

Sulgrave News



January 2010

New Year Resolutions!

The quick turn around of this edition has, I think, caught everyone by surprise and this edition has turned out a little thin. Could I ask everyone, after the celebrations have passed, to make a New Year's Resolution to produce a little something for the Newsletter. This will keep it interesting for all those who read it.

At the end of the summer I joined a Recreational Ceramics class, at the Chenderit School, and have found it very enjoyable. As a specialist centre for the visual arts there are also other classes available in the Spring Term. If you are interested please contact Chenderit School for more information.

And last but not least, may I wish all our readers a Happy New Year in 2010.

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

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the February newsletter - 22nd. 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

- BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth Church, 11:00 am
- Book Club 4th Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn, 8:00 pm
- Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth, 7:30 pm
- Pilates Most Wednesdays Culworth 7:30 pm
Most Fridays Sulgrave Church Hall. 9:30 am & 10:30 am
- W.I. 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

SULGRAVE WOOD: HELP NEEDED

Two practices have been traditionally applied in managing woodland so as to provide a regular crop of poles, rods, logs and firewood, namely pollarding and coppicing. Pollarding is the cutting of a tree at perhaps ten feet above ground level, at regular intervals. This means that the new shoots, which grow quite quickly, are beyond the reach of grazing animals such as cattle, sheep or deer. It was widespread in early times in areas of so-called wood pasture. Coppicing, on the other hand, is the cutting of trees at just above ground level; the stump (or stool) quickly sends up shoots which likewise can be cut regularly. The process can be repeated indefinitely and, oddly enough, seems to prolong the life of the tree rather than shorten it (there are records of ancient coppiced lime trees a thousand years old or more). Coppicing was applied to many species - oak, lime, ash, sweet chestnut, for example - and especially to hazel, of which the straight rods are still used in hedging, fencing and thatching.

The hazel bushes in Sulgrave Wood were planted ten years ago and are now ready for coppicing. For this, help will be much appreciated. If you would like to help (and thereby earn yourself some good bean-poles, or firewood), please contact George Metcalfe (768103).

Saws, chainsaws and toppers will be useful for this work.



Typical hazel growth.

Don't drown in Toxic Smoke

make sure you test your smoke alarm weekly



October saw the launch of the new national campaign 'Don't drown in Toxic Smoke.' The campaign is aimed to raise awareness of the risk of not waking and drowning in smoke due to not having a working smoke alarm.

The campaign is being run to raise awareness of just how two or three breaths of toxic smoke is similar to the sensation of drowning and can affect a person's ability to breath and consequently wake up in the event of a fire. Research carried out has shown that people underestimate the impact of toxic smoke. In a survey almost half those asked believed they could survive for more than 2 minutes in a smoke-filled room and over half thought they would wake up due to the smell of the smoke. In some cases you may have less than two minutes to get out of a household fire alive. By having a working smoke alarm you have an increased chance of waking, and escaping.



Emma Yoxen, District Liaison Officer for the Fire & Rescue Service, added "Our fire-fighters regularly see the effects of fires in the home. The frustrating thing is that so much heartbreak and unhappiness could be avoided if people took the simple precaution of arranging for a free home fire safety check and ensuring they have working smoke alarms and check them weekly. There is really no excuse for not having one, we're here to help".

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service offers home fire safety checks free of charge to the public. You can arrange for a fire-fighter to visit your home to give advice and guidance on how to prevent fires and other hazards. Also to install free smokes alarms if you need them. All you have to do is contact us and we'll do the rest. Call **0800 38 999 50** today or email safetycheck@northantsfire.org.uk.



Northamptonshire
Fire & Rescue Service

I don't wish to be alarmist (sorry about the pun!) but in this season of candles and merriment I think this is a well timed message from our Fire Service - Ed.

Sulgrave with Culworth Women's Institute

At our December meeting held on Wednesday 9th in the Church Hall our speaker Lynda Maude gave a very interesting talk entitled 'The History of Pantomime' and how it came into being.

We meet next month on Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Graham Soden talking about 'Wales and its Wildlife'. You would be very welcome to join us.....Jo Coverley 768369 and Jane Lockwood 760865

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St John the Less, Church News

A big, big thank you to all those who supported us at the Christmas Fair. There was a real buzz in the hall and the sight of all the beautiful cyclamen took one's breath away. There were cupcakes that even the Hummingbird Bakery would be proud of. A galaxy of raffle prizes, Christmas arrangements, the chance to win a bottle of fizz and a handmade Christmas cake (thank you Jean Ganton), and beautifully crafted goodies from Eileen Roberts. The team in the kitchen were kept busy with refreshments and in the space of about one and a half hours we raised £879.00!!!

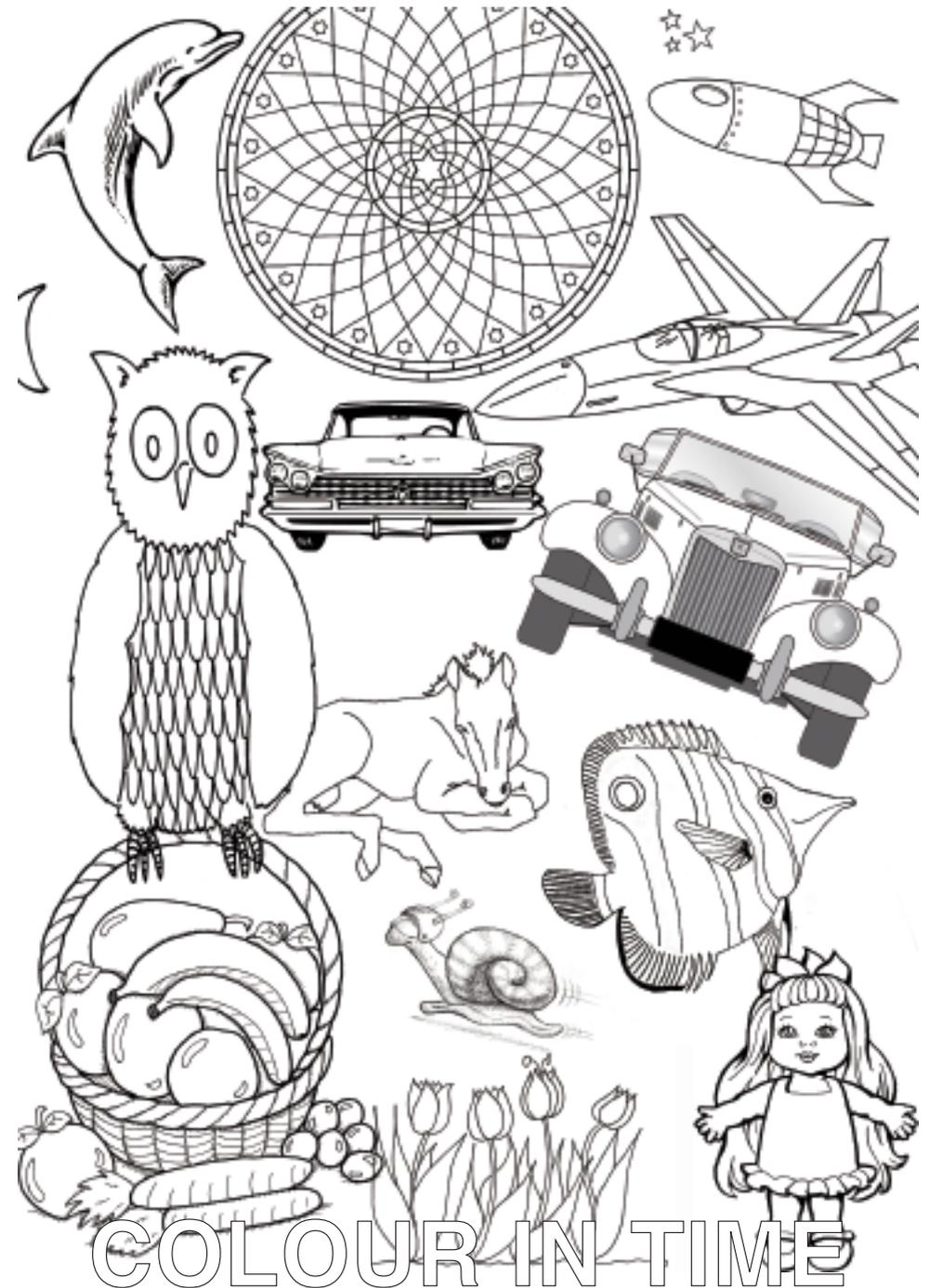
My grateful thanks to our stalwart stall holders who went above and beyond to produce such a wonderful display!

Shrimp Christy

Christingle Service 2009

Thank you everybody!

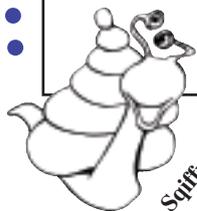
A tremendous £223.34 raised for the Childrens Society!
Photos now available to view on the village website.



COLOUR IN TIME

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



Squiffy Again!