

Sulgrave News

Christingle 2007

Thank you to all those who supported our service on 2nd December – a large congregation of all ages where undeterred by the somewhat wild weather! The collection for the Children's Society amounted to just over £200. Miss Emma Cave, aged 90, was at the service, her last visit to a church she had served all her life. She loved hymn singing, and one of her great wishes was 'to get young people into the church'. Looking back we feel so glad that she was with us.

Julie Metcalfe



January 2008

photos - Colin Wootton

2008 - time for a change

I bet that took you all by surprise! No I haven't dropped the animal theme for the front page, but there wasn't enough material for 12 pages this month, and to get it into 8 something had to go. I also have a couple of things held over which have been provided by regulars, so I hope they will forgive me.

There are changes also afoot in the circulation of the newsletter. Peter and Ann Mackness, who have dropped many copies of the newsletter through your letterbox, for over five years, have decided to pass on the baton at the end of March. If you enjoy walking around the village, and have some spare time once a month why not combine these activities. Please let a member of the Parish Council know if you are interested.

If you don't mind the plug, it is also a time of change for me. In the last month I have become redundant, and retired, from my teaching in Further Education, and while I am looking for some other gainful employment (lovely phrase that) I would be happy to assist anyone who would like to know more about Computer Graphics software and MS Office. Please give me a ring, or send me an email, if you think I can help you.

As usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter. It is

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the February newsletter - 18th. January.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE LEFT AT THE VILLAGE SHOP.

Could I remind all contributors to provide a name and contact number with their articles- Thanks



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Regular Events

Mums & Tots	Every Friday in the Church Hall, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
BB&C Service	2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth Church, 11:00 am
Book Club	4th Monday of each month at the Star Inn, 8:00 pm
Circle Dancing	3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth, 7:30 pm
W.I.	2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

Castle Green Progress

The Castle Green Project is now well under way. The new path has been laid and the boundary wall rebuilt. As part of this project, two seats are to be placed on the Green. Colin Wootton has offered to sponsor one of these in memory of his father, Sidney Wootton, who died in 2005. The chosen seat type is shown below. Anyone wishing to sponsor the other seat is welcome to get in touch with either Colin (01295 760788) or Clare Pollak (01295 768224) for full details and costs.



Campaign to Protect Rural England

design awards 2007 Northamptonshire winner is Sulgrave Village Shop



Congratulations again to all involved in making this such a success and a key part of Sulgrave's modern community.

The Design Awards recognise contemporary developments that have added to the quality of the environment and our enjoyment of it.

The judges were the architect Juliet Coleman (JCCH Ltd); heritage expert Mike Pearson (South Northants Council) and conservation and design expert Alan Mayes (Warwickshire County Council and CPRE volunteer).

Memories of Carol Singing

Carol Singing in Sulgrave was originally started by Sulgrave Youth Club sometime around 1966. I went, with a group of youngsters, round the bottom half of the village and Sandra Lake round the top half. We raised a grand total of £6-5s.-0d. (£6.25), which was a good sum in those days, and we gave the money to Dr. Smart for the church.

The Youth Club continued the Carol Singing until the Women's Institute took it over. Miss Emma Cave would sit and play the Harmonium on a decorated trailer drawn by Rodney driving a tractor. Then Miss Cave progressed to an electric organ, owned by Rodney and Sue. On one occasion she was on the trailer and the generator was a distance away on the back of father's Mini pick-up.

After Miss Cave retired from playing, a group of WI members gathered at the Church Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Barnes on the piano, singing carols for me to record (I still have the tape). My cassette player was used for a number of years until youngsters started playing Recorders, etc.

One year it was extremely cold and Kathleen Munro came with a pushchair containing refreshments to keep us going until we arrived at the 'Star', where, as usual hot mince pies and sausage rolls were supplied by Muriel and Jack Salisbury.

Large amounts of money were raised for various good causes and a very jolly time was had by all.

Valerie Henn

Ps Carol Singing was always on a Tuesday because when it first started there was a bus to Bingo in Banbury every Monday evening.



Carol Singing 2007



Photos – Colin Wootton

Women's Institute

Happy New year to all our readers!

Our December meeting began by observing one minute's silence for Emma Cave who had, sadly, died a few days before and had so recently celebrated her 90th Birthday. She had been a member of this W.I. for some 70 years. What a tale she could tell! We will miss her very much. The evening was one of festivities, good food and chatter in a beautifully candle-lit hall seasonally decorated by Marianne Harris.

A talk by Marion Money about the operation of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance starts our 2008 programme. Do come along if you can.

Ann Mackness Ann Mackness



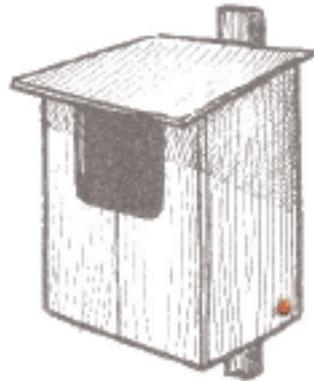
Have you a Nest Box in your garden?

About this time of year one of my self-imposed tasks is to look into the various nest-boxes around the village, to note which ones were occupied this last summer and to clean out the old nesting materials (yes, it's better to remove them – they may harbour disease and the birds seem to prefer starting with fresh stuff).

In 2007, none of the four robin boxes were used (robins have a very independent mind-set, it seems), but 13 out of the 17 tit boxes were occupied by great tits and blue tits. This success rate – about 75% - reflects that of the previous year. The boxes are mainly in places open to public access, such as Pocket Park and the churchyard. Two of the boxes – one in Madam's Close and one by the Village Stocks have been used in every one of the ten years since they were put up.

Yes, ten years ago this month, in January 1998, was held the first of two 'nest-box days', when village children were able knock together their own box to erect in their garden at home or elsewhere. Since then, I've had practically no information about these boxes. I'd very much like to hear news of them. There may be as many as twenty of them, including those made on the second occasion a couple of years ago. If you have one in your garden, have you had any luck with it?

George Metcalfe



Christmas Bazaar

I cannot thank you enough for all your fantastic support for our Christmas Bazaar. Despite the appalling weather so many of you came up to the church hall and went away with Christmas gifts, decorations and plants. A generous donation brought our grand total (no pun intended I'm sure Shrimp) to just over a £1,000.

Thank you so, so much – it certainly makes all the hard work worthwhile! *Shrimp*

Thanks to all

As many of you will know Archie had a very serious riding accident while hunting with the Grafton on Tuesday 11th December when his horse fell on him. He was taken by air ambulance to Coventry Hospital where his condition was stabilized and then moved to the Intensive Care Unit at Birmingham Childrens' Hospital. Fortunately his injuries proved to be much less than originally thought and after 48 hours there he was 'sent back to Coventry' with two cracked ribs, a possible crack in a vertebrae (stable) and severe bruising. He came home on Monday 17th, battered and bruised but well on the road to recovery and planning his return to the saddle! We were overwhelmed by the messages, cards, offers of help, etc., and extend a huge thank you to everyone for their kindness. How very appropriate that the carol singers' collection was for the air ambulance and are only sorry that Rectory Farm was unable to offer the usual refreshments enroute.

Joanna Charles, William and Archie

Sulgrave Parish Council

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Notice of next Parish Council Meeting to held 10th January 2008

7:30 pm, at the Church Hall

The Parish Council is made up of the following members and they can be contacted as follows:

Chairman – Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108) Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Vice-Chairman – Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574) Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)

Parish Clerk – Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229) Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Included amongst the Adgenda Items are:

Setting the budget for the year

Update on Pocket Park work

Underground cabling.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Mums & Tots 1:30 pm Church Hall	5	6 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am C.Warden
7	8	9 W.I. Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall	10 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall	11 Mums & Tots 1:30 pm Church Hall	12	13 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave
14	15	16	17 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	18 Mums & Tots 1:30 pm Church Hall	19	20 Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave
21	22	23	24	25 Mums & Tots 1:30pm Church Hall	26	27 Mattins 10:00 am Sulgrave
28 Book Club 8:00 pm The Star	29	30	31			

What
Celebration
Hic!



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