthusiasm that the village has such a thriving centre to use.

What you may not know is that both have day jobs, have other interests and hobbies, and are also very active in other village groups. They are willing to give up their time for the benefit of the village and its residents, so thank you for all your efforts, and we hope to see many more years of Village Hall activities.

New Non-Emergency Number

The new non-emergency police number, **101**, went live on Monday 7th November 2011.

This number replaces the less than snappy 0300 300 99 99 number, which will gradually be phased out before being turned off completely on Monday 9th January 2012. Until the number is turned off, a message will be posted on the line directing callers to the new **101** number.

Calls to the **101** number will be answered by control room staff; residents **will not** find themselves speaking to someone in another part of the country and there are many great benefits to the introduction of the new non-emergency number.

In an emergency, when a crime is taking place or when a person is in immediate danger, people should **always** call 999.

The **101** number can be used when people simply want to talk to a local police officer, or for other non-emergencies including:

- reporting that a car has been stolen
- reporting that property has been damaged
- reporting suspected drug use or dealing taking place
- reporting a minor traffic collision
- giving police information about crime in their area

When a call is made to **101**, you will hear a recorded message announcing that you are being connected to your local Police Force.

Police call handlers will then answer the calls and if the incident is recognised as an emergency, the operator will put you through to 999.

Calls to **101** will cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long the call may last and applies to all landlines and mobile phones ... oh, good, so no attempt to cut costs or raise revenue with the new service then.

Mr Grumpy

The more observant amongst you will have noticed that, after years of campaigning, a new interactive speed sign has been erected on Sutton Lane on the approach into the village. This is as a result of the traffic monitoring that took place earlier in the year. However, it's only temporary, so don't get too used to it.

It displays either a smiley, or grumpy, face depending on your speed; smiley if you're under 30mph, or grumpy if you're over. So far, so good.

But wait a minute! It doesn't seem to work all the time, which is maybe why it's classed as "temporary"! Yes, indeed, it appears that if you're travelling at more than 10mph above 30mph (41mph+) or below 30mph (19mph-), the sign stays distinctly blank.

If you're on the low side then, on behalf of the Mr Smiley sign, thank you for riding your bicycle or horse with due care and attention. If you're on the high side, which from casual observations it looks as though many people are, then please do us a favour—slow down to 40mph so that Mr Grumpy can give you a ticking off on your way down to the legal limit of 30mph. Thanks ... you really couldn't make this stuff up .



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Welcome to the third edition of the Sutton Spotlight.

Many thanks to all those of you who have been in touch with us following our previous issues. The feedback has been very positive, and it's nice to know that our efforts have been appreciated.

We've tried to incorporate your comments into this edition, but it's still a work-in-progress and the style and content will continue to change over time. We're still looking to produce quarterly issues, so bear that in mind if you would like to contribute.

Any feedback you may have on any aspect of the newsletter would be much appreciated. If you have any burning issues, news, or content for the next one, just send an email to:

news@suttoncumlound.net

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Preparing for Winter

The Parish Council have taken advantage of the NCC offer of some salt supplies for the village. A small stock has been secured and held by the clerk. In previous years this has been made available to the Gate Inn, Pick's Store, the Village Hall and the Church, as the key community buildings in the Parish, and this will be repeated again this winter.

In addition to this we have also gained two strategic yellow grit bins for the village and they have been deployed at the Gate Inn corner, and at the bus shelter opposite Station Rd (by Pick's Store). This is to enable us to make the bend and the junction safer, should the weather turn as bad as the previous seasons.

The Counties Gritting team will continue to patrol through the village as normal, but with these additional stocks, we have a back-up plan if things turn bad again. The County are also working with local farmers across the county to ensure that they too have a robust back up plan to keep rural areas moving if the worst happens. Fingers crossed.

Nuisance Calls

If you're fed up with the continual stream of nuisance telephone calls from people trying to sell you something, then you may want to register with the Telephone Preference Service to stop them.

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) is a free service. It is the official central opt out register on which you can record your preference not to receive unsolicited sales or marketing calls.



It is a legal requirement that all organisations (including charities, voluntary organisations and political parties) do not make such calls to numbers registered on the TPS unless they have your consent to do so.

All you have to do is go to www.tpsonline.org.uk and register your telephone number. If you don't have access to the Internet then call their registration number on **0845 070 07 07**.

If the calls don't stop within 28 days then you can complain formally.

New Beat Manager

Our former Beat Manager, Chris Glover, has moved on to pastures new and the post has been allocated to PC1215 Steve Bolstridge who replaced him in November. Steve joins us from Worksop East and covered parts of Sandy Lane, Shireoaks, Rhodesia and Gateford.

Chris Glover was a well known face in the village and was good at handling incidents of anti-social behaviour. He will be sadly missed in the rural communities.

We're sure that Steve will be as keen to follow in the same vein, and assisted by our PCSO Catherine Phillips will help keep the village as safe as possible. If you should meet Steve in the village, please introduce yourself and make him welcome.

Steve can be contacted by mobile on: 07525 226 886.

See all our local village support at:

www.suttoncumlound.net/police/

Christmas and New Year Refuse Collections

Please note that due to the Christmas and New Year holidays our normal refuse collection days will be changed.

- Normal collection day of Tuesday 27th December 2011 (Blue Bin) will instead be collected on Thursday 29th December 2011
- Normal collection day of Tuesday 3rd January 2012 (Green Bin) will instead be collected on Thursday 5th January 2012

The normal collection schedule will resume on Monday 9th January 2012. Note that the Hallcroft waste recycling centre is now open again.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers wanted for:

- ♦ **The Parish Council**, contact the Clerk to the Council
- ♦ **The Village Hall Committee**, contact the Village Hall Secretary
- ♦ **Planter Maintenance Group**, how about "adopting" one near you? Plants and watering are provided by the Parish Council, so all we need is a planting session now and again. Contact the Clerk.

School News



A Breakfast Club is run each morning at school by Mrs Goodman, the school cook, from 8:00am-8:30am. The children pay £1 per day for cereal and toast, but on Fridays for an extra 50p they can have a delicious cooked breakfast – Fridays are proving to be very popular!

Other clubs which will be taking place after school in the spring term will be the Cross Stitch Club on Wednesdays run by some of the mums, and the new "Club J" on Wednesdays which is being run by Liz Styles, our Church Schools worker from the Threads Project. Liz has also been working with the children each week since the end of October in readiness for the Christmas Concert on Thursday December 15th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Villagers are very welcome to either performance.

The children have been practising singing carols in readiness to accompany the lighting of Sutton's Christmas tree at the beginning of December. They will also be visiting Lound Hall towards the end of term, to sing to the residents.

"Koala Kubs" the group for toddlers and their parents or carers, that meets on Mondays between 10:00am and noon at school now has an extra session at the same time on each Wednesday during term time. For more information please contact Sarah on 07966 225 879.

Portland Place Pre-School will open its doors once more in January 2012! For more information please contact the school office on 01777 705 990 or look out for posters displayed locally which will have details of session times.

EasyFundraising

Following on from the last issue of the Spotlight when we introduced EasyFundraising, many thanks to those of you who have since registered for the service to help out the Village Hall.

You've now raised over £160 towards the hall building fund, just for doing what you would have done anyway. With Christmas looming on the horizon, if you are intending to use the Internet for any purchases, please, please remember this service. Many of the famous names are there, and it won't cost you a penny to shop and raise funds at the same time. For more details visit the Village Hall site at:



www.suttonvillagehall.net

Neighbourhood Alert Administrators

Training is still being offered to members using the Neighbourhood Watch section of the Nottinghamshire Alert System. It consists of 2 hours training and advises how the system can be used for the benefit of your local scheme / area.

Contact: NOTTSWATCH c/o the Secretary, Police Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Notts.NG5 8PP, or email:

enquiry@nottswatch.co.uk



Art Group Annual Exhibition

We had a very enjoyable, well attended, one day art exhibition at the Village Hall on Sunday 20th November with many paintings sold. Families and children came to see the 80+ children's paintings and collages displayed on the stage, and these were of exceptional quality.

There was a raffle which included a huge basket of fruit, tea and biscuits and a bargain table of £5 to £15 paintings. Our regular art teacher, Elaine, donated a beautiful watercolour picture as raffle prize, the proceeds to go to the Bassetlaw Hospice.

Our enthusiastic art group has been going for more than 10 years, meeting every Friday morning in the Village Hall. We have a regular teacher, one day workshops with different artists, and this year have staged a painting weekend with well-known artist Peter Woolley.

At present we have a waiting list, but please contact us. Full details on www.suttonvillagehall.net



Parish Council

The Parish Council continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Agenda items and previous minutes are always posted on the village notice board (Portland Place), as well as on the village web site www.suttonvillagehall.net and members of the public are always welcome to attend. An open public session is normally scheduled in the first quarter of the meeting for members to raise their questions.

Anyone requiring further information on the meetings, or wishing to submit a point or

question, can do so via the Clerk to the Council, Nigel Johnson, who would be happy to collate these for the Council meetings. All his contact details are on the village web site, or email clerk@suttoncumlound.net, or telephone 07902 985 871.

Noise Nuisance

Many residents have been effected by noise pollution in the past couple of months, and have fed back to the Parish Council their concerns. We are taking this matter seriously

and is lobbying Bassetlaw Environmental services to resolve these issues. However the Environment department at Bassetlaw would like to hear from as many individuals as possible, as well as from the Parish Council.

If you are experiencing any problems please contact them via the BDC web site, and complete the on-line form. If you do not have access to the web or are unsure of what to do, then please contact the clerk or any of the councillors, who will be happy to help you.

Parish Plan

Queens Diamond Jubilee

Earlier this year, the Parish Council wrote to the major groups and organisations in the village to sow the seed and kick start a process of organising a major village event next year, as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The Parish Council are drawing up plans to ensure that a substantial part of the backing required for the event is available to ensure a great day is available to all the village to enjoy.

As the most diverse and cross functional village group, having members from the Parish Council, Village Hall committee, The Church, and the Parish Plan committee, the Parish Plan Steering Group has taken a leading roll in pulling together ideas and a plan for the big weekend. However any resident as individuals can get involved too, whether it is ideas, facilities, services, or as a volunteer to help run whatever is finally decided upon. This is your chance to get involved in a piece of history, not

just the nation's but our village history too, as we all come together to share in this special event.

Do you have any ideas? Would you like to get involved and help organise something?

Please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@suttoncumlound.net, telephone 07902 985 871, or the Parish Plan Secretary directly: parishplansecretary@suttoncumlound.net or telephone 07902 985 871.

Village Hall

The more observant people in the village will have noticed the scaffolding placed around the hall during November. This is the start of renovation and improvement works to the hall which the Village Hall Committee has been working towards for some considerable time.

Due to the tireless efforts in particular of Angela Close and Sharon Dyson, respectively the Chair and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, they have managed to win a grant to the tune of £45,800 from WREN for the initial renovation.

WREN is a not for profit business that awards grants to community projects from funds donated by Waste Recycling Group (WRG). Waste Recycling Group Limited (WRG) is the landfill operator which donates a percentage of its landfill taxes to WREN via the Landfill Communities Fund.



Without WRG's generosity WREN would not be able to fund our project.

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) is a voluntary scheme which enables landfill operators to contribute some of the ta raised on the disposal of waste in landfill to Environmental Bodies who can then fund community, heritage and environmental projects which comply with the Landfill Tax Regulations.

Peter Cox, managing director of WREN, said: "WREN makes a difference to people's lives by awarding grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK. We're delighted to support the Sutton cum Lound Village Hall Trust and their valuable work."

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank WREN, WRG, all their user groups, nearby residents, and visitors to the hall for their contributions, support, and continuing co-operation during the period of the renovation work. Once completed, the hall will continue

to benefit the community as a whole, but hopefully be in a much more viable and usable state.

The improvements will be carried out in various stages and residents will be kept informed as to the progress of the works at regular intervals.

Stage 1 work commenced with the removal of all the old pan tiles from the roof and was scheduled to be completed within a week or so. This enabled the contractors to start checking the roof timbers before embarking on the task of replacing the new tiles to the roof. What happens next will depend on what they find under the eaves, but with the weather likely to change from the balmy conditions we've seen so far we really need to get the roof back on as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact chair@suttonvillagehall.net, or call our Village Hall Central number: 07092 985 831