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SUDBURY HALL
The Seat of Lord Vernon

An old print of Sudbury Hall

It would be appreciated if all contributors could get their items to me by Friday 21st February for the March edition.

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Sudbury Sketch

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items to the Sudbury Sketch. Without these there would be no magazine, so please keep them coming.

To assist regular contributors with their planning please see below deadlines for the Sketch for the coming year. I hope this will be helpful, particularly if there are any events planned which may come early in a month and need to be mentioned in an earlier edition.

Sketch Issue	Deadline
March- April	Friday 21 st February
May – June	Friday 24 th April
July – August	Friday 19 th June
Sept – October	Friday 21 st August
Nov – December	Friday 23 rd October.

If, as an individual, you have news and achievements that you would like to share, please let me know either by e-mail sudburysketch@btinternet.com or telephone 01283 585494, mobile 07484 279718.

Once again thank you to all contributors, and I wish you and everyone that reads the Sketch a Happy, Healthy and Successful 2020.

Duncan West

All Saints Church Sudbury

Please note that the pattern of services could be subject to change

January	5 th	United Benefice Service at Doveridge at 10.30am
	12 th	Christingle at 11am
	19 th	Morning Prayer at 11am
	26 th	Common Worship HC at 11am
February	2 nd	United Benefice Service at Marston Montgomery at 10.30am
	9 th	Family Service at 11am
	16 th	Morning Prayer at 11am
	23 rd	Common Worship HC at 11am

Christmas 2019

The Church was beautifully decorated for the run up to this special occasion. Thank you to all who help with this although the year. The run up to Christmas was quite busy starting with the Sudbury Hall Carol Service, then the Carol Service, followed by the School Carol Service and Crib Service. All these wonderful occasions well attended as a fitting build up to the Midnight Eucharist.

The Chinese are celebrating the year of the Rat in 2020; perhaps Sudbury could celebrate the year of the "roof"? it is disgraceful that we have waited since September 2018 to replace the lead that was stolen.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Ralph Bessant, Tower Captain, Choir member, Church council member as well as serving as Paris Council Chairman. As well as being a keen bowler and a mine of information about past times in the village (which we hope were recorded) We remember Rob, Jackie and their families at this sad time.

SUDBURY WI NEWS

We have come to the end of another year in the life of Sudbury WI and we will be celebrating our 102nd birthday in January. This will take the form of a celebratory dinner at the Boars Head and will replace our usual January meeting.

This year has been very interesting as we have enjoyed many different and knowledgeable speakers and experienced various activities including ten pin bowling, napkin folding and fairy cake decorating.

November was our Annual Meeting where the existing President was re-elected to run for a final year.

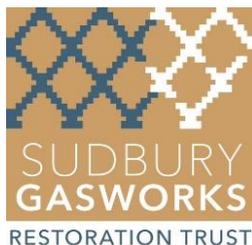
For our December meeting we were greeted with a warming glass of mulled wine and later treated to a most enjoyable session of guitar music by our friends Anne and Tim Mundy in their own unique style. This was followed by the distribution of Christmas gifts and the evening ended with a scrumptious buffet provided by the committee.

Our year ended with a bang when most of the members had a coach ride to Ilam, where we visited Casterne Hall. This is a lovely grey stone house owned by the Hurt family. We were greeted by the owner, on a very wet day, who came out with a large umbrella and assisted some of our ladies to cross the cattle grid as they were finding the wet and muddy conditions difficult.

The house itself is – as the owner describes it – a small edition of a Manor House, was beautifully decorated for Christmas, but it still had a lot of family photos mingling with the holly and the ivy. We were free to wander about the house and admire the family treasures, but unfortunately the wonderful views from every window were obliterated by fog and rain.

We enjoyed a plentiful buffet with sandwiches, hot crumpets, cream scones and lashings of tea and coffee. I am sure that in spite of the appalling weather we all thoroughly enjoyed our day.

Why not come and join us in the New Year? We are a very friendly group and are pleased to welcome new members at any time. So come along and give it a try. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Parish Rooms at 7.15pm



Great News as the Gasworks gets the go-ahead!

Sudbury Gasworks Restoration Trust (SGRT) is delighted to announce it has received a £1,377,800 National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to restore the Sudbury Gasworks.

As many of you will know, SGRT has been working hard to fundraise for the last five years, and this grant marks an important milestone for the project.

Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and others, including the Pilgrim Trust, The Architectural Heritage Fund, The Association of Industrial Archaeologists, The Historic Houses Foundation, The Derbyshire Dales CVS and the Vernon Charitable Trust, the aim is to establish a flexible, vibrant and accessible facility for all.

The project will create a space that can be used by our local community, so to make sure everyone's voices are heard, SGRT will be hosting an event at "Sweet Little" on 7th March, 5pm to 7pm to share plans and get your input on what this project can do for our community.

Other events are also planned throughout the year to help raise further funds and provide progress updates, so please pencil the below dates in your diary:

March 27th - Poetry and Puddings at the Old Village Stores

May 15th - Garden Question Time Event at Doveridge Village Hall

June 7th - Long Table Lunch in the Marquee on the Sportsfield.

This project has been years in the making and while there is still some way to go, SGRT would like to thank everyone that has supported the project so far and contributed to this success.

Tim Webber
Chairman



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

This group was formed to work alongside the Gaswork's Restoration project with the aim of compiling either a book or booklets about various aspects of Sudbury History. The booklet previously written by Mr Hallam takes the History up to the early 1970's so we have a further 50 years to include in our work.

We have been working with the Estate and have visited Local Record Offices and Museums where we hoped to find information to help us succeed in our quest.

One of our trips was to the Victoria and Albert Museum where we knew they held a file of work completed by the Architect George Devey who was responsible for designing some of the buildings in Sudbury, including the Gasworks.

One of the items here was a map of the proposed gas lines in Sudbury Showing which properties were to be supplied with gas produced in the gasworks

Ironically, other than finding this map, one of the areas we have been frustrated in is finding out more about the Gasworks during its time of operation. If any Parishioner has information about this we would be grateful to hear from you. Likewise, if there is anyone who has stories of Sudbury or old photographs that you would allow us to copy please let us know.

Also if there is anyone who would like to join our small group we would be pleased to hear from you.

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Members of the Local History Group at the Victoria and Albert Museum perusing items in the George Devey file

SUDBURY HALL

I'm writing this between Christmas and New Year, that strange and slightly disorientating time when nobody knows what day of the week it is, the shine of Christmas has begun to fade and the cold month of January is just around the corner. Raising my spirits slightly is the fact that families are still coming to play the Sudbury 'Game On' Christmas experience, an innovation that has proved hugely popular and has seen us booked out during the weekends of December.

One of the best things about 'Game On' has been demonstrated by several pieces of feedback we've had from families that have visited. They've told us that they've 'whizzed' through the Hall plenty of times, but never stopped and spent time in any of the amazing spaces. The games are invitations to pause, take notice and enjoy the building and interiors. Children in particular are spotting things in the portraits, the décor or the plasterwork that they wouldn't otherwise have noticed and this is giving the volunteers the opportunity to share more of the stories of the Hall.

This gives us the perfect springboard into 2020: our 'year of more'. This year we'll be inviting our visitors to Discover More, Make More, Play More, Care More and Tell Us More. The last of these is about taking a year to consult with people about what they enjoy about visits to places like Sudbury and how we can engage them better. We're particularly interested in hearing from children and their families as we explore how Sudbury might look and feel different for them in the future. Look out for more opportunities to get involved in this project as the year progresses.

In the meantime, do come and visit us during the cold wintery months to come. We'll have a nice hot chocolate or a scone waiting for you in the tea room and the sale is on in the shop until the end of January.

Happy New Year!
Nikki



Kids Corner update January 2020

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Kids Corner, we look forward to seeing you all from 6th January 2020 for the start of the new term.

Please note our opening times, we are running a Breakfast Club from 07.30 to 08.30 and a Teatime Club from 15.30 to 18.00 for children aged 2 to 11 years old.

The Pre-School sessions run from 08.30 to 15.30 with a lunch Club (11.30 to 12.30).

We have been extremely busy with the lead up to Christmas and I'm sorry if I don't get all the things we've done in the correct order, or even maybe miss something out completely.

Our bus trips have taken us to the Library and Tesco's in Uttoxeter and, just for a change of scenery, we headed towards Tutbury and visited the Mill Woods and Ceramic Cafe.

An important topic in November was Remembrance Sunday, we made poppies and delivered a wreath, handmade by the children, to the church in Sudbury in readiness for their service.

We held a minute's silence at 11am on the morning of the 11th November 2019.

Other activities have included light and dark, with reference to the galaxy and outer space, and we also practiced meditation and yoga around Mental Health Awareness Day.

Christmas time drew nearer and we had our annual Nativity with a very special visitor (Santa), we also held a raffle raising £134.00 for the setting. We would like to thank the local, and not so local, businesses who generously donated the prizes, and a huge thanks to our Santa.

We all had great fun at our Christmas party and we rounded off the year with a visit to Big Top soft play in Uttoxeter.

If you would like to see some of our activities then please join our public facebook page: [Kids Corner Pre-School Sudbury](#)

During our day we love to do loads of different activities including baking biscuits, flapjacks and cakes, making playdough, building, singing, messy play (painting etc). We love taking trips out to the historic Sudbury Hall with its wealth of fun things to do (varies on season), we also take some of the children inside the hall to look around when we get chance. We also visit the Forest School area over at the Primary School.

We have free 15 hours funded places available for all three and four-year olds, 30 hours funding is available for families that meet the necessary criteria.

We do now have our own website, hopefully by now an insight into all we do. Please do take the chance to pay a visit... www.kidscornersudbury.com

Give Natasha a call for a free taster session on 01283 584829 / 07790 571343 or contact us through our Facebook page ...Kids Corner Pre-School Sudbury.

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SUDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

We still have on going issues about the condition of some of the footpaths and payments within the Parish. The puddle which forms outside the bowling green is not getting any better and we will continue in our pursuit to get this rectified. We are still waiting to discover who is responsible for the old road leading down from Sudbury Park to the Prison. It has been noticed that a volunteer has taken it on themselves to clear some of the moss away from this. Many thanks to whoever this is. Similarly the footpath alongside the main road is overgrown and this has not been helped with the dark nights as many of the streetlights are not illuminated and pedestrians find themselves walking into overhanging brambles.

There has also been a problem with parking on the approach road to the Prison which appears to be used by inmates to park their vehicles. Unfortunately, there is not a lot we can do about this as it is a public road without parking restrictions. All we can ask is that the car owners park responsibly and do not block entries to the houses and fields along the road.

The recent very wet weather also caused flooding problems down Aston Lane, we are hoping to get the ditches dredged to alleviate this.

.Our next meeting is on Monday 20th January in the Parish Room at 7.30pm.

The dates for our other meetings during 2020 are;

Monday 16th March

(this will be preceded by the Annual Open Meeting and will commence at 7.00pm)

Monday 18th May

Monday 20th July

Monday 21st September

Monday 16th November

RALPH BESSANT

We were all very saddened to hear of the passing of Ralph Bessant, just before Christmas. Ralph was a very prominent member in many of the activities which took place in Sudbury, often taking a leading role. He was captain of the Bell Tower, a member of the Choir, a member of the Bowls Club. He still liked to enjoy watching the bowls matches, going down on his mobility scooter and watching over the wall.

Ralph also served for many years on the Parish Council, serving as Chairman for a good part of these. He always had Sudbury's interests at heart and enjoyed a special relationship with Lord Vernon regarding Parish matters.

In the last couple of years Ralph submitted a few old photographs for inclusion in the Sketch and passed on a few old stories of Sudbury. One of the Poems he supplied is reprinted below.

He will be missed by many people.

THE SUDBURY VOLUNTEERS

(Poem supplied by Ralph Bessant)

I am an honest labouring chap, as lives in Derbyshire;
I never shirk from any work whatever the time of year,
Upon the land I earn my fee,
And now I'm in the infantry
For the Duke of Devonshire's 'listed me
In the Sudbury Volunteers.

BIN DATES

4 th Jan	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
10 th Jan	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
17 th Jan	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
24 th Jan	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
31 st Jan	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
7 th Feb	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
14 th Feb	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
21 st Feb	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
28 th Feb	Grey Bin and Food Caddy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 th Jan	Parish Council Meeting
6 th Feb	Women's Institute Meeting
5 th March	Women's Institute Meeting
7 th March	SGRT Presentation at Sweet Little
16 th March	Parish Council Annual Open Meeting
27 th March	SGRT Poems and Puddings
7 th June	SGRT Long Table Lunch

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