

Sudbury Sketch

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Bringing you news and information about forthcoming events, local clubs and organisations in the Sudbury area



Sudbury Red Cross Group

(Picture kindly supplied by Stan Ratcliffe)

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It would be appreciated if all contributors could get their items to me by Friday 24th April for the May edition.

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SUDBURY SENIOR CITIZENS

The Management Committee met at "The Secret Diner" HMP Sudbury on the 15th January where the following programme for 2020 was arranged.

Meeting Dates, to be held in the Parish Room

- Tuesday 3rd March
- Tuesday 7th April – This will be the AGM
- Tuesday 5th May
- Tuesday 9th June
- Tuesday 7th July
- Tuesday 8th September
- Tuesday 6th October
- Tuesday 3rd November

Other Dates

- Monday 3rd August – Annual Thanksgiving Service
- Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Party

Coach Tours

- Tuesday 17th March to Oswaldtwistle Mills
- Wednesday 22nd April to Skipton
- Tuesday 19th May to Evesham
- Tuesday 23rd June to Stratford on Avon
- Tuesday 21st July to Llandudno
- Tuesday 18th August to Hull
- Tuesday 22nd September to Lytham St. Annes
- Tuesday 20th October to Salford Quays
- Tuesday 17th November to Chester

Sudbury Seniors invite everyone to join them at their meetings in the Parish Room at 2.30pm and join them on their coach outings. Coach departs Sudbury Park at 9.15am and Sudbury Village at 9.30am.

All Saints Church Sudbury

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

March	1 st	UBS with HC at Doveridge at 10.30am
	8 th	Family Service at 11am
	15 th	Morning Prayer at 11am
	22 nd	Mothering Sunday HC at 11am
	29 th	Outreach Service at 11am
April	5 th	Palm Sunday HC at 11am
	9 th	Maundy Thursday HC and Tenebrae at Cubley at 7.30pm
Good Friday	10 th	Music and Liturgy at 7.30pm
Easter Day	12 th	United Benefice Festal Eucharist for Easter Day with the Bishop of Derby at 11am
	19 th	Morning Prayer at 11am
	26 th	HC and Baptism at 11am

The Parish Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 11th April from 9am. It is helpful if decorators could have completed their displays by 12 noon, so that the parish church can be made secure and the bollards raised ready to welcome our visitors.

The AGM of All Saints will be held on March 31st at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Fete 2020 will take place on June 6th.

SUDBURY WI NEWS

The new decade began with our Annual Birthday dinner at the Boar's Head Hotel. This doubled as our January meeting night, as our traditional first Thursday was January 2nd and members felt it was a little too close to the New Year. The majority of members celebrated on the second Thursday, the 9th, with a delicious three course meal supported by the usual excellent service

On February 4th, our first meeting of the year in the Parish Room, brought Mr John Cumpstone to talk to us about 'Ancestry'. John and his wife, Pat, have spent considerable time and effort on researching their family history. John told us we are all probably descended from Edward III or William the Conqueror. He went on to tell us how they went about their research, using ancestry websites and various record offices locally and even in London and have managed to go back as far as the 16th century. He had some old family photographs and told us anecdotes he had discovered about some of his ancestors. It proved to be a very entertaining evening, perhaps spurring some of us to try to trace our own family tree.

At our meeting on Thursday March 5th, Wendy Sevier and Duncan West, who kindly helped us out last year when a speaker had to cancel, are returning with slides of the old Sudbury pre- bypass days of the 60's and 70's to remind us of what our village used to be like. The competition is 'My oldest Doll or Toy'.

The Annual Council Meeting is on March 17th in Chesterfield. Two of our members are able to attend as guests after winning free tickets for the occasion.

Our speaker for April 2nd is Joyce O'Dell who will tell us of Work and Family Life in Nepal. The competition is a souvenir from a foreign country.

Please note, our May meeting night has been changed from Thursday 7th to Thursday 14th, because the Parish Room is needed as a polling station for the election of the Police Commissioner.

If you are interested in joining us as a visitor for any of these meetings, please contact Jane on 585041 or Anne on 585367.

PARISH ROOM NEWS

As Spring approaches, (hopefully), the Coffee Morning season begins again. Our first event will be on Friday 20th March in the Parish Room from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Other dates for the year are as follows:-

Friday 17th April

Friday 15th May

Friday 17th July

Friday 21st August

Friday 18th September

The first in March will raise money for the Parish Room, but some of the other events will support other charities. Look out for our posters.

We look forward to meeting up with old friends and new after the long wet winter. We hope people see these Coffee Mornings as social occasions to meet people, not necessarily a fundraising event. Just come for a coffee and a chat.

Look forward to seeing you on March 20th

Anne Walker

Chairman

Look out for posters for our AGM.



HALL'S HISTORIC GASWORKS IS TO BECOME A WEDDING VENUE

Press release published in The Derby Evening Telegraph

A Gasworks that once provided a whole village with fuel before it was dismantled 90 years ago is set to be transformed into a wedding venue.

Sudbury Gasworks has stood empty since the 1930's and has started to deteriorate with part of the roof starting to collapse.

Now the Sudbury Gasworks Restoration Trust (SGRT) the charity behind the project to restore it, have secured £1,377,800 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for its project – Rescuing and Restoring Sudbury Gasworks.

Its original purpose was to manufacture gas from coal to supply fuel to Sudbury Hall and the village of Sudbury.

But when fully restored the 1874 built gasworks will host community events and weddings. The project includes extending in keeping with its original design.

A spokesman for the trust said the project would create a “flexible vibrant and accessible community facility”

Work is expected to start in the summer and last around 12 months

A “drop-in heritage” space will be created in the former “retort house”, where coal was heated to produce gas, to allow people to find out more about the building and the surrounding area.

A new circular main hall will be constructed, accommodating up to 100 people for events and weddings.

During restoration, events and activities will involve the community and visitors in the process, including

- “Hard hat” tours during the building works to show people the progress
- Family activity holiday days and weekends
- Tea and talks
- All in-depth three year project with Sudbury Primary School and Hatton Heath Fields Primary School
- Temporary exhibitions, and
- Community Inspired heritage drama productions.

The trust will work closely with Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood, Sudbury Estate and Sudbury Open Prison.

Tim Webber, chairman of the SGRT, said “We’re thrilled to have received this support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, as it means we can create a much-needed public space in Sudbury.

“Our aim is to create a facility that can be used by everyone and we’ll be working with the local community to make sure the building meets the needs of the people of Sudbury, as well as retaining its architectural charm. We’ll be hosting regular events to keep people up to date with progress

. The first of these will be held on the 7th March at Sweet Little Café in the courtyard (see back page)

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the events can find out more by emailing info@sudburygasworks.com



SGRT FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th March – Gasworks Launch event. Update and feedback on the project at the Sweet Café in the Courtyard. Free event but please apply for tickets. Refreshments provided

Friday 27th March – Poetry and Puddings at the Old Post Office
7pm to 9pm Tickets £5

Saturday 4th April - Easter Coffee Morning at the Old Post Office 10 am to 12

Friday 15th May - Gardeners Question Time at Doveridge Village Hall
7pm to 9pm Tickets £7.50

Sunday 7th June - Long Table Lunch in Marquee on Sudbury Sportsfield
12.30 – 3.30 Tickets Adults £15 Children U10 £10
Pimms reception, 2 course Lunch, licensed bar

For more information on any of these events please contact :

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SUDBURY HALL

Hello Sudbury Sketch Readers. I'm Luke the Head Gardener at Sudbury Hall. The weather hasn't been too kind to us gardeners as of late, from stormy windy weather, waterlogged ground and even a covering of snow. It's a nice change to be sat in the comfort of our office to write this article. Nevertheless, it's February, and it's been great for us to be starting our new Land Outdoors and Nature project.

This is part of a national scheme, which wants to create landscapes which are beautiful, accessible and rich in culture, history and wildlife. We hope

that this roll out and related works will be great for everyone connected with Sudbury. In comparison to our nearest National Trust neighbours, Sudbury Hall doesn't have masses of land in our possession so we have nicknamed it our Mini LON project. Albeit mini, we have high hopes for not only an increase in the nature value, but the way our land is accessible and used.

Some of the keen eyed amongst you may have noticed us starting work on this already. Old redundant unsafe fences have been taken down, lots of work tidying the woodland area behind the sports pavilion and planting. Before Spring finally comes around, we hope to have planted 600m of native hedging and 35 parkland trees. The hedge, planted Hall side and in parallel with the A50, is to act as a wildlife buffer and secondary screening from the road. The 35 trees are being planted North side of the A50. Whilst this doesn't sound a lot, it's great to start successive tree planting over what used to be historic parkland.

When the ground conditions eventually dry up, we hope to reseed the field between the sportsfield and the A50 to a meadow land which is more species rich. We imagine this will be a bit of a challenge due to high nutrient levels and poor/waterlogged soils. Nevertheless like most things related to nature, it will take a while to establish so fingers crossed for success

As mentioned earlier, greater access to our land and what we do on it underpins our work. As our work progresses and comes into fruition, do have a wander up there.

Best wishes and here's hoping for a dry March for all of us

Luke.

SUDBURY BOWLS CLUB

Just a quick reminder that our 2020 season will be starting soon so watch this space next edition for news.

We are hoping to open the green in late March so bowling will start soon after.

Everyone is welcome, so come along and try your hand.
Enquiries please to Terry on 07597 556839.

SUDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

At our meeting in January several usual issues were discussed such as the conditions of some of the pavements in the Parish, including the puddle that forms outside the Bowls Club, the overgrowing of hedgerows along the footpath on the A515 and the condition of the old road between Sudbury Park and the Prison. We are trying to find out who is responsible for some of these areas

Parking continues to be an issue in the village, but unfortunately there is very little authority we have to be able to do anything about this.

The window in the bus shelter on Main Road has been broken and a replacement has now been fitted.

We also have received reports of dog fouling, we respectfully ask that if any parishioners walk their dogs that they clean up after them.

We have had a meeting with the Trust to discuss the lease on the Sportsfield and their plans to convert the surrounding fields into a meadow.

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th March in the Parish Room starting at 7.00am. The first half hour of this meeting is the open meeting to which all Parishioners are welcome to attend.

BIN DATES

6 th Mar	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
13 th Mar	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
20 th Mar	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
27 th Mar	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
3 rd Apr	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
10 th Apr	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
18 th Apr	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy
24 th Apr	Grey Bin and Food Caddy
1 st May	Blue Bin, ,Green Bin and Food Caddy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd March	Senior Citizen's Meeting in the Parish Rooms
5 th March	Women's Institute Meeting in the Parish Rooms
7 th March	SGRT Presentation at Sweet Little
16 th March	Parish Council Annual Open Meeting
17 th March	Senior Citizens Coach Trip to Oswaldtwistle Mills
20 th March	Coffee Morning in the Parish Rooms
27 th March	SGRT Poems and Puddings
2 nd April	Women's Institute Meeting in the Parish Rooms
4 th April	SGRT Coffee Morning at the Old Post Office
7 th April	Senior Citizen's AGM in the Parish Rooms
17 th April	Coffee Morning in the Parish Room
22 nd April	Senior Citizens Coach Trip to Skipton
15 th May	SGRT Gardeners Question Time at Doveridge
6 th June	Church Fete
7 th June	SGRT Long Table Lunch



YOU ARE WELCOME

The Sudbury Gasworks Restoration Trust (SGRT) has secured £14m funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore Sudbury Gasworks as a new community facility.

Join us to find out more and have your say.

TIME: 5PM - 7PM
DATE: MARCH 7TH

Sweet Little, Sudbury Courtyard, DE6 5HS
Drinks and nibbles will be provided

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

REGISTER AT

<https://sudburygasworks.eventbrite.com>



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