



# SUCKLEY NEWSLETTER

## Remembering Suckley's WWI soldiers



*World War I memorial plaques in Suckley Church.*

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\* There is a spelling error on the memorial plaque. It should read Mifflin.

These are the names of the soldiers from Suckley Parish who perished during World War I. Relatives of the soldiers are still living in or around Suckley today. The inscription at the bottom of the larger plaque, taken from I Samuel. 25.15 reads:

“The men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt”

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of a memorial being erected in the village, with the Quarry being the most likely location.

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## This is *your* news... and there's been a lot going on.

Suckley's Newsletter has been posted through your letterboxes every two months since October 2010, with the first issue only 8 pages long. Since that time, the newsletter has grown in both page numbers and advertisers. Looking back at previous issues, it is surprising to review the variety and extent of the articles, all written and submitted by people – your neighbours - living in (or near) the parish of Suckley.

We have shared stories of Suckley folk who have walked with wolves, cycled in Tanzania and trekked through remotest China. We have savoured pudding nights, top class recipes and learnt of Victorian 'water cures'. We have sung Handel's Messiah from Scratch and walked in the footsteps of Elgar, enjoying the fine scenery that surrounds us. We have partaken in few 'nips' in the local pubs (both past and present), appreciated the complexity of model making and wood working and then relaxed in our gardens filled with flowers to encourage the bees and butterflies.

We have had news from 'the Allotments', the Artie Farties, Keep Fit and the Photography Clubs. The Village Hall continues with encouraging us to use its facilities, offering quiz nights, coffee mornings and Xmas fayres so that we can get to know our neighbours better.

Your newsletter has introduced 'Baz' (Barry Bennett) our Parish lengthsman and discovered that there are over 27 miles of footpaths in the parish, maintained by Peter and Richard. Walter Huband, our dedicated Parish Council Chairman, oversees the regular Parish Council Meetings, the minutes of which are printed in the newsletter (thanks to Diana Taylor), and we have learnt about the qualities and skills required for being a member of the Parish Council, and now appreciate how much time and energy is involved in maintaining the 'workings' of a parish.

We have made hay with Duncan Reynolds, gone on tour with the 'tractor boys', visited Acton Mill Farm, toured Stocks Farm, dropped in on the Teme Valley Market, discovered 'lost' dogs and participated in the thrills and spills of karting. We have been to outer space (via a telescope) and are creating SPACE in the church for community use and for our school pupils.

Village businesses are keeping us local, be it the Post office and shop, the yoga sessions, Ayurveda treatments, financial advice or the beauty salon. Rosemary

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Harward, Richard Walls and Steve Gray have amused with their stories and book excerpts, and 6 equine-related articles would indicate that horse riding is a popular activity in the village! Tips on how to keep warm, bulk buying of oil, solar panels and avoiding burst pipes sit alongside articles on the value of exercise for wellbeing, making Halloween pumpkins and Christmas decorations. And some of us have been exasperated at the speed of our broadband and the sluggish effort by Worcestershire County Council (and BT) in improving connectivity in the village.

Our local doctor's surgery has been keeping us fit and healthy with timely reminders for flu jabs and checkups and our Church services are listed for those who wish to nurture their faith and keep their souls healthy. Suckley Good Neighbourhood Scheme is there for those in need of a little assistance and our hearts are in good hands with the HeartStart course and our own 'iPad'.

Our only colour edition celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and demonstrated that the village **can** party together. We witnessed the opening of Suckley Academy by its oldest former pupil (a member of Suckley's WWII 'Resistance Army'), and delighted at the articles written by the current pupils. Nearby, Suckley Church was transformed for the flower festival, with old times remembered and reminiscences enjoyed. We have also said farewell to our vicar, Andrew, the Headmaster, Matt Meckin and sad goodbyes to Jim Cairns and Ivor Bramich.

The history society, resurrected in 2012, continues to educate and amuse with a diverse programme of events and field trips – and you will always learn something new about where you live. Over the past four years, we have enjoyed reading the wonderfully varied topics and stories – I have left out greyhounds and fabulous fowls, feathered winter visitors, rabbits and pheasant shoots, requests for volunteers and memories of our village in the past, and pleas to take care when driving the local lanes.

All articles and stories were written by folk living in or around the parish, and what a diverse bunch we are! But diversity is never dull and I know there are others in the village who have a story to share – but maybe a little shy – and hopefully their words (or yours?) will appear in future editions of the Suckley Newsletter. Without your contributions, the newsletter wouldn't exist.

Watch this space!

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## Industrial size wind turbines – coming to a spot near you?

G2 Energy has applied for planning permission to erect a 77m (252ft ) wind turbine at Acton Green, Acton Beauchamp. (That's 50ft higher than Worcester Cathedral and will be visible from as far away as Worcester).

- Will you be able to see this turbine? – Does it impact on the Suckley Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?
- Is this in keeping with the character and landscape of the area?
- Will it affect tourism or any other business in and around the area?
- Did you know wind turbines make your electricity bills more expensive and are not as efficient as some other forms of green energy?
- Is Planning precedent being set?
- Will you be able to see the next one?

1st Pencombe - Application P141529/F (Public consultation period now closed – awaiting Planning Committee decision)

2nd Acton Green - Application P142059/F

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Here are some easy swaps to help your kids (and you) eat less sugar:

- **Drink swap** – swap sugary drinks to water, lower-fat milk, diet or sugar-free drinks. Remember that unsweetened fruit juice is sugary so no more than 150ml per day!
- **Snack Swap** – swap sweets, biscuits chocolate and cakes for fruit, unsalted nuts, rice cakes or toast
- **Breakfast Swap** – swap sugary cereal to porridge, whole wheat biscuits or shredded whole grain
- **Pudding Swap** – swap sugary puds for low fat plain yoghurt or fruit
- **Food Label Swap** – compare food labels in the shops and go for those marked 'no added sugar' or 'sugar free'. Look for colour coded nutrition labels and go for the greens and ambers. Avoid the reds!

**For more information:** Go to [www.mendcentral.org/ncow](http://www.mendcentral.org/ncow) or visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/low-sugar-healthy-snacks.aspx>

### Spotlight on: Deb Arnold

Deb joined our Reception team in January 2014. With previous experience in Customer Services at BT, Deb has settled easily into her role, providing our patients with friendly assistance, help and advice. Deb is currently receiving training to allow her to develop other skills within our Administration and Medical Secretary departments. Deb has lived in Martley for 20 years and is a keen supporter of local junior Rugby. Her other interests include cooking and walking her 'mad' black lab.

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**Reception Team:** Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes to your personal details including changes of address, name, home or mobile telephone numbers.

**Administration:** Issue 6 of our We Are the Young@Knightwick magazine is now available via our website. This is health information especially for 16 – 24 year olds

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## The Evolution of Suckley Church

*Most people describe Suckley Church as a 'fine example of a Victorian Church', which it is, but as Anne Lewis explains, **it is far more than that!** Here in the heart of Suckley there has been an evolving local church life for many many centuries. Churches have always evolved to meet the needs of their time.*

Suckley Church has been where it is since prior to the creation of the Domesday Book. The first reference I can find to a church in Suckley is that in 1074 'the Crown' commuted the tithes to the Sherriff of Worcester. Our beautiful stone tub font has been used for baptising Suckley babies since about 1175. I wish it could tell us a few stories!

Over the next year I will try and search out for the Newsletter some chapters in our church's history. It is truly fascinating and a vital part of our village, and indeed our nation's Heritage. Tedstone Wafre and Knightwick Churches are now 'designer' homes, as is Linley Green chapel. Wolferlow Church has Architect's plans to do the same. I suppose that is preferable to the 'Tesco Metro' in a Brighton church, or being demolished to be replaced with housing. Lulsley chapel remains lonely and deconsecrated... what next there?

We cannot afford to keep Suckley Church as it is now. It needs to continue its centuries old pattern of evolution in order to remain alive at the heart of our community as our church.

The SPACE project has, with the help of and advice from specialists and others who have been in this situation, created a thorough document (a copy of which can be found in church on the SPACE table) which has already been approved by the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Council... the first stage in the church's planning process) and now been submitted for approval by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester. We await his opinion.

We want the whole of Suckley to be kept informed of what is going on as your church seeks a way to evolve NOW to meet the needs of the Suckley community both now and in the future.

Those behind the SPACE project are doing their best to preserve our very

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precious church so that future generations of Suckley folk will continue to have a beautiful Victorian church in their midst... not such as a 4 bedroom house, but as a church that continues to bring the Christian message, reinforce Christian values, and actually become more relevant and useful to our scattered rural community.

With our present generation's needs and lifestyle we can no longer afford to keep Suckley Church as it is. There are, inevitably, those who are against these proposed changes; but Suckley Church is not suitably situated to afford to become a museum-piece.

The SPACE project seeks to preserve our historical treasure and Christian heritage here in Suckley by making our church more relevant and useful both to the church community and to our village community as a whole. It needs to be part of village LIFE! May this 21st century chapter in the life story of Suckley Church become one to be proud of.

Please encourage as many Suckley folk as possible to have a well informed opinion on this important subject. The PCC and SPACE Steering committee are seeking to facilitate what is best for the future LIFE of Suckley Church.

Please contact the Churchwardens:

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### Suckley Church explored by Local History Society

The sun shone on Suckley History Society's recent visit to our local village church (Saturday 21st June) to discover a story of local worship dating back to the 11h century.

Jeffery Haworth, an eminent local architect with 30 years experience in preserving historic properties while working for the National Trust, gave an informative presentation on the key features of the Parish Church of St John the Baptist.

The present church is largely a result of extensive re building in the late 19th century at a cost of £4000 paid principally by local landowners including the MP, Thomas Rowley Hill. The original church had fallen into serious disrepair and suffered fire damage so was pulled down and replaced by the present church in 1878-9. The few original features remaining in the present Church include the 14th century piscina, remains of a preaching cross in the churchyard, the Easter sepulchre, the Romanesque font and the churchwardens' chest.



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The east window of the Church features a fine set of four stained glass windows created by the London based Victorian glass designer, Charles Kempe, Other examples of his fine work can be found in many cathedrals across England. The window was dedicated by the Rev Kane to the memory of his son, John Hill Kane, who died in 1897 just after his 21st birthday in what is now Pakistan. Another major feature is the reredos screen behind the altar, which was gifted by the Lechmere family who lived at Grove Hill.

The original Suckley school, dating back to 1628, was set up under the will of John Palmer and built onto the church and was demolished in the 1870's when the original church was pulled down. The present Suckley school which was rebuilt at the same time as the Church at a cost of £470 for the school and a further £250 for the adjoining teacher's house. The John Palmer Trust continues to provide financial assistance to pupils of Suckley School almost 400 years later. A fine old panel in the Church records the £1000 that Thomas Freeman of the Whitehouse bequeathed to assist the poor of Suckley, which marks the foundation of the present day Suckley Charities.

After Jeffery's presentation, he switched into his role as church organist as most society members took a tour of the bell tower led by Linda Taylor. Linda was able to describe some of intricacies and joys of church bell ringing and the really brave climbed a ladder to access the bell frame area at the top of the tower. We learnt that the church clock was installed in 1911 in memory of Mr EH Hill who also gifted the Village hall to Suckley and we were able to try our hand at winding the clock and see the impressive mechanism strike on the quarter hour. (An appeal for voluntary clock winders was made – contact Anne Lewis on 01886 884552).

The afternoon finished with a lavish afternoon tea organised in the church by the Society's treasurer Margaret Davies and her team of helpers.

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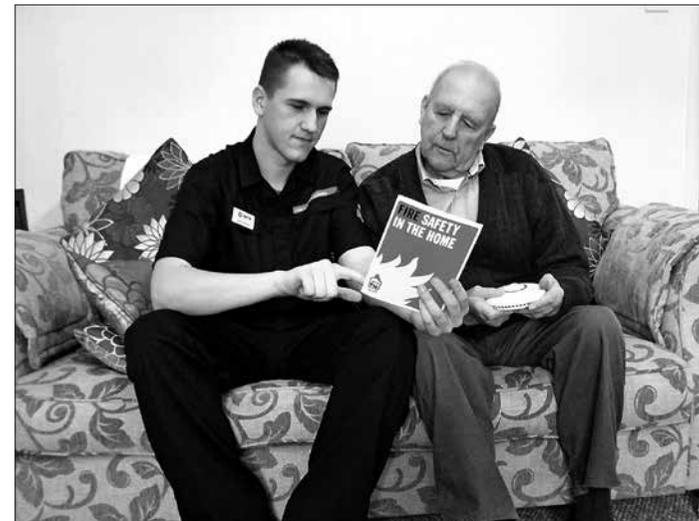
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## **Check Your Home is Fire Safe!**

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFR) provide advice to everyone, and for the more vulnerable a free of charge fire safety check in the home.



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Our evidence shows that people who are more at risk of an accidental house fire are older people, people who live on their own, people with reduced mobility and individuals who may not be able to respond quickly to a fire. We all like to think this will never happen to us, but unfortunately it does, with sometimes terrible consequences so our aim is to keep you safe.

As its name suggests, a Fire Safety Check in the home involves representatives from HWFR calling at your home to offer safety advice specific to your household and personal circumstances. During the visit, they will check your smoke alarms and install new ones if needed, and will ensure that you are doing all that you can to avoid the risk of a fire in your home. They will also help you work out an escape plan in the event of fire.

We would urge anyone who might be vulnerable themselves or knows an elderly family member, friend or neighbour who lives on their own or has reduced mobility that might benefit from a visit, to get in touch using the number below and request one on their behalf. To see if you qualify for a FREE Fire Safety Check contact the Community Safety team on 0800 032 1155 quoting reference PN14.

If you would like me to run a free fun session for an older peoples group looking at "Keeping Safe From Fire As We Get Older" contact JBrant@hwfire.org.uk or ring 01905 368 251

**Note that those doing the Fire Safety Checks will always make an appointment in advance of their visit, and will always carry identification which they will be very happy to show you.**



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## What's on, what's happening in and around Suckley

...	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL</b></p> <p>Thank you to those residents who kindly spent time completing our survey. We are now exploring our options to see what is the best way forward. In the meantime, it is business as usual at the Hall and we still welcome anyone wishing to hire the facilities and/or loan of equipment.</p>
...	<p><b>COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST - FROM 10 –12 NOON.</b></p> <p>Please come and join us for a chat and a cuppa at very reasonable prices. This time, our theme is World War One. We shall be showing a DVD of this period and the old wartime songs will be playing. The History Society is digging deep to find out some information for our interest. Contrary to common belief, none of us can go back that far!!</p> <p>The resident cake makers, known to be able to cook up delicious cakes from the most unusual ingredients, will be winking out recipes so that you can enjoy the goodies of this era.</p> <p>We shall look forward to welcoming you for a touch of nostalgia from a bygone generation - gone but not forgotten.</p>
...	<p><b>SUCKLEY HISTORY SOCIETY</b></p> <p>Our next visit is to Leigh Tithe Barn and Church on Thursday 14th August and non-members are very welcome.</p> <p>Further information from Andrew Grieve on 884795 or Margaret Davies 884301.</p>

### Local Services:

#### Mobile Library Timetable 2014

Fridays only at  
 Suckley - Cross Keys 11.20 - 11.40  
 Suckley School - 11.45 - 12.10  
 Longley Green Post Office 12.20 - 1.00

**Dates:** 8th & 29th AUGUST / 19th SEPTEMBER.

Enquiries about this service should be made to Malvern Library, Graham Road Malvern. Telephone 01905 822722, or email [malvernmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:malvernmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk)

### Stocks Farm Open day

Stocks Farm is having an open day on Saturday 13th September 2014, from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. This is a great chance for the local community to come and see what happens on the other side of the farm gate. We will be in the middle of the hop harvest and may well have started the apple harvest too.

Hops are part of our local history, and you are welcome to come and see how we farm and harvest the hops for brewers throughout the UK and worldwide. To start the afternoon, we will walk through the apple orchards and the hops yards, while the harvest is in progress.

The tour will include seeing the Bruff hop picking machine in action, and our working hop kilns, following which there will be a short walk back to the farm for tea on the lawn.

We will explain everything from the growing systems and structures in our orchards and hop yards to the apple and hop pest and diseases that we manage, through to economics of modern fruit and hop farming.

We hope that you will consider coming to see us and learning all about your local farmed environment. Be prepared for 1½ to 2 hour walk.

Entrance will be free for children with a paper donation from each family. All funds raised by the open day will go towards local causes.



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## Suckley Church

Services in Suckley Church In August and September:

**Sunday August 3rd:** 11.00. Family Communion

**Sunday August 10th:** 11.00 in Leigh Church for a Holy Communion service

**Sunday August 17th:** 11.00 in Alfrick Church for a Holy Communion service

**Sunday August 24th:** 09.00 in Bransford Chapel for a traditional said Communion service

**Sunday August 31st:** 11.00. Family Communion

**Sunday September 7th:** 11.00. All Age (a service for all the family, followed by a Teddy Bears Picnic!) Bring your teddy bear and a picnic to share!

**Sunday September 14th:** 18.00. A said service of Evening Prayer.

**Wednesday September 17th:** 10.00. A traditional said service of Holy Communion

**Sunday September 21st:** 11.00 we go to Alfrick for their All Age service.

**Sunday September 28th:** 11.00. Family Communion service.

**Sunday October 3rd:** 11.00. All Age Harvest Festival followed by a 'Bring and Share lunch'.

### SPACE Summer Soirée

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way to the success of this year's Summer Soirée. Despite the expected thunderstorms the lovely weather was a plus for both the school CHILL and the Soirée. Thanks for the 20 tempting and varied 'lots' that were 'won'. Over £1000 was raised to share between our Church, the PreSchool and the church SPACE project.

**September 6th to 21st is the National Festival of Churches.** Suckley Church will be open for the Annual Ride and Stride on Saturday 13th. So 'On yer bike' or choose another way to visit as many interesting churches as possible.

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Liz Devenish (884787, 07929 001563, [liz.devenish@virgin.net](mailto:liz.devenish@virgin.net))

Useful information can be found too via the following links:

[www.suckleyspace.org.uk](http://www.suckleyspace.org.uk), [www.facebook.com/suckleychurch](http://www.facebook.com/suckleychurch), [www.wwrt.org.uk](http://www.wwrt.org.uk)

## Mrs Lovelace's Chutney Recipe from Malaya circa 1906

A great recipe for using green, end of season home grown un ripened tomatoes! This is my great grandmothers recipe, and although a good deal more work, I have always got better results by slicing the tomatoes by hand, rather than putting them through an electrical appliance.

The recipe doesn't look inspiring, but the result is delicious.

INGREDIENTS	
5lbs green tomatoes sliced	1 teaspoon dried chilli powder
2lbs apples peeled and sliced	2oz salt
4oz green ginger finely chopped	2lbs 12 oz sugar
4oz garlic finely chopped	2oz almonds sliced
11oz sultanas, finely chop half the amount and leave the rest whole	1quart (2 pints) brown vinegar

### METHOD

1. Heat the vinegar and sugar gently to make a thin syrup.
2. Then put in all the ingredients and cook over a moderate heat for two to two and a half hours.
3. Put a little in a saucer to test.
4. Make sure your jam pots are sterilized and warm, before filling and sealing.
5. Leave for 3 months in a dark place to mature.

Should be perfect for Christmas! Would love to hear your feedback. Jane Harte-Lovelace. [hartelovelace@gmail.com](mailto:hartelovelace@gmail.com)

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## **NEWS FROM SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 2014**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Anthony Warburton reported to the meeting. He emphasised his concern and opposition to the proposed sharing of a Chief Executive with Wychavon District Council. If this proposal should go through, then he wanted the position to be open to applications.

### **COMMUNITY GROUP – Defibrillator**

Cllr A Lewis reported that the Defibrillator was now in place at Suckley School. HeartStart training would begin in October. After some discussion, Cllr Lewis offered to investigate how the defibrillator could be signposted from Knightwick Road.

### **COMMUNITY GROUP – First World War Centenary 2014**

Cllrs Andrew Grieve and Peter Whatley agreed to look into the possibility of a large piece of rock as a memorial with an engraved plaque – similar to the one in Trinity Ward at Link Top, Malvern.

This could be situated in the Old Quarry.

### **PLAYING FIELDS**

Cllr John Green has now fitted a new door and frame with a very large new key! Pupils at Suckley School would be using the Playing Field for the Big Chill event on 18th July 5.00pm – 8.00pm.

### **SUCKLEY CHURCH**

Cllr A Lewis reported that now the Vicar had retired, they were waiting to see who would be appointed. The new appointment would be for a Vicar to oversee a much larger area of parishes with the support of the West Worcester team.

### **HIGHWAYS**

As always, Highways take up a large amount of space on the Agenda. Some progress has been made, but still outstanding is the resurfacing of local roads – at Longley Green near to the Nelson pub, the whole of Blackhouse Lane and Birchwood Lane. The good news received by the Council was that Co Cllr Paul Tuthill had agreed to

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fund up to £12K of maintenance works for Suckley from his budget. This would include repair works at Mousehole Bridge, Tundridge Mill and Birchwood Lane.

### **VAS – SPEEDING**

Cllr Peter Whatley had analysed the speeding data retrieved from the VAS camera from 11th May – 14th July. The statistics were entirely consistent with early 2014 data, with no obvious changes in speeds, numbers of vehicles tracked or proportion of speeding. Both Knightwick Road sites showed a higher incidence of speeding and higher top speeds. They also had a higher percentage of vehicles passing.

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Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 8th September 2014 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 discussion in the meeting.

## **Everyone has a story to tell...**

Many in the village have told us how much they enjoy reading the Suckley Newsletter and we would like to thank all of the previous contributors to the newsletter.

To keep the newsletter relevant and fresh, we would welcome any suggestions as to what you would like to read in the newsletter. Whether it is about gardening, childcare, walking, local businesses, folklore, music, clubs, memories of Suckley, why Suckley is a special place to live, what annoys you about living in Suckley or if you know of someone in the village who is doing 'something amazing' or trying to raise money for charity, then please get in touch. We will be delighted to include your story, long or short - so please, pick up the phone and give Hilary a call 884355 or email [suckleynews@gmail.com](mailto:suckleynews@gmail.com)

Thank you.

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