

Sulgrave News

August 2018

Regular Events

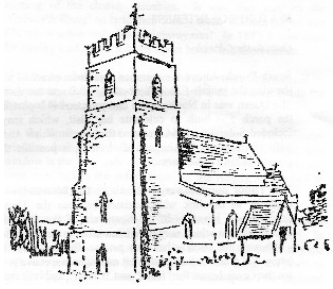
- BB&C Service 2nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing 3rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.00pm

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Deadline for the September Newsletter is 24th August 2018

If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail gypsysmith7@gmail.com
As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News

Services for August

Sunday 5 th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 12 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 26 th	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave



Flower and Cleaning Rota

4 th & 11 th August	Mrs Churchill & Mrs Christie
18 th & 25 th August	Mrs Stimpson & Mrs Higginson

The vicar, Brian Fairbank, will be away through August. If you have any queries, please contact Shrimp on 760214.

The Benefice service on August 5th will be taken by the Archdeacon, Richard Ormston. Please come along and meet him.

John Roberts will take Holy Communion on August 12th and I will take both Evensong and Mattins on the following Sundays.

Next month there will be details of our Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival and, hopefully, we shall set a date for the Safari Supper.

Watch this space!!

Thankyou
Shrimp



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

Phew! What a scorcher! But who's complaining? The glorious summer weather has been good for the shop - encouraging lots of passing trade including hordes of sweaty cyclists dropping in to rehydrate and buy ice-creams. Last month, various local events brought in many extra customers and the first weekend of July was one of our busiest ever. Trade has been so brisk that it has been quite a battle to keep the cooler shelves stocked up and to ensure that we haven't run out of popular lines.

The endless sunshine brought the barbecues out from the backs of sheds and garages so, for as long as the hot weather lasts, we shall be stocking bags of barbecue charcoal. We also have a nice new range of summery greetings cards.

The new recyclable coffee mugs have now arrived so we encourage regular caffeine junkies to buy a mug for the bargain price of £3 and save 20p each time they buy a coffee. The environment will be grateful.

Wine sales continue to break records – but some customers have asked why we don't stock a few rather more expensive wines. The answer is that we have limited shelf space and have found, from experience, that wines above a certain price level are slow to move. However, Digby would be very happy to source some higher quality wines if customers require them. Just let him know what wine style or grape variety you are interested in and what sort of price per bottle you would be prepared to pay and he will happily do some research.

We are going through a partial changing of the guard at the shop. Celia Stimpson will be standing down as volunteer coordinator at the end of August and her role will be taken over by David Walker. Many thanks to Celia for all her efforts over the past years and thank you David for taking on this onerous task.

Colin Wootton has, with regret, retired from baking duties at the shop much to the chagrin of consumers who delighted in his perfectly cooked pasties and sausage rolls. Thank you Colin for availing us of your patisserie skills for so many years. Colin's departure leaves us with a need for a replacement to join our team of *boulangers* so if anyone would be prepared to come in on one or two mornings a week and take on this important role please contact the shop.

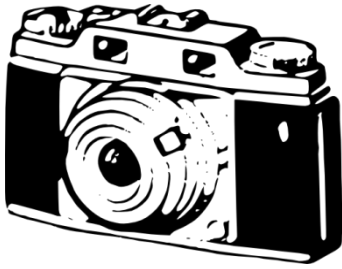
Many people are not aware that the shop runs a reverse credit system for regular customers. It's simple to set up and very convenient. Just open an account (forms available at the shop) and pay in some money - then, each time you make a purchase, give your account number and the cost of your purchase will be charged to your account. When your balance gets a bit low you can top up your account with cash, cheque or debit card. Easy peasy. As well as being convenient for you, by opening an account you will benefit the shop as it will reduce the number of card transactions, each of which incurs a significant cost.

Sadly, our lovely shop supervisor Tracey Speed will be leaving us at the end of this month. Tracey has been a huge asset to the shop, not only providing cool efficiency and a smiling face on the shop floor, but also taking on the often tedious back-office duties. Good luck for the future, Tracey - you will be sadly missed.

The observant amongst you may have noticed that the shop sign at the end of Magpie Road is looking rather smarter than it has of late. Many thanks to Ian Cherry for removing it from its gallows and bringing it to Digby to scrape off the grime, mould and rust and provide a little titivation.

Let's hope that August brings some rain for the parched gardens - but not too much.

Digby and Alison



Following the entertaining evening in June at the canal side in Banbury, six photographs were selected by each photographer and these were put together in a slide show by Colin Wootton for the members to view and comment on. The Star once more offered us accommodation and hospitality, an impromptu theatre was set up in the snug and an entertaining evening followed looking at the results of our “on location” trip to Castle Quay.

The photographs were viewed in a random order, so the entertainment included guessing who had taken the image and the group commented on composition and technique. One photograph from each of the participants has been selected and will shortly be posted on the village website – see www.sulgrave.org and follow the links.

The meeting was also requested to consider producing a series of photographs of Sulgrave and village activities that could be printed as a calendar or as postcards to be sold at the village shop. During the coming months club photographers may be seen in and around the village creating images for consideration, the club members will have to decide on the selection process in future meetings.

The next club meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, **Tuesday 14th August at 7.30 PM**. Meet promptly at The Star and weather permitting, out and about in the village, the intention is to take our photographs as the evening light starts to change with sunset at 8.40.

An alternative wet weather programme will be to look at and discuss members past photographs.

New members are welcome, contact details are given below.

Graham Roberts
Grahamroberts53@hotmail.com

A Phoenix Community Cinema presentation supported by

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The Greatest Showman (CERT PG)



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For the Weather Watcher

The following information is obtained from an Aercus scientific automatic weather station located in the village.



Information downloaded from this station can tell us about the past weather conditions.

The extremes for a 20 day period commencing 4th July 2018 were recorded as:-

Hottest day;	33.2 ^o C at 14.21hrs on 23 rd July
Coldest Night	11.1 ^o C on 11 th July
Rainfall	0.3mm on 20 th July
(Just one-half an hour of minimal rainfall in 20 days)	

Castle Green Management Committee

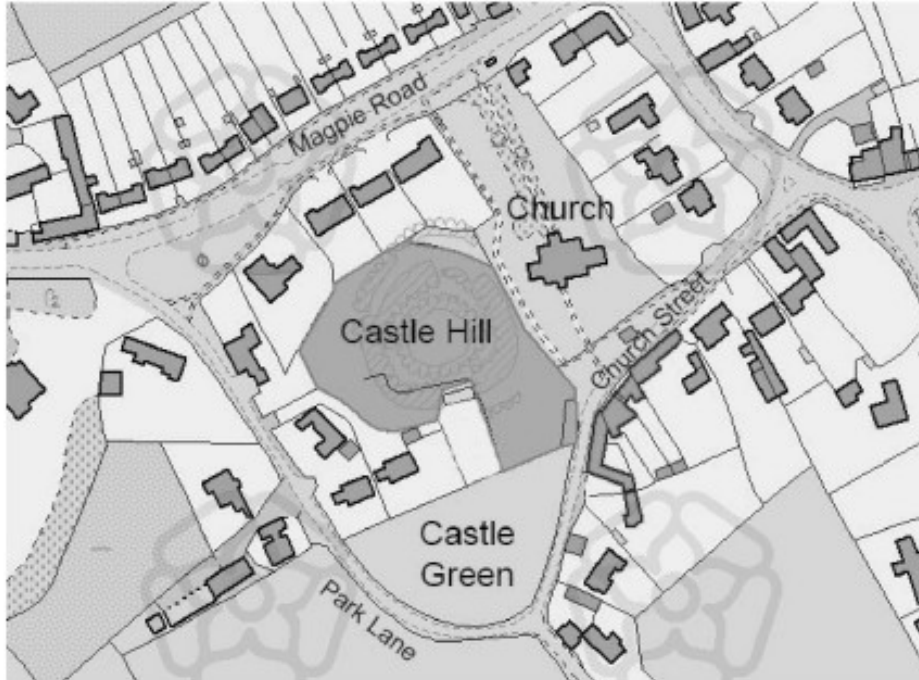
SULGRAVE CASTLE HILL APPEAL



Castle Hill from Castle Green

- ◆ The Castle Green Management Committee have been asked by the Parish Council to co-ordinate the purchase of the Castle Hill site on behalf of the village.
- ◆ Peter and Clare Pollak are selling the Castle Hill site and have generously offered the Parish Council first refusal.
- ◆ The Castle Hill would then become part of the Castle Green Public Open Space and would be administered by the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council and the villagers of Sulgrave.
- ◆ We will need to raise £6,000 to cover the costs of Purchase and Legal Fees.
- ◆ The Parish Council, the Sulgrave Charities, the Sulgrave History Society and the Sulgrave Archaeological Group between them have promised £3,000 towards this target.

- ◆ This leaves an immediate shortfall of £3,000. It is hoped that the village will be able to raise this sum to enable purchase to take place as soon as possible.



The dark shading indicates the land to be purchased.

- ◆ When in 2004 we purchased Castle Green on behalf of the village, the support from Villagers in raising a far greater amount was overwhelming.
- ◆ Thus we appeal again for your support to bring this most important Scheduled Ancient Monument into public ownership.
- ◆ The Castle Site represents the very earliest evidence of Sulgrave as a populated village from Anglo-Saxon and Norman times.
- ◆ We look forward to your support – see enclosed form.

Thank you, on behalf of the Castle Green Management Committee.

Castle Green Management Committee

SULGRAVE CASTLE HILL APPEAL

You are invited to come and join in

THE MICHAELMAS FAIR

to be held on Castle Green on Saturday 29th September
from 11.30 am to 4.00 pm.

- ◆ Learn from the Lord of the Manor all about the traditional harvest customs in Tudor times.
- ◆ Enjoy discovering about the Story of Corn, the most important harvest crop of all.
- ◆ See how Corn Dollies are made and even make one yourself.
- ◆ Find out from the Thegn of Sulgrave himself what is under the Castle Hill itself.
- ◆ Many other events and happenings!! MORRIS MEN - COUNTRY MUSIC - PERIOD RE-ENACTMENT - RURAL GAMES - PIG ROAST - BAR - TEAS.

FREE ENTRY

Castle Green Management Committee

SULGRAVE CASTLE HILL APPEAL

In conjunction with Sulgrave History Society you are invited to a series of Illustrated Talks and Presentations, outlining:-

- ◆ The story of Sulgrave Castle from Anglo-Saxon times through Norman times to the 1967 – 1976 excavations.
- ◆ The story of Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family from their origins in County Durham to the first President of the U.S.A.
- ◆ Life as it was in Tudor Sulgrave with explanations of costumes, food, life expectancy, health and hygiene.
- ◆ An overview of the 5,000 year history of Sulgrave and Stuchbury right up to the present day.

**TO BE GIVEN IN THE CHURCH HALL THROUGH
THE AUTUMN AND SPRING.**

**DATES AND TIMES WILL APPEAR IN THE
SULGRAVE NEWS.**

Castle Green Management Committee

SULGRAVE CASTLE HILL APPEAL

I/we are willing to donate:

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to purchase Castle Hill.

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Name(s) and address.

Contributions can be made directly to the
SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT
as follows: A/c: 60711977 Sort Code: 20-03-84

Cheques should be made payable to:
"Sulgrave Parish Council" and can be posted/dropped off to:

Will Priestman, The Limes, 2 Manor Road,
Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxon

or

Colin Wootton, Dippers Cottage, Little Street,
Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxon OX 17 2SG.

(Representatives of Castle Green Management Committee)

to whom this form should be returned.

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 5th of July 2018

AY4 Footpath

Council was advised that the AY4 footpath changes had been completed. However, there was still a need for new signage so that pedestrians and riders were aware of the respective pathways. Council committed to following this up with the landowner.

Park Lane Street Sign

A meeting was held with Northants Highways regarding the placement of a replacement street sign. The location for the new sign as proposed by Northants Highways was unacceptable to Council and local residents. Instead of having a new sign placed by Northants Highways, Council has instead decided to refurbish the existing sign and place it in its previous location.

Drainage

Concerns have again been raised regarding the drains on Manor Road and Little Street. Although there has been no rain to create drainage issues, there are concerns about the amount of dirt which currently seems to be blocking the drains. The Parish Council will follow this up with South Northants District Council.

Pocket Park

Richard Fonge has been hard at work in the Pocket Park and has cleared the pond area of nettles and wild rhubarb. He also noted that one of the benches at the pond was broken. Council thanked Richard for his work at the Pocket Park and will look to remove the broken seat from the pond area.

HS2 Update

Cllr Faure recently met with HS2 representatives with a view to arranging a public meeting in the village. Council will try to arrange a public meeting with HS2 representatives in September. In other news, the application for funding to renovate the Church Hall is progressing well.

Dial-a-Bus Service

Council has made contact with the surrounding villages regarding replacement bus services for when the District Council ceases its existing bus service. Currently, a number of our surrounding villages are looking into alternative services. This work is being coordinated by Northants Highways. The Parish Council hopes that this work will progress and we will have some good news about replacement bus services in the near future.

Speeding in the Village

Council considered and discussed the issue of speeding through the village,

particularly at Five-Ways and the Helmdon Road end of the village. Options highlighted for further investigation by the Council included: additional and/moved street signage; a flashing speed sign; and enforcement activity by Northamptonshire Police. Councillors will further consider these options and will make contact with both Northants Highways and Northamptonshire Police to investigate their cost and viability.

Castle Mound

The option to purchase the castle mound on behalf of the community was recently extended to the Parish Council. Given the significance of this historic monument and its importance to the village, Council agreed that purchasing the mound would be in the interests of the village. However, as the Parish Council did not have enough funding in its reserves to meet the full cost of purchasing the land, it was agreed that Council would work with the Castle Green Committee, the Sulgrave History Society and Sulgrave Charities to collectively fund the purchase. Council itself has agreed to make a contribution of £2000 towards the purchase of the site and essential tree maintenance. The remainder of the funding will be provided by the Castle Green Committee, the Sulgrave History Society and Sulgrave Charities.

Council is committed to keeping the use of the castle mound 'as is'. That is, to safeguard it as a historical monument of local and national importance. However, Council will provide open access to the site for the community. To that end, the Castle Green Committee will take on the management of the site.

The Parish Council is excited to take ownership of this nationally important historical monument for the community. The castle mound is a vital link to Sulgrave's past and Council hopes that by being able to access the site, the community will forge even stronger links with the village's heritage.

Next Meeting

Traditionally, Council does not have an August meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 6th of September.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

THERE WILL BE NO
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
IN AUGUST

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE ON
THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

August 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4 Holy	10.00am
6	7	8	9	10	11	Communion 12 8.15am
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20	21	22	23	24	25	Prayer 26 10.00am
27	28	29	30			

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