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SUCKLEY NEWSLETTER

Suckley Flower Festival



Flower Festival committee left to right:
Jenny Taylor, June Mifflin and Jean Davies

“Stunning Suckley”

Suckley Church has held flower festivals since 1968 but it has been some years since the last one, so Jenny Taylor, with a team of creative flower arrangers, thought it was time to resume this event. Apart from admiring the splendid flower displays, it was also an opportunity to catch up and reminisce with old friends whilst raising funds for the upkeep of the church. Jenny writes...

“Wonderful, beautiful, emotional, creative, awe-inspiring”, just some of the comments made in the Visitors Book during the Flower Festival at St. John the Baptist Church, Suckley. The sun shone on Saturday morning and the bells rang out to celebrate the start of our Wedding Themed Festival of Flowers.

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The Churchyard had been manicured by John Ranford and Reg Taylor and many helpers had put up the Lewis’s marquee and Clinton’s gazebo for the refreshments and stalls.

The church had been beautifully decorated with each flower arrangement representing an anniversary or wedding that had been sponsored by many generous families, many being in memory of loved ones. Many wedding dresses were loaned and were on display in the Lady Chapel and beside arrangements. These were commented on by many people and it was interesting to see how styles had changed. This was also evident in the wedding photographs arranged by June Mifflin and showed photographs going back to the 19th Century.

The Wedding Register dating back to 1837 was on display and many families were able to find relatives. We helped a family find their ancestors dating back to 1868, where the bride had to make the sign of a cross as she couldn’t sign her name.

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The History Display of Suckley brought back many memories, when lots of Suckley teenagers went to Alfrick Young Farmers Club, led by Frank and Edwina Saunders. Such tales of what went on brought shrieks of laughter and many happy memories. We were able to help a visitor from the United States find out about his ancestors buried in the Churchyard, thanks to the records of Margaret and Tony Davies, who manned the project on both days. They have a wealth of knowledge about village history.

Walks were organised on both days by Louise Cox who had twelve walkers on Saturday but the fierce weather on Sunday put people off. On both days the piano was played by Brenda Price and on Sunday Arthur Bancroft and some of his pupils entertained us on the violin.

The Evensong at 6pm was very well attended and Leigh Choir joined us. We were delighted to welcome back Bishop Michael Westall and his wife who had spent the Sunday taking services in his old benefice, whilst Andrew was away in Iona at a retreat and couldn't get back in time.



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The delight of this weekend was hearing and seeing people meeting for the first time in a number of years. *"Gosh I haven't seen you in forty years (sometimes fifty years)" "You haven't changed a bit"*. (Well did I really have all these wrinkles when I was a teenager?)

There were tears too as people admired the flowers, remembered the departed, and appreciated the work that had gone into creating their display. Happier times were remembered (perhaps not those who remembered being made to go to Church three times on a Sunday). John Ranford remembered having to pump the organ and help his father to stoke the boiler in the cellar of the Church that circulated the heating through the iron grids in the aisle. Lots of us remember Jim Ranford cutting the churchyard with the petrol mower with the roller on the back and making straight lines. His wife, Ivy used to say "He's down the Church, he may as well take his bed down there." Lovely to see the photograph of him receiving his Maundy Money.

We had many helpers who worked tirelessly in the refreshment tent, tombola, raffle and plant stall. If I name a few I will miss some out so this is a very BIG thank-you to all helpers and sponsors. WELL DONE and THANK YOU. At the time of writing this we raised over £2,328.00. If you were one of the 275 visitors we had you will agree - Suckley is truly STUNNING!



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Sporting pastimes in and around Suckley

Rachel Slade, writes on a favourite local activity, explaining how our local landscape has been shaped by game shooting and how today, this activity is tied into the agricultural calendar.

As everyone who lives in this area knows, shooting is one of the favourite winter pastimes of the local community. The rolling hills and valleys of our beautiful part of the country lend themselves to presenting 'high' birds so valued by the sporting shot. This has been the case for many years and was recognised in the 18th and 19th centuries when the large country estates which dominated our area were laid out. Next time you go out it is worth looking around at where the local woodland is situated to realise that it is usually located specifically for the purposes of hunting and shooting. Modern day shooting methods have enhanced these 'natural' assets with game crops such as maize which again is much in evidence at this time of year.

Locally the shoots divide into different types. Firstly, there are a few commercial shoots who provide driven shooting to parties of guns from other areas. These days will include food, hospitality and a considerable amount of shooting, mostly of pheasants. These days are usually quite expensive but make a considerable contribution to the local economy. Secondly, there are the smaller shoots who rear a few birds so a group of friends can do a few days shooting during the season. These can be very friendly and social affairs shooting pheasant, partridge, ducks and vermin.

The shooting season, traditionally, starts on the glorious 12th of August with the grouse shooting season but as we have little moorland here it does not apply. The partridge season starts at the beginning of September with the pheasant season on October 1st both finishing on the 1st of February. In reality nearly all local shoots do not start until the end of October influenced heavily by the agricultural calendar.

Dogs are an important part of the shoot, and next issue, I will be writing a bit more about their use and training.

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Get creative this Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is an ancient tradition that, some believe, started over 6000 years ago, with its roots in the Celtic festival, Samhain. In Gaelic it is Samhuinn which means 'hallow tide' or season, the feast of all-souls. The souls of all the dead are said to be free on 1st November, which was the first day of the Celtic new year and the transition between old and new year was believed to set free evil spirits which would visit your house.

Hallowe'en is actually the night before where lanterns, hallowfires and such are supposed to scare the souls that will emerge at midnight, away from your house. Living in Scotland, as a child at Halloween, we would go door to door "guising", dressing up and in return for a 'sweetie' or tangerine, sing, dance, tell a poem or joke, talents which, sadly for my audience, I did not possess. Still some took pity and gave me a treat anyway.

Today, Hallowe'en lanterns are made from pumpkins, an American import, as originally they were carved from turnips. Pumpkins are much easier to carve which means you can let your imagination run riot and create spooky faces, made all the more eerie when lit with a tealight.

Great fun no matter how old (young!) you are - here are a few websites to show how its done (supervision required as sharp implements used) and some ideas to spark your creativity.

<http://www.halloween.co.uk/>

http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/content/recipes/features/pumpkin_carve/1/

<http://www.extremepumpkins.com/aboutus.html> - one definitely for adults or older children

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/gallery/2011/oct/27/how-to-carve-pumpkin-halloween#/?picture=381037202&index=0>

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...	<p>National Lottery arrives in Suckley Batteries to butter - cat food to cupcakes - dog food to dishwasher tablets - fresh Bread to fish Fingers - in addition to your everyday essentials and Post Office services Suckley Post Office and Store in Longley Green now has a National Lottery Terminal. No more treks to Malvern or Bromyard to buy your Lotto, Euromillions, Thunderball and Lotto Hotpicks tickets - scratchcards are also available from £1 to £5. (Please remember Purchasers must be aged 16yrs or over).</p>
...	<p>Quiz nights at the Nelson Held monthly at The Nelson always on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 8.30pm. Free to enter for teams of up to 5 people. Small prizes for the winning team. Next quiz nights are October 17th and November 21st. More details if required from Max, Rod or Belinda at The Nelson (884530).</p>
...	<p>Suckley School have a collection twice a year of second hand clothes including all clothing, bedding, soft toys, shoes, hats, belts and handbags. All bags need to be dropped off at the school before 12 noon on 13th November 2012. Black bin liners or other types of bags are fine. Generally the School raise about £300 a collection which is fantastic.</p>
...	<p>The Suckley Christmas Fair will be on Saturday December 15th 2-4pm in the village hall.</p>

Local Services:	
<p>Mobile Library Timetable 2012 Fridays only at Suckley - Cross Keys 1.45-2.00pm Damson Way - 2.10-2.25pm Longley Green Post Office 2.40-3.35pm</p>	<p>Dates: 5th & 26th October, 16th November. Enquiries about this service should be made to Malvern Library, Graham Road Malvern or telephone 01905 822722, or email malvernmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk</p>

Suckley Church Diary Dates

SPACE (Suckley Parish Academy and Church Enterprise) project news:

Please remember to come to the next Open Public Meeting about the SPACE project, which is in the Church on **Wednesday November 7th at 7.30pm**, and encourage your family and neighbours to come too. Roger Morris, the Archdeacon of Worcester will be there, as will Andrew Mottram, Worcester Diocese Heritage Buildings and Community Development Officer.

Our architect, David Duckham, has made sketches of the proposed changes to help our imaginations see what it could look like. Suckley Church needs kitchen and toilet facilities, and plans to develop the nave to become a space that is useful to the School and wider village during the week and more user friendly for the Church community and Sunday congregation too.

Suckley Church now has a permanent display board about the SPACE project which we hope people will visit (the church is open every day) for news and updates.

Anne Lewis (Church warden) and Liz Devenish (SPACE project Chair).



There is so much being talked about about the future of Suckley Church at present. We all want what is best for the future of our church and our community. I tried to write a prayer that we could use, and turned to 'Google' for help. I am very grateful to "<http://paxtonvic.wordpress.com>" for the following (author unknown):

Heavenly Father
 Enable this Church to do your will. Make it vulnerable that it may speak with calm humility. Make it outward looking that it may care deeply. Make it a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. In the midst of turbulence let the Church make space for the hearing of your still small voice. AMEN.

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Recipes from the Suckley Masterchef

Ingredients

Pheasant can be a disappointingly dry bird when roasted, putting off many cooks from serving up this tasty bird. However, if you follow Pat McDonald's recipe tip - dry birds (game!) will be a thing of the past. Pat suggests serving shredded and creamed Brussel Sprouts with this recipe.

Pheasant

1 pheasant, oven ready
2 slices of smoked bacon
1 sprig of thyme
1 sprig of rosemary
1 bay leaf
1 clove of garlic
50g butter
1 litre of chicken stock

Marmalade

1 large orange
3 large banana shallots, peeled & sliced
4 tbsp of white wine vinegar
100g of Demerara sugar
2 tbsp of Cointreau
½ cinnamon stick
1 blade of mace
1 tsp of coriander
5 allspice berries, crushed

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 140°C/Gas mark 1. Cut the orange into quarters, de-seed then thinly slice. Transfer onto a roasting tray and add the shallots. Mix together thoroughly.
2. Put the vinegar, sugar, 1 tablespoon of the Cointreau, cinnamon, mace, coriander seeds and allspice berries into a saucepan. Bring to the boil and continue to boil for 3 minutes. Sieve the liquid over the sliced oranges and shallots and discard the spices.
3. Cover with foil and cook for 3½ hours, stirring occasionally. The oranges and shallots will eventually caramelise. Be careful not to over cook, as this will cause the mixture to turn solid. Remove from the oven and allow to cool before storing.
4. Turn the oven up to 170°C/Gas mark 4.
5. **Tip:** Before roasting the bird, poach it for 4 minutes in simmering chicken stock, this will allow the bird to "set" and by doing so before roasting it maintains the juices within the bird. **"No more dry game!!"**
6. Then, place the garlic, thyme, rosemary, inside the carcass with the butter and the bacon and bay leaf over the pheasant, then roast in the oven for 20 minutes. Whilst the bird is roasting, reduce the chicken stock down to approx. 250ml.
7. Remove the bird from the oven and turn the pheasant upside down to allow the juices to flow back through the breasts. Rest for about 8 minutes before serving.
8. Meanwhile, add the remaining Cointreau and the chicken stock to the roasting tray and bring to the boil on the hob. Pass through a sieve. Carve the pheasant at the table, serving the juices over the bird and marmalade on the side.

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And did those feet walk upon Suckley Hills?

Have you walked the Suckley paths that once felt the footsteps of Sir Edward Elgar? Liz Devenish reports on a talk featuring the composer and how the local countryside inspired some of his most famous works.

After a break for the summer, our members and guests enjoyed an interesting presentation entitled *Sir Edward Elgar – the Malvern Years*. Our speaker from the Elgar Society, John Goldswain, “illustrated” his talk with excerpts of Elgar’s extensive canon of music as he traced the composer’s progression from a local and regional composer to one of national and international renown.

We learnt something of the influences of the women in his life and of the part played by his Catholicism in his musical thinking. Birchwood Lodge was one of the 27 homes that Sir Edward lived in during his life. It was while he was renting this property from 1898 to 1903 that he composed some of his best known works including the *Dream of Gerontius*, (the historically inaccurate!) *Caractacus* and the famous *Enigma Variations* that brought him national fame. Elgar took inspiration from walking the local countryside, one of his favourites being from Birchwood Lodge to Knightwick through the Suckley countryside (“*the trees are singing my music or have I sung theirs*”).

The History Society’s next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd November when we will be the guests of the Worcestershire Archeology and Local History service for a look around of the magnificent new Hive building in Worcester to view their archive of treasures from the Ice Age through to modern times. Non-members are welcome to join us – more information from Andrew Grieve 01886 884795 or Liz Devenish 01886 884787

Team DGB get podium finish!

Steve Gray and his team mates have had a roller coaster season with botched pit stops, spins, shunts and missing fuel caps. But it all came good in the end!

After our encouraging performance at Whilton Mill, the team arrived in a confident frame of mind at Rye House circuit in Hoddesdon for Round 8 of the championship.

Friday testing went well with the three of us lapping within half a second of each other. Consistent pace is often the key to a good result. Once again on the Saturday, we were blessed with fine weather. Our practice session was not without drama as once again (!) I failed to properly secure the fuel cap when leaving the pits. Fuel sloshed back into the seat and very quickly soaked through my race suit. Unfortunately this time I elected not to return to the pits as I felt it was only a small spill. This proved to be an incorrect assumption as I suffered a minor fuel burn to the leg. Qualifying went pretty much as it has done all season as we qualified nineteenth overall and sixth in class.

Mindful of the need not to have an incident on the first lap, Chris Brown made an overly cautious start and by the end of the lap he had dropped to twenty ninth. He then put in probably his best stint of the season and by the time of the first pit stops we were up to fifteenth but still sixth in class. Our first pit stop cost us an extra 18 seconds as we were forced to queue for fuel. It’s very difficult to time the pit stops to perfection as you don’t know what strategies the other teams are running. After being called in, the driver has to do a full lap before pitting so you have to gamble on the pit lane being empty.

Thereafter however every pit stop went as planned and at one stage we had climbed into the top ten and second in class but we still had two pit stops to make with the teams around us only needing to stop once. Nerves were



Team DGB - that's Chris Dean, Steve Gray (centre) and Chris Brown, with their first trophy.

beginning to jangle a little as we made our final stop and I went out for the last twenty minute stint. We finally finished tenth overall but crucially third in our class so Team DGB had its first podium finish ever! There were some very emotional scenes in the pit lane at the finish and as we collected our first trophy I felt extremely proud to be part of such a great team.

Calling all photographers!

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Suckley Services for October and November

Sunday 7th October Suckley celebrates Harvest Festival with an 11am All Age Service, followed by a Harvest Lunch. See you there!

Sunday October 14th 6pm Suckley is host to the deanery confirmation service at 6pm. We have 4 young people being confirmed, please come and support them.

Wednesday October 17th 10am Holy Communion (a small midweek service)
Sunday October 21st We join Alfrick for their All Age service at 11am (a lively informal service)

Sunday October 28th 11am Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday School

Sunday November 4th 11am All Age service at 11am (a lively informal service)

Sunday November 11th 6pm An informal service of Remembrance

Wednesday November 14th 10am Holy Communion (a small midweek service)

Sunday November 18th 11am We join Alfrick for their All Age Shoe Box service (a lively informal service. Bring a shoebox of gifts for a child in need)

Sunday November 25th 11am Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday School

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FOCUS ON....

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Kate Parkinson Deputy Practice Manager

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The full A4 version of this Newsletter is available at the Surgery. It will also be available on our own dedicated website – www.knightwicksurgery.co.uk and on the local Clifton on Teme website at www.temetriangle.net - courtesy of Bernadette Higgins.

Suckley Parish Survey 2012

Many thanks to those householders who took the time to complete the questionnaire distributed throughout Suckley in August. The results of the survey will provide input into the Suckley Community Plan, a required document for future funding applications for external funding for projects by your Parish Council and other community organisations. The results will also help to inform future decisions by Malvern Hills District Council and other local and statutory authorities.

The Parish Council will shortly be reviewing the results of the survey and will prepare a report to present to residents at a public meeting in Suckley Village Hall in late October. The date of that meeting and a summary of the results will be made available shortly to all residents and posted on the various parish websites and parish noticeboards, including the board at Suckley Post Office.

Andrew Grieve
Leader, Suckley Community Plan

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Suckley Parish Council Meeting - Held on 10th September 2012

NEW COUNCILLOR - The Chairman welcomed on Board Dr Anne Lewis who was duly co-opted onto the Council at the beginning of the meeting. We all look forward to her contribution in future meetings, and feel sure she will be a great success.

SPEEDING ISSUES - Following on from the numbers registered by the VAS camera (19,246 in 4 months) the Clerk had duly informed the Safer Roads Partnership. They are looking at the figures to see what action (if any) they can take. The Clerk had also been informed by CSO Martin Butcher that a speed monitoring and assessment was carried out close to the Village Hall/BT Phone Box in Suckley on 21st August and 23rd August. On each occasion (in the morning from 10.30 am – 11.30 am and 11.00 to 11.50 am) only one vehicle was found to have exceeded the 30 mph limit by more than 4 mph (the leeway allowed before prosecution.)

SCHOOL TRANSPORT - A number of Councillors had expressed their concern about charges of £500 for school transport being imposed by Worcestershire County Council for pupils attending secondary schools other than Dysons (which is the nearest school to Suckley). Additionally, pupils over 16 staying on at any school in the area will have to pay the £500 transport charge. As requested, the Clerk had written to the County Councillor – Clive Smith – pointing out this extra hardship for rural communities and the likelihood of increased traffic and congestion if parents had to take their children to school by car. It would seem that there has been a general protest by Parish Councils and their parishioners from around the area about this charge. As a result, Co Councillor Clive Smith was getting a petition together. This has already been highlighted in the local press, and he will also be speaking on Hereford/Worcester radio about it.

COMMUNITY PLAN - Cllr Peter Whatley reported on behalf of Cllr Andrew Grieve regarding the Community Survey, which forms the basis of the Community Plan. The results will be placed on the Notice Board at Suckley Post Office until 30th October. Individuals may also obtain a hard copy from the Clerk, but PLEASE provided a stamped self addressed envelope with the request. The Council agreed to hold a separate meeting to study the results and its implications for future financial and other planning.

HIGHWAYS - The Council were informed of a dangerous deep area of subsidence about 30 cm deep and 1 metre square along Knightwick Road near to Pewcroft Cottages. This is on a bend in the road and is, therefore, difficult to see. The Clerk to report this to County Council Highways as urgent!

LOCAL POLICE/CRIME REPORT - Crime figures for Suckley July 2012 – 5 ASB – all incidents were related to on-going neighbour disputes, 2 reported from one location and

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3 from another. 0 violent crime. 1 burglary – an unoccupied house was targeted. 1 theft of 4 staddle stones and 1 staddle cap-stone from a garden. 0 criminal damage. Crime Figures for Suckley August 2012 - 0 ASB. 1 Assault – related to a neighbour dispute. 1 burglary – items of jewellery stolen by a thief or thieves who entered a detached residential property. 1 theft of lead to the value of £100 which was left outside a small industrial unit. 0 criminal damage. 1 RTC (non-injury).

COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS - The Countryside Alliance Awards are open to nominations on Monday 3rd September. The Awards honour thousands of businesses who make a difference to rural life. The categories are as follows :- (1) Local Food Award, (2) the Daily Telegraph Village Shop/PO Awards, (3) Rural Enterprise Award, (4) Butcher Award, (5) Start-Up Award – new for 2012 for businesses who have been trading for less than 18 months. Nominations will be accepted online at www.countrysideallianceawards.org.uk until 29th October.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT - Dist Cllr David Hughes reported on the South Worcestershire Development Plan (Significant Changes) which had recently been produced. He emphasised that this Plan was spread over the next twenty years which meant that a huge number of factors had to come into play, not just housing development, but the associated infrastructures, schools, hospitals, roadways, supporting industry and jobs and many other aspects. Because of legal and governmental procedures, it was proving very difficult to put a Plan into place, but it was essential to push forward with this Plan in order to have some control over the future of the area.

SUCKLEY CHURCH - Cllr Ann Lewis reported to the Council on the latest SPACE programme. There will be a meeting early in November when it is hoped that the Architect will have created a visual for people to look at. It was vital that as many people as possible attended this meeting to obtain a representative body of opinion. It was believed that the changes were necessary for the future of the Church – to stand still was not an option.

SUCKLEY SCHOOL - Cllr Liz Devenish reported that School numbers now stood at 69 – the highest ever. The Head Teacher Mr Matt Meckin had successfully secured funding to add an extension to the school.

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Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 12th November at 7.00 pm in Suckley Village Hall. There is always time at the beginning of the meeting for parishioners to make a short address to the Councillors for discussions in the meeting.

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