

# SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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### FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

#### JOHN MOSS OF OTTERSPOOL (1782 -1858)

Railway Pioneer, Slave Owner, Banker and one of the founders of St. Anne's Parish Church.

**FRIDAY 21st January 2011. at 7 pm. Tickets £2.50**

**Call SARA on 726 0805. (answerphone)**

*Graham Trust, author of a book of the same name will give a talk on this largely unknown but immensely influential man. The book is based on his obituary in the Liverpool Mail and on a collection of 312 letters which Moss wrote to Sir John Gladstone (father of William Gladstone). The book costs £10 and will be available to purchase at the talk or in advance from Graham on 284 2654.*

The net proceeds of this event will be donated to KIND

#### AN EVENING WITH THE HARMONY SINGERS

*Join us for an evening of music and song with the ever-popular ladies.*

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3.50**

**Call SARA on 726-0805 (answerphone)**

#### A TALK ON AIGBURTH

Paul King

*An interesting look at bygone Aigburth*

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 at 7.30 pm Tickets £2.50 available from**

**1st February. Call SARA on 726-0805 (answerphone)**

#### GOVERNESS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI

Norma Walmsley.

*A fascinating insight into another world*

**Friday 8th April, 2011 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £2.50 available from 1st**

**February. Call SARA on 726-0805 (answerphone)**



### ALLEY GATES

Once the programme of alley gating was completed earlier in the year, we hoped this would put this long-debated issue to bed. But now we finally have them in place a new set of problems has arisen. To be of any value in terms of crime prevention they obviously need to be kept shut. So everyone needs to do their bit to ensure that the gates are kept closed at all times (other than when the bins are being emptied). It is hardly an arduous task to pull them shut if you see them open.

Another issue is that people seem to think that their bins can now legitimately be left in the alleyways. This is not the case and the Police, Fire Service and the City Council have circulated a letter raising their concerns.

From the point of view of the Fire and Rescue Service bins cause congestion in the alleyways which could lose them precious minutes in the case of an emergency at the rear of a property. The Police highlight the dangers of fire-setting and other acts of vandalism and most importantly the use of the bins as an aid to burglars to gain entry to properties.

**The message is clear – take your bins in – keep the alley gates closed - don't put yourself and others at risk.**



### NEWSLETTER

In the last edition we asked for your help to deliver the Newsletter in a number of roads. A big **THANK YOU** to those of you who volunteered - we actually found ourselves in the unusual position of having more volunteers than we needed!



### Christmas Greetings from SARA

The Committee and volunteers of SARA would like to extend to all readers their very best wishes for the festive season and for a very happy, peaceful and prosperous 2011







### SARA FILM NIGHTS

**4th Friday of each month**

(except December) and for 2011 we shall not be meeting in April as it coincides with Good Friday – see back page for actual dates.

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND KEEP**

The film nights are open to all residents in the area and are absolutely **FREE** - and you can't get cheaper than that!



The licence under which we show the films precludes us from advertising the actual programme of films outside of the Hall but you can always give us a ring for details (726 0805). We have tried to alternate between 'old' films and newer ones (the latter have to have been released on DVD before we can show them) but this approach is not fixed in stone and we are open to suggestions. So, if there is a particular film you would like us to show – provided we can get it – we will add it to our programme.

The fact that our audiences are dwindling is becoming a cause for concern. These have always fluctuated for a variety of reasons – weather, holiday times and choice of film but in the recent past we have seen attendances dip quite significantly. We have a core of faithful attendees but we urgently need to get an influx of people who have not previously taken advantage of this community facility. The evenings are serviced by volunteers who really do need your support if this facility is to continue.

**CHOC ICES ARE AVAILABLE BUT BRING YOUR OWN POPCORN!**



### DRIVERS BEWARE

There are scams being used to entice you to leave your car giving thieves the chance to jump in and speed away. One such scam involves a baby seat left at the side of the road with what looks like a baby in it. If you see something like this – don't leave your car to investigate -phone the police. If your car is egged – don't use water and your wipers as you'll end up blocking your vision and be forced to stop. Stop only when it is safe to do so.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR THE TROOPS

Eighty-one gift wrapped boxes are now on their way to British Troops serving abroad this Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we not only filled the 81 gift boxes, we also were able to pass on many more seasonal gifts to the Royal British Legion, who kindly collected them. Special thanks to Ken Devine for obtaining all the boxes we needed, to the craft class ladies for covering them with Christmas paper and of course to all the people who kindly donated gift items.



### CHRISTMAS FACTS—Did you know...?

Bethlehem is not only a town in Israel, but is also located along the banks of Afon Tywi in Carmarthenshire, Wales.

Bread that is baked on Christmas Eve will never go mouldy (according to an old wives tale).

Christmas Pudding was originally a type of porridge with fruit in it.

Mincemeat was so called because it used to actually contain scraps of meat mixed in with the dried fruit. It was the Victorians who, thankfully, decided to remove the meat.

In the festive song, 'The 12 Days of Christmas', there are 364 gifts.

Italian children are brought gifts by a friendly witch, as well as Santa Claus.

The average person in Britain sends 50 Christmas cards.

Christmas themed place names around the UK include Christmas Common (Oxfordshire), Holly Green (Buckinghamshire), Turkey Island (West Sussex) and Cranberry (Staffordshire).

In the 20th century people still received Christmas cards through the post on Christmas morning.

In 1647 the strict Puritans banned Christmas festivities and declared 25 December to be a normal working day.

Boxing Day is so called because it was traditionally when churches would open up their collection boxes to the poor. During the Victorian era, it was also the day when more affluent families would

### NEW CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY 2011

**Learn to Paint** with Steve Strobe Artist led with step by step painting demonstrations  
10 weeks **Tuesdays 10.00 am to 12 noon** starting **18th January 2011**.  
**Fee: £60**. Advance booking essential with Steve on 07900 380 372. The Class will not run unless there are a minimum of 12 students.

### Contact us:-

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### GARDEN PARTY

Thank you to all who attended my garden party in July on behalf of the Air Ambulance. The total raised was £416. Joan E Hill

**IT'S PARTY TIME AT S.A.R.A. HALL**

**Hold your childrens parties at SARA from £25 for 2 hours and £6 for each additional hour thereafter**

**726 0805**  
**sorry, no bouncy castles!**



## SARA DAY TRIPS

### RIPON AND HARROGATE

On Thursday 22 July a bus full of SARA friends left the hall about 9am en-route to Ripon and Harrogate. The rain had cleared as we drove along the highest motorway in England across the strange Saddleworth Moor.

Ripon is a charming little town. We had our first coffee in an antique shop, overlooked by a big wooden giraffe! Then onto the cathedral which was well worth seeing. Upon entering, the warm welcoming ambience was very apparent.

It is not one of the larger cathedrals in the U.K., but contained much of interest including the oldest Saxon crypt in England. The modern (1946) carvings on the mediaeval screen are very colourful and include the important persons in the history of Ripon.

The choir stalls were completed in 1494 by Ripon wood-carvers. Some depict a griffon chasing a rabbit, while another rabbit hides down his burrow.

These are believed to have inspired Lewis Carol (Alice in Wonderland) whose father was a Canon here, 1852-1868. The Cathedral was built by St Wilfred in the 7th Century.

Then on to Harrogate, this town is full of wonderful little shops. One confectionery shop sold everything from white chocolate rabbits, special home-made cakes and biscuits and a wonderful display of home-made chocolates. We didn't dare linger.

Several of our group went into the famous "Betty's Tea Shop". People returned to the bus laden with bulging shopping bags and the driver's helpful wife had to open the luggage compartment to store the booty.

All in all, a very different and most pleasant day, much thanks to Barbara and Eileen for organising it. The raffle raised £47 for KIND.

### MORECAMBE

Under a dull sky we set out for a return visit to Morecambe, but as we travelled north the sky cleared and we were blessed with blue sky and sunshine by the time we arrived, not quite as perfect as last year but far better than we could have hoped.

Coffee was followed by a stroll along the Marine Road to enjoy the sunshine, taking advantage every now and then of the opportunity to sit on the wall and take in the wonderful views across the bay.

After lunch the sky clouded over and this provided a chance to explore the town centre, or pay another visit to *that* shoe shop on the Marine Road for some of us to indulge our shoe fetishes once again.



There was disappointment for some who had hoped to take tea and cakes in the splendidly restored Midland Hotel, but early booking was necessary – a note for next year?

The day was enjoyed by all, and our raffle raised £43 for KIND.

### SALFORD QUAYS

This day out was an organised visit to the Lowry Outlet Mall which comprised refreshments on arrival, a film, lunch and tea-dance or shopping. It turned out to be a day with a difference!

We were greeted by a hostess who took us up to the first floor of the Mall where tea, coffee and biscuits were set out for us in the cinema foyer. We then settled ourselves into the very comfortable Vue cinema and were treated to a showing of *Calamity Jane* – already seen by most of us more than once, but much-loved and a rare treat to see it on the big screen – they don't make them like that any more!

After the film we made our way to the food court where a buffet lunch had been laid out for us. What followed must have been a first for everyone - tables were cleared to the side and the tea-dance, accompanied by a four-piece band, took place in the centre of the food court between Harry Ramsden's and Burger King!

Those who forewent the tea-dance were able to indulge in some retail therapy, enhanced by the money-off vouchers we had been given. The Marks and Spencer outlet was particularly popular. Those with even more stamina opted for visits to the nearby Lowry Gallery and Imperial War Museum.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and our raffle raised £45 for KIND. The prizes were augmented by the kind donation by Barbara of a lovely trinket box which she had won earlier in the day.



### TURKEY AND TINSEL HOLIDAY WITH HIGHLAND HERITAGE

After a leisurely trip north with our very informative courier Paul, we arrived at the Dalmally Hotel in Strathorchy for 6 days of Christmas and Hogmanay festivities.

Having arrived on Friday, the following day, Saturday, we had a good day out to Edinburgh with the option to combine this with a trip to see the Royal Yacht Britannia now permanently berthed at Leith. Sunday was a two centre trip to the Famous Grouse Whiskey distillery (photo of some of the group on front page) followed by a couple of hours in Perth.

On Monday the day out was optional and a number chose to do their own thing in and around the hotel while others saw, in brilliant sunshine, the wonderful scenery of Rannoch Moor and Glencoe before having some time in Fort William with the option of visiting the Treasures of the Earth visitors' centre. On Tuesday a shorter trip was on offer to Oban and Seil Island – the latter well worth a visit for its magnificent beauty and the chance to cross a bridge over the Atlantic!

Each evening the entertainment was lively and the dancing strenuous! There were around twenty entrants for a Fancy Dress Competition held on the last night but, despite only being two from the SARA trip, they managed to take first and third prize! Well done Patsy, a saloon girl and Marie an Abba fan.

The raffle for KIND raised £60 with one of the relief drivers, Frank, adding £10 to make it £70.



### DAY TRIPS 2011

Details of the first trip in March 2011 as follows:

**Wednesday 16 March 2011 Bury Market Cost £10**

Booking from 23 February 2011. Phone 726 0805 and leave your name, telephone number and the number of seats required (please note the maximum number of seats per phone call is 4) and we will get back to you to confirm your booking. Full details of all other coach trips for 2011 will be included in the Spring edition of the Newsletter just before Easter.

### SPRING HOLIDAY

A spring holiday has been arranged with David Urquhart Travel to the Isle of Wight. Based at the Langham Court Hotel in Shanklin for 4 nights/5 days Monday-Friday from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15th April 2011. Half board with 2 included excursions. **£179 pp** (£13 single room supplement). Holiday insurance available (£14). Coach pick up in Aigburth. **£30 deposit at the time of booking.** For further details contact SARA on 726 0805 (answerphone) leave your name and number and someone will get back to you.

## Film Nights 2011

Fridays at 7 pm:-

January 28th; February 25th; March 25th; NONE IN APRIL; May 27th; June 24th; July 22nd; August 26th; September 23rd; October 28th and November 25th 2011.

**All welcome - Free Admission**

## Table Sale Dates 2011

Saturdays at 10.30 am:-

January 15th; February 19th; March 19th; April 16th; May 21st; June 18th; July 16th; August 20th; September 17th; October 15th and November 19th, 2011.

Clear out your unwanted possessions and turn them into cash. A table costs £7 payable at the time of booking. To book for any of the dates listed above call 0151 726 0805. If you are looking for a bargain pop in for a browse and perhaps have a coffee - admission only 20p.

# SARA Hall Weekly Events

For weekly updates, please visit <http://www.sudley.org.uk/timetable.html>

## Monday

09:15 - 10:00 Sure Start Session\*  
10:15 - 11:00 Sure Start Session\*  
13:45 - 15:45 Painting and Drawing for All (from 10/01/11)  
17:30 - 18:30 Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls) \*\*  
18:30 - 19:30 Karate for Adults\*\*  
19:45 - 21:00 Yoga Call Philippa - 727 3133

## Tuesday

10:00 - 12:00 Learn to Paint (from 17/01/11)  
13:30 - 15:30 Tea Dance  
17:45 - 18:45 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details  
19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details  
20:15 - 21:15 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

## Wednesday

10:30 - 12:30 Music For Pleasure  
13:00 - 15:00 Craft/Card making  
18:30 - 20:00 Yoga Call Philippa - 727 3133

## Thursday

09:30 - 11:30 Craft  
12:30 - 15:30 Sure Start Session\*  
17:30 - 18:30 Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls)\*\*  
19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details  
20:15 - 22:15 Wu Shu Kwan Call Steve - 07525 032511

## Friday

09:30 - 10:30 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details  
11:00 - 12:30 Sure Start Session\*

\* For Sure Start sessions, contact Justine Merton on 233 5399

\*\* For all Karate sessions, contact John O'Neill on 07590 309462

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