

Sulgrave News

February 2015

Regular Events

- BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 3rd Wednesday 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 20th February 2015

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 1 st	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Sulgrave
Sunday 8 th	8.15am	Holy Communion at Sulgrave
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong at Sulgrave
***Wednesday 18 th		Ash Wednesday ***
Sunday 22 nd	10.00am	Mattins at Sulgrave

*** Check in "Now We Are Six" for time and venue.

March

Sunday 1 st	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Moreton Pinkney
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Flower and Cleaning Rota - February

Sunday 1 st /8 th	Mrs J Bates and Mrs Z McCrow
Sunday 15 th /22 nd	No flowers - Ms C Shillito

March

Sunday 1 st /8 th	Mrs M Ormond and Mrs J Timms
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Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

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



Spicy Parsnip Soup (v)

or

Minestrone Soup (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Pancakes

With lemon or sugar

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.50

Booking is essential

To reserve your place please call

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Maureen Jeffery
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Although you are reading this in February, I want to thank you all for your support during December in the run-up to Christmas.

The Advent Windows were a great success and the momentum gathered pace as the days progressed. Thanks go to all those who decorated their windows - there was such imagination and the nightly gatherings were full of anticipation! Thanks go to Ingram Lloyd, not only for instigating it but also for providing mulled wine each evening. Also, to Colin Wootton who recorded the windows for the website (please go and look) and included additional information about the various houses.

The carol service on the Sunday before Christmas was a full house! The church looked beautiful with all the candlelit windowsills. Our nativity scene was part of the Advent "Window" series and again, Colin has put photographs of the Nativity on the website. Thank you to all the readers who recounted the story of Christmas through readings and poems.

Lynn and Mike from "Six Bells Cottage" led the carol singing round the village - a tradition that has gone on for many years. The singers, brave souls, went round the houses in the bitter cold, and really brought the traditional meaning of Christmas to Sulgrave. The village itself was beautifully decorated with wreaths on the telegraph poles. A huge thank you to all those responsible. Roll on Christmas 2015!!

Shrimp



Sulgrave Women's Activity Group

February meeting

Sulgrave Church Hall

Tea and Games

Wednesday 4th February 2pm

£2.00

Those already members please RSVP by email

*If you are not already a member and you would like to join us (no fee)
please phone Jane on 760865*



Village Shop News Update
Shop Telephone – 01295 760066

Belated New Year greetings to you all! As I write this update, the ground is white with frost & the temperature gauge in my car tells me that we are well below freezing so don't forget that our Shop is there as a convenience & to help reduce any unnecessary car journeys. If you need us to get anything specific for you at times like this then do let us know.

I also have to say a huge 'thank you' from all of us that are involved with the Shop to George Metcalfe who has recently decided to retire from his Saturday 11am to 1pm shift. George has been involved with our Shop since it opened over 10 years ago now & leaves a big hole to fill. You have been so generous with your time & enthusiasm for our project; Saturday's will not be the same without you George! Whilst on the subject of volunteering, if you feel that you are able to spare us an hour or two at any time during the week to help in filling any of the shifts that exist then do please let Jane Lockwood know at the Shop.

Many of you will be aware but for those that aren't, Sharon our Shop Manager has decided to spend more time developing her craft business near Daventry & will therefore be leaving us in early March. Good luck Sharon in your new venture & thank you from us all. We are therefore now in the process of looking for her successor & have advertised the role locally. The advertisement is also on show in the Shop itself so if you are interested in applying or know any suitable people who you think would make good candidates then do please let Peter Pollack know at svshop@hotmail.co.uk before February 6th.

Joy Grice is also looking for more merchandise to sell at forthcoming (I presume that this means when the weather's a bit warmer Joy?) car boot sales to raise much appreciated capital for our Shop. Please give her a call if you have any suitable items on 01295 760048. Thanks Joy!

And so to the Shop performance itself; what's been happening? We closed the 2014 calendar year about 4% down on 2013 (this figure is still subject to year end accounting checks & I have allowed for last year being a 52 week trading year versus 53 in 2013). As a result then, a little disappointing but we did spend a lot of time getting the new computer system in place, new fridges & upstairs storage so we're confident that we can move forwards in a very positive manner in 2015. That said, we have to earn your custom & support so here are some of the activities that we have underway:

- We have extended our wine discount offer to include beer as well. Buy 6 bottles of wine or beer & we'll give you a 5% discount off the total.
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- We are trialling Limes Farm meat pies, in response to Elliotts of Towcester being unable to supply us due to changes in EU product labelling legislation. A sadly missed range so we'll be really interested to hear your thoughts about the alternatives.
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- We have been approached by Northampton Academy to assist their year 11 (15-16 years old) Business Studies students. The students are working on a project where they have to investigate, develop and introduce a new product range into a local community shop. Our Shop was selected from the Plunkett Foundation website & we're thrilled to be involved with the project; more news to follow!

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- There has been no further information or activity regarding the removal of the Post Box outside the Old Stores. To be sure of your mail / parcels being collected (I'm going to bet that the post box will be there one day & gone the next) any post can be left at the Shop 7 days a week, during our opening hours. Now some people have asked me to confirm what these are so here they are:

Shop opening hours: Monday 8.00a.m. – 1.00p.m., Tuesday to Friday 8.00a.m. – 6.30 p.m., Saturday 8.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m., Sunday 9.00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Post Office opening hours: Tuesday 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m., Wednesday 9.00a.m. – 1.00 p.m., Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 12 noon

Yours,

'Mac' Macdonald
01295 760470



VOLUNTEERS

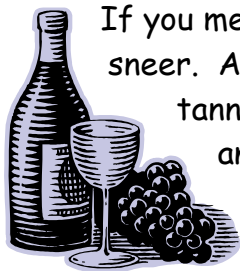
We have an amazing group of people who are willing to work in our Village Shop.

However, for many different reasons some have had to stand down recently making filling the shifts difficult. Please consider offering an hour or two each week/month to help us. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from the village and surrounding areas. If you would like to discuss it please give me a ring or e.mail me.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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WINE CORNER



If you mention 'wine tasting' to many people they will raise their eyebrows and sneer. All that poncy stuff about 'lovely nose' 'smooth on the palate' and 'soft tannins' is not for us. They either like what is in their glass or they don't and they can't see the point on waffling about 'red berry fruit with a hint of cherries' or 'citrus and cut grass' and all that nonsense. But maybe they are missing out.

Our old manager David often used to say in his rich Lancashire accent "Why doesn't wine taste of grapes, 'cos that's what it's made from?". It was a fair question. Wines display a huge variety of smells and flavours but hardly any wines taste remotely like grapes. The way a wine tastes and smells depends on lots of factors. These include the variety of grapes (of which there are thousands) used to make the wine, the country or region in which the grapes are grown, the climate and soil type, how the wine is made, how long it has been allowed to mature in the barrel and the bottle - and many other things. The result of all this diversity is that we end up with a wonderful range of delicious liquids to titillate our noses and palates.

While it is pleasant to just sit and sip and think "ooh, that's nice", it's rather more satisfying to try to work out just why it is so nice. What sort of aromas are you picking up when you give the wine a good sniff? What flavours do you get when you roll it around your tongue and how long do the flavours hang around after you have swallowed? So I am going to suggest a little homework exercise. Dig out an old notebook and when you next buy a bottle of wine from our excellent range at Sulgrave Village Shop try to make a few notes.

First have a look at the colour. If it is a white wine is it pale straw? golden? slightly greenish? If it's a red wine is it rather pale or dark and intense? What shade of red is it? - orange red, ruby or purple? Then move on to the smell (or 'nose' as wine tasters call it). What fruits can you pick up? White wines made from the sauvignon blanc grape will usually smell of citrus fruit often with hints of gooseberry; those made from chardonnay grapes will tend more towards fruits like apricots, guavas, melons and peaches, others will smell of apples or pears and there are often other non fruity smells like roses or honeysuckle, acid drops, herbs, butterscotch or even petrol (but in a nice way). When you sip the wine these smells translate into flavours - and other factors such as acidity and sweetness come into play.

Red wines will also have fruit smells and tastes that are characteristic of the grapes they are made from. Thus wines made from Cabernet Sauvignon usually have aromas and flavours of blackcurrants or cassis, Merlot is more damsons and plums, Pinot Noir leans towards strawberries and raspberries and Syrah (Shiraz) has mulberry flavours. But red wines have many other flavours and elements such as mouth puckering tannins (which enable wines to age), acidity, sweetness, oakyness and a vast panoply of

flavours and aromas which can include vanilla, chocolate, herbs, spices, black pepper, leather, tobacco or even 'farmyards'

The best way to get into wine tasting is to compare two or three wines at the same time. So unless you want to drink three bottles yourself (not recommended), why not get a few friends around, give them each a sheet of paper and a pencil and have a tasting session? It's great fun and you will be half way to forming a wine club.

I have just got some new stock in at the village shop and there is a great selection of wines made from different grapes. We have whites made from Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Semillon, Pinot Grigio and Chenin Blanc and reds made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Malbec and Pinot Noir. Come on wine tasters - give it a go.

Cheers

Digby



Sulgrave Christmas Wreaths

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the annual village wreath-making such a success.

We've had lots of very positive feedback!!

Joan Taylor



Welcome to Sulgrave

Ted Webb in Star Cottage

John and Celia Stimpson to Lyndhurst in Little St



Meeting for February is on Wednesday 18th

8 pm at the Star Inn

"On The Beach" by Neville Shute



Would the person who allows their dogs to roam around Little Street fouling the grass verges half way down the street and the grass at Rectory Farm please have the decency to clean it up!

Thank you.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Further information regarding an upgrade of the Village Street Lighting.

INTRODUCTION

Following on from our previous information leaflet and the feedback from villagers at the November Parish Council Meeting the following is an update on the project, in particular answering questions about LED lighting and traditional lighting columns.

OPTION 1

The initial intention for which a quotation has been received is to replace the street lighting columns in the village with 5M galvanised lighting column with 0.5M outreach. (See illustration opposite) and the lanterns mounted on service poles with pole mounted lantern brackets:-

Examples of these street lighting fittings can be seen in Aston le Walls.



LUMINAIRES

The Parish Council were initially advised the Phosco "P567A" range of lanterns would be the right choice. A LED version of the Phosco range has been identified which provides 3892 Lumens of warm white light for a nominal increase in price, a 68% cost saving in energy and reduced maintenance costs can be achieved if LED fittings of this type are used.

OPTION 2

A supplier of more traditional style lanterns has been identified and quotations obtained for columns and fittings which may be considered more suitable for a Conservation Village.

In this option the intention would be for existing street lanterns to be replaced with a LED lighting system on columns and pole brackets with dusk to dawn lighting on the main through road and reduced overnight lighting scheme elsewhere. The LED lighting fittings would provide 3000 Lumens of warm white light.

With 25% reduction in energy and lower maintenance costs some yearly costs are reduced but the capital expenditure for lighting columns of this type is significantly higher.



FURTHER CONSULTATION

It is the intention to discuss this project in more detail at the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 12th February. Village residents who wish to contribute to the discussion will be welcome at the meeting.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2015
@ 7.45PM

In
Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

February 2015

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		SulgraveBenefice HC.1 10.00am
6	7	SulgraveHoly Communion8 8.15am
13	14	SulgraveEvensong15 6.00pm,
20	21	SulgraveMatins22 10.00am
27	28	Moreton PinkneyBenefice HC1 10.00am

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	
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10	Church HallSoup Kitchen11 12.30	Church HallMtgParish Council 12 7.45PM
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