

Sulgrave News



December 2011

Regular Events

- BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 4th Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the January newsletter is 9th December

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 Services

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| <i>December 4th</i> | <i>3.00pm</i> | <i>Christingle at Sulgrave</i> |
| <i>December 11th</i> | <i>8.15am</i> | <i>Holy Communion at Sulgrave</i> |
| <i>December 18th</i> | <i>3.00pm</i> | <i>Carol Service</i> |
| <i>December 24th</i> | <i>11.30pm</i> | <i>Midnight Holy Communion at Sulgrave</i> |

Church News

The countdown begins for Christmas and you don't have to go far to feel the real Christmas Spirit.

The Christmas Fayre in aid of the Church takes place on Saturday, December 3rd in the Church Hall. It begins at 10am so be there to pick up some wonderful Christmas bargains. All the usual stalls will be in place and if you could contribute something towards it - cakes, raffle prizes, gifts etc., then please ring Shrimp on 760214.

This year we are providing a letter box so that all those letters to Father Christmas can be posted in good time for the special day. Please put your name and address on so that Father Christmas knows where to come!

Our "Christingle Service" will be on Sunday December 4th at 3pm. This is a special time for all of us but particularly the children and the Christingle Service gives them a chance to take part.

Do come along and join in the fun. On Sunday, December 18th at 3pm we will be holding our Carol Service. With one week to go before Christmas, this will really get us in the mood. Why not come dressed up as a character from the Christmas Story. There'll be a prize for the best one!

Join in and sing the familiar carols and watch the children place the figures in The Nativity. Delicious refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our Midnight Communion will take place on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Shrimp

Flower and Cleaning Rota for December

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 3 rd | Advent - Mrs J Bowen Jones |
| December 10 th & 17 th | Carol Service - all to decorate - Mrs B Christy Alter Flowers |
| December 24 th & 31 st | Mrs B Christy |



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 6th December 2011 at 12.30pm



Winter Vegetable Soup (v)

or

Cream of Celeriac Soup (v)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Christmas Trifle

Mince Pies

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

The Christmas Wreaths



*We shall be preparing our annual decorations on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 9.30AM
IN THE CHURCH HALL.*

By now a well established tradition, first started 19 years ago, our group of up to ten helpers has worked in kitchens, outhouses, and of late years in the Church Hall. We are not experts - call us "bodgers" rather than flower-arrangers.

But some of us feel that it's time for an honourable retirement, and would therefore welcome newcomers. How about coming along? You need secateurs, gardening gloves and no best clothes!

We can promise you a warm room, coffee & biscuits and back home by midday.

Do please phone me - 01295 768103 if you can come and help.

Julie Metcalfe



Carol Singing Friday 23rd December



The plan

Meet at **7pm** outside the **shop**

Under the **Beech trees** Magpie Road / Park Lane **7.15**

The **Star** **7.30**

Top of **Little Street** near the **Helmdon Road** **7.45 till 8.00pm**

Due to the success of the carol singing last year we are going to keep to the same format. There will be 4 stops in the village encompassing as much of the village as possible and taking account of children and others safety.

Please come and join us either all stops or for the one that is convenient for you.

Money raised will be going to the very worthy cause of the flying fox for the pocket park in memory of Claire Purves and we will knock on doors as usual, a **collection tin** will also be placed in the **shop** if you would like to donate but miss us on that night.



Hoping for a dry night and to see you then.





Zumbathon - In Memory of Claire Purves

Just wanted to say a big thank you to those who joined in the Zumbathon on 20th November and the generous donations. It was a wonderful afternoon, 200 people supported the event in pink and purple and everyone had a wonderful time. We raised £2,600 towards Claire's memorial

fund and are now halfway to raising the funds to get a Zip Wire in the pocket park in memory of Claire.

Claire was part of the team that helped organise the refurbishment of the Pocket Park, she had always wanted a zip wire, but the funds couldn't stretch to it. It would be a lovely tribute to Claire as she was so involved in Sulgrave, when her children were younger she ran the mums and tots group, she'd organise lots of social events for the mum's in the village and help with the Christmas Carol singing and help many of us with childcare. Claire was an absolute star, always smiling, and making us laugh, she is missed by so many.

We will be carrying on with our fundraising with a Christmas raffle and other events in the New Year. If anyone would like to make a donation, please make cheques payable to Sulgrave Parish Council, forward to Julie Russell, 5 Towrise, Sulgrave, OX17 2SB.

Thank you from Claire's family and friends for all the support given.



CLAIRE PURVES / FOX

We would like to give a heartfelt THANKYOU to all for your overwhelming support, cards, letters of condolence, donations and attendance at Claire's funeral.

In the past few weeks, it's been a big comfort to know there are so many people who were touched by Claire and that care for our well being, we couldn't ask for more or be more appreciative of you all.

Mick & Pat and Family



Sulgrave Village Shop News

Another positive performance for the Shop so a big thank you to everyone for your support! Our sales for the last 3 months (August to October) have shown an increase in sales of 5% which is 2.7% higher overall than for the first 10 months of 2010. October was a fantastic month with a 6.6% up on the same month in 2010. These results compare exceptionally well to the current general retail environment & we hope reflects the benefits that we are all enjoying from having such a fantastic, local facility available within Sulgrave. When you add in the benefit of having the Post Office services available to us, then we really do have something to be proud of within our community.

We are now also well underway with the phased redecoration of our Shop & apologise if you have been inconvenienced by the Monday morning stock replacement closures! A couple more Sunday afternoon sessions should see us finished well ahead of the run up to Christmas.

Which brings us nicely into the Christmas update; we have stocks now ready in the Shop for you to buy as affordable gifts (or maybe as seasonal treats for you); why not pop in & take a look? We now also have our Christmas food order sheet available for your orders & the deadlines for your orders being with David are as follows:

Bread – Tuesday 20th December

Deli – Monday 5th December

Fruit & Vegetables – Wednesday 21st December

If you haven't already received a Christmas Order List through your door, then you will be shortly. Alternatively, there are plenty available in the Shop on the main counter now. If you cannot see what you need, then please ask David; he'll be happy to try & source items for you but do give him plenty of notice please!

Thanks again to you all for your continued support & to David & our volunteers who make it all possible for us!



Kenneth & Janet Tattersall wish all their friends in Sulgrave a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. They will not be sending local cards this year.

My apologies if anyone sent items for inclusion in this edition during the week 12th to 19th November. Due to a fault with my BT landline which lasted the **WHOLE WEEK**, e-mails were unable to get through so I may have missed news items out. Sorry - Ed

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER AT 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

This is your opportunity to speak with the councillors

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served

We look forward to seeing you there



November 2011

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 10am Christmas Fayre Church Hall | 4 3pm Christingle Sulgrave |
| 5 | 6 12.30pm Soup Kitchen Church Hall | 7 | 8 7.45pm Parish Council Mtg Church Hall | 9 | 10 | 11 8.15am Holy Communion at Sulgrave |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 3pm Carol Service Sulgrave |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 7pm Village Carol Single Village Shop | 24 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Sulgrave | 25 |
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