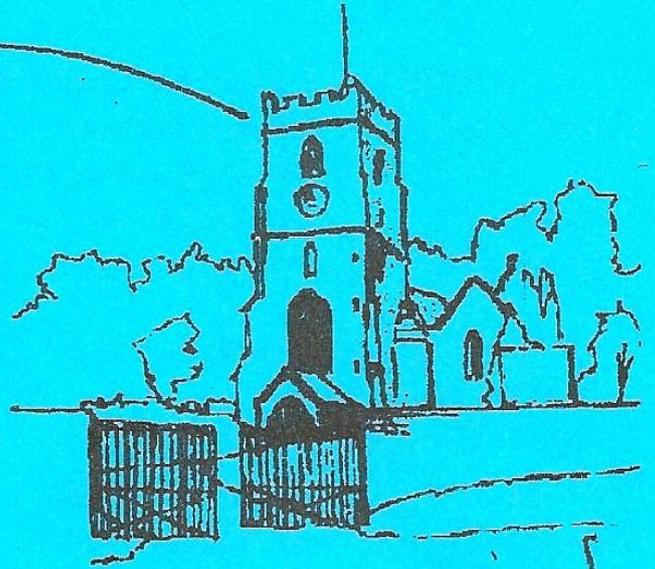
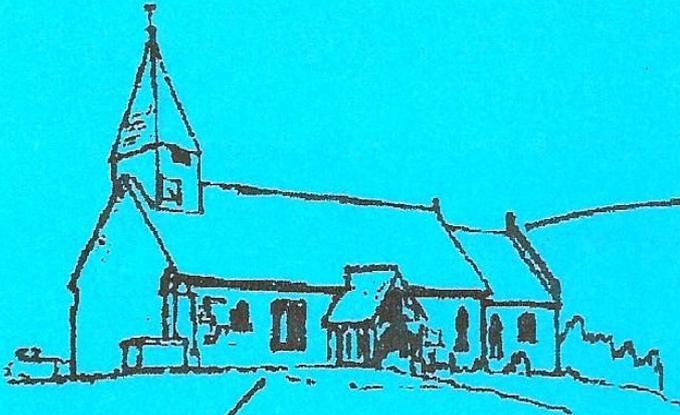
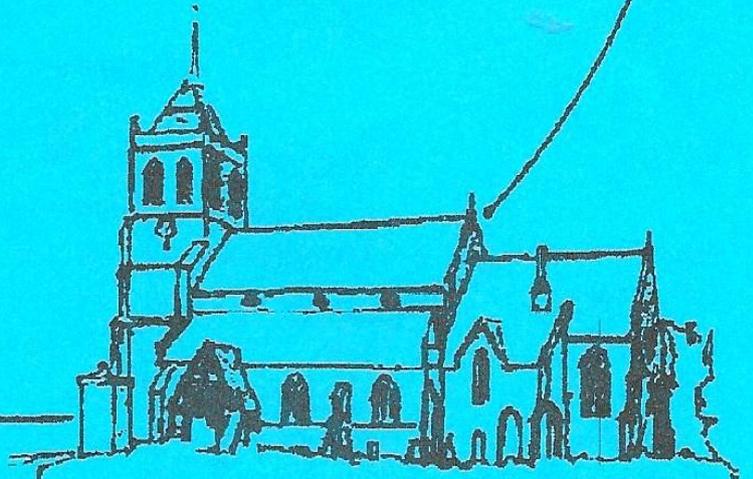
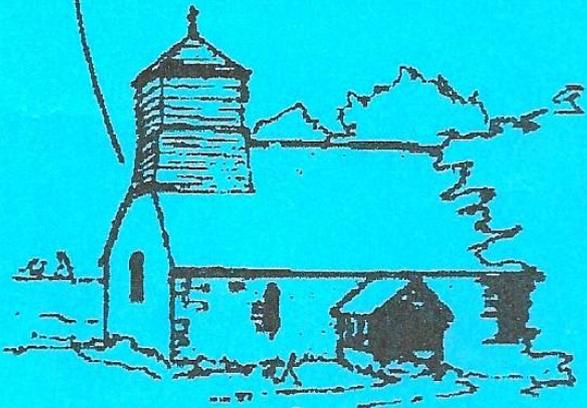


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From Rev Anne.....

At the time of writing measures have been put in to gradually lift the lockdown. There is a significantly higher number of cars on the road. Traffic lights have started to spring up as contractors return to work. Headteachers are working out the implications of opening schools on June 1st. Event organisers who have not already cancelled happenings in September are looking at the possibilities of what could be achieved if anything. Footballers are preparing to play behind closed doors. Retail shops, which can comply with social distancing, are preparing to open in the weeks to come. In the meantime, the leisure industry with travel at a standstill (except within England) and pubs and restaurants closed for the foreseeable, is hard hit. The economy is rapidly sliding into crises with hundreds of people likely to lose jobs.

Whilst everyone across our nation is feeling the effects of the coronavirus, some so much more than others, the circle of life continues. Babies are born, others die – not only Covid related. Nature continues to follow the seasons and those of us living where we do are so fortunate to be able to enjoy our surroundings as we move into the summer months. Our world is alive again – the darkness of winter has given way to long, light days, the bare trees are in full leaf, the muddy fields are a sea of green (in some places yellow), gardens and hedgerows are splashes of colour and sleeping vegetable beds have been planted awaiting the new crop. We pray that the winter of Covid-19 is passing and that new life will slowly spring forth. However, this can only happen if we remain vigilant and accept that it will take time to fully come out of lockdown. When we do emerge, our lives will look different.

Just as each season is never quite the same as the previous one – each winter, spring, summer and autumn witness subtle changes. Gardens, after plants die back into the ground, sleep and sprout again, after bushes and trees are pruned followed by new growth, are not the same again. Different weather conditions affect how a garden grows. After Covid some aspects of how we live will return to the old ways, but there will also be new ways of going about our lives – communication perhaps being one of the most revolutionary.



Another part of our village landscape scheduled to re-open in early July is our church buildings, but again great caution will need to be taken to ensure that it is safe for people to enter. Each church community will risk-assess the practicalities and again some may have to remain dormant longer than others. However, they will be open again at some point in the future for regular Sunday services, for baptisms, weddings and funerals/celebration of earthly lives. The cycle of life will be re-established but there may be changes in how we serve our communities. Just as Jesus' disciples following his death and resurrection gradually came out of lockdown, so will we. Just as Jesus' disciples were faced with new challenges following the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so will we.

Just as Jesus' disciples were set free to go back out into their world and share the love of a living God, so will we.

In the meantime, we continue to pray for ourselves and all those deeply affected by Covid-19:

In despair we may find hope,
In darkness we may find light,
In doubt we may find faith,
In turmoil we may find peace
In sadness we may find joy.

God bless you and keep you.

Parish Worship

Our Church continues to be alive and active but due to COVID-19 our buildings must remain closed. However, our worship, prayers and praise, alongside reflections and our care for each other continues. And so (until we meet again)May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen

Even though we are not able to meet with you in person the clergy are available at the end of a telephone line so please feel free to contact us:

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For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' the team is continuing to find creative ways of offering worship through our YouTube: [wwrtlivestream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwrtlivestream) as well as keeping you informed through the website: www.wwrt.churchinsight.com and A Church Near You



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cash prize and an Apple iPad up for grabs for the balloons that have travelled the furthest by the end of the race on 9 June. Additionally, for FOMO supporters there are Love 2 Shop vouchers for the winning balloons, £30 for first place, £20 for second and £10 for third. Maximise your chances of winning by purchasing as many balloons as you like! Taking part in the online balloon race is a great, eco-friendly way to have fun competition with your friends and family, as you can track the balloons on the Eco Racing website over the course of the 7-day race. So why not encourage your loved ones to take part as well, or buy some in their name. Please share this exciting new fundraiser with your friends and contacts.

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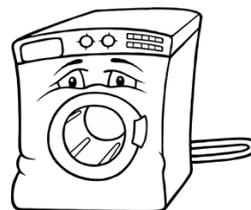
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Our District Councillors “View from the Hills”

How long ago it seems that mere catastrophic flooding was our main concern. Alas, for some residents the after-effects from February are still being dealt with. Since March, we’ve witnessed a remarkable display of neighbourliness and volunteering in Alfrick & Leigh Ward. Indeed, we were able to tell Worcs CC in April that our parishes didn’t need help forming “aid schemes”: they’d already done it in the first week, with both Sarah and I actively involved as volunteers in our local parishes.

That same community spirit was also evident on VE Day. Flags and bunting in abundance, not to mention tea and cakes. In our local areas, residents clearly managed to have a good time with each other while following social distancing guidance.

Our thanks to all those who are helping our community, though there is clearly a long road ahead. The wider MHDC area has, so far, had far fewer issues than most. Rubbish collections have been maintained at all times. Those in urgent need – including local businesses - have received help promptly. General administration has continued as efficiently as possible, despite council staff having to work from home, isolated from their colleagues.

We are still working on your behalf as much as government controls allow. If you need help, we can be contacted by phone, email or via our Facebook page:

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We wish you good health and good fortune in the coming month

Peter Whatley

Citizens Advice South Worcestershire has helped over 500 separate people since the Coronavirus lockdown began on 23 March up to the end of April 2020.



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Richard West, Advice Services Manager of Citizens Advice South Worcestershire said: “We are proud of our volunteers and staff who have quickly rallied round to ensure no-one needs to face the financial challenges of Covid-19 alone. “Since the national restrictions were announced on 23rd March our team has helped as many people as possible with problems such as applying for benefits for the first time, navigating the government’s job support schemes, and worries over how to manage the bills”

To access our Generalist Advice services and for specialist Money Advice telephone: 01684 563611 option 1 or the Worcestershire Advice line on 03444 111 303 or email enquiries.malvern@citizensadvicesw.org.uk

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These video connections go some way to replace real face-to-face meetings, but it's important to understand their limitations. The internet is often busy, slow and unstable, and there's a variable digital delay between people on these calls, which can make live music-making, for example, very difficult. It can be unhealthy to spend too much time sitting in front of screens. There's also a problem with inclusiveness – not everyone has the latest and greatest internet connections and devices, or is able to use them.

In terms of which software to use, everyone currently seems to be talking on or about *Zoom* (zoom.us), the commercial American videoconferencing and meeting software, primarily designed for business. This very generous, basic free offering is easy to use and includes sharing of screens, computer audio and whiteboards. Meetings can include up to 100 people and can be recorded.

You can use any modern device – a computer, tablet or smart phone – which has a camera, microphone and speakers (or headphones). Without the camera you can still use it for voice calls, or join video meetings with just voice.

Zoom basic version's 40 minute limit for 3-or-more-way calling is disruptive, but easily overcome domestically by setting up further meetings. The only feature I miss is the ability to connect to meetings via phone - great for opening up your meetings to those without modern devices. (This is available in the paid versions of *Zoom*. See also below.)

Ten years ago in the domestic market, most people I knew used *Skype* (skype.com) which seems to have fallen out of favour after being bought by Microsoft and suffering some bad press, although it still exists, and can these days be run from your web browser.

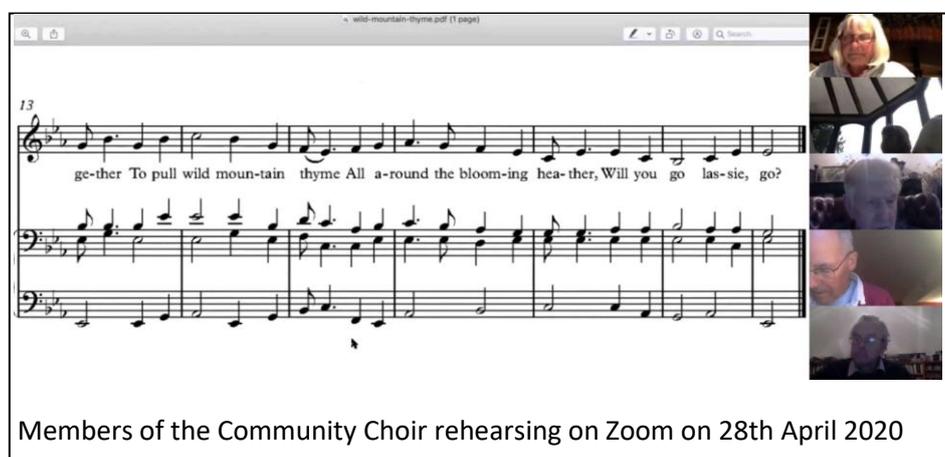
As for alternatives, everyone is offering it!

WhatsApp (whatsapp.com) is very popular and used for much else besides. So are *Facebook* (facebook.com) and *Microsoft Teams* (www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software).

Facetime (apple.com/ios/facetime) is very good, but limited to Apple devices and other *Facetime* callers, which is a big negative when trying to be inclusive. There's a bewildering array of choices out there - *BlueJeans* (bluejeans.com), *ClickMeeting* (clickmeeting.com), *HouseParty* (houseparty.com), *Line* (line.me), *Viber* (viber.com) and *Webex Meetings* (webex.com), to mention just a few.

If you're into Open Source and prefer non-commercial offerings, you may be interested in *Jitsi Meet* (jitsi.org) which is entirely free and has no restrictions on meeting length or number of callers. I was attracted to its Birmingham 0121 dial-in number for the less technically able. Unfortunately it seemed a bit jittery and unstable when I tried it.

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Alfrick Show 2020

You may be wondering whether the Alfrick Show will go ahead this year. The committee met via Zoom recently and the feeling is that it would be good to try and do something for the 69th Show - even if it is a scaled-down Horticultural Show with reduced events on the rest of the field.

As the advice is changing all the time, the final decision will not be taken until the middle of June, so please continue to tend your fruit, flowers and vegetables; keep baking and making preserves; take advantage of being at home to paint eye-



catching pictures, take interesting photographs and keep brewing and decanting.

Towards the end of June, do check the website to see what has been decided, and if we are going ahead the Schedule will be put on the website and be available in hard copy.

Website address: www.alfrickandlulsley.org/show

Community Choir

This month we have some exciting news about the Community Choir.

For the last four weeks we have been running online rehearsals each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. As far as we can tell, we're the only community choir or choral society in the area to be doing this, and probably one of only very few in the country. Thanks to the generosity of our accompanist, Lucas Ball, who has offered to work for us free of charge during the lockdown period, and also to his friend Emily, who has been filming him playing and helping generally with logistics and video transfer etc, we're currently able to provide this service free of charge. Some weeks we even get a free (live)

piano performance included!

I've been rapidly picking up quite a lot of video editing skills along the way, and this means that anyone on our email list who missed a rehearsal can usually watch it as early as the following morning.

You can see a sample rehearsal at www.alfrickcommunitychoir.com or ask to be put on the email list so that you can join our Tuesday sessions or watch them later.

Keep well, and stay safe.

Keith Bramich (07771 600776)



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Alfrick Players: We were of course disappointed not to be able to stage our production of



The Noble Spaniard by W. Somerset Maugham which was due in Alfrick Village Hall in the middle of May. With continued uncertainty over the future in respect of theatre performances generally, it is very difficult to plan ahead so this is just to let you know that we haven't let this wonderful play go and are anticipating putting it on in Alfrick next May around the time we do most of our shows. So 2020 may just have to be a lost year for Alfrick drama!

Slowly Round the World 2: Sadly, the second talk on my westbound trip was a casualty of the lockdown but just to let you know that, as soon as circumstances permit, I plan to reschedule something in Alfrick Village Hall again. I have used some of this recent time to work on the film of the trip so might be able to include this as well. It is a small point of good fortune for me that I did the trip last year - who knows what might have happened if I had been trying to do it this year, or perhaps found myself in some remote country as lockdown hit...! **Alan Soper**



Some of my wildlife highlights and.....verge mowing



For me, initially the apparently unlimited lockdown loomed as being largely negative - loss of 'freedom', no family visits, no wildlife ambles with fellow enthusiasts, no visits to wonderful places. However, it's certainly had its upsides - the quiet

I'm aware that for walkers, push chairs, cyclists and horse riders, the cow parsley, hogweed, brambles and rose stems in particular can impede visibility and progress at the edges of some lanes. However I'm seeing that the 1 metre cut has been vastly exceeded in some stretches having good straight visibility, varying from 2 to 3½ metres up banks. Is there really a necessity to mow at all on narrow little-used lanes with good clear traffic visibility and with extremely narrow verges? It shouldn't be about neatness and tidiness at all, just pragmatically about road safety.

due to less traffic, clearer skies, louder birdsong, animal noises, the ability to stand and stare, time to notice and try to identify what I see. I've hugely enjoyed being able to walk along footpaths and quiet lanes, passing and briefly chatting to many friendly fellow walkers and cyclists (at a 2 metres distance of course) with less fear of being mown down by traffic, and seeing masses of spring wildflowers in the verges being pollinated by seemingly randomly meandering bees, moths and other insects. It's fascinating that the precise shapes of the flower heads are adapted to their specific pollinators, and that bees are able to sense which flowers they have taken nectar from so don't visit them again.

It seems that in Worcestershire 'one size fits all': all parts of the county are treated the same whether very rural or much more urban. I understand that highway maintenance is now contracted out to Ringway, who in turn have contracted verge mowing to someone else who contracts to someone else who organises the mowing contractors or something like that. So the mowers you actually see are presumably three or four times removed from WCC. The parish councils and Malvern Hills District Council aren't involved. Anyone interested in having a rant (or otherwise), instead of just commiserating with other locals might do well to contact Paul Tuthill, our local county councillor (ptuthill@worcestershire.gov.uk) or the WCC officer responsible for policy, Rob Deri (rderi@worcestershire.gov.uk). A good organisation to contact is Plantlife, and you could sign up for the Facebook group *Flowers on Roadside Verges*. On a brighter note, if the verges aren't mown again until early autumn we will still see some summer wildflowers.

The above, of course, brings me to verge mowing and the not-a-few emails and comments I've had on this subject. I also get very sad and cross about it - the bright colours now mostly gone leaving unsightly brown, mulching, rotting vegetation, the debris - blocked drains, the shredded litter, the faster traffic etc. etc. The Worcestershire County Council (WCC) published rule is **1 metre in from the road but wider near splays and junctions.**

Carol Bradley



When COVID -19 arrived, a huge challenge presented itself for the shop, as everywhere else. There was panic buying at first but things have changed somewhat...we now seem to have swapped shortage of toilet rolls for dried fruit!...But we've risen to the challenges, sourcing flour, rice and pasta in bulk and putting our café kitchen to good use for weighing and packaging into smaller packets. This has included regular supplies of bread flour which has led to a demand for yeast, both dried and fresh, which has also been successfully sourced, through all sorts of routes!

One way or another, we have been able to provide most commodities required, establishing relationships with both new and existing suppliers. They have all been so accommodating, for which we are most grateful.

Fresh fish is now being delivered once a week, bread from 3 local bakeries, beer from 2 local breweries, strawberries from local farms, meat from a local butcher twice a week and free-range eggs, eggs and more eggs; all local, of course! As for cakes ...well, we still have our local supplier, and Claire, our café manager, has also resumed her baking in the cafe when time permits and is

taking phone orders for cakes, scones and quiches. In partnership with our local churches, we have recently become a collection point for the *Worcester Food Bank*. This is proving to be very successful with items donated from many and various sources. We know that this is helping many people who are currently struggling, more so than ever, during lockdown.

So, our shop has been busy, even welcoming and training new volunteers while some of our existing ones are sadly unable to serve in the shop at the moment. The *Post Office* has been equally in demand, and we thank our postman, Andy, who collects the post every weekday, regular as ever.

Just a reminder, Shop Opening: weekdays 10.00am to 4.00pm, weekends 10.00am to 12noon.

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As the lockdown eases, as we all hope it will, sooner rather than later, we will still be here to provide our services. It's a privilege to support our local community.

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Vicky Gatley, Volunteer

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Fray Bentos meat pies etc	Jam	
Tinned meat - ham, spam, corned beef,	Tinned fruit - single fruit such as oranges, grapefruit etc;	

Extras:-

Tomato sauce, Brown sauce, Mayonnaise, Cooking oil
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Please place your food donations, wherever they have been purchased, into the basket outside Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop from where they will regularly be taken to the Foodbank.

Rev Anne Potter revannepotter@gmail.com

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Normally this would be a report from the April meeting of the Parish Council but the virus shut-down has led to the cancellation of the last two parish council meetings. Fortunately at this time of year there is usually not a lot going on and it has been possible to conduct the council's business via email and telephone so far. Some of the larger councils are now using the internet to conduct their business using 'Zoom' or similar software to provide a video conference arrangement.

However in Alfrick and Lulsley there are some places where the broadband speed is so low that this is not possible.

The government has in its emergency regulations covering the operation of local councils allowed a change in the law and it will not now be a legal requirement to hold the parish council's annual meeting in May. This is likely to be put back to September when we hope we may be back to something like normal. In the meanwhile the council's accounts for the last financial year have been cleared via the email circuit and have now gone to the external auditor for confirmation. They will be available for viewing shortly and a notice will be put on our website setting out the dates and times they are available:

<https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/> then click on Alfrick.

Planning and Environmental Matters

The council sent a response of 'No Comment' on; Application Number: 20/00276/HP 5 Orchard Lea, Alfrick, Proposal: Single storey rear extension, new pitched roof over existing garage, porch to front and orangery to rear.

The response to Applications Numbers 20/00358/HB, 20/00359/LB, Church Cottage Lulsley for the demolition of single storey extensions and construction of new two and single storey extensions, including associated repairs to existing retained structures, was 'This council is keen to support the retention of historic buildings in the community and thus supports this application.'

Local Vehicle Speed Check

Over 50% of all journeys were over the speed limit

Alfrick and Lulsley speed summary: highest speeds recorded were at Fox and Hounds, Lulsley over 60mph at 00.05 on 04/02/2020

Suckley speed summary: no speeds recorded over 60mph but 19 vehicles over 50mph at the Village Hall and 22 over 50mph at Church Lane, Suckley

The daily vehicle count has dropped significantly since lockdown

Committee on New Public Facilities

This is 'on hold' until the lifting of the lock-down.

Emergency Help for those in quarantine due to COVID-19

There has not been much demand for help. We have some 23 'helpers' on file and have dealt with requests for some help and information. Anyone needing support should contact the clerk who will arrange for help to be available.

Lulsley Broadband Project

Together with Cllr R Ashton the clerk is working to get Lulsley residents signed up to a broadband package which will attract Government funding of £1.5k for a domestic line and £3.5k for a business line to a total of £90k.

The Parish Council recently sent a postcard to invite some 57 households to join a community project.

If you have been working from home, communicating with friends and family, or using your internet for more entertainment purposes over recent weeks, it is highly likely that you will have had experience of our current conventional copper broadband being slow or failing to deliver at critical moments. Superfast Fibre offers a fully future-proofed solution with speeds hundreds of times faster than the current infrastructure.

Although we have had many positive responses, we need more residents and businesses to take part for us not to miss-out and lose access to the available grants. We hope that if you have not already you will take up the opportunity to be a part of this important project and get in touch with either Richard or Geoffrey indicating whether you are a 'business' or a 'resident'.

If you are concerned about a considerable rise in costs it is worth noting that there are no initial costs for residents (use of grants) the prices of superfast broadband services are falling significantly, and there is only a small difference between the price of superfast broadband and basic broadband services.

Please contact Geoffrey Brewin (Clerk to the Council) and Richard Ashton (Councillor):

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r.a.ashton10@gmail.com

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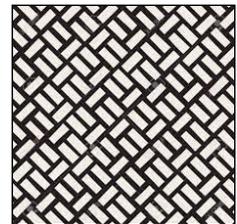
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Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme says, "Keep alert" and "THANK YOU"!

We're here to help on 01886 840480 and suckleygns@gmail.com on Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm. It is thanks to the many new Volunteers that a lot of stay-home folk have their Suckley PO shopping brought to their door regularly at present. Julian and Mark now have lots of fresh fruit and veg, as well as their usual stock. If you would like an order delivered or put by to collect, please phone the



01886 840480

GNS on **01886 840480** between 10.00am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday for delivery after 5.00pm the next day. *Knightwick butchers'* meat orders deadline is 1.00pm on Tuesdays!!

Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) is available to Suckley residents, and our volunteers will try to help if someone is in need of assistance. In these present challenging times, it could be that someone would appreciate a phone call, maybe for advice, or even just a friendly chat on the phone. Several volunteers have been trained by *South Worcestershire Citizens Advice*, and all our regular volunteers have been screened by the *Disclosure and Barring Service*. So please be alert to those living nearby, and if you feel it appropriate remind them that the **Good Neighbour Scheme is here to help on 01886 840480 and suckleygns@gmail.com**

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Covid-19 is a world-wide problem.

Living where we do, we are the lucky ones!

In an effort to stay well we have all had it drummed in to us how important it is to wash our hands frequently. How would we feel if our nearest water supply was several hours walk away, unreliable and dirty? Social distancing in a refugee camp?

Toilets, Taps and Training are a lifesaving trio that is needed the world over to help flush away poverty and disease of many sorts.

The work of charities like *Tearfund* and *Medair* - providing safe, clean and accessible water nearer to homes - is more important than ever. They are working hard to improve access to water in rural areas and offering education about basic hygiene; and now they are informing people about how to avoid the spread of Covid-19 as well.

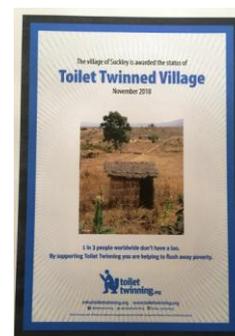
Easter Sunday was anticipated as the official end of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but as Ebola retreats,

Covid-19 threatens to exacerbate the struggles of ordinary people living in poverty and the efforts of humanitarian responders working to

meet the needs of more than 2 million people displaced by armed conflicts there.

Yemen is currently home to the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world. A brutal war there has left nearly 10 million people at risk of starvation - ordinary people trying their best to cope in a far-from-ordinary situation. Covid-19 has arrived there too.

Add the Covid-19 pandemic to the more than 911,000 Rohingya people who fled violence in **Myanmar** (Burma) and are now living in Refugee camps in **Bangladesh**.



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What can we do?

We can give - of our money and our time.

We can talk to people - gossip is powerful stuff - let's make sure that we are well informed and then help others to be well informed too!

We can pray - the behaviour of mankind may be responsible for much of our stress, but God can help us through it! He can inspire us with useful ideas about what we can do to help too.

We can 'twin' our Toilet or our tap! Suckley is now proudly a 'Toilet Twinning Community' – forty 'twinned' loos means we have helped fund sanitation projects in 40 different communities - now more important than ever, with Covid-19 now reaching the most deprived and vulnerable parts of the world. Toilet Twinning works through *Tearfund*, and locally both Anne Lewis (01886 884552 and 07957 388926) and Amanda Smith can give you more information.

Tearfund and *Medair* are two charities that I respect hugely - for the way they work, their integrity and the way they look after their staff (no huge salaries, but staff safety is well looked after). My two doctor children have worked for several years for these organisations, have worked in **South Sudan, Sierra Leone and**

Nigeria, and are still

involved in international health.

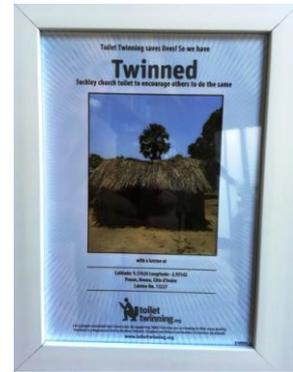
Together we can all play our part in urging international organisations, government and donors to work together. Faith leaders are vital in all communities and have

unparalleled knowledge of local-level needs that positions them as essential in beating Covid-19.

Tearfund is equipping both Christian and Muslim faith leaders with advice on how to care for and look out for their communities. By providing resources and advice on how to handle tough questions about why the coronavirus has happened, *Tearfund* is working to breakdown fear and stigma caused by the disease and encouraging people of faith to pray for an end to the outbreak.

To make a donation in support of *Tearfund's* work responding to Covid-19 outbreaks around the world, please visit

<https://www.tearfund.org/en/give/>



Anne Lewis

For an interesting video see: <https://www.facebook.com/toilettwinning/videos/1743759322446430/>

Light Relief from Anne Lewis (answers in other parts of this edition of *The Sphere*)

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Suckley Parish Council: Chairman's Report 2019/20

The past 12 months have been eventful, to say the least. Severe flooding has been followed by the Coronavirus, the effects of which will be with us for many years to come. Parish Councils throughout the country have, as usual, proved an invaluable link to local communities. Suckley PC has played its part, not only co-ordinating with District and County Councils, but within the parish to help vulnerable parishioners get the assistance they need. Julian and Mark at *Suckley Village Stores & Post Office* and Cllr Anne Lewis heading up the *Good Neighbour Scheme* are just two examples of Suckley's strong community spirit.

In the everyday world, our relations with *Worcs CC Highways* remain occasionally fraught, though recently that function has been noticeably more responsive in respect of blocked drains. As Lengthsmen are now not allowed to dig out drains we are dependent on Highways to do major works. Together with our County Councillor, Paul Tuthill, we are pressing for a regular schedule of jetting to be carried out which would be more cost effective than the current episodic visits by Highways.

Despite the restrictions on his work, our Lengthsman Rob Wilks has continued to keep our verges, pathways and drain tops clear. He also cuts back any overgrown vegetation, especially at the White House crossroads. We remain unhappy about the speed limit at that location. Highways have offered to carry out a new speed survey there, though maintaining that 60 mph is the appropriate speed limit.

Provision of "superfast" broadband remains patchy in the parish. Around 50% of premises still lack even the 24Mb/s speed quoted by Worcs CC as a minimum for "superfast". Some parishioners appear to be under the delusion that this will be remedied automatically in future, or that low broadband speeds will not be an issue. Wrong. Openreach have a local monopoly and do not plan to improve their service speeds except to meet the 10Mb/s legal minimum. All national and local agencies are committed to deliver services primarily (in many cases only) via the internet in future and many assume the 24Mb/s superfast speed as a given. Only community action will resolve this issue, so I urge residents of the Longley Green and Crews Hill areas to sign-up for their respective community projects. If sufficient premises do sign up, installation of 300Mb/s full-fibre broadband is completely free.

Time for a Smile

A new boy turned up at a Sunday Club and the leader asked him what his father did. "He's a magician, sir," said the boy. "How interesting," said the leader, "What's his favourite trick?" The boy replied, "He's very good at sawing people in half." The leader was impressed. "Now tell me something more about yourself, do you have any brothers and sisters?" he asked. "Yes sir," replied Johnny, "I have one brother and two half sisters."

In other community matters, the Parish Council again supported the Womble LitterPick in November 2019. Alas, due to Coronavirus the March 2020 event had to be cancelled. Our thanks go to Catherine Armstrong for her excellent management of the litter picks which have attracted national press coverage. The annual Act of Remembrance at the Old Quarry site in Longley Green drew over 40 parishioners. We are grateful to Revd. Anne Potter for leading the event, with Peter Hibbert excelling as bugler. The memorial stone has since been cleaned and the lettering gilded, providing a finishing touch to the installation. We acknowledge with gratitude the hard work of parishioner Mike Baldwin in keeping the site immaculately mown and maintained. Elsewhere, the playing fields have been kept in good order through the efforts of Cllr Carol Luton together with Cllr John Green. This despite losing the talents of the Junior Football Team who had previously painted parts of the pavilion and mowed the pitch. Sadly, the Playing Fields still suffer from fly tipping and vandalism, with the door of the pavilion having been smashed through. This has now been replaced and strengthened with a new metal grid in front of the door. A stainless steel water tank of no scrap value will be purchased to replace the stolen copper one, together with new shower-heads. *RoSPA* has also undertaken a safety inspection of the play equipment.

Our Footpaths Officer Helen Philpotts and her walking team have liaised with the Clerk and the *WCC Countryside Department* to keep our footpaths open and properly signed, not only for local use but for visitors to our beautiful AONB area of Worcestershire.

I am, as ever, indebted to all my fellow Parish Councillors and to our indefatigable clerk, Mrs Diana Taylor, for their hard work and support throughout the year and especially during this difficult period. Due to lockdown restrictions, the Council is not currently able to hold public meetings in the Village Hall, but plans are in hand to hold a virtual meeting of the Council on Monday **13 July**, one of our designated dates for a Parish Council Meeting.

Whatever the forthcoming months bring, your council will continue to do its utmost for the health and wellbeing of all who live and work in the parish of Suckley.

PETER WHATLEY, Chairman – Suckley Parish Council

Some history and background to the Conquest Theatre, Bromyard



The theatre was born out of the *Bromyard and District Drama Group*, there's a mouthful! The embryo of that group started in May 1950 when they took to the stage in the original Public Hall

(located next to the current Fire Station, where two houses have been built).

The Conquest Theatre started life by an innocent comment from a member of the group in 1988. In those days there were only two productions a year presented in the Public Hall. During times when there was nothing in rehearsal monthly play readings took place, with copies sent by post and then returned after use. On one occasion, the books had not been delivered, but one of the members had recorded a radio programme called, "It will be alright on the night" - not to be confused with the TV programme! The presenter was Brian Matthew who had an interest in *Am Dram* as it was called. He had been to see a group in Bristol who had converted a building into their own small theatre. At the end of listening to this programme, one of the members said, "Wouldn't it be good if we could have our own theatre?" From this comment the idea was born. A suitable building happened to be for sale in Bromyard, and we raised the money and purchased it and then converted it into the theatre. It held 102 audience members and had a tiny, but workable stage. From purchase to opening the doors to the theatre took three years and three months. Lots of stories abound of how we obtained items to keep the costs down, how people gave us their time free, in particular a brilliant carpenter, Phil Dukes, aided by Tony Locke. The floor was maple wood, purchased from a gymnasium that was closing down. The main stage curtains were made from the old pelmet of the *Gaumont Cinema* in Worcester. Stage - wood was taken from the old *Haven Cinema* in Stourport on Severn, and seating was from *Tenbury Cinema* when they were updating theirs.

There we stayed with many happy times until after 13 years of happy life in the original "tin shed" as it was very affectionately known by all the members, the building was starting to show worrying decline. No longer the oak frame standing bold and upright, it had begun to sag and droop causing us worry about the safety of everyone who visited it. To assist and ensure it was safe until we could decide what we were going to do, hydraulic jacks were brought in and used to jack up the frame inside, and then secure it with extra bracing to make sure that no harm would come to anyone - and it worked as no one did! The only issue we had left was due to the leaning of the structure, one small part of the roof had started to leak slightly whenever we had rain. This would end

up dripping right over two seats in the auditorium! So, with one of our members being very clever, they devised a hidden internal guttering system that sent the water on its merry way to the outside of the building, safe and everyone dry. No one ever suspected that it was there, just above the heads of the audience.

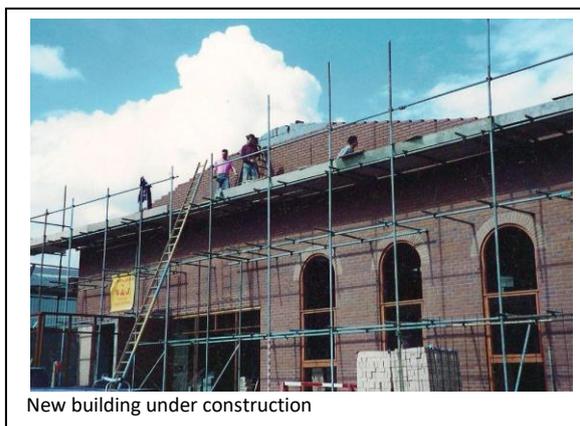


The old building ready to fall apart

With all that was taking place with the building a meeting was called to try and see what we could do. It was a stark choice, either try and repair what we had, rebuild on the existing site, which would have meant a much smaller theatre than we have today, or try for a purpose built building on a new site. The final option is the path that we took.

Many discussions took place between ourselves with Bromyard Town, and Malvern Hills Council (whose authority Bromyard was under then) to see if it was feasible to share the new proposed leisure centre. In the end we finally convinced them that this was not a viable proposition. It did however result in us being able to purchase the site where the Conquest is now from Malvern Hills Council, but at full market value. Plans were submitted, passed and funds attempted to be raised. With the help of generous donations from some local businesses, funding from *The Clive Richards Charity*, and support of the Spelman family (who owned Top Garage at the time), the building work was commenced. Local firms were used as much as possible, this venture being far too large for it to be built entirely by volunteers! In the latter stages however a number of volunteers gave their time to decorate and help equip the building.

Paul Spelman President of the Conquest Theatre



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Parish Worship

Our Church continues to be alive and active but due to COVID-19 our buildings must remain closed.

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Even though we are not able to meet with you in person the clergy are available at the end of a telephone line so please feel free to contact us:

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If you have an administration query please contact Alison Khan on 07984 748059 or leighrectory@outlook.com

For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' the team are continuing to find creative ways of offering worship through our YouTube wwrtlivestream as well as keeping you informed through the website www.wwrt.churchinsight.com and A Church Near You.

The Leigh and District Gardeners' Club

As of course I am sure you would all expect, our May visit was off. However, it is lovely to see that some of you are sharing your questions and beautiful photos of your gardens or daily exercise in our local area on our Facebook page.

We welcome all members to join this. If Facebook isn't an option, please don't hesitate to keep in contact by email. We would be pleased to receive any questions, points of interest and photographs, we will forward any that you wish with other members.

Please take care and stay safe,

Marian and Steven Kent.

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Answers to the Emoji Countries Quiz in the Suckley section

1. Tonga; 2. Wales; 3. Tahiti; 4. Oman; 5. Liechtenstein; 6. Canada; 7. Chile; 8. Ukraine; 9. Iceland;
10. France; 11. Seychelles; 12. Ireland; 13. Armenia; 14. Bahrain; 15. Jamaica; 16. Kuwait;
17. Belgium; 18. Thailand; 19. Turkey; 20. Germany; 21. Bahamas; 22. Romania; 23. Cuba.

1st Leigh Guides

Lockdown is having such an impact on everyone but 1st Leigh Guides have been having virtual meetings every week and we are so grateful for them. It's been lovely to see the Girls and hear about the things they are doing. They have all independently been working on badges including History of Guiding, photography, All About Me and Aspirations. We have been having quizzes making friendship bracelets to swap between the guides and carrying out scavenger hunts. Charley has been absolutely amazing and has been making masks, scrubs and hearts for Worcester hospital and found herself as a coordinator for the area to arrange collection. If you would like more information on this please get in touch with Wendy and she will put you in touch with Charley. Alternatively contact DizzyBug Designs on Facebook.

We have no idea when we will be back to 'normal' meetings but we are still welcoming new members, just email wendy_cane@hotmail.com for more information.

Keep safe everyone and we hope to see you soon!

Thank goodness for technology!

Wendy, Valda, Charley, Puffin and Panda

Leigh & Bransford Parish Council

As Covid-19 restrictions continue, parish council meetings are being held virtually by telephone conference. Residents are always welcome to join us, so please get in touch for details of how to participate. Otherwise we very much continue with business as usual, so please get in touch if there is anything you would like to report. Local information, links to the community coronavirus response helpline and an up to date list of local home delivery services can also be found on our website www.leighandbransford.org.uk

Thank you to all the residents who have come forward to help in the community during the covid-19 crisis. Some have kindly volunteered to pick up litter whilst out on their daily walks, which has been especially welcome following the cancellation of our spring litter pick. If anyone else would be interested in doing this, we would be happy to provide equipment. Please contact the chairman on 01886 833844.

Our parish is blessed with an extensive network of public footpaths for everyone to enjoy. As the weather continues to improve and more people are getting out and about, could we please remind everyone to follow the countryside code. Please stay on the paths and close gates after you. Keep your dog on a lead, take all your litter home with you and of course, for the moment, respect social distancing. If you find any paths that are impassable or notice that any signs or waymarks are missing, please do get in touch and let us know.

We have been getting lots of positive feedback on Rectory Wood, both from local people and from Natural Networks, the programme behind the grants and support that made the scheme possible. So successful has the project been that it is going to be featured in future promotional videos for the scheme. It is well worth a visit if you live nearby.

Parish council virtual meetings (subject to change – please see noticeboards and website - are scheduled for 28th July, 22nd September & 24th November at 7.00pm.

Food Bank items

A big thank you to those who have dropped off donations for the Food bank at the Alfrick shop. We have taken 20+ bags.

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LATEST UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH AND BRANSFORD
MEMORIAL HALL: JUNE 2020

1. The Hall remains closed until at least MONDAY 15 JUNE and the signs are that it will continue to stay closed until JULY at the earliest.

Since our last update in early May, the UK Government has announced its first cautious steps to the easing of lockdown, with a 'roadmap' of the stages to follow for our return to a 'new normal'. Should everything go to plan, we may enter the next stage of easing by early July. A date in July, however, is by no means guaranteed for the reopening of the Hall, but the Trustees will, of course, post any news about reopening on the homepage of its website www.leighandbransfordhall.co.uk as well as in subsequent editions of the on-line Sphere.

2. We are still responding to booking enquiries and accepting online bookings for future events from July.

Subject to the easing of community gatherings, you can still check availability and book from July by going to the MAKE A BOOKING tab on our website.

Alternatively, if you have any queries or questions you can email us at:

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3. Weddings.

The Hall hosts up to 25 wedding parties and other weekend celebration events during the course of a year. Weddings and celebrations that were planned to take place between March and August have been postponed and rebooked. If you have a wedding party booked at the Hall from September onwards that, should restrictions on public gatherings still be in place by the end of July, we will give you the options to reschedule at no extra charge (subject to availability) or get a full refund if you decide to cancel. We will contact all hirers with bookings in August and September in early July if the lockdown looks set to continue.

4. The 2020-21 subscription year for our fund raiser and prize draw scheme Friends of Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall is due to start in July.

This is an important fund-raiser for us and 50% of what we collect in subscriptions is redistributed over the year to subscribers through a monthly prize draw. The amount distributed depends on the amount collected. As only 30% of subscriptions are paid online with the remainder being collected on the doorstep, we will be unable to collect your subscriptions until lockdown eases. The Trustees have had no choice but to postpone doorstep collections until it is safe to do so. We hope all subscriptions will now be collected by September – at which point we will know the size of the prize fund and backdate the monthly prize draws to July. Thank you to everybody who has paid their subscriptions by standing order. If you have any questions about the scheme please email or phone **Patrick Mills**, who may be contacted by email at patrickmills567@gmail.com or, if you don't have an email account you can phone him instead on **01886 832025**.

5. CONTACT US

You can still contact us by email at: info@leighandbransfordhall.co.uk with any queries or questions you may have. We try to answer all emails with 72 hours.

We will also post updates and further information on our website homepage www.leighandbransfordhall.co.uk

Thank you all for your continuing support and please, stay safe!

Answers to the Emoji Hymn Quiz in the Suckley section

1. Shine Jesus Shine; 2. Holy Holy Holy; 3. Be though my vision; 4. One more step around the world I go;
5. Come down O love Divine; 6. Lord of the Dance; 7. Crown him with many crowns;
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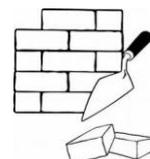
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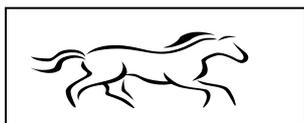
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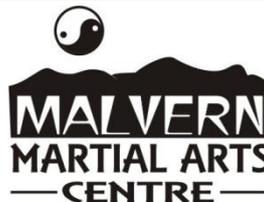
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GARDENERS' CLUB - 3rd Thursday.	Mrs.Marion Kent	832537
TABLE TENNIS – Mondays 6.00 to 9.30 pm	Contact Richard Steele 821777 Sue Adams	830190
COMMUNITY CHOIR	Contact Keith Bramwich www.alfrickcommunitychoir.com	07771600776

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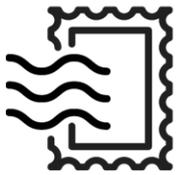
Website at <http://www.leighandbransford.org.uk>

MEMORIAL HALL - Booking & Keys:	www.leighandbransfordhall.co.uk	
HALL COMMITTEE - Memorial Hall 7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday in January then every other month.		
AGM 3rd Tuesday in May. Chair: Jon Gamble - j_e_gamble@hotmail.com		
PARISH COUNCIL - Memorial Hall 7.30 pm 4th Tues in Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov		
Clerk to Council Mrs.Jackie Barker 114 Fruitlands, Malvern WR14 4XB		01684 567674
Footpath Warden	Gary Mellor	288370
PRESCHOOL Sherridge Road Leigh Sinton Open 8.30 to 3 pm	Katie Wiggins	07854 477445
W.I. - Memorial Hall 1st Tuesdays - 7.30 pm	President Mrs Angela Dancer	833737
BOWLS (Indoor) Memorial Hall - Mondays 7.30pm-9.30 pm	Mrs.C.Hall	832650
Knit & Natter - Royal Oak 2-4 pm last Thursday of the month		
MALVERN MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE L/S	www.malvernmarialarts.co.uk	833033
TAE KWON DO Weds 6.30 -7.30 pm.	Julian Burton	07770 822033 833033
BOXFIT/CIRCUITS/WING CHUN/TAI CHI/QIGONG Kev		07725 161178 830175
PILATES - Tuesdays 9 - 10am	Di Fox	07775 795670
BranchesDayOpportunities 10am–3pm Mon-Fri	jesshibbert@hotmail.com	07572 398095 833382
SCOUT HUT 1st LEIGH SCOUTS		
Explorer Scouts Thurs 7.00-9.00 pm (14-18)	Stuart Diplock	880078
Scouts Fri 7.00-9.00 pm (10-14)	Matthew Cooper	884277
Cubs Tues 6.45-8.15 pm (8-10)	June Etheridge	01905 425793
Beavers Wed 5.30 - 6.45 pm (6-8)	Joanne King	833925
1st LEIGH GUIDES Mondays 7.30-9.00 pm	Mrs.Valda Cane	833115
BROWNIES - 1st Leigh - Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.15 pm	Mrs Kaye James	832304
RAINBOWS - Thursdays 6.00 - 7.00 pm	Ann Osborne	833480
AGE UK	Contact Margaret Hamilton	833412
WREKIN SPIRITUAL CAFE 1st Wed 11am - 1pm	Contact Clair McDonald	884888
LEIGH & BRANSFORD BADGERS FC - Senior Coach	Bosko Medakovic	07979 725196
LEIGH & BRANSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Head Mr Stuart Bill	832342

SUCKLEY

Website at <http://www.suckley.net>

VILLAGE HALL	Keys/booking	Steve Boughton	884210
PARISH COUNCIL	Clerk Mrs Diana Taylor		01684 569430
SUCKLEY PLAYING FIELDS	All weather pitch for football or tennis.		
	Bookings:	Mr C Luton	884558
	Two Football Pitches	Mrs C Luton	884558
	Skateboard Area	Mr P Beaumont	884550
SUCKLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	Contact Nessa Haworth		884383
LADIES KEEP FIT Tuesdays 11-12 noon	Carol Boughton		884210
BELL RINGING - 1st, 2nd, 4th Weds 7.30-9.00 pm	Captain Mrs Linda Taylor		884280
SUCKLEY SCHOOL	Church Lane	Headmistress Mrs Sheila Marshall	884283
GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME			840480
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Leigh & District Branch	Contact Shirley Tasker		832669
	Last Friday in March, July, September and November at 2.30 pm in the Bear & Ragged Staff		
WEST MERCIA CONSTABULARY	Emergency 999	Other matters	0300 333 3000
	PC 3381 Sarah Ransome-Williams CSO 6494 Tracey Caldwell CSO 6481 Collin Davies		
	Local Policing Team Kempsey/Alfrick based at Upton Police Station		



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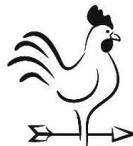
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