

Sulgrave News



May 2008

'Ne'er cast a clout', as they say!

Well now you see it, now you don't. Spring that is! While the spring flowers and green hedges have now all arrived, the weather seems to be leading us all a merry dance. First 'T' Shirt and shorts sunshine, shortly followed by wind, rain and winter temperatures. I've even had to put my heating back on. There goes my effort to be energy concious.

At least we've done our bit for the environment with this newsletter, as it is down to the smaller size. Do keep me posted of village events and activities.

I would recommend a visit to Forge Cottage to chat to Barbara Burke and enjoy a cuppa at the same time. I hope to get there.

I once again apologies for the delay in the newsletter, but a change of work routine has effected the times when I can get to the computer.

The usual a reminder about the email address for the Sulgrave Newsletter.

newsletter@84f.com

Deadline for the June newsletter - 16th. May.

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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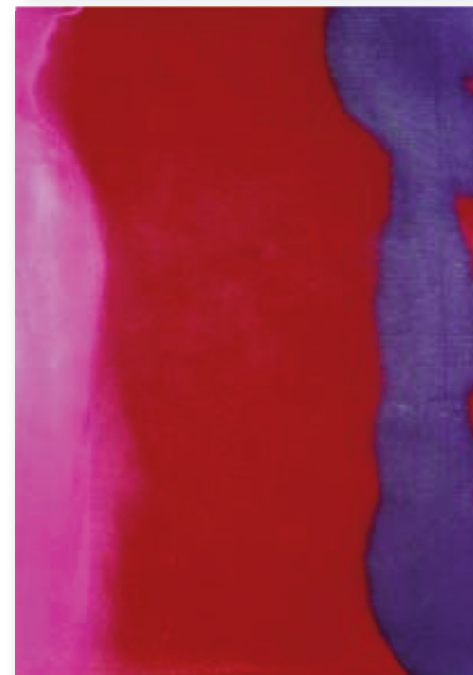
Regular Events

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
Mums & Tots	Please ring Lis Stuart on 768840 or Claire Purves on 760640 for further information
W.I.	2nd Wednesday of each month at the Church Hall, 7:30 pm

Oxford Art Week 10 – 17 May 12 noon – 6 pm

Flags will be out for Oxford Art Week at Forge Cottage. All are welcome to come and view my Open Studio. I would like to stress this is not a picture sale, but a social event. I also hope to dispel any anxiety you might have about Abstract Art. Just drop in and enjoy a cuppa or whatever with me. I hope to see you

Barbara Burke.



LOCAL WALKS

There will be a walk on local footpaths on the Sunday 4th May, meeting at the Village Shop at 2.p.m.

There will also be a walk to a local pub for lunch and walking home afterwards on 1st., June, meeting at the shop at 10.45.am.

Christina Shillito



Women's Institute

Our May meeting is for discussing and voting on the National Resolutions for the June AGM at The Echo Arena, Liverpool. From an initial shortlist of six Resolutions, voted on by all Federations in England and Wales in January, two have gone forward for the AGM. The first is to ask HM Government to urge the European Union to ban bottom trawling - the cause of catastrophic loss of marine life. The second is to urge Government to provide treatment and therapy, for the imprisoned severely mentally ill, in a more appropriate and secure residential environment. If members support these Resolutions they become mandates and form the basis of the WI's campaigning activities in the years ahead.

In April, Sue McNally, gardener at Sulgrave Manor, gave us a very instructive demonstration of planting varying designs of hanging baskets. Maybe you will see evidence of our new skills around the village!

Ann Mackness

Peter Lewis

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Peter Lewis (formerly of Endways, Manor Road), who died at Northampton General on 2nd. April 2008, after suffering a rare muscular wasting disorder. Pete had been a resident of Sulgrave (and a patron of The Star) for over thirty years. He was a lifelong bachelor but had a wide circle of friends from all parts of the country, by whom he is sorely missed.

Roger, Judith & Sandy, Endways

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all Residents of South Northants Homes

Sulgrave Parish Council has received a letter today (dated 17th April 2008) from South Northants Homes (SNH).

Following the recent transfer of housing from the Council to South Northants Homes, they are eager to start getting some of the promised works underway within the first year. They are writing to inform us that they are in the process of updating their records about the condition of the housing stock in Sulgrave. This information will be used to develop programmes of work to maintain the homes.

Ridge Property and Construction Consultants, a specialist stock surveying company have been commissioned to help SNH gather the necessary survey data to all of the properties that were not previously surveyed. **Please note: A surveyor from Ridge will call at the homes before the end of June 2008, they will need to view all internal and external areas including loft space (if there is one).**

All surveyors will be carrying an identification badge and will also carry a letter of authority on SNH headed paper. If anyone wishes to, they can verify the identity of the surveyor by calling the Customer Services team on 08454 606 888. If you require any other information about the survey please call the above number or Mr Doug Grace, Head of Property Services at SNH who is also on the same number.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Christine Coles

Parish Clerk

Please Note:-

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15th May 2008 at 7.30pm.

If it is not SECURE, you could lose it.

We all put a lot of effort into protecting our homes. Ensuring that windows and doors are shut and locked with high quality locks, keeping valuables out of sight and installing house alarms. All of these steps act as a deterrent to burglars. However, we can often become too relaxed when it comes down to our garages/sheds, leaving doors open and valuable tools lying around- which can be used to help gain entry into your home. It is therefore important to remember to make the same effort to the security of your garages/sheds as we would to our home.

Always follow these simple steps.

- Keep shed/garage doors locked at all times. Especially if they have a connecting door to your house as this could allow a burglar to work on breaking into your home unnoticed.
- Never leave spare house keys in your shed or garage.
- Fit shed and garage doors with a sturdy padlock. Make sure that the doors are solid to prevent them from being able to be kicked in.
- If your shed/ garage has windows try avoiding leaving valuable tools on clear display.
- Keep valuable items in such as bikes and lawnmowers locked up to anchor chains.
- Keep all tools locked up in solid boxes.
- Carry out security marking on all valuable items. Add a sticker to the doors and windows advertising this fact.
- Keep ladders locked up in your shed, as they can be used to help gain entry to your home. If they are too big to be stored away inside your shed/ garage keep them locked up with a padlock to an outside wall.

All of these steps will help to make your property look less attractive to thieves. So, remember if it is not SECURE you could lose it.

If you see or hear anything unusual or suspicious please contact Northamptonshire Police on 08453 700700 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. The information that you supply may help to prevent and detect a crime.



Children's Society Change of Dates

The Children's Society Speaker booked for Sunday 11th May's Bell, Book and Candle service in Culworth, **CAN'T** now make that date, **BUT** has promised to come to the Bell, Book and Candle service in Culworth on Sunday June 8th instead.
Kate Miles

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Here are some facts about Amazing Vehicles.

Biggest Dumper Trucks...The General Motors Terex Titan 33-19 mine truck, first made in 1974, can carry 317.5 tonnes. An average truck carries about 5 tonnes.

Biggest Tyres...The largest road vehicle tyres are 3.82m in diameter. They are made by the Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, Japan, for giant dumper trucks. Normal car tyres are 60cm in diameter.

Biggest Fire Engines...Fire trucks made by the Oshkosh Truck Corporation of Wisconsin, USA, for airports have eight wheels, 860 horsepower engines and weigh 60 tonnes.

Longest Limos....The current record holder, built by Jay Ohrberg of California, measures 30.5m and has 26 wheels. It is so long that it has to be hinged in the middle to enable it to turn corners.

Biggest Bus....The Articulated Super City Train Buses used in the Democratic Republic of Congo are 32.2m long. They can carry 110 seated passengers and 140 standing in the first part, and 60 seated and 40 standing in the second, a total of 350 people.

And finally the Fastest Car...Thrust SSC is the most powerful car ever built. It uses two Rolls-Royce engines from Phantom fighter aircraft. In 1997, driven by Royal Air Force fighter pilot Andy Green, Thrust set a new land speed record of 1227.986 km/h. It was also the first road vehicle to break the sound barrier.

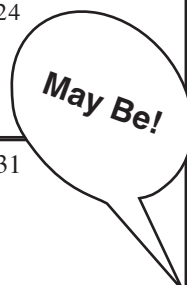
And finally finally the silliest car... Citroën Dyane (Derivative of the 2CV) twin cylinder, air cooled 602cc. — 0 to 60 mph in well never mind. Maximum speed fast enough with the wind behind. Cornering ability frightening. Complete with camping chairs (take them out), sun roof (open it from front to back). The first MPV (Mini Pantechnicon - remove roof and boot lid and move house - see Antiques Roadshow) I did! And last but not least paint it any colour you wish, a 2" brush will do!

(Sorry for this slight indulgence - ed.)



May 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Holy Communion 6:30 pm Sulgrave	2 Mums & Tots	3	4 Benefice Holy Communion 10:00 am Culworth
5	6	7	8	9 Mums & Tots	10	11 Benefice Mattins 11:00 am Sulgrave
12	13	14 W.I. Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall	15 Parish Council 7:30 pm Church Hall	16 Mums & Tots	17	18 Evensong 6:00 pm Sulgrave
19	20	21	22 Circle Dancing 7:30 pm Culworth	23 Mums & Tots	24	25 Mattins 10:00 am Sulgrave
26 Book Club 8:00 pm The Star	27	28	29	30 Mums & Tots	31	1 Local Walk 10:45 am Shop



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