

Sulgrave News

February 2014

Regular Events

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

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Deadline for the March newsletter is 21st February 2014

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

Service for February

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Culworth
Sunday 9 th	4.00pm	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 16 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave
	2.00pm	George Washington Service - Sulgrave
Sunday 2 nd March	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Edgecote

Safari Supper

A huge thankyou to all those who took part in the Safari supper on January 18th. A good time was had by all and we raised nearly £1,000 towards the church. Particular thanks go to Julian Rodway who hosted the "pudding" course at his home. We look forward to the next one in eighteen months time.

Shrimp

Flower and Cleaning Rota

February 1 st /8 th	Mrs K Miles & Mrs K Miles
February 15 th /22 nd	Mrs G Clegg & Mrs S Dixon





Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 11th February at 12.30pm



Creamy Celeriac Soup (v)

or

Tomato, Pancetta & Basil Soup

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Ginger Sponge with Custard

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.50

Booking is essential

To reserve your place please call

Janet Smith
01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery
01295 768268



Village Shop News Update
Telephone – 01295 760066
Shop email: – svshop@hotmail.co.uk

Belated New Year greetings to you all!

I thought that I'd start 2014 with a resounding vote of thanks to our amazing band of volunteers. Since David's retirement, Sharon's arrival, is the Post Office closed or open, the installation of our new EPOS system, the Christmas & New Year holidays, they've continued to provide the very best support available & I know that every body in the village will join me in saying, 'Thank you'.

Next a HUGE welcome to Sharon who is with us & finding her way in the Shop & through the training laid down for her to complete in order to operate our Post Office. Please bear with us for 2 or 3 weeks more whilst this is completed; normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. If you've been thinking of giving an hour or two of your time to help out our community based project which is now incidentally entering its 10th year of trading then why not come in & have a chat with Sharon?

Finally, I am delighted to report that in this age of retail strife across the UK High Street, that our provisional trading figures for 2013 show an increase on 2012 of 4%; our best year of trading so far. There's still more analysis to be completed but these are absolutely fantastic figures & are due to your continued support of what a few visionaries within Sulgrave started back in 2004. All the market research for small community based enterprises point to the 'fact' that our Shop will not survive. Isn't it terrific when you prove research to be so far off the mark.

There's much to do though & in Sharon who has joined the Management Committee, I know that we have somebody that will take the original vision & build upon it.

Yours,

'Mac' Macdonald
01295 760470



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - 12th Jan

Many thanks to all those people who attended the service last month and to the villagers that helped organise it, especially Julie Metcalfe, Siona Robson, Linda Harrison, Claire Harris and Sue Waite. This year Christingle made a lovely end to the Christmas season and the Church looked beautiful lit up by the light of the Christingle oranges! We raised £225.45 for the Children's Society which is only slightly less than last year so thanks again!

Kate Miles

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

I hope to start counting box monies in February so if you do have a box that needs emptying please give me a call if you would like me to collect it from you or leave it in my porch or in the village shop. Many thanks,

Kate

Kate Miles

Local Box Secretary for the Children's Society
(Garden House, Manor Road, 760957)



Annual Village Carol Singing

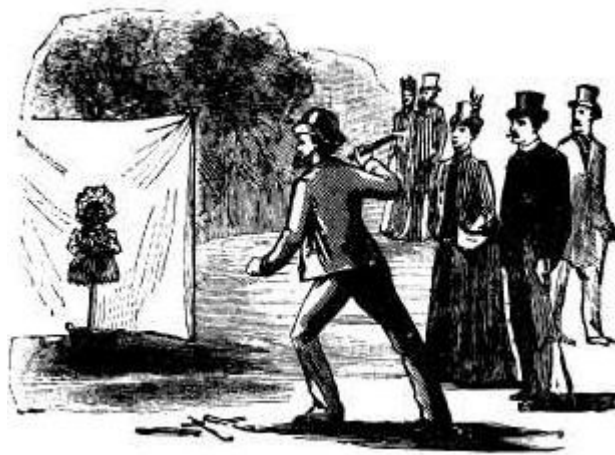
A BIG thank you to all those who turned out on the evening of Friday 20th December to join in this annual event. Over £200 was raised and this has been donated to the Church Hall refurbishment fund. Special thanks for the refreshments provided by Shrimp and Anne.

Jules Wood

Nature Watch

Whilst walking our dogs we have noticed a huge white bird that is living along the bridle path from Sulgrave to Weston particularly along the stream there. We thought if it might be a Great White Egret and wondered if any twitchers in the village would be able to confirm Its identity. Apparently around 35 of them visit us each year from Europe to over winter.

Julie and Julian Wood



Sulgrave Aunt Sally

The Aunt Sally season starts in late April at the Star Inn, with fixtures being played both home and away through the summer till early September. Matches are very social occasions, as are the practice nights. Our aim is to enjoy ourselves whatever the weather, and we receive great support from the Pub. All those who played last year will automatically be registered for this coming season, but if you would like to join us this year please let Sam or Christian at the Star know by the end of February. You will be most welcome.

Another date for your Aunt Sally diary will be Wednesday 26 March, when we will all be meeting for a pre-season supper and get together.

Richard Fonge.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE.....

The gales, rainstorms and tidal surges which have battered Britain in recent weeks and caused such flooding and damage in many parts of the country may be signs of climate change, and it seems likely that they are foretasters of what we can expect more frequently in the future. So what can we do about it? Well, if, as most weather experts believe, this is largely the consequence of man's activities, then it may be too late to take effective measures to avoid such weather extremes.

However, perhaps some of the worst results can be avoided if our attitudes towards land management change. Take flooding, for example. Hitherto, the plan has been to drain water off the land as quickly as possible, by digging ever-deeper ditches., straightening streams, removing waterside vegetation and so on. The result is to create problems lower down, where drains can't deal with sudden violent rushes of water, and flooding ensues. This is aggravated by practices such as building on water meadows and flood-plains, and is worst in built-up areas where so much of the land surface is covered in concrete or tarmac. It is now being realised that it's better to let the rainwater seep away gradually into the ground, releasing it slowly. The old water-meadows - natural soakaways - were essential to this process. Better flooded fields than flooded homes, surely?

We are fortunate, here in Sulgrave, insofar as we are generally free from serious flooding (although I know that some houses, especially those with cellars, do sometimes have trouble). There is a reason for this - it's in the lie of the land. If you walk along the road from here to Culworth, you'll see that the road rises gently as far as the Magpie Farm, and then gradually falls again towards Culworth. Believe it or not, this slight rise is part of one of the most important geographical features of south-eastern England. It's major watershed, separating two great river systems. On the Sulgrave side, all the water drains eastward. Our little streams form the Rive Tow (or Tove), which eventually joins the Great Ouse on its way via Bedford to flow into the Wash at King's Lynn. In Culworth parish, all the water flows into the Cherwell and then south to join the Thames at Oxford. So, living here in what are sometimes referred to as the Northamptonshire Uplands, we are unlikely to experience any inconvenient flooding worse than a little water gathering in a dip in the road. We mustn't be smug or unsympathetic, however - our heavy rain is someone else's problem!

George Metcalfe

Maybe he's good for
something after all...



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Oxfordshire's activity network for the over 50's...

www.generationgames.org.uk

Generation Games is a fantastic initiative from Age UK Oxfordshire and partnered with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. Its prime function is to get over 50 year olds more active and reaping the many benefits of exercise.

This service will create a personal programme of activities for you, provide support and help to ensure your safety. We also have a home based exercise DVD which is FREE to the over 50's in Oxfordshire and can also be viewed online; it is a fantastic exercise video that is suitable for everyone whatever your ability or fitness level. The DVD works in tandem with the Generation Games website; an excellent tool to create your ideal exercise and activity programme with information on over 1000

activities.

Activity/Exercise Providers Wanted!

We are looking for more activities and exercise classes located in the Sulgrave area to be added to the Generation Games Website.

If you run an exercise class or organise activities where the emphasis is on physical exercise then we would love to hear from you. We will add your activity details to our website for FREE and you can reap the benefits of increased awareness for your activities.

Contact us today and register your class details to the Generation Games website -
www.generationgames.org.uk

generationgames@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk - 01235 849403

Sulgrave Matters

Education and Training Funding

- SEC has been helping Sulgrave village children since 1759, it was then called 'Timcocks & Walkers Gifts'
- Its purpose has always been to assist the children of Sulgrave in their education or acquiring work related skills
- It can contribute to educational needs or activities of local institutions or individuals
- In the past it has provided funding for Culworth school - books; and Mini Meadows pre school - equipment
- Individual support has previously been for educational trips & tuition
- The scheme's remit allows for books and equipment as well as travel & tuition
- In return for funding we ask for the contribution to be acknowledged where possible, for example:
 - schools labelled the books and equipment
 - reciprocating by giving something back to the village such as a talk on a school exchange trip or tuition to others
- To read more about the fund and its history visit the village web site www.sulgrave.org
- To apply write to James Garnett Dove Cottage, Church Road, Sulgrave, OX17 2RP

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2014
@ 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road



We look forward to seeing you there

FEBRUARY 2014

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3	4	Chipping Warden Benefice HC5 10.00am
10	11	Sulgrave Christingle 12 4.00pm
17	18	Sulgrave Holy Communion 19 6.00pm
24	25	Sulgrave Mattins 26 10.00am
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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	1	2
7	8 Cinema -	Church Hall Parish Council Mtg 9 2.00pm 7.45pm
Church Hall Soup Kitchen 14 12.30pm	15	16
21	22 .	23
28	29	30

	MONDAY		6	13	20	27