

Sulgrave News

February 2013

Regular Events

BB&C Service	2 nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club	3 rd Wednesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing	3 rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the March newsletter is 22nd February

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

Church News



Flower and Cleaning Rota for February

February 2nd & 9th
February 16th & 23rd

Mrs G Clegg
Ms J Smith



Nellie Stalabrass
1924 - 2013

Nellie & Tommy Stalabrass moved into the village in the 1970's when Tommy's job moved to Daventry. Nellie was a member of the Women's Institute and latterly the Culworth Gang. Both Nellie and Tommy were keen gardeners, growing many of their own vegetables and caring for their large garden. Nellie was still doing much of the garden until late last year.

Nellie was of an age to be called up during WWII joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service and serving for four years. Nellie was part of a crew on searchlight duty in Windsor Great Park, a job not without certain risks, finding enemy aircraft and controlling the direction the guns. Despite the danger, Nellie thoroughly enjoyed her army service years, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Nellie was a prolific knitter of baby jackets, sending them off to her niece, a midwife at St. Thomas's hospital in London. Many a babe has left hospital wearing one of Nellie's hand knitted cardigans.

Nellie was a good friend and neighbour to many and will be greatly missed.



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 12th February at 12.30pm



Winter Greens Soup (v)

or

Carrot & Coriander Soup (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Pancakes with
Lemon & Sugar

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.50

Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

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01295 760397

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Village Shop News Update

Telephone – 01295 760066

The Festive Season & New Year period saw more positive support for the Shop with sales in December up on the prior year by 11.6%. The Christmas Order Forms were a big success & we once again we learnt a lot from the exercise but probably most important was getting them to you early enough allowing you to include us in your planning. Thank you for giving us your custom when there are so many others fighting for your attention & money. Throughout 2012 I wrote a news update for the Shop's performance & each month my comments were pretty constant. Resisting the drum roll, I can now tell you that we ended the year just under 5% ahead in total gross sales through our till against 2011 at a grand total of £134,500. Month on month comparison against 2011 saw us ahead in takings for 10 months. February is the month for the Oscars so I'll keep the 'acknowledgement speech' short. Great results all made possible through your custom along with the hard work & the support of our wonderful Volunteers. Thanks must also go to you Jane for once again for arranging the emergency cover, including your own time 'behind the counter' & our condolences to David at this sad time for him & his family. Our volunteers make all that we do possible & this is just another shining example!

More good news which will help improve the service that we provide still further. By the time that you read this we should have our new EPOS system in place which we believe will make the management & reporting of the Shop easier than the old system which was in place since we opened in 2004. Training modules will be delivered to our Volunteers at the end of January & into February. So how will this touch screen technology benefit you? Three key areas really:

- 1. We will be able to accept Debit Cards for payment alongside the current cash & reverse credit options (note; we will not be accepting Credit Cards).**
- 2. Our stock can be priced**
- 3. Your purchases should be quicker**

It's an investment that we believe as your Management Committee will help us understand the nuances of our community based business more completely allowing us to provide a better all round service to Sulgrave & the surrounding villages.

So finally we move on to the challenges of 2013; as ever, if you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve the services that we provide for you personally then do please let us know. Belated New Year wishes & I look forward to reporting our progress to you each month.

'Mac' Macdonald
01295 760470

'John the Post's' Memorial Bench

The order for an engraved 5 foot wide oak bench has been placed with the supplier which we hope will be delivered towards the end of February & positioned proudly outside our Shop in March. Thank you once again for being so generous in creating a long lasting & fitting tribute to John.

**Ken Christy, Wysteria Cottage, Helmdon Road, Sulgrave
'Mac' Macdonald, Grafton House, Park Lane, Sulgrave**





BANBURY BRANCH

WEA SPRING 2013 PROGRAMME

Place names, landscape and settlement in Banbury the Region

Fundraising event for the charity.

What do place names mean and more importantly what do they tell us about early settlement? This talk will explore these issues.

The talk will provide vital funds for the charity. If you would like to donate more to the charity it will help with our vital work in the community. Refreshments will be provided at the event.

Speaker: Deborah Hayter
Timetable: Thursday 18th April 2013 - 7.30pm – 8.50pm.
Fee: £12
Location: Hanwell Fields Community Centre, Roatary Way, Banbury, OX16 1ER

Please book your place in advance. We need set numbers 2 weeks before the start date. We will accept late bookings but it helps with planning if done in advance.

History/Art/ Calligraphy - The History of Celtic Knotwork - A practical drawing Course

Ever wanted to know about the history of Celtic knotwork and be shown how to do Celtic knotwork; then this is specialised course for you?

This Calligraphy Art Day school focuses on Celtic Knot work. We will explore the history of knotwork; the styles and the hidden meanings within knot work. The drawing workshop will examine how to draw knotwork and techniques will be demonstrated, so that you are able to make your own beautiful pieces of Celtic knotwork. The course is suitable for a range of abilities. There will be opportunity to draw your own design. The course will appeal to a wide range of people; anyone interested in Celtic History /art, people who would like to learn this art form.

Jo Murphy is a Fine Artist , Designer Maker and Art Tutor . I also run two drawing classes in Warwick. As a professional artist I have studied and produced Celtic Knotwork designs and find the history of this beautiful art - form fascinating I enjoy teaching students how to produce their own designs .

Tutor: Jo Murphy
Place: Hanwell Fields community Centre, Rotary Way, Banbury, OX16 1ER
Date: Saturday 2nd March 2013, 10am to 4pm
Fee: £ 24

Enrolment now open for this course ring Jenny Gough on 01295 690326 for more details or email jennyanngough@yahoo.co.uk

Please ring now to book place, we need final numbers 2 weeks before the start date so do not leave it to the last minute to enrol.

Antiques & Collectables Day School

The day school will cover an overview of antiques. We will look at style recognition from the 1750s to 1930s and 20s.

During the day we will look at furniture from C1750 to 1920s and 30s; construction and dating.

We will also explore ceramics, the various makes, dates and definitions. During the course we will look at the top 40 of collectable items.

Course Tutor: Peter Edwards

Timetable: Saturday 16th March 2013 - 10am to 4pm

Location: Hanwell Fields Community Centre

Fee: £24

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Family History Course in More Depth

You will be shown how to use a variety of sources of information to trace your ancestry or genealogy. These range from home and family sources and names to Civil and Parish records, censuses, wills and probate. The course looks more closely on these sources of records.

The course builds upon the Introduction course that has already run in 2012.

Philip Morris is a retired teacher. He has lectured for the WEA for over twenty years, teaching a variety of courses, including several family history courses.

Tutor: Philip Morris

Timetable: Thursday 23rd May 2013, 10.15 -12.15pm for 5 weeks.

Location: The Mill Arts centre, Spiceball, Banbury

Fee: £39.50

Enrolment now open for this course ring Jenny Gough on 01295 690326 for more details or email jennyanngough@yahoo.co.uk

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Spring Herb Walk in Bodicote

A talk by local practicing medical herbalist will discuss hedgerow herbs, flowers and 'weeds' and their medicinal properties. There will be an opportunity to make simple remedies and a walk to discover and identify healing plants. Rhiannon has been a practising medical herbalist in the area for over 20 years and worked in agriculture science for several years. A founder member of the Ethnomedica (Remembered Remedies) domestic medicine archiving project based at RBG Kew, she is a Fellow of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists.

Course Tutor: Rhiannon Evans

Timetable: Sat 15th June 2013 (Approx. End time) 10am to

Location: Church House, Bodicote

Fee: £14 - £4 material charge per student

Enrolment now open for this course ring Jenny Gough on 01295 690326 for more details or email jennyanngough@yahoo.co.uk
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BRACKLEY COUNTRY MARKET

Country Market products are homemade and locally produced.
Home grown fruit, vegetables, plants and shrubs when in season.
Baking (wheat free, gluten free and dairy free products available), hand
crafted cards, knitwear, baby clothes, bags, beads and gifts.

Open 8.30am - 11.00am every Friday
Guide Hall, Manor Road, Brackley (opposite Waitrose)

Selected items are available at Sulgrave Village Shop - orders taken
Orders also taken for wheat, gluten and dairy free products.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

HS2

Sulgrave Parish Council wishes to make residents aware of the Consultation being undertaken on the matter of compensation along the proposed HS2 route.

Details of this can be found on the website:

<http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/consultations/property-compensation-london-to-west-midlands>

Paper copies have been made available at the Village Shop.

Residents are also reminded that the South Northants Action Group against HS2 are seeking donations for funding their activities. Details can be found on the following website: <http://snag-against-hs2.org/>

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 14th February 2013
@ 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall

GUEST SPEAKER

To talk about
village networks

n Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

February 2013

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	Church Hall Mtg Parish Council 14 7.45pm	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

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MONDAY	TUESDAY
4	5
11	Church Hall Soup Kitchen 12 12.30pm
18	19
25	26