**SUTTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

***NEWSLETTER***

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**Although we are now seeing more than a glimpse of daylight at the end of the tunnel, if anyone vulnerable is still in any particular need ie shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting letters etc please contact the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors on the numbers above and we will try to help. We are still here for YOU!**

**GOODBYE**

After eight years on the Parish Council, Cllr Chris Hall has decided it’s time to step down. Chris has been an integral part of the team and particularly in the planning field. We will miss his cheerful disposition on our screens at the zoom meetings and then when we all eventually meet up again ‘in the flesh’. Chris is still around and happy to be active in the community events when they recommence. In the meantime Chris, we say ‘thank you’ and wish you all the best.

**USE IT - SO WE DON’T LOSE IT**

* **The 71 Bus Service.**  Have you used it yet? Now that government restrictions are beginning to relax why not resolve to use the bus once a week for a month to try it out for yourself? Here is a note of the times from Rock Barracks to Woodbridge and return:

***Mon-Fri***

**Rock Barracks dep 0733 0920 1120 1320 1450 1650**

**Woodbridge arr 0749 0936 1136 1336 1506 1706**

**Woodbridge dep 0905 1105 1305 1435 1635 1745**

**Rock Barracks arr 0917 1117 1317 1447 1647 1757**

***Sat***

**Rock Barracks dep 0920 1120 1320 1535** *Adult fare - £2.90 return*

**Woodbridge arr 0936 1136 1336 1551** *Under 19 - £2 return*

**Woodbridge dep 0905 1105 1305 1520 1735**

**Rock Barracks arr 0917 1117 1317 1532 1747**

* **The mobile Post Office** comes to the Costcutter car park each Thursday **9-10am**. Please use it. Saves a trip to Woodbridge by car … unless you’re going by bus!
* **The mobile library** MAY resume from Wednesday 28 April **12:00-12:20**. As restrictions relax on 12 April it may take a bit of time for them to get back into their routine (every fourth Wednesday for us). So if you are a regular customer please do look out for it in the Costcutter car park.

**LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS …**

... for the election of councillors to Suffolk County Council (Wilford Division) and election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk police area, will take place on Thursday 6 May, 7am–10pm at the Alan Crompton Hall, Sutton Heath. Notices are on the community notice board.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE ~ Volunteers Wanted**

At the recent Parish Council meeting it was agreed to re-form the Events Committee with representation from the civilian and military communities. Cllr Betteridge will be the parish council representative on the committee. DISH events etc would come under this. If anyone is interested in joining this committee please let one of the councillors or the Parish Clerk know.

**MULTI USE GAMES AREA (‘MUGA’)**

Next Tuesday (6 April) a contractor will be coming to replace the football nets and also do brushing and spraying of the pitch. The MUGA is well used and it will be so lovely to see it looking clean and smart again ready for the new season.

**ROCK GARDENS**

The events committee and volunteers will shortly be doing some digging and pruning in the gardens in preparation for spring, so if you see them do stop and say hello! They also hope to create a small area for wild flowers to grow …

**JUST TO SAY …**

… that there will shortly be a Buddy Bench in Rock Gardens. More to follow …

**ALSO …**

… if anyone is interested in getting together to form a sports group ie cycling, running, rounders, basketball, badminton etc please let one of the councillors or the Parish Clerk know. Not football, as there are already leagues and local groups for that!

**PARDON THE WEEDS WE ARE FEEDING THE BEES Campaign Launched**

****“Spring has seen the popular Pardon the Weeds we are Feeding the Bees campaign return to East Suffolk. Since the 1930’s we have lost over 97% of our wild flower meadows which in turn threatens the wildlife which make these areas their home. Therefore we have identified over 100 sites where the grass will be allowed to grow to support insects, especially pollinators. These areas, which are large enough to provide an environmental benefit and do not present any safety issues for local communities, will be marked with our ‘Pardon the Weeds, we are Feeding the Bees’ signs to make residents and visitors aware.

In addition, East Suffolk Council has reviewed its policy on herbicide spraying to further encourage and protect local wildlife. As a result such spraying has been reduced by 45% across council owned land and further trials will now be carried out using foam control on unwanted weeds, especially on pavement, to reduce it further. “

**Cllr James Mallinder**

