

Sulgrave News

April 2011

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

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Deadline for the May newsletter is 22nd April

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

SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP
VOLUNTEERING
YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOU

Please consider volunteering at our shop. Cover at weekends is always difficult and very soon two of our regular volunteers will be taking time out. This leaves Sunday opening with very few helpers.
Can you help?

Please call me on 760865 or speak to David .
Thank you. Jane Lockwood
Volunteer Coordinator

Your Village – Your Shop

The Future of Sulgrave Village Shop

Friday 6th May 7.30pm
Church Hall

Come and have your say!

Seven years ago the village voted to have a Village Shop. Most of us would agree that it has been an incredible success and has contributed to the quality of village life since then, bringing a new spirit to our small community.

Seven years later we need to refresh that first commitment. The Shop Committee has been asking the village **what it thinks about the shop, what it wants from the shop, do we still want a shop** and how we can continue in scarcer times. On Friday 6th May there will be a community meeting reporting on the recent focus groups and individual observations already kindly sent to us. **There's still time to make your views known in writing to:**

Neil: nwjohnston@btopenworld.com or **Mac:** rmacdonald@grafonhouse.wanadoo.co.uk

This community meeting will feedback on all comments made so far as well as provide a forum for **live debate and a glass of wine!**

If you are a volunteer, shopper, one of those never to have been in the shop, or are new to the village, come and give your views about the future of the village shop.

Please come along and have your say, see what you can do, and join neighbours and friends in ensuring a future for this most precious local service.



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 12.30pm



Chicken Soup

or

Spring Vegetable Soup (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Baked Egg Custard Tart

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.00

Booking is essential

To reserve your place please call

Janet Smith
01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery
01295 768268

Church Services

April 3rd 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Sulgrave

April 10th 8.15am Holy Communion at Sulgrave

April 17th 6pm Evensong at Sulgrave

April 21st 6.30pm Benefice Holy Communion at Chipping Warden

*April 22nd 2-3pm Benefice Service of Music, Prayer, Reading and Meditation
at Edgcote*

St. James The Less, Sulgrave

In the run up to Easter Day which is Sunday April 24th, we would like to make sure that the church looks its best. We shall be spring cleaning the church over two days - Friday April 8th and Saturday April 9th. As usual there will be a to-do list so that as jobs are completed they can be ticked off. Please come along - with all your help the job can be accomplished quickly. Bring your children and husbands and make it a family affair!!

Easter

Of course we want the church to look its best at Easter and we would appreciate as much help as possible to make it look beautiful. We will be decorating on Saturday April 23rd and if you can't arrange flowers then perhaps you could donate flowers and foliage towards the decoration.

Flower Rota

The new flower rota will commence in mid May. There will be an informal meeting in the church on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us please come along - the more people we have means that you only have to do the flowers and clean once in a whole year.

Refreshments will be served and it will be a good opportunity to get some feedback from you and maybe get some fresh ideas.

Shrimp 01295 760214

Kevin Walker

We would all like to thank friends and neighbours for all the kind messages of support and sympathy for our sad loss of Kevin our special son and brother. All your support has helped us as a family and we are all very grateful for the concern you have shown us all at this difficult time.

Kind regards

Pauline Walker, Lynda and Charlotte

SULGRAVE AND CULWORTH SENIOR CITIZENS
(CULWORTH GANG)

SATURDAY APRIL 16th
10 AM to 12 NOON

SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL

COFFEE MORNING, BAZAAR AND
TABLE TOP SALE

TOMBOLA, CAKES AND PRESERVES, RAFFLE, GOOD-AS-NEW,
BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS, PLANTS, CHILDREN'S BRAN TUB

ALL IN AID OF OUR CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME

Do come along, if only for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.



Culworth Primary School

Do you know someone who might have some expertise and time to help with PR and Marketing for the school's current fund-raising efforts? We are particularly keen to work with new corporate partners and sponsors to help raise money for our much needed refurbishment at the school. Please contact Richard Lingard on 01295 760878 for more details.



Calling All Cricket Lovers! (young and old!)

Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club runs two Saturday XI's, a Wednesday evening team, an Under 17's, Under 13's and Under 11 Junior XI's. We play on a beautiful ground behind the Marston Inn in Marston St. Lawrence.

Anyone from Sulgrave interested in playing will be most welcome. We are especially looking for youngsters for the Under 13's XI. They play their matches on Wednesday evenings with coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings.

The Club is lucky to have second to none facilities, including a fine pavilion, two super practice nets and a cricket square the envy of the South Northants League! The First XI plays in the Premier Division and the Second XI in Division 3. The Under 17's play on Thursday evenings, the Under 11's on Sunday mornings. Senior practice night is on Thursday.

Anyone with an interest in cricket whether it be playing, watching or supporting in any way will be welcome to join us. The season starts with league matches on Saturday 30th April. Before then we will have regular net sessions on any fine evening and a club practice match on Easter Bank Holiday Monday.

For further details and information contact me, Martin Sirot-Smith on 01295 710340. Here's looking forward to a fine summer and a great season's cricket. Do come and be part of it. Website www.mslcc.co.uk



SOS from the Sulgrave Knitting & Sewing Group

In the past we have knitted items for Charity, such as knee rugs for the Katharine House Hospice, The cottage Hospital, Brackley and for deserving cases. Our local church has benefited from our knitting.

Currently we are knitting knee rugs for the Cottage Hospital, Brackley and cot blankets for the Baby Unit at the Horton Hospital.

Recently, at their request, we delivered one hundred knitted Easter chicks to the Katharine House Hospice and are presently adding to this figure. We are also knitting mini Christmas puddings as both of these items are such good money spinners for the Hospice fund raising effort.

We urgently need knitting wool, felt and embroidery threads.

- Double knitting, all colours for knee rugs*
- Double knitting BABY wool, pastel colours for cot blankets*
- Any shade of yellow double knitting for chicks*
- Dark brown double knitting and white double knitting wool for mini Christmas puddings*
- Felt for beaks and neckties (all colours)*
- Dark green felt for holly leaves on the puddings*
- Stranded silk embroidery threads, all shades*

Some of these items may be lingering in your cupboards, just waiting to be used in a good cause or you may, when shopping in town, be kind enough to buy for us some wool or felt. Whatever the quantity, large or small, the Group would be very grateful.

Thanking you in advance

The Sulgrave Knitting & Sewing Group

Contact Member - Mrs Julie Metcalfe - Tel: 01295 768103



The Budweiser Boozer (or, what would George have thought?)

Just a note to let you all know that I have picked up over 60 aluminium Budweiser cans between the Magpie and the village. As most appear on the left hand side of the road going to Sulgrave, they must presumably be thrown out of a vehicle returning to Sulgrave.

In addition, about 30 Budweiser bottles (empty!) were left in the double gateway off the Mill Lane into the field Deadlands and more tins and bottles were left in the field Weywell off the Gated Road to Weston.

Aluminium is a valuable metal and is easily recyclable in our black bins. Glass is dangerous to humans and animals and is also easily recycled.

George Washington would no doubt be pleased that American Beer was being exported and appreciated by the former Imperial Power but litter is not a great advertisement for our village, even though much seems to originate in the USA - Budweiser, Anheuser Busch, McDonalds and Coca Cola!

Christopher Magnay



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SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

SPRING LITTER PICK

THERE WILL BE A SPRING LITTER PICK FROM

10.00AM ON SATURDAY 23RD APRIL 2011

STARTING AT THE SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TIDY UP YOUR VILLAGE

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Northamptonshire Police

Putting Communities First

03000 111 222 - non emergencies & enquiries

Title:	Digital switchover
Date:	8 th March 2011
To:	All residents
From:	The Local Marketing Team
Reference:	A2/CMS/0794/11
Message:	<p>With the TV digital switchover happening at the end of March please be aware of Bogus Callers knocking on your door offering to retune your televisions. These people will deliberately target the elderly and vulnerable who may have concerns about the switchover, and their intention will be to enter the property and steal money, handbags and other small items of value.</p> <p>There are organisations that will help with the switchover, and their employees will carry identification, please ensure that before you let anyone into your property that you have had a good look at any identification offered, and that you feel comfortable about them being there. The best policy would be to ask a relative or trusted neighbour to help and advise you with the retune, and not let strangers into your house.</p> <p><u>If you have any concerns about a caller at your door particularly during this period then please make sure you call the police on 03000 111 222</u></p>

Sulgrave Housing Need Survey results

As you may be aware South Northamptonshire Council has been working with Sulgrave Parish Council to find out if there is a need for affordable housing in Sulgrave. A survey was carried out last November and the results have now been collated and a report produced.

The report found that:

Five households want to move in the next five years.

Three of these households have at least one person needing to move within Sulgrave Parish who have a genuine housing need, resulting in a need for four affordable homes for rent.

47% of respondents would definitely be in favour of a small scale affordable housing development and a further 38% might support development. 15% of respondents were opposed to development.

The main concerns of respondents were that a new development may not be in keeping with the village, that there is poor public transport and an increase in traffic congestion could result from development.

All of those who need to move and want to live in the parish have a strong local connection to Sulgrave. A local connection is usually defined as someone that has lived in the parish for at least 3 years, has previously lived in the parish, has relatives in the parish or is currently working or undertaking education in the parish.

South Northamptonshire Council would like to thank those residents who took part in the survey. If anyone would like a copy of the housing needs report or has any questions about the housing needs of Sulgrave, please contact **Paul Brunige, Strategic Housing Officer at South Northamptonshire Council on 01327 322373.**

You can also visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk/housing/260.htm#hns to view a copy of the housing needs report online.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

To be held on
Thursday 14th April 2011
@ 7.45PM

In
Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION AND FIND OUT WHAT IS
HAPPENING AROUND YOU!!!!!!

SPEAKERS/REPORTS WILL INCLUDE:

PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW
AND PLANS FOR THE
YEAR AHEAD

AN UPDATE FROM
LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

A REPORT FROM
SULGRAVE CHARITIES

AN UPDATE FROM
CASTLE GREEN COMMITTEE

AN UPDATE FROM NORTHANTS COUNTY
COUNCIL AND
SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL ON
THEIR WORK DURING THE LAST YEAR

A REPORT ON THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE AND
FOOTPATHS

We look forward to seeing you there

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 10th March 2011

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.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 27th January 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January were agreed and signed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Kellett and seconded by Cllr Waite.

Matters Arising

Jubilee Trust Fund

From the last meeting, letters were sent to signatories of the Jubilee Trust Fund (which was set up in 1975) to ask if the account could be transferred over and the money used for a street party for the Diamond Jubilee next year. One of the signatories has objected to this suggestion so it may be an idea for a committee to be formed to decide what to do with the money. The Parish Council are perfectly justified to look at some kind of celebration as the Government are supporting the co-ordination of Diamond Jubilee celebrations in communities.

Housing Needs Letter

Cllr Pollak asked to see a copy of the letter that was sent to SNC.

Forthcoming Elections

The Chair noted that Cllr Kellett would not be standing for election in May. The Clerk has nomination papers and they need to be returned to SNC by 4th April 2011. Election details are also on the website.

Guest Speaker, Mark McVitty of SNC to talk about 'ACE' Initiative (Active Cycling for Everyone)

Mark McVitty attended the meeting to talk about Active Cycling For Everyone which has been inspired by the 2012 Olympics. It is about re-creating a culture of cycling in the village of South Northants. People in this country are doing less exercise and we have the highest obese rate ever. Mr McVitty then went onto describe various riding activities that he is involved in. He spoke about a mountain biking day which was held three years ago, there is a leisure ride which meets in Towcester every Thursday morning. It is mostly ladies who ride and there are 20 regular riders. Mark is involved in coaching schools and after school clubs. Mark noted that he has received funding from Northants Sport to train leaders and the leaders then go back to their own village to get others involved. This was followed by a question and answer session. The Parish Council thanked Mark for attending the meeting.

Councillors Reports

Pocket Park

Cllr Osborne talked about a successful working party weekend which took place at Pocket Park to clear away all the vegetation and most of the play equipment has also now been removed. Four parish councillors helped that weekend and many, many volunteers (some taking up the whole of their weekend). Huge thanks from all the Sulgrave Pocket Park Action Group to all those who helped.

In relation to whether neighbours have been consulted, Cllr Osborne replied that there was an open day consultation down at the park back in May and the Action Group have based their project on the evaluation of this village consultation. There will be a final design consultation on the park equipment via an open house as soon as the Action Group have come up with the placing of the final design for the play equipment and this has been re-drawn by the supplier.

The path will completely follow the boundary line down to the pond for disabled people to access. Originally this was going to be made of grass matting, but all contractors who quoted for the works pointed out that the path would not be visible once the grass had grown and therefore it would need to have a defining barrier of posts in order to ensure that wheelchairs did not inadvertently change surface, this is not acceptable from a health and safety point of view nor from an ongoing maintenance point of view and the path will therefore now be made of green tarmac, work to start

shortly. The dipping platform at the pond will be made of Millboard recycled decking, the unanimous vote was for type Weathered Vintage Oak, the ecological surveyor and/or a representative from Natural England will be attending at the pond on installation of this dipping platform in order to ensure neither the liner, nor the newts are disturbed in any way.

There will be a launch party at the end of June for the opening and there is also due to be another event to raise funds for this launch happening in May, Sulgrave Manor have agreed to donate the venue - more details to follow.

In relation to Forest Schools, the Parish Council agreed that Cllr Osborne would contact Lis Stuart. Subsequently Cllr Osborne has written to all parish councillors to request that there are definitive guidelines for what the Parish Council is allowing Forest Schools to do down at the park.

Street Lighting

Cllr Kellett has been looking at self contained solar powered lights of which some are available. A consultant has contacted the Parish Council to offer his help but he charges £28 per hour. There are three UK suppliers and the current units will cease in 2015. There are two versions available. The current units are 3700 lumens and the new ones would be between 4500-6000 lumens. They could be bought with a pole or bracket or put on existing poles. The cost is £3000 each and if 20 or more are purchased, there is a discount of 20% available. The overall cost to purchase all units would be £65K. There is more research to be done. Cllr Kellett looked at loans from the Carbon Free Trust but the Parish Council are not eligible.

Castle Green

Cllr Pollak noted that the new contractors who had worked on the capping of the wall are waiting for their second payment. The Castle Green Committee have nearly finished the grant application for the final grant payment. There is a sum of money that was retained by the committee and this is due to be paid 6 months after completion of work. This sum will be due at the beginning of April. Cllr Pollak has contacted the Rhodes Partnership who have suggested they will call either this month or early next month to look for any snags in the workmanship of the wall. They have assured the committee that any problems will be put right. The Rhodes Partnership to suggest a date as there are sharp frosts at night still. In the meantime Cllr Pollak and Mr Martin Sirot-Smith will have a look at the wall themselves.

Finance Report

a) Cheques for approval

- £60.00 to Parish Clerk (contribution to broadband costs)
- £44.57 to Mrs J Osborne (refreshments for Pocket Park clear up)
- £50.00 to Parish Clerk (float for expenses)
- £141.30 to Sulgrave Manor (copying of newsletter)
- £50.63 to Mr C Wootton (website)
- £34.00 to Northants ACRE (membership)
- £29.00 to CPRE (membership)

These were proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Waite.

Planning Applications

One new planning application had been received since the last meeting.

- *S/2011/1093/FUL, Conservatory to rear at The Cottage, Magpie Road.*
Currently in circulation within council.

- *To receive an update on Spring Ridge Farm planning application.* The old case officer has left and the application is now being looked after by Mike Warren. All representations are in and SNC are due to meet with the applicant soon. The application is unlikely to go to committee before May. From the floor, Mr Christy advised that he had spoken to the Case Officer whilst visiting SNC about something else and SNC have taken interest with the photos. They are reconsidering the photos in light of the ones submitted by the Action Group. SNC are also waiting for news of bats and the breeding season. The application should be looked at on the 19th May. The Chair advised that they had not been notified of this date formally but someone would try to attend and represent the council. Mr Christy concluded by noting that 771 objections letters had been received but there is still the opportunity for more letters to be sent in.

Open Forum

- Mr Christy spoke about the HS2 public consultation document which is huge and covers seven questions which have to be responded to. The consultation has just begun and will run until 29th July 2011. He suggested that an open meeting is held, separate to a Parish Council meeting in April/May. The Chair agreed that this should be arranged by Mr Christy.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Annual Assembly Meeting on 14th April 2011 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

April 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	2	3 10.am Benefice Holy Communion Sulgrave
4	5	6	7	8 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	9	10 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
11	12 Soup Kitchen 12.30pm Sulgrave Church Hall	13	14 Annual Assembly 7.45pm Church Hall	15 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	16	17 6pm Evensong Sulgrave
18	19	20	21 6.30pm Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden	22 2-3pm Benefice Edgcote	23	24 10.am Holy Communion Sulgrave
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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