

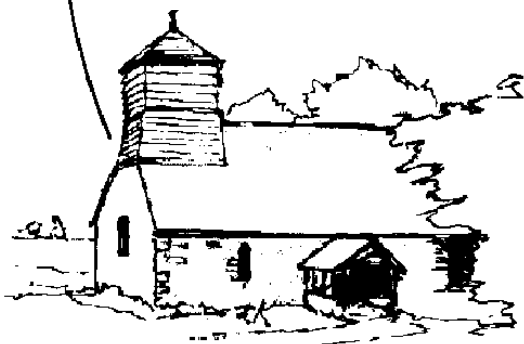
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The



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The Magazine for the Parishes of Alfrick with Lulsley,
Leigh and Bransford, Leigh Sinton and Suckley

Suckley

St John the Baptist Church



Suckley Church Flower Arranging Rota

Month	Name
April	Ellen Gwynn plus all for Easter
May	Jenny Taylor



Toilet Twinning stand at the Fair Trade Fest in Suckley Church



We twinned **five** loos on the day, which is £300 for **five** of Tearfund's sanitation projects in vulnerable places. Well worthwhile!



Come to a Resuscitation course and YOU could save someone's life.

The April course in Suckley Church has been postponed until after the present Covid-19 worries. Would you like to know when the next one is? Alfrick and Suckley both have a Defibrillator. Do you feel confident enough to use it? There are regular local opportunities to improve your life-saving skills.



Courses cover both resuscitation skills and use of a defibrillator. We meet in Suckley Church. If you are interested please contact Annette Smart (821661 or nettie@trevnet.plus.com) or Anne Lewis (884552 or annelewis@doctors.org.uk) and we will keep you informed when courses are planned.

Cruse Bereavement Care Supporting the Bereaved in Worcestershire

Have you some spare time to give and would be interested in joining us in the role of supporting the children, young people and adults of the County in coping with their loss of a loved one? We are actively seeking to fill the following voluntary posts that have arisen within the Branch:

Chair – Overall responsibility – To ensure the Branch is efficiently and effectively managed in order to maintain the standards of service required by Cruse Bereavement Care.

Treasurer – To administer the financial affairs of the Branch in accordance with the Standing Financial Instructions for Cruse Branch Committees.



If you would like to chat about the posts, in the first instance, please email Pam Vernon or Julie Mills at worcestershire@cruse.org.uk expressing your interest and we will get back to you.

Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS): 01886 840480

We're here to help, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

(GNS) is available to Suckley residents and is a friendly service run by local volunteers who will try to help if someone is in need of assistance. This could be anything from changing a light bulb, collecting shopping, form filling, one-off help with gardening, dog walking, support after hospitalisation or basic technical advice, e.g., retuning a TV. Several volunteers have been trained by *South Worcestershire Citizens Advice* and all have been screened by the *Disclosure and Barring Service*. Some of the *Citizens Advice* trained volunteers are also available to talk to in person each Friday morning from 10.00am to noon at **Knightwick GP Surgery**.



Claire McDonald

Suckley Community Car Scheme

This voluntary service covers all residents of Suckley who need transport to local medical appointments, or to take or collect prescriptions to or from Knightwick Surgery. Drivers are:

Jill Hammonds: 884221; Caroline Mitchell: 884070; Rosemary Harward: 832289

Please start phoning from the left and give as much time as possible.

Our drivers reserve the right to refuse any request that they think to be inappropriate.



The National Garden Scheme

Originally set up in 1927 to support district nurses, the National Garden Scheme has since inception donated £58 million for nursing and health charities. They also support charities doing amazing work in gardens and health, grant bursaries to help community gardening projects and support gardeners at the start of their careers. In 2019, the organisation donated £3 million, and over 80p in every £1 raised at the open gardens goes straight to their beneficiaries. Here are the charities supported last year:



Charity	Amount	Charity	Amount
<i>Hospice UK</i>	£500,000	<i>Queen's Nursing Institute</i>	£250,000
<i>Parkinson's UK</i>	£185,000	<i>Perennial - helping people in horticulture</i>	£130,000
<i>Mind - for better mental health</i>	£100,000	<i>Horatio's Garden</i>	£75,000
<i>Treloar's - enabling education</i>	£85,000	<i>Kids – supporting disabled children and their families</i>	£85,000
<i>Bursaries</i>	£206,208	<i>Marie Curie</i>	£500,000
<i>Macmillan Cancer Support</i>	£500,000	<i>Carers' Trust - action-help-advice</i>	£400,000

So you are not only having the opportunity to visit some stunning gardens, but your entry charges are helping others at the same time.

Unfortunately, and because of the Coronavirus outbreak, Shuttifield Cottage Gardens will not be open in April and May 2020.

Suckley Local History Society

The 2020 programme is still being prepared, and unfortunately the meeting on 16 April has had to be cancelled. Other dates (all Thursdays) for the rest of the year are tentatively: 14 May, 11 June, 9 July 10 September, 8 October, 12 November and 10 December. For up to date information please see our Facebook page.





**Hairdressing and Barbering Salon
now open in Martley next to the Maylite
Trading Estate.
Telephone: 01886 889248**

I have been in the hairdressing industry for nearly 20 years and am a fully qualified hair stylist, lecturer, accessor and verifier in the industry. During my career I have gained experiences through working in Salons locally and in other parts of the country, running a mobile hairdressing business local to the Worcester area and teaching in local schools and colleges.

One of my top achievements is doing the hair for a guest at John Terry's wedding, which then was featured in OK! Magazine.

I currently teach part time at a College in the West Midlands and am now very much looking forward to achieving a lifelong dream of running my own Salon Business. I take pride in my work and have a passion for creating that desired look which gives people that all important lift within themselves.

I am looking forward to welcoming customers, new and old, into my salon and am very excited to take you on my new salon journey.

Senior Citizen discount available on Wednesdays.

Late Nights Wednesdays and Thursdays until 8pm

Suckley Village Hall News

Thank you to everyone who came to our **CAKES AND PUDS EVENING** in February. Comments have been very favourable and participants enjoyed themselves. By the time you get this copy of The Sphere, we will also have held our **QUIZ NIGHT**.



Our next event is on **Saturday 16 May** and this is our annual **Coffee Morning And Plant Sale** at 10.30am.



When your gardens become dry enough to get into, don't forget to look for those unwanted seedlings and plant divisions. They may be a nuisance to you but they are valuable to us and we would be grateful for them. The *Boughton Nursery* now has a greenhouse full of germinating seeds and we are about to spill into the conservatory.

Do come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and choose some new plants for your garden – all at reasonable prices.

Art Group

After a quiet few months doing our own things, we are turning our attention to the paintings required for the Alfrick Show. As usual, the classes will challenge our abilities and keep us busy during the summer. We all have our different styles and ideas and we do use different mediums. We are a happy little group, offering each other encouragement and, at times advice on colours and methods, etc. We are very much amateur painters who just enjoy the opportunity to have a couple of hours away from the domestic scene. If that sounds good to you, pop along to the Village Hall on a Monday afternoon at 2.00pm to see what we get up to – you will be very welcome.



Hall Hire: The rate to hire the hall is £10.00 per hour. We are also happy to hire out tables, chairs, cutlery etc. and we do have a projector. Hire charges for these should be agreed with the key holder, Steve. It is the responsibility of the hirer to leave the hall in a reasonable condition and borrowed equipment should be returned in a clean state, e.g., tables should be wiped clean. Payment should be made and keys, equipment etc., returned the same day or the day after unless a different arrangement has been made with the key holder.

Carol Boughton

Pickers Wanted

Stocks Farm is recruiting for the 2020 apple harvest from the **end of August to the middle of October** and you could help. We harvest nearly 6.4 million of dessert apples, 540 tonnes of cider apples and enough hops to brew 46 million pints of beer from our 200 acre farm. We are in beautiful countryside with rolling hills and gorgeous views in the middle of the village of Suckley, Worcestershire. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming and if you like beer, there are a couple of local pubs, and a working brewery, here on the farm!

We work hard throughout the year to grow and supply the very best apples and hops in the industry, maintaining a strong partnership with our retailers and breweries is high on our agenda. We are members of the *Assured Food Standards* and compliance with audits is all part of our daily life. Do you have the same drive and wish to receive a good salary for your hard work? We are looking for **apple pickers** for the 2020 apple harvest.

If you are on a Gap year, are a university student or if you are just looking for some part-time work, and/or want to work hard to get cash in the bank, then this will suit you. Please contact Jo Williams on jo@stocksfarm.net, or call 01886 884202 to discuss the job in more detail.



Apple Picker Requirements:

- good communication skills
- works well as part of team
- ability to work long hours with a degree of flexibility to cope with changing weather conditions
- ability to follow policies and procedures
- an eye for detail for quality fruit
- good level of physical fitness

For more information and all details on pay, hours of work and everything else you need to know about working here please call **Jo Williams on 01886 884 202 or jo@stocksfarm.net**

Closing Date: 31 July 2020

News from Suckley Parish Council Meeting held 9 March 2020

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Co Cllr Paul Tuthill

reported that the *Worcestershire Acute Hospital Trust* had now produced its strategy. Back in March 2018 the then Chief Executive had secured an extra £20M for the hospital, but so far only £9M of this had been spent on the bridge building and the refurbishment of the wards, giving an extra 100 beds. A wide range of improvements in Worcester and Redditch had taken place. The CQC made an unannounced inspection just before Christmas 2019 and as a result of its report Worcester Hospital was issued with a Section 31 Notice and has gone back into Special Measures. In addition to the £20M already in hand, a further £40M is being sought to increase the size of the A & E and Paediatric Departments and increase the capacity of the medical assessment, ambulatory care and stroke units. The hospital has about 700 beds with an average rate of stay of seven days. The Ambulance Service took on the running of the 111 emergency number in November 2019 and has been working to integrate this with 999 so that patients can be diverted away from acute hospital settings if appropriate.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Dist Cllr Sarah Rouse reported that *Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC)* had now adopted its five year plan, with the main aim being to reduce emissions and become carbon neutral. A huge amount of effort was being put into community transport. The budget had been approved, with a £5 per year increase to householders. During the recent flooding in the area, all sections of public services and the communities themselves had pulled together in an amazing way. £100K had been allocated to support communities affected by the flooding. An emergency plan was in place to deal with the Coronavirus should it become necessary.

HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS: 17 items on the Agenda related to blocked drains in the parish. Both the Chairman and Clerk were following up complaints, and pushing for WCC Highways to set up a programme of regular jetting as the Lengthsman is not allowed by WCC Highways to dig out drains.

COMMUNITY: Cllr C Luton had obtained a very reasonable estimate for the repainting (in gold) the lettering on the Memorial Stone at the Old Quarry. The Council also agreed to purchase 500 folders for the new Parish Information Pack.

PLAYING FIELD: Repairs and increased security measures are in hand for the Pavilion door which has been damaged. A new water tank will be purchased (but not a copper one) so that the showers can be used again.

DIANA TAYLOR, Clerk to Suckley Parish Council
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The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 11 May @ 7.00pm 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.

The Chairman and Councillors invite you to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 18 May in Suckley Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Come along and meet your Parish Councillors and put your point of view. Agenda includes:
County, District and Chairman's reports;
Community - Local Trust and Charity reports
Suckley School - Report and Presentation by pupils
Suckley Playing Fields; West Mercia Police; Footpaths
Suckley Village Hall - Parochial Church Council
Enjoy a glass of wine/fruit juice with nibbles
All residents are very welcome

Suckley School: We are a Reading School

World Book Day was a great success! Thank you to all of the children and their helpers for such imaginative T Shirt Designs. Whilst everyone was indeed a winner the following children received a book prize: Florence, Woodpeckers; Tilly, Eagles; Charlie, Robins; Max, Wrens.

Meet the Author! In addition we met two authors: Steve Clifford and Nicki Maginn. Both inspired the children to not only read, but to write too. What an amazing experience and thank you to both for giving us their time. We had amazing feedback from our visitors, who told us that the children at Suckley were totally fabulous and it was clear they really love reading. They were very impressed with their knowledge of books and authors and their wonderful imagination, vocabulary and story writing ability as a result of all the fantastic reading going on at school and home! *(Taken from the spring term newsletter)*

