

Sulgrave News



The common Australian Daisy in Sulgrave

Bellis Australiensis Vulgaris!

March 2010

The bugbear of computers – file compatibility.

As I use Macintosh rather than the more common Windows based computers I have always had to allow for the problems of transferring files from one system to another, and over the years Apple have made it easier to do this. I have also begun to use the ubiquitous Microsoft 'Word' program for the newsletter, once again to facilitate the easy interchange of information sent in by email. However I am still receiving some files that are causing me difficulties. Just because it is a Microsoft file it isn't automatically acceptable to 'Word', I have recently had 'Publisher (.pub) files, which I cannot access at all, and PowerPoint (.ppt) files, which I can open but then have to copy each item of text labouriously. If you can please use the 'Word' format, or failing that Rich Text Format (.rtf) or finally plain text (.txt) would help me enormously. Thanks.

As usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter. It is:-

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the April newsletter – 22nd March

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, 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
- Pilates** Most Wednesdays Culworth, 7:30 pm
Most Fridays Sulgrave Church Hall, 9:30 am & 10:30 am
- W.I.** 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

Sulgrave Church News

The annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place in the Church Hall, on Thursday, March 18th, at 7:30 p.m. Churchwardens will be elected for the coming year. If you are on the Church's Electoral Roll, you are welcome to attend.

The annual George Washington service was held on Sunday, February 21st, and about fifty Americans from the Croughton base joined us to celebrate the birthday of America's first president. Refreshments were served afterwards and Christopher Beck was available to answer questions about the church and its history.

Shrimp Christy

Sulgrave with Culworth Women's Institute

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 10th February at the Church Hall on a very cold evening. However many members and two guests braved the weather to hear Hywel Lloyd speak of "The treasures of the Alpine Club". The talk was extremely interesting and most appropriate for the cold night outside. Our next meeting is arranged for Wednesday the 10th March at 7.30 pm when

Mr. David Walsh will be speaking on "Tools for Self Reliance, Work in Uganda and Water for Kids". If you would like to join us please contact:-

Jane Lockwood 760865 & Jo Coverley 768369

Women's World Day of Prayers

Last March Sulgrave Church was the meeting point for our surrounding villages. This year we are all invited to Syresham chapel for what is always a memorable service. Do come along, as everyone will be most welcome on Friday 5th March, at 2:00 p.m.



Still looking for a home!

As mentioned last month, Stephanie Wilson-Carey has two cats she would like to re-home. If you feel you can help, or know someone who might be able to, please contact Stephanie on 01295 768777.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on
THURSDAY 11TH March 2010 - 7.30PM
In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

Topics for discussion
Update on second Wind Farm Proposal
Update on Dog Fouling

We look forward to seeing you there.



BROADVIEW

**Spring Farm Ridge
Windfarm
Public Exhibition**

Broadview Energy's proposed wind farm development

Broadview Energy is considering the development of a small wind farm located between the villages of Helmdon, Greatworth and Sulgrave. You are invited to attend our consultation event being held on:

**Tuesday 2nd March 2010
between 4pm - 8pm
at Marston St Lawrence Village Hall
Marston St Lawrence
Banbury
OX17 2DB**

Project Website: www.springfarmridge.co.uk

Sulgrave Village Shop News

Quality, Value and Service

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jan Prior will retire from her role as Volunteer Co-ordinator as from 1st June 2010. She will continue as a volunteer. I am sure we would all like to express our heartfelt thanks for nearly six years of dedicated and efficient service.

We now need someone to take over this important function. Thanks to Jan we have an excellent rota system and a cohort of over 50 volunteers to call upon - more would always be welcome.

If you would like to find out more please talk to Jan (01295 760233) or David Bolton at the shop.

Neil Johnston
Chairman – Management Committee
Sulgrave Village Shop

SULGRAVE NATURE NOTES

Australian Daisies and other flowers

Many years ago I was driving in to bush to Kalguli, Western Australia; we were miles from anywhere but the sides of the road was littered with beer cans. I said to my host that it seemed astonishing that Australians seemed so indifferent to their environment. 'Oh, they just chuck them out – we call them Australian Daisies,' Recently going down Magpie Road to the village, I picked up 24 Budweiser and other assorted beer cans, as well as several plastic bottles; how times have changed!

Orchids

This one was a good one for orchids. We had a few more common and Southern Marsh Orchids, but no Bee or Early Purple Orchids. Chris and Janet Whiteman came to have a look at our Hay Meadows in May and were interested in the Orchids. They asked if we had any White Orchids: I replied that there were no native White Orchids, although there were some white Helleborines; since checking my reference books I find the Greater Butterfly Orchid is white. Ten days later I was walking through the hay meadow and found a white orchid; God moves in mysterious ways! I asked Janet Cropley to have a look at it and we came to the conclusion it was a Common Orchid that was white!

Ravens

I heard Crows making a lot of noise and saw them dive bombing another bird which was eating a dead lamb; I presumed it was a Buzzard. The affair resumed that afternoon and I walked down to have a closer look – the crows flew away and then a great black crow took off with the sun shining on the luxuriant sheen of its feathers and I realised it was a raven. I have never seen one here before, although I thought I had heard some curious croaks high in the sky! I have since discovered that they nest here and presume they must have come from Wales.

Hornets

A queen Hornet came into our bedroom in the Spring and I encouraged it out of the window! In the summer we had plenty of hornets on our fruit. This is only the second summer running that I have seen English Hornets here!

Badgers

Badgers destroyed at least three Bumble Bee nests this year.

Grey Squirrels

For some reason these pests have been particularly destructive in the last two years ripping the bark of a nice 20 foot walnut and several similar sized field maples. Trees with smooth bark such as limes, sycamores, ash and the leaders of oak are attractive to these creatures with dire results for the tree.

Christopher Magnay

Mission Accomplished

The appeal for help with the coppicing of hazel in Sulgrave Wood and Pocket Park (January's newsletter) led to a very pleasing result. In two sessions, a team of volunteers cut back five large hazel bushes almost to ground level, in traditional management style, and thereby produced a good pile of useful straight poles. Any villagers who have uses for these, as bean poles or whatever, are invited to go along to the park to help themselves.

Thanks are due to those who offered their help – Claire and Mark Harris, Sue and Derek Pearce, Chris Coverley, Tom Cockeram, Pim Lockwood and Bob Bates –
George Metcalfe

Sulgrave Produce Show

I have received a reminder of the forthcoming Sulgrave Produce Show, in September of this year. This will be open to residents of Sulgrave and Stutchbury and has many classes for flowers, vegetables and other produce. Time to get digging, planting and cooking! I will provide much more information nearer the time. If you would like this now, please contact Janet Smith (760397), or Maureen Jeffery (768268).

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Dog Fouling

Sulgrave Parish Council has recently had a number of reports that dog walkers have not cleared away after their dogs. Certain areas such as on the verges in Manor Road and Little Street and also Castle Green have been particularly affected.

In addition dog fouling has been seen in the Pocket Park, where dogs are banned because children play in this area.

The litter bins outside The Star, by the bus shelter and in the pocket park should not be used to deposit waste in bags, please be considerate and take the waste home to put in your black bin.

The Parish Council are discussing the provision of Dog Waste Bins and this matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Your comments on this matter are welcome, if you wish to comment, please do so by writing to or emailing the Parish Clerk, or upload your comments to the Village Web-site on www.sulgrave.org

March 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 Windfarm Exhibition 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Marston St. Law.	3	4	5 Women's World Day of Prayers 2:00 p.m. Syresham Chapel	6	7 Benefice H. C. 10:00 a.m. Culworth
8	9	10 W.I. 7:30 pm Church Hall	11 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall	12	13	14 Holy Comm. 8:15 a.m. Sulgrave
15	16 Soup Kitchen 12:30 pm Church Hall	17	18 Parochial Church Meeting 7:30 pm Church Hall Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	19	20	21 Evensong 6:00 p.m. Sulgrave Deadline April Newsletter
22	23 Book Club 8:00 pm The Star The Tenderness of Wolves Steff Penney	24	25	26	27	28 Mattins 10:00 a.m. Sulgrave
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