Sutton St James News

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Well there goes yet another interesting and action packed summer in Sutton St James! Our Air ambulance Drive Sales brought in a record amount of visitors, packing the village while hunting for bargains and helping a good cause at the same time. The same week I had taken part in the Race for Life in Peterborough. A big thank you to everyone in the village who supported me and helped me to raise nearly £300 for the fight against cancer. The flower festivals at both churches were stunning as always and we now have our quiz night and a sausage supper to look forward to as well as our regular coffee mornings, meetings and various activities in the village hall, so our village is still a hive of activity. Which brings me rather neatly to this issue being a Bee Special! It's amazing to discover how vital bees are to the welfare of our world. Without them pollinating our plants there would be no fruit and ultimately no crops at all so it's good to remember how vital these little workers are and what we can do to help them survive. I hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to receiving your news for inclusion in the December Issue.

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Parish Council Meetings - 7.30 Sutton St James Village Hall

Sep 19th - Oct 17th - Nov 21st

Details of any changes to the scheduled dates of any meeting will be given at least three working days beforehand. Details of the agenda at any meeting may be obtained by applying to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Members of the public are invited to attend any of the above meetings

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Our Village Facilities

The Parish Council would like to take this an opportunity to ask everyone to be community spirited and respect others when out and about in Sutton St James or making use of the facilities that we are lucky enough to have in our village.

- We have a football field at Hoyles Field on the Tydd road and also land at Bells Drove for children to play ball games, so please ensure that your children are not annoying neighbours by kicking footballs towards private fences especially on small grass areas next to houses.
- The toddlers play equipment in Jubilee Close is only for use by the under 5's, please don't tolerate older children abusing this equipment, if it gets damaged then there is unlikely to be the funds to repair it and the toddlers will lose out.
- Traffic through the village often does not keep to the speed limit, please do impress on your children of all ages that they need to be extra careful especially when out on their bikes.
- Summer BBQ's and garden parties are great fun but remember to watch that the noise doesn't upset the neighbours (assuming they are not invited!!) A little thought for others can save a lot of aggravation - we hope everyone can enjoy the summer.

Lincolnshire Library Service Plans

Proposed changes to Library provision in our part of Lincolnshire with effect from 6th May 2014

- Spalding — open 50 hours per week
- Long Sutton — open at least 25 hours per week
- Holbeach — to be static and community run, or mobile in which case there would be a fortnightly visit of 4 hours on a weekday afternoon and early evening or 3 hours on a Saturday
- Sutton St James 1 hour per month of a mobile library stop.

Current mobile library provision will remain in place until 5th April 2014. Any existing customers who are unable to access the new stops will be referred to other services eg Home Library Service for housebound customers (eligibility criteria will apply)

Further information please see **www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/librariesconsultation** or call 01522 782040

Dog fouling around the village

Much of the problem seems to have stopped so a big thank you to dog owners for ensuring that their pets do not leave their deposits on our pavements!!

As Busy as a Bee



As most of us know these day bees play an extremely important role in our world. Busily flying from flower to flower they not only collect pollen for their own use but in doing so pollinate each plant and are vital in our food chain. In the UK about 70 crops are dependent on, or benefit from, visits from bees. In addition, bees pollinate the flowers of many plants which become part of the feed of farm animals Thanks to our bees our fruit trees and bushes are kept in good health and full bloom. Beekeeping is an ancient practice where we also make use of the honey from the bees ourselves and is still hugely popular. But those taking up beekeeping last year may well have been put off for life!

Last year was particularly difficult for the beekeeping fraternity, starting off in March with a very warm spell, and then followed in May, June and July by extremely wet weather. By August, although the climate locally was much dryer and warmer, the beekeeping season was all but over, resulting in a very poor honey harvest. As if that was not bad enough, the poor season was followed by a hard, long winter, Spring only beginning to emerge as I write in mid April. I am left in no doubt that the bee population, in the UK, has taken a massive nose dive over the past 12 months.



So why was it all such a disaster? Well although it is true that the continual wet weather was broken up by the odd sunny spell, the nectar flow in plants remained very poor. Bees forage for nectar and it is from this that they produce honey. Honey provides the vital carbohydrates needed to expand the colony. It stands to reason that there was very little surplus honey for the beekeeper. In addition to nectar the honey bee also collects pollen which they take back to the hive as the colony's source of protein. During the wet spell the collection of pollen was very limited; so too was the bees' contribution to the flowering plant population, many species of plants relying on insects for pollination.

During the height of the season, a colony of bees is made up of several thousand workers (females) several hundreds of drones (males) and just one queen. The queen is the only bee in a fully functional colony who lays the eggs from which the new grubs are hatched. The grubs, by a process of metamorphoses, change into new bees, nearly all workers, some drones and only occasionally a new virgin queen, when the colony feels the need to replace the existing queen, or send her off with half the work force to start a new colony. When a new virgin queen replaces the old queen to head the colony she will need to mate to produce fertile eggs. Queen bees mate only once in their life time and always in flight. The new queen flies out of the hive and begins to produce a perfume-like substance called a pheromone. The drones in the area are attracted to the pheromone and the queen will mate with as many as 20 of them. After mating, the drones die. Last year, due to the very wet season, many virgin queens were unable to leave their hive to mate and some who did were poorly mated. The queen lays fertile eggs, from which the workers hatch and unfertile eggs from which the drones hatch. A poorly mated queen will lay mostly, if not all, unfertile eggs, resulting in a colony of drones so the colony is doomed. Many beekeepers have found that after the colony surviving the long winter, they are starting the season queenless. Colonies that are queen right, have been very slow to build up, due to the extended cold weather. So those starting out in beekeeping last year, would have worked very hard for very little reward and often much disappointment so it was with bated breath that beekeepers throughout the UK waited to see if 2013 would prove to be a much better year for our wonderful bees.

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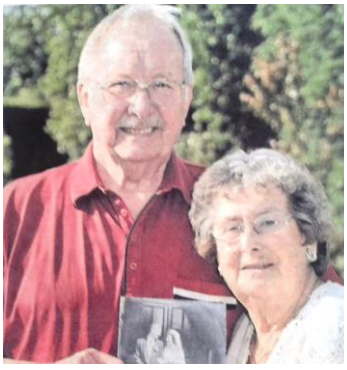
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Diamond Jubilee for Village Couple

For Peter and Sheila Heather it was love at first sight when they first met at a youth club in Kent. They married 18 months later and after being happily married for 60 years the couple have decided to take a trip down memory lane to retrace the steps of their romance.

When they celebrated their wedding back in 1953 the whole country was celebrating with them as our new Queen was crowned, so it was certainly a year they will never forget.

Peter (79) and Heather (80) have lived in Sutton St James for many years have two children, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. As Sheila says, "We don't have much money but we do have lots of stock!"

There are about 20,000 different species of bees in the world. Bees live in colonies and there are three types of bees in each colony. There is the queen bee, the worker bee and the drone. The worker bee and the queen bee are both female, but only the queen bee can reproduce. All drones are male. Worker bees clean the hive, collecting pollen and nectar to feed the colony and they take care of the offspring. The drone's only job is to mate with the queen. The queen's only job is to lay eggs.

Good News for Bees



Europe is banning certain pesticides in a bid to save the continent's bee population. The European Commission will roll out the ban across all 27 member states at the end of this year, after scientific studies showed that three kinds of pesticides - clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiametoxam - damaged the bee population.
People dressed in bee costumes had been swarming around European capitals ahead of the decision, trying to drum up support for the restrictions.
"This decision is a significant victory for common sense and our beleaguered bee populations," said Andrew Pendleton, a campaigner at Friends of the Earth. "Restricting the use of these pesticides could be an historic milestone on the road to recovery for these crucial pollinators. But Dr Christopher Connolly the university of Dundee said "It is imperative that any alternative chemicals to be used in their place must first pass the same tests failed by the neonicotinoids."



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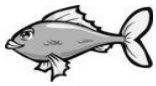
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A New Baby for the Village.



Many congratulations to Prince William and Kate on the birth of the Royal baby. But closer to home many more congratulations to the Keshyara family, who run the Sutton St James Convenience Store, on the birth of their baby girl. Mother, Father and Baby all doing well. At the time of going to press the name is still being considered so we look forward to finding out which name has been chosen for our new resident.

Sizzling Success!! Air Ambulance Drive Sales



Many, many thanks to all who participated in the Drive Sales this year. The whole village benefitted from the amount of visitors from the Village Shop, Butchers, Baptist Flower Festival and Church coffee mornings. The hottest day of the year produced quite a few thirsts from villagers and visitors alike so there were a few merry people later on with sore Heads!! But you raised £206 thank you so much.
If you have anything to donate or need anything collecting please contact:-
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Internet Users Information : *I* recently noticed on the BT's web site that the Wisbech exchange has been upgraded to fibre optic broadband and also changed the status of all the local villages closest to the town (including Sutton St. James) from 'Not Considered' to 'Under Consideration'. Can I put an appeal to all the village internet user go to BT's website and register their interest in upgrading to fibre optic, even if they themselves don't intend to used it but, just for the benefit of all, in the hope that we might influence the outcome of the judging panel's decision. The premise is: Nothing ventured nothing gained.
N.B. There are no catches by BT if you register. Article by Les Graham : Chapelgate : Sutton St. James

The Dangers of Pesticides to our Bees Worldwide

A pesticide is being blamed for killing around 50,000 bees found dead in a shopping centre car park in the US state of Oregon. They were discovered clustering under dozens of blooming European linden trees in Wilsonville, south-west of Portland. The state Department of Agriculture said that tests showed the deaths were "directly related to a pesticide application on linden trees" that was meant to control aphids. It is investigating whether the application of the pesticide Safari was against the law. Most of the dead insects were gold-and-black bumble bees, but honey bees and some ladybirds were also found.
Safari is part of a family of pesticides called neonicotinoids that are considered acutely toxic to pollinators.

Sutton St James Parish Church Information

QUIZ NIGHT – 19TH OCTOBER IN THE CHURCH HALL – 7.00 FOR 7.30PM. Entry £3.00 per head.

Bring your own drinks and glasses as usual – light supper will be served and teams of 4/6 please. Put your names on the list which will be on the font in the Church Hall approx. two weeks before or you can ring Ann or Mike Milchard on 01945 440391. Don't leave it too late as this popular event get booked up very quickly.

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SAUSAGE SUPPER SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IN THE CHURCH HALL – 6.30 FOR 7.00PM

List will be on the font as usual.

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If you are a Flower Arranger and would like to join us, please telephone Pauline on 01945 440285.

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Coffee Mornings

PLEASE NOTE:- OUR POPULAR MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN THE MONTH IN THE PARISH CHURCH BETWEEN 10.00am AND 12.00. **Raffle and small stall.**

CHURCH HALL, BELLS DROVE, SUTTON ST. JAMES.

This hall is available for hire to all. The kitchen and toilet have recently been refurbished. It is best suited for small family gatherings, meetings, exercise classes and children's parties. Charge is £7.50 per hour.
Contact Jenny Rose on 01945 440 685.

SUTTON ST JAMES WOMENS GROUP

The group meets at 7.30 in the Church Hall, Bells Drove on the last Wednesday in each month.

(The exception to this is when we have a daytime or evening outing)

Subscriptions for the year is £10 with a possible extra charge for outings.

For further information contact. Cherril Collins on 01945 440 319 Or Ann Milchard on 01945 440 391

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'Killer bees' can only sting once, because their stingers are barbed and tear off when they try to get away.

Sutton St James Village Hall

Hall hire subject to availability

Enquiries for the hiring of the Village Hall to the Booking Secretary : Elaine Harrison on (01945) 440332.

Bingo at the Village Hall

Every other Monday
September 2nd : September 16th
October 14th : October 28th
November 11th : November 25th
Eyes down 7.30pm

Sutton St James Walking Group



Group leaves for local walks from Village Hall at 11 am every Thursday

For away day walks group leaves at 10 am

***Contact Carol Griggs on* 01945 440 599**

Sutton St James Book Readers Group

Our reading group goes from strength to strength and we are always pleased to welcome new members.

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Sutton St James Womens Group

The group is now in its 5th year and the membership is around 25. Everyone is welcome and we meet on the last Wednesday of the Month. Our meetings include trips out to places of interest, some fairly local and some a little further away. Also we have speakers on various subjects and this year we have had talks on Natural health using wax and honey products by a local bee keeper, a talk by a nurseryman who brought along a large selection of pelargoniums and geraniums and Debbie Mitchell a local artist who gets us all painting.(or not!)

We have also had a visit to the Octavia Hill centre at Wisbech which was a most interesting talk and tour of the museum showing the life of one of the founders of the National Trust and social reformer. Also a trip to Pensthorpe in Norfolk,an RSPB centre with lovely gardens. We have a good car share system so no worries about getting to places.

As I write we are looking forward to our Summer supper, an annual event when we have a chance to chat, and enjoy the variety of food to which everyone contributes and in August we are visiting some gardens in Norfolk. Then it will be time for a planning meeting and in December our Christmas dinner.

We welcome new members and it really is a great way to meet new friends and get to know what's going on in our village and the surrounding area. So if you have recently moved to the village or just would like to get out for an interesting and enjoyable time once a month please do come along. We would love to see you.

For information please phone Cherril Collins 01945 440319 or Ann Milchard 01945 440391

Dancing Tree Bees



Have you seen groups of bees "dancing" in the air recently? Tree bees (bombus hypnorum) are a species of bumblebee which was unknown in this country before 2001. But they have not been introduced, they have arrived here under their own steam - and with climate change they have been moving steadily northward.

Tree bees have certainly reached Sutton St James because I have spotted them in the garden this year, nesting in a box put up for tree sparrows.

In Asia, where they originate, tree bees nest in hollowed-out trees but we don't have many of those around so here they make do with nest boxes and also compost heaps, apparently. Drones, the males, "dance" in the air outside their nest – which is what drew my attention to them in June.

I've read that they are not aggressive and will only sting if they feel threatened. With short tongues, they find that open flowers such as apple and raspberry, are just to their liking.

These bumblebees have a ginger thorax, black abdomen and a white tail, so are quite distinctive. Tree bees dance, look good and do a useful job in pollinating fruit for us – what's not to like?

Article by Jonathon Bye.

Hoyles Field

The Committee would like to remind everybody that this facility is for all to use for casual games, picnics or general recreation. Official Games can be arranged via a member of the committee or contact Mike Milchard on 01945 440391 for information and availability.

N.B. The Committee would must point out that this is primarily a Recreation Ground and due to the lack of Public Conscience of some dog owners <u>Dogs are not allowed</u> on this field on or off the leash. For the health and Benefit of all.

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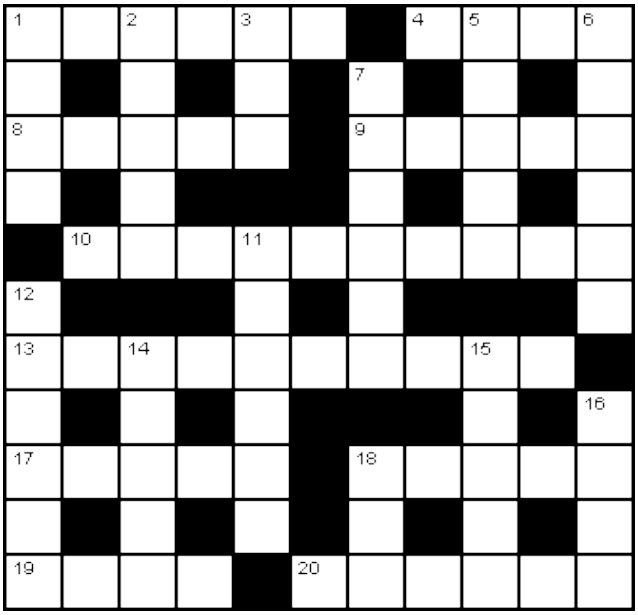
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Need a little help? Our vehicles are fitted with low-floor steps and tail-lifts to ensure they are as easy as possible for everyone to use. For wheelchair passengers, CallConnect can accommodate one fixed wheelchair per bus. Passengers wishing to travel in their wheelchair must inform us of the make and model to ensure it meets our safety standard of being impact-tested. Travel in a wheelchair is subject to availability and approval.

Bees see all colours except the colour red. That and their sense of smell help them find the flowers they need to collect pollen. Not only is pollen a food source for bees, but some of the pollen is dropped in flight, resulting in cross pollination. The relationship between the plant and the insect is called symbiosis.

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Tea Break Time



Across

1. Constant (6)
4. Evidence of past Injury (4)
8. Haggard (5)
9. Fiends (5)
10. Salutary (10)
13. Clearly (10)
17. Dialect (5)
18. Copious (5)
19. Part of an egg (4)
20. Pressing (6)

Down

1. Mentor (4)
2. Evade (5)
3. Point (3)
5. Breed of dog (5)
6. Answer (6)
7. Outcome (6)
11. Mystery (6)
12. Collector's item (6)
14. Motionless (5)
15. Oversight (5)
16. Portable shelter (4)
18. Atmosphere (3)

Solutions on Back Cover

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1: Who had a top ten hit in 1974 with "The Streets Of London"?
2: Which is the largest denomination dollar bill issued in the USA?
3: How many Welsh teams are there in the 4 main English football divisions?
4: In 1960 which country had the first ever woman prime minister?
5: What is the name of the large diamond found in the Queen's Sceptre?
6: What was the Oscar winning song from the 1987 film Dirty Dancing?
7: Bright's disease or Nephritis affects which organs of the body?
8: Neon , Argon and Helium, are examples of what group of Gases?
9: Which bird strays as far as 2500 miles from its nest to find food for its young?
10: Which is the only vowel on a standard keyboard, which is not on the top row?
11: How many countries border San Marino?
12: In relation to power what is the equivalent of 746 watts?
13: Name 2 of the 4 most used superstitions.
14: Precisely how many Bytes are in a Megabyte?
15: How deep is a fathom of water?
16: Put these people in order of rank, highest 1st, Jack Jones, George Mainwaring and Arthur Wilson.
17: How deep is one fathom of water?
18: How many prime ministers have served under the present queen?
19: In gin rummy, how many cards are dealt to each player?
20: In golf, how many stokes would you have to take at a par 4 hole to get an albatross?

Fascinating Facts

- The honey bee has been around for 30 million years.
- It is the only insect that produces food eaten by man.
- They have six legs, two eyes, and two wings, a nectar pouch, and a stomach.
- The honeybee's wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus, making their distinctive buzz.
- A honey bee can fly for up to six miles and as fast as 15 miles per hour, hence, it would have to fly around 90,000 miles - three times around the globe - to make one pound of honey.
- Honey bees are almost the only bees with hairy compound eyes.
- A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip.
- Honeybees can perceive movements that are separated by 1/300th of a second. Humans can only sense movements separated by 1/50th of a second. Were a bee to enter a cinema, it would be able to differentiate each individual movie frame being projected.
- Honeybees communicate with one another by "dancing" so as to give the direction and distance of flowers.

Did you Know???

1/If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth. (I will now start watching people in cafes!)

2/ To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers. (Hope the pay is good)

3/ Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

4/ Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult! (Good news for us meanies)

5/ People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport. (Say no more!)

6/ Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

7/ Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs. (I know some people who need to go into space!)

8/ Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash. (I am saying nothing!)

Puzzle Solution



Trivia Answers

1: "Ralph McTell" **2:** $100. Larger notes were discontinued in 1969. **3:** (3) Wrexham, Swansea, Cardiff
4: (Ceylon) Sri Lanka (Sirimavo Bandaranaike) **5:** (Great) Star of Africa or Cullinan 1 **6:** (I had) The time of my life
7: (Inflammation of) the Kidneys. **8:** (Noble (Inert) gases) krypton, xenon, and radon are the other three.
9: (Wandering) Albatross **10:** "A" **11**: One (Italy) **12**: One horsepower
13: 1 touching wood; 2 crossing fingers; 3 not walking under ladders; 4 not breaking mirrors **14:** 1,048,576
15: 1,828 metres (6 feet) **16:** 1. Captain George Mainwaring 2. Sergeant Arthur Wilson. 3. L/Cpl Jack Jones
17: 1.82 Metres (6 feet) **18:** 10 **19:** 10 **20**: One

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