

SUCKLEY NEWSLETTER

The Queen's Jubilee Weekend - how Suckley celebrated

4th June 2012 and miraculously the sun appeared.

Down at the playing field, the marquees were pegged, the bunting was hung and tables decorated and groaning with cakes baked, jellies set and fizzing pop. And the party began. The castle was bouncing, the ponies prancing and the donkeys took in all in their stride. Games were played, footballs kicked and ice creams melted. Books were browsed and bric-a-brac sold, displays were gazed upon and those on the 'merry go round' went dizzy.

As the sun went down, the band kicked off and the sizzling pig was a-roasting. With the beer and the cider lubricating limbs, the dancing was a sight to behold! The raffle was drawn as last orders were called then the crowd drifted off to their beds. Many good memories were made on that day - the photos say it all. If you would like to see more photos, they have been posted on Flickr. Please contact suckleynews@gmail.com for details.



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The organisers, Ness Haworth, Andrew Grieve and team would like to thank: Duncan Reynolds, Mr & Mrs Luton, Anne & Richard Lewis, Jake, Edward Holloway, Suckley Post Office, Holloway's Cafe, Douglas Roper, John Hammonds, Derek Philpotts, Margaret and Tony Davies, Tony Haworth, Claire McDonald and her team for the spectacular tea, Arthur Bancroft & the Suckley Children's Folk Orchestra, Henry Walker for organising the games, the Suckley companies for their generous donations to the raffle. And all those who helped to make the event such a memorably occasion. Thank you!

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Meet your Parish Lengthsman

In times gone by, highways were generally maintained by the local people, looking after their "own patch". In 1862 an act of parliament gave parishes the opportunity to combine, to form highways boards, able to maintain local roads on behalf of a wider range of residents. In 1888 county councils were created, who then became responsible for the maintenance of most highways. Originally lengthsman date from the time when road maintenance was a very labour intensive activity. They were responsible for maintaining an area or length of road - hence the name.



My name is Baz and I am your parish Lengthsman, I live in Uphampton which is a little hamlet on the outskirts of Ombersley village. I am married to Deb and we have one son and four grandchildren.

My duties include clearing culverts, drains, grips and grids, emptying drains, and unblocking them where possible. I also side out footpaths; trim grass and weed kill hard standings, verges and footpaths. I attend the parish once a week for approximately 4 hours. Although I liaise with Councillor John Green, I have no set plan of work and try to prioritise my work accordingly - at the moment with all the heavy rain, all I am doing is clearing

and emptying drains! To enable me to do my job safely, I have attended several courses provided by the county council including use of PPE (personal protective equipment), strimming and most importantly road safety.

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I love working outdoors and meeting lots of new people and have got to know some of the parishioners quite well. The worst part of the job involves speeding motorists who ignore my cones and slow signs, when I am working on the lanes - they are there for a reason, to ask people to slow down and to protect me from traffic! It might surprise people to know that in the 4 months that we had the VAS (vehicle activation sign) there were more than 19000 people speeding in our parish. So please, if you are driving down a country lane and see a slow sign, slow down!

As we all know with the recent "summer " weather we have had lots of flooding in the parish, whilst it obvious that the drains will not cope with fast, heavy torrential down pours, the rest of the time most drains block up because contractors AND parishioners do not clear their grass and hedge cuttings from the verge. These then get swept down to cover the drains hence localised flooding, whilst this is a small problem it quickly escalates in heavy rain.

If any one has a problem, then please feel free to stop me and if I can help you I will. Finally a big thank you to John Green whose knowledge has been invaluable.

Suckley Parish Survey 2012: your chance to influence Suckley's future!

By the time you receive this issue of the Newsletter, the 2012 Suckley Parish Survey should also have arrived. The survey matters to YOU! It will form the basis for the parish's development plan: that in turn is the way we can obtain external funding for Suckley under the new Localism Act. Quite simply, if there is demand for a community facility – whatever that may be - we have to be able to prove that the demand exists. Doing nothing means we will be likely to lose out as a community while others benefit.

PLEASE – take the few minutes needed to complete your form and return it to Suckley Post Office by August 6th. The results will be summarised and made available at a public meeting in the autumn.

Thanks in advance

Andrew Grieve
Community Development Plan leader

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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

We will be closed on Friday 24th August at 6.30pm
We re-open at 8am on Tuesday 28th August. Please arrange collection of medication around these times. Thank you

FOCUS ON: FLOOD BARRIERS!



The weekend of 14th & 15th July put our flood barriers to the test for the first time. The water rose to the top of the car park steps and eventually came up high enough in the back garden to float the seat of our bench away! Happily our rear flood wall and pump managed to hold their own and prevented the water from entering the surgery.

Display Screen

Visitors to the surgery may notice that we have a new Digital Display Screen which we will be using to pass on information, health advice and items of local interest to our patients. We have noted comments regarding the accompanying music and are in the process of discussing alternative options!

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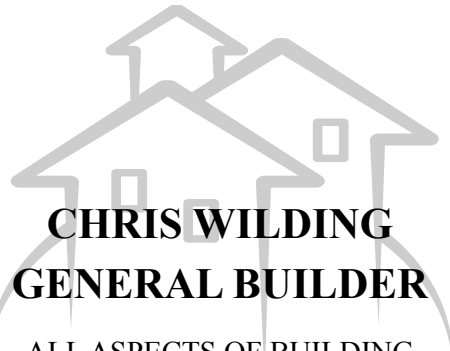
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Planning for next fifty years at Stocks Farm

Ali Capper looks at how technology and our eating (and drinking!) habits affect the working and future of Stocks Farm and Mark Capper considers how the farm might look and operate in 50 years' time.

When Mark Capper bought Stocks Farm in 1962 the fruit grown on the farm was quite different to the present day. The orchards were mainly plums and cherries. The Victoria, Purple Pershore and Yellow Egg plums were sold on for jam and to be canned in Hereford. Dessert plums and cherries travelled from Suckley railway station on a reserved overnight wagon to catch the morning trade at Birmingham market. There were, of course, no supermarkets then!

The improved growing techniques combined with the arrival of supermarkets has significantly increased the volume of fruit required but has also changed the landscape of what we now grow. Old-fashioned, "tart", inconsistent croppers such as plums and cherries have been replaced by sweeter Gala and Braeburn apples. Has anyone spotted the new Gala orchard planted in the village? 9,500 trees were machine planted in just 2 days during April, just before the rain! Fruit trees are a high risk business: we committed to the trees two years ago, planted in 2012, they will not come to full yield until 2015/16!

Bramley apples are worth a mention too. Sadly our oldest most beautiful orchard next to the house has this year being grubbed. It was planted in 1963 but today the price of Bramley apples is too low to make them commercially viable. Demand has dropped as less people are cooking with apples.

Cider fruit is a new entrant too. Cider orchards were once a secondary crop, the trees being grown to shelter the livestock living and grazing underneath. In recent years cider apples have become an important crop in their own right and as the cider market has grown so have the number of orchards throughout Herefordshire & Worcestershire.

Hop growing in 1962 was a steady market and controlled by the Hops Marketing Board who prevented any competing imports. It was and still is a labour-intensive crop. At the earliest opportunity, Mark built comparatively efficient kilns and hop picking machinery away from the main house to reduce the risk

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of fire. The varieties grown were the tall, traditional hops: Fuggles, Bullion and Sunshine. Tall hops are still grown on the farm today, although the varieties have changed, along with the newer hedgerow varieties that are cheaper, easier to grow but have a lower yield.

We all know The Bruff Business Centre today as the home of many local businesses. The younger readers may not know that the "The Bruff" is a hop-picking machine, manufactured in Suckley at The Bruff. The machines were used to separate the leaf from the hop and were exported all over the world. We are still proud users of a Bruff Hop Picking machine, it is lovingly maintained every winter for it's work every harvest for 5 weeks during September and October. In 1963 Mr Brooks at the Bruff factory reminded Mark that prior to the invention of hop picking machines in the 1950s, the farm had needed 500 hop pickers every September!



At harvest time today we use 30+ fruit pickers and 15 hop pickers to harvest over 1000 tonnes of dessert fruit and 80 tonnes of hops. In addition we harvest over 1200 tonnes of cider fruit each year.

The main issue that the farm faces today is the forever increasing costs of production that is not matched by increasing fruit prices. Did you know that the price per kg to a grower for an apple has not changed much in 20 years? We've simply become more efficient and productive. But with oil rising at 20-25% per year, the truth is food prices will have to start to reflect actual costs. Hop sales to the traditional big brewers are falling and a lot more hops are being imported but the regional 'craft' brewers are very successful and produce fantastic beer. We believe there is a great opportunity to export English hops overseas too.

When asked to look in his crystal ball to see what we'd be doing in 50 years time at Stocks Farm, Mark wondered about the following:

- Water conservation projects to conserve/extract water for orchard and hop yard irrigation? Not something we do today but likely to be necessary if you believe the climate change science...
- Dual/triple width fruit trees every 25cm in a row, mechanically planted, mechanically pruned, mechanically harvested? Today we only mechanically harvest the cider fruit, everything else is picked (very carefully) by hand...
- Ten-fold increase in the number of hop varieties, mechanically planted, mechanically harvested with no leaf or "strig" making the hop picking machine redundant, freeze-dried on farm (so no need to burn c. 40,000 litres of oil in 5 weeks as we do today!)
- On-farm extraction of hop oils for pharmaceutical purposes...
- Renewable electricity – all new buildings will face south to ensure that the roof generates the maximum electricity through PV panels
- Electric tractors...!
- All seasonal labour employed from within a 10 mile radius

**If you want to find out more about Stocks Farm, see www.stocksfarm.net.
If you can commit to 6 weeks work for 6 days a week and you are keen to work outside to pick fruit or hops, to supervise fruit pickers or to drive a tractor during harvest, please call 01886 884202.**

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Flower Festival at St. John the Baptist Church Suckley

We are busy planning the Wedding Themed Flower Festival in Suckley Church on the weekend of Saturday 22nd/23rd September, 2012 and have had much support for this venture but I am sure there are lots of people out there who will help, not necessarily with Flowers. This is a fund-raising activity for the maintenance of our beautiful church, nothing to do with the 'proposed re-ordering'. It will be an opportunity to come and see where weddings have been held for years, sit in the pews of your fore-bearers and enjoy the beauty of the Church as it has been decorated for weddings over the decades. The church will be open from 10.00am – 5pm and Evensong will follow on the Sunday evening, with a special performance from Leigh Choir. Do come and join us.

We are looking at wedding dresses, photographs and anniversaries that are celebrated. There should be the chance to look at the Wedding Register to find your names, if you were married at the Church, and look at the collection of photographs of couples who have been married at the Church. Please do feel free to telephone me if you are prepared to have your dress or photographs on display.

Our programme will include advertising for local businesses and small companies linked to wedding planning. e.g. photographers, caterers, cars etc. and if you would like to advertise or if you would like a stand please let us know. We will be sending out letters asking for sponsorship as well. If anyone would like to donate/sponsor a flower arrangement in memory of someone close to them, please do let us know. That is myself, June Mifflin or Jean Davies (nee Lloyd). There are many families, who we know, who have loved ones in the Churchyard but may not now be connected to the Church who would consider doing this.

We are planning an escorted walk over Suckley Hills, followed by a cream tea. If you are prepared to help with this on either day, please do let us know. The Flower Festival needs lots of helpers, e.g. Stewards for car-parking, refreshments, raffle ticket sellers, cleaners and Stewards in Church. Perhaps you could help put up the marquee on Friday 21st or help us with tables and chairs? If you could spare an hour or two on either day or on the Thursday and Friday, we would be grateful.

Many thanks for considering this Jenny Taylor (nee Griffiths) 01886 884726

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Suckley Local History Society.....“A Walk, a Talk and a Tea”

Liz Devenish writes of the first field trip of the recently re-established History Society to a local farm with connections to the Mormon religion.

This field trip proved to be a most enjoyable excursion, when an enthusiastic group of our members braved the recent wet and windy weather and visited Hill Farm at Castle Frome. The farm has an important historical connection with the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints, (LDS), usually called Mormons, and after being greeted by Louise Manning we walked to the farm pond where, in the 1840s, huge numbers of local people were converted to the new Mormon faith and baptised by total immersion.

We then had an excellent lecture in a lovely converted barn, now an education facility, and we were very impressed with the extensive research that Louise has done into the history of the conversions and the Mormon faith in the area. We had a lively discussion and looked at the large array of teaching material that Louise has prepared, which was followed by an excellent tea with homemade cakes.

LDS had started in the USA in the 1820s, and in 1840 LDS missionaries were already travelling back to Liverpool to spread the word and encourage emigration. One such preacher, Wilford Woodruff, converted and then became a good friend of John Benbow, who owned Hill Farm, and it therefore became a centre for conversion and baptism. A large proportion of the population at the time were members of the United Brethren, an appealingly egalitarian religion, but following the Enclosure Acts and the loss of common land, many were destitute and a new religion which promised community support as well as faith proved to be extremely tempting, hence the almost mass conversion. The new faith promised support and a new future in a new country and emigration was very much part of the attraction. In about 9 months, some 1800 people were converted and many were baptised at Hill Farm. The pond was a chilly place when we visited in June, and the prospect of total immersion in the winter would have required faith indeed!

Within two years most had emigrated and having gathered at Nauvoo, they then followed their new prophet, Brigham Young, on the famous pioneer trek

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West, eventually settling many towns in the Rockies of which Salt Lake City is the most well known for the Mormon connection. John Benbow eventually emigrated too, and paid for many others to go, and between 1840 and 1846, 4733 Mormon migrants travelled from the UK to USA in search of a better life.

The pond and its immediate surroundings are now maintained and owned by LDS and large numbers of visitors come on an almost daily basis to visit what has become a historic site. Louise has visited Salt Lake City and was most surprised to see little model replicas of her home on sale as religious souvenirs!

Altogether this was an excellent afternoon and we were most grateful for the opportunity to learn about this fascinating and well presented piece of local history.

A great time was had by all... so don't miss out...please do join us at our next meeting on Sept 13th when we will be hearing about Elgar and his time in the Malvern area.

Suckley and Alfrick Pre-School

Suckley and Alfrick Pre-School's Committee would like to share some important news with the community. It is with sadness and regret that we have taken decision to close the setting at the end of the summer term 2012.

The committee, staff and community have worked tirelessly in the last two years to make a success of the setting, but it has become apparent that a different approach is required in making the venture a success. The Pre-School did have good numbers in the early stages of development. However, critical staff changes and disruption in the first term, amidst the first Ofsted inspection, has made the road since, a very difficult one to recover from. Looking ahead to the new school year in September, there simply aren't enough children to make it viable.

It is important to focus on the positives that the setting has brought in the last two years, of which there are many:

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- Several local people have been employed during at the setting during this time with many going through free NVQ training.
- Suckley Primary School has had two cohorts of new reception intake in 2011 and 2012 who have been by far the largest and most settled group of children before. The school have had ten new starters in each of these years and the children have entered with a wonderful level of social integration.
- The whole Pre-School venture has assisted the school in building a more secure foundation for the long term. The school has gone from 46 children to 65 in recent years, with the Pre-School being a contributing factor.
- We now have great resources and equipment that can be used at the school or indeed be transferred to another setting in the future.

Another positive is that the whole process has enabled us to realise the new plan required for the future. One of the biggest logistical restrictions in really pushing the setting on has been the distance from the school itself. Many rural settings are the most successful when paired on the same site as the school. The committee and school believe that provision on the school site for children aged 3-11, is the way forward in the future. Work will now take place to investigate this and potentially bring it to fruition.

There are other excellent settings within the area for the local community to use, so no children will be left without provision as a result of our closure. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for supporting the venture in recent years. Your support has not been completely in vain and I hope you can join us in seeing the positive outcomes and the solution for the future.

Suckley and Alfrick Pre-School Committee.

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The SPACE (Suckley Parish Academy & Church Enterprise) project

Steering Group has had many meetings in the last few weeks and all aspects of the way forward for Suckley Church continue to be thoroughly discussed. After assimilating a few more ideas and thoughts collected in recent months we have now instructed the architect to go ahead with some sketches in order to gain outline approval of these by the DAC (diocesan planning) before our next Open

After listening to many ideas and opinions as to what is the best way to achieve this, there is general agreement that the base of the Tower is the preferred place for kitchen and toilet facilities, hopefully enabling the kitchen to 'double up' as a meeting room too. Ideally the main South door will be draught proofed by creating another glazed entrance mid porch, which would leave the original door and the font as they are. The intention is to move the organ to the east end of the south aisle (where our organist says it is best placed), then the Vestry can become a separate soundproof/ draughtproof room for Sunday School, mid week meetings etc. With its own entrance this will enable unlimited access to the Vestry and Chancel, whatever is going on elsewhere in the church. The plan is that the Chancel will be left unchanged with its oak pews and Jacobean pulpit.

The clear recommendation from those senior in the Diocese that are advising us, is that we need to make our church more available and more useful to the wider village, as long as we don't lose sight of its primary purpose for Christian worship. We await advice from the Diocesan heating advisor re how best to improve the way we heat the church. By replacing the pine pews with more comfortable stackable seating (whether this is oak stackable pews or stacking chairs or both) we will enable the Nave space to be multipurpose. This increased versatility will enable the Church to become useful to others when it would otherwise be empty of life, and facilitate an ongoing source of income to make more secure the financial future of our church.

Suckley School is very keen to use the improved church space on a regular basis (Mon to Thurs) and the PCC expects this arrangement to benefit both school and church, as well as the new user friendly nave being available at other times for other 'bookings' (Concerts? Drama? Badminton?) Funerals, weddings, other services and baptisms etc will, of course, continue to have priority.

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The PCC with the Steering Group drawn from the wider community, will continue to move these ideas forward because that is what we believe is best for the future of our Church and our community as a whole. Please come to the Open meeting....it is OUR Church we are talking about. Were you christened there? Married there? Are your ancestors in the registers there? We want to keep Suckley Church as our village church, and hope that bringing new life within the church walls will enhance its role in village life whilst leaving behind the financial problems that have closed so many churches near and far.

Anne Lewis (churchwarden) and Liz Devenish (Chair SPACE Steering Group) Any queries? Please contact us on 07957 388926 or annelewis@doctors.org.uk liz.devenish@virgin.net

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Suckley Church

Church Services for August and September

The vicar is away in August so the service pattern is different.

Sunday August 5th at 11am, All Age Holy Communion Service at Suckley
Sunday August 12th services at Alfrick (9am BCP) and Leigh (11am family communion) only

Sunday August 19th we go Alfrick for their 11am All Age service
Sunday August 26th 11am Family Communion Service at Suckley

September services in Suckley Church:

Sunday September 2nd at 11am, All Age Service a lively less formal service with a baptism

Sunday September 9th at 6.00pm, Evening Prayer a quiet traditional said service

Wednesday September 12th at 10am a small midweek communion service

Sunday September 16th at 11am, we go to Alfrick for their All Age Service (a lively informal service)

Sunday September 23rd at either 11am or 6pm a Family Communion Service to celebrate the end of our 'Wedding themed' Flower Festival (please look in the Sphere or ask the churchwarden for details)

Sunday September 30th at 11am Family Communion Service

Sunday 7th October Suckley celebrates Harvest Festival with an 11am All Age Service, followed by a Harvest Lunch...look out for more details.

Please make sure you come to the very special 'Wedding Themed' Flower Festival in the week of September 17th... see separate article for details.

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Recipes from the Suckley Masterchef

Just desserts for a fruit packed full of goodness.

Of the hundreds of varieties of pears there are 4-5 types that I use in the kitchen, Conference, Comice, Poire William, Bartlett Reds, and Asian Pears. Pears are normally cropped in this country between early August and late October, they are picked whilst firm and then ripened once picked, providing an excellent source of minerals potassium, iron, calcium and phosphorus combined with their versatility they make a wonderful fruit to work with. You may wish to serve a jug of vanilla custard to accompany this recipe.

Hot Pear Soufflé

This is based upon using 4" individual soufflé dishes
Makes 6-8 portions

12 x Poire William pears
8oz x caster sugar
4oz x corn flour
8 x egg whites
2froz x eau de vie Poire William
4oz x caster sugar
3oz x butter
3oz x caster sugar

1. Pre-heat the oven to 220c/425f/gas 7.
2. Butter the inside of the soufflé moulds and sprinkle with 3oz caster sugar to coat the inside, then place in the fridge.
3. Peel, core and dice the pears, place in a large saucepan with the 8oz of caster sugar and cook until tender remove from the heat and allow to cool, then mix in the corn flour beating it to a paste.
4. Whisk the egg whites to a peaking consistency then whisk in the 4oz of caster sugar
5. Fold the egg whites and the paste together finally add the Poire William.
6. Spoon the soufflé mix into the moulds and level the top of the mix, ensure the mix is not stuck around the top of the mould or else the soufflé may not rise when cooking.
7. Place in the oven and bake for approximately 12-20 minutes depending on the oven if fan assisted or not.
8. When ready remove from the oven, dust with icing sugar and serve.

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Suckley Parish Council Meeting - held on 16th July 2012

VISIT OF HM THE QUEEN TO WORCESTER - 11TH JULY 2012

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Walter Huband, was nominated by the Parish Council, County and District Councillors to be one of the guests at the Jubilee Reception for HM the Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in the Guildhall, Worcester on 11th July. This nomination was to show our appreciation of Walter's work and commitment to the Parish over the years he has lived in Suckley. His Citation covered all his activities from bell ringing, organising cricket and football matches, village fetes, tugs of war on the Playing Fields, and his ongoing support of Suckley School who have benefited from his provision of their Forest School. Walter has been elected Chairman of Suckley Parish Council for 48 years and under his Chairmanship the Council has always worked very hard for the best interests of the Parish – including establishing the Old Quarry as a pleasant open space, supporting the Damson Way Housing Scheme, and campaigning for the Flood Defences in Woodland Road. Walter was astonished to receive an invitation to attend the Reception, and reported on the event to the Council at the meeting on 16th July, thanking everyone for putting his name forward. It was an experience he said that he would never forget, and he felt honoured to represent Suckley Parish.

WOODLAND ROAD

The Council heard that the Flood Defences had held up well during the recent heavy rain and floods. The Lengthsman would be cutting back overgrown vegetation alongside the ditch, and the Council have ringfenced flood defence money for future maintenance.

SPEEDING ISSUES

The VAS counts from March to June were reported as follows :-
March (The Bruff) 6,451 April (Longley Green) 3,094 May (Village Hall) 4,782
June (opposite Church Lane) 4,919. **The total count for 4 months was 19,246.**
It was pointed out, however, that the VAS camera was set to register at around 32 mph, so this does not necessarily mean that all of the 19,246 drivers have been driving excessively fast, though obviously some were!

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A number of Councillors expressed their concern about charges of £500 for school transport being imposed by Worcestershire County Council for pupils attending secondary schools other than Dysons (which is the nearest school to

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Suckley). This will have a damaging effect on the Chase School, and effectively limits the choice of schools. Additionally, pupils over 16 staying on at any school in the area will have to pay the £500 transport charge. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council pointing out this extra hardship for rural communities and the likelihood of increased traffic and congestion if parents have to take their children to school by car.

OIL PURCHASING COLLECTIVE

Cllr A W Huband reported that three or four people had expressed an interest in this. If you would like more information, please contact Walter on 01886 884379. A meeting to further clarify the ways and means of this Collective - prior to anyone making a commitment - is going to be held at the Nelson - date yet to be fixed.

COMMUNITY PLAN

Cllr Andrew Grieve reported that work had been going on apace with the Community Survey form and a draft was circulated to Councillors. A few final details had yet to be added and the Survey would then be posted round all residents of the Parish. The Council were very impressed with the content and layout of the Survey. Thanks were due to all those involved with its production. The Community Group and Parish Council are now hoping for a high response, as this will form the basis for future actions taken by the Council in planning and development for the Parish.

DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT

Cllr Andrew Grieve reported that the Fun Day had proved very successful, especially the evening Barn Dance which had brought together all ages of people living in the area.. The Community Group were now looking at staging an event on similar lines next year. Thanks were due to Duncan Reynolds who had worked very hard in difficult conditions mowing and preparing the Playing Fields prior to the Jubilee Event.

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Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 10th September at 7.00 pm**

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

SUCKLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All are welcome to the fourth meeting of our brand new season
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Thursday 13th September 2012 at 7.30

Venue: Suckley Village Hall

“ Edward Elgar and the Malvern Years”

Jon Goldswain will treat us to a great story of local, social, and musical history. This promises to be an excellent evening...don't miss it!

All are welcome; admission £4 to non members, FREE to paid up members, or you can join on the night for £10 which entitles you to free admission to the next five events.

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For any further information, please phone.....

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Suckley Good Neighbourhood Scheme - 840480

Village Hall: Steve Boughton - 884210

Suckley School: Mr Matthew Meckin - 884283

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Parish Clerk: Mrs Diana Taylor - 01684 569430

District Councillors: Mr D Hughes - 833049, Mr A Warburton - 832753

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