

Sutton Signpost

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Sutton cum Lound
Village Hall

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Haggis and Highlands at Burns Supper



The locals who received their 5 year award Lapel pin as a sign of our appreciation!

For the fifth year running a little piece of Scotland came south of the border and rested a wee while at Sutton Village Hall.

Saturday 27th January again saw a capacity crowd fill the hall to be entertained by and fed on the best that Scotland and Rabbe Burns could offer. Gail Bradley and Frank Bradley, our resident Scots were this year assisted by Graham Bonnyman, a gentleman fluent in the poetry of The Scottish Bard and not a little averse to a "wee deoch 'n' doris" himself.

The chef for the evening was Judy "get out of my kitchen" Hall ably as-

sisted by hubby and his carving knife.

Following the traditional piping in of the Haggis, everyone tucked into their meal of roast beef, haggis, neeps and tatties and red cabbage and liberally toasted burns, the haggis, the chef, Scotland and many others— needless to say the decanters of whisky then had to be refilled. The rest of the meal was interspersed with poetry, prose and song.

Whilst much of the language was alien to most ears, Shaz Dyson kindly translated one of the more complicated stories for us, although the accuracy of it was doubtful!!!!

This being our fifth year, a special presentation of Burns lapel pins was made to the 16 people who have attended all 5.

Brave souls!

Our thanks go to all who were involved in the preparations for this event, but particularly to Sharon Dyson, Graham Bonnyman, Frank and Mavis Bradley who all gave so much of their time to make this event such a success. Also to all those who helped with the veg prep and setting up of the hall on Saturday. This event made a profit of £500 towards our building fund.



Mr Graham Bonnyman (left) with some of the Burns Supper Organisers

Venue for Hire!

Have you thought about booking the Hall for your private function? In the past the Hall has been decorated out for many a special event, it's not just for kid's parties! We've had ruby wedding parties, 80th birthday parties, and we'd love to do a wedding! With a licensed bar now available it's well worth considering before you splash out on a fancy hotel. It can be turned into anything from a medieval banquet Hall to a Turkish Bedouin Tent! How about a themed wedding!

The cost of booking the Hall for a private function us £10 per hour or £100 for a whole day. Contact Judy Hall or visit our website for details.

Happy Birthday April Club

Congratulations to the April Club who celebrate 30 years of meetings this year.

The group first met in April 1977 and will be celebrating this milestone on Friday 30th March 2007 with wine and cake at the village hall and again on Friday 13th April with lunch at a local eatery. (why have one party when you can have two?)

Despite many changes to the

membership and the venue, the club is still as popular as ever.

New members are always welcome. The club for over 50's meets fortnightly at the village hall on Friday afternoons from 2-4p.m.

All enquiries to Carole Head on Ret. 705077.



You will soon be able to check the village hall availability on our web site thanks to the wonder of the internet. Check it out and click on "Diary" when it appears.

Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Monday 14 May 2007

7.30 p.m.

Sutton Village Hall

All residents welcome

The Hall Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all User Groups for their continued support.

Recipe for fundraising success- (also known as friendship)

- 2 cups of Station Road
- 1 cup of Town St.
- 1 cup of Sutton Lane.
- 1 cup of Portland Place
- 1/2 cup of Lound Low Rd
- 1/2 cup Church Way
- Good Measure of Clyro Place
- Seasoned and garnished with St. Barts Court and Portland Meadows.

Place all ingredients in a large village hall and pour over several bottles of wine. Stir to combine. Leave to infuse and rise.

Once risen knead gently to stretch imagination then turn into an event shaped tin and invite villagers to bake with warm wishes.

Eat while hot and enjoy.

The more ingredients the better. Please feel free to add more.

Cracking Christmas Creating Cash!

Number 1.

Sat in the garden one afternoon this past summer, I mentally booked a date for our Christmas fayre with the Annual Art exhibition. No worries— we had the recipe for success with our happy team of willing helpers, how hard can it be! Of course I hadn't taken into account that my pre-Christmas vacation would result in a broken hand and therefore limit my abilities somewhat.

December arrived, I had my hand in plaster unable to drive, lift or hold anything. The weather forecast was for torrential rain and bitter cold! My crystal ball had gone in for service so everyone prayed for the rain to hold off, I was not to know that the Weatherman had also predicted Gale Force winds!

So the gazebo had to be ditched as it was in danger of taking to the skies a la Mary Poppins with 6 of the team attached to it. We set up the solid stalls and were good to go.

Local PC Paul Pilsworth had the honor of testing our new sockets and duly switched on the lights while the children decorated the Christmas tree and Geoff Richardson blessed the proceedings.

The event was well supported, particularly the cakes, tombola and teddy stall and even Santa

made a short visit during his busy training schedule, aided by North Notts Lions.

Thank you all who attended.

Number 2.

We had just packed up from this when Tuesday dawned.:

0800 UGH! Is that the time? I Need Coffee.

Judy and I found ourselves on Retford Hospice Market armed with caffeine, teddies and dressed as Mrs. Santa's. We duly set up our stall and discovered that not only were the outfits not waterproof but neither were my boots.

10.00 Stall set, second drenching and more coffee.

11.00 Troops arrived

12.00 Judy and I go for lunch

12.01 Back from lunch

16.00 Judy nips off to Workshop for a meeting— still dressed in santa suit!!

17.00. Really buzzing now

19.30 Why have we still got a 4ft Winnie the Pooh on our stall?

20.00 Last toy is won. Off loaded last of the

cakes onto some poor unsuspecting policemen, loaded the car and home.

Number 3.

Finally the seasonal Sweep and entertainment on 16th December. Entertainment is a little misleading but give people enough mulled wine and they will enjoy anything.

A personal thanks to our director Fred for not pursuing the dove in a leotard thing (maybe next year?!) and for pulling together a decent show. Special thanks to **Mr D**, You missed your vocation in life, the stage loves you!

With all these events in mind I must say a huge thank you to all helpers and supporters who gave so much of their time in a very busy month. Thanks to everyone's hard work we raised...

£1200.00

Well done!

Shaz Dyson

(FUNding Group)

Art 2 Art in Sutton

Sutton Art Group continues to meet weekly on Friday mornings and such is the standard of the work members produce, that some of the group exhibited at **Thoresby Hall** in November and some of their work was snapped up by eager buyers.

They have also been asked to exhibit at **Thaymer Farm Restaurant** this spring, (dates to be confirmed).

Sutton Art group currently is full and has a waiting list for members. Contact **David Gould on 711296** for more details.

Or if you can't wait to get painting you will be pleased to learn that a **second** art group is starting.

David Woolass, a professional artist who lives locally, attended our hall last year and decided it was an ideal venue for him to start his own group.

David's group is starting on **Thursday 8th March 2-4 p.m.** If you are interested in joining his group, David can be contacted on **07729 151459**



Did you know
Sutton Art Group donated the table trolley to the hall? The trolley means we no longer have to lift tables on and off the stage and can move them easily and without risk of injury. Thank you Art Group for such a generous donation that benefits everyone.

What would you like to do?

We have had some interesting ideas put forward for social and fundraising events that you, the villager, would like us to arrange. Some of them were possibly not entirely legal but amongst the more feasible were salsa classes, spanish evening, live music, and others.

Fred has got some live music in hand for later in the summer. We still need more ideas though.

So if you have any suggestions that do **not** include the use of ropes, ping pong balls and feathers, we would love to here from you

E-mail your suggestion to secretary@suttonvillagehall.net

And they will be passed on to the FUNding team





Get down and dirty at the village hall!!

The village hall and grounds are getting to that "I need maintenance stage"! As employing a contractor to carry out the work required is expensive, we have planned to do as we have always done— get down and dirty with secateurs, strimmers, and saws outside and mops cloths and hoovers inside. Saturday 14th April is the day we have identified to give it our all and you are welcome to join us. Come along with your gardening tools and we will supply the tea, coffee, bikkies and bacon butties at lunch time. The fun starts at 9.30.

Village Ventures and Premiere Film

The new year got off to a hot start with NTC's adaptation of "The Firebird"

This production was full of colour, humour, dance, song, wonderful characterization and everything else you would expect from the team who brought us Alex and the Warrior last year. An explosion of fantasy on all our senses.

The next production to visit is "Elsie and Norms Macbeth" on 22nd March. More details are on our website www.suttonvillagehall.net or ring Fred on 707736 or Judy 719489.

Audiences for our films have been good despite the main film supplier letting us down on more than one occasion. Fortunately the promoters have been able to offer alternative films on these occasions. We are still waiting for the Queen and also hope to show Casino Royale, Miss Potter, and The History Boys soon.

Look out for the posters, visit our website and see the Retford Times for details.

Bonanza Bingo!!!!

We are continuing to enjoy success with our regular monthly Bingo session in the Hall.

Last year we raised over £300 towards our funds, particularly from sales of pie and peas. At the same time winners netted cash prizes totalling over £400!

The themed bingo session continues to amuse residents, each month the prizes vary and the legs 11 bonus remains elusive to all. Come along and see the prize stakes rise!

Last Tuesday in each month at 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget your dabber!

Saturday 21st April 2007

St George's Banquet

at Sutton Village Hall.

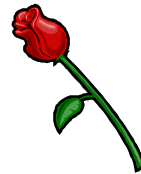
Celebrating all things English

Look out for the flyer for this typically English Event. Seats are limited so it's first come first served!

A wonderful evening incorporating good food, drink and entertainment, all in the name of England.

Licensed bar.

Contact Shaz Dyson on 710510 for early details.



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The Queen's rescheduled for 8th March!

The Queen has finally decided to make an appearance, albeit a month late, on 8 March 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

If you would like to share your ice cream with her phone Judy Hall on 719489 asap!



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Your current Committee:

Angela Close — **Chair**
Sharon Dyson — **Treasurer**
Judy Hall — **Secretary**

David Gould **Robin Walker**
Carole Head **Liz Bakewell**
June Barlow **Frank Bradley**
Graham Waterfield **Fred Payne**

Nomination form

Nominations are welcome from anyone who is a resident of Sutton cum Lound and over the age of 18. You can nominate yourself, but if you are nominating someone else they must sign to say they agree to being nominated. If more than 13 nominations are received, all positions will be subject to a vote which will take place at the Annual

Committee Update

Well we're having a very busy year, and it's not ended yet! With the hall refurbished, we've started to increase the number of regular bookings in the Hall and the fund raising events are ever more popular. We've recently submitted a second application for funding for the refurbishments to the Big Lottery and are awaiting their response. Let's hope they'll remember the little villages that will continue to provide facilities after the 2012 Olympics!

We're going electronic!

Yes we've now set up a great web site for the Village Hall, giving you information about forthcoming events and activities. In the coming months we hope to get an interactive diary up and running so you can see for yourself if the Hall is available. You can even have this newsletter emailed to you or just browse the information direct on the web.

Talking of year ends, we're nearing our Annual General Meeting time! This year's AGM will be held on Monday 26 March at 7:30 pm in the Hall, and you're all invited. We have lots to report and we want to hear from you about how you think we can improve the facilities for the residents of the village. Come and share your views.

Membership of the committee is by vote and this year as usual; we will all stand down to be re-elected. We are always looking for new committee members and helpers and are keen to get some new blood in the group. So if you are interested in joining us, please complete the nomination form below and send it back to Judy Hall by 7th March 2007. If you want further information about what is entailed, and what it means to be a Trustee please feel free to contact myself on 705650 or any of the committee members to find out more.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

Best wishes

Angela Close

I would like to nominate myself (NAME)

OR

NAME..... (delete as appropriate)

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE

To become a committee member and Trustee of the Sutton Village Hall Charity

I / they would also be interested in being considered for election to the posts of:

Chairman Treasurer Secretary

Signed (by the person being nominated) Date

Please return this nomination form to Judy Hall, Secretary, c/o Baileys Farm, Sutton cum Lound, DN22 8PN, **by 7th March 2007**