

# Sudbury Sketch

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



School Lane

It would be appreciated if all contributors could get their items to me by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February for the March edition ( **e-mail** [sudburysketch@btinternet.com](mailto:sudburysketch@btinternet.com) )

## **Happy New Year to all readers of the Sudbury Sketch.**

Hopefully 2022 will be the year when our lives get back to something like normal.

We have already seen the arrival of a new butcher in the village and wish them all the best for a successful and happy time in the village.

We also have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to look forward to and plans are already in place to hold a celebration for this in the Parish (see the article on page 6)

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### **All Saints Church**

Happy New Year to one and all. We hope you have all recovered from the hectic Christmas festivities and that your celebrations were not to affected by the Covid restrictions. Following Advent, the Church was decorated throughout to celebrate the birth of our saviour. Thank You to all who made such a wonderful job of decorating All Saints in such a fitting manner. If you would like to join the flower rota or place flowers for special occasions such as Easter and Harvest, please contact me or a member of the PCC who will put you in touch with the right person.

We held our first Crib and Carol services in two years, and it was lovely to see so many children decorate the Crib and sing the carols of the nativity story.

We welcomed the children from Sudbury School on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. The children sung and narrated the story of the Christingle. Well done to all the pupils and staff, you were amazing.

Coffee Mornings are taking place within the Church on the first Thursday of each month. This a great opportunity to catch up and chat. If you would like to donate a prize or something to sell for funds, please bring them to the church either on the day or leave in the Church the weekend before. Coffee mornings were held in November and December. These have been a great thanks to everyone's efforts and the many donations received. Thank you to all.

There is room around the Churchyard for parking your cars.

The church will now be open Friday to Sunday from approximately 10:00 am until dusk. If you would like access at any other time please contact Alan Smith and he will arrange it.

Could you please refrain from placing your removed floral tributes on the Grass dump at the rear of the Churchyard. They should be taken home and placed in your personal refuse. Thank You.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning 10:00 – 12:00. All welcome.

## **Forthcoming services.**

The following services will take place at 11:00am unless stated,

January

9<sup>th</sup> Christingle

16<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer

23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion

30<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise

## **February**

6<sup>th</sup> United Benefice Service 10-30

13<sup>th</sup> Family Service

20<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer

27<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion.

Flower Rota

13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February Mrs C West

27<sup>th</sup> February Mrs A Walker

6<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, No Flowers during Lent

Cleaning Rota

23<sup>rd</sup> January Mr A Smith

13<sup>th</sup> February Mrs M Hall and Mrs S Cook

27<sup>th</sup> February Mrs S Thompson and Mrs C West

13<sup>th</sup> March Mrs D and Miss E Walker

27<sup>th</sup> March Mrs G Prew and Mrs S Crutchley

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## BENEFICE LETTER

Well, here we are again, with another New Year fast approaching, and in order to keep up family tradition I need to press my kilt, and find a good lump of coal for the First Footer, and once this is done we're ready to welcome in the New Year. Now this year hasn't been the best for a multitude of reasons. But then just as I'm writing this, my conscience reminds me, that psalm 118 states 'this is the day the Lord has made, let's rejoice and be glad in it'. So I really ought not to have that attitude, but to find reasons to rejoice, no matter how difficult times have been. With this in mind, I've had to look for reasons to rejoice in 2021, and when I put my mind to it, I've found there have been many reasons to rejoice this year. In many ways 2021 has been extraordinary, as we've seen one of the greatest miracles of our time, in the development of covid vaccines and the mass vaccination programme, and not only that, but we've also learnt how important friends and family are to us, because we've all missed them so much during the restrictions. But most of all 2021 has been a year when the Lord has walked closely beside us during our troubles. So yes, 2021 has been a year of blessing and it's reassuring to know that whatever comes, or goes in life, the Lord God Almighty is with us, and that after all, is all we need to get through life. So with that thought in mind, we've got every reason to look forward to 2022. So let's join the First Footer in welcoming in 2022 with the words of psalm 118 ringing in our ears that 'this is the day the Lord has made, let's rejoice and be glad in it'.

Lynda Herbert Benefice News

# Sudbury Platinum Party

Plans are coming together for Sudbury to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. A committee with representatives from Sudbury Gasworks, All Saints Church, the Parish Council, businesses, and residents has come together to create a brilliant event to mark this special occasion which is planned to take place on Sudbury Sportsfield on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

We have been very fortunate to have been awarded £9985 from the National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, which we can put towards the development of a full day of entertainment and activities, the majority of which will be free to take part in.

For the kids we have already confirmed Punch and Judy, circus skills, balloon modellers, giant bubble makers, face painting, 'Wild Child' sessions with the Wildlife Life Trust, cinema screen and much more.

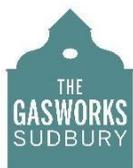
There will be produce and art competitions, live music during the day, as well as dog agility demonstration and fun dog competitions. Other arena games will enable the whole community to get involved, including hobby horse racing hosted by Rix & Co. Sweet Little Café will be on hand for food and drinks, and an artisan gift and food fair will showcase local crafts and producers.

The 'Memory Tent' will display photos of Sudbury through the years, brought together by the Sudbury Gasworks Local History Research Group, and visitors will be able to share their own memories of past celebrations.

In the evening there will be an event open to residents of Sudbury Parish only, with live music by the 'Treble Fours', a licensed bar and food provided the Round Oak at Sudbury will be available to buy. Free tickets for this part of the event must be pre-ordered (available soon), so we are able to manage numbers. Please note residents will also be able to apply for tickets for their friends and family who may wish to accompany them to this event.

In the lead up to the day we will be creating community bunting with the support of the WELLIES Project. The aim is for every resident in the Parish to make a triangular piece of bunting to add to the line, which will become a permanent reminder of the event.

More details will be announced over the coming months via the Sudbury Sketch, Sudbury Derbyshire Notice Board Facebook page and across the Gasworks website, and social media channels. We are currently taking applications for stalls, which are £15 each. For an application form or more information about the event, please contact Rachael Cooksey, Gasworks Manager at [Rachael.cooksey@sudburygasworks.com](mailto:Rachael.cooksey@sudburygasworks.com)





## Sudbury Primary School

Working with children at Christmas is a magical time of the year and always a highlight in the school calendar. Despite Covid restrictions, we managed to have parents watch the Nativity and join us for the Carol service at All Saints Church. Many of the Sudbury School traditions like Secret Santa and the Pantomime trip were able to go ahead as planned too.

Now we are on to new beginnings for a New Year. We are keeping fingers crossed that schools are open and that we are all healthy and ready for the term. Our exciting news is that we will be introducing a school dog. Inca, a black Labrador will join us on a Thursday morning to hear children read. The benefits of this are encouraging the children to develop their reading skills, alongside confidence, self esteem, wellbeing, social and emotional skills. The children are all very excited and keen to meet Inca.

In February, Inca will be taking a break, while Mrs. Fish is on maternity leave and Sandy the Golden retriever will be joining us.

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## **SUDBURY BOWLS CLUB**

The club held its AGM at the end of October which saw Chairman, Mr Terry Harvey, tender his resignation from the post he has held for several years. Terry oversaw the building of the current clubhouse and was involved in much of the club's activities, including being a team captain for a number of seasons. We would like to thank Terry for his dedicated service and enthusiasm and, whilst he has decided to leave the club to pursue other interests, we hope to see him and his wife Sue back on the green sometime in the future. At present, the club has decided not to appoint a new Chairman but to share the responsibilities amongst the management committee.

The club was saddened to learn of the death of Mr Tim Skeldon last October. Tim had been a popular character on the green over recent years and our condolences go out to his wife Linda and the family.

The playing surface has responded well to its Autumn re-seed and fertiliser boost and is looking in fine fettle for the commencement of the 2022 season this coming April.

A happy New Year to all members past and present and we look forward to renewing old acquaintances in the Spring.

# Death in the Dairy Herd

## By Connie Barker

I clearly remember a day, way back in 1945, on a beautiful Monday morning in the month of August; the sun was shining, and the grass was sparkling with a heavy dew. The cows had all been milked; there were no milking machines or pipelines in those days (at least, not on our farm at that time). That morning the cows were being turned out onto a fresh pasture; it was called “aftermath”, that is, when a field has been mown and cleared of the hay or silage and left for the grass to grow again, which it had done and it was now a very rich pasture.

Of course, the cows were very excited to get into a new pasture which was very tasty and enjoyable for them. Oh, they were enjoying it, until, oh dear, they began to feel poorly and so uncomfortable and ill, that they wanted a drink of water. They were coming out of the field and heading for a drink of water - not just one of them, but a lot of them.

My brother, Arthur, spotted them and realised something was very wrong. He let my father know, who was working in the fields and he came and saw the danger that the animals were in. A veterinary surgeon was needed, urgently, but we had no telephone. We didn't have a telephone until 1953, and in order to have one then, we had to be willing to share a party-line with someone else, which we did.

Getting back to my story... My sister ran across to our neighbour who had a telephone, only to be told it was out of order, so then she ran down to the village, another half mile further, to telephone a veterinary surgeon in Tutbury. He came out but, alas, he couldn't do anything for four cows that died.

Before I continue with my story, I would like to quote from a very old book called 'Rural Life', and this is what it tells us: "*The cows were blown or overfull*", it goes on to say that "*sometimes a change of food or a feed of wet clover or potatoes, greedily eaten, will induce fermentation in the stomach instead of digestion. Their sides will be blown up, until the stomach presses on the skin, which renders it hard to the fingers*". No doubt, there will be more modern methods used to treat it now, but 'Rural Life' goes on to say, by far the best method to use is the probang, which my dictionary says is a piece of whalebone with a sponge at the end for removing obstructions in the throat.

It should be introduced to the stomach by the throat and then the foul air will generally escape. When this instrument is not at hand, the beast may lie down and the problem may continue till the walls of the stomach are ruptured. In these cases, a dose of ammonia will often give relief. A pint of vinegar has proven effective; but the safest remedy is to dose with a pint of linseed oil. The use of gentle exercise, we discovered was the best thing to do under the circumstances, to keep the animals on their feet. My mother and myself each helped to do this.

May I just add, the four cows which died, as soon as they lay down, they were dead. My sister saw what happened to one cow, which managed to undo the gate fastener and get

into the yard; she went into her stall in the cowshed, turned round, came back out into the yard, lay down and died.

Thankfully no more lost their lives. After this experience, my father was very particular as to the type of grass seeds he ordered from the seed merchant, no red clover and no turning the cows onto fresh pasture too early in the morning. Thankfully, nothing like that ever happened again while we were farming.

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[Connie Barker lived with her family for many years at Northfield Farm on the northern boundary of Sudbury parish.](#)

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## SUDBURY HALL

Dear Sudbury Sketch Readers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and managed to celebrate with friends and family in your own way. I know the whole Sudbury team were glad to have a break over the holidays and spend some time relaxing – they've all been working really hard throughout 2021. We've been back in project delivery mode since the start of January, and already it feels that Christmas was a long time ago!

Welcoming in the new year also means that it is only a few months until The Children's Country House at Sudbury finally opens – it's both a nerve wracking and hugely exciting thought. I'm sure you'll all appreciate it's been a long time coming, and that a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to get us to this point. Changes are really starting to show on property lately – you may have noticed the many delivery vans going up and down the drive with exciting new things for us to install in the hall, museum and gardens.

Before we get to welcome the Sudbury residents back to site, we have a final set of Trialling and Testing days for our Children's Country House Ambassadors coming up in February. We've been running these days since last summer and they are an opportunity for our young Ambassadors to try out our new interventions and give their feedback. They've been brilliant at telling us the things they like and what we can add to the experience ready for when we open. By February, they'll be getting a sneak-peak of the almost complete visitor experience.

As always, if you have any questions about The Children's Country House project, please do get in touch at [sudburyhall@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sudburyhall@nationaltrust.org.uk). Until then, we look forward to inviting you to The Children's Country House in the Spring.

All the best

Nikki  
General Manager

## SUDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November in the School Dining Room.

At this meeting it was decided that we would continue without a chairman until voting for the position comes up again in May. Until then Vice Chair Brice Bozier will be acting Chairman.

We discussed the planning proposal for additional buildings at HMP Sudbury and put forward to Derbyshire Dales a number of items which were causing some concern. These included effect of these extra buildings on the sewage system, water supply and power supply to Parish residents and also how they may affect the privacy of the residents on Sudbury Park. Security is also an issue, particularly with the continuing problem with parcel drops.

The developers wish to have a meeting with us to discuss our concerns, and we believe the proposal is going before the planning committee.

We were approached by a member of the Jubilee Committee with a request to use the sportsfield for this event, which we are happy to agree to. We will write to The Trust to inform them about the event as we lease the field from them. We have also said we would look to making a donation to this event.

We also wish to speak to the National Trust to apply for an extension to the lease for the Sportsfield as we wish to start looking for grants for a new Pavillion. The building has been in a poor state for a while and is now in need of replacing. It is estimated that a replacement building could cost in the region of £11,000.

The National Trust approached the Council to seek our views on what measures could be taken to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing the road from their car park to the Hall. This will be amongst the items discussed in our meeting,

We also agreed to make a small donation to the Church of £150 as a contribution towards a new mower. District Councillor Jacqui Allison kindly offered to match this contribution.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. in the School Dining Room.

## **SCHEDULED BIN COLLECTIONS**

(These will all be subject to the various staff shortages being rectified)

21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Blue and Green Bins plus food caddy
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Grey Bin plus food caddy
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Blue and Green Bins plus food caddy
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Grey Bin plus food caddy
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Blue and Green Bins plus food caddy
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Grey Bin plus food caddy
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Blue and Green Bins plus food caddy

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parish Council Meeting (in the School Dining Room)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Coffee Morning at Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Jubilee Meeting in Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Coffee Morning in Church
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Jubilee Celebration

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