

# Sulgrave News

## February 2014

### Regular Events

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

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Deadline for the March newsletter is 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:janet_m_smith@btinternet.com).  
As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop

## Church News

### Service for February

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

### Safari Supper

*A huge thankyou to all those who took part in the Safari supper on January 18<sup>th</sup>. 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<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>  
February 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>

Mrs K Miles & Mrs K Miles  
Mrs G Clegg & Mrs S Dixon



### 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



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

## *Soup Kitchen*

at Sulgrave Church Hall on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

## 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> December to join in this annual event. Over £200 was raised and this has been donated to the Church Hall to enable some refurbishment work. Special thanks for the refreshments provided by Shrimp and Anne.

Jules Wood



### *Culworth Gang*

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30 for 1.00pm - lunch at the Red Lion, Culworth*

*Prizes for free raffle optional.*

*First club meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2.00pm Church Hall, Sulgrave  
- fortnightly after that.*

**ALL WELCOME**

## 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

## **Warning after scam continues to affect people in Northamptonshire**

The phone scam encourages residents to part with bank details including pin numbers and banks cards. During the scam the offender calls the resident, purporting to be a police officer, investigating a fraud on their bank account, a fraud investigator from a bank or other bank official. They then ask for account information, including their card numbers, security number and pin number. If the resident becomes suspicious, the offender suggests that they call 999 or 101 and ask for confirmation that the person is a police officer. The victim then calls police, but doesn't realise that the offender has not hung up so goes straight through to them again. The offender then obtains all their details

More recently there has been a variation on the original theme, the caller will request that the victim go to their bank to withdraw money or simply instruct the victim to transfer an amount of money into a specific bank account.

This scam has come close to home. Within the last couple of weeks a resident of Sulgrave became a victim of this crime. Luckily she became suspicious and contacted the police. However, people in Middleton Cheney were defrauded of £5000.

**Never give your card details, PIN or bank card to anyone**

Report any incidents to the police. Always call 999 if the crime is in action.



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.

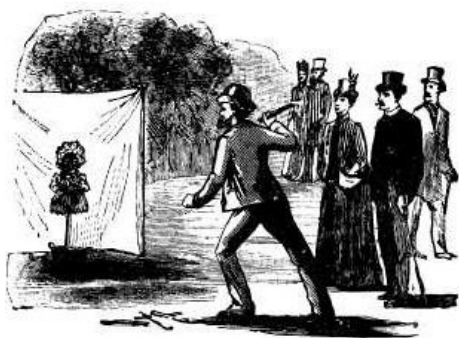
Julie and Julian Wood

# Sulgrave Matters

## Education and Training Funding

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- 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](http://www.sulgrave.org)
- To apply write to James Garnett Dove Cottage, Church Road, Sulgrave, OX17 2RP



### 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<sup>th</sup> March, when we will all be meeting for a pre-season supper and get together.

Richard Fonge.



# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014

The Parish Council is made up of the following members and they can be contacted as follows:

Chairman - Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Vice-Chairman - Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108)

Parish Clerk - Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229)

Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Sally Harding (07711 5564123)

Cllr Tom Russell

### To approve and sign the minutes of last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The minutes were approved and accepted by the council.

### To discuss and agree the setting of the precept for 2014/15

The Parish Clerk had circulated an income and expenditure sheet for the current year. The biggest items of expenditure continue to be street lighting, grass cutting, clerks salary and insurance.

The Chair proposed that the precept be set at £11,575.00 plus 2% which equals £11,807.00. This was seconded by Cllr Russell. All the councillors voted in favour.

### Councillors Reports

The Chair reported that the application for the Community Spaces grant for Pocket Park was successful and they have secured £2K in funding. Proposed purchase items are a marquee, generator, lights, barbecue and fuel. This grant was to celebrate the open space of Pocket Park. An email confirmation was received on 16<sup>th</sup> December but no formal notification has been received. The event, Community Carol Singing was held at Pocket Park on 20<sup>th</sup> December of which there are photos on the website. There was no equipment for this event as the money had not been received.

### Finance Report

The following payments were approved:-

£30.00 to Parish Clerk (contribution to broadband costs)

£83.32 to EON (street lighting maintenance)

£210.47 to EON (electricity)

These payments were proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Powell.

### **Planning Applications**

Three applications had been received since the last meeting:-

1. S/2013/1485/FUL, Single storey rear extension and rear garden shed, metal railings and gates at front at the Old Wesleyan Chapel, Manor Road. No objections raised. Approval has been given now.
2. S/2013/1575/FUL, Single storey rear extension and conversion of outbuilding to form studio at the Old Forge, Church Street. Objections raised. Awaiting final decision.
3. S/2013/1589/FUL, Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2013/0077/FUL (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2012/0489/FUL (four dwellings with garages and new garage for Belmont House) to add a conservation roof light to plot 3 at Belmont, Little Street. Awaiting final decision.

### **Correspondence**

- SNC, Broadband Information Request form
- NCC, Draft budget and Council plan consultation
- SNC, Settlements and Development Management Local Plan - Issues stage
- Groundwork UK, Confirmation of Celebrate Your Space Grant

Mr Wootton spoke briefly about the SNC Settlements and Development Management Local Plan which was received by the Parish Council before Christmas. This is in the early stages of the planning process as the Local Plan is out of date and will affect the whole district. It is an important document and all Local Authorities should have one in place. The consultation ends on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Date and time of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.45pm

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING

To be held on

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**  
**@ 7.45PM**

In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road



**We look forward to seeing you there**

# FEBRUARY 2014

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	CulworthBenefice HC2 10.00am
7	8	SulgraveHoly Comm7union9 4.00pm
14	15	SulgraveEvensong16 6.00pm
21	22	SulgraveWashington Service 2.00pmMattins23 10.00am
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3	4	5	-Church HallCinema6 2.00pm
10	Church HallSoup Kitchen11 12.30pm	12	Church HallParish Council Mtg 13 7.45pm
17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27