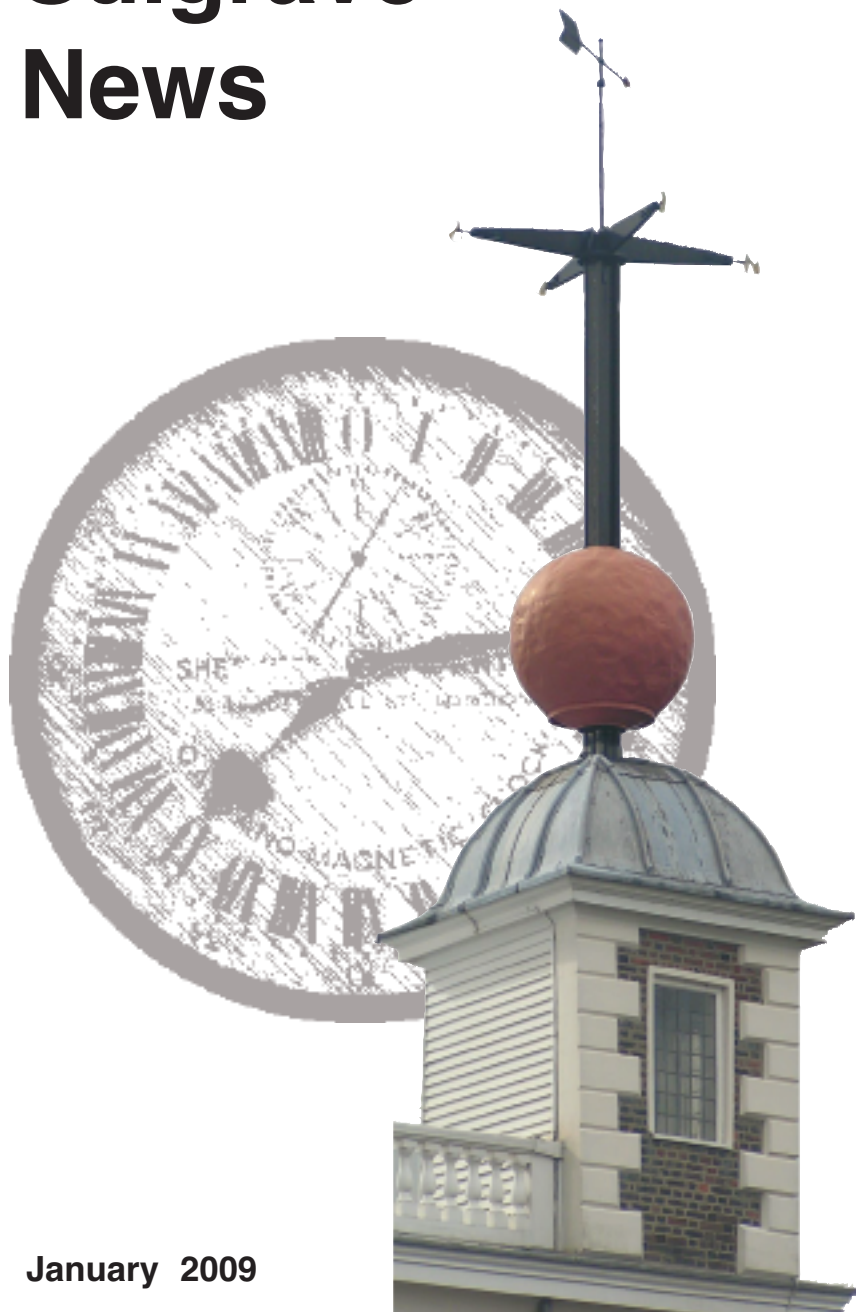


Sulgrave News



January 2009

2009

My apologies for the lateness of this issue, it started with me missing my own deadline (The first New Year's Resolution broken already) and events conspired to delay it even further. I hope everyone has survived the excesses of the last few weeks and is entering the New Year feeling refreshed and looking forward to the shorter nights. I have decided to change the theme of the front page, and for a while it will focus on buildings with some association with the month. As usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter. It is

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the February newsletter - 23rd. January.

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 Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn, 8:00 pm
Circle Dancing	3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth, 7:30 pm
W.I.	2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

COVER - Royal Observatory Greenwich: 1675 (From which all time is measured)

Women's Institute

Many thanks to Ann Mackness who over the past couple of years has regularly reported the activities of the Woman's Institute.

In December there were a number of activities, amongst which a visit to Winchester and its Christmas markets proved enjoyable.

Members also enjoyed attending the link carol service at Middleton Cheney.

December's monthly meeting was to the Dick Whittington pantomime performed at Middleton Cheney by the Lynden Players.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 14 January when our programme for 2009 starts. No speaker are booked for this meeting, but members are invited to bring along plate of food to share during the meeting.

New members welcome.

Margaret Watts

Church News

December is a particularly busy time in the church, culminating in the midnight service on Christmas Eve. The mums began with annual Christmas Bazaar in the Church Hall. Thank you to all who supported us. Cyclamen plants sold out and the happy shoppers picked up lots of bargains. £716 was raised for church funds.

The following week 'Impromptu' entertained as in the church. The hot mulled wine in the interval, the mince pies and the wonderful singing certainly put us in the mood for Christmas. Thank you again to all who supported us and helped to raise £145.

In 2009 we shall be holding another Safari Supper. Anyone who has been on one before knows what a brilliant evening it is, a fantastic way to meet new people and enjoyed a good night out! Watch this space!!

Shrimp Christy

Christingle 2008

What a lovely way to have started the Christmas festive season. Thank you to everyone who helped out: all the grown-ups who gave their time and especially to all the children were put on a fantastic performance of Lambert the lost sheep.

As well as sharing a pleasant hours together, singing, being entertained and being warmly refreshed, you generously donated £198.84 for the children's Society, a charity which does such brilliant work with underprivileged children.

A very big thank you!

Christopher Beck and his family wish to say how deeply they appreciate the many messages of sympathy sent on Cynthia's death, which have helped so much to sustain them in their grief.

Who's that knocking at the door?

Northants Police would like to remind all residents that all contractors should carry identity cards. Bogus callers are a growing problem. Criminals can pretend to be a genuine visitor with a reason to ask for money, or try to keep you occupied while someone else steals from other rooms. Keep yourself safe by following some simple rules.



- Keep valuables including your purse or wallet in a safe place, out of view of doors and windows.
- Lock your back door when you answer the front.
- If you are not expecting your caller, be suspicious and check them out.
- If your visitor has an identity card, but you are still suspicious, telephone the police and check they are who they say they are.
- If someone knocks and offers to do some work for cash, do not agree and seek advice first.
- If the visitor will not go away, becomes agitated or aggressive, continues to visit other homes in the area, or you feel you are in danger, call 999.
- If you fear you have been the victim of a bogus caller, phone Northamptonshire Police on 08453 700700. Don't feel that you have been silly or gullible: this is a deliberate crime and the perpetrators make up very convincing stories.

The golden rule is: **IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT!**

Clive Ashmore PCSO 7138, Brackley Rural Safer Community Team, Tel: 08453 700700

Useful Safety Contact Telephone Numbers

Northamptonshire Police

Call 08453 700700 or e-mail sctbrackleyrural@northants.police.uk

In an emergency call 999

The Street Doctor 08456 011113 for road/street sign damage

Abandoned Vehicles 08456 121999

Untaxed Vehicles (DVLA) 0800 0325202

Fly Tipping 01327 322347

Stay Dogs (Dog Warden) 08452 300226

Free Home Fire Safety Checks 0800 3899950

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Trading Standards 08454 04 05 06 for doorstep callers



Janet & Maureen
would like to invite you to their

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Village Hall

Tuesday 13th January 2009, at 12:30 pm.

Each month will have a theme, so to start the New Year off
January will have a Scottish flavour in honour of Robert Burns



Cock-A-Leekie Soup
or

Bashed Neeps & Champit Tatties Soup (V)

followed by

Typsy Laird
(Sherry Trifle)

Tea or Coffee

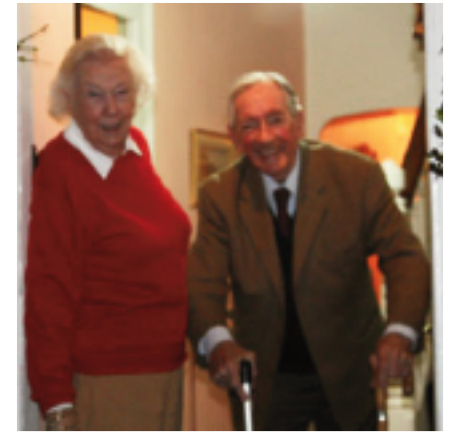
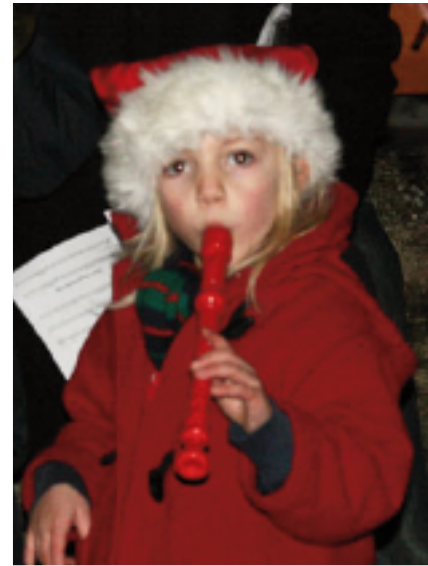
£6.50

Booking is Essential
To reserve your place please call



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01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery
01295 768268



SULGRAVE CAROLS

December 2008



Photographs Colin Wootton

SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP

OUR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES

ARE

7 % CHEAPER THAN TESCO
(and Sainsbury and Waitrose)

(Source: www.mysupermarket.com on 16/12/2008)

We conducted a like for like comparison and invite you to check the results at the shop.

Buy only what you need, when you need it and save time and money, and reduce waste and packaging.

On Monday and Thursday mornings until 1.00pm we also give a further 15% discount on our normal prices for fruit and vegetables.



Sulgrave Parish Council

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In addition to the above, the Parish Council is made up of the following members:

Vice-Chairman – Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574) Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)

Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 6th November 2008

Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 28th August 2008

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr Waite and seconded by Cllr Powell.

Castle Green Restoration Project

As Cllr Pollak was unable to be present the Chair gave an update. Progress is ongoing and the contractors have made a repeat visit. There are still problems with the wall, frost damage to the mortar and looseness of the stones. Remedial work is to be done. A site meeting is due to take place within the next week with The Contract Administrator; The Rhodes Partnership. Consideration will need to be given to whether or not it is possible to carry on with the remedial work now due to the cold weather and it is possible that further work will be postponed. An alternative contractor has been approached to provide a price for completing the work in case the current contractor is unable to complete the works satisfactorily and in case an alternative is required. A quote from an alternative Contractor has been received. Works would include taking off existing cappings, replace capping using a fine and soft mixed sand and cement mortar, and to tidy up all waste and cart away.

Cllr Waite asked if clarification could be given to the mortar which should be as specified by the Rhodes Partnership. The Clerk will contact the Contractor on this point.

Cllr Waite suggested that advice is taken from the contract administrator about the poor performance of the Contractor and the correct Contract procedures to deal with this situation. The Final Acceptance is not signed off and payments are being withheld from the contractor.

Cllr Powell advised the meeting that the Castle Green Committee would not wish to see the completion of the works handed to another Contractor.

From the floor, Mrs Barrett asked if the guarantee would be affected if another company did the work. If the terms of the contract are invoked correctly it may not. The matter will be reviewed with the Contract Administrator.

Update on Pocket Park

Discussions had taken place since the last meeting and Cllr Kellett outlined a summary of the discussions. Cllr's Kellett and Osborne are trying to get a committee of people together who have the time to help with various improvements.

Cllr Osborne has been successful in getting a few people together to join a committee. She has produced a leaflet asking what the village want to see but has only been able to distribute to a few families. From the floor, Mrs Barrett offered to help distribute the rest. Once the responses come back they will be able to see what is wanted and set up a first meeting. There is money to spend in this area which is an incentive for people to be involved.

From the floor, Mr Metcalfe felt that new people to the village may not know what a Pocket Park is and it needed to be publicised more. A Pocket Park Warden is still an important link between this one and the office in Northampton. The Chair replied that once a committee are set up, there may be someone within that group who is willing to take on that role. Mr Coverley asked if the £4K raised at the village fete had been spent yet. Cllr Osborne replied no and very careful consideration would be given as a lot of hard work had taken place by the village to raise the money in the first place. County Cllr Ben Smith has also pledged £750 to be used in Pocket Park. Mrs Coverley offered her help again on the committee as she felt quite strongly that the Pocket Park was for the whole of the community. The Chair thanked her again.

To discuss the maintenance of trees and shrubs

The Parish Council have been discussing how overgrown some paths are becoming due to plants belonging to residents (especially down Manor Road), which may be dangerous. A suggestion was made to write a letter to the owners but many houses down this road are rented out. A polite note will be put in the newsletter first. The apple tree on the small triangle in the centre of the village is very overgrown and needs pruning. It has a TPO on it. The Clerk to write to Ian Lorman at SNC to give six weeks notice to prune it.

Cllr Waite spoke about the general grass cutting. It was felt that to send out a questionnaire to everyone was not the best solution. Instead a consultation document will be sent out advising which areas are going to be cut and when and comments will be invited. The existing contract has now finished and the council will need to go out to tender. The cost of a public notice is £126.00 & VAT. Cllr Waite proposed that this money be spent and this was seconded by Cllr Kellett. All the councillors voted in favour. This notice will be put in the Banbury Guardian by the middle of November asking interested parties to write to the Clerk before the beginning of December. Cllr Waite to put together a schedule. The Clerk to contact R & D Landscapes to ask if they want to quote again. From the floor Mr Bates advised that where he used to live the District Council used to be responsible for the grass cutting. The Chair replied that this does not apply in Northants and the annual grant is paid by Northants County Council.

Councillors Reports

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Powell is still awaiting the reports from the boxes which were placed on the poles.

Parking outside Spinners Cottages

County Councillor Ben Smith and District Councillor Ashley Warren have both confirmed they cannot help with funding for the feasibility study. The project is still live and the Parish Council will continue pursuing it to get funds for the study.

Roads/Pavements

The rotting street sign for Manor Road has been reported (347174), inspected and referred to SNC.

The footpath opposite Wisteria Cottage has been reported (350415) to the Street Doctor and they advise there are no plans at present for any additional kerbing. The Clerk to email Trevor Gray to advise it is a trip hazard and the edging has gone. Cllr Kellett to take photos which could be forwarded to him.

Underground Cabling

An update has been received from Central Networks to advise the works in Magpie Road are nearly complete. They are awaiting contact from the last customer who has to have an existing meter change prior to them changing the service. Once this is done they can return to remove the overhead line and any redundant poles. They have not scheduled the remaining works in for the rest of the village but envisage the overhead rebuild works for the rest of the village to start early 2009 and the remaining cable works in Helmdon Road to start around February 2009.

Finance Report

The following payments were approved and cheques raised accordingly. They were proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Powell.

£48.04	BT (fax)
£208.75	EON (electricity)
£158.63	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP (audit 2007/8)

Approval and Acceptance of Annual Return 2007/8

The Annual Return had been received back from the External Auditor. The document was presented to the council by the Clerk and approved and accepted by them. There were no issues arising from the audit. The appropriate notices would be placed on the notice-board for fourteen days.

Date and Time of next meeting

The next Council Meeting will be on 22 January 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Church Hall

january 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am Sulgrave
5	6	7 Pilates 7:30 pm Culworth	8	9 Pilates 9:30 & 10:30 am Sulgrave C. Hall	10	11 Holy Communion 8:15 am Sulgrave
12	13 The Soup Kitchen 12:30 am Church Hall	14 W.I. Meeting 7:30 pm Church Hall	15 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	16	17	18 Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave
19	20	21	22 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall	23	24	25 Mattins 10:00 am Sulgrave
26	27	28	29	30		

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