

Sulgrave News

April 2017

Regular Events

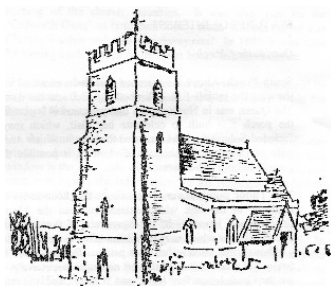
BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.00pm

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Deadline for the April Newsletter is 24th March 2016

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

Services for April

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Edgecote
Sunday 9 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 23 rd	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave

In the week running up to Easter there will be a service each weekday evening at 6.00pm in Sulgrave.

As always the church will be beautifully decorated for Easter. Please will you all either bring flowers or foliage or decorate the window sills.

Thank you
Shrimp

Flower and Cleaning Rota

When the flower rotas were sent out for 2017 we realise that there was a slip-up with the dates. Bear with us - they will be rectified with new dates.

Shrimp & Linda



As most of you know, I have been Churchwarden here in Sulgrave for more years than I care to remember!! For various reasons I have decided to step down, although I will still be active in the life of the church. As of yet, no-one has come forward to act as Churchwarden. Preferably, it would be best to have two people to take up the reins. I will stay on for the next six months in order for a smooth handover. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the church in the village. It would be devastating if it had to close. This is why I am appealing for at least two people to come forward. The post would not be forever, three or four years at most. If you are interested, please call on 760214

Shrimp

10.00-12noon Saturday May 6th at Church Cottage, Sulgrave.

Come for coffee, cake or biscuit and a chat and a raffle. All very welcome.
Croquet outside for the young (or older) if they wish to play a very devious game.
All donations will go towards general ongoing maintenance for the Remembrance
Garden and for the Church
Ingram & Hywel. Church Cottage, Church Street. 01295 760 520



Sulgrave Women's Activity Group (SWAG) meeting Thursday 20th April 7pm

The get together for April will be in the Star where Graham Robson will be showing his short film "80 years of Farming". The film will show how farming has changed over Graham's personal life span and should be very interesting.

All SWAGS and their partners are invited.

Please RSVP to gricej@btinternet.com or 760048

Sulgrave Women's Activity Group is a group of women who meet occasionally for fun and events throughout the year. There is no formal membership, details of activities are emailed out and members come along as and when they wish. If you would like to be on the contact list please email Jane Lockwood janeandpim@btinternet.com

Joy & Jane



SAFARI SUPPER

The Safari Supper on March 18th was a great success. Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion. The element of surprise makes it all the more exciting. We have raised over £1,000 for The Church fabric fund.

Thank you to all those who hosted either a starter or main course, and particularly to Julian Rodway who opened up his house for the pudding course!



Village Shop News Update
Shop Telephone – 01295 760066

Find us on Facebook

Shop opening hours Monday 8 am – 1 pm Tuesday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm
 Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm Sunday 9 am – 12 noon

Post Office opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm

The shop continues to tick along very nicely and our new co-supervisor Tracey has settled in really quickly and is already doing a great job. If you haven't already met her she is in the shop all day Tuesday and again on Thursday and Friday mornings.

We have quite a few new lines this month including curry sauces and pastes, fresh pasta and pasta sauce, chilled puddings and some amazing cupcakes. We have now topped up on our popular Cawston sparkling drinks range and added a couple of new cold drinks for you to try - rose lemonade and a healthy carrot drink - and the Qcumber drinks are now back in stock. We have also added some new gluten-free cakes and snacks to our range and there are packs of mixed crisp-breads from Peter's Yard. You may have noticed that the baking section has been expanded and moved to a new area and we now have more baking products so you can make that perfect cake. We also have a new range of lovely greetings cards.

The Post Office now stocks a wide range of paper and both padded and "Post safe" super-strong polythene envelopes so whatever you post should reach its destination safely.

A top-end New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc for less than £7? Surely that must be a mistake! It isn't – but it is a WIGIG (when it's gone it's gone) offer so you had better rush in and grab a few bottles of our stunning Raupara (pronounced Ra-para if you want to show off) Springs Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc while you can. We are selling it for £6.95 - or you can get it from Oddbins for £13 a bottle (check it out). We also have an excellent new sparkling Pinot Grigio (which is made in exactly the same way as Prosecco) at the bargain price of £7.25.

With Easter just around the corner, look out for special offers and promotions as well as our regular offers and discounts. If you don't have time to pop into the shop, you can always check the latest offers on Face Book.

The usual thanks to all our volunteers and the usual plea for more people to sign up. We urgently need a few more people to learn how to 'lock up' so, if you would like to give it a go, please contact Celia, Jeanette or Tracey.

Happy Easter to one and all
Alison & Digby

AUNT SALLY

By the time you read this we will have had our pre-season supper at the Star and getting ready to start practising for the new season, which will start on the 27th of April. (Fixture list not as yet to hand.) but a friendly against The Three Conies has been arranged for Thursday the 13th, and our first practice night is on Wednesday the 5th at 8pm

Twenty four people have registered, so a healthy competition for places is in store, as a team consists of eight players. One thing that can be assured is that it will be an enjoyable summer of Aunt Sally with everyone making a contribution.

Finally The Great Aunt Sally Challenge will take place again at sometime in late June, early July. Date to be arranged with the S.W.A.G.

Richard Fonge.



Sulgrave Litter Pick

The annual Litter Pick took place on Saturday 11th March. The Parish Council would like to thank all those villagers who took part on Saturday and to those who did their bit prior to the date – Troy, Hannah, Owen & Luke Daniels, Dom, Laura and Kitty North, Richard Fonge, George Metcalfe, Joanna Smyth-Osborne, James, Alice & Theo Kirkham, Jeremy Griffiths, Claire Pollock, Pim Lockwood. As always, your help was very much appreciated.

Sulgrave Village News

Would we like faster, less expensive broadband – wirelessly?
This could be the opportunity.

I know we have fibre broadband in the village, but it is relatively slow and expensive. This is largely because it is dependent on the existing, old telephone wires.

There is a better, more modern and less expensive alternative – *wireless* broadband - which can be sent to each house in the village for internet and for your landline telephone.

'voneus' is a company that installs this wireless system in small, rural communities. If there are enough of us who indicate that we *may* be interested, voneus will undertake a household survey and feasibility study. If, as a result of this survey, they feel that there is a 40% reasonably firm commitment, they will begin the formal steps to install their system in the village.

The system involves installing a small, 14" long, aerial on a high point in the village and a small, disc-like, saucerpan 6" in diameter on the chimney of each house who signs up. No wires, no line rental nor dependency on BT.

The cost of my BT broadband has just increased to £32 (+VAT) per month. It struggles to provide 22-24 megabytes per second of speed and at peak times even this drops – as many of you have experienced. Faster speeds *can* be obtained from BT but at twice this cost, but we're still dependant on the final wire connection.

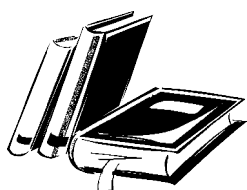
Because 'voneus' use a *wireless* system, *not* dependant on the old telephone wires to the house, they promise us an average speed of 50 mbps, with a minimum of 24 and rising to a maximum of 140 mbps – for £20 (+VAT) per month.

If you are interested in learning more, just send your name and address and a contact tel.no. to sales@voneus.com

If you would like any more information, have a look at their website <http://www.voneus.com> or give me a call on 0797 363 4949.

Bob Foster
Yew Tree House, Manor Road. 27 March 2017

Sulgrave Book Club



Every 3rd Tuesday,
8pm in The Star

Tuesday 18th April,
"Lion" by Saroo Brierley

Why don't you Google these books/visit a book shop and see if they appeal to you? Many of our members borrow them from a library or buy them second hand on Amazon. The Book Club would love to welcome new members in 2017.all ages, ladies and gentlemen!. It is really enjoyable to read a book and discuss it with other people and it's a good social occasion where we also catch up with each other!

Look forward to seeing you!

Kate Miles on behalf of Sulgrave Book Club



Mobile Library Service

Dates of Visits – June 2016 – May 2017

03 June
01 July
05 August
02 September

07 October
04 November
02 December
06 January

03 February
03 March
07 April
05 May

STOP	VILLAGE	LOCATION	ARRIVE	LEAVE
1	Aynho	The Butts	11.00	11.30
2	Kings Sutton	Millennium Mem Hall, Astrop Rd	11.45	12.45
3	Charlton	Village Hall	13.00	13.20
4	Marston St. Lawrence	Old Marston Inn	14.40	15.00
5	Moreton Pinkney	Prestige Row (The Green)	15.20	16.10
6	Sulgrave	Manor Road/School Street	16.30	17.00

For further information on the Mobile Library Service can be found on the website.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

0300 126 5500 Customer Services.

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From: Community Services <community.services@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk>
Date: 20/03/2017 12:26 (GMT+00:00)
Subject: Return concerns and raise praise with annual survey

Residents have the opportunity to let South Northamptonshire Council know what they think of its services by completing the annual satisfaction survey this spring.

From early May, residents and businesses will have six weeks to complete a short questionnaire allowing them to give feedback on the council's services, whether it provides value for money and the quality of its day-to-day operations.

The information provided will be used to help the council prioritise its budgets and service provision for future years and make improvements in areas where people have reported concerns.

Cllr Karen Cooper, SNC's portfolio holder for community engagement and wellbeing, said: "The Customer Satisfaction Survey is a vitally important way of measuring how people who live and work in the district feel about the services we provide.

"We know that there are always areas that we can improve upon in order to deliver both value and quality. By the same token, it is also helpful and encouraging finding out what we are doing well in order to take those learnings and apply them elsewhere."

This year, the survey has been shortened to encourage more people to take part. The survey will be available to complete online and hard copies will be available at The Forum and in local libraries.

A number of hard copies will also be distributed to selected addresses across the district with a pre-paid envelope for people to return their completed survey.

Cllr Ian McCord, Leader of SNC said: "This survey is an opportunity for people to make their voices heard. I would encourage all those who live and work in South Northants to take the time to complete the survey, as it is their feedback we need in order to keep improving our services."

As last year, the survey will once again be conducted by an external market research organisation, Marketing Means.

The survey will be available to complete online from the beginning of May. You can access it by logging on to the SNC website or clicking on www.marketingmeans.co.uk/southnorthants2017.

Alternatively those who would prefer a hard copy can request one by calling 01327 322 322.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held on
THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2017
@ 7.30PM

In
Sulgrave Church Hall

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

A REPORT ON THE
VILLAGE SHOP, WEBSITE
AND CASTLE GREEN

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

We look forward to seeing you there

Refreshments will be served

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 2nd March 2017

To approve and sign the minutes of last meeting held on 2nd February 2017

A small amendment was made. The minutes were then approved and accepted by the council.

Update on AY4 footpath

A response was sent back to Northants County Council. NCC have acknowledged the letter. Councillors considered the response to be the best practical solution. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Jackson and Colin Wootton for their work.

Street Lighting

A discussion took place about whether to change the setting on one light in Manor Road which is too bright and affecting three properties. The total repair cost is expensive. It was resolved by a majority vote not to approve of the repair.

Adoption of Standing Orders

This continues to be work in progress.

To discuss how to engage with Northants County Council about highway matters

Councillors discussed the Gated Road and the cheap repair of it. The Gated Road had been placed on the scheme list for consideration by Highways and the Parish Clerk had asked for more information and a site meeting. Highways have said that the gated road is on an extensive list, along with approximately 50 other roads in South Northants. The Area Manager has advised that there is little merit in meeting up at present as no funding has currently been identified for any works. It was agreed that the best way forward is to complain to County Cllr Ian Morris as NCC are responsible for highway problems. It is hoped he will attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Other areas of huge concern are potholes and storm drains.

Transfer of Land

Some progress has been made as the documents are being prepared for signature. There is now an outstanding question as to who pays for the legal fees. The Shop Committee will be invited to the May meeting to discuss further.

Finance Report

The following payments were approved:

£220.00 for work at Pocket Park and purchase of hedge plants

£260.00 to Andrews Garden Services (work at Pocket Park)

£50.00 to Parish Clerk (float)

Planning Applications

- *S/2017/0159/FUL, Single storey rear extension, garden shed at rear, 1.8mtr metal railings and gate at front of The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Manor Road. No objections.*
- *S/2017/0223/TCA, Felling and removal of one Horse Chestnut Tree at Sulgrave Manor. For info only.*

Correspondence

Mr Foster, Phone and Broadband system. Mr Foster spoke of a company called Voneus who are looking to bring high speed broadband to the community. Further details are going in the newsletter.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 13th April 2017 - Short Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

April 2017

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	Edgecote Benefice HC2 10.00am
School Street Manor Road/Library 7 4.30pm	8	Sulgrave Holy Communion 9 8.15am
14	15	Sulgrave Easter Sunday Holy Communion 16 10.00am
21	22	Sulgrave Evensong 23 6.00pm
28	29	Sulgrave Mattins 30 10.00am

Deadline for the May Newsletter is 21st April 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3	4	5	6
10	11	12	Church Hall Assembly Annual13 7.30pm
17Star InnBook Club18	8.00pm	19 .	20
24	25	26	27