

Sulgrave News



October 2006

I'm lost can you find my home?

It never rains but it pours!

Once again I set off with the best of intentions, but I must apologise for being a bit late with this one. Some initial delays, two late nights at work, computer problems and much more work than I can handle, but it's here at last.

I must thank everyone for providing lots to fill this issue, from the daring young lady on the flying machine (*amazing Libbie*), to enjoyment at the Field Day,

I'm pleased to announce that after a period in the doldrums the village web site is up and running again (<http://www.Sulgrave.org>). From now on I will supply Colin Wooton with an electronic version of the newsletter and in time you will be able to browse the back numbers. Has anyone any comments about opening up the newsletter contents to the world!

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

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the NOVEMBER newsletter - 20th October.

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 Monday of each month at the Star Inn, 8:00 pm
Circle Dancing	3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth, 7:30 pm
Culworth Gang	Fortnightly on a Wednesday, 2:15 pm in the Church Hall
Mums & Tots	Every Friday in the Church Hall, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
W.I.	2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

Church News

Thank you to all those who ensured that the church looked beautiful at our Harvest Festival Service.

Over sixty of us enjoyed a delicious Harvest Supper the previous evening and thanks go to all those who provided us with such delicious food.

We shall be holding our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday the 9th December in the Church Hall from 10am – noon. There will be the usual array of seasonal foods, decorations and last minute gifts. If you can help in any way please contact Shrimp on 760214

Women's Institute

At our September meeting Lana Weston demonstrated flower arranging. Lana arranged the flowers for Rachel and Richard Carey's wedding and it was fascinating to learn all her tips and tricks of the trade. She later assisted those members who had brought flowers and foliage with their own arrangements.

Two of our members will attend the Annual Council Meeting at Spinney Hill in October.

The annual Gardening Awards were presented to Jill Symes Thompson, Donald and Maggie Barret, and Nellie Stallabross and the Bloom of the Month Cup to Margaret Watts.

Our October meeting takes the form of our AGM and this will be followed by a small Harvest Supper laid on by the committee.

Shrimp Christie

The Culworth Gang

The Annual General Meeting of the Culworth Gang took place on 6th September. All Committee Members were re-elected. Margaret Claridge kindly agreed to carry on as Treasurer for the next twelve months.

We are making arrangements for our Christmas trip and party.

Because some of us will be on holiday from 30th October to 3rd November, the meeting normally scheduled for the 1st November will now take place on the following Wednesday, 8th November.

The Anniversary Party will be on 18th October. We hope all members will be able to attend this, the 35th anniversary of the founding of our club. *Rose Courtney – 760489*

Sulgrave Pocket Park Autumn Tidy Up

Sulgrave Pocket Park is a valuable village resource, a wildlife sanctuary & area for children to play. It is used by many villagers but help is needed to keep it in a tidy & safe condition.

It is planned to hold an Autumn tidy up on Sunday 15th October. We need as many volunteers as possible so if you can spare an hour please meet at the Pocket Park at 10am.

Its not necessary but if you have them please bring spades, gloves & general gardening equipment. *Kevin Moore (on behalf of Parish Council)*

Culworth C of E Primary School

Open Day



Culworth Primary School will be holding an open day for both prospective parents and current parents on Thursday 12 October from 9.20am to 12.30pm

The School are happy to share with all visitors their excellent Church School and the provisions made for all members of the school, available are:

Active Classroom Tours — Displays — Extra Curricular Activities — Music — Sport
Visiting learning providers
Opportunity to Talk with Staff & Governors

Safe 'n Sound

"protecting you from the dangers of fire crime and the cold"

free low energy light bulbs
discounts on home insulation
home energy advice

free smoke alarms
home fire safety check

free door chains
home security advice

impartial medical advice

information about local volunteering

For more details

 **01327 358264**

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Thank

you very much for supporting the raffle in aid of The Cats

Protection League, at the Village Field Day, on Sunday 10th September. We were very grateful to Hook Norton Vets for donating the main prize and we raised £80, which will help the charity to continue their good work.

A list of winners is posted outside the Sulgrave Stores

Thank you Pat
Thomas

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"



To all of you who so generously donated to The Anthony Nolan Trust on my behalf for my 'Wing Walk'.

The Fund is now over £1700 the richer!

The 'walk' (what a misnomer!) was an amazing experience (although not one I shall repeat!). Getting up on the plane to start with was quite a feat and just before take off I did wonder what on earth I was doing standing on the top wing of a 1942 bi-plane with 'Utterly Butterly' written all over it!



Fortunately I was well strapped on and after we were airborne all was fine, albeit a little windy at some 100-140mph, until the pilot went up into the cloud (140ft) and then swooped down like being on a big dipper, leaving my stomach somewhere in the sky!

We did a couple of low fly pasts of the spectators to give them a wave, and a couple of 'wing wags' and flew over some beautiful Cotswold countryside, near Cirencester.



I was flying for just over 12 minutes, although it seemed a lot longer. I was delighted to have done it but even more pleased to be back on terra firma with a 'wobbly' cup of coffee in my hands!

Thank you all!

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Castle Green Field Day 2006

As you can see from the photos, everyone had a great time. The sun shone for the first time ever, (such a relief not to be hanging onto the gazebos to prevent them from becoming airborne!), the fun dog show and races had a record number of entries, the stalls were well patronised (see below), hunger and thirst were assuaged with beer, tea, soft drinks and cakes, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the bouncy castle and hunting for clues to the treasure hunt over the Castle Mound and churchyard.

Funds were raised for the following purposes:

Cake stall (Women's Institute):	£60.00
Bottle stall (Toddler Group)	£170.00
Card stall (")	£8.50
Raffle (Cats Protection)	£80.00
Handmade jewellery (Katherine House Hospice)	£17.00
(20% of total takings + £5 donation)	

The Refreshments, Bouncy Castle & Lolly Stall covered the cost of setting up the event, hiring chairs and tables, and the prizes for the Dog Show and Treasure Hunt.

The Castle Green Management Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the day such a success, setting up the stalls, transporting tables and chairs, lending gazebos, serving refreshments and tidying up so well that not a single piece of litter was left behind afterwards!





Clockwise

- How to find treasure.
- Archeological Display
- The Bouncy Whatnot!
- Judgement Day

Opposite bottom

- Providing the answer to everything (42?)



Avon Brochures

I have recently taken over as your local Avon Representative. By the time you read this I hope to have got round to most of you! However, if I haven't and you would particularly like to see a catalogue, please give me a call on 760005 and I will be more than happy to drop one through your door.

Tracey Mullavey, 8 Spinners Cottages

Bag Ladies Bit

We welcome lots of new people who have moved to Sulgrave during the past three months :

- Andrew Long and Kirsty Lynch into Horseshoe in Magpie Road
- Judy Brown into Chapelstones in Little Street
- Marcin Kaczor and Anna Czerwinska into Star Cottage in Manor Road
- Doris Charles into Nutcracker in Manor Road (*I hope you enjoy the cottage as much as Diana and I did - ed.*)

If you're new to Sulgrave but have been missed, give Maureen a ring on 768268

Sulgrave Parish Council

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Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 14th September 2006

Introduction

The Chair opened the meeting by asking everyone present to stand and remember Sandy Munro.

Guest Speaker

The meeting was attended by Helen Hunt (HH) who is Animal Welfare Officer for South Northants Council. Her job role is very broad from catching dangerous dogs to teaching children how to look after animals. In a rural area such as Sulgrave there are few problems compared to inner city areas. HH showed a grasper which she has used twice in two years. It gives a good distance when trying to catch a dangerous dog and the risk of getting bitten is reduced. HH patrols every parish to look for dog fouling but she has to witness it happening before being able to do anything about it. She showed the councillors two types of dog bags which SNC sell and cost £2.50 for one hundred bags.

Sulgrave Parish Council (Continued)

HH is responsible for micro-chipping. The chip is the size of a grain of rice and animals such as rabbits, cats, ferrets and dogs are chipped between the shoulder blades. Each chip has a unique number for that owner but to be effective, it has to be kept up to date. The cost is £14.00 per animal but home visits can be arranged at a cost of £20.00. Vets can charge anything between £15-£30 for this service.

At present the police have the power to take in stray dogs outside of HH's working hours which are 9-5 but this will change as many kennels are closing at police stations. HH will eventually work for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, once issues with staffing and kennels are sorted out.

Dog fouling incidents can be reported outside of the hours of 9-5 but there has to be enough evidence in case the case could go to court.

The Chair referred to a letter from Joan Gascoigne as there is a problem in Helmdon Road where people are putting dog poo in the bags but leaving the bags on the verge. HH advised this is a littering offense with a fine of between £1000-£2500. She agreed to write an article for the newsletter. The Chair noted that poo bins could not be placed in the village as there would be nobody to empty them.

HH briefly referred to the Clean Neighbourhood Act which was introduced in April 2006 by DEFRA. This is a new byelaw system which has five control orders. If there is a dog problem in a certain area, the Parish Council could consult the parish, put an advertisement in the paper and set an exclusion zone for dogs. The Parish Council would have to pay for advertising and signage costs. HH agreed to send the relevant details to the Parish Clerk.

The Chair then thanked Helen for attending the meeting in her own time.

Update on Planning Applications

The council had received one new application to consider since the last meeting:

S/2006/1055/P, Three front dormers at Eagles Court, Helmdon Road

The Chair declared an interest and left the room whilst the remaining councillors discussed the application. Five councillors at the meeting approved the application. The Clerk would reply to SNC that they had no objections but the dormers may need to be reduced as the frontage appears top heavy and out of proportion.

The following notification of older applications had been received from SNC.

Application S/2006/0736/LB and S/2006/0733/P, External and internal alterations to Old Sulgrave Stores, School Street.

SNC have advised that this has been accepted with conditions. The Chair noted that SNC had carried out a very detailed and thorough job with this application.

Sulgrave Parish Council (Continued)

Application A/2006/0476/LB, Conservatory to rear, part rebuilding of boundary wall at Rectory Farm, Little Street.

The applicants have appealed to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as SNC have refused planning permission. A date for the hearing has not been set yet but SNC will write to confirm the arrangements.

Finance Report

Cheques

The following payments were approved:-

- a. £73.41 ABB Lighting (Parish Council Act 1957,s3)
- b. £575.75 R & D Landscapes (Highways Act 1980 s96)
- c. £187.50 DKJ Services (Audit 2005/6 – LGA 1972)
- d. £200.10 Parish Clerk (hours – LGA 1972)
- e. £50.00 Parish Clerk (float – LGA 1972)
- f. £52.70 Parish Clerk (expenses and mileage – LGA 1972)

Councillors Reports

Castle Green Registration

Northants County Council have advised that no objections were raised to the registration. They were pleased with the old photos that had been sent and now want recent ones. Colin Wootton has taken excellent photos at the recent Field Day and these were emailed to Mr Watson at NCC on 14.09.06.

Castle Green Restoration Project

Cllr Pollak noted that she wanted to talk about three items concerning Castle Green.

1. SNC have awarded the Castle Green Management committee £15K towards the Restoration Project. A further £2K has been received from the Alan Evans Memorial Trust and hopefully there will be more funding from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme at Finmere. The money is coming together but slowly. The total figure to be raised is £72K but the committee will apply to the Heritage Lottery fund for up to £50K. It is hoped that work will start in the Spring once all the funding is in place. The Chair thanked the Castle Green Management Group, on behalf of the village, for all their work.
2. The Northampton Wildlife Trust have carried out a survey on Castle Green, the churchyard (with agreement from the Church Wardens) and Castle Mount. The committee are awaiting for the report to be submitted.
3. Cllr Pollak had circulated a draft document on Guidelines for the Use of Castle Green to all councillors. She asked them for their views at the meeting. The Chair felt that the Green should not be used as a place to park motor vehicles at all as it is an open space. It has been used in the past as an overflow car park for the Open Gardens Scheme but he felt the tradition could now be broken. He also suggested this document is put on the display board, once it is put up so that all visitors have the chance to read it. Cllr Cherry then proposed that the document be accepted and taken forward with the amendments proposed by the Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Osborne.

Sulgrave Parish Council (Continued)

Village Website

A meeting has been held with Colin Wootton and Emily and David Dunlop. Work by Colin should start soon with the help of his grandson. Colin has been able to answer questions related to the website which he was very pleased about.

Quotes for treatment of Bus Shelter

Cllr Powell advised that the bus shelter was treated for common furniture beetle on 12.09.06. Preservation has also been applied to it. The invoice (for £250.00) and a 30 year guarantee will be sent to the Parish Clerk.

Pocket Park

Cllr Moore advised there will be an autumn tidy up in Pocket Park on 15th October and details will be put in the newsletter. He asked for as many helpers as possible to attend that day.

Replacement of Stile at Wemyss Farm

Cllr Cherry confirmed that the stile by Wemyss Farm will not be replaced as there are no livestock in the field behind.

Underground Cabling

Cllr Cherry has spoken to Shaun Robinson at Central Networks and they are proceeding with the purchase/lease of land at the bottom of Helmdon Road which could take six months to complete. Letters were sent to all residents in Helmdon Road as part of the consultation process, to advise of the work.

Hook Norton Brewery

Cllr Roberts had written to Hook Norton Brewery recently to ask if they could help fund the new fence between the pub and allotment area. They advised they have no spare financial funds.

Wheelie Bins

The Chair had been advised that several wheelie bins have been pinched recently and residents have had to pay for replacements. SNC have advised that a residents name or house number can be written on the bin lid.

Speed Poster Boards

These will be put up in the village soon for a couple of weeks.

Sulgrave Community Shop

The Chair noted that Susie Blayney had resigned from the food purchasing side of the shop due to ill health. The Parish Council gave huge thanks to her for all her hard work and total commitment to the shop.

Date and Time of next meeting

12th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Magpie Road.

October 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31					1 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am Sulgrave
2	3	4 Culworth Gang 2:15pm Church Hall	5	6 Mums & Tots 10:30am Church Hall	7	8 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave
9	10	11 W.I. Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall	12 Parish Council 7:30pm Church Hall	13 Mums & Tots 10:30am Church Hall	14	15 Tidy-up 10:00 am Pocket Park Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave
16	17	18 Culworth Gang 2:15pm Church Hall	19 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	20 Mums & Tots 10:30am Church Hall DEADLINE Oct. Newsletter	21	22 Mattins 10:00 pm Sulgrave
23 Book Club 8:00pm Star Inn	24	25	26	27 Mums & Tots 10:30am Church Hall	28	29 B. Holy Comm. 10:00 am Sulgrave

