

Sulgrave News

December 2017

Regular Events

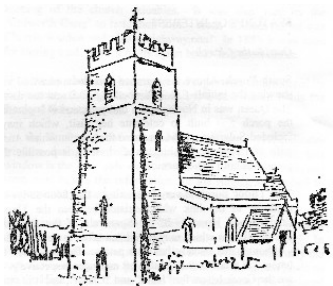
BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.00pm

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Deadline for the January Newsletter is 15th December 2017

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

Services for December

Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Chipping Warden
	3.00pm	Christingle Service - Sulgrave
Sunday 10 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 17 th	3.00pm	Carol Service - Sulgrave
Sunday 24 th	11.30am	Holy Communion - Midnight Service - Sulgrave

A big "thank you" to Cecelia and Hugo Butters who raised £55 for the church with their sale of cupcakes at the shop. Well done!!

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service takes place in the church at 3pm on Sunday 17th December. You are all welcome. In the week before Christmas this is a special time for us all to take a breath and experience the REAL meaning of Christmas. There will be refreshments after the service and the church will be beautifully decorated. At the heart of it all, the children will place the figures in the Nativity. Please come!

Flower and Cleaning Rota

December 2 nd	Advent - Ms J Smith
December 9 th & 16 th	Christmas - All to help (Altar - Mrs Libby Cave)
December 23 rd & 30 th	Mrs K Miles and Mrs C Miles

Saturday 2nd December

This year we will be holding a Christmas Market in the Church! There will be the usual stalls, beautiful cyclamen and Christmas Arrangements, Gifts, Cakes and other goodies, Phoenix Cards, a raffle and refreshments. Please come and support us and do some of your Christmas shopping with us.

Any enquiries to Shrimp 760214



Village Shop News Update
Shop Telephone – 01295 760066

Find us on Facebook

Shop opening hours Monday 8 am – 1 pm Tuesday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm
Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm Sunday 9 am – 12 noon

Post Office opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells... Yes – the festive season is upon us again and the shop is well geared up to cope with the inevitable Christmas rush.

In no particular order, we have a great range of Christmas wrapping paper, bags and tags, tissue paper and cards; lots of new sweet treats including “choc-shots on a stick”, “meringue drops” in lots of delicious flavours and gorgeous Italian nougat slices stuffed with fruits and berries. There are also bottles of Belvoir mulled Christmas punch and winter cordial and Whittards’ hot chocolate gift packs.

On the savoury counter, in addition to a range of great cheeses, there are cheese straws and an assortment of snacks and nibbles to accompany your pre-dinner glass(es) of wine.

Digby never thought that managing the wine shelves would provide him with such a good physical work-out. Apart from regularly humping cases of wine up and down the steps into his cellar, he has been pushing a wheel-barrow full of wine around to the shop almost every day in an attempt to keep up with consumption. So thank you drinkers of Sulgrave for improving my fitness. We regularly feed new lines into our range of wines so keep a weather eye on the shelves for new bargains. We have noted in the past that customers could be a little more adventurous with their wine purchases. It is clear from sales figures that many folks tend to choose wines made from grapes that they are familiar with - such as ‘Sauvignon Blanc’ or ‘Pinot Grigio’. Why not branch out and give some of the others a try? We have good examples of Riesling, Muscadet and Chenin Blanc amongst the whites and we stock wines made from a wide range of red grape varieties. Go on – be daring.

Once again the shop is putting on a **Christmas tasting** of assorted goodies and we shall be offering freshly roasted chestnuts at the door – so wrap up well and get there early to be at the front of the queue **at 10 am on Saturday 2nd December**. Christmas opening times will be posted on the door so check there to see when we are open. At present we hope to only close on 25th and 26th and again on Monday 1st January with early closing on Friday 29th to allow stock taking to take place.

Christmas order forms are available in the shop, so if you haven’t yet placed your orders for the festive table you had better get on with it.

We have just checked on the Sulgrave Village web-site and see that the last comment about the shop was posted in March 2010! So come on you lucky people – if you value your shop, go to <https://sulgrave.org/about/village-shop-and-post-office/> and say some nice things about us.
Have a great Christmas

Alison and Digby



CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 3rd December at 3pm

We shall be holding our annual Christingle service on the first Sunday in December which makes a lovely start to the festive season. Come and enjoy a beautiful service with a seasonal play performed by children in the villager and candlelit singing with the traditional Christingle oranges.

We look forward to seeing villagers of all ages at this service. Refreshments will be provided after the service and the collection monies will be sent to The Children's Society, which helps disadvantaged children here in the UK.

Kate Miles (local box collector, Children's Society)



Welcome to Sulgrave:

Gordan, Anne, Jessica and Heather Gordon to Oaktree House

Steve, Beccy, Jude and Max Hunt to Castle Hill

Hannah and Alex Kenoyer to St Hilary

James Morris and Victoria Aspinall to Chapelstone



Village Christmas Wreaths

We shall be preparing our annual Christmas Wreaths in the Church Hall on Friday 15th. December at 9:30 a.m.

If you could spare an hour or two to help we'd love to see you. No expertise or experience necessary just come armed with gardening gloves and secateurs and we'll provide a warm room, 'seasonal refreshments' and convivial company!

The gathering of holly and greenery will take place on Thursday 14th December, meeting at 10 a.m. at the Churchyard. Willing hands to help will be much appreciated if you could spare an hour of your time on Thursday morning.

Thank you,

Joan Taylor

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SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER - INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITAL

St James the Less

We are sure those of you who were at the concert will agree we had a wonderful evening, and those who weren't missed something special.

Our organist, Ian Tracey, was simply marvellous. He spoke about each piece he was going to play, explaining what particular sounds we should listen for. He was most amusing and enlightening and an astonishing musician who showed off the organ to the full and really pulled out all the stops.

In spite of the fact that Ian usually plays the organ in Liverpool Cathedral which has 5 manuals (keyboards), 200 stops and over 10,000 pipes, and ours has 2 manuals, 15 stops and a mere 593 pipes, he was most complimentary about our lovely Binns organ and, indeed, confirmed that one of the reasons he agreed to come and play for us was because it has such a good reputation.

The church was practically full to capacity and after the concert we all gathered for drinks and delicious canapés.

Not only did the evening raise just over £3,000 for our fund, which brings us very close to our total of £40,000, but we have fulfilled our scholarship requirement for the present time and have appointed our first student organist. Thanks to all the support we received, it was a most successful evening.



Sulgrave Womens' Activity Group

On **Friday January 26th 7pm** you are invited to a Scottish Murder Mystery at the Manor.



There will be a haggis supper and prizes for the best detectives. Bring your own drinks.

Open to all. Tickets £10 Contact Jane Lockwood 760865 or janeandpim@btinternet.com

Sulgrave Advent Calendar Windows 2017

Window opening time at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated.

A reminder of that evening's window detail will be on a board on the island near the shop from about mid-morning.

On Dec 17 and Dec 24 there are Church services **and** window openings. For 17th, please can you organise yourselves and take others up to Bee's by car. Please don't walk, it will be too dark and possibly dangerous.

Each evening there will be a collection for charity. You only need to give once, or not at all.

Please note that this list may change, so check on the board first.

We are opening in all weathers!

1 Fri	Joy & Shrimp	Bus shelter	Magpie Road
2 Sat	Rachel Carey	High Barn	Manor Road
3 Sun	Christingle Kate Miles	Church	Church Street
4 Mon	Jo Horne	The Oak Barn	Magpie Road
5 Tues	Joanna Smythe-Osbourne	Rectory Farm	Little Street
6 Wed	Anna Faure	Forge Cottage	School Street
7 Thurs	Carol & Guy Churchill	Eagles Court	Helmdon Road
8 Fri	Linda & India Harrison	The Old Bakehouse	Manor Road
9 Sat	Ryan Dennis & Dan	The Cove	Manor Road
10 Sun	Helen & Chris Jackson	Middle Barn	Manor Road
11 Mon	Troy & Hannah Daniels	Bluebell Cottage	Helmdon Road
12 Tues	Sheryn Thorbergson	6 Towrise	Towrise
13 Wed	Tom Russell & Chris	The Star (pub)	Manor Road
14 Thurs	Joanne & Matt Nixey	Westfield	Park Lane
15 Fri	Julian Rodway	Hill Farm House	Manor Road
16 Sat	Louisa & Charles Butters	The Old Vicarage	Magpie Road
17 Sun	Carol Service 3pm. Bee & Georgie 6.30pm	Church Magpie House Farm	Culworth Road
18 Mon	Claire & John Sadler	Vinecroft	Manor Road
19 Tues	Sara Brown	14 Spinners Cottages	Magpie Road
20 Wed	Sharon Ford	Bengairn	Manor Road
21 Thurs	Rachel Hijistee	Spinners Cottages	Magpie Road
22 Fri	Shrimp Christy	Wisteria Cottage	Helmdon Road
23 Sat	Susan Therapysos	The Chapel	Manor Road
24 Sun	Ingram & Hywel Lloyd 6.30pm Midnight Mass	Church Cottage Church	Church Street
25 Mon	Christmas Day	Church	Church Street

Advent Calendar

2017 Advent Calendar Charity NARA. The Breathing Charity naratbc.org.uk

The breathing charity is a publicly funded charity providing breathing monitoring equipment for children and babies suffering with respiratory problems.

Sara Louise Brown (Tuesday 19th 14 Spinners Cottages) has asked if this year's Advent Calendar collection can support this small charity which has helped them so much. She writes:

"They have been a god send to us. Earlier this year, when we were sent home from hospital with no apnoea equipment for 4 week old Ida, no medical explanation or support and only basic CPR training, we called NARA on the very night we were discharged. With no hesitation, the lovely lady that runs the charity brought us an apnoea monitor round—this was 9pm on a Saturday night!

As Ida had stopped breathing numerous times in her sleep previously, there was no way I would have slept without one of these monitors! They saved us a fortune and saved our little one's life... It alarmed on 4 separate occasions and I was woken from a deep sleep and able to get Ida breathing again. Thankfully we haven't needed to use it in a long time but the charity has insisted we keep it for a few more months for our own peace of mind. A truly amazing little charity."

Later opening: 7pm Monday 11th Window

Hannah and Troy Daniels Bluebell Cottage, Helmdon Road.

(A sneak preview ... but worth advance notice). Troy writes:

"I am bringing my band 'The Gospel Bell Collective' to play some tunes for all assembled. We play a mix of gospel blues, country and roots music. It's not particularly Christmas-like, but it is uplifting with a spiritual edge. If you're interested in knowing more about us, have a look at our website: <http://gospelbell.com>. Hannah and I are looking forward to this year's calendar. Hopefully, we can keep up the high standards of previous years."



Christmas Market

**At Brackley Library
Sunday 10th December
11:00am-4:00pm**

Fabulous unique gifts from local crafters

Cupcakes and mulled wine

Festive cabaret singer in the afternoon

Free children's craft until 12:30

Plus

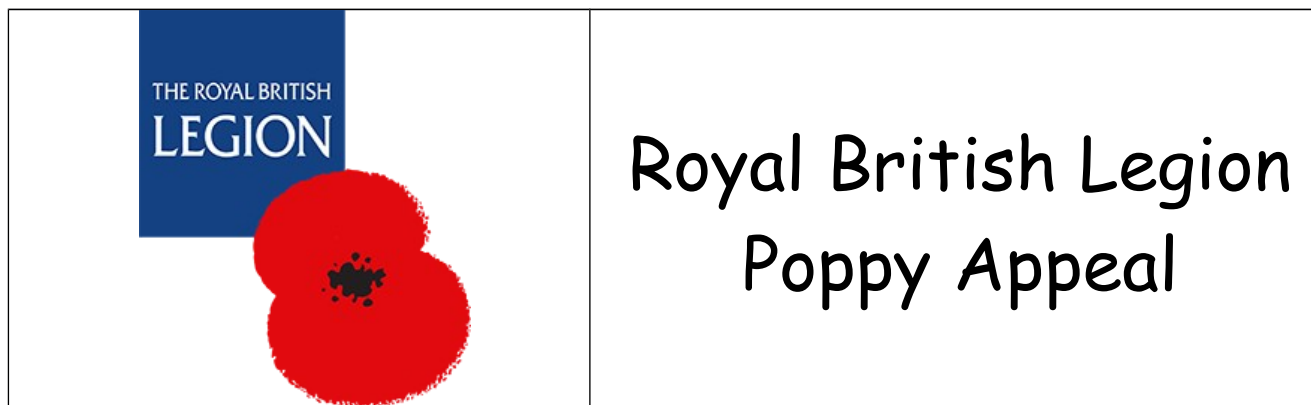
Meet Father Christmas in his grotto!

Professional gift photos

and presents will be

available to buy

**BRACKLEY
LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP**



Before this year's appeal, Wappenham branch set ourselves a target of £5,000. We came out just under that figure last year with Sulgrave contributions a total of over £900. Did we make it? You bet we did!!!

The Wappenham and District Branch has collected £5,062.08 to date with a few small amounts still to add. But SULGRAVE - £1094.41 counting the collection at the church service and the collection boxes at the shop, together with my door to door effort.

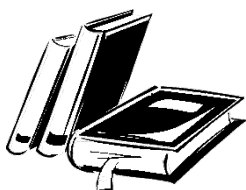
The breakdown is:-	Church collection	£201.38
	Village shop	£127.07
	Star Inn	£44.70
	House to House	<u>£721.26</u>

Total £1094.26

On a personal note, it was very humbling to hear so many friends say "we saw the poppies in the supermarket but we knew you would be coming round, so we waited for you". The reception I was given everywhere makes the whole round a great joy and your generosity is unsurpassed. On behalf of RBL and myself, a mere "thank you" is not enough, you are all wonderful!!! If this were not sufficient, several residents have applied to become RBL members and there are even volunteers to help with the collection next year - after all, I am not getting any younger.

Bless you all for a wonderful response.

Sulgrave Book Club



Every 3rd Tuesday,
8pm in The Star

There will be no Book Club
meeting in December



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Dates of Visits – December 2017 – March 2018

03 November 01 December 05 January 02 February 02 March

STOP	VILLAGE/TOWN	ADDRESS	ARRIVE	LEAVE
1	Charlton	Myers Way	10.50	11.15
2	Aynho	The Butts	11.30	12.00
3	Kings Sutton	Millennium Mem Hall, Astrop Road	12.15	13.15
4	Marston St Lawrence	Old Marston Inn	14.40	15.00
5	Moreton Pinkney	Prestige Row (The Green)	15.20	16.10
6	Sulgrave	Sulgrave Stores	16.30	17.00

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Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 2nd November 2017

To keep villagers updated on the work of the Parish Council, we will publish a summary of each meeting in the following month's newsletter.

The November meeting was well attended by villagers who raised a number of issues during public participation. In particular, a concern was raised that there were a number of places in the village where plants and trees were overhanging footpaths creating safety issues. With the cold weather and shorter days already here, villagers are asked to cut back overhanging tree branches and plants so that pedestrians do not have to walk on the roads or slippery verges.

Council business discussed at the meeting included: Replacing the bus shelter; Pocket Park maintenance; grass cutting; HS2; Neighbourhood Watch; and the 2018/19 budget.

Replacing the Bus Shelter - The existing shelter has been in place for over sixty years and will become structurally unsafe eventually. Its replacement has been an agenda item for the Council for a number of years. In July, villagers chose a new shelter to replace the existing one. Council discussed the cost of replacing the existing shelter and agreed to apply to use the remaining New Homes Bonus Grant to part fund the new shelter, while the Sulgrave History Society offered to contribute financially to the project. It was agreed there are insufficient reserves to draw upon and the whole shortfall cannot be added to the precept. It was agreed that Council would investigate funding the remaining costs through a public works loan. Councillor Daniels continues to lead on this project.

Pocket Park - Councillor North provided an update on maintenance carried out at the Pocket Park. It was agreed that the hedging work carried out by Mr Richard Fonge last year would be continued and would commence in December. Council agreed to a proposal by Mr Fonge to purchase a mower and fund more regular grass cutting for the Pocket Park. The total cost of acquiring the mower and grass cutting will be added to the Parish Council's 2018 budget.

Grass Cutting - The grass cutting contractor has advised they will be unable to continue with the contract from the end of the season. Council will now undertake a tender to appoint a new contractor.

HS2 - Following the successful HS2 consultation visit to Sulgrave in October, Council discussed and adopted a strategy to ensure that villagers were kept up to date with HS2 developments throughout the design and construction process. Council will keep villagers up to date through this newsletter, the village website and on the notice board as information on the progress of HS2 becomes available.

Once more information comes to hand, Council will arrange another information event. Counsellor Faure will attend the SNC HS2 Liaison meetings. The Parish Council is strongly committed to working with villagers to try to mitigate the impact of HS2 on the village.

Neighbourhood Watch - Council discussed and agreed the benefits of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village. While it was noted that Neighbourhood Watch schemes are moving more online, if we are to establish a scheme in the village, we will require a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. To date, there have been no volunteers for the position of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Council will be seeking a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator over the coming weeks.

Other business - Council discussed setting the 2018/19 budget. Council agreed to keep the 2018 precept as low as possible by limiting increases. The 2018/19 budget will be decided next meeting.

As there is traditionally no Parish Council meeting in December, the next meeting will be in January 2018. At this meeting, Council plans to receive an update on the bus shelter project, set the precept for 2018/19 and receive an update on HS2 and Improvements to the Church Hall.

Replacing the Bus Shelter

The existing shelter has been in place for over sixty years and will become structurally unsafe eventually. Its replacement has been an agenda item for the Council for a number of years. The current Council has committed to progressing this project so that the residents of Sulgrave and surrounding villages who use the bus shelter have an appropriate amenity. This project also gives us the opportunity to create a sheltered guide for visitors to the village.

In July, villagers chose a new shelter to replace the existing one. While the chosen option was the biggest, it was also the most expensive. Council has agreed to apply to use the remaining New Homes Bonus Grant to, in part, fund the new shelter, while the Sulgrave History Society has also offered to contribute financially to the project. As Council does not wish to add the whole funding shortfall to the precept, it was agreed that Council would investigate funding the remaining costs through a public works loan.

A public works loan for the outstanding amount would add a maximum of £353 onto the precept in 2018 and each year for the next 13.5 years. It equates to a 2.6% increase on last year's precept. This, in turn would mean an increase in parish precept per Band D property of £1.72.

The Parish Council is committed to improving amenities in the village for all villagers. We feel that replacing the bus shelter and funding this through a combination of New Homes Bonus Grant and a public works loan offers the best and most responsible approach for replacing this important piece of village infrastructure. The Parish Council would like to hear your views. If you would like to comment, please contact one of our Parish Councillors. You can do this by phone, email or in person. Their contact details are available on the Sulgrave village website.

Renovation of the Church Hall

The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council are working together on a proposal to renovate the Church Hall. The hope is to fund this work through an application to the HS2 Community and Environment Fund, administered by Groundwork. We are currently developing ideas and proposals based on drawings & measurements prepared by Andrew Waite and have had a builder come to view the hall. We've discussed potential improvements with him and he is going to provide us with an initial estimate to inform our bid.

The maximum amount we can apply for under the Community and Environment Fund is £75,000. There is no deadline to make the application, however, we will be moving forwards on this as swiftly as possible.

We are keen to hear your views on the proposed renovation, what you think should be done with the hall and where we should prioritise the funding we manage to secure. We may not be able to do all we wish, but we want to make best use of whatever funding we get. If you have any questions or comments, please contact parish Clerk Christine Coles (sulgravepc@btinternet.com, 01295 276229), speak any of your Councillors or leave a note in the phone box.

Further information about the funding available is included in the below link:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/Category/community-funds-hs2>

Groundwork are hosting a Liaison meeting in Towcester on Friday 8th December. Anna Faure and Ingram Lloyd will be attending in their respective roles as HS2 representative for the PC and PCC.

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in December



SULGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sulgrave Parish Council are keen to find a villager to be coordinator for our Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It is a role that would not take up much time and isn't difficult but it would be satisfying to know that you would be helping to keep your friends, neighbours and family that much safer.

The coordinator's duties are mostly carried out online to spread information and approve access to the system for residents. You just need a good internet connection to maintain and access the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. www.northantsnhw.co.uk

Beyond this the effort put into the role is very much down to your own time and energy. Perhaps posting information on our website and the Sulgrave Newsletter. If you require further information we can put you in touch with the South Northants Support Team.

Any person or a couple who are willing to carry out this valuable service to our community, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Christine on: 01295 276229 or sulgravepc@btinternet.com.

Thank you, Sulgrave Parish Council

December 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				January 1 4.30pm	2	10.00am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 8.15am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 3.00pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 11.300pm
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