

Sulgrave News

July 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 - 7.00pm

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Deadline for the August newsletter is 19th July

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 7 th July	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - Chipping Warden
Sunday 14 th July	8.15am Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 21 st July	6.00pm Evensong at - Sulgrave
Sunday 28 th July	10.00am Mattins at Sulgrave



Flower and Cleaning Rota

July 6 th & 13 th	Mrs J Bates & Mrs Z McCrow
July 20 th & 27 th	Mrs M Ormond and Mrs J Timms



SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to remind all residents and their guests that there is a NO DOGS ALLOWED policy in the Pocket Park. This is for the health and safety of the children who play there. Unfortunately someone has allowed their dog to foul the park on more than one occasion, not only breaking the rules of the pocket park but they have also neglected to clear up.

PLEASE BE MORE CONSIDERATE





Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 16TH July at 12.30pm



Summer Vegetable (v)

or

Carrot & Coriander (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Strawberry Tarts with Cream

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.50

Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

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01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery
01295 768268



Village Shop News Update

Telephone – 01295 760066

Well summer appears to be here by British standards & the fresh produce in our Shop reflects that. Strawberries, flat peaches, asparagus (not for much longer though I fear) & cherries all are available now. Fresh cut flowers complete the picture & don't forget that we can take orders for flowers if you have specific needs, talk to David & he'll take your orders. Digby continues to work his magic with the wine supplies & fresh stocks are available now; selling very well to by all accounts so why not treat yourself for something special to go with that summer supper / barbeque whilst stocks last? His Wine Corner is well worth reading as ever with some observations to challenge our wine buying habits about a wine (in stock of course) that many of us have dismissed when selecting our whites ...

Trading wise, our takings are still cumulatively ahead of 2012 by 2% which is again great news; once again thank you for your loyal custom & support. We also have our AGM coming up fast on July 11th **at the Manor so please put the date in your diary & join us then to hear more. We're aiming like last year to make this a social event to listen to new ideas from you our customers over nibbles & a glass of wine (so if you haven't sampled them yet, this is your chance!).**

David, Robin & Michael have been working tirelessly over the recent weeks to get our new computer system up & running just as quickly as possible. More work needs to be done but the current forecast is that with training for our illustrious volunteers taking place at the end of June / early July, we should be all systems go at the end of July. Slightly behind where we hoped but the back room work has been significant & we're very grateful for the time & commitment that all 3 gentlemen have shown to the process so have your debit cards ready ... a further EPOS update will be given at the AGM.

As reported last month, we had an excellent response to our recruitment campaign for David's replacement to start in post (no pun intended) later this year. Darryl-Louise has conducted the initial interview process from a short list of very well qualified candidates. The final appointment will be announced shortly & we look forward to welcoming our new Shop Manager / Postmaster later on this year to continue all of the good work that David has been responsible for.

And finally, a BIG thank you to Geoff Ratley for his continued support in providing the repairs & maintenance over the last few weeks at no charge at all. The re-pointing looks terrific & will keep the building sound & damp free so thank you. If any of you reading this have any work that you've been thinking should be done then do give him a call. Geoff's number is 01295 760929.

So once again I'm able to deliver a positive update to you all; let's hope that the weather does the same sometime soon!

'Mac' Macdonald
01295 760470



WINE CORNER



ABC – Anything But Chardonnay. This used to be the cry of the trendy young things in our city's wine bars and they had some justification for their antipathy. Thousands of gallons of cheap, mass produced, over-oaked chardonnay (mainly from Australia) flooded the UK wine market in the 80s and 90s and wine drinkers soon got fed up with these clumsy, sugary, unbalanced wines that tasted of fermented fruit and pencil shavings. Unfortunately chardonnay's bad name has stuck and one still hears comments that chardonnay tastes like the bottom of a budgie's cage. There is still a lot of cheap, heavily oaked chardy about but it is unfair - and foolish - to lump all chardonnay under this heading.

Chardonnay was once described by a waggish wine writer as 'the tart of grapes' – the vineyard owner could lay it down anywhere and it would do whatever he wanted. The Chardonnay grape is indeed highly adaptable and very easy to grow. It has been transported all over the world and seems to thrive on any type of soil and in any climate. It is naturally vigorous and can produce large crops of 'commercial' wine but it is also capable of great things. The white wines of Burgundy are almost all made entirely from the Chardonnay grape – including one of the greatest wines in the world 'Le Montrachet' which sells for between £2000 and £3000 per bottle. (Please let me know if you would like me to order you a case). It is also one of the main grapes used for making Champagne and 'blanc de blanc' Champagnes such as Krug Clos de Mesnil (£700 per bottle) are made entirely from Chardonnay.

The purpose of this article is to persuade you not to be put off when you see the word 'chardonnay' on a bottle of wine. Most of the chardies and chardonnay blends that we sell in SVS have the characteristic rich tropical fruit flavours of wines made from this grape and I hope none can be described as tasting like the bottom of a budgie's cage.

We are currently selling **B&G Reserve Chardonnay** at £6.65 a bottle. Give it a try – you might be pleasantly surprised.

Digby Lewis

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 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 VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

To be held in
SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL
ON
SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2013
2.00pm - 4.00pm

There are thirty six classes to choose from and five classes each for age 10's and under and 11 to 15 year olds so why not give it a go and try your luck
The show schedules and entry forms will be included in the August newsletter



ENRYCH RECEPTION AT NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET



Jonathan Henn in conversation with Samantha Cameron

The room buzzed with anticipation as Members, Volunteers and Trustees mingled and networked with their opposite numbers from other Enrych branches. There was time also to meet with the various guests who had been invited by the Executive Members and by each of the branches. Enrych also used the occasion to launch the strategic plan for 2013-2015 and copies were made available to each of the attendees

On April 30th Trustees and guests of Enrych Northamptonshire attended a reception given by Mrs. Samantha Cameron at No.10 Downing Street in London.

The lucky attendees from the Northamptonshire branch were Geoff Osborne (Trustee and Member's Champion), Jonathan Henn (Trustee), David Kennedy (Chairman) and Roger Brown (Trustee) and driver for the day.

The drive to the event was very exciting and the four mentioned Trustees had the extra privilege of actually driving into Downing Street, going through the police identity and security checks and parking directly opposite the famous No.10 door...daunting stuff!! Actually the police and the No10 staff could not have been more helpful as we struggled with wheelchairs and cramped lifts to reach the reception floor.

Official photographs were taken with Samantha Cameron and she circulated and met everyone. Samantha Cameron also gave a speech supporting the work of Enrych and further speeches were made by Enrych national Chairman Phillip Allen and the Enrych celebrity supporter Graham Garden of The Goodies fame. Pledges were then auctioned which ranged from a pledge to visit a Branch to help with fundraising activities and many others.

A welcome glass of wine and some delicious canapés were served throughout with some hungry Trustees probably having more than their fair share!! After a very rewarding 2 hours the Northamptonshire group made their way home to Northampton feeling the evening was very worthwhile. They had met several very useful potential sources of fundraising, heard some great new ideas for Enrych to grow and made new friends and contacts from other Branches.



Harvest Fayre at Sulgrave Manor

Sunday 22nd September 11am to 4pm

A fun day out for the family including childrens activities, garden talks, beer and cider tent, food and craft stalls.

The Manor house will also be open for talks on Harvest food traditions (additional fee applies.) Adult admission £2, children £1 (under 5's free.) Permanent Sulgrave Residents receive free entry with your blue entry card.

If you would like a stall for this event please contact Jules Wood at Julie.wood@sulgravemanor.org.uk



A MESSAGE FROM THE BAG LADY

Please let me know if you require a Sulgrave residents blue entry card for Sulgrave Manor. Please call me on 768326 with your name and address.

Thank you
Jules Wood



Garden Buddies carries out basic garden maintenance work, including: lawn mowing, hedge cutting, pruning, digging, strimming, garden clearance. We can also install low-maintenance gardens.

Garden Buddies is a membership scheme which provides low-cost gardening services to the people who really need it. Accordingly, South Northants Volunteer Bureau reserves the right to refuse membership.

To qualify as a member, garden owners must:

- be unable to carry out the work themselves, due to age or disability
- have no-one living with them or within a reasonable distance, who could be expected to help
- live on a restricted income eg, a means-tested benefit or a basic state pension.
- reside within South Northamptonshire

For a Membership Application Form write to:-

Garden Buddies, Volunteer Centre, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AD.

Or telephone 01327 358264

Once you have registered with us as a member, our project worker will fix a date to carry out an initial assessment of the work to be done. He will then provide you with a written estimate of hours and costs required. Provided you are happy with this, we will book your job in for the next available day. For any return jobs, just give us a ring on 01327 358264 to arrange a visit.

Garden Buddies annual membership fee is £15 and our hourly rate for work carried out is £7. Please note Garden Buddies is a not-for-profit project and these charges contribute to our running costs only.

An invoice will be sent out to you as soon as the work has been completed.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 18th July 2013
@ 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

July 2013

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5	6	Chipping Warden Communion Benefice Holy7 10.00am
12	13	Sulgrave Holy Communion 14 8.15am
19	20	Sulgrave Evensong 21 6.00pm
26	27	Sulgrave Mattins 28 10.00am

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1	2	3	4
8	9	10	Church HallMtg Parish Council11 7.45pm
15	Church HallSoup Kitchen16 12.30pm	17	18
22	23	24	25
29	30	31	