

Sulgrave News

October 2010

Regular Events

BB&C Service	2 nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club	4 th Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing	3 rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.30pm
Pilates	Most Fridays at Sulgrave Church Hall - 9.30am
WI	2 nd Wednesday of each month Sulgrave Church Hall -
7.30pm	

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Deadline for the November newsletter is 22nd October

If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail janet_m_smith@btinternet.com. As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Safari Supper

It's been 18 months since the last Safari Supper and we're "roaring" to go!

If you've moved into Sulgrave in the last year and a half, then this is the ideal way to get to know everyone.

Saturday, October 30th is the date to put in your diary so, if you want a fantastic night out without having to worry about who's the designated driver, then this is the event for you!!

Please call Anne on 760634 or Shrimp on 760214 if you want to join in and let us know if you could host either a starter or main course. If you don't want to do that then perhaps you could provide a pudding. Whatever - we guarantee it will be great fun - don't delay, and call now.

Shrimp



Creature Comforts

Those who attended the Castle Green Autumn Fair on 5th September must have been aware of a great deal of banging and thumping, for which apologies (but it really couldn't have been avoided). The noise was emanating from a stall, manned by members of the local Wildlife Trust, at which children were invited to hammer together, perhaps with the help of a parent, a bird next-box or a bat roosting-box. Each child could take the box away to put up in their own garden, but also, if they wished, could produce a second one to be situated here or there in the village. The result of their efforts, as well as the odd sore thumb, was that a dozen bird-boxes and eight bat-boxes are now being placed on Castle Green, on the castle mound, in the churchyard and elsewhere. Well done children, and thank you

George Metcalfe

PS., it is believed that, at the end of the afternoon, one young lady was unable to locate the bird-box which she had made and so went away without. If the young lady would like to get in touch with me (01295 768103) I have a box for her.

PHOENIX TRADING



You are invited to a **Phoenix Trading Open House** on
Tuesday 12th October.

Between 10.00am and 3.00pm
or between 5.30 and 7.30

Drop in for a coffee, a chat and for the last chance to order the Christmas range.

(Unfortunately due to family and work commitments I will cease trading at Christmas, I will also not be at the Manor Apple Day, but will be at The Christmas Fayre)

I stock a great range of multi-purpose, greeting cards, invitations, thank you notes & gift wrap and sell direct to the public.

WHY CHOOSE YOUR CARDS FROM PHOENIX?

- our cards and envelopes are **top quality.**
- our prices are up to **50% less** than the equivalent product in the shops.
- the majority of our cards are blank for **your own message.**

If you are unable to make it on the 7th but would like to come at another time or have a catalogue please give me a call or e-mail me:

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Independent Phoenix Trader

**"THE STAR" NEW OPENING TIMES
FROM SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2010**

MONDAY	CLOSED	
TUESDAY	6pm - 10.30pm	
WEDNESDAY	12pm - 2.30pm	6pm - 10.30pm
THURSDAY	12pm - 2.30pm	6pm - 10.30pm
FRIDAY	12pm - 2.30pm	6pm - 11pm
SATURDAY	12pm - 3pm	6pm - 11pm
SUNDAY	12pm - 4pm	

TUESDAY NIGHTS - TAKE AWAY NIGHT

Hooky Battered Fish, Beef burger or Sausage & Chips.....£6.50
Just call 01295 760389 to place your order or call in



We feel sure by now, via the village jungle drums, most people will know that we are very reluctantly and sadly leaving The Star. Unfortunately, Barry has been recently diagnosed with a heart problem and with the amount of hours, stress and hard work it takes to run a pub, this is obviously not helping his overall condition. It has been a very difficult decision to make having made so many good friends here but, in the circumstances, it has to be the sensible thing to do.

The feedback we have had over the changes we have made here has been excellent and hope now it has become a "village pub" again and will continue to be so allowing everyone the opportunity to call in for a beer or an affordable meal. It's been great to see new faces using the pub from around the area and a bit sad that one or two have taken their support elsewhere but, as I have said in previous articles, we cannot please everyone and it's the majority that counts.

At present we have no timescale but hope that you will continue to support us whilst we are here and we will endeavour to ensure that the new owners continue to run the pub with the same enthusiasm and criteria.

Thank you to all our friends in Sulgrave for making our time here a happy one.

Barry & Gillie

Foodsmith
*Delicious food for
any occasion*



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our *Soup Kitchen*
at Sulgrave Church Hall on Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 12.30pm

Halloween
Goblins, Witches
and Ghouls



Roasted Pumpkin Soup (V)
Or
Tomato Soup (V)

both served with a selection of breads

Treacle Tart
Or
Cheese & Biscuits

Tea or Coffee

£6.50

Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

Janet Smith
01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery
01295 768268

SULGRAVE WITH CULWORTH WI

Our August meeting was a special afternoon 'Garden Party' at the home of Jean and Bob Bates. We celebrated our 90th birthday in glorious sunshine with a lovely tea in their beautiful garden.

This was followed by a 'Songs of Praise' at our Church. Approximately 50 people attended the service including current members, the County Chairman and Vice Chairman, past Presidents and friends.

This month we welcomed Elaine Nunn a guide from Althorp giving a talk on the 'Story of the Country House'. She has been a guide for 11 years and gave us an insight to life there over the centuries.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm



SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP

DAVID'S HOLIDAY

I need more trained volunteers to help during David's holiday .
There is a list of vacant slots in the shop or please telephone me (760865)
David is away from Monday 11th October until Saturday 16th October
inclusive.

With many thanks, Jane Lockwood



Sulgrave Produce Show 2010

After several year's absence the Sulgrave Produce Show finally made its long awaited comeback. The sun shone, the villagers turned out and everyone had a good time. The 40 adult classes attracted 211 entries and the 6 children's classes attracted 25 entries.

I have to say the most entries in a class in the adult section were 14 for No. 26 bottle of home-made cordial or liqueur! We were quite concerned that the judge may have become a little squiffy so it was probably a good thing it was the last class for that section.

We have already booked the Church Hall for the Produce Show 2011 and look forward to seeing you all again next year

Total income for the day was £237.00. After all expenses were paid, we were able to make a donation of £25.00 to the Church Hall. This left £50.00 which has been donated to the Sulgrave Allotment Society.

Raffle	128.00
Teas	33.50
Produce Stall	45.00
Entry fees	<u>31.00</u>
Total	237.00

Many thanks to all those who supported this event.

Janet Smith & Maureen Jeffery



RESULTS OF THE SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW 2010

No.	Class	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Three carrots	Nina Jones	Simon Miles	Julie & Colin Russell
2	Leeks - a pair	Julie & Colin Russell		
3	Three beetroot	Nellie Stalabrass	Julie & Colin Russell	Jean Bates
4	Three potatoes	Emily Russell	Julie & Colin Russell	Roger Cherry
5	Three runner beans	Clare Pollak	Phil Watts	Julie & Colin Russell
6	Longest runner bean	Clare Pollak (17")	Phil Watts (16.5")	Terry Taylor (16")
7	Cherry toms - 5	Julie & Colin Russell	Joanna Smyth-Osbourne	Alison Lewis
8	Round toms - 3	Christopher Beck	Alison Lewis	Phil Watts
9	Onions - 3	Julie & Colin Russell	George Metcalfe	Roger Cherry
10	Courgettes - 3	Julie & Colin Russell	Des & Joyce White	
11	Lettuce - a pair			
12	Asst'd Veggies - 5	Eileen Roberts	Terry Taylor	
13	Eating apples - 3	Des & Joyce White	Jean Bates	Christopher Beck
14	Cooking apples - 3	Christopher Beck	Molly Wootton	Terry Taylor
15	Pears - 3	Maureen Jeffery	Lis Stuart	Molly Wootton
16	Saucer of fruit	Julie & Colin Russell	Simon Miles	Terry Taylor
17	Jar of jam/jelly	Joan Taylor	Julie & Colin Russell	Molly Wootton
18	Orange marmalade	Jan Prior	Molly Wootton	Jean Bates
19	Lemon curd	Alison Watts	Janet Smith	Megan Targett
20	Chutney	Eileen Roberts	Maureen Jeffery	Libbie Foster
21	Flapjacks - 6	Joanna Smyth-Osbourne	Julie & Colin Russell	
22	Chocolate brownies - 6	Emily Russell	Joan Taylor	Shrimp
23	Victoria sandwich	Megan Targett	Lis Stuart	Shrimp
24	Fruit Cake	Janet Smith	Margaret Watts	Megan Targett
25	Load of bread	Shrimp	Julie Metcalfe	Colin Wootton
26	Liqueur	Graham Roberts	Roger Cherry	Janet Smith
26b	Cordial	Libbie Foster		
27	Arrgt in cup/saucer	Eileen Roberts	Shrimp	Julie Metcalfe
28	Buttonhole			
29	One fragrant rose	Valerie Henn	Kath Miles	Christopher Beck
30	Three rose blooms	Kath Miles	Pauline Flynn	Alison Lewis
31	Three stems, 1 sort	George Metcalfe	Roger Cherry	Christopher Beck
32	Autumn foliage	Kath Miles	Rachel Carey	Eileen Roberts
33	Mixed garden flowers	Pauline Flynn		
34	Jug of mixed herbs	Julie & Colin Russell	Pauline Flynn	Eileen Roberts
35	13cn flower pot	Esther Miles	Jessica Targett	Wendy Miles
36	Beach on a plate	Jessica Targett		
37	Animal fruit/veg/flower	Matthew Stuart	Ellie Watts	Henry Miles
38	Flower/veg by child	Hannah Gee	Benjamin Stuart	Ellie Watts
39	Home-made biscuits - 4	Hannah Gee	Jessica Targett	Matthew Stuart
40	Fairy cakes - 4	Jessica Targett	Hannah Gee	Charlie Ford-Ziemelis

DEMISE OF THE SULGRAVE WINDFARM

Earlier this month, the energy company Enertrag, which had planned to erect nine 410 foot wind turbines between Sulgrave and Weston, sent written notification to Sulgrave Parish Council that they had cancelled the project. Enertrag, having reviewed the viability of all their projects, concluded that the Sulgrave/Weston scheme was unlikely to receive the requisite planning permission because of "issues of cultural heritage" and "issues of landscape".

The Sulgrave And Weston Windfarm Action Group (SWWAG) have also received notification from a spokesman for All Souls College (which owns the land upon which the windfarm was to be built) that the College has no further plans for any similar developments on this land within the foreseeable future.

SWWAG intends to hold a full meeting of its members and supporters before the end of the year to discuss the dissolution of the group and to decide upon the most appropriate use of the funds that they have raised. One proposal is that the funds be donated to the Helmdon, Stuchbury and Greatworth Windfarm Action Group (HSGWAG) which is fighting a plan by the company Broadview to construct a windfarm between Greatworth and Helmdon. The five 410 feet high turbines of this scheme would all be clearly visible from many parts of the village, especially from houses with windows and gardens facing southwards. The turbines would completely dominate the southern skyline as seen from Castle Hill, the Old Windmill and other viewpoints and would be an overwhelming presence to those using favourite footpaths and bridleways southwards towards Helmdon and Greatworth. SWWAG believes that many of the arguments which were levelled at the Enertrag plan apply equally to the Broadview windfarm and its members are thus giving full support to HSGWAG in their battle to defeat the scheme.

Digby Lewis Chairman SWWAG

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on
THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2010
@ 7.45PM (NEW TIME)
In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

GUEST SPEAKER
FROM SNC TO
TALK ABOUT
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- UPDATE NO HS2
- UPDATE ON SPRING FARM
RIDGE WIND FARM

We look forward to seeing you there



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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 2nd September 2010

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

Chairman - Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108)
Vice-Chairman - Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574)
Parish Clerk - Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229)
Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)
Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)
Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)
Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minutes silence was held in respect of Jean Garton who had recently passed away.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 6th July

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Guest Speaker, Mr Montagu-Smith of CPRE Northants

Mr Montagu-Smith thanked the Parish Council for the invitation to attend the meeting. A letter dated 30th May from CPRE had been sent to the Parish Council as controversy had arisen surrounding the policy of the Northants branch towards the HS2 project. Mr Montagu-Smith stated the CPRE is unreservedly committed to defending the environment and quality of rural life in South Northants in the face of the project and the CPRE are determined to work closely with all the communities which would be affected by them in defence of the countryside and everyone living it, while stopping short of opposing the principle of High Speed Rail. Mr Montagu-Smith felt this was the opportunity to talk more about the CPRE Position in an open meeting.

Mr Montagu-Smith stated:- The current position is that the major political parties have committed to HS2 and the new coalition government are looking to accelerate it. Consultation will be at the end of the year and the route defined then. CPRE nationally support HS rail as it will reduce air travel, road travel and relieve railway traffic. The CPRE care about the environment and have looked at where

they can apply their own influence and see what the real effects would be on affected communities. They do not see it as being constructive to attempt to block HS rail. This view is experienced by the first high speed rail built in Kent. It was opposed at the time but was still built and the CPRE branch in Kent played a significant role in reducing the impact, securing noise reduction and screening.

The CPRE see four issues

1. Speed, The government intention is to build the fastest rail system in Europe, this is not regarded as necessary.
2. Blight -. The blight footprint will be large. There is scope to raise an argument the compensation scheme should be extended
3. Compensation - this is an issue and the history of the Kent story is important.
4. Landscaping, pressure can be brought to bear to minimise the impact on areas close by.

The meeting was opened for questions:-

Mrs Burke asked where the money would come from to pay for it? Mr Montagu-Smith stated he believed finance is not an issue as the project will be financed by the private sector.

Mr Christy expressed his disappointment by the policy taken by CPRE. The CPRE should not accept it and stand up and protect the blight of the landscape. People like the convenience of cars and will not stop using them because there is high speed rail. He felt that CPRE will lose members. Mr Montagu-Smith replied they had lost one already who did not agree with their principles. Mr Montagu-Smith replied that the money is there and the project will have government backing. There is a consensus from all political parties and the CPRE do not see how they can fight against it in the knowledge they will fail. They have to look at which battles they are going to fight and choose the ones they might have success with.

The Chair was concerned about the blight and the cut and fill principle which will be applied and more consideration should be given to tunnelling. Speed is a valid point but the operators should look at expansion of existing lines. Mr Montagu-Smith said the CPRE have looked at the wide range of options considered by the old and new government. They have looked at high speed and enhancement of existing systems but high speed is wanted.

Mr Prior spoke about the suggestion of an interim station in Brackley. Mr Montagu-Smith replied there has to be a collateral advantage available to areas that are not benefiting from the high speed rail. There would have to be justification for another station in this area. Mr Prior felt the 2020 convention on pollution was the reason for bringing the project forward. He felt that the answer was to reduce speed and manipulate the line around sensitive areas.

Cllr Osborne spoke about what CPRE actually stands for. There are lots of rural villages and they should be focusing on that. Mr Montagu-Smith agreed and a lot of work was done last year to make the smallest number of impacts and to stop countryside being unspoilt. Their main objective is to protect the rural landscape and communities and they are not in favour of any particular route but must find practical ways to reduce the impact.

Cllr Pollak thought that at a recent meeting with MP for South Northants, Andrea Leadsom, had said she would investigate the questioning of the viability of high speed rail. Mr Montagu-Smith felt that testing the viability is a larger question.

The Chair summarised by noting they understood the position of the CPRE and thanked Mr Montagu-Smith for his contribution to the meeting. The issues recognised by all are speed and noise, the blight,

adequate compensation to be more fairly distributed, and in the event that HS2 appeared to be inevitable the need to reduce visual impact and noise.

Mr Montagu-Smith concluded by noting that once they know the defined route they will get as much information as possible of those who will be affected with neighbouring counties. He was sorry that their position did not satisfy everyone but noted they would be available to help where possible. The Chair thanked him for coming and Mr Montagu-Smith left the meeting.

Councillors Reports

Village Newsletter

Tom Cockeram had been invited to the meeting as he had been editor for six years until recently standing down. The Chair thanked him for all his work as the newsletter is an important means of communication. The Chair advised that Janet Smith and Colin Wootton have taken over the roles.

Wind farm applications

A letter had been received from Enertrag to note the group has been restructuring its European operations and conducted an internal audit of all work and projects.

They have decided not to pursue a wind farm development at Weston due to initial environmental assessments of the site being conducted and covering a number of issues including cultural heritage. They do not wish to commit further investment in a site which could be finely balanced in planning terms.

The Chair thanked the Action Group for all their hard work over the last year and noted he was very pleased with this outcome. Mr Prior asked if an undertaking can be made with the landowner so that the company do not reapply again. Mr Wootton replied the landowner did not have any option in the beginning.

Community Speedwatch

PC John McQuaid has visited and advised the speeding van (used on Welsh Lane) will be visiting the village on certain occasions. A request will be made for each existing volunteer to find two more volunteers so that this exercise can continue. Cllr Powell repeated that she would be happy to help out still.

Castle Green

Cllr Pollak gave an update on the Castle Green Restoration Project.

Wall Rebuilding

In June the builders Underwood and Weston sent an email refusing to return to site to complete the repairs necessary following the 6 months retention period. In July a formal letter was sent to them, requesting that they confirm in writing they had no further claim on us. To date there has been no reply.

They amount U & W could have received is:

5% retention sum	£1087
<u>Extras (contingency)</u>	<u>£1896</u>
Total	£2983

There was also an agreement that they could have been paid an extra contingency amount of up to £3000.

Rhodes Partners have found another builder, Paul King of Wappenham who quoted £5500 plus VAT (£6462.50) to remove all the capping and mortar and replace it with more stones which would be closer together and therefore much more robust. After protracted negotiations with the Heritage Lottery Fund, the committee have been given permission to appoint Kings to carry out the work, and they will be commencing work in mid October.

Sign Boards

The signs have been delivered, and installed on the Green.

SNH parking outside Magpie Cottages

There has been no progress with South Northants Homes. Ann Mackness, who was on the working party, has advised she wishes to stand down. The council thanked her for her contribution to the working party.

Pocket Park

The second stage application has to be returned by 14th September. The committee are still waiting for an acknowledgement from SNC that planning permission is not needed. The Parish Council fully support the work that is being done and will assume responsibility for maintenance afterwards. This was proposed by Cllr Pollak, seconded by Cllr Kellett and all the councillors voted in favour. Cllr Waite is working on the plan to be forwarded to Cllr Osborne.

Finance Report

a) To approve the following payments:

Cheques for approval

£517.00 to RD Landscapes Ltd

£285.60 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£21.08 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

The payments were approved and cheques raised accordingly. They were proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Pollak.

b) To agree and sign an amendment to the Annual Return 2009/10

The Annual Return had been returned for an amendment to be made. Page 2, box 10 the outstanding capital balance of all loans at 31 March should read £32,937K and not £33,520K. It was agreed the amendment should be made and it was initialled by the Clerk and Chair.

The external auditor has also asked why the reserves are so high. It is acceptable to build up reserves if the council is saving for a particular project. The Clerk to reply that the three identified accounts, Pocket Park, Recreation Fund and Burial Plot Fund are reserved for particular projects. £1200 has been allocated for projects such as the village shop, trees and Shrubs, Castle Green and Pocket Park maintenance. The council are also considering replacing the street lighting which will have to be carried out before 2020.

Planning Applications

One new application had been received since the last meeting:

- *S/2010/1009/TCA, fell one ash tree at The Thatched House, Manor Road.* This is currently being considered by the council.

Decision notices had been received for:-

- *S/2010/0244/FUL, Erection of a four bay garage with two home offices above at Dial House Farm, Magpie Road.* This planning application went to appeal and has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.
- *S/2010/0782/FUL and S/2010/0783/LBC, Demolition of conservatory and replacement with flat roofed stone extension. Pitched roof over part of existing flat roofed kitchen extension (retrospective) at the Old Vicarage, Magpie Road.* Approved by SNC.
- *S/2010/0386/FUL, Change of use of land from agriculture to garden and paddock at Barrowhill Barn, Barrow Hill, Banbury Lane.* This was refused by SNC.

Correspondence

Letter from Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service (BAVCS) to advise about their service and expansion plans. BAVCS recruit volunteers who use their own cars to take people to essential appointments. The service is partially funded by the County Council. There are three registered passengers in Sulgrave and BAVCS asked if the Parish Council could consider making an annual contribution to support this invaluable service. The council asked if the Clerk could contact the three registered passengers to gain feedback from them and this would be carried forward to the next meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

7th October at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

OCTOBER 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	2	3
4	5	6	7 Parish Council Mtg 7.45pm Sulgrave Church Hall	8 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	9	10
11	12	13 WI 7.30 Annual General Mtg Church Hall	14	15 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	16	17
18	19 Soup Kitchen 12.30pm Church Hall	20	21	22 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	23	24
25	26 Book Club 8pm Star Inn	27	28	29	30 Safari Supper	