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SUCKLEY NEWSLETTER



The horse in front...

It may not be the weather for horse riding but spring is on its way (just got a little lost!) and for those interested in equine pursuits, a local riding club is looking forward to an active year, with cross country, dressage, show jumping and quadrille to look forward to. Carol Roberts tells us more...

For those of you who are sometimes stuck behind horse boxes and trailers at your most inconvenient times please read on! The horse in front may belong to a local member of the Bromyard and District Riding Club which is well supported by owners of horses and ponies in the Suckley area.

The Club is open to senior and juniors (10 years +) and is a fun outlet for amateur horse and pony owners. The Club's activities are run by a small elected committee of volunteers that meets every 4 – 6 weeks at the Talbot at Knightwick. Membership is typically up to 100 people. Consequently the Club is extremely active.



Suckley resident, Alli Haynes competing in a dressage competition at Kings Equestrian Centre near Bromyard.

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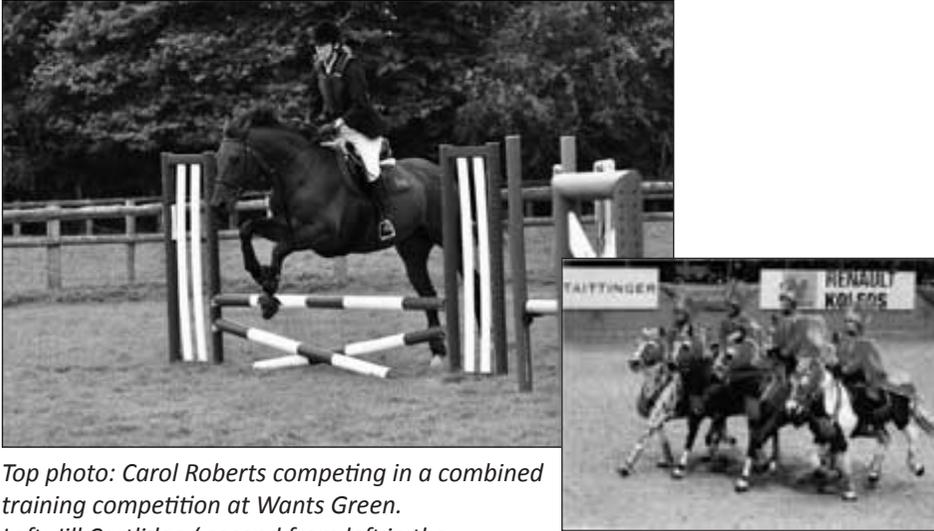
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The Club provides training sessions at least twice a month with recognised local trainers in flatwork (also known as dressage when a rider “becomes good at it” (!)), show jumping and cross country. These sessions sometimes take place at the wonderful Kings Equestrian Centre just outside Bromyard. This is a fabulous local facility and a god send in the Winter as the arena is indoor, beautifully lit and has a great selection of show jumps to practice over.



Top photo: Carol Roberts competing in a combined training competition at Wants Green.

Left: Jill Cartlidge (second from left in the Quadrille team at Olympia).

When cross country is required this typically takes place over a lovely course at Lincombe (near Stourport-on –Severn) or Hill Top Cross Country Course at Ledbury. Flatwork and some show jumping also takes place at the trainers’ own facilities or members’ homes where they are lucky enough to have their own manège and are kind enough to let their fellow Club members share it.

For those members that want to put this training to good use, there are inter riding club competitions that take place all year to which the Club enters teams. These can be at “Mercian” level with jumping not exceeding 75cm (2’6”) or at Area level where the jumps are higher. At the end of the year, the club with the most points wins a trophy. Apart from last year (a temporary blip!) Bromyard Riding Club has won the Mercian trophy for the last five years. Needless to say, the Club is bent on the cup returning to its usual home this year!

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On top of this there are three or four dressage shows per year organised by Suckley resident Alli Haynes with a trophy at the end of the season for the rider with the most cumulative points. Guinness Park Farm Riding School in Leigh Sinton is a welcome venue for some of these competitions.

A sector of the Club has a penchant for Quadrille. For those who have not heard of this, you are excused. It is quite a specialist (and some would say eccentric!) area of horsemanship. Quadrille is a competition where a team of four horses and riders (or pairs) perform a dressage routine to music in themed fancy dress. The costumes for both horses and riders are stunning and take months to hand make. Two years ago the Club’s Quadrille team qualified to compete at the London International Horseshow at Olympia where they came third. Jill Cartlidge from Linley Green was a member of that team which was called “Charge” and performed to the rousing music of the modern composer Karl Jenkins. It’s not always as cultured as this though. Last year Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons was the music of choice.

Every May a bunch of over excited women and occasionally a brave but possibly vaguely petrified male (who wonders what he has got himself into) set off to go to adult camp for a long weekend. It’s amazing how the venues always seem to have a pub within striking distance. Lucky that isn’t it? Here the horses are put through their paces, are hacked through rivers, suppers are eaten around campfires and everyone generally has some quality time with their horses and friends.

When members can bear to unhook their trailers or put their boxes away, talks are arranged, coach trips, Christmas dinners etc. The Club is always open to new members and it costs just £25 per year to join. If interested in joining please visit the website at bromyardrc.org.uk where you can find a short application form. SIMPLES!!

We hope that more local horse owners will be signing up and hooking up those trailers. Come and join us. It’s great fun!

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Village Hall news

Carol Boughton writes: Following my appeal in the December Suckley Newsletter, we have been able to welcome one new member onto our committee. We are delighted to have her enthusiasm and input and have, already, benefitted from her presence.

However, such a poor response was a disappointment. Perhaps, everyone was too busy with Christmas preparations! We are still looking for more committee members – you don't have to have any qualifications – so, please, if you value the Village Hall, consider joining us.

Our second plea was for support and you should all, shortly, be receiving a programme of our forthcoming events.

The first event, on 20th April, will be a TABLE TOP SALE from 1-4 p.m. With spring cleaning uppermost in minds at this time of the year, why don't you take the opportunity to de-clutter and make some money at the same time? Weather will be no problem as it is an indoor event and tables costing £10 should be booked via **Nessa on 07792552458 or Carol on 01886 – 884210.**

Tables are limited so don't delay. After the initial outlay for the table, you keep the proceeds of your sales. Light refreshments will be available for purchase during the event. If you don't want a table, just come along and bag a bargain or two.

Future events:	8th June	Coffee morning
	7th September	Cakes and Puddings evening
	26th October	Village Supper evening

Details of all these in later publications.

Just a word about the Village Hall for new residents of Suckley. The Suckley Parish Room and Working Men's Club, erected by Edward Henry Hill was bequeathed, at his death in 1911, to the residents of Suckley. The charity, known as The Hill Trust, is administered by a body of Trustees and the Hall is now known as the Village Hall. The Working Men's Club closed in 1955 and the Hall is now used on a regular basis for various activities like Keep Fit, Yoga

and an Art Group. The Hall can also be hired for private use for a small hourly rate- currently £7 – as can tables, chairs, crockery etc. Applications for bookings of both hall and furniture/crockery etc. should be made to Steve Boughton on 01886 – 884210.

We proudly celebrated the Hall's centenary and would love to see it celebrate it's bi-centenary (well, our successors might!)
SO MORE HELP AND SUPPORT PLEASE.

THE CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS OF SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
INVITE YOU TO THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
ON MONDAY 20th MAY 2013 AT 7.30 pm
SUCKLEY VILLAGE HALL

Come along and meet your Parish Councillors. Here is a chance to put your point of view to the Parish Council !

Agenda items include:

County & District Councillors Reports – Chairman's Annual Report

Community Plan - Local Trust & Charity Reports

Suckley School – Suckley Playing Fields – West Mercia Police - Footpaths in the Parish Speeding issues - Parochial Church Council

Enjoy a glass of wine/fruit juice with nibbles.

All residents are very welcome.

FASTER BROADBAND – NOT COMING HERE!

Just 11% of Suckley households have registered with Worcestershire County Council for fast broadband in the village, despite broadband having a high priority in the 2012 Parish Survey. WCC's minimum threshold for action is 50% of households. Suckley is very low down the list of parishes for WCC funding as a result. To be blunt, you will be paying your county council taxes to benefit other parishes! To register, visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/broadband

Broadband affects house prices

Halifax research found that 1 in 5 people would be willing to pay more for their home if it had good broadband and of these 22% would pay up to 10% more for a property with a speedy internet. According to BT Openreach, a massive 80% of people would be put off buying a new home if it didn't have a good broadband connection – up from 69% a year ago. At the same time, 57% would pay more for a house with superfast broadband (defined as over 30Mbps from 30th Apr 2012).

Registering costs nothing!

Registering an interest in faster broadband is just that: an expression of interest, not a commitment to spend anything now or in the future. ***Even if you have no interest in broadband yourself, please register for the benefits to your family and Suckley as a community.***

For those who are still wondering whether to sign up here are some reasons why faster broadband is good for Suckley and for your family:

Benefits for you

- Speedy access to information - news, timetables, opening house, on-line shopping and banking.
- Fast communication via email anywhere in the world.
- Pay bills electronically and often get discounts for online accounts.
- For leisure - download TV, music, films and find out about leisure groups in your area.
- Easy access to job vacancies, training opportunities and information to enhance skills and knowledge.

Benefits for Families

- Your children will be able to access homework databases/ workbooks at home rather than stay behind at school
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- Download films, music and games for the whole family
- Access latest news as soon as it is updated.
- Download e-books straight to your computer
- Improve and gain new skills – online courses
- Equip children and young people with skills for the future

Business Benefits

- Faster communication with customers, suppliers and the supply chain.
- Up to date information in order to maximise competitiveness.
- Home working.
- Improved potential for innovative approaches, products and services.
- Maximising the speed of communications while reducing printing and transport costs.
- Enabling businesses of all sizes to take advantage of cloud computing and other internet applications.
- Green Benefits
- Less need to drive to town for services, reducing CO2 emissions and saving on fuel costs.
- Potential to work from home reducing commuting and congestion.

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Peter Whatley and Hilary Pitt



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2011 Census results for Suckley

Census data at parish level was released at the end of January. It can be viewed online at <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

For Suckley, the main points of interest are:

- Parish population is 599, up from 549 in 2001
- The number of people aged 60+ has increased sharply (from 120 to 184) and is well above the average for England.
- Persons of school age are down from 101 in 2001 to 83 in 2011.
- The number of households with full time residents is 262
- The number of cars and vans available to residents is 535
- Only 5 households (2%) have no access to a car or van: 68% of households have 2 or more vehicles.
- The parish is one of the least populous in England at 0.55 persons per hectare (0.22 per acre).

Initial analysis indicates that the census data matches the results of 2012's parish survey, from which indicative spending plans for local amenities were published by the parish council in August 2012. Those proposals remain available on the council's website. Google "Suckley Parish Plans".

Your parish councillors would still welcome residents' input on the Parish Plan or, of course, on any aspect of the parish's future. Councillors' contact details are shown on the council's website, or they can be contacted via the parish clerk, Mrs Diana Taylor, on 01684 569430.

Peter Whatley
Parish Councillor
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CALLING ALL PARENTS

News item from Bosko Medakovic of
Leigh and Bransford Badger's Football Club

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For Boys and Girls from School Years 2 - 6

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Malvern Horticultural Society – 2013 Programme

The MHS provides a series of entertaining and interesting talks on a wide variety of gardening topics. It provides a warm and informal atmosphere to combine learning with sharing your gardening experiences with other like minded enthusiasts. The evening meetings include a tea/coffee break to provide an opportunity for socialising and discussing any problems or wins, and there is an opportunity for you to pit your skills against others through our evening competitions. During the summer months we abandon the meetings inside to go on a series of visits to local gardens to see other people's garden (and probably pinch a few ideas!). If you are interested in gardening and other associated topics, the MHS will have something to offer you. Our programme for 2013 is as follows:

March Wednesday 27th: "Tasty Buds, Luscious Leaves and Succulent Shoots"
Kim Marsh

Competition a) Photo of a tree b) Vase: single variety of spring flowers

April Wednesday 24th: "The Primula Family" John Hill

Competition a) Cactus or succulent b) 3 tulips

May Wednesday 22nd: 2.00pm - Visit to Shuttifield Cottage, Storridge.

June Wednesday 26th: Visit to Conderton Manor, time to be confirmed

July Wednesday 24th: 2.00pm - Visit to Bretforton Manor

August Wednesday 28th: 6.30pm - Visit to Brockworth Court

September Wednesday 25th: "Historical Gardens (TBC)" Pam Smith

Competition a) 3 tomatoes b) a rose

October Wednesday 23rd: "Japanese Gardens" Duncan Coombs

Competition a) Autumn foliage b) 3 apples

November Wednesday 27th: AGM - plus other entertainment TBC

Competition a) Photograph of people in a garden b) Christmas table decoration

The Venue for Evening Talks (which all start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.30 pm) is at the 6th Form Centre at the Chase School.

If you would like to find out more about the Society, please contact Adrian Holmes on 07855 171 356 (or 01886 884 696) or e-mail to soundpost1@aol.com. Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings.

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Our 2013 programme of talks and visits was launched with a presentation entitled A History of Suckley School on 28th February. Danielle Duignan, a key stage 2 teacher at the school spoke entertainingly about the village school and contrasted past and present practices with much of the information coming from a history project carried out by the school children in 2012.

Suckley's first school was sited beside Suckley church and a bequest of £100 by local farmer John Palmer in 1628 paid for a schoolmaster to provide free education for ten poor village children. The John Palmer Trust continues to provide financial support to Suckley school activities to this day. With the passing of the 1870 Education Act, which introduced compulsory education, a Suckley School Board was formed and the present school building was erected at a cost of £1900 with an attached headmaster's house, which now forms the school office. The School opened in 1877 with 51 pupils and soon increased to a peak of over 100 children. The school roll has fluctuated over the years, falling to a low of 28 in 1973 but in recent years has increased and is expected to exceed 70 later this year.

Non-members are always very welcome at our friendly and informal History Society events – admission charge is £4. A full years membership for the remaining six events is just £12.

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Recipes from the Suckley Masterchef

Smoked Haddock and Potato Soup with Poached Egg and Chives

Delicate, robust, simple, wholesome and most certainly underestimated, soups have always played a huge part in my life, from my grandmothers "broth and suet dumplings" to making leek and potato soup at 3.30am in the early hours for my wife's craving whilst pregnant with our first son. Almost a meal in itself, I adore eating this soup on a cold winter (or a wintry March) evening with hot crusty bread and bottle of Sauvignon Blanc wine.

Serves 4

1lb x smoked haddock, boned and skinned	3oz x butter
½ pint x fish stock	4/5oz x diced potato
½ pint x milk	½ pint x double cream
1 x bay leaf	2 x bunches chives, chopped finely
1 x onion, peeled and chopped finely	Salt and ground white pepper
4 x eggs	1tsp x salt
1floc x white wine vinegar	

1. In a saucepan boil a pan of water and add the teaspoon of salt and white wine vinegar, this is to poach the eggs in, the vinegar helps the egg to coagulate
2. Crack the eggs into the boiling water and poach gently keeping the yolks soft, remove carefully from the pan and cool and refresh in cold running water, this will enable you to simply reheat them when ready.
3. In a separate pan melt the butter and add the onions, potato and half of the haddock, sweat for 3-4 minutes, then add the fish stock, bay leaf and milk and bring to the boil, simmer gently removing any impurities that form on the surface.
4. When the potato is tender, add the cream and liquidise in a blender until smooth, pass through a sieve, and return to a clean pan.
5. Place the remaining fish into the soup and warm through, correct the seasoning and add the chopped chives
6. Reheat the poached eggs in boiling water, divide the soup into four bowls, and drop an egg into each.

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...	<p>SPACE Project If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts on the proposed re-ordering of the church, please do not hesitate to contact:</p> <p>Liz Devenish. Chairman, the SPACE project. email liz.devenish@virgin.net Mobile 07929001563, Home 01886884787</p>
...	<p>Local History Society Thursday April 18th Coneys & Pillow Mounds – The history & archeology of Rabbit Warrens</p>
	<p>Table Top Sale - Village Hall Saturday 20th April from 1-4 p.m. With spring cleaning uppermost in minds at this time of the year, why don't you take the opportunity to de-clutter and make some money at the same time? Weather will be no problem as it is an indoor event and tables costing £10 should be booked via Nessa on 07792552458 or Carol on 01886 – 884210.</p>

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Suckley School - 11.45 - 12.10
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Bus Services – timetable changes

Local bus services 423 and 425 have changed times and routes from February 24th. Details can be viewed online at <http://www.worcestershirebus.info/> or obtained by contacting the operator, LMS Travel, on 01905 25252. The last bus from Worcester at 17.50 now runs only by request to the driver at Worcester bus station or on a previous journey.

Timely tips for the garden

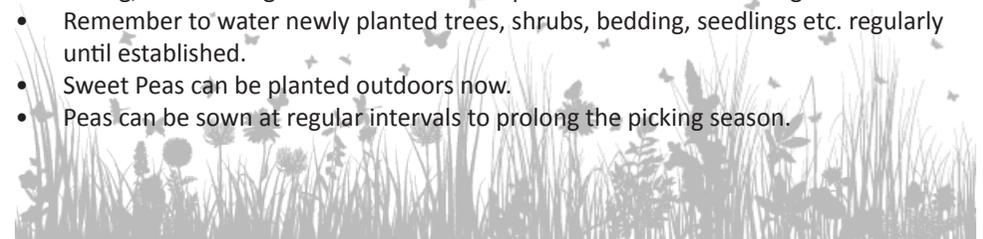
This weather is pretty depressing for gardeners but ever hopeful, we have some tips from Laylocks, that should the sun come out, will keep you busy during the next few months.

April

- Feed spring flowering bulbs (when they have finished flowering) for a better display next year.
- Remember to protect delicate plants and shrub and perennial cuttings from frost, which is still possible up until the end of May.
- Hardy annuals can be sown outdoors where they are to grow
- For earlier crops sow vegetables under cloches or fleece for protection. French beans can be sown under glass, in pots.
- Peas can be sown at regular intervals to prolong the picking season. Remember to protect any vulnerable plants with a single or double layer of fleece.
- Lawns - improve drainage by spiking to open up air / drainage holes. Remember to check over your mower and service it if required. Now is a good time to sow or lay new lawns - the temperature is rising and rain is likely. (Do not sow seed / lay turf if frost is forecast.)

May

- Buy 'plug' bedding plants - and grow on carefully, avoiding frost.
- Keep a close watch on young seedlings - they need plenty of light, but may scorch in strong, direct sunlight. Also remember to protect them from cold night air.
- Remember to water newly planted trees, shrubs, bedding, seedlings etc. regularly until established.
- Sweet Peas can be planted outdoors now.
- Peas can be sown at regular intervals to prolong the picking season.



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Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme

April sees the arrival of the first anniversary of the Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme and may we extend our thanks to the many wonderful volunteers.

All our volunteers are now CRB checked and have an identity card for use as part of the scheme. Please remember that you are able to join our team of volunteers at any time by calling 01886 840480 and we will contact you regarding your offer.

Currently, the SGNS is developing a website, so more news regarding this exciting project to follow. We are also looking to offer advice to other villages that would like to begin similar schemes within their own communities.

So, remember the number; **01886 840480**

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Suckley Church: Purpose, Priorities, and Potential

With our church looking to its future, church warden, Anne Lewis writes:

In the past month both the Bishop of Worcester, John Inge, and the Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam have written about renovation of our old churches.

Bishop John feels that making our church buildings fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource is one of the 8 priorities Worcester Churches should have. He writes:

“Our church buildings are sometimes seen as a burden. In fact, if they are fit for purpose, they are a wonderful blessing both to worshipping communities and wider society. Too many churches are locked for all but a couple of hours a week when they could be a vital spiritual and community resource. We should seek to do all in our power to enable them to be used to their full potential.”

In The Times on Feb 16th 2013 the Bishop of Salisbury, wrote “ In my diocese of Salisbury, at West Knighton near Dorchester, St Peter’s Church is the only public space other than the pub in the village. A few years ago the removal of a few pews revealed a rotten floor. This prompted the church to think about how it could create a better space for worship and also encourage use by more local people.... The church has now been totally re-ordered so that it works both for services and wider community use. The building is more beautiful than ever and now is also warm and even more welcoming. Sunday remains the day of worship but under-floor heating means that in winter the congregation is warm and people stay and chat. The following morning the Pilates group can meet. The new facilities include a kitchen server, hidden sink and cupboards for storage that enable regular coffee mornings when the mobile library is parked opposite the church. There is a winter lecture series that would have been impossible in the cold church. When a Harvest Supper followed on in church after the service an additional 14 people came. Recently there was a tea in the church after a wedding blessing, much easier and cheaper than holding a reception elsewhere. Investment in a church building means that more people use it and build networks of support and friendship. That is an experience reported by many other churches which have carried out repair and modernization projects.. In an age when some of the ills of society stem from people’s isolation, ensuring that parish churches continue to be where Christians come together for worship but also where it is possible for us to get to know our neighbours regardless of faith, seems to me to be money well spent.”

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Suckley Church

Suckley Services for APRIL and MAY

Sunday April 7th 11am All Age Service (A lively informal Service)

Sunday April 14th 6pm Evening Prayer (A quiet contemplative service)

Tuesday April 16th 10am a small said communion service

Sunday April 21st We go to Alfrick for their 11am All Age Service

Sunday April 28th 11am Family Communion (a formal Common Worship service)

Sunday May 5th Rogation Sunday All Age Service (A lively informal service)

Sunday May 12th 6pm Celtic Worship (A quiet contemplative service)

Sunday May 19th We go to Alfrick for their 11am All Age Service

Sunday May 26th 11am Family Communion (a formal Common Worship service)

Don’t forget to enjoy Suckley Church’s own Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/suckleychurch). You can enjoy the photos even if you don’t have a Facebook account.

Below, the donkeys Ferdinand and Fiona led the procession from the Bruff to the 11am service at Suckley Church on Psalm Sunday.



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And not a twitcher in sight.

A normal everyday walk for the dogs, turns out be rather special for Carol Boughton when she is treated to a sighting of Bombycilla garrulus! These distinctive and attractive visitors to Suckley may have travelled from Scandanavia or even further east in search of berries and fruits to see them through the winter. What are they more commonly called? Read on to find out...

Cars everywhere and police trying to create order out of chaos. It is close to Christmas but surely Christmas shopping cannot be responsible for this frenzy? Then I notice that the roundabout leading to the Garden Centre and every available verge and pathway is covered by expensive camera equipment and people just standing around. My first thought is that Father Christmas is about to arrive but, no, the notices say that he has been in residence for the past month.

It doesn't take me long to work out that these onlookers are twitchers and they have congregated to see a rare migrant to this part of the country. These celebrity birds only reach these shores when food supplies are scarce in their more northern haunts of Russia and Scandinavia and, then, only rarely and in small numbers. No wonder they have caused such interest. I make my purchases and depart, not having seen as much as a feather.

Shortly after Christmas I take my two dogs out for their morning walk. We head up the lane past fields that appear to be permanently waterlogged and hedges, which, like us, seem to be hunched against the wind. We turn the corner and walk past the farm, the dogs busily snuffling along the verge. My mind wanders as we walk this familiar route.

Shortly, we will have to negotiate a large flood barring our way. The culvert has long since given up the unequal task of drainage. Once on dry land again, the dogs will drag me to the fields on the right and will poke their noses through the metal barred gate. It certainly won't be the view across the fields to the imposing Victorian parish church that will interest them but the flock of sheep calmly grazing in the nearest field. Dogs and ewes will regard each other until, being satisfied that all is well with their ovine friends, the dogs will be ready to continue.

Soon we will be passing the old hop kilns, now a private dwelling, but the four white cones will be piercing the winter gloom as they have done for many years. A quick left turn will bring us to the gate to the apple orchards and hop fields. Perhaps we will see other dogs out walking with their owners or, maybe, the buzzard will be perched atop a hop pole on the lookout for a tasty titbit.

Suddenly, bird noise breaks into my musings and I stop by a stand of five gnarled Bramley apple trees, pruned to resemble knobbly umbrellas. I expect to see the stragglers of a visiting flock of fieldfares and redwings that enjoy feasting on the unpicked and fallen apples for a few weeks in the winter. Instead, to my delight, perched on the branches is a flock of thirty or forty of those celebrity birds with their buff and pink plumage and the distinctive crest pointing skywards. Waxwings! My own private viewing and not a twitcher in sight.



Bombycilla garrulus aka the waxwing. Black and white does not do justice to this beautiful bird - but its distinctive crest makes it easy to identify, along with its black eye 'flash' and yellow feathers along the edge of its wing.

Looking for the best deal on heating oil prices?

Hilary Pitt writes: With the rising cost of heating oil and not be one of the fortunate Suckley residents who has access to mains gas, I investigated a bulk buying oil scheme that I first read about in the Parish Council minutes. The scheme is organised by a charity called Community First and after visiting their website and talking to a representative, I was all ready to sign up. However, living up a narrow lane, delivery to our oil tank requires a special tanker and as the scheme negotiates with a number of different suppliers, they couldn't guarantee all suppliers had the right sort of tanker. Which was a pity because if I had been able to join the scheme, I would have saved 7.81p per litre on my order - £39 on 500ltrs (ex VAT). But for those who do not have such delivery problems, the scheme is worth considering. Here is a little more about the scheme, including an offer for free membership, but more can be found on their website, www.comfirst.org.uk

Community First set up the Community Bulk Buying scheme in 2012, with the aim to save money on heating a home/office/school or village hall. It offers people and businesses, particularly in rural communities, the chance to come together to negotiate lower prices for their fuel.

The minimum order is 500ltrs and orders are placed on the 28th of each month and you can order as and when you need throughout the year. You do not have to do any negotiating, Community First do this for you, finding the lowest price, and delivery takes place in the following 10 days (usually much quicker) after the order has been placed with the oil company.

What is the cost of joining the scheme?

- Householders - £20 per year but there is an offer of free membership if you are quick (see below)
- Community enterprises eg village halls, schools etc - £30 per year
- Businesses - £100 per year

Free membership for bulk oil buying scheme!

Community First is delighted to announce that thanks to a partnership with the Department of Energy and Climate Change we are able to offer limited free

membership to our bulk oil buying group. We can now offer 50 free memberships for a year.

In areas that are off the gas mains grid or for older people or families with children under five anyone can apply and for all others – if this is your first try of community bulk buying – you qualify too! Once funding from DECC is exhausted the annual fee will return to our £20 charge.

By shopping around for the best deal we have already saved around 6p per litre from highest to lowest quote and as we get bigger the savings for bulk orders will get bigger. We are expecting an additional 2p per litre average bulk order saving if we can develop clusters of deliveries. We negotiate hard on the back of orders placed with us by the 28th of each month.

If you would like more information about the scheme please call Richard Timney on 01684 312734 or email for an information pack to communityoil@comfirst.org.uk. More information on Community First can be found at www.comfirst.org.uk

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If you would like more information about this subject or any other aspect of your confidential records, please contact Kate Parkinson or Sharon Salter at the surgery or email kateparkinson@nhs.net or sharon.salter@net.net.

Clinical Team: Clinical Team: 15th -21st March is Depression Awareness week. Depression is more than simply feeling unhappy or fed up for a few days. We all go through spells of feeling down, but when you're depressed you feel persistently sad for weeks or months, rather than just a few days. Depression affects people in different ways and can cause a wide variety of symptoms. Some people still think that depression is trivial and not a genuine health condition. They're wrong. Depression is a real illness with real symptoms. The good news is that with the right treatment and support, most people can make a full recovery. For more information visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Depression>

SPOTLIGHT ON: Red Nose Day Cake Sale We are delighted to report that our cake sale in aid of Comic Relief raised a fantastic £155. Many thanks to all patients and staff who donated. Thanks also to all those who donated cakes and to Sharon Salter (pictured) for organizing it all.



Please leave any feedback about the newsletters and our digital display screen (constructive criticism welcome!) by emailing kateparkinson@nhs.net, text to 07745 209308 or filling in a comments form in the waiting room. Many thanks.

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.



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NEWS FROM SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 2013

Speeding Issues - The Clerk reported that both Alfrick and Leigh & Bransford Councils had agreed to a higher upgrade on the VAS camera. This would give more detailed information of speeds and times which would make the statistics more meaningful for the Road Safety Partnership. After some discussion, the Council decided to also upgrade the camera, as all three Councils had to agree on this. The camera has logged hits as follows :- January 2013 – Village Hall 1957 – Opposite Church Lane 966. February – The Bruff – 1576 and The Nelson Inn 1472.

Following the concerns expressed re speeding in Suckley Green, the Clerk had contacted Highways. A Highways Traffic Engineer had visited the site and had recommended junction warning signs for the junction adjacent to Stores Cottage. The Council felt this would be wholly inadequate and have put in a request for at least triangle signs with an exclamation mark or hazard warning on them.

Broadband Improvement - The Parish Council are still hoping for enough parishioners to sign up to Airband to make it a viable proposition for the Company. We are now trying to organise a presentation meeting at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May. Airband Community Internet Ltd – a small but growing wireless internet service provider - deliver high speed broadband to business and residential customers in rural areas using wireless broadband. A cable is carefully run from the radio into your house and plugged into your computer or router. 50 sign ups are needed, so we do need to keep on putting together a Register of Interest. This is not a commitment to the service. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Diana Taylor (details below) or contact Cllr Peter Whatley on 01886 884126.

Highways - Cllr J Green and the Lengthsman have been working hard to try and solve all the blocked drain problems in the Parish. Worcestershire County Highways sent a new Jetting team into Suckley in February, and a high number of problems have now been solved. The Council agreed to renew the contract with our Lengthsman Barrie Bennett for 2013/14.

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Local Police - Crime figures for Suckley in February were reported as NIL.

Suckley Playing Fields - Mr Pat Lewis from Leigh & Bransford Badgers Football Club gave a short presentation to the Council relating to proposals for the use of the Playing Field. He wanted to use the facility more and offer holiday sport/football days on the astro pitch. The astro pitch could also be used for evening Futsal sessions with local youths on a turn up and play basis, as well as some training for local Futsal squads. There were further options which could include improvements made to the drainage of the field together with help with maintenance. The Council agreed to initially agree to stage 1 – i.e. increased use of the Playing Field for holiday and evening sport events, and review the situation in the future.

Risk Assessment - the Parish Council have a duty to carry out risk assessments on a regular basis, particularly the Playing Fields and The Quarry. Our insurance brokers have now recommended that a tree survey is now undertaken as part of our risk assessment process. The Council have, therefore, obtained the services of a qualified Arboriculturalist to make sure all the trees which are the responsibility of the Council are assessed, and a tree location plan put in place.

Footpaths - The Footpath Wardens reported that the footbridge over the brook on Joe Roper's land, has been removed by Worcestershire County due to bank erosion making it dangerous to use. This has been listed for repairs and re-instatement, but at the moment there was no completion date available.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 20th May at 7.30 pm at Suckley Village Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME.



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