

Sulgrave News



December 2008

Season's Greetings

Wishing everyone in Sulgrave the very best for Christmas.

Unfortunately this month's newsletter is a little thin, and I do not have any articles in reserve for the new year. So if you would like to welcome 2009 in with a bang, and not a wimper, could you spare a few minutes to keep me informed of village events, or to write a few words for the newsletter.

Thanks in anticipation.

The usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter.

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the January newsletter - 14th. December.

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 (Not December)
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

Please note: I am informed that the **Mums & Tots** is no longer running.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - SULGRAVE CHURCH

Sunday 7th December at 3pm

Please come and join us for this wonderful candlelit celebration in Sulgrave Church on Sunday 7th Dec starting at 3pm. All ages are welcome to this special service, introduced into the Church of England 40 years ago by the Children's Society, at which each child will receive a Christingle, bearing a candle, red ribbon, fruit and sweets. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the service.

Last year, across the country almost 600,000 children took part in Christingle services and over £1.2 million was raised for this worthy Charity which works with disadvantaged children across the UK. We raised £200 at our service which was tremendous. Collection Candles will be distributed shortly.

Please contact Kate Miles on 760957 for any further information.



CAROL SINGING beginning at SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP Friday 19th December at 6:30 pm

It's nearly that time of year again, and we hope you can join us as we make our way around the village for Carol Singing.

This year we thought that the format may need changing due to some concerns about the length of time the children were out in the cold, and the safety of all, on Helmdon Road, where the lack of street lights and the speed of traffic can be hazardous.

We therefore propose to start at the Village Shop, and then sing along School Street together, before splitting into two groups. The children and accompanying adults moving along Church Street, past Spinners Cottages, while the 'grown ups' move down Helmdon Road and then Little Street before returning to the shop.

All will then meet back at the Church Hall for warming refreshments.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sulgrave Charities have funds available to support the educational needs of our young people.

Contributions available towards the purchase of books, tools, and other necessities.

For more information contact: Jill Barrett 01295 768335

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Predictions that went wrong.

Former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista said, in 1959 - 'I give Castro a year'.

Fidel Castro stayed in power for 47 years.

Margaret Thatcher said, 1974 - 'It will be years, not in my time, before a woman will become prime minister'.

She was the British Prime Minister from 1979 to 1990.

Karol Wojtya said in 1978, 'It is too early for a Polish Pope'.

Shortly before being elected as Pope John Paul II.

'No, Thank You'.

The first of several agents who rejected J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter book.

And Something for the Festive Season

Bing Crosby's rendering of 'White Christmas' was the world's best selling single for more than 50 years until it was overtaken by Elton John's tribute to Princess Diana, 'Candle in the Wind' in 1997.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

Sulgrave Charities also have funds available to support any Sulgrave resident who is suffering hardship.

Apply in confidence to: Jill Barrett 01295 768335

'Twas the night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! Now,
Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On Cupid! On,
Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to
the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash
away! dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the
wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount
to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

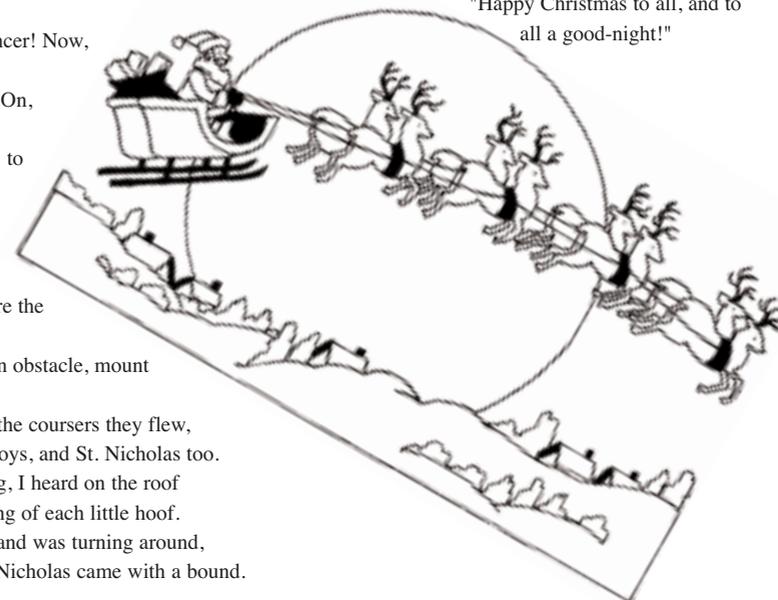
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and

soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes -- how they twinkled! His dimples how
merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out
of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to
all a good-night!"



A little something from Diana, who as a child learnt this as her party piece.

Women's Institute

We're off to Middleton Cheney for the evening this month. It's Pantomime time - OH YES IT IS ! We're going to enjoy The Lynden Players production of "Dick Whittington". Then it's back to the Church Hall for Hot Chocolate etc.

In November we presented Shrimp Christy with a token of our appreciation for her 20 years on our WI Committee. Lana Weston demonstrated a Christmas arrangement using flowers and greenery surrounding a large red candle. The beautiful arrangement she kindly donated for our evening raffle prize.

Colin Wootton, Sulgrave's webmaster, came for the evening and took many photos, with particular shots taken of the four members, plus Trophy, who won the County Challenge as the team who produced a garden design for our new WI County Headquarters at Moulton (details appeared in previous issues of Sulgrave News). Sulgrave website carries the full transcript, photos and plans, of their work. I recommend you have a look!

This will be my last entry in Sulgrave News so I say goodbye and a very Happy Christmas to all my readers.

Ann Mackness

2008 Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion's Wappenham and District Branch Annual Appeal has raised £2817.57, fractionally less than last year. However Sulgrave's contribution of £589.76 from the Remembrance Sunday Service of £353, boosted considerably by the very welcome presence of the Wappenham Branch members, and they Village Collection of £236.76, well up on last years £188.86, itself a record.

Yet again thanks are due to all those who helped with the Appeal and to all of you in the village for your most generous response to the continuing welfare needs of our Service men and Women, particularly in Iraq and increasingly in Afghanistan.



Church News

Christmas Bazaar

In these times of credit crunch and attempting to be green and environmentally friendly why not choose the Church Christmas Bazaar to do some of your seasonal shopping. Come along to the church hall on Saturday, December 6 and marvel at the wonderful array of Christmas goodies! Refreshments will be available as you browse amongst the Christmas decorations and arrangements, Phoenix cards and wrapping paper, delicious cakes, crafts and even the renowned covered coat-hangers. If anyone can donate gifts, cakes or something for the raffle I would be so grateful. Please contact Shrimp on 760214

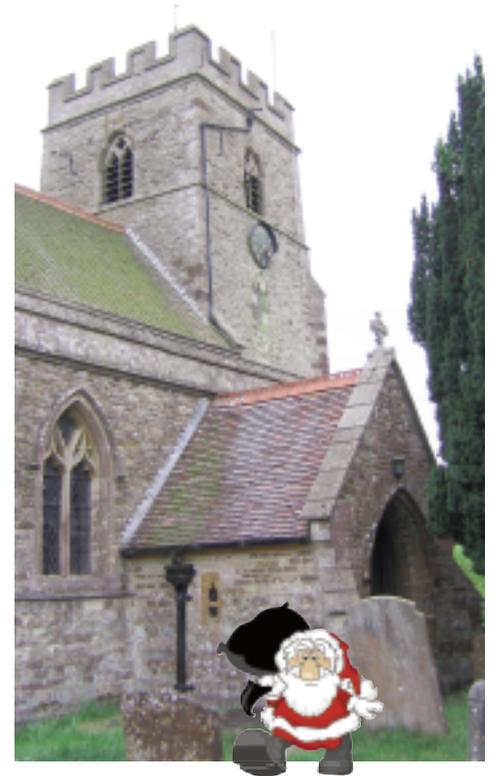
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Christmas Concert

There will be a concert in the Church on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 pm.

'**Impromptu**' will be singing a seasonal programme and anyone who has heard them before knows that they are in for a real treat. It will be just the sort of evening to get us in the right mood for the Festive Season. Tickets at £5.00 will include refreshments during the interval. Details from shrimp on 760214.

Shrimp



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Xmas Bazaar Church Hall	7 Christingle 3:00 pm Sulgrave.
8	9	10 W.I. Pantomime Middleton Cheney	11	12	13 'Impromptu' Choral Concert, 7:30 pm. Church	14 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave
15	16	17	18	19 Carol Singing 6:30 pm at Shop	20	21 Carol Service 3:00 pm Sulgrave
22	23	24 Midnight Service 11:45 pm Sulgrave	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day			

Xmas Pud!



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