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SUCKLEY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the first edition of the Suckley newsletter.

You may remember last year Andrew Grieve, our Parish Councillor, encouraged residents to contribute to the Suckley Community Plan. Volunteers were asked to suggest areas of improvement to make Suckley a better place to live and work.

The areas identified were:

Suckley Residents Newsletter	Suckley Children's Fun Week
Garden Share Project	Community Planting Project
Neighbourhood Friend Scheme	

Task groups were formed to work on these areas and this newsletter is to communicate their progress as well as to publicise community activities and to encourage people to get involved in village life.

Each group has provided an explanation of how their project will benefit Suckley and are looking for volunteers or support - we hope you find something to interest you. The Children's Fun Week task group is a project for 2011 and we will have more information on this in future editions.

We intend to publish every two months to support the local parish magazine, The Sphere, the notice boards and the two village websites www.suckleypo.co.uk & www.suckley.net (both of which are regularly updated). We need you to make this **your newsletter** by contributing content, whether its club news and activities, community projects or events, local history features - from gardening advice to recipes we'd love to hear from you.

We also want to offer local businesses and trades the opportunity to advertise their products and services directly into 250 local homes. So what's happening in the neighbourhood? Get in touch with Hilary (884355) for content or Tilda (07739 264495) for advertising, or email suckleynews@gmail.com

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Health and Well Being Group (H&WB)

The H&WB group comprises a network of individuals who form the basis of a service which we have called The Neighbourhood Friend Scheme (NFS). The aim of the group is to enable all members of our community to improve/maintain a good quality of life by enhancing their physical, emotional and spiritual well being, without being intrusive.

The parish has been divided into small areas each one having a Neighbourhood Friend who will act as a point of contact. They will have a comprehensive list of the various skills and amenities currently available in Suckley.

We hope also to be able to provide, where appropriate and possible, help and support of a more practical nature. To be able to do this we are looking for volunteers. If you would like to offer your skills, volunteer some time to this project, or would like further information please contact: Marie Woodroff, Volunteer Co-ordinator on tel.884562 or e-mail address: alanwoodroff@onetel.com

Back to the Land

Avid watchers of television food programmes will know of the Land Share project, where would-be growers are given the opportunity to cultivate a plot of underused land belonging to someone else. After much hard digging, sowing and nurturing the rewards can be considerable and very tasty - succulent tomatoes, crunchy carrots and prolific winter greens, as well as - in some cases - the freshest of eggs.

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What people may not know is that Suckley now has its own allotment scheme, with plots being offered to interested gardeners at a modest rent. This is the brainchild of local farmers John and Jill Hammond, who are preparing to offer areas of one of their pasture fields at Pewcroft to those interested in growing their own produce.

The grow you own scheme includes:

- Competitive rents eg large plot 60ft x 20ft is £2 weekly
- Rotovated ground ready for spring planting
- Good farmyard manure at hand & water on tap
- Good roadside access and parking close by

Being able to harvest your own produce is not the only benefit; 'there's the healthy exercise, views of the nearby Suckley Hills and the satisfaction of saving money, too', says Jill.

For the scheme to succeed 12 people need to sign up. So, if you fancy digging for victory, and don't have the space in your own garden, now's your chance - John and Jill are on 884221 or email john@pewcroft.fsnet.co.uk



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Let's get Suckley blooming!



Word has it that Suckley won a Britain in Bloom award in the 1960's. Well, 40 years on, isn't it about time that Suckley 'bloomed' again. Would you like to volunteer a few hours of your time to work on a planting project for the village to create a floral identity for Suckley? As the village is quite spread out, we are looking for ideas and inspiration that will bring the village together visually.

One suggestion has been the planting of narcissi along the verges, other suggestions are 'wild' flowers and climbers to troughs of flowers as you enter / leave the village. You may like to put forward other planting ideas and if so we would love to hear from you.

We would also like to hear from anyone who remembers the wild / cultivated flowers and plants of the village in the past (does anyone of have photos of the time Suckley won the Britain in Bloom award?). It would be nice to include in the planting scheme, those flowers that have a history with the village in some way.

If you'd like to get involved please get in touch before 29th October with either Hilary - email: hapitt@macunlimited.net. Tel 884355 or Adrian - email: soundpost1@aol.com. Tel 884696.



Don't forget the clocks go back on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 2:00 AM to 1:00AM GMT.

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Suckley Village Hall

Suckley Village Hall has a number of events coming up. Start time is 7.30pm unless otherwise noted. Tickets are normally available from Suckley post office or on the night if places remain available.

◆	October 8th - Harvest Supper (jointly with Suckley Church). 8pm start. £9.50 per head for a welcome drink, and 2 course supper. ALL WELCOME. This is a great way to get to know your neighbours. Tickets also available from PCC members.
◆	October 16th - Quiz Night. Hosted by ever-popular Gwynn Williams. Teams of up to 4 people (£4 per head) with prizes for the winners & losers!
◆	October 30th - "Ghosts, Murders & Scandals of Worcestershire". An evening with local author and historian Anne Bradford with ghost stories and eye-witness accounts!
◆	November 27th - Autumn/ Christmas Fair in aid of Suckley School, Suckley Church, Village and Suckley & Alfrick Pre-School. With Santa's grotto, tombola, teas, cakes & preserves and much more festive fare and fun. Afternoon event 2pm-4pm. There will also be Carol singing to get us in the festive spirit and a Grand Village Raffle. Free entrance, no tickets.
◆	January 22nd 2011 - Pudding Night. A celebration of puddings to eat, share and enjoy! Further details to be announced.

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Parish Council Notes September 2010

Cradley Youth Club. Young people in Suckley have been invited to visit Cradley Youth Club held at the school on Thursday evenings. A parent or guardian needs to transport young people and stay for the evening. Councillor Mike Jackson is co-ordinating this liaison.

If you know anyone aged 9 - 14 interested in visiting, please phone Mike on 01886 884745.

! Where is your household heat disappearing to? There is an opportunity to have discounted thermal imaging of many homes in Suckley through a new scheme being funded by the AONB. Contact Mike Jackson for details on 884745.

! Where's my post box? Suckley Parish Council are pleased to report that the stolen post boxes will soon be replaced.

Suckley Church

Regular Services at Suckley: There is a basic pattern of:
1st Sunday All Age Worship 11am (a lively informal service)
2nd Sunday Evensong with prayers for healing 6pm (a quiet contemplative service)
3rd Sunday we go to Alfrick for their All Age service at 11am or Leigh for Evensong at 6pm
4th and 5th Sundays Common Worship Holy Communion with a Sunday School (a traditional service)
For further information please contact Anne Lewis (Suckley Church Warden) on 884552 or annelewis@doctors.org.uk

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Suckley Pre-School

A pre-school with traditional values in a rural setting, the Suckley & Alfrick Pre-School is set in the "Hop Kilns" in Suckley Village. The school welcomes children from 2 years of age and aims to provide a modern approach to the Early Years curriculum in a home from home environment.

There is a beautiful garden outside with a selection of ride-on toys and a special sand and water play area. The school neighbours two local farms and has access to beautiful orchards and open countryside enabling us to go on nature walks, hunt for mini-beasts, experience Woodland Challenge, learn about pollination at blossom time and take an active interest in the harvest. We also have our own kitchen garden where we cultivate our own plants and vegetables.

On warm days the classroom moves outside and children can play with the water and sand, paint outside or sit in the shade and listen to stories. Each child is treated as an individual and is given the opportunity to learn and develop at their own pace. "Traditional values are at the heart of our approach and we aim to develop self-confidence and good manners in every child"

You can contact the school on 01886 884766 or visit the website on www.thepreschool.org.uk

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Sat 9.00am – 12.30pm

Village websites – for up to date information on what is happening in the village as well as a list of businesses and trades: www.suckleypo.co.uk & www.suckley.net

Village Hall: Steve Boughton - 884210
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