

# Sulgrave News

## August 2012

### 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 - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the September newsletter is 17<sup>th</sup> August

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News

<i>Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Benefice Service - Thorpe Mandeville</i>
<i>Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>8.15am</i>	<i>Holy Communion - Sulgrave</i>
<i>Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Evensong - Sulgrave</i>
<i>Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Mattins - Sulgrave</i>

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### Church

Our new vicar, Brian Fairbank, will be installed on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Moreton Pinkney. All are welcome to attend. Parking will be at Moreton Pinkney village hall where there will be drinks and refreshments after the service to welcome Brian and his wife Catherine.

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### Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Church Hall on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. A list will go in the shop soon or ring Shrimp on 760214 to book your place. Numbers are limited so first come first served!

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## Flower and Cleaning Rota for July

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| August 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Mrs E Roberts and Mrs J Metcalf |
| August 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> | Mrs A Dyde and Mrs Z McCrow     |



Pandora Gabbidon-Oakley.

We would like to thank Pandora's friends for their generous donations at Pandora's funeral in May. The total sum donated was £1,727, which following Pandora's wishes will be divided equally between the Trinity Hospice in Clapham, and the Robert Oakley Trust Fund, which helps to maintain the fabric of the Church of St.James the Less in Sulgrave.

Jim, Grace and Josh Oakley



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

## *Soup Kitchen*

at Sulgrave Church Hall on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm



Red Pepper Soup (v)  
or  
Chicken Soup

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Summer Pudding  
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

It's been another busy month for our Shop & I've outlined the detail for you all ...  
Shop performance to year date

We're certainly still ahead of the same 26 weeks at the end of June against 2011 by 3.1% which is an excellent performance although trading was 5% down in the 4 weeks of June. We have enjoyed an increase in takings for 16 out of the 26 weeks to the end of June against 2011; results which a lot of national retailers would like to be declaring to their investors so a big thank you again!

AGM invitation

We held our AGM at the beginning of July in the Buttery at the Manor. Many thanks to all who took the time to attend & to the Manor for letting us use their facilities. Apart from reporting what has happened, it was a really useful forum to discuss new ideas for the future which we will be discussing at the next Management Committee meeting.

Our Management Committee Chairman, Neil conducted the formal proceedings including the accounts for the year. A copy can be viewed in the Shop for anyone with an interest.

Les Robinson was formally elected as Treasurer to the Management Committee; welcome & thanks for stepping forward to offer your valuable support. Les replaces Robin Prior who after years of hard work in getting our Shop into being has handed over the reigns. Everyone would like to offer Robin a HUGE vote of thanks for creating the platform upon which we now hope to build further in the future.

Community Shop Fortnight Promotion

We participated in the Plunkett Foundation driven Promotional Fortnight in large part through the efforts of Darryl-Louise Crowley & David with many of you taking advantage of the daily offers that were available.

The 'I love Sulgrave Village Shop' caption competition was well received & Andrea Leadsom our local MP made the time to visit us & present the winners with their prizes which will be used in our local marketing initiatives. Colin took some really good photographs to record the day which is on the Village web-site, why not take a look. Thank you to all who entered but I'm afraid there's only one winner & they were:

Peter Anderson from Wappenham who won the adult caption with the concise but highly appropriate ... 'because it's OUR Shop!'

Charlie Brett of Sulgrave won the junior caption with the beautifully put ... 'because of all the nice things it's got!'

Congratulations to both of you & enjoy your prizes.

Linking up Sulgrave businesses



I received 1 entry for this offer. If you would like to be a part of the 'Sulgrave Community' then do get in touch with me. If you'd like your business to be included, it'll cost you nothing, then do please send me an e-mail ([rmacdonald@grafftonhouse.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:rmacdonald@grafftonhouse.wanadoo.co.uk)) & we'll do the rest ... who knows, it may just introduce you to new business opportunities!

Attention National Westminster Debit Card holders

Our Post Office counter can now accept national Westminster debit cards to withdraw cash so it's not always necessary to jump in your car to get cash, you can use the Shop (& spend some of it whilst you're there?)

'Mac' Macdonald  
01295 760470



### SULGRAVE BOOK CLUB

8.00pm The Star Inn

August

No Meeting

September 19<sup>th</sup>

"The Lady of the Rivers" by Philipa Gregory



*I would like to thank my neighbours and friends for all their kindness and cards while I was in the John Radcliffe Hospital.*

*Betty Lock*



Do you fancy treating yourself to a nice day out. Why not join the Culworth & Sulgrave Gang on a visit to Ashwood Nurseries at Kingswinford, where there will be a guided tour around John's Garden - a unique and informal and much recommended garden. Nice cafe and coach park to hand and all on level ground.

Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>

£21.00 to include coach and garden tour

Local pick up

Interested?

Contact R Courtney 01295 760489 or J Oxley 01295 760635

We have ordered nice weather!

## HOLIDAY GAMES FOR EYDON CHILDREN

During the summer holidays, South Northants Council will be sending their people around the local villages to arrange a series of assorted, organised games for children. They will be bringing their own equipment and the sessions are free.

**The Village Games:** Two hours of fun and games delivered at the Eydon Sports Field by qualified Sports Leaders.

Activities will focus on Olympic track and field games, ball games, and much more. For ages 5 to 13 years, there is a small attendance fee to be paid details later

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet on the sports field:

Friday 27th July      1.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August    1.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August    1.30pm – 3.30pm

Don't forget that the weather should be hot; so think about sun creams, sun hats and water bottles!

This opportunity is as a result of the South Northamptonshire Council's SPLAT programme! SPLAT is our holiday activities programme incorporating Sports, Play, Leisure and ArTs events providing something for everybody. Each year brochures are distributed to all district primary schools, and to the secondary schools for year 7 and 8 pupils.



Children from surrounding villages are welcome to attend.

Eydon Sports Field Committee



Just a reminder to all residents and visitors that there is a restriction on dogs within the Pocket Park, even on a leash.

The rule is there to ensure the park is a clean, dog free area for the enjoyment of children and families.

Sulgrave Parish Council





## WHAT'S IN A NAME?.....IN DEFENCE OF WEEDS

Wild flowers? - we love them. Weeds? - we hate them. Wild flowers - good. Weeds? - bad. Such a clear-cut distinction, quite commonly held, is however difficult to justify. It all depends on what is meant by a weed. Broadly speaking, it's a plant that's in the wrong place, but one's view on this varies according to where one is standing. One person's weed may very well be someone else's delight. A good example of this is the poppy. To the arable farmer, the poppy is certainly a weed and, as such, has been almost completely banished from the cornfield. Yet I am sure that many of us are uplifted to see the occasional field where the poppy has been allowed to present that wonderful blaze of red. The poppy has survived the widespread use of herbicides simply because of the long-lasting viability of its seeds. Less fortunate have been the cornflower (now found almost only as garden annual), the corn marigold and other "weeds" of arable land. The traditional hay-meadow with its rich mix of grasses and herbs, has well-nigh disappeared (if you want to see something of what we're missing, visit Swaledale, in Yorkshire, in June. Lovely!)

Some wild flowers are deemed to be sufficiently attractive to be welcomed into our gardens; examples include the cowslip, the primrose and the (British native) bluebell. Others, while not perhaps particularly beautiful, have all sorts of uses, medicinal or other. The leaves of the dandelion make a useful addition to salads - I've even seen packets of dandelion seeds on sale in France!

It's not only the colourful or the useful plants which have an important role to play. Many of the wild flowers are small and fairly unobtrusive. A recent not-too-expert or comprehensive survey of our churchyard produced a total of 37 species of wild flower in bloom (of which the list may be seen on the notice board in the church porch). All of them are important in the overall scheme of things, being interdependent on each other. What may look to the human eye as an untidy patch of weedy vegetation is in fact a living community. There'll be all sorts of small creatures who live there. That clump of nettles - some of our most beautiful butterflies (the peacock, the red admiral, the painted lady, the small tortoiseshell.....) lay their eggs there, and the caterpillars of others (the meadow brown, the gatekeeper, the ringlet.....) live on various grasses. Destroy that habitat, and there'll be repercussions; fewer butterflies, for one thing. The small areas of "wild flower meadow" in the churchyard, the Pocket Park and Castle Green are an attempt to give nature a hand. Now and then there'll be quiet times when nothing colourful seems to be flowering there. There a things going on there all the same.

This is not a recommendation to let the garden go entirely wild, or the cornfield to be thick with undesirables. It is however a suggestion that it's not a bad thing if some areas, here and there are left to nature.

George Metcalfe

Footnote

Of Britain's 59 butterfly species, almost three quarters are in decline, and a third are in danger of extinction. 2012, with its long periods of cool and wet weather, is being described as the probable worst year on record for butterflies - it may push several species over the edge.

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| THURSDAY | FRIDAY                  | SATURDAY         | SUNDAY                 |
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| 2        | 3                       | 4                | 5                      |
|          |                         | Thorpe Mandevill | Benefice Service       |
| 9        | 10                      | 11               | 12                     |
|          | The StarLadies Night at |                  | SulgraveHoly Communion |
|          |                         |                  |                        |
| 16       | 17                      | 18               | 19                     |
|          | The StarLads Night at   |                  | SulgraveEvensong       |
|          |                         |                  |                        |
| 23       | 24                      | 25               | 26                     |
|          |                         |                  | SulgraveMattins at     |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY                           | WEDNESDAY |
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| 6      | 7                                 | 8         |
| 13     | Church HallSoup Kitchen14 12.30pm | 15        |
| 20     | 21                                | 22        |
| 27     | 28                                | 29        |

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