

Sulgrave News

April 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 May newsletter is 17th April 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 April

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| Sunday 29 th March | 10.00am | Benefice Service (Palm Sunday) at Edgecote |
| Thursday 2 nd | 6.00pm | Maundy Thursday at Sulgrave |
| Sunday 5 th | 10.00am | Easter Sunday at Sulgrave |
| Sunday 12 th | 8.15am | Holy Communion at Sulgrave |
| Sunday 19 th | 6.00pm | Evensong at Sulgrave |
| April 26 th | 10.00am | Mattins at Sulgrave |

Flower and Cleaning Rota - April

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| Sunday 5 th /12 th | Easter - All to decorate - Altar, Mrs C Constable |
| Sunday 19 th /26 th | Mrs S Dixon and Mrs J Mann |

For all the various services during Easter week, please consult "Now We Are Six". Following our "Spring Clean" in the Church we will be having a churchyard clear up the weekend of April 25th. Please contact Sue Dixon on 768657 for more details.

After Lent we always like to decorate the Church for Easter. If you can donate any flowers or foliage please leave it in the Church on Saturday April 4th.

Churchyard clean up
Friday May 8th from 9.30am
Contact Sue Dixon 768657. Eagle House or just turn up.

All willing volunteers to help with the annual clean up; refreshments provided if an incentive is needed!

Please bring gardening tools.



Maureen and Janet regret that,
due to circumstances beyond our
control, there will be no
Soup Kitchen in April.



Village Shop News Update
Shop Telephone – 01295 760066

Hello again & here's the latest news from your shop!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. As a result, sales in the first 9 weeks of 2015 were 2.9% higher than the same period last year and we are anticipating that the trend has continued over the past couple of weeks since these figures were finalised.

We have seen sales growth over most areas but bakery & alcohol have been the most impressive sectors.

We are continuing with a series of special offers to tempt you. These include:

- 5% discount at anytime when you buy 6 bottles of wine
- 5% discount for fruit & veg purchases every Monday & Thursday
- 5% discount on pre-cut cheeses every Monday & Thursday

The great news is that with the clocks about to “spring forward” we can look forward to a whole range of fresh produce being available with new season strawberries and fresh local asparagus expected to be in stock during April.

Also in the coming months we will be reviewing and looking to freshen some areas of our product range. If you have any ideas on what to see considered please speak to one of the volunteers. Remember it's your shop!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the shop opening times will not be changing this spring and the current hours will continue.

The trading times for the Shop and the Post Office are shown below:

Shop opening hours:

*Monday 8.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.,
Tuesday to Friday 8.00a.m. – 6.00 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

Still no news or activity to report regarding the removal of the Post Box outside the “old stores”.

Yours,
Kevin Moore (for 'Mac' Macdonald)
Phone – 01295 760470



Sulgrave Aunt Sally

It will soon be the start of the Aunt Sally season, and we will start with our first practice on Wednesday the 8th of April at 7.45 at the Star followed by a supper of Chilli and baked potato.

Twenty names have been registered with the Banbury and District League, to be eligible to compete in the league. Last year we finished 5th in division three out of ten teams and by early April we will know our fixtures for the coming year.

All are welcome to come along and join in on our Wednesday night practices and support the team on our home matches, which take place every other Thursday. Looking forward to seeing all the usual suspects plus new faces on the 8th and a continuation of a friendly and successful team.

Richard Fonge.



CAKE SALE In aid of THE EVE APPEAL

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported the Cake Sale in aid of The Eve Appeal on Saturday 21st March outside the Village Shop. Sales totalled £150.60 which is fantastic.

Thank you
Rachael



Date for your diary. **Sunday 31st May. 2-6pm.** Seven gardens are opening for the National Garden Scheme this year

Eagle House, Ferns, Rectory Farm, Sulgrave Manor, The Cottage, The Herb Society garden at the Manor and Threeways

Plants sales at Ferns (George Metcalfe's) and scrumptious teas at Asby House (Joan and Terry Taylor's).

If you would like to be involved and help in any way - please contact Ingram. (But I'm afraid that it might be that you are already on my "hit list"!)
Help needed with parking, teas and general setting up.

Ingram 760520



Sunday 31st May. 2-6pm

NGS Open Gardens Teas

Can you make a cake for the NGS teas or spare an hour of your time on the day?
I would be very grateful for your help. Please call me on 01295 768484.

Thank You,
Joan Taylor



Revamping at Sulgrave Manor

Our gift shop has had a makeover. From April we will stock an extensive range of tasteful Sulgrave Manor branded gifts and souvenirs along with products from local companies including Cotswold Lavender, Natural Pampering, Roots Candles, Jays Pearls and Daisy Dumpling.

Susie and Laura Blayney will be running the Manor Buttery from May. So do drop in for a light lunch or afternoon tea.

Sulgrave Manor will be open at weekends from April 4th. The Gardens and gift shop will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm. Access to the gardens and house tours are free for permanent Sulgrave Village residents with their pass. Please note that normal charges for the house tour and gardens apply for non-village residents.



Garden of Remembrance

Having read the March Newsletter I am saddened to read that we must only put small bunches of fresh flowers in the Garden of Remembrance.

I wonder how many of the committee who made this decision have loved ones remains there - I have ten.

Philip, my husband of 53 years, lived all of his life in Sulgrave. When I put pots of flowers for him, I put them on the border to the left of the headstone near where his ashes are interred, so the grass is not damaged. I am sorry, but I shall continue to do so.

Daphne Henn

JOIN OUR LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

10.00 AM

CHURCH HALL CAR PARK

Have you seen untidy litter spoiling the village and the immediate adjacent countryside?

You could do something about it by joining a litter picking group on the morning of Saturday 11th April

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AN HOUR TO COLLECT LITTER FROM IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

Family groups and individuals welcome.

An event organised by Sulgrave Parish Council

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DROP**
LITTER & FLY-TIPPING

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Standing up for your countryside

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SULGRAVE MANOR

7PM SATURDAY 2 MAY

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, 3-COURSE DINNER, CASH BAR OR CORKAGE
DRESS SUITS & COCKTAIL DRESSES

TICKETS & BOOKING



TICKETS £35 FROM CPSA REPS OR CULWORTH SCHOOL OFFICE
TEL 01295 760091 OR EMAIL CPSA.CULWORTH@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO



Come and join us as a Parish Constable!

Are you community focused and want to give something back? Do you want an exciting, challenging, dynamic role?

Then come and join Northants Police as a Parish Special Constable!

Parish Special Constables are part-time, voluntary, fully warranted police officers who are dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area or parish.

In return for 16 hours duties per month, we will provide you with training and full uniform and give you the opportunity to come and join us to conduct policing duties in your local area.

You will work with the local Safer Community Team to conduct a variety of policing duties in your area and really make a difference in your community.

This really is one of the most rewarding voluntary opportunities available!

So visit our website at: <http://northantspolicespecials.co.uk/> or email us at specialsrecruitment@northants.police.uk to find out more or to apply today.

We look forward to welcoming you on board!



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The Culworth Gang

2015 Calendar

The Culworth Gang meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon from the beginning of March to the beginning of December. Meetings are in Culworth Village Hall and Sulgrave Church Hall.

Please come along to any of the dates below, we look forward to meeting anyone new who is interested in an afternoon out.

Members Subscription is £16.00 for 2015

Non Members £3.00 each visit.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 01327 860160

- April 15th Culworth Village Hall 1.45pm - 3.45pm
Italian Cookery Demonstration by Camela
Watch the demonstration then try the food.
- April 29th Members afternoon.
- May 13th Sulgrave Church Hall 2pm - 4pm
Tea, Chat and Prize Bingo.
- May 27th **Outing**
Whichford Pottery and Broughton Castle
First pick up, Culworth from 9.00am Non Members £21.00
Whichford Pottery in the morning with guided tour.
Lunch at in the Straw Kitchen at the Pottery
Broughton Castle from 2pm - 5pm .
- June 10th Sulgrave Church Hall 2pm -4pm
Tea Chat and Floor Skittles

Judith

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Calling All Cricket Lovers!

Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club run two Saturday XI's, a Wednesday evening team, an Under 17, Under 13 and Under 11 Junior XI's. We play on a beautiful ground behind the Marston Inn in Marston St. Lawrence.

Anyone interested in playing for any of these teams will be most welcome. We are especially looking for youngsters for the Under 13 and Under 17 XI's. They play their matches on Wednesday evenings and Thursday evenings respectively. Full coaching sessions, with qualified coaches, take place on Friday evenings.

The club is lucky enough to have second to none facilities, including a fine pavilion, two super practice nets and a Cricket Square, the envy of the South Northants League. The First XI plays in the Premier Division and the Second XI in Division 2. The Under 11's play on Sunday mornings. Senior practice night on Fridays.

Anyone with an interest in cricket, whether it be playing, watching or supporting in any way will be most welcome to join us. The Season starts with League Matches on Saturday 2nd May. Before that we will have regular net sessions on any fine evening and a Club Practice Match on Saturday 25th April.

For further details and information contact me, Martin Sirot-Smith on 01295 710340.

Here's looking forward to a fine summer and a great season's cricket. Do come and be part of it!

Club website : www.mslcc.co.uk

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!!!!!!



Parish Councillors hold office for four years and on 7th May 2015 there will be a Parish Council election in Sulgrave. There are six vacancies to fill and at least three councillors are not standing again.

The Parish Council meet ten times a year in the Church Hall. The Parish Council is a corporate body, an elected tier of local government. The Parish Council makes decisions as a body. The Parish Council has the power to set the budget/precept for the year. The Parish Council has a duty to maintain and preserve all assets that belong to the parish, managing parish property, executing works such as maintenance and improvements and contributing towards the expense of doing so.

For the Parish Council to remain a legal body and represent the village, at least three people have to be elected. If not, the power transfers to South Northants Council who will make all decisions and act on behalf of the village and will charge expenses and costs to the Parish council funds

Please support us, think about becoming a Parish Councillor and help represent your village, don't let South Northants Council take over running our village

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

7TH MAY 2015

A formal election notice will be on the notice-board at the end of March. Nomination papers are available from the Parish Clerk on 01295 276229 and have to be returned by 4pm on Thursday 9th April.

If you would like more detail about becoming a councillor please call the Parish Clerk.



THIRTEEN EXCUSES FOR NOT JOINING THE PARISH COUNCIL

1. "I'm too young."
If you are eighteen (the age limit dropped from 21 to 18 way back in 2007) you are old enough (and see point 5 below.)
2. "What's the point of just joining a talking shop, they don't do anything."
Have you ever been to a meeting? Basing your judgement on watching 'The Vicar of Dibley' is definitely not valid.
3. "I haven't got any planning applications in at the moment."
Putting in for planning permission has got nothing to do with sitting on the council, whatever may have happened years ago. In fact, if your own application is discussed by the council, you would have to follow the council's Code of Conduct and national ethical standards, and the restrictions on participating in such circumstances.
4. "I'm too busy, and couldn't commit to attending every single meeting".
Meetings are rarely more frequent than one evening a month, and missing the occasional one is acceptable. Most meetings only take a couple of hours.
5. "I'm concentrating on finding a job or furthering my career."
Being a local councillor is a definite plus point to add to a CV – it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive. Prospective employers will be impressed.
6. "I haven't lived here very long and don't know the area well."
If you are a Commonwealth/EU citizen and have lived or worked in the parish for a year or already have your name on the electoral roll, you are eligible..... Your views as an 'incomer' should be welcomed, as you will probably see things more objectively.
7. "I'm worried that I won't get many votes, and look silly."
Even if you are not voted on this time, you may well be approached if a vacancy occurs in the future and have to opportunity to be co-opted to the council.
8. "Our parish council is full of old fogeys."
Join up and change it then.
9. "I'd look a fool because I won't know what's going on."
You will be eased in gently; there is help, advice and training available. The clerk is the officer of the council, and he or she will be able to explain the rules.
10. "I'll have to sign that code of conduct thing that the press keep on about."
The code of conduct is nowhere near as onerous as made out in the press - and is there to protect you – i.e. the code stops situations like the planning one above.

11. "I'll have to let everyone know all about my business and personal affairs."
The declaration of interest form completed at the outset asks you to list business interests within the parish area, to guard against bias when parish issues are debated. As for personal affairs, get real, everyone knows about those already!
12. "I'm too lazy, and not interested in my community."
An excellent reason for not joining.
13. "I prefer to let others do the work, and then criticize from the sidelines afterwards".
Also a valid reason for not joining, but do bear in mind, that expounding your views in the pub, rather than the council chamber, will not change a thing in your parish – and if you can't be bothered, does that mean it's fair game to criticize those who do make the effort?

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015
@ 7.45PM

In
Sulgrave Church Hall

SPEAKERS/REPORTS WILL INCLUDE

PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW AND PLANS FOR THE
YEAR AHEAD

A REPORT ON THE VILLAGE SHOP AND WEBSITE

AN UPDATE FROM NORTHANTS COUNTY COUNCIL
AND SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL
ON THEIR WORK DURING THE LAST YEAR

AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

We look forward to seeing you there

April 2015

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| SulgraveMaundy Thursday2.....6.00PM | 3 | 4 | SulgraveEaster Sunday5 10.00am |
| 9 - | 10 | 11 | SulgraveHoly Communion12 8.15am |
| Church Hall Annual Assembly Mtg16 7.45PM | 17 | 18 | SulgraveEvensong19 6.00pm, |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | SulgraveMatins26 10.00am |
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Deadline for the May Newsletter is 17th April 2015

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