

Sulgrave News



May 2007

Ouch!

I seem to have over done it a little this month! Too much gardening giving me a pain in the arm, too long between dental visits, giving me a pain in the jaw and the loss of a tooth! Worst of all, and I should know better, never upgrade software and expect to retain your sanity. Better software means slower speed, more complexity, and problems by the score. Sorry if this is a little late because of this, but at 3:30 am I gave up for the night!

Congratulations to all involved in the Castle Green Project on their successful application for funding.

There's some interesting stuff coming up in the next few months, so keep the information flowing.

Once again a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter. It is

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the JUNE newsletter - 18th May.

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

- Mums & Tots Every Friday in the Church Hall, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- 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
- W.I. 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

Rainfall for Sulgrave, submitted to Environment Agency, measured at Dial House Farm.

January 2006	18.1 mm
February	28.3
March	48.0
April	25.4
May	101.5
June	6.4
July	79.4
August	96.7
September	53.4
October	100.7
November	103.1
December	64.2

Total for year 2006 725.2

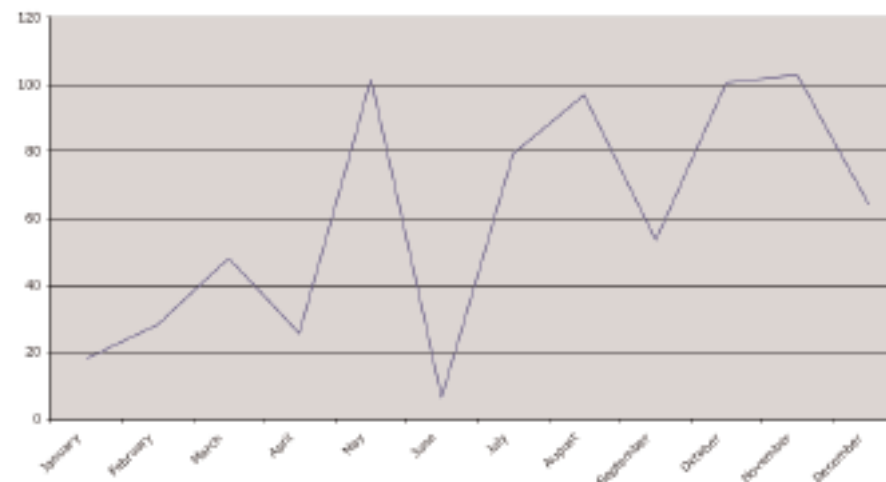
Total for year 2005	525.6
Total for year 2004	703.7
Total for year 2003	532.6
Total for year 2002	841.5



Dial House Farm

Roger Cherry

Sulgrave Rainfall



Women's Institute

At our April meeting we welcomed Linda Fallon and eight members of the Tai Chi class she teaches. She spoke of the philosophy and development of Tai Chi and told us of the many health benefits to be derived from practicing the moves. A demonstration followed her talk.

This month we will be discussing and voting on the Resolution that will be debated at the National AGM in the Royal Albert Hall in June. The Resolution urges H M Government to stop the closure of Community Hospitals which provide essential services to local people.

The Great Milk Debate The W.I. National Federation has teamed up with the National Farmers' Union to launch a joint Campaign as part of the WI's Farmgate Milk Prices Campaign.

In 1995 there were over 28,000 dairy farms in England and Wales. By the end of 2006 there were 13,000. Today, some farmers are getting as little as 17p for a litre of milk. A further 31% of dairy farmers plan to leave within the next two years. It would be a terrible tragedy for the country to lose its dairy industry.

Our local Debate is to be held at Daventry Methodist Church Hall, Lodge Road (near the Council Offices), on Tuesday 1st May, 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Entry is free and is not just for WI members. Our support is needed.

Ann Mackness

For Sale:

A collection of girls clothing, all clean and some of them hardly worn. Ages include 6-7 years, and 7-8 years. The whole collection £15. Please contact Mrs. Young, 16 Towrise, or phone 760566, any time up to 5 pm.

Lilian Young



Eight Sulgrave gardens will be opening for the National Garden Scheme (The Yellow Book) on Sunday June 10th from 2-6pm.

Three gardens will be opening for the NGS for the first time.

Please come and support the day, money raised goes to Macmillan Cancer Support, Help the Hospices, Crossroads and several other charities.

Teas at Jean Garton's.

If you need any more information before the next newsletter please contact me: Ingram Lloyd 01295 760 520

More details of which gardens will be opening in next month's newsletter

NOTICE

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council would like to advise that the allotment area has now been cleared and dug over. It is ready to be divided into plots. If you are interested in having an allotment please contact Cllr Graham Roberts or the Parish Clerk.

Sulgrave Tots & Tea - Spring Bazaar

We would like to extend a huge thankyou to everyone who contributed, by either donating or by giving their valuable time, to make our first Spring Bazaar such a success. We raised just over £500 - which, as we are sure you will agree, is an amazing amount! This will hopefully ensure that this valuable village group manages to keep going through "leaner times" when most of the current children start school this September.

Many thanks once again.

Tracey Mullavey on behalf of the Sulgrave Tots & Teas

Remembering Joan Oakley

I have been gathering together memories of the Children's Service which Joan led so wonderfully for many years.

I would be grateful for any contributions – they can be just brief notes which can be added to the overall picture, ready for an article in next month's newsletter. Many thanks Julie Metcalfe, tel 768103

CASTLE GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR THE PARISH ASSEMBLY 19TH APRIL 2007

Committee Members:

Martin Sirot-Smith, Chairman; Paul Crowley, Treasurer; Peter Pollack, Secretary;
 Jo Powell, Parish Councillor; Christina Shillito; Colin Wootton;
 Clare Pollak, Parish Councillor and Project Co-Ordinator

A year of much hard graft from the Committee has been rewarded with considerable success in every aspect of our endeavours.

Castle Green is now formally registered as a Village Green which will protect it from any future development. Jo Powell with help from Graham Roberts and Lewis Thomas successfully led this part of the project. Well done!

Restoration and Improvement Project. I am very pleased to announce that the Committee has been successful in raising all £87,000 required to implement the project. This has come from a number of Grant making sources and is due reward for all the hard work and effort put into preparing and presenting each individual application particularly by Clare Pollak, the Project Co-ordinator.

The funding is as follows:

South Northants Council	15,000
Alan Evans Foundation	2,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	48,000
Northants Voluntary Sector	
Support Unit (Provisional)	15,000
Volunteer Contributions	6,000
In Kind Contributions	1,000
TOTAL	87,000

It is planned to begin the various aspects of the project in May with the Repair and Rebuilding of the retaining wall around Castle Green. Co-ordinated with this will be the creation of 2 proper disabled accesses with graded slopes and a path across the Green linking the two. New fencing, gates and seating will then be added. Finally, interpretation panels, leaflets and sign boards will be prepared explaining the site. To help this latter a Resistivity Survey will be organized in the summer. It is hoped that the main works will be completed for the Annual Field Day in September. This latter could double as the official opening.

Wildlife Management. A survey has been completed which includes the Castle Mound and the Churchyard. A selective mowing regime has been designed, a planting session of indigenous species has taken place and the provision of nest boxes etc., for wildlife planned, the maintenance of a rich biodiversity being the objective. Special thanks are extended to George Metcalfe and the Northants Wildlife Trust for their continued help and advice.

Other activities include the production of a Field Use Policy, co-ordinated by Paul Crowley, a Health and Safety Policy (drafted by his wife!) and an Equal Opportunities Policy. All have now been approved and adopted by the Parish Council. Thanks to the Crowleys and the Parish Clerk for all their efforts. We now have a section on the Village Website and our thanks go to Colin Wootton for its management and the excellent quality of its contents. Finally, in February the old and very scruffy hedge between Castle Green and the Castle Mound was superbly laid by Paul Lewis and will not only extend its life but

enhance the whole aspect of our Village Green.

Events. The Summer Holiday Play Scheme enjoyed the use of the Green during the beautiful summer weather. I am pleased to say that the Annual Field Day in September for the first time was equally blessed. Many local organisations raised valuable amounts for their funds.

As you can see, a very full and successful year's activities, but to some extent the 'real' work is only just starting. Co-ordinating the various aspects of the project, the administration of the funding with volunteer contribution is going to be quite a task over the coming year. It is intended to keep everyone informed through the Newsletter and the Website of the special days when help will be needed or indeed when specific demonstration sessions have been organised. So watch this space!

Get involved and see the whole project take shape.

Martin Sirot-Smith, Chairman



PLAN OF THE CASTLE GREEN RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT PROJECT



Thanks to the Colin Wootton and the village web site for the images and details
<http://www.sulgrave.org/>

CASTLE GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Guidelines for the use of Castle Green

Unique in terms of its local and national historical importance, and being a Scheduled Ancient Monument, Castle Green is now owned by the Parish, on behalf of the village of Sulgrave. It is one of the few large areas of land available within the village and is open to all sections of the community.

It is intended that the 'Green be used for village events and recreation and is complimentary to, rather than a duplication of Pocket Park.

In order to preserve and retain the wild nature of the 'Green, ensure maximum enjoyment for all and because it is a scheduled ancient monument, the Castle Green Management Committee has produced the following guidelines:

Motor Vehicles

It is acknowledged that there will be occasions when vehicles need to be driven onto the 'Green to support a specific activity (i.e.: to deliver / collect equipment) but this should be kept to an absolute minimum.

The 'Green should not be used as a place to park motor vehicles at any time except, by tradition the bi annual Open Gardens Scheme.

Heavy motor vehicles are only permitted with special permission of the committee.

Cultivating the Ground

There will be selective mowing and planting, by members of the Castle Green Management Committee, to encourage the bio-diversity of the 'Green, together with appropriate wildlife control.

Any other breaking up of the ground (e.g. ploughing, drainage etc); tipping, dumping of any materials and/or flooding is not permitted.

The planting of trees, including the replacement of any dead or dying trees is not permitted.

Animals

Horses and ponies, cattle and/or sheep are not permitted to graze the 'Green at any time and horses should not be ridden on the Green

Excrement left by dogs or other animals on the 'Green must be removed and disposed of by their owners.

Miscellaneous

Camping (with Caravans and/or Tents) is not permitted on the 'Green at any time.

Only informal sports/games are allowed

The lighting of fires and/or barbeques is not permitted at any time.

The use of unauthorised metal detectors is prohibited.

Requests to use the Green ~

Those wishing to organise a specific event and/or activity on the 'Green should contact the Parish Clerk. Castle Green Management Committee - September 2006

What is the Sulgrave Educational Charity?

The existence of this charity is not widely known. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance towards providing facilities for recreation and social and physical training for young people under the age of 25 years who are resident in Sulgrave.

While the sums available may not be very large there is an opportunity to help those in need of financial assistance in areas, and on activities not normally funded by the local education authority.

There may be some existing or planned community based activities that would benefit from the assistance provided by the Educational Charity. Proposals should be made in writing to the Trustees; however an initial telephone conversation might prove helpful.

Trustees are: Jill Barrett (768335), Roly Langdon (760818), Robin Prior (760233)

Red Cross Week 6th – 13th May

Gabriella Magnay and Pat Thomas will be calling door to door for any donations that you may wish to give the Red Cross. If you are out when we call there will be boxes at Sulgrave Post Office and at The Star, or you can always phone 760432 and I will be only too happy to call back at your convenience.

Car Boot Sale Sunday 6th May and Sunday 13th May. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

There will also be car boot sales in the field by Alcoa on the Southam Road, Banbury (just off the Tesco roundabout) on the 6th and 13th May. Parking and entrance is free. Car Booters pay £5. We are also having a plant stall so come and get your bedding plants and shrubs. Our prices are very competitive and we are always happy to help you get your purchase back to your car or put your plants aside while you browse for other bargains. You could come and be a booter, sell your unwanted items to pay for the plants!! Now there's an idea.

Pat Thomas

number 13

The belief that the number 13 is unlucky is very ancient. For the Romans it was a symbol of death and destruction; Norse legends claimed that the 13th guest at a banquet was the spirit of evil. And of course Christ sat down to the Last Supper with his 12 Disciples, making a total of 13 people

Here are some examples of unlucky 13:

- Spacecraft Apollo 13 experienced an explosion due to leaking oxygen on April 13, 1970; it took off at 13.13 on April 11 and only just made it back to earth.
- On Friday 13th Sept. 1928 a hurricane killed 2000 people in Puerto Rico, Florida and the Virgin Islands.
- No building in Paris bears the number 13.
- Italy omits number 13 from its lottery.
- The 13th of the month costs the USA around \$1 billion a year through cancellations of trains and planes, absenteeism from work and reduced business activity.

And some lucky ones too:

- The number 13 was sacred for the Mayans and Aztecs of Central America, and is traditionally a lucky number in China.
- Buddhists pay homage to 13 Buddhas, and the orthodox Jewish prayer book holds 13 principals of faith.

Pete, Moo, Clover and Pati.



No George, it won't go in the rucksack!

George to the rescue. Removing a lamb from a combination of five bar gate and netting!

It appears the lamb recovered.

Village walk on 15 April,

Thanks to Colin Wootton for photographs

Free understandable Pension information

The 'Road to Retirement', Pensions Information Project has now been running for a year. In that year we have visited voluntary and community groups/organisations (large and small), attended community Roadshow events, given short presentations to Parish Councils as well as individuals living or working in Daventry, Towcester and South Northants giving **FREE** pension information.

We have no hidden agenda but have delivered successful, jargon free workshops aimed at Employers, Employees/individuals, Managers and Trustees involved within voluntary and community groups, lasting no more than 1_ hours on the following:

- Employers & Trustees legal responsibilities
- Employees, encouraging individuals to think about their future
- Carers, ensuring that their 'Home Responsibilities' National Insurance contributions are being credited
- Self Employed

Within the scope of this project, individual workshops and presentations can be designed around the groups individual needs and the service they provide, the information given is **FREE** of charge, funding is also available through the project to book rooms and venues if needed.

Now is your chance to ensure the information you need around pensions before all the changes come into force from 2012, 2012 is not just the Olympic Year!

If you are looking at future funding bids or applying for grants then you need to take into account your financial legal obligations for the future.

We can also help you to:

- Locate lost pensions
- Obtain a state pension forecast
- Relevant information to meet your own needs

This information can be delivered to your own preference i.e. a One-to-One session, a presentation or workshop.

For further details on how I can help, give me a call, Jenny Osborne on 01327 358264, jenny.osborne@snnvb.org.uk or www.snnvb.org.uk

May 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4 Mums & Tots 1:30pm Church Hall	5	6 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am M.Pink.
7	8	9 W.I. Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall	10	11 Mums & Tots 1:30pm Church Hall	12	13 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave
14	15	16	17 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	18 Mums & Tots 1:30pm Church Hall DEADLINE June Newsletter	19	20 Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave
21 Book Club 8:00pm Star Inn <i>The Constant Gardener</i> John Le Carre	22	23	24	25 Mums & Tots 1:30pm Church Hall	26	27 Benefice Holy Communion 9:00 am C. Warden
	28	29	30	31		

