

Sulgrave News

May 2013

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 - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the June newsletter is 17th May

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

Sunday 5th May 10.00am Benefice Service at Sulgrave



Flower and Cleaning Rota for May

May 4th

May 11th & 18th

May 25th

Mrs G Clegg and Mrs S Dixon

Mrs K Miles and Mrs K Miles

Mrs J Taylor and Mrs D Henn



A very big THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and support by giving and buying at the recent "Good as New Sale" in aid of the church. £340.80 was taken, and the Red Cross will also benefit from the items left at the end of the sale.

Thank you.

Jean Bates



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 14th May at 12.30pm



Minestrone Soup (v)

or

Asparagus Soup

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Gooseberry Crumble
with Cream

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

I finished last month by saying that I hoped that our sales of kindling would have dropped off & that the new season asparagus would be in the Shop & selling well ... guess what, the kindling sales are still buoyant & not a piece of asparagus in sight! The weather continues to confuse so let's hope by the time you read this that normality (if such a thing exists when talking about our weather) has returned. Asparagus will be with us soon, so keep an eye on the notice board outside, we'll let you know.

Blood oranges are however here along with an exciting & locally produced fresh marsh mallows, direct to you from Little Street in fact; you can't get much more local than that, give them a try. Fresh flowers will be with us soon as well & if you have any particular favourites then let David know & he'll try to source them for you.

So how was March trading? Not so good as we were 5% down on the takings for March '12 but in a week when Tesco announced their first loss for decades, we're still cumulatively trading at 1.5% ahead of 2012 so the combined picture is still positive.

Our intrepid Wine Master has once again done a superb job in sourcing a range of competitively priced wines for us which are selling well. March sales were up again on February which was up on January & he has put together a piece giving us his thoughts & plans for the coming months; why leave the village when you can pick up a full bodied bargain on your door step? Many thanks again Digby.

You may remember that we took delivery of our new computer system for the Shop. Michael, Robin & David are making real progress in preparing the system for us to 'go live' on July 2nd. This will coincide with us accepting debit cards (not credit cards) which will add another point of convenience for those of us that emulate royalty by never having cash in our pockets when we need it; more on this next month. We'll still be operating our 'reverse credit' account system & you'll be able to top your account up by using your debit card. Training for our intrepid & willing volunteers will be provided in June well before our 'go live' date so we're getting ever closer to achieving a key objective that the Management Committee presented last year at our AGM in 2012.

Which brings me neatly onto the subject of the 2013 AGM. We've provisionally said that this will be on the evening of July 1st & we'll combine this with a social glass of wine & nibbles for all down at the Manor. Put the date in your diary, everyone's invited to come along to hear about our performance & plans for the future. It's also a great forum for listening to your ideas about products & services that you would like to see as part of our mix; your input is invaluable in equal measure to your custom.

'Mac' Macdonald
01295 760470



WINE CORNER

When you purchase a bottle of wine, how much do you think you are paying for the actual wine? Go on - have a guess. The respected London wine merchants Bibendum have recently done some sums and their results may surprise you. Once you have taken away the fixed costs of bottling, shipping, duty, taxes and the retailers' profit margin, the value of the wine in a bottle costing £5 is about - 11 pence! If you trade up to £7.50 for a bottle - the value of the wine is nearer £1.50 and on a £10 bottle the wine is worth 25 times as much as that in the £5 bottle. One doesn't have to be a mathematical genius to work out which offer the best value.

Many of the wines we sell in SVS have been purchased at a substantial discount and I hope that the wine in even our cheapest bottles is worth a bit more than 11p. But the fact remains that, as a general rule, the more you pay for a bottle of wine, the more proportionately you are paying for what is inside.

As an experiment, over the next six months I plan to offer a couple of wines that cost a few pounds more per bottle than those in our usual range. The quality of these wines will inevitably be a step up on our regular offerings so it will be interesting to see whether the palates of our customers appreciate the difference.

At the time of writing we still have a few bottles left of the brilliant Maycas del Limari Reserva Syrah 2009 which we are offering at £8.20. The same wine is currently available at Oddbins at £12 per bottle (Google www.oddbins.com if you don't believe me) or £12.99 from Majestic. It is a brilliant 'cool climate' Syrah from Chile's northernmost wine region, the Limari Valley, and has been favourably compared to a £25 per bottle Crôzes Hermitage from the Northern Rhone. Grab it while you can as I am not sure I shall be able to get any more.

If these upmarket wines sell well I shall try to keep one or two in our line-up but if they collect dust I'll have to stick to our bargain basement range.

A word of warning - once you start drinking better quality wine, there is no way back. It's a one way street!

Digby Lewis



John the Post's bench ... it's here for us all to use! No more updates needed, I sat on it this evening & it looks brilliant. A fitting & constant reminder of our village friend. We'll see if 'young John' can persuade Pat to come along & see what's been achieved in his memory.



THANK YOU



Phil, Alison and Ellie Watts would like to thank everyone who has helped them during their search for a new home in the village. It has been a long 15 months, but we have now bought Stonehurst in Little Street. Particular thanks to those who kept us informed of any potential properties. We are delighted that we are now staying in Sulgrave.



CULWORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

This successful and popular preschool is looking for a **Preschool Assistant**.

We currently offer 3 hour sessions, 4 mornings and 3 afternoons a week during term time only, at our dedicated setting within Culworth C of E Primary School.

We are looking for a confident, motivated and enthusiastic Assistant to work 2 afternoons and 1 morning a week and to provide cover as necessary.

Previous experience of working in a preschool or Level 3 would be an advantage, however not a necessity, as training can be accessed. You need to be able to work in a small team and an interest in helping our preschool children reach their development goals is a must.

Applications to be received by 1st May. The post starts immediately.

For an application form and job description please call Robi on 01295 768389 or email robsterlobster@live.co.uk

‘Waggy Walks’ of Sulgrave

Honest and reliable dog lover in Sulgrave
available for dog walks throughout the day.

Regular walks or one offs welcome.

Your dog need not be home alone
all day, let him/her enjoy a walk with
me in our lovely countryside!

For more information, pick up the 'dog and bone' (sorry!) and contact
Claire Sadler on **07990 570034**
or **01295 768739**.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Northamptonshire Police
Putting Communities First
101 - non emergencies & enquires



Crime and policing update for Washington ward which includes: Weston and Weedon

Local information

- Domestic heating oil was stolen from Magpie Road, Sulgrave between Sunday 7 and Tuesday 9 April.



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SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

SPRING LITTER PICK

THERE WILL BE A SPRING LITTER PICK FROM

10.00AM ON SATURDAY 18th MAY 2013

STARTING AT THE SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TIDY UP YOUR VILLAGE

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Minibus and trained driver available for hire!

The South Northants Volunteer Bureau has a new 16-seater minibus and trained drivers available for hire by community and not-for-profit groups, schools and charities.

Ask about our special offers and first trip discounts!



up to
**£50
off!**



For information, see www.snvb.org.uk (click on the picture of the minibus) or call **Nick** on **01327 358264** or email nick@snvb.org.uk

Group membership and terms & conditions apply.



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The Autumn Pocket Park Clear up will be on Sunday 19th May from 2pm.

All welcome.

If you can spare an hour or two please come and help us make the pocket park a pleasant and safe place .

There are jobs for all from light weeding to more physical tasks.

We are hoping to have a BBQ afterwards for volunteers,

bring a bun, a burger (or sausage) and a drink.

Please sign up at the shop if you think you will be able to help.

For more details contact:

Lis or Adrian Stuart 768840

or

Claire and Mark Harris 768207

the weather is unsuitable we will postpone until Saturday 8th June.



Sulgrave village fete

Saturday 13th July 2013.

Sulgrave Pocket Park activities group are planning to organise a village fete on the afternoon of Saturday 13th July.

We have a variety of stalls and games planned including a number of old favourites e.g. tombola, face painting, splat the rat, ferret racing, bric a brac, raffle, cakes, football challenge, teas and coffees, lollypop game and many more.

We need volunteers to help collect items, bake cakes, man a stall on the day, set up or tidy up.

Please contact Lis Stuart, 768840 or Claire Harris, 768207 if you can help in anyway.

Thank you

Historically the fete has been followed by an auction of promises and BBQ, if anyone would like to organise something for the evening please let us know.



SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

To be held on

**THURSDAY 9th MAY 2013
@ 7.45PM**

In Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

May 2013

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3	4	Sulgrave Benefice Service 5 10.00am
10	11	12
17	Litter Pick Sulgrave 18 10.00am	Clear Up Pocket Park 19 2.00pm
24	25	26
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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6	7	8	Church HallMtg Parish Council9 7.45pm
13	Church HallSoup Kitchen14 12.30pm	15	16
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30