

SUDBURY SKETCH

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Young visitors trying their hand at soap carving
At the Lost in Wood Day at the Courtyard

It would be appreciated if all contributors could get their items to me by
Wednesday 13th November for the next edition
(e-mail sudburysketch@btinternet.com)

All Saints Church

Father God, thank you for the blessings you gave us this coming harvest season. Thank you for keeping our farmers, workers, and labourers safe and unharmed. Gracious and Holy God, We thank you for the bounty of the land and for those who plant and harvest. We pray that you graciously watch over those farmers yet to complete their harvest. Protect the crops and livestock that these farmers depend on. Give them sunshine for growth without drought, rain for nurture without floods, and an abundant harvest for prosperity.

The Church is usually open Friday to Sunday throughout the year, approximately 10:00 am until 4:00pm. If you would like access at another time, contact Alan Smith the Church Warden or a member of the PCC. Details at the end of this article. The Churchyard is open for visiting during throughout the year. Please report any behaviour considered outside that expected within the churchyard to me or a member of the PCC in the first instance.

We continue to raise funds for the repair to the Church Roof, Fund raising for the repair is slow and it looks like we will be having another winter with only temporary protection on the North Aisle and porch. Please note that a fund-raising event will take place over the last weekend of September. Details to be posted on social media and posters locally. The Church is thankful for all the support it receives. If you can support funding, please donate via the following link.



Hand Bell Ringing practice takes place at the Church on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30. No experience necessary. There are no age restrictions and is an enjoyable evening. You do not need any music experience as full guidance is provided.

Coffee Mornings held on the first Thursday of the month 10-12 are a chance for a chat and a catch up on all the latest gossip. Thank You to all who continue to generously support All Saint's, both financially and with your time. Amazingly around £200-00 is raised. Although not the warmest of buildings you are assured of a warm welcome. There is room around the churchyard to park during this time.

Dates for your diary

The following services will take place at All Saints. 11:00 unless stated. All services to be held in our United Benefice are posted on the A Church Near You Web Site.

September

1st United Benefice Service @ Somersal Herbert 10-30pm
8th Family Service
15th No Service
22nd Harvest Festival
28th - 29th Fund raiser weekend. To be advertised.

October

6th Evening prayer 6-00pm

13th Morning Prayer

20th Morning Prayer

27th Holy Communion

31st Thursday - Candlelit Benefice Service Of Light For All

Hallows' Eve 7:30pm

Details of later services will be posted via all media outlets and posters placed on the Church Gates. If unsure please contact a member of the PCC.

Our virtual services can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/South-DalesBenefice-102041281452944>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13426/> Our YouTube Livestreaming Channel

https://youtube.com/channel/UCqcfG84wZzSJCXzfr2q_ygh

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Interment of Ashes to: The Rector Revd Dr John Vickerstaff Email: drjohn.vickerstaff@gmail.com Mobile: 07565 825250

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CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 23rd September

7.00pm

At the Secret Diner HMP Sudbury
(with kind permission of the Governor)

Tickets £12.00

Please come enjoy a hearty meal,
a fun raffle and free fun quiz

Tickets available from:-

Anne Walker – 01283 585367

Jane Latham – 01283 585041

Alan Smith - 01889 567437

News from The Children's Country House at Sudbury

The sun may have been hiding for most of it, but what a fantastic summer we've had so far at The Children's Country House at Sudbury. The property has been open 7 days a week during this time, and we've been pleased to welcome families, children, and group bookings through our gates in the thousands.

The past few weeks have seen our den building space transform into a Woodland Theatre with several performances and workshops taking place and we've had the long-awaited return of outdoor cinema with screenings of Barbie and Wonka, in partnership with the Derby QUAD which have been a hit with our visitors.

On 10 August, it was a pleasure to open the Stableyard to Sudbury Courtyard for the Life is Wood festival and be a part of such a unique and creative day. It's safe to say that the team at The Children's Country House had as much fun as the visitors! The side gate, between the Sudbury Courtyard and The Children's Country House is also open and free to enter during open days, so both the community, and our visitors can freely visit between the Courtyard and property.

We're pleased to share in partnership with the Parish Council, Sudbury's defibrillator is now up and functioning. This is located just outside the property on the outer wall of the café and is available to use in the case of emergencies for both the local community and visitors.

If you have visited us over the summer using your Community Pass, we hope you had a wonderful visit, and we hope to see you back in the next few months for our exciting autumnal and festive offer.

We'd also like to remind you that if you haven't claimed yours already, as a Sudbury resident, you are entitled to a Community Pass to come and visit The Children's Country House at Sudbury for free, when the property is open.

Visits no longer require pre-booking, so you can simply turn up on the day that you wish to, with your pass and enjoy a wander around the Hall, Museum and gardens or partake in a treat from the café.

Life Is Wood

Rix and Co would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made our first 'Life is Wood' festival an unforgettable experience on August 10th.

A day showcasing the passion, talent and dedication of many local crafts folk and artists - all working with wood.

It was heartwarming to see knowledge and skills being shared across generations. It was particularly pleasing to see how many of a younger generation got involved - the mobile lathes were very busy and our incredible demonstrators were all very experienced and adept at igniting passions amongst the crowds.

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Also, a historical moment to have truly re-united the estate when the temporary removal of the fence between the Hall and Courtyard provided a beautiful flow of all the shared history they have. Infact the footfall from the Hall was magnificent

We will definitely plan future repeats and look forward to welcoming you all there. (see pictures overleaf)





Pictures from the Life Is Wood event held at the Courtyard Organised by Pete from Rix and Co.

Opposite page show two of the stalls.

Above is a photo of Mike Painter who is working on a sculpture (just visible behind him) based on Michelangelo's painting in the Cistern Chapel. Mike has currently spent nearly 4500 hours working on this,

Sudbury Primary School

It is with great pleasure that I am able to welcome back pupils to Sudbury Primary School in September 2024. A lot of work has been completed at the school over the summer to make sure that pupils have a welcoming, fresh environment to return to. This includes clearing over 50 tennis balls from the school guttering in various states of decay!

During the autumn term, children will settle into their new classes, go through the process of electing new representatives on the various school councils, and look forward to trips that will be taking place, including the annual Christmas theatre visit, which this year will be to watch Cinderella.

Now is a fantastic time to set out targets for the year ahead. I know that all of the pupils at Sudbury Primary School will want to set themselves various academic goals for the coming year, but I will also be encouraging them to be setting themselves personal goals focussing on the school values of: compassion (kindness), respect (truth), resilience, responsibility and integrity. Weekly, we will be taking the opportunity to reflect on one of these values in order to develop ourselves into valuable and happy members of the community.

Personally, I am looking forward to offering the pupils at Sudbury Primary School the opportunity to achieve both academically, through the delivery of a well-planned, bespoke curriculum, and in the wider curriculum areas, by offering enrichment opportunities such as school trips, residential experiences and by their participation in our established forest school program.

This year I would also like to see the continued success of our Forest Tots program, which is an opportunity for children aged 2-5 to come and experience outdoor learning sessions in our woodland setting on Friday afternoons. These sessions are run by our experienced level 3 forest school practitioner. If you would be interesting in attending, please contact school for more information. Sessions are available to attend for you and your child or grandchild on a stay-and-play basis and are offered at the low price of £2 per session.

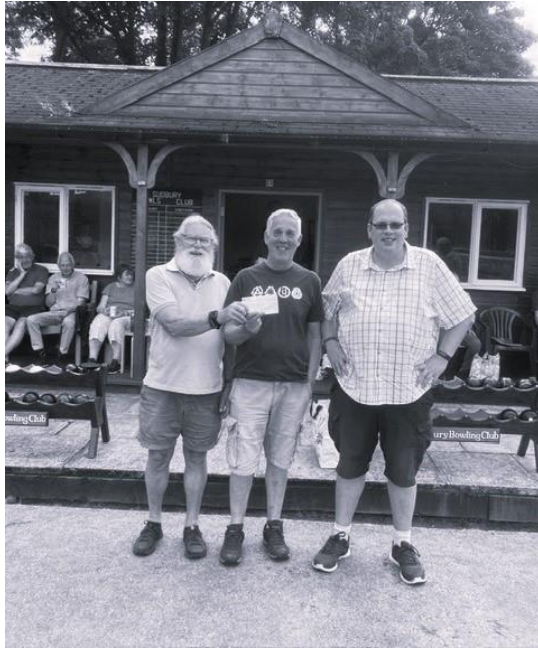
My door is always open and I am happy to hear from members of the local community about any possible collaborative work you would like to do with the school or if you would simply like to find out more about us. Please contact me via the information on our school website for more information.

Sam Hickey - Headteacher

Bowls Club

The season is fast coming to an end and with only a couple of league matches remaining for our Monday mixed vets and our Thursday mens vets, it's looking like we will finish second and third in our respective divisions. The former means our Monday team will most likely be promoted to the first division for next season - no mean feat for a small village club with limited resources. Our Saturday team, having won promotion to division 1 of the Uttoxeter league last season, have found the competition a bit too stiff and will be returning to the second division for the 2025 season.

The club hosted and supervised the annual Uttoxeter Lions bowls competition in July and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. We would like to thank the Lions for their generous donation towards our ever increasing running costs.



Richard Crutchley receiving cheque from the Uttoxeter Lions

We would like to wish one of our long-standing members and team captain, Jean Boyd, a speedy recovery following a recent road traffic accident. Fortunately, Jean's injuries are not too serious and we hope to see her at, if not on, the green before the end of the season.

Finals day for the club is Wednesday September 18th and the final gathering for 2024 is the Tim Skeldon cup on Saturday September 21st.

And finally, a huge thank you to all our volunteers who help with running the club, from green upkeep and gardening to captancy and admin plus loads besides. Too many to list but you know who you are! Well done and thanks indeed.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last held a meeting on the 3rd July in the Nest in School Lane with the kind permission of Headteacher Mr Sam Hickey, who we were pleased to meet at the meeting,

Chairman Richard Woolley reported on the recurring issues with flooding in Aston Lane and the substantial damage this had caused to the road. Derbyshire County Council had carried out some remedial work, but had advised that the ditches were full and needed to be cleared by the Landowner before expensive permanent repairs were carried out. The Council have written to the Landowner requesting the ditches be cleared.

The Chairman also reported on the condition of the verges throughout the village and Parish. The Council are in constant communication with DDDC and DCC over this.

There has been a delay in licensing at DCC which has meant the planters the Council were planning to install in the summer to enhance the village will now be put back to Autumn providing there are no further delays.

The Chair also reported that he would be attending a meeting regarding the Gravel Quarries which are planned in our locality.

Councillors Ruth Simcox and Duncan West had a meeting with Ms Laura Day, the new Governor at HMP Sudbury with the aim of building a good relationship between the Parish and the Prison.

The Council are also pleased to report that a new defibrillator has been purchased and installed in the cabinet in Lodge Lane on the wall of the NT restaurant and a thank you to the National Trust for their assistance with this, The Council appreciate that the location is not ideal but after a lot of enquiries could not obtain permission to install it anywhere else. The Defib was funded by the sale of the Mower plus kind donations from our District and County Councillors

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm In the main room at The School.



Sudbury Gasworks Restoration Trust

Charity Number: 1161410

Meet the Trustees

The Charity is run by a board of Trustees, currently there are 7; Brice Bozier, Jack Bozier, Noel Fowler, Anna Massey-Fryer, Gillian Prew, Tim Webber and Julie White. One of them will be introduced in each issue of The Sketch.

Anna Massey-Fryer was one of the original Trustees when the charity was formed and has been heavily involved in raising over £40,000 since then.

Sudbury born and bred, Anna holds the local community close to her heart. After graduating from Newcastle University with a BSc in Agriculture and a MSc in Crop Protection from Harper Adam's University, Anna took over the management of the family farm at Sudbury Park. Over the last 27 years she has built up a successful arable and contracting business, giving her a wide breadth of knowledge and skills including management responsibilities, organisational skills, problem solving, confidence in developing the farm sustainably whilst embracing new ideas and technologies as well as forging strong community based farming links.

Anna balances this with many other responsibilities such as a DEFRA crop inspector, Vice chair of the local NFU branch, member of the Staffordshire Agricultural Society, a member of Sudbury Parochial Church Council as well as a busy mum of two. She has over 30 years experience in local fundraising and volunteering, including raising funds for several projects and events of which Anna finds a joy to be able to give back to her local community. With her positive bubbly attitude and a big smile, Anna is always happy to help out!

SGRT was formed in 2013 with the intention of saving the gasworks for the benefit of the local community. The purposes of the Charity are to preserve and promote the historical, architectural and constructional heritage of the gasworks and to provide social and recreational facilities for the benefit of the local community.

We are seeking additional Trustees so if you would like to give a little of your time to help us care for and run our wonderful building as a community resource please phone our secretary Noel Fowler on 078411 115525 or e-mail trustees@sudburygasworks.com



Sudbury Gasworks have created a calendar of lovely events for the Autumn and the pre Christmas period. There will be a Heritage Open Event entitled Exploration and Education in Sudbury on Saturday September 7th from 10am until 4pm. You can book onto a guided tour of the village and see the new exhibition by the Local History Group. Refreshments and the full programme of Autumn events will be available.

Weekly Play and Stay sessions on Wednesday mornings, Yoga, Pilates and other workshops and classes are all very popular. It's also proving to be a great venue for conferences, away days, retreats, family, corporate and community events.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer. There is a weekly outdoor, garden, and woodland volunteering group on a Friday morning and more volunteers are always welcome. There are also lots of other volunteering opportunities with forthcoming fundraising events.

Sign up to our mailing list to hear about future events and updates.
www.sudburygasworks.com

BIN DATES

(Taken from DDDC website)

- 2nd September – Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 9th September - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 16th September - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 23rd September - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 30th September - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 7th October - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 14th October - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 21st October - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 28th October - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 4th November - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 11th November - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy
- 18th November - Grey Bin and Food Caddy
- 25th November - Green Bin, Blue Bin and Food Caddy

NB Green Bin collected only for residents who have subscribed to the garden waste collection service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4th September – Parish Council Meeting at School
- 5 September - Coffee Morning in Church
- 7th September – Heritage Weekend at Gasworks
- 18th September – Finals Day at Bowls Club
- 22nd September – Harvest Festival Service at Church
- 23rd September – Harvest Supper at the Secret Diner
- 28th-29th September – Fund raiser weekend at Church
- 3rd October - Coffee Morning in Church
- 6th November - Parish Council Meeting at School
- 7th November - Coffee Morning in Church