

Sulgrave News

February 2018

Regular Events

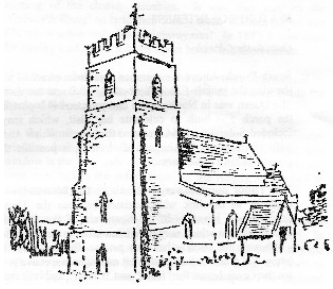
- BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.00pm

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Deadline for the March Newsletter is 16th February 2018

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 February

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Wednesday 14 th	6.00pm	Ash Wednesday - Morton Pinkney
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 25 th	10.00am	Matins - Sulgrave

Please note that the Benefice Holy Communion Service on 4th February is not in Sulgrave. As yet we have no confirmation of the George Washington Service. Any details will be posted in the village shop.

Sally Harding

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Sally Harding just before Christmas. Sally spent her last days in Katharine House Hospice, surrounded by her family. While she lived in Sulgrave, Sally played a very active role in village life, serving on the Parish Council, volunteering in the shop, opening her garden for the National Garden Scheme, and helping on various committees for village events. Sally will be sadly missed and we send our condolences to her daughter Rachel and the rest of her family.



Flower and Cleaning Rota

February 3 rd & 10 th	Mrs J Osbourne & Mrs Christy
February 17 th & 24 th	LENT - No Flowers - Ms C Shillito



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

Hoorah – we did it! 2017 was the best trading-year yet for the shop. Onwards and upwards.

In mid-January an open meeting was held in the Star to discuss strategies for ensuring that the management and running of the shop continues to operate as smoothly as it has in the past. I think the horrible business-speak expression is “future-proofing”. The meeting was very well attended (over 40 people turned up) and a number of excellent proposals were made. Foremost amongst them was for the preparation of a “manual” which will provide the details of roles and responsibilities for everyone involved in the shop operation. It was also proposed that ‘teams’ should be established so that back-up will be available for all of the essential elements of running the shop (accounting, stock management, trouble-shooting etc). There will also be a drive to recruit more volunteers from Sulgrave and surrounding villages and to draw in youngsters who need to fulfil the community service element of their D of E applications. Many thanks to Tom and Chris at the Star for providing the facilities and refreshments at no charge.

With Valentine’s Day fast approaching, watch out for a Fizz ‘n’ Chocs offer which will save you a few bob and get you lots of brownie points with your spouses. And, to keep the kids happy, we stock all the ingredients for making scrumptious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday or, if you are feeling a bit lazy and prefer to take a short-cut, we also sell Green’s quick and easy pancake mix in two flavours – ‘original’ and naughty ‘sweet and sticky’.

Wine sales burgeoned over the festive season and there has been lots of very positive feedback on our current ‘bargain red’ – the Irreverente Tinto. The Irreverente Blanco is also excellent value and has just been reduced to £5.50. There were a few moans from the cognoscenti last year when we ran out of our top-end Appassimento Italian red. Sadly I have been unable to get any more – but, I have managed to track down a small parcel of a high quality, medal-winning Valpolicella Ripasso which is made from the same grapes and shares the intense, full-bodied characteristics of the Appassimento. At £8.45 it is a little more expensive than most of the wines in our range but, as the RRP is almost £14 a bottle, it is a real bargain and a wine that you could take to a dinner party without embarrassment.

Word has got out that the shop is a finalist in the Countryside Alliance Awards and we have just received a letter of congratulation from our MP, Andrea Leadsom, (on House of Commons notepaper no less) in which she wishes us good luck in the finals. Winners to be announced next month.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all our volunteers and loyal customers.

Alison and Digby



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - December 3rd 2017 & CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all those involved in this year's service ... a truly magical start to Christmas with a delightful play starring many of the younger members of our village and joyful singing by the light of Christingle orange candles!

Particular thanks to Rachel Carey for organising the play again and to Jo Horne, Linda Harrison, Sue Waite and her sister Kate, Julie Metcalfe and John and Celia Stimpson for all the help with preparations and invite deliveries. Photos taken by Colin Wootton are delightful and can be seen on the village website <https://sulgrave.org>.

This year's Christingle service raised £218.98 for Children's Society bringing the total raised by the village to nearly £5k over the 26 years we have held this service in our lovely Church.

The Children's Society are a tremendous charity providing much needed help for disadvantaged and vulnerable children living in England and Wales. If anybody would like to become a "box holder" for this society please get in touch with me.

I shall be holding a coffee morning for all current boxholders (and for anybody wishing to become a boxholder) at our house on Tuesday 20th March , 1000 - 1200. Please bring your boxes with you so I can then empty them and return them to you and send on your kind donations to the Children's Society.

*Kate Miles,
Garden House, Manor Road tel 760957*



Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service requires drivers to take mostly elderly people to their medical appointments. These journeys could be to a local surgery or dental practice, or to a main Hospital in Northampton, Banbury and Oxford. The volunteer receives a mileage allowance and car passes for the various hospitals.

It is a very rewarding job, meeting up and helping people who are no longer able to take themselves.

If interested please contact **The Brackley Volunteer Car service on 01280 841099**

**The Star Inn
February 2018**

Valentines Day

Wednesday 14th February



2 course meal for £16

3 courses for £20

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**The Star Inn
February 2018**

Tuesday 13th February

Pie and Pudding Pancakes - £12.00

**A lovely late winter meal to celebrate Pancake Day
Choose from a selection of homemade pies and pudding
pancakes**



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Dates of Visits – December 2017 – March 2018

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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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Dog owners.

Please remember to take your dog poo bags home with you and not put them in the Church black bin or other people's household bins. Thank you.

Advent windows. Thank you everyone



Advent Windows raised £402.76 for the Breathing Charity which was nominated by Sara and Ben Brown as it supported them when they brought new born baby Ida home.

About £250 was given for the Carol Service collection which is also going to the charity

Thank you to Annie Devitt for changing the notices every day and to Shrimp Christy for being stand in mulled wine maker and deliverer.

Thank you to all who turned out in all weathers to support the events and have a half cup of mulled wine, and very tasty food and generously helped fill the red box.

Thank you also to the six generous donors who underwrote the cost of the wine etc.

This has been vital as each year more wine is consumed and the cost goes up. However nearly half of the openers donated all or most of the wine for the evening and this was very welcome as well.

The biggest thanks of course must go to all the openers and their helpers:

Jane & Pim Lockwood, Joy Grice, David Walker, Jo Horne, Shrimp & Ken Christy, Rachel, Megan & Amy Carey, Joanna & Charles Smythe-Osbourne, Anna Faure, Carol & Guy Churchill, Linda & India Harrison, Ryan & Dennis, Helen & Chris Jackson, Troy & Hannah Daniels, Sheryn Thorbergson, Tom, Chris & Gemma, Joanne & Matt Nixey, Julian Rodway, Louisa & Charles Butters, Bee, Georgie & John, Claire & John Sadler, Sara & Ben Brown, Sharon Ford, Rachel & Eric Hijstee, Susan O'Sullivan, Hywel & Ingram Lloyd

Last but not least thanks must go to the fantastic photographer: Colin Wooton and his helpers (Chris Behan & Hywel Lloyd) who had to be the first to arrive and the last to go. I gather that Colin took over 500 usable pictures. Some of these are now on the village website.



We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those friends and neighbours who have offered help, in the form of meals, transport or whatever, during the last few trying weeks.

Their ready response goes to show what a friendly and supportive village we live in!

*Again, thank you
Julie and George*

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 11th January 2018

It was good to see the first Parish Council meeting of the year being well attended by villagers. During public participation, it was noted that works to the hedges in the Pocket Park had been completed and three trees felled. The mower for the Pocket Park has been purchased and stored. It will be used to provide additional mowing for the park during the growing season. The ongoing relationship between the Sulgrave Village Shop and the Parish Council was also discussed. An in-principle profit sharing agreement has been struck between the Shop Committee and Parish Council which will ensure that the shop's rent will remain unchanged into the future, while the Parish Council will share in 10% of the shop's profits, capped at £350 per year. The Parish Council and Shop are excited to enter this new phase in our relationship and to enhance our shared interests in each other's success.

The Council also offered a vote of thanks to the organisers of the village Christmas Advent Windows. Council also wants to thank everyone who decorated their windows or attended the openings. We look forward to the offerings in 2018!

Bus Shelter Project Consultation - Council received a report on the recent consultation on the bus shelter project. Council received 17 submissions during the consultation. Of these, 20% (3) of the submissions were in favour of a Public Works Loan (PWL) to replace the existing bus shelter; 70% (12) of submissions were against the replacement of the existing bus shelter and funding through a PWL while 10% (2) of submissions did not provide a clear indication of either support or opposition. While there had been support in the community for the project, with around a third of households in the village participating in the choice of a replacement bus shelter, this most recent consultation showed significant push back from parts of the community towards the proposition of paying for a replacement shelter through a PWL. On this basis, Council would not be able to evidence the necessary community support for a PWL application. As a result, Council agreed that it would not seek to progress the bus shelter project.

Church Hall Consultation - The recent consultation regarding renovating the Church Hall received a favourable response from villagers. This project would see the Parochial Church Council, with support from the Parish Council, apply for a grant from HS2 to renovate the Church Hall. Although there was some misunderstanding as to what could and couldn't be done with the Church Hall, there was overall support for the project. The Parish Council agreed that it will continue to work with the Parochial Church Council and further engage with Church Hall neighbours, the community, builders and architects to develop a strong grant proposal.

HS2 Community Liaison Group - The most recent HS2 update received by the Council indicated that it is unlikely that there will be detailed plans of the part of the route

which includes Sulgrave until 2019. Council also noted that the Road Safety Fund for the South Northants section of the project will only amount to £1.65 million over 10 years. A further Liaison Group meeting will be held on 9 February where the HS2 grant funding administrators will provide an update. Should any villagers have specific questions regarding HS2, please contact Cllr Anna Faure.

Council's HS2 Communications Strategy - Council has adopted and is implementing its strategy to keep villagers updated on the progress of HS2. Although there is limited information on HS2 at the moment, information will be posted on the under a HS2 section currently being constructed for the Sulgrave Village website as well as on the Council notice board outside the village shop, as it becomes available.

NCC Budget Consultation - The Council has received a consultation request from the Northampton County Council on its second phase of budget cuts. This phase sees budget cuts being made mainly in NCC administration and social care. However, it also indicates that from April 2018, Council Tax will increase by 4.98%. Councillors are currently working through the consultation document to see what impact these proposals will have on residents. A response from the Council will be drafted and sent to the NCC in the near future.

Neighbourhood Watch - In the last newsletter, the Council sought a volunteer from the village to act as our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Luckily, Council did receive an enquiry about the position. Following clarification of the role from the regional Neighbourhood Watch people, we hope to have a new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and scheme for the village.

Grit Bins - Council noted that Northamptonshire Highways had, possibly mistakenly, replaced a grit bin on Manor Road. Council also received correspondence from Northants Highways that they had assessed the destroyed grit bin on Helmdon Road and has determined that it did not require replacing. Council will write to Northants Highways to again highlight the poor state of this grit bin and request that this bin also be replaced. Council noted that as part of their recent budget consultation, NCC is proposing to cut grit replenishment services. Council agreed that keeping the grit bins replenished was essential for the village during winter and committed to include this in the 2018 budget.

Grass Cutting - Council received 3 tenders for the village grass cutting contract. These varied significantly in cost, but nearly all exceeded the amount Council had previously budgeted for grass cutting. As a result, Council agreed to work with the tenderers to seek a better deal and to increase the budget amount for grass cutting (by reducing budget allocations in other areas).

Council also agreed to contribute £150 to support the servicing of the church clock.

Budget - The Council budget for 2018 was also agreed. This will see the Council's precept increase by 2.5% to £13,800. This modest increase is in line with inflation and will help the Council to meet the increased grass cutting costs, the cost of replenishing the grit bins next winter and the cost of repairing and maintaining some of the village assets.

Other Matters - The Council will be organising a village 'Clean Up Day' in the coming weeks to help shift leaves, pick up litter and tidy the village before Spring. More information on this will soon be available on the village website and on the Council notice board. Finally, to help villagers get to know their Parish Councillors, we will be placing short biographies of each Councillor, including their picture and contact details, on both the village website and in the Parish Council noticeboard outside of the shop.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

You are invited to

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 1st February at
At 7.30pm

In

Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

February 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			February 2	4.30pm	3	10.00am
5	6	7	8	9	10	8.15am
12	13	February 14	15	16	17	6.00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	10.00am
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