

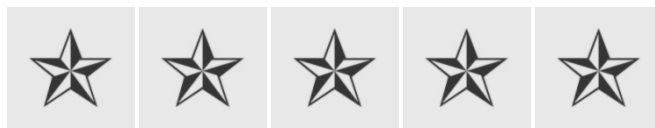
# Sulgrave News

## April 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 May newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> April

If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail [janet\\_m\\_smith@btinternet.com](mailto:janet_m_smith@btinternet.com).  
As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop

## Church News

*Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am Benefice Service - Palm Sunday at Culworth*  
*Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Maundy Service at Edgcote*  
*Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Good Friday at Moreton Pinkney*  
*Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Easter Sunday at Sulgrave (PLEASE NOT NEW TIME)*  
*Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Evensong at Sulgrave*  
*Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Mattins at Sulgrave*  
*Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Benefice Service at Edgcote*

**W**e are pleased to announced that we will have a new Vicar on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Brian Fairbank will be coming to the Benefice to oversee 6 churches. During the interregnum, we have been able to continue the pattern of services and your support is much appreciated.

Shrimp

### *Safari Supper*



*A huge "thankyou" to all those who took part in the Safari Supper on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Seventy two people took part with 19 hosts providing a starter or a main course. The pudding course was held at Pete and Moo's and we greatly appreciate their generosity in allowing us to invade their home. We have raised over £1,100 which will go towards the church. A recent quinquennial report and a survey by the Ecclesiastical Insurers have pinpointed various things that have to be done and, of course, in a listed building this all costs. So again, a huge thankyou to all of you who took part,.*

Shrimp

**H**aving so enjoyed the Safari Supper recently, we need to consider other ways we may raise funds to keep our ancient church maintained.

Please come to an open meeting to be held in the church on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm. So far we have had a collectors fair and car boot sale suggested to be held in the autumn. Do you have any contacts, or further ideas? Everyone welcome.

Jean Bates

## Flower and Cleaning Rota for April

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Easter, all to decorate. Alter flowers Mrs C Constable
April 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs H Fellows and Mrs S Blayney
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs G Clegg & Mrs S Dixon



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

## *Soup Kitchen*

at Sulgrave Church Hall on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm



Chicken Soup

or

Spring Vegetable Soup (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Rhubarb Crumble with  
Custard or Cream

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

£7.00

Booking is essential  
To reserve your place please call

Janet Smith  
01295 760397

Maureen Jeffery  
01295 768268



## SULGRAVE BOOK CLUB

8.00pm The Star Inn

April 18<sup>th</sup>

"One Day" by David Nicholls



### House in Sulgrave Wanted

Are you thinking about putting your house in Sulgrave on the market? If you have a 3 or 4 bedroom property, please let us know, as we want to remain in the village.  
e-mail: [wattsalison@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wattsalison@yahoo.co.uk) mobile: 07769771663



### Calling all mums!

**A**re there any mums of babies or toddlers out there that fancy joining a Sulgrave baby & toddler group?

If so, please email me at [karen@boshcreative.com](mailto:karen@boshcreative.com) or pop a note through my door at Bell Cottage, Church Street with your contact details.

Karen Dickinson



**M**olly Wootton would like to thank the many people who sent cards, flowers and good wishes during her recent spell in hospital. Colin would like to add his thanks for the overwhelming support received whilst waiting at home for news.

Molly is now making a good recovery and would be pleased to see anyone who cares to drop in for a cup of tea and a walk round the garden which is looking especially lovely in the wonderfully sunny spring weather.



## **Your Village Shop and The Star Inn have joined forces!**

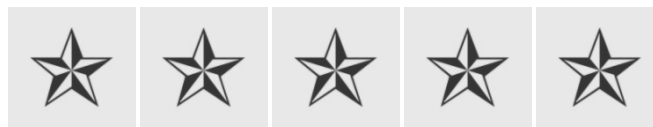
**During April and May, you will be able to save money when you eat at The Star Inn as a thank you for spending with us at your Village shop. How? For every £50 that you spend with us at the Shop during April, you will be given a voucher worth £5 to redeem as a part payment against your food bill (note; drinks are not included). Simply keep the receipts for your cash or reverse credit account payments at the Shop &, when they total £50 (or multiples thereof), hand them to David or one of our volunteers & they will present you with your voucher(s). Then when you eat at The Star during April or May, hand your voucher(s) over with your food bill & it will be reduced accordingly! Simple & in these days of rising costs a way of fighting back!!**

**Ask at the Shop or The Star Inn for more details**

**Telephone numbers:**

**Village Shop – 01295 760066**

**The Star Inn – 01295 760389**



**Just a note to remind folk that Fish & Chips are available for take away  
ON**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

**Pre order by phone 760389 or pop in and have a drink while you wait.**



## **Village Shop News Update**

### **Telephone – 01295 760066**

I'm delighted to bring you more good news about your Village Shop & Post Office! Our takings for January & February 2012 were ahead of the same weeks in 2011 in 6 out of 8 weeks; an overall increased performance of 2.4% so thank you again to you all for your custom & support!

I said in the last Newsletter that the Management Committee were planning on delivering against 3 things this year & I'd like to give you a quick update on them:

#### **1. Locally sources, fresh local produce**

David & Joanna are working hard to ensure that the fruit & vegetables that we have in stock match their seasonality.

We now have in stock a range of hand made, home cooked pies from Elliotts of Towcester. If you haven't tried their pork pies or chicken & ham pies then, as a 'pie aficionado', I can thoroughly recommend them; they are quite simply delicious & great value for money!

We have a new range of Gourmet Cookies from Borders in 6 flavours; again a real treat for morning coffee, tea or when you fancy treating yourself.

New for the week ends are our freshly baked, almond croissants. Why not try them with a cup of our Grumpy Mule coffee?

Finally, David has asked me to remind you to get your orders into him for Bread over the Easter period. We get deliveries of fresh bread from our baker every Saturday morning so don't miss out!

#### **2. New computer system**

This really is an essential change to the Shop so that we can become more responsive to the way in which we serve you, our Customers. Debit & credit card payments are very much the norm these days & we have narrowed our preferred choice of system down to 2. I hope that I'll be able to tell you more in the next Newsletter.

#### **3. Broadening awareness of the Shop & Post Office**

I'm delighted to say that we have agreed a joint promotion with Will & Mandy at The Star which will run throughout April as a thank you to everyone for your continued support. More details are shown in the separate feature; I do hope that you'll enjoy the benefit of the offer! This is the first initiative of this kind for both businesses & we feel that a collaborative approach for our community will create stronger awareness.

We'll all be aware of the increases in fuel prices; they effect us all. I did a quick calculation of the cost to make a round trip to Middleton Cheney. I know, it's sad but I think that it's important that people are aware of these costs because it makes the Shop all the more attractive. At today's prices, a petrol car will cost around £2.15 & a diesel car around £1.75 for the 12 mile journey.

Finally, the Management Committee wanted to express a HUGE vote of thanks to Geoff Ratley & Town & Country Builders for their support in providing free of charge maintenance work for the Shop. Some of you may have noticed that the plaster in the Shop has been attended to which will allow us to complete the re-decoration. Geoff completed this work for us & I know that he'd be delighted to hear from villagers & your friends should you need any building or maintenance work around

the home. He can be contacted on 01295 760929. Back in February when the snow fell, our gutters needed some attention at the front of the building; Town & Country stepped forward & completed this work for us. Again, I'm sure that they would be delighted to hear from you if you need any work around the home particularly if yours is one of the older buildings in the village. They can be contacted on 01295 710181

Thank you again everyone.

'Mac' Macdonald

01295 760470



## **Village Shop Update**

### **Telephone – 01295 760066**

#### **Summer Opening Hours**

With the return of the longer days the Village Shop is now open until 6.30pm from Tuesday to Friday

#### **April promotion with the Star Inn**

In April the Village Shop is running a fantastic promotion with the Star Inn. Simply spend a total of £50 in the shop during April and receive a £5 voucher for a meal at the Star valid during April and May. Just remember to retain your receipts in order to claim your voucher. Full details are available in the shop, the Star and on the shop website.

#### **New selection of wines in stock**

The Village Shop has a great new selection of wines in stock. They are good quality and are extremely good value with some that cheaper than the supermarkets.



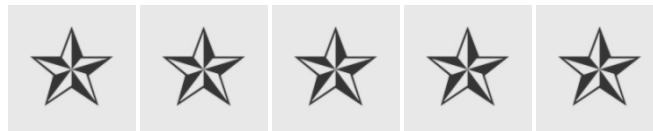


## Associated Country Women of the World ACWW

This little known charity, has active groups in over 70 countries. ACWW's aims are to raise the standard of living for rural women and families, through education, training and community training programs.

ACWW also has a link with UN agencies, to give rural women a voice at international level. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, member groups of ACWW are walking the world. Throughout the world groups will start a walk at 10am, so in effect women will be walking throughout the 24 hours, in their own time zones. Many women walk through necessity, to collect water or fire wood, for example. We will walk for pleasure, publicity and support. A group will walk through Sulgrave. Please feel free to join or support our short walk around the village.

For more information contact Jean Bates 760727



### 2012 Virgin London Marathon

*On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April my brother and I will be running the Virgin London Marathon in aid of the Countryside Alliance Foundation. The Countryside Alliance Foundation is a charity that works in close proximity to the Countryside Alliance, doing the work that is inherently charitable. Their main aim is to spread awareness and educate children and adults alike to the pleasures that the countryside offers as well as the problems that rural Britain faces in the modern day. Among their most high profile causes are the retention of rural post offices, the promotion of British produce and the fight against the construction of the HS2, all of which are causes very pertinent to Sulgrave life. The village shop was named the 'South's Best Rural Retailer in 2006 as part of the Foundation's 'Rural Oscars'. For more information on Foundation and their work please visit: [www.countryside-alliance-foundation.org.uk](http://www.countryside-alliance-foundation.org.uk).*

*We are both back from university now for the Easter holidays so no doubt many of you will see us continuing our training around the local roads in an attempt to get fit. With only a month or so to go until the big day we are on the final push to reach our target of £5,000 and any donation, big or small brings us closer and will make those 26 miles that bit easier. If you would like to support us you we have a Just Giving page at <http://www.justgiving.com/EDWARD-WILLIAM-SMYTH-OSBOURNE> or there is a sponsorship form in the village shop.*

*Thank you for your generosity,*

*Edward and William Smyth-Osbourne*



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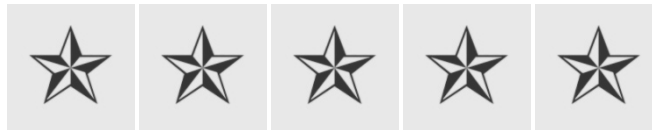
## Dog Watch

Hello to all K9 walkers, here is an opportunity to put your valuable time and skills to further good use whilst out there enjoying your 'walkies' with your best friend. See something that looks suspicious? Take the minute or two it takes to report it to the police. Interested in helping in this way? - then just click on the link <http://www.northamptonshiredogwatch.co.uk/> and take a look. It's easy to enrol, simply fill out the form on line.

Or ring Dog Watch Co-ordinator for free member's pack. Tel. 101 Ext 5724

Fly-tipping, fallen branches, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc can also be reported to NCC on Tel.01327 322322

The scheme is open to all walkers, with or without dogs. You can be the **"eyes and ears"** of your community.



## *Sulgrave Manor*

Sulgrave Manor is pleased to offer August Craft Workshops for adults (14 years and over) These will be during the two weeks of our annual Stitching Exhibition.



Workshops available are:

- Blackwork or Beadwork on the 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Silk Painting on the 9<sup>th</sup> August
- Needlepoint or Crochet on 14<sup>th</sup> August
- Peg Looming on the 16<sup>th</sup> August
- (Knitting on 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> to be arranged)

These are half day workshops at £15 each and designed to be 'tasters' of the crafts for beginners. Refreshments during the workshop are including in the price and you can book a light lunch in the buttery at a reduced rate.

For more information please contact Cheryl Moss at the Manor on 01295 760205



Cleaner required at the Manor - flexible hours, mainly afternoons and some Sunday mornings.  
Please telephone the Manor 01295 760205 for more details.





# EASTER *at*

## *Sulgrave Manor*

Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave, Banbury OX17 2SD 01295760205

[www.sulgravemanor.org.uk](http://www.sulgravemanor.org.uk)

***8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April 2012 from 11am***

***Join in the 'Egg Roll' on the front lawn:  
chocolate eggs for all and prizes!***



***Seek the 'eggs' around the  
garden  
and count the chicks!***

***Meet Mr Washington and Meg the Cook  
to hear stories of customs and times past.***

***Traditional games, brass rubbing  
and more activities for kids.***

***Refreshments served all day.***

**Entry Gift Aid Adult £8.25 Child (5-16yrs) £4.00 Family (2 adults +3 children) £23.25  
Non GA £7.50/£3.60/£21.00 Last entry 4pm**

**Don't forget Free Entry for residents of Sulgrave Village**

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## **SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**SPRING LITTER PICK**

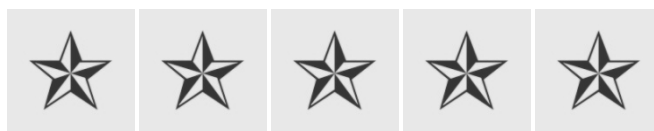
**THERE WILL BE A SPRING LITTER PICK FROM**

**10.00AM ON SATURDAY 21st APRIL 2012**

**STARTING AT SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TIDY UP YOUR VILLAGE**

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### **Why not spend a day in Sulgrave Pocket Park**

With spring coming and the new hedge laying to the boundary completed the outlook from the children's play area is totally different, with light streaming into the park and long views across the rising ground towards Barrow Hill the park will be a relaxing and enjoyable venue for a picnic, relaxing on the bench in the woods, watching the children play or searching for life in the ponds.



Pocket Park Warden Wanted,  
(Not an arduous duty !)  
Please contact any Parish Councillor for details

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr G Roberts  
Westfield  
Park Lane  
Sulgrave  
OX17 2RX

Parish Clerk: Mrs C Coles  
55 Gillett Road  
Banbury  
OX16 0DR  
Tel No 01295 276229  
Fax No 01295 276658  
Email colesnccj@btinternet.com

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The Parish Council is made up of the following members and they can be contacted as follows:

Chairman - Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108)

Parish Clerk - Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229)

Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Cllr Sally Harding (07711 5564123)

1. **Apologies**

Cllr's Harding and Powell, Jill Barrett

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Pollak declared that she owns Sulgrave Castle Mound.

3a. **Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Waite.

3b. **Matters Arising**

*Beech Tree Testing on Stocks* - This will now happen on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

4. **Councillors Reports**

*Laying of hedge in Pocket Park* - The hedge has now been laid by Paul Lewis. It has been inspected and looks good. Cllr Waite suggested that the council should accept it as it is. There are a few places where the boundary could be improved and a few gates that could be used for this purpose. Landscaping may also be possible. A suggestion was made for shrubbery to be put behind the shelter to make the garage less accessible. The Chair spoke to Philip Daynes about reseeding the area in front of the boundary. An invoice has been received from TB Sports Fencing for £672.00 including VAT. TB Sports Fencing have agreed to donate £560.00 to the Claire Purves Memorial Fund if the invoice is paid before 14<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks were given to TB Sports Fencing for responding so quickly. The fencing will have to stay up until the landscaping has been finalised.

*Action: The Clerk to chase Philip Daynes about the reseeding.*

*HS2 meeting* - Cllr Waite is to attend the meeting at SNC offices on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. There may be an opportunity to have an input on footpaths and boundaries.

*Diamond Jubilee Celebrations* - A tree was ordered and received. It is currently being kept in a pot at Sulgrave Manor.

*Flooding in Little Street/Weston (Gated) Road* - The Chair investigated the problem and the

pound is permanently under water. There is foul stagnant water next to 2 Manor Cottages which has been reported to Anglian Water.

*Action: The Clerk and Cllr Pollak to meet NCC Highways on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to look at the problem in further detail.*

*Tree work* - Cllr Pollak had found out that one is obliged to give six weeks notice of an intention to fell trees. SNC are not able to refuse unless they put a tree preservation order onto each tree above a certain diameter. On the application form there is a section which asks if the applicant has the tree owner's permission. The council felt this was a private matter now and they are not able to give any more advice on the matter. They will recommend to the person concerned that they contact SNC themselves or a solicitor.

## **5. Finance Report**

### **a) Cheques for approval**

£30.00 to Miss J Powell (purchase of Royal Oak tree)

£28.16 to E.ON UK (light repair)

£672.00 to TB Fencing (temporary fence in Pocket Park)

These were proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Waite.

On two other issues, the Clerk noted that £3096.00 had been transferred from the main account into the Pocket Park account. This was money that had been paid in specifically for Claire Purve's memorial fund. County Councillor Ben Smith had confirmed that he would be able to give a grant of £700.00 which would cover the shortfall in the Pocket Park Renovation Project.

Cllr Pollak expressed concern about the positioning of the proposed zip wire in Pocket Park. Cllr Waite replied that no objections had been raised originally and further detail should be forthcoming nearer the time. The Chair added that the Pocket Park Action Group are still in existence and a meeting will be held in early April to look at the outstanding actions. It is hoped there may be grants available to cover this work.

## **6. Planning Applications**

*S/2012/0052/TCA, Removal of 1 silver birch tree at Southlands, Helmdon Road.* This was approved by SNC.

## **7. Correspondence**

- CPRE, Planning Explained.
- SNC, Localism Act 2011: Standards. The existing code of conduct will cease to have effect and all town and parish councils must adopt a new code of conduct. SNC hope to forward a suggested code no later than the beginning of May.

## **8. Open Forum**

*Planning Application for Wind Farm at Spring Farm Ridge, land to the north of Welsh Lane between Greatworth and Helmdon*

Mr Wootton advised that he had attended a pre-enquiry meeting at SNC on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The enquiry will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> May and will last for two weeks. Sittings will be from 10am - 5pm and as many people as possible are being encouraged to turn up on the first day. The Inspector is to visit the whole area on her own before the enquiry starts. She will then have accompanied site visits with both sides. On 21<sup>st</sup> May, which is the accompanied day site visit, the Action Group are proposing to fly Blimps with permission from the land owners. If this is not possible they will be flown as near to the site as possible. Broadview have changed the position of the turbines slightly but not submitted new photo montages.

Cllr Pollak asked if land owners would be consulted about site visits and the answer was yes. The Parish Council can be represented but it may be a question of time for those who work. The Parish Council will take advice from SNC. The Chair thanked Colin Wootton for providing this information.

#### *HS2*

Mr Christy gave an update on the HS2 project. The main concern is the route which will affect Sulgrave. The line has been moved closer to Sulgrave and it appears the line will go on higher ground rather than through a large cutting. There will be a clearer definition in a few months time. Mr Christy then spoke about the cost of the exercise to date.

The Transport Minister was asked what money would be spent. The figure quoted was a couple of hundred million. This then changed to £735M and the latest figure is £1.1B which could have been spent without parliamentary approval. Mr Christy advised that the Government are keen to get community forums underway. The contact at Culworth Parish Council is Alan Seeds and there is an advantage with Parish Councils grouping together. There are groups challenging the government consultation process. HS2 Action Alliance is challenging the environmental case, the impact on the environment and Action Alliance who are applying to the European Commission. The Hybrid Bill will be presented on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013. There are lots of splinter groups campaigning against HS2 and a public meeting will be held in Brackley Town Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

Mrs Burke suggested that the Parish Council do not contribute to CPRE if they show to support HS2. The Chair replied that CPRE do oppose the project but are mitigating the environmental impact. They help the council in other ways. To be discussed at a future meeting date.

#### *Siting of bench*

Mr Christy asked about the progress of the siting of the bench outside the shop in memory of John Down. There is an action outstanding against the Parish Council.

#### *Superfast Broadband*

Mr Christy asked if any progress had been made with superfast broadband. The Chair advised that Greatworth Park had originally contacted the Parish Council as there is a scheme for superfast Broadband and a possible fund for the communities that are in the 10% hard to reach areas. The exchange at Sulgrave falls into the 10% hard to reach area. Someone needs to gather as many names as possible who are interested in receiving superfast broadband which then forms a 'community'. The bigger the community the better chance there will be of accessing the money in the fund to help deliver superfast broadband. The Parish Council is needed as the 'Lead Representative' and 'Body' adding weight and to supporting the need. There has been a small amount of interest already from the community. Mr Christy agreed to take the project on. Sulgrave Manor asked for any information to be sent to them.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward the relevant emails that have been circulated to Mr Christy.*

#### **9a. Date and time of next meeting**

Annual Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.45pm at Sulgrave Manor

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Manor

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION AND FIND OUT WHAT IS  
HAPPENING AROUND YOU!!!!

SPEAKERS/REPORTS WILL INCLUDE:

PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW  
AND PLANS FOR THE YEAR  
AHEAD

AN UPDATE FROM  
LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

AN UPDATE FROM  
CASTLE GREEN COMMITTEE

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

A REPORT ON THE  
VILLAGE SHOP/ WEBSITE  
AND FOOTPATHS

*We look forward to seeing you there*



# April 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30						1 10.00am Benefice Service At Culwoth
2	3	4	5 7.45pm Parish Council Mtg Buttery at Sulgrave Manor 6.00pm at Edgcote Maundy Service	6 3.00pm Good Friday Service at Moreton Pinkney	7	8 11.00am Easter Sunday Service at Sulgrave
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 6.00pm Evensong at Sulgrave
16 7.30pm Church Fund Raising Mtg St. James The Less	17 12.30pm Soup Kitchen Church Hall	18 8pm Book Club Star Inn	19	20	21 10.00am Village Litter Pick at Church Hall	22 10.00am Mattins at Sulgrave
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 11.00am Benefice Service At Edgcote

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