

Sulgrave News



December 2010

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
WI	2 nd Wednesday of each month Sulgrave Church Hall - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the December newsletter is 10th December

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

Carol Singing

Friday 17th December



The plan

Meet at **7pm** outside the **shop**

Under the **Beech trees** Magpie Road / Park Lane **7.15**

The **Star** **7.30**

Top of **Little Street** near the **Helmdon Road** **7.45** till **8.00pm**

Due to the success of the carol singing last year we are going to keep to the same format as last year. There will be 4 stops in the village encompassing as much of the village as possible and taking account of children and others safety.

Please come and join us either all stops or for the one that is convenient for you.

Money raised will be going to the very worthy cause of the **Air Ambulance** and we will knock on doors as usual, a **collection tin** will also be placed in the **shop** if you would like to donate but miss us on that night.

Hoping for a dry night and to see you then.



Box Collection - Children's Society

Many thanks to all households in the village that have a collection box for the Children's Society. I would like to collect the boxes and send the money through to the Children's Society since another year has passed since they were last emptied. Last year we sent in £318.42 and I am hoping we will be able to send in a similar amount this year to help those disadvantaged children that this Charity supports.

Please could you leave your box in the village shop during December or contact me on 760957 if you need me to pick it up from you? I shall endeavour to return boxes to you by the end of January 2011.

Many thanks in advance

Kate Miles Local Box Collection Secretary for Children's Society



Sulgrave Village Shop

Thank you to everyone for your continued support with the running of the shop. David and I very much appreciate it and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We always welcome new volunteers. If you would like to join the team please speak to David or contact me on 760865.

*Jane Lockwood,
Rota Co-ordinator*



Janet Cleaver

After many, many years of delivering our newspapers through all kinds of weather, Janet has finally decided to park her newspaper trolley. I'm sure that those of us who depended on Janet for our morning read would wish Janet a happy and very well deserved retirement. Thanks Janet



Pat Linsell, who lived in Sulgrave for many years before moving to Banbury, sadly died on Monday 15th November. She was such a helpful and friendly person and will also be remembered by many for her wonderful sewing. She was looked after in the last few weeks by her devoted husband Keith.

Pat Thomas

Safari Supper

A big "Thankyou" to all those who took part in the Safari Supper which has raised about £1,000 for church funds. Particular thanks go to Pete and Moo who offered their home for the final pudding course, and to all those hosts and hostesses who entertained their guests to starters and main courses.

The next Safari Supper will be in spring 2012 - watch this space!



Christmas Fayre

There will be a Christmas buzz in the air in the Church Hall on Saturday December 4th when we shall be holding our Annual Christmas Fayre. It begins at 10.00am so please come along and make your Christmas purchases. There will be the usual decorations for your home and wonderful cakes and chutneys! Liz Stuart will bring along her Phoenix cards and wrapping papers and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments. If you can help in any way by providing home made goodies or a raffle prize, please call Shrimp on 760214



Remembrance Sunday and the Poppy Appeal 2010

The Wappenham Branch of the Royal British Legion, of which Sulgrave is a part, raised a total of £3,304.52. Sulgrave's contribution was £468.43 made up from
Remembrance Day Service £170.75
Sales in the Village Shop £111.16
Money raised at Tanks A Lot £186.52

Yet again many thanks to all who helped to organise the sale of poppies and to all who contributed most generously.

Christopher Beck



STOTEBERIE EXPLAINED

On Saturday 23rd October, at the third time of asking, twelve stalwart members of Sulgrave History Society met up at Stuchbury Hall Farm to field walk the lost village of Stoteberie. With the kind permission of Joan and Michael Tims we were to discover first hand (or should it be foot) the explanation of all the humps and bumps surrounding their lovely farmhouse.

Having gathered around their enormous kitchen table with plans of the whole site, I was able to outline the interpretation of its topography. This was based on the researches of Field Archaeologist Patrick Leonard and his assistant Jean Walker from 1994, the map from Brian Davison's (the archaeologist who excavated Sulgrave Castle) article on Stuchbury and the writings of our own, much missed, Peggy Fonge, who with her husband Les, farmed the area for many years.



Having digested its history we then walked over the site. Firstly to the top of the village, then the Fish Farm itself, still with its channels and springs running. Finally, we walked down the old main street - part of an ancient cross-country trackway - and explored the house platforms of the main village. A good hour was spent inspecting, sometimes in the company of inquisitive young "stote" (calves), every aspect of the old village.

Having completed our exploration we were welcomed back to Joan and Michael's farmhouse kitchen to be treated with tea and an array of lovely cakes! It proved to be an excellent afternoon's tramping. We were only rained on once, with bright sunshine being predominant. Thanks are due to our hosts especially and to those who came along. Hopefully they now have a good understanding of the humps and bumps that make up much of the landscape around Stuchbury Hall Farm.

Do read the full history of Stoteberie, with plans, on the village website at www.sulgrave.org.

Martin Sirot-Smith (Chairman, Sulgrave History Society)



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our *Soup Kitchen*
at Sulgrave Church Hall on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 12.30pm



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Broccoli & Stilton Soup (V)
Or
Christmas Vegetable Soup (V)

both served with a selection of breads



Christmas Trifle
Or
Cheese & Biscuits

Tea or Coffee
& warm Mince Pies

£6.50



Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

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Dedicated Watch Line: **01604 432436**

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Doorstep Action Network (DAN): **0345 2307 702**

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 4TH November 2010

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)

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 7th October

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Biodiversity Survey - The Clerk noted the cost of the biodiversity study, advised by Cllr Osborne at the last meeting and referred to on page 3 of the minutes of 7th October, should have read £200.00 and not £250.00.

Housing Survey - This was delivered with the newsletter one week ago. Thanks was given to George Metcalfe and the team of people who help to deliver it.

Guest Speaker, Mr Alan Seeds (HS2 South Northants Action Group)

Mr Alan Seeds, the Culworth PC representative for HS2 attended the meeting to give an overview.

HS2 is the next stage, after the Channel tunnel link to St Pancras (HS1) to extend a high speed network northwards. It will begin at London Euston and run via Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds. Links to Heathrow and the HS1 route are planned. It will run at speeds up to 400kph (250mph) on an entirely new route. The business case prepared for the Government proposes a train every 5-6 mins on average each way for 16 hours a day. Route 3 is the preferred route and is largely fixed. However a process of minor adjustment has already begun to meet various concerns.

The latest version has moved the route further away from Brackley and small adjustments near Lower Thorpe, Chipping Warden and Boddington are also proposed.

The Governments case for HS2 is based upon three targets, Capacity, Connectivity, and Sustainability. All of these have shown to be wrong.

HS2 Key Events

- The preferred Route 3 was published in early 2010.
- The Exceptional Hardship Scheme is published and underway.
- The Route 3 "mitigation process" is being conducted.
- A route beyond Birmingham is now being developed.
- The consultation process is due to start early in 2011.
- Route 3 will be finalised by the end of 2011.
- The final route will then be "safeguarded" and a hybrid bill introduced in 2013.
- Construction is being scheduled to begin ca. 2017 and completed 2025.

The effects of HS2 and the activities to oppose it

Areas close to the route

Key effects will be major disruption during construction, severe noise intrusion from the trains and property blight.

Areas outside the immediate zone

Road transport across the route will be severely disrupted during the construction phase (7-8 years in total). The total costs of £33 billion (sure to rise) will have to be found from other budgets. An immediate spending of £800m for the next few years has recently been announced and this is expected to grow to a total of more than £1 billion during this parliament

Summary of actions to oppose the development

- A substantial rebuttal of the business case has been presented and not substantively challenged by the government
- The sustainability case has been criticised but until the Government publishes its report, this cannot be formalised
- A wide range of media and protest events have been undertaken, in particular challenging the Secretary of State directly
- An MP Lobby Day has been undertaken on the 25th October
- A Judicial Review is under consideration
- A petition for 100,000 signatures is underway to trigger a Commons debate

The aim of South Northants Action Group (SNAG) is to represent the villages and businesses of South Northants, challenge the business and environment basis for HS2 and fight for compensation and mitigation if HS2 goes ahead.

This is being done by keeping villages informed and involved, liaising with national and district action groups, working with councils to ensure their active support, supporting the political campaign and organising district protest events. SNAG can help local villages by being the hub of information on HS2 progress and helping villagers protest for the cancellation of HS2.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chair concluded the discussion by thanking Mr Seeds for coming to the meeting. The Parish Council would like to be kept informed and it was agreed that written information would be passed through Mr Ken Christy. Mr Seeds then left the meeting.

Finance Report

a) To approve the following payments:

Cheques for approval

£50.00, Donation to Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service

£208.75 to EON (electricity)

£329.00 and £258.50 to R D Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting)

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

Planning Applications

One new application had been received since the last meeting:

- *S/2010/1271/FUL, Construction of 4 bay car port building with home office and storage above at Dial House Farm, Magpie Road. Currently in circulation.*

Open Forum

Mr Christy spoke about the possible disruption to electricity supplies in December by Central Networks. He asked the Parish Council to chase Central Networks as no further update had been given since the last meeting.

Mr Metcalfe spoke about Pocket Park and was sorry that Cllr Osborne was not present. There are eighty pocket parks in the County and Sulgrave is the only park that does not have a Pocket Park Warden. The village have been without a warden for ten years and in his opinion it was a disgrace for a quality council. Two letters have been sent to the Parish Council and have not been replied to. Requests had been made for a warden in previous newsletters but they were half hearted and there was no information given about the job. Mr Metcalfe explained that Pocket Parks are local and were started in the 1980s. The object was to encourage parishes to acquire pieces of land to create public open spaces and conserve nature. Pocket Parks are meant to be nature reserves and not childrens play areas. Most other Pocket Parks do not have play equipment. Money was raised by an active group of young parents and they raised £4.5K. Duties involved clearing the pond and hedge trimming. No actual qualifications are needed, just to be enthusiastic and be able to learn. He suggested that a full page advert is placed in the next newsletter. The Chair replied that a small group of people have come together to help raise money and bring Pocket Park back to how it was. A consultation document was put out to ask villagers for their views and most asked for a nature/pond area and play area. The Chair requested that the last notice be put in the newsletter. The first step for the Pocket Park Action Group is to get a Pocket Park Warden. Mr Metcalfe asked what the arrangement was for collecting rubbish from the bin which can no longer be used. He advised the meeting that he emptied it over a long period of time. The Chair replied it had been boarded up and people are encouraged to take their own rubbish home. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr Wootton gave an update on the Broadview planning application. The Case Officer is Chris Johnson and they have requested more information from Broadview before being able to put out to consultation. Mr Wootton has agreed to supply a leaflet from the Action Group giving details of the next meeting date and where the planning application can be viewed.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

2nd December at 7.45pm in the Church Hall (to discuss the Broadview planning application only).

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

To be held on
THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2010
@ 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall, Manor Road

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

- SPRING FARM RIDGE WIND FARM PLANNING APPLICATION (PLANS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH HALL FROM 10.30AM-4PM ON SATURDAY 27TH AND SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER)

We look forward to seeing you there



DECEMBER 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2 Parish Council Mtg 7.45pm Sulgrave Church Hall	3 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	4	5 Christingle 3.00pm Sulgrave Church
6	7	8	9	10 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	11	12
13	14 Soup Kitchen 12.30pm Sulgrave Church Hall	15	16	17 Carol Singing 7.00pm Village Shop	18	19
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