

Sulgrave News

February 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 March Newsletter is 17th February 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 February

Sunday 5 th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 12 th	8.15am	Said Mattins - Sulgrave
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 26 th	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave
	3.00pm	George Washington Service - Sulgrave

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

The Vicar will be away on February 12th and has been unable to find cover for the Holy Communion Service. He has, therefore, swapped services and there will be a short Said Mattins (no hymns) on February 12th.



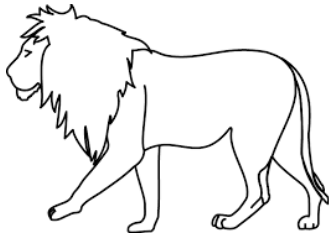
ADVENT WINDOWS

A huge thank you to all those who designed and displayed their Advent Windows in the run-up to Christmas. This is the third year that we have done this and its popularity seems to grow each season. We are particularly grateful to those who initially donated money to enable us to serve mulled wine each evening - Andrew & Sarah Barlow, John Stimpson, Adrian and Sarah Currier, Susie Mason, Anna Faure and Joanne Delaney.

Each evening the anticipation was tangible as everyone gathered at the designated window. Colin Wootton was on hand to record the events. Please check the village website if you missed anything. Ingram Lloyd, who initially organised the whole event was able to enjoy the proceedings from her hospital bed in Switzerland and subsequently from Oxford!! The imagination of those who took part was incredible - but will the rest of us be able to top real, live donkeys as presented by Zoe and Richard McCrow? Thinking caps on please.

Annie Devitt and I have sent a cheque for £155 to Barnardo's, raised from the donations placed in the box each evening.

Thank you all. Shrimp



SAFARI SUPPER

Okay, diaries out, put a big circle round **Saturday, 18th March**. Why? Because this is the date for the Safari Supper. Please come and join us, it's always a good evening and a chance to have a drink and not have to have a designated driver! If you are new to the village this is a fantastic opportunity to meet with others across the dinner table, plus, of course, the anticipation of where you are going to eat!

Please call Shrimp on 760214 if you would like to join in. If you can host a course, let me know how many you can cater for. Tickets are £20.00 per head for what will probably be your best night out!.



Village Christmas Wreaths



Many, many thanks to everyone who helped in this year's Christmas wreath-making. Everyone involved worked very hard, the gatherers, the makers, the fixers and not forgetting the photographer!! The results were excellent and all your efforts much appreciated by villagers and visitors alike.

Joan Taylor



There are a few tickets left if anyone in the village would like to join us.
SWAG ANNUAL WINTER WARMER FOR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS
A 1960's evening at the Manor on Friday 10th February from 7.30-11pm.
Featuring 'DONNA AND THE DELORETTES'
£10.00 per person for a nostalgic evening, surprises and a fish and chip supper.
FOR TICKETS, please contact Jane on 760865 or e.mail janeandpim@btinternet.com.
1960's dress optional. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.



Village Shop News Update
Shop Telephone – 01295 760066



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

We can now proudly announce that we cracked the £150,000 turnover figure for 2016 – that's £12,000 up on 2015. So well done to everyone who has contributed to this trading success. Trading has been strong in all areas and hot drinks sales from our fancy machine have been a particularly successful addition. January has started off well and all signs are that the shop will continue to flourish.

By the time you read this there should be a flush of new wines on the shop shelves. Plenty of cheap and cheerful as usual – but also a few premium wines for the more discerning. Our star red is undoubtedly the Appassimento which usually runs out rather quickly as a few customers like it so much they buy it by the case. It is made from four varieties of grape which are allowed to dry on the vines until they almost become raisins. The resultant wine is concentrated and enormously fruity with a strong backbone of tannins and acidity. It usually sells for about £15 a bottle so, at £9.95, it is an absolute steal. The quality white is the Domaine de Maubet which is made from a blend of traditional Gascony grapes and used to be the 'house white' at the Park Lane Hotel in London. A bargain at £8.95. Some wine prices have been hit by the decline in the value of the pound since Brexit but we have absorbed much of the increase and most of our wine prices remain unchanged for the time being. A couple of other interesting wines to try are the Cintia Fernao Peres – a delightfully zesty Portuguese white at £7.35 and the cherry and raspberry flavoured Ontañon organic Rioja which is available on line at £11 a bottle and which we sell for £8.95.

Some new lines in the shop this month include a selection of Shaw's luxury chutneys, 'Mr Organic' add-in sauces, 'Urban' instant noodles and some different flavours of fudge from 'Burnt Sugar'. In addition to our freshly cooked pasties and sausage rolls, we now offer a really tasty 'Hot Burger Bar' which is a combination of burger, cheese and relish which will undoubtedly get the thumbs up from Sulgrave's transient population of workman.

With St Valentine's Day creeping up, keep an eye open for some romantic special offers - and also bunches of flowers which we plan to stock for special occasions. Some super new cards have recently been added to the racks so check those out next time you drop in.

Thanks to Claire Sadler, the shop's Facebook page is now being regularly updated so that you can keep track of updates, special offers and new lines. Please keep the 'likes' going and spread the word to all your contacts.

Celia Stimpson has now formally taken over from Jane Lockwood as 'Volunteer Coordinator' so anyone wishing to join our jolly band of volunteers please contact Celia on 01295 760 094 or on 07974 854 361 or e-mail to celia_capetown@yahoo.co.uk - or call in at the shop and have a word with Jeanette.

Alison and Digby

Pocket Park Works

The boundary hedgerow at the far end of the Pocket Park has recently been thinned out to allow light to penetrate the wood and encourage growth but the hedgerow still requires attention to allow it to thicken and produce a strong and well defined boundary for the future.

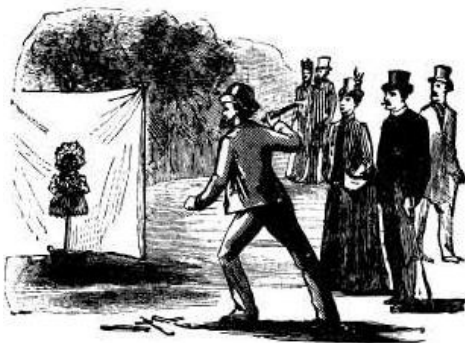
This additional work will result in the hedgerow being significantly reduced in the short term but recovery is expected over the next growing season, following which it may be practical to "lay" the hedgerow and produce an attractive feature more suitable for ongoing management.

During the time the hedgerow re-establishes itself some of the off-cuts from the work will be used as a barrier, while this may look unsightly at first, it will protect the hedgerow as it grows and will increase safety in the area by helping to prevent access to the adjacent field where horses are often kept.

If you or your children use the Pocket Park, please make sure that you and they keep well away from the work area and boundary. The Parish Council thanks you for helping to keep our Pocket Park a safe and enjoyable space."



Aunt Sally 2017



The season does not start till the last week of April, but players have to be registered with the league at the A.G.M in late February. So if you would like to have a go, and have a reasonable aim from ten metres, why not join a group of us, who not only enjoy the game but each other's company.

Match nights are Thursdays from late April through till early September, with Wednesday being practice evening at 8pm.

We always have a light meal prior to the seasons start and an Aunt Sally Dinner in the autumn. So as you can see we are a social group within the village meeting at the Star. To register please either contact me, or Tom or Chris at our excellent pub by the 20th of February. The pre-season supper will be on the 30th March at 8pm at the Star, where all are welcome, names to Tom Russell please.

Richard Fonge. Team Captain.

The Star Inn



Tapas Evening at the Star - Saturday 11th February

Enjoy a three course Tapas evening at the Star cooked by our local guest chef Dan Webster.

We will also have a selection of fine Spanish wines on offer for the evening.

£20.00 per head - call or pop in to book your table for the evening

Wednesday Sulgrave Supper, two or three choices for just £6.00

Tuesdays we will be serving home cooked pie and mash for £8.95. Each week a different choice of meat and vegetarian pies will be on offer. Perfect feed on a cold winter night. Many thanks again for all your support and hope to see you all soon.



Every 3rd Tuesday,
8pm in The Star

Sulgrave Book Club

Tuesday 21st February,
"The Little Red Chairs" by Edna O'Brien
Tuesday 21st March,
The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks

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

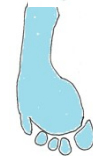
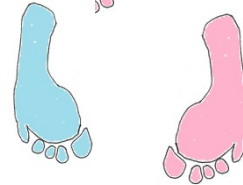
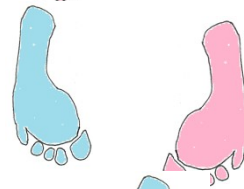
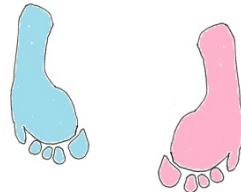
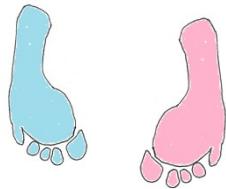
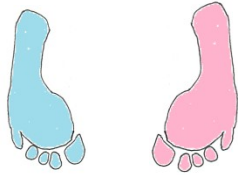
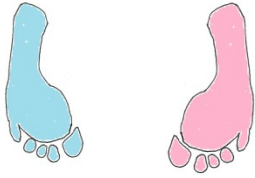
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LITTLE FEET



MUMS AND TOTS

EVERY
TUESDAY
10—12
Start Feb 21st

**SULGRAVE
CHURCH HALL**

Contact Laura North : 07554 982871

See us on Facebook: Sulgraves Little Feet

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

You are invited to

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 9th February at

At 7.30pm

In

Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 5th January 2017

Election of Chairman

Cllr Roberts was elected to be Chairman. The Chairman will be standing down in May.

To approve and sign the minutes of last meeting held on 12th May, 10th November and 8th December 2016

The minutes were all approved and accepted by the council.

Matters Arising

Transfer of Land - Concerns were raised before Christmas that the legal fees were rising. Lewis Thomas has confirmed that legal costs will remain at £500.00 despite the delays. It is hoped the matter can be concluded soon.

Church Organ Fund - A letter of support was sent to Libbie Foster by Andrew Waite (previous Chairman). The Parish Clerk has made enquiries but unfortunately there is no legal power for the Parish Council to give a donation to the fund.

To discuss future use of the adopted pay-phone kiosk

In November 2016 the Parish Council agreed to adopt the kiosk and repurpose it into something else that would benefit the village. A community engagement exercise was undertaken to seek ideas from the village and this concluded on 31st December 2016. 23 community members provided a total of seven suggestions. The suggestions included a library, housing for defibrillator, open bar, dog shower, community greenhouse, complete removal of kiosk and replace with tables and chairs for shop patrons and a village guide. As there are difficulties in providing water to the kiosk and it being open to the elements it was agreed the following suggestions could not be considered, open bar, library, community greenhouse, dog shower and tables and chairs for shop patrons. It was agreed that the best use would be dual use for a defibrillator and village guide. These ideas will be explored further. A final decision to be made at the February meeting.

To discuss repairs/modifications to street lighting

There are two properties in the village who have asked for shields to reduce the light brightness. The Chairman to ask T Clarke if the two lanterns (6 & 11) can be dimmed permanently.

To discuss the maintenance of hedgerows and verges

It was noted that Ian Cherry has been busy in the village tiding around the Manor and Little Street. The long hedge has been trimmed at the bottom of Pocket Park. A vote of thanks was given and a letter will be sent to him.

To discuss essential work to Pocket Park

There is essential hedgerow work to be done in Pocket Park. The proposal is to cut down 60 yards of the existing hedge to slightly above ground level and use the off-cuts to block the gaps whilst the hedgerow recovers. The work will be done before the end of January. It was agreed to set aside a budget figure of £500.00. Mr Fonge and Mr Osman will do the work. A note will be put in the newsletter.

There is a large tree in the corner which is hazardous and may be dead but the tree roots are on land belonging to Sulgrave Farm. The Parish Council will speak to the land owner.

Councillors Reports

The ash tree die back problem was discussed. It was agreed to order a tree pack from Woodland Trust later in the year.

CLlr Daniels has agreed to put together an asset management plan in conjunction with Councillors and the community as he has some experience in this area.

A HS2 briefing document has been circulated.

Finance Report

There were no payments to approve.

To set the precept for 2017/18

A budget sheet was prepared and circulated. Precepts will not be capped this year but might be for 2018/19. It was agreed to set the precept at £13,500.00 for 2017/18 which is an 8% increase from last year.

Planning Applications

Two applications had been received since the last meeting:

- S/2016/3085/FUL, Erection of stable block at The Watermill, Stockwell Lane. No objections.
- S/2016/2785/FUL, remove part of front boundary wall to allow new vehicular access and off road parking in front garden at 13 Spinners Cottages, Magpie Road. The application was withdrawn.

Open Forum

The matter of a crow scarer being used early in the morning on Helmdon Road was reported. Mr Fonge agreed to find out the correct time that one can be used.

Matters for consideration at the next meeting

Northants Countryside Design Code

Update on street lighting

Update on the transfer of land

Use of the telephone kiosk

Work at Pocket Park

Adoption of Standing Orders

Update on AY4 footpath

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.30pm

February 2017

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4	SulgraveBenefice HC5 10.00am
11	SulgraveSaid Matrtins12 8.15am
18	SulgraveHoly Communion19 6.00p
25	Geo. Washington Service - Sulgrave 3.00pmMattins26 10.00am

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Church Hall Meeting Parish Council 2 7.30pm	School Street Manor Road/Library 3 4.30pm
8	9	10
15	16	17
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MONDAY	TUESDAY
6	7
13	14
20 Star Inn Book Club	8.00pm Church Hall Little Feet 10.00am-12 noon 21
27	28