

Sulgrave News



February 2010

After the Deluge!

What is it about things coming in threes! For those wishing for a White Christmas, a surfeit of snow; followed by, the day after the newsletter deadline my computer went 'Pop'; and today my back also went 'Pop'!

So I am sitting gingerly here producing the newsletter on my eight year old laptop, using 'Word', my '**bête noire**', rather than the DTP program I have used to date. Not such a bad thing, and I will probably continue doing this in future, but you may notice a slight difference in typographic sophistication, and the ability to place text and image together.

In the short term, this has created work in resetting many of the standard items and overcoming other differences in the software, so I apologise for a possible late arrival of this edition of the newsletter.

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

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the March newsletter – 22nd February

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, 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

Church News

Although it seems a long time ago I want to thank all those who took part in our Carol Service just before Christmas.

Particular thanks go to our readers, Luke Robson, Sabrina Steele, Maisie Osborne, Sam Miller, Henry Harrison, Wendy Miles and Martha Holley-Moore. We were fortunate to have lots of volunteers who placed the Nativity figures in the crib and played calypso accompaniment to one of the carols. It was a great start to Christmas week! The collection of £160.00 was forwarded to 'Kids Company' in London which offers help and support to children who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Shrimp Christy

Sulgrave with Culworth Women's Institute

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather and we now look forward to welcoming Hywel Lloyd to our meeting on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm when he will talk on the 'Treasures of the Alpine Club' Our competition this month is a 'treasured possession'.

Would members involved in the design of a leaflet 'Honey Bees' please bring your ideas to the February meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Church Hall.

Jane Lockwood 760865 & Jo Coverley 768369



Voulait une bonne maison pour deux chats!

(forgive my french)

Stephanie Wilson-Carey has recently moved to Sulgrave from the south of France, where she was adopted by a number of stray cats. She now finds that she has too many for her home in Sulgrave, and would like to offer two of them, either individually or as a pair, to anyone who, at the moment, may have lost a pet, or is looking for a new one.

If you are interested, or know anyone who may be, please contact Stephanie on 01295 768777.

(French language optional!)

Below is an edited copy of a NEWS RELEASE from Sulgrave Manor

Sulgrave Manor, The Birthplace of George Washington's Ancestors.

A Washington in the history of the world

Most people know about George, First President of the United States but it is his great great grandmother, Amphyllis, born in Creaton, who takes centre stage this week. An embroidery by Amphyllis has been chosen to be one of the ten items representing the history of Northamptonshire in association with the BBC and British Museum 'A History of the World in a 100 objects' project.

The embroidery features Adam and Eve and a range of beasts and bugs and is in a mixture of techniques including 'stump work', the raised form which was most fashionable in the mid-17th century. Though faded by the years, its beauty can be appreciated through modern replicas of some of its designs.

Both the original embroidery and some modern copies of the designs are on display at the home of Washington's ancestors, Sulgrave Manor. The Manor's Director, Wendy Barnes said "We are extremely proud to have Amphyllis' work chosen to represent the strong ties the county had with the early settlement of America. Her embroidery and her story will be a strong theme at the Manor throughout the season, starting during the February half-term."



Amphyllis



Stump Work Embroidery c1650

For further information please contact Wendy Barnes on 01295 760205 or email wendy.barnes@sulgravemanor.org.uk

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2010 7.30PM
In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

Topics for discussion

New Wind Farm Proposals
Update on Dog Fouling

We look forward to seeing you there.

Proposal to Site a Wind Farm.

Sulgrave Parish Council has received notification of an application to South Northamptonshire District Council by Broadview Energy Ltd for a scoping opinion for a wind farm to be located at Spring Farm Rise between the villages of Sulgrave, Helmdon and Greatworth.

This is a new application and will determine options for a second wind farm adjacent to the village.

The Parish Council has contacted the company concerned to determine the extent and impact of their proposal and will report on this matter at the next Parish Council Meeting in the Church Hall on Thursday 18th February.

Dog Fouling

Sulgrave Parish Council has recently had a number of reports that dog walkers have not cleared away after their dogs. Certain areas such as on the verges in Manor Road and Little Street and also Castle Green have been particularly affected.

In addition dog fouling has been seen in the Pocket Park, where dogs are banned because children play in this area.

The litterbins outside The Star, by the bus shelter and in the pocket park should not be used to deposit waste in bags, please be considerate and take the waste home to put in your black bin.

The Parish Council are discussing the provision of Dog Waste Bins and this matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Your comments on this matter are welcome, if you wish to comment, please do so by writing to or emailing the Parish Clerk, or upload your comments to the Village Web-site on www.sulgrave.org

LATEST NEWS ON PROPOSED SULGRAVE/WESTON WINDFARM

Enertrag, the German based company wishing to build nine 410 feet high turbines between Sulgrave and Weston, one no more than 850 yards from the nearest house, has been granted temporary planning permission by South Northants Council to erect a 197feet high meteorological mast on the site. The mast will be constructed of 6 inch diameter galvanised steel tubing held in place by steel cable guys and its purpose is to assess the average wind speed blowing over the area and thus give an idea of the commercial viability of the project. It is likely that the mast will be erected within the next two months and that the planning application for the whole project will be made towards the end of the year.

The Return of the Village Pub!!

In any village, the pub has always been a focal point for people to gather and enjoy a drink, have a meal, attend an event or simply just chat putting the world right. Over the past few years we understand The Star Inn appears to have fallen more into the category of a restaurant thus losing a lot of its tradition and more importantly its locals until now.

Since taking over The Star, in November, we have received a very warm and friendly welcome from the village, for which we would like to say thank you. We have also listened to some great stories of past Landlords by, dare I say, more mature members of the village who remember the pub when ale was bought in jugs! Our aim is to allow everyone the opportunity to come to the pub and enjoy a drink or a more traditional meal at affordable prices, in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere whether they be alone, or with a group of friends.

We love the pub the way it is but feel some improvement can be made. We intend to open up the Snug to make it feel part of the pub, ideal for cream teas, coffee mornings or a private party; with outside eating areas to the front and rear tidied up and made more useable. We also have plans for the restaurant but need to discuss these with the brewery before we change anything, while a coat of paint and old Sulgrave pictures on the walls will freshen the main bar area.

In addition we intend to bring events to the pub, which we hope will give the village some additional interest, and hope you will support us in this. The first of these will be a classic Austin Ten drive out for lunch, on Sunday 21st February, when all will be able to come along and view the cars.

As with all public service, you cannot please everybody, but we hope that what we are trying to achieve will cater for the majority and that the minority will come to enjoy our efforts.

Barry & Gillie

Sulgrave Village Shop News

Quality, Value and Service

- Sales in the Village Shop increased by 4% in 2009. Thank you for all for your support.
- A huge thank you to David and all volunteers for keeping the shop running during the recent snow when many villagers were unable to get out of the village. This once again demonstrated the importance and value of the shop to the community. Please continue your support throughout the year.
- Thank you for all the positive comments on the quality of the vegetables and other Christmas product ordered from Sulgrave Village Shop. We think the quality and value of fruit and vegetables from the shop stand comparison with those from the Supermarkets, even before the 15% discount on Mondays some items are cheaper than Tesco!

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For information please email Sulgrave.shop@gooemail.com

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 14th January 2010

The Parish Council is made up of the following members:

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 Joyce Barber who had sadly passed away before Christmas.

Confirmation of minutes of meetings; 12th November and 8th December 2009

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Setting of Precept 2010/11

The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet detailing spend for the year and estimated spend for the year. The precept was set last year at £10,067.00. Many areas of the budget were under spent this year. Suggestions for projects for this coming year are improvements to street lighting, improvement to the stocks area, redecoration of the shop exterior, the Magpie Road parking scheme and Pocket Park which is really a separate project.

It was felt the external redecoration of the shop could be covered under village maintenance. Work on the stocks and trees should have a separate budget allocation. Pocket Park has its own account with a healthy sum of money in it. It is hoped the Magpie Road parking scheme will be funded by South Northants Homes.

A report on the street lighting was produced by the Chair before Christmas. The lights could be replaced with modern, carbon efficient lights at a cost of £6-7.5K.

The Parish Council could apply for an interest free loan over 5 years from the Carbon Trust. It would be a capital repayment scheme and two payments would be made per year. The Chair has completed an application form from County Councillor Ben Smith to apply for a grant of £750.00 which would pay for the investigation/feasibility study. Cllr Kellett noted the charge from EON is

fixed for lighting. To swap to more efficient bulbs would reduce electricity costs and there would be less light pollution. The council would have to investigate what actual savings could be made. Cllr Waite asked if the existing poles could accommodate new fittings and Cllr Pollak said that checks should be made to see the life span of the timber posts.

Cllr Kellett proposed that the precept for 2010/11 be set at £10,570.00. This was seconded by Cllr Pollak. All the councillors voted in favour. This represents a 5% increase on last year and will enable the council to pursue improvements to the street lighting.

Councillors Reports

Beech Trees on the Green

The report has been received from Bruce Hatton and he has noted that one of the lower branches can be classed as causing a nuisance. The wounds left from their removal could lead to pathogen entry. Removal of any photosynthetic material from a tree which is holding off fungal colonisation is very unwise. Beech trees are not tolerant of heavy pruning and often show signs of decline following such pruning. His recommendation is not to remove the lower branches.

Cllr Kellett felt that the council had to take note of this report and watch the trees for safety reasons. Cllr Waite asked if it was worth spending a lot of money on trees that may not last much longer. It was agreed the council would review the state of the trees in six months time.

Parking outside Spinners Cottages, Magpie Road

There is no further news at present.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Powell has received the results from when the boards were put out last year. They were placed in the same position as the previous year, near Church Street although a suggestion was made to put them by the Stocks. John McQuaid has agreed to look into this position for next time.

From 30th July to 6th August 2009, 3084 vehicles were recorded. The maximum speed limit for cars was 30mph, motorcycles – 31mph and LGV's 19mph. One vehicle exceeded the speed limit. From 27th October to 4th November 2009, 2877 vehicles were recorded. The maximum speed limit for cars was 34mph, motorcycles – 33mph and LGV's 33mph. Forty four vehicles exceeded the speed limit.

The dates for when the boards can next be used are as follows:

<u>Place out</u>	<u>Collect</u>
18 th January	1 st March
28 th June	9 th August
11 th October	22 nd November

Cllr Powell noted that Sulgrave will be paired with Abthorpe from 15th May until 26th June. Sulgrave will have the speed guns for the second, fourth and sixth week. Training will take place on 1st May 10-12.30 in Northampton for new volunteers. A note will be put in the next newsletter asking for volunteers to come forward. It was felt this is a good exercise as speeding is a problem through the village. It was very evident during the recent icy conditions.

Pocket Park

Cllr Osborne advised that the members of Sulgrave Park Trust have been advised that they have passed the first phase of a grant of £45K from Community Spaces. The second phase involves a facilitator to look at phase 2 with them. An ecological survey will have to be done and there are other factors to consider such as permission from the land owner and public liability insurance. An independent person will be required to oversee the schedule of works and payments etc.

Neighbourhood Watch

A letter had been received from Vera Smith to note she was resigning as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. A huge vote of thanks was given to her for all the work she did. Her replacement is Janet Smith.

To discuss the problem of dog fouling in the village

Several incidents of dog fouling had been reported to the Parish Council. Fouling had been seen on the Green, at the top of Towrise where the grass is mowed by a resident and 2-3 other areas within the village.

Cllr Osborne has a dog and has seen people leaving bags, going for a walk and collecting them on the way back. Cllr Waite felt that the problem was being caused by a small minority of dog owners in the village. Cllr Kellett felt that by providing a bin would be meeting them halfway. Cllr Pollak noted that it may be worth spending some money if the problem is resolved. It was agreed a flyer would be put in the next newsletter and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Finance Report

Cheques for approval

The following payments were approved and cheques raised accordingly:-

£79.84	EON (lighting)
£253.00	BHA Trees Ltd (report on trees by Stocks)
£213.66	Parish Clerk (hours)
£21.08	Parish Clerk (mileage)
£208.75	EON (electricity)
£49.06	BT (fax bill)

Planning Applications

Six applications had been received since the last meeting:-

- S/2009/1199/FUL, Two storey rear extension at Old Post Office, Church St. No objections were raised by the Parish Council.
- S/2009/1224/FUL, porch to front and cantilevered Chimney (amendment to planning permission S/2009/0125/P) at Bengairn, Manor Road. No objections were raised by the Parish Council.
- S/2009/1219/FUL, Conversion of existing barn into self contained accommodation ancillary to Stuchbury Lodge Farm. No objections were raised by the Parish Council but they made the following comments. They would like the Planning Authority to seek details of boundary fences, doors and windows. Disabled access and a downstairs toilet have not been included on the plans and it was felt they should have been.

The following three applications were new and put out on display at the meeting.

- S/2010/0004/TCA, Fell one sycamore tree at Chapelstone, Little St. Still in circulation.
- S/2009/1276/FUL, Two dwellings (revised scheme to planning permission S/2007/0331/P, namely extra windows, rotation of plot 5 and garages with office space over to replace car shelters) at Dial House Farm, Maggie Road. Still in circulation.
- S/2009/1292/FUL, Single storey rear extension at Blackbird Cottage, Little St. Still in circulation.

Update on older applications

Consent has been given to tree work at Wootton House, Little Street

Open Forum

Mrs Barrett advised that the Allotment Society have been successful in obtaining a grant for £1500.00 to install a new water supply. Work should start this quarter.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Grafton Hunt to ask for details of their future meeting dates.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

18th February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall



February 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Benefice H. C. 10:00 a.m. Morton Pinkney
8	9	10 W.I. 7:30 pm Church Hall	11	12	13 Love & Illusion Romantic Meal The Star Inn	14 Holy Comm. 8:15 a.m. Sulgrave
15	16	17	18 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	19	20 	21 Austin 10s The Star Inn Evensong 6:00 p.m. Sulgrave
22	23 Book Club 8:00 pm The Star Madame Bovary Gustave Flaubert	24	25	26	27	28 Mattins 10:00 a.m. Sulgrave