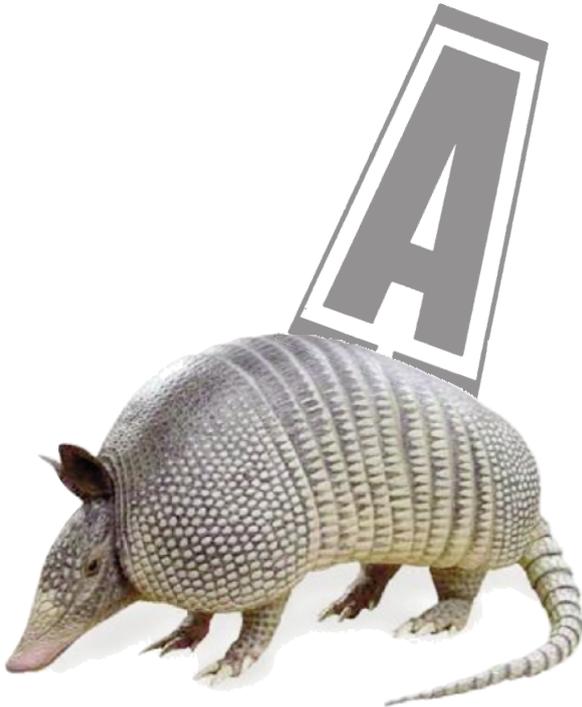


Sulgrave News



April 2008

Springs about!

What inclement weather we have had in the last month, but Spring must be approaching as today was a lovely day. Parts of the garden are really coming into leaf, and we have a lovely display of tulips in a sheltered suntrap. What's more the cats were lounging around and enjoying the sun.

There are two calls for inhabitants of Sulgrave to get involved in this months newsletter. One from the Village Shop seeking a few more volunteers, and one from the Tea & Tots groups, who have seen a drop off in numbers. So if you have a little spare time (just an hour or two a month), or a tot, both groups invite you to take part in their activities.

Please also be generous in the support the Culworth School events. Having just left education, I know how restricted by budgets most educational institutions are these days. The usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter.

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the May newsletter - 18th. April.

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

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|----------------|--|
| 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 |
| Mums & Tots | Every Friday, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Please ring Lis Stuart on 768840 or Claire Purves on 760640 for further information |
| W.I. | 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm |

Having an Easter or Spring clear out?

Culworth Primary School is collecting quality second-hand clothing to be sold with the help of Bag2School in Russia, Latvia and Lithuania. The school gets 25p per kilo and we need your help to collect as much as possible.

All good quality clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags are gratefully received.

Please deliver sealed bags (bin liners, etc.) to the

Sulgrave Church Hall Car Park

**Thursday 1st May
By 6:00 pm**

Remember – why not ask you friends and family to collect too ...

Thank you for your help.

SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP

We are looking for more volunteers to work in the shop. Some shifts are for one hour but most are for two. You can work once a week, once a fortnight or once a month – every hour helps to keep the shop manned continuously.

If every existing volunteer committed to work at least once a month it would greatly assist in the organisation of the rota. This can be done by making sure that you always have a date in your diary for your next shift.

Please contact me with your interest and offers on 01295 760233. You can be sure of being part of a very friendly team. There is always a list displayed in the shop showing availability of shifts needing to be filled and I look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Prior, Volunteer Co-ordinator



Women's Institute

This month we are very much looking forward to Sue McNally coming to our meeting. Sue gardens at Sulgrave Manor and you are welcome to come and enjoy her demonstration of planting various designs of hanging baskets. She will bring flowers and equipment supplied from a local garden centre.

In March the truly unique experience of Denman College was described to us. I outlined in last month's Sulgrave News what the College provides. This month our members have received the Denman College Programme for October 2008 - September 2009. Course enrolments are open to all members of the public. New subjects include everything from Astronomy to Inheritance Law, Beginners' Spanish to Thai Cooking, and Rock Drumming (!) plus established and popular courses. More details can be obtained from www.theWI.org.uk/college or phone 01865 391991.

Ann Mackness

Church

Arrangements are in hand to 'Spring Clean' the church. If you are able to help, please come along on Friday and Saturday, 2nd. & 3rd. May.

I will put a list in the church of all the jobs to be done, none of them onerous, and, as and when each one is completed, they can be crossed off the list so that none of them are duplicated.

Most volunteers tend to come on a Saturday morning, so refreshments will be provided!

Shrimp



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to those of you who/that(?) have given me your boxes for emptying and counting. I need to receive remaining boxes as soon as possible. Please could you leave boxes either at our house (Garden House, Manor Road), or in the shop or give me a call (760957) so that I can come and collect them ?

We hope to have a speaker from the Children's Society at the Bell Book and Candle family service to be held on Sunday 11th May, starting at 1100 in Culworth Church. Everybody is welcome to come and hear about the wonderful work this charity does for dis-advantaged children in England. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the service.

Kate Miles

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF

SPRING LITTER PICK

There will be a spring litter pick, meeting at 10am outside the Church Hall, Sulgrave on

ON SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2008

Please come along and help tidy up the village.

Thank you.

Sulgrave Tots & Tea

Thank you to all those who supported the Tots & Tea Spring Bazaar - particularly those who gave up their valuable time. We raised another fantastic sum.

However, despite our best efforts, numbers have continued to decline and it is now no longer viable to hold Tots & Tea in the Church Hall. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, Tots & Tea will continue in one of our homes (or gardens if the weather is good enough). Please contact Lis Stuart on 768840 or Claire Purves on 760640 to find out the details of the next venue.

The monies currently held in our account will be used to fund events for the children of the village. (e.g. Christmas Party). Thank you again for all your support.

Caron, Claire, Linda, Lis, Nicky, Sarah, Sue & Tracey



STOP PRESS . . . Tots & Tea Mums' run the Race for Life

On Wednesday 11th June us girls are heading off to Silverstone to join approximately 5000 other women to run, jog or walk (or even crawl!!!) 5km to raise money for Cancer Research.

If you would like to support us in raising money for this very worthy cause, there will be a sponsor form in the shop. All donations will be gratefully received.

If there are any more girls out there who would like to join us, then please call Tracey Mullavey on 760005 for more details.

Thank you.
Caron Mumford, Claire Purves, Linda Harrison, Lis Stuart, Nicky White, Sue Waite & Tracey Mullavey (aka Sulgrave Tits & Tots!)

The Wonders of the World

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are:

1. The great Pyramids of Giza (The only one surviving; in Egypt)
2. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon (Iraq)
3. The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
4. The Temple of Artemis (Ephesus, Turkey)
5. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus (Bodrum, Turkey)
6. The Colossus of Rhodes (Rhodes Harbour in Greece)
7. The Pharos in Alexandria (off the coast of Alexandria)

The Seven Wonders of the Medieval World are:

1. Stonehenge (Wiltshire, UK)
2. The Great Wall of China
3. The Colosseum (Rome, Italy)
4. The Catacombs (Alexandria, Egypt)
5. Hagia Sophia (Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey)
6. The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy
7. The Porcelain Pagoda of Nanking in China

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Who Knows the Seven Wonders of the Modern World?

Happy New Year to Everyone from Pete, Moo, Clover and Pati (This was intended for the January, 2008 newsletter, so my apologies to all concerned. - ed.)



CULWORTH SCHOOL FUND RAISING CONCERT

A number of professional players and parents from Culworth School are getting together for the fourth year running to give a musical recital to raise funds for the primary school. This year the concert will take place in Sulgrave Church on Sunday 27th April, starting at 3pm. There will be music for all ages to enjoy and refreshments will be provided. Tickets £5 for adults - accompanied children free. All villagers welcome.

Please contact Kate Miles (760957) for tickets or for further information.

Sulgrave Parish Council

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In addition to the above, the Parish Council is made up of the following members:

Vice-Chairman – Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574) Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)

Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 6th February 2008

Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted it was nice to see so many faces on such an awful night.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 6th February 2008

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Waite.

Matters Arising

Water leak in Stockwell Lane – The Clerk had written to Anglian Water as they inspected the area last year. Anglian Water confirmed there is no water mains in Stockwell Lane and the job confirmed that the water in question did not contain chlorine and did not originate from their distribution network. In their opinion it is believed to be ground water that has possibly become an issue due to a combination of higher than average rainfall last summer and local building work taking place in the area. The Chair has been able to find out who the Building Control Officer is for that work and an email has been sent to him to find out if they can help sort out the problem.

Sulgrave Parish Council (Continued)

Councillors Reports

Community Speed Update

More people have volunteered to use the equipment since the last meeting but more are needed. Posters will be put and a note will be put in the newsletter. Cllr Powell will change the date for using the camera as she is on holiday and is still awaiting contact details from Holse. Two more villagers from the floor at this meeting volunteered to help.

Village Fete in June

In an email from Cllr Osborne, she confirmed that the profits will be split between the Church and Pocket Park fund.

Work in Pocket Park

Cllr Kellett reported that the undergrowth around the pond has been trimmed and the pond appears much bigger now. Slow steady progress is being made.

Wind Generation

Cllr Kellett has looked into this and a project could take five years to complete. To produce cheaper electricity for the village 5-8 turbines would be needed at a cost of half a million per turbine. There is funding and support available after you get to first base but a lot of work would be needed to get to this point. At a previous meeting Mr Cave expressed an interest on a private basis. He would need the support of the community himself and the two could be linked together.

Dog Control Measures

The Parish Council have received a number of complaints concerning dogs recently. No-one in particular is to blame but people have been bitten and frightened by dogs roaming the village.

The Clerk contacted SNC to see if they provide a dog warden service. SNC advised they do not and gave website details of where to buy dog bins and the name of a company in Milton Keynes who collect from bins. A red or green dog bin would cost approximately £149.00 to purchase. AH Contracts in Milton Keynes would charge £3.50 to collect from each bin either weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

There is new legislation in place by means of dog control orders so that dog owners can be prosecuted. Owners can be prosecuted if: 1. They allow their dogs to foul and leave the mess. 2. Dogs are not kept on leads. 3. If an owner does not put a dog on a lead when asked to. 4. Dogs are seen in an area where they are not allowed to be.

The Clerk would obtain a suitable form of words from the Dog Warden which would be put in the next newsletter and the situation would be monitored.

Parking Outside Spinners Cottages

The Chair began by advising that discussions on parking outside Spinners Cottages have taken place at the last few council meetings. There are more cars to park than actual physical parking spaces. A letter was sent to all residents of Spinners Cottages after the last meeting asking them to park more carefully but the problem is still there. Cllr Waite has produced a questionnaire which could be circulated to the village to see their thoughts on taking this project further. The Clerk had obtained copying costs. It would cost £87.00

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to colour copy and £15.00 in black and white. From the floor Mr Henn agreed to colour copy the document for the Parish Council. Cllr Pollak suggested that the last page is changed so that villagers could leave the completed paper either in the shop or at a councillors house and not to be sent to the Clerks home address. The Chair thanked Mr Henn and agreed to pass an amended copy to him.

Update on work on Castle Green Restoration Project

Cllr Pollak gave an update on the Castle Green restoration project.

Wall Restoration Project

There have been no further developments on site since the last Parish Council meeting.

At a meeting with the Castle Green Chairman and Treasurer Cllr Pollak was able to report to them on the points raised by councillors at the last council meeting.

They sympathised with the frustration and criticisms expressed at that meeting, but reminded her that in August last year it looked like they might not be able to continue with the wall project. At that time the Chair of the Parish Council and members of the Castle Green Committee had a meeting with Cecil Rhodes and reluctantly agreed that the only way forward was to trust Cecil Rhodes to act on their behalf to bring the project to a satisfactory conclusion so it would not be helpful to try and bring any formal complaints against him. They pointed out that the wall had actually been built and the arguments were about snags and defects in workmanship.

Rhodes have suggested that a site meeting is held with them and the Chair and Cllr Waite to review the situation. They will also agree a definitive statement about what is said to Underwood and Weston.

There is still £13K to be paid to Underwood and Weston and this is reassuring that the Castle Green Committee have such a strong hold over them.

Finances

No further cheques have been drawn.

Permissive Path

There are no further developments.

Update on Underground Cabling

Work on the plinth at the bottom of Helmdon Road has not started yet. A letter was sent to Central Networks after the last meeting and a reply dated 18th February was received by the Clerk.

The works for Sulgrave have been planned and issued to a Project Manager for construction. Their designer, Mr Bob Wilkinson has been in liaison with the Chair of the PC during the planning and he has been provided with diagrams of their proposals. The scheme has been designed on the basis of replacing the overhead lines, where asset condition requires with underground cables. The remaining overhead lines will be reconstructed using the modern equivalent conductors (ABC). Sulgrave has received significant investment including a scheme which was completed three years ago to underground the centre of the village.

When the present scheme is finished the village should not require any further work for 40 years.

Sulgrave Parish Council (Continued)

They recognise that ABC has a different visual impact but their investment decisions are based on engineering considerations. As a regulated company their investments are subject to review and they must demonstrate they have invested within design specifications. If they are found to have invested beyond these levels the works may be disallowed by the Electricity Regulator as such investment places a burden on consumers to pay for the additional work. The intended works are robust and their designers have ensured that the network will support the required loads.

A couple of emails have been exchanged since receiving this letter. Central Networks have agreed to replace the poor unsatisfactory poles. The Chair continued by noting that the project seems to be moving forward without further consultation. He will clarify which poles are going to be replaced and with what. He will also ask Ian Cherry, who was a previous councillor and involved with this work, for an update.

Finance Report

Bank Balances for the end of year are as follows:

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| Community Account | £3043.75 |
| Pocket Park Account | £468.50 |
| Bank of Ireland Reserves | £3094.71 |
| Bank of Ireland Recreational Area Fund | £1146.60 |
| Bank of Ireland Burial Ground Fund | £2786.64 |

There is still interest to be received on the Bank of Ireland accounts and a rental payment of £750.00 is due from the shop. The Chair noted that the accounts are now looking very strong and robust. A huge saving was made by the flyers being copied free of charge. The Clerk is to check the 137 payments made against the previous year. The following payments were approved and cheques raised accordingly. They were proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Powell.

- £105.60 to Colin Wootton (website charges)
- £100.00 to Parochial Church Council (upkeep of church clock)
- £81.58 to ABB Lighting
- £191.94 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £21.08 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

Update on Planning Applications

One new application had been received since the last meeting.

S/2008/0212/P, Single Storey Extension to rear at Stone Court, Helmdon Road. The plans were put on display at the meeting and will be circulated to all councillors after this meeting.

A decision notice was received on the following:

S/2007/1685/P, Single storey extension to the rear at Southlands Cottage, Helmdon Road. This has been approved by SNC.

Date and Time of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10th April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Church hall.

April 2008

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Mums & Tots 1:30 pm - ring Lis on 768840 for venue | 5 | 6 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am M.Pinkney |
| 7 | 8 | 9 W.I. Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall | 10 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall | 11 Mums & Tots | 12 | 13 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth | 18 Mums & Tots | 19 | 20 Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Mums & Tots | 26 | 27 Mattins 10:00 am Sulgrave School Recital 3:00 pm Sul. Church |
| 28 Book Club 8:00 pm The Star | 29 | 30 | | | | |



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