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## Christmas Services at St Thomas' Church

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in aid of Children's Society

**Christmas Eve**  
6.30pm Carol Service  
11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**  
10.30am Family Communion

**Sunday 26th December**  
10.30am Holy Communion

## Carols in the Park

**Saturday 4th December  
2004 at 6.00pm.**

Christmas lights will be switched  
on by Naomi Jursins the reigning  
Sutton Village Queen.

## The Christmas Issue

The Christmas tradition is alive and well in Sutton-in-Craven as will soon be witnessed by members of the village committee traversing the streets of the village trimming, erecting and illuminating dozens of Christmas trees. Creative talents will be put to use adorning trees in the park with lights and, if everyone's been good, Santa will make a tour of the village on Christmas Eve.

The recent Bonfire and Fireworks Extravaganza was a great success in every way. A dozen Guys were entered in the competition and the standard was excellent. Crowds thronged the park to see the lighting of the fire and were kept

entertained with a fantastic display of fireworks, culminating in a spectacular synchronised finale that resulted in a spontaneous round of cheering and applause! Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the event such a success.

The village committee would like to say a big "thank you" to Betty Leigh. After spending 13 of the last 15 years as secretary, Betty has decided to hang up her pencil and notepad. All the very best for the future. Finally, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

## Children's Discos

Over the last few years the Village Committee have held discos in the village hall, an afternoon session for up to 11 year olds and an evening session for 11 - 15 year olds. The afternoon disco continues to be a great success and will continue into the future. However, after the last evening disco in which a handful of individuals brought some alcohol in the village hall and despite the committee's best efforts to identify the persons concerned, we were forced to terminate the evening prematurely. The amount of verbal abuse that followed from some of the youngsters attending

was beyond belief. As most of the village is aware, everyone on the committee carries out these events voluntarily and as such we feel we do not want to be put in a position where we put not only ourselves, but others attending, at risk from the potential dangers of under-age drinking. The committee have therefore decided that the evening discos for 11 - 15 year olds will no longer continue and we would like to apologise to all the other youngsters who were on the whole well behaved and enjoyed the evening. It is indeed a case that the minority has ruined it for the majority!

S Robinson Chairman

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## Sutton Cricket Club

The season ended as it started with a number of games cancelled or influenced by the weather. Despite this, the league table doesn't lie as the saying goes and the 1st team were duly relegated and will play in Division 2 next season. The 2nd team competing in Division 5 again found themselves looking up at all 57 teams above them in the league. For both teams it has been a transitional season with a number of junior players coming into the senior teams. Ironically despite the end of season league positions both teams ended the season with stronger teams than we started with. This augers well for some excellent cricket next season if all the players stay together which hopefully will be the case as virtually all of the players either currently live in, or are originally from, the village.

Finally our thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the club during the year and we hope to see you again next season.

David Holdsworth (Secretary)

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## Sutton Parish Council

**Council Meetings are on the first  
Monday of every month at the Senior  
Citizens Centre, North Street.  
Public Participation is at 7.00pm.**

1. The Park Pavilion Tea Room is growing in popularity. Over the summer it has been a great success and during this colder season it will be open during the afternoons and of course on Sunday mornings to cater for hungry young footballers. This adventurous project looks for support from all members of the Village and everyone is encouraged to pop in. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and a sensibly priced hot drink.

2. A reminder that the new multi-sports facility can be booked by phoning the pavilion. (07963 970546) If you want to look over the pitch and facilities please call in at the pavilion. It has been built for everyone in the Village to enjoy whatever their sporting abilities may be.

If you or your association are looking for a pleasant meeting room the small room in the Pavilion is just the place and available for hire at a very sensible price. Call in and inspect the facilities.

3. New dog bins are available. Suggestions are welcome on where these bins can be situated bearing in mind that they cannot be attached to utility posts (health hazard to utility workers) or on poles which are driven into the ground (danger of underground pipes and cables). We await your ideas! Telephone 01535 633503.

4. Vandalism. These last three months have seen damage to the newly renovated Park shelters. Toughened glass window panes have been broken and knives taken to the beautifully repainted woodwork. "Gaz" now has his name for all the world to see!

The newly erected Parish Notice Board at the entrance to Manse Way was pushed over but it is hoped that a stronger means of support has now been found.

The timetable frame at the stone bus shelter against the Park on Main Street was smashed open and on one evening the very substantial wooden bench was levered off the wall, smashed and thrown over the Park railings. This bench is greatly appreciated by travellers, particularly elderly ones, during this wintry season and it has been reinstalled. Five new signs were erected at the

entrances to the Park but were abused during the first two days. Hopefully by raising them and adding extra protection this essential investment will not prove to have been wasted.

With the help of some voluntary work it is hoped that £250 will be sufficient to correct these matters.

5. The Parish Council has been assured by North Yorkshire County Council that the legal work associated with the construction of a bus shelter outside the Village Hall has now been completed and that we can confidently look out for the arrival of workmen. Hopefully the next edition of the Village Newsletter will be able to report success. Maybe even a celebratory photograph.

6. Protection from the elements at the bus stop opposite the Black Bull is clearly inadequate and it is hoped to erect a shelter in the next financial year.

7. The younger members of the village will be pleased to learn that new cradle swings have now been installed in the Park.

8. The Parish Council was represented in recent discussions initiated by our County Councillor concerning the need for a bridge over the railway in order to relieve the congestion at Kildwick level crossing. As we all know this is an on-going problem with any solution inevitably requiring a great deal of money.

9. Drainage work will soon be commencing in the Clough. As strollers will have noted, rainwater from the surrounding fields has been running across the path due to blockage in the natural drainage system. This makes the path muddy and could be particularly dangerous in winter.

Sutton village is very fortunate in owning properties such as the Clough, Crag Nook Delph and the Pinnacle but of course they do represent a substantial financial responsibility which has to be met out of the Council Tax.

10. If you have any comments or questions regarding the work your Parish Council carries out on your behalf please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Council.

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## New Year's Eve Party!

Back by popular demand for this year only

**"The Man, The Music" Tom Sawyer**

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Sutton Village Committee is proud to present the return of "The Man, The Music" for this year only! As seen on TV, the Cabaret Scene and Grand Theatre, the Fabulous Tom Sawyer.

This former local cabaret act, an Equity member originally from Silsden, returns to bring in the New Year with the village committee for one night only, with songs from the musicals and right through the decades to the present day. This is your spectacular night of top class entertainment, complete with a grand buffet, and fantastic

prizes in the New Year's Eve Raffle including a DVD player and many other prizes!

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## Proposed Development of Greenroyd Mill

At the beginning of November the village was notified by Craven District Council that a planning application had been submitted for the creation of 69 apartments in the mill and the construction of 31 houses in the mill grounds. At the time of going to press the plans for the application were available and the Parish Council was in the process of learning more details and organising a meeting so that residents of the village could meet with planning officers and learn more of the proposed development. The introduction of such a substantial number of new residents into the village, with the associated infrastructure and traffic demands, inevitably raises many questions and hopefully these will be answered in the weeks leading up to the proposals being considered and decided upon by the District Council Planning Committee. It is understood that if the proposals are passed the Church of England Junior School is to benefit in that it will receive desperately needed playground and recreational land plus an area for car parking.

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## Sutton Park Bowling Club

The club had a pretty good season this year. In the Skipton League the A team came 4th, just missing out on prize money. The B team held their own in the league and were successful in winning the Richard Lambert Cup. The C team did very well, finishing in the top half of the league.

In the Worth Valley league the A team held their own and went on to win the Supplementary Cup. This was an all Sutton final with our B team and it was not easy. The B team might have lost the cup but they still had a great season, winning the second division and the handicap league. Next year we will have two teams in the first division - that should be interesting.

In the Vets both teams held their own.

We lost two of our senior players in 2004 - Jack Whitaker (President) and Barry Wilkinson (C team captain). Both will be sadly missed.

I would like to thank everybody who helped in any way during 2004 and let you know there is a players' meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th January, 2005 at Cross Hills Social Club with a pie and pea supper to follow. New members are very welcome.

## Cross Hills Football Club

As we approach the end of the year I am writing this report with mixed emotions. The season that started so promisingly was brought to a shuddering halt at the beginning of August. The floods, which brought such devastation to the residents of Sutton Fields and the Sheilings Estate, caused massive damage to the field and changing rooms of the club from which we are, slowly but surely, still recovering. The ground improvement work, which was carried out over the summer, was largely washed away. The money spent on this project has virtually disappeared down the plug-hole. I would like to thank Glusburn Parish Council for their prompt and gracious response to our request for financial help. Their generosity over the last two years has been overwhelming.

However, the show must go on and we are well and truly into the season. At this moment in time all four teams are playing well and are in respectable positions in their leagues. If this trend continues things are looking good for the rest of the season.

I would particularly like to mention our new junior (under twelve) side which plays its matches on Sunday mornings. They are currently at the top of their league and are producing some very attractive football, only losing one match up to date. Please give them a visit and help swell the support they are attracting - you won't be disappointed.

Thanks to the enterprise and initiative of one of our younger members of the club, James Eaton, we now have a web-site. It is still in its infancy but is growing rapidly with match reports, photos, player profiles etc included. If you wish to log on you will find us at [www.crosshillsc.co.uk](http://www.crosshillsc.co.uk). To me, one of the older members of the club, whose feet are still firmly planted in the middle of the 20th century, it is all very exciting stuff.

Finally, as this is the last report of 2004, may I wish everybody a Merry Christmas. As I always say, please come and visit us on match days, you will be made very welcome. Oh yes, before I forget - a Happy, Peaceful and Flood-Free New Year.

All the best  
Barrie Pearce Chairman

## Local Venues No.8

### Parish Hall and Dancing

When built it was known as the Parish Hall, later St Thomas's Hall, now it is the Sutton-in-Craven Village Hall, run by a committee of villagers and employing a caretaker. Used for many functions, on hire for receptions, wedding anniversaries, parties, and used by many villagers and organisations.

It was built app 1925, the foundation stone laid at a ceremony by Mr James Bairstow Esq. J.P. of the local mill T & M Bairstow. The mill is now demolished and is a housing estate.

Situated on Main Street, many events were held to raise money by villagers. This was matched £ for £ by Mr Bairstow. It stands in lawned grounds, ornamental berry bearing trees have been planted in recent years.

Dancing at "TOMMY HALL" has been and is a popular pastime. Band names, which were once well known, were the Savona; Ken Henderson; Craven Players; Del Rio. Advertisements for these events were in local newspapers and shops, giving day, date, time, cost, the band and master of ceremonies. Saturday nights 8.00 to 11.45. Fridays were Balls continuing to 1.00am. Tickets could be purchased from shops, members of the event organisers or at the ticket office to the left of the vestibule.

Dances would be modern, old time, 50.50 or fancy dress. A corner of the ticket would be clipped off on entering the hall. The ladies and gents cloakrooms had an attendant who issued a raffle type ticket and a straight pin to pin half the ticket on the coats, the other half kept to be handed in for your coat on leaving. Outdoor shoes were left on the floor in a brown carrier bag and exchanged for dancing shoes.

Often chilly in the hall, seats near radiators were soon in use. For Balls, attractive small folding programmes with a pencil attached had spaces for partners to reserve a dance.

Wearing a dark suit, the M.C. had white gloves, a flower in his buttonhole and, if it was a posh "do", tails and also a pussy bow. When a dance was announced he led his partner to the floor and round the room. Then they each invited another person, so the floor began to fill. Each dance was played three times, with from four to perhaps eighteen players, a crooner, singer or cornet and saxophone solos.

Waltzes, Foxtrots, Tangos, Quicksteps, Veleta, Doris Waltz, Barn Dance, Eva Threestep, Lancers, Polka, Polyglide, St Bernards, Military Two Step, Pride of Erin, Lambeth Walk, Hoky Koky - and with the Conga, the line was often led outside, round to the side or emergency exit and back onto the floor.

In the "Charleston" era girls wore fringed slant hemmed dresses, lots of beads and hair bands (they were before my time).

To be continued...

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The picture shows a fine procession of people walking along Main Street at the top side of the park, with the Black Bull in the background. Details are unknown, if you have any information please contact the news editor on 632960.

## South Craven Baptist Church Women's Friendly Hour 2004-05

The autumn meetings were well attended, with the interesting speakers: Mrs May Rushton; A MacMillan Nurse; Mr Mike Harris. The December meeting is the Christmas party.

Meetings start at 2.30pm  
Tuesdays, refreshments 50p.

Speakers for 2005 are:  
4th Jan 2005 Rev David Warrington.  
1st Feb 2005 Mrs Mary Robinson  
"Contact the Elderly".  
1st March 2005 Mrs Jean Hirst "An American Dream".

Visitors welcome.

## INDOOR BOWLING

Thanks to Lottery funding and a grant from the Craven District Sports Council a new leisure facility has been made available in the Village Hall. The indoor carpet bowling has started and will run through the winter up to next April, when the outdoor crown green bowling begins. Times and dates are advertised around the village and at the hall.

Sutton Village Hall  
Contact: Mrs Jean Mills, 01535 637429

## KidS' Christmas Disco

We are holding a Christmas Disco for children aged 4 to 9 on

**Saturday 18th December**

Santa will be making a special appearance in his grotto where everyone can get a special present. There will also be a magician, snow, fun, games and dancing between 2pm and 5pm.

**Admission £1.50 - look out for the posters.**

Look forward to seeing you all there, and any parents who would like to help are more than welcome!

## Sutton Art Club

The Art Club meets weekly in the Senior Citizens' Centre in North Street, Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

We recently had about 20 pictures displayed in Sutton Post Office window and our next exhibition will be in Keighley Shopping Centre from 12th to 26th June 2005. Meetings resume with our first Practical Session on 5th January 2005.

New members are welcome.

Bryan Gill

## Where the heck's that?



the bottom entrance to the Clough. Leading to Sutton Hall, the original bridge must have looked very grand!

The photograph in the last issue showed a leaf pattern carved in stone. The picture was taken of the pillar at the right hand side of Dog Bridge, which crosses Lumb Clough Beck at

## Quaker Girls

Rene Brooksbank saw the photo of the 1950 production of Quaker Girls in the last village newsletter and kindly provided the following names:

Alice Hanson (contralto), Rene Brooksbank (nee Robinson), Cynthia Schoon, Kahleen Riley, Florence Gill, Mary Ellison (nee Bottomley), Constance Riley, Betty Whitaker (nee Filkin) soloist (kneeling). The conductor was Mr Broughton

## South Craven Elderly Initiative Group

In October we held another successful Road Show. Several of our usual exhibitors attended and in addition, thanks to the Craven, Harrogate and Rural District PCT, we gave away slippers to the first 50 people who attended. People could also have their walking sticks measured to ensure their suitability for the person and new ferules fitted if necessary. This was all to try to prevent falls when older people are at risk, preventing SLIPS TRIPS AND BROKEN HIPs. Staff from Cross Hills Health Centre also measured blood pressures and gave their valuable advice on request.

It will shortly be 10 years since the SCEIG was formed. During this time we hope we have provided a service to the residents of South Craven. Our aims and objectives are:

1. To bring together groups from the South Craven Area who represent the views and interests of the elderly, to exchange and share thoughts and opinions.
2. To support each other's individual objectives.
3. To provide a stronger and united representation to decision-making bodies within the North Yorkshire Region on behalf of the South Craven Area.
4. To disseminate information to interested groups and individuals.
5. To give support and advice, as and when requested.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10.00am in the Sutton Senior Citizens' Rest Centre. For further information please contact Barbara Smith on 01535 632083.

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