

# Sulgrave News

## February 2019

### Regular Events

- BB&C Service    2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am  
Book Club        3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm  
Circle Danding    1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly at Culworth village hall 2.30pm-4.30pm

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PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN MARCH

Deadline for the April Newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News

### Services for February

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave

### March

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Moreton Pinkney
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For March services please refer to parish magazine "Now We Are Six".

Although it now seems like a long time ago, I would like to express my thanks to all who came and contributed to our Carol Service just before Christmas. The church was packed. I am so grateful to Clive for setting up a microphone and speakers so that all our readers could be heard. The readers themselves were fantastic and the Christmas Story was brought home to us through words and music.

Thank you - Shrimp

#### **Now for something different!**

I am sure you enjoyed, or heard about the Carol Service held in our ancient Church, this year. Well we invite you all, especially families, to join in the last service of the Christmas celebrations, Candlemass. This will be a service of family Communion at 10am, on Sunday 3 February, in St James the Less Sulgrave.

This service marks the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus and His entry into the Temple. Candlemass has also traditionally been the time when all the Church candles are blessed for the year.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome whether or not a member of the Church of England, and ALL can receive a Blessing if they wish, and sing out the end of Christmas. See you there.

#### **Food Bank Contributions.**

Thank you all so very much for your continuing support of the Brackley Food Bank. I have taken two further bags of donations to the bank today, who are continuing to have great demand in this cold weather. Thank you for giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Jean Bates. Deanery Synod representative.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) AGM - Wednesday 20th March**

Come and find out what has been happening in Sulgrave Church over the last year at our Annual General meeting which will be held at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided.



**SULGRAVE VILLAGE SPRING WALKS**

Once the weather starts warming up in March, would anyone be interested in joining me and Ingram on a regular village walk, Monday to Friday?

Each day we would all meet at the village shop at 9.30 and follow a different walk of varying lengths and terrain. For example, each Monday walk could be along the concrete road to the bridge and back and then each Friday could be up to the windmill, then on to Culworth and stop for a coffee at the Forge! Etc etc. All are welcome including dogs.

We will walk whatever the weather, but will do a route to match the weather. However if it is really, really bad we won't go!

We will be starting on Monday 4th March but in the meantime some suggestions for village walks for the various days would be much appreciated.

Carol Churchill 07769 697973



**RODNEY HENN**

It is with regret that we announce that Rodney Henn passed away peacefully in the early hours of Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at The Horton General Hospital.

His funeral service and interment will be at Sulgrave Church on Friday 8th February 2019 at 2.30 pm and afterwards at The Bowling Green, Overthorpe Road, Banbury OX17 2XA

It would be appreciated if Church Street could be left clear of traffic to assist with access and also if Spinners end of Magpie Road could be left clear as well for parking adjacent to the church.



**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

The big news this month is that the Shop has been selected as one of five regional finalists for the Countryside Alliance Awards (aka The Rural Oscars). There were over seventeen thousand nominations this year, so the Shop has done extremely well to get this far. But we are not resting on our laurels and will be making a big push to progress to the next stage - the National Finals. This will not be easy as competition is very tough, but we have put together a strong application and will ensure that the shop is looking at its very best for the judges' visit in the Spring. If we do manage to come out on top, it will be top-hat and tails time as all regional winners will be invited to the Houses of Lords where the national winners will be announced. No pressure then!

Although sales for December were marginally down on the same month last year, the overall turnover for 2018 was the highest since the shop came into existence 15 years ago. So congratulations to everyone – volunteers, supervisors, shop committee and customers for this brilliant result.

Digby has been scratching his head wondering why some wines fly off the shelves and others just sit. Is it the label? the grape variety? the description on the tag? – who knows?. The Nande's Vinho Verde is a case in point. It is a great example of this classic Portuguese wine which usually retails at £9.95 a bottle and which we sell for £6.85 – but, for reasons unknown, it has been slow to move. So come on you white-wine quaffers – give this delightful, fresh, fruity, food-friendly wine with its tongue-tingly sparkle a try. I suspect you will soon be nipping back for a second bottle.

New goodies on the shelves this month include Growers Garden broccoli crisps, Driver's Traditional Farmhouse Pickle and a new posh pasta - Garafolo gluten-free Fusilloni. Home bakers will be delighted to hear that Wessex Mill 6-seed, mixed-grain and self-raising flours are all back in stock.

It's marmalade-making time again and we have Seville oranges back on the fruit rack. They have a very short season so, if your supplies of home-made, chunky-cut marmalade are getting low, you had better rush out and buy a bag of these bitter beauties straight away. The shop also stocks preserving sugar so you have no excuse for not getting out the jam saucepan and replenishing your preserves shelf. Don't forget to save a jar to enter in the Village Produce Show in September – though, be warned, competition is very fierce.

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, watch out for promotions on fizz and chocolates.

Please note that there will be no village news-letter and thus no shop report in March.

Happy Chinese New Year

Digby and Alison

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE December 2nd 2018



Really lovely to see so many people in Church for the annual Christingle service and many thanks to those of you who helped in the organisation especially Jo Horne, Rachel Carey, Linda Harrison, Christine Limb, Julie Metcalfe and John and Celia Stimpson. Also special thanks to all the younger village members who read, sang and generally assisted in the service! Fabulous Christingle explanation by Jo Horne and her helpers and singing by the candle light of the Christingle oranges made for a very festive occasion. The service and many very generous donations left in the village shop prior to the service raised £271.59 for the Children's Society bringing the total raised for the Children's Society over the last 25 years to just over £5000. Thankyou

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS COFFEE MORNING Thursday 28th Feb 10.30 - 12.00

I am hoping that your Children's Society boxes require emptying and I would therefore like to invite boxholders to bring their CS boxes round to my house and enjoy a coffee/tea with a biscuit or two so I can get them emptied, the money counted and the box returned to you. Anybody who would like to begin collecting their change (or notes) for this worthy cause is also most welcome to drop by and pick up a box in return for a cuppa!!

Kate Miles ( Local Box Secretary for The Children's Society)  
Garden House, Manor Road, Sulgrave  
Tel:760957



## Advent Windows 2018

Thank you all

Thank you to all openers, all those who turned out for the openings regardless of weather, to Annie who changed the signs every morning, to Shrimp who stepped in to get the mulled wine when Hywel and I couldn't be there (a night off!). Thank you also: Adrian and Sarah Currier, Sarah and Andrew Barlow, Tim and Alison Frost, Susie Mason, John and Celia Stimpson, Janie and Charlie Mann who underwrote the cost of all the drink. Finally, to our photographer - Colin who only missed one night and that was when he went to a carol concert with the family. I gather that, a month earlier he had sourced old photographs to tell more of the story about each house, he also aimed to get all the photographs and description uploaded by midnight, in time for the worldwide accolade. Apparently, the average website hit is 500 per month, but when the windows feature, it rises to an amazing 2,000 hits from for e.g. Norway, many places in the US, the Netherlands, Australia etc.

How much we raised: Banbury Young Homeless Project will benefit from £1,119.60 after gift aid, generously given each evening and at the carol concert.

Patrick Vercoe the CEO of BYHP says that he has "earmarked these funds to be allocated to our Emergency Accommodation Fund. This fund pays for a young person, who is rough sleeping, to be accommodated immediately in a local bed and breakfast, and gets them off the street straight away and helps buy us time to get them on the emergency accommodation pathway administered by the District Council. However, there is such a pressure on emergency beds for rough sleepers in Cherwell, it can often be several days before a bed becomes available. This important intervention rescues the young person from the threat of violence and drug abuse as they are no longer seeking shelter in a doorway or park bench." The Charity are very grateful for the villager's generosity.

Some stats: this year had largest turn out for each evening ever. Possibly nearly 80 for the bus shelter? Ingredients purchased: at least 40 bottles of wine, 14 litres of cranberry juice, 20 oranges, 20 lemons, 20 sticks of cinnamon, many star anise, juniper berries, and whole cloves. Much grated nutmeg, some all spice, fresh bay leaves. Most evening 3 litres of mulled wine were taken to a window opening, usually 1 litre was brought home. 4 plastic cups are still missing, what a party!! This quantity does not include the 8 evenings when openers opted to provide the wine.

I did say that it would be the last year the windows would run, but many have said that it would be a shame if this isn't continued next year. I think more help each

evening in getting the wine to each house would be a great help. Help in persuading people to contribute their window and time would also be very welcome; in fact, any extra help. Planning starts in September, so if anyone would like to help there are several months to think about it.

It has been a joyful way to recognise the days up to Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

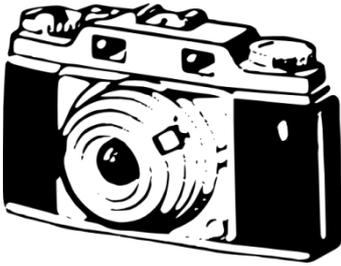
Ingram Lloyd



We have lived in the village for 5 years now and retirement draws nearer. We love it here in Sulgrave and, thanks to you all, we feel this is home and we have been so welcomed and included in village life that nothing can seem better than retiring here. To entertain family, as we hope to, we need 3 bedrooms and would like more garden as we spend more time in the village. If anyone wishes to downsize to a 2 bed, beautiful cottage, then maybe a sale swop might be possible. If you need to move then please hold us in mind. We are going ahead with the sale so as to be ready to just buy. If you know anyone who might be interested, let them know. Many thanks to all.

Please check out our lovely home on [Macintyres website](#) Brackley

Mike and Lynn Harmon



The shorter daylight hours did not stop us from bringing along more photographs to consider at the January meeting. A challenge was set to capture images of the chimneys and skylines in and around the village and each of our photographers brought one or more images to talk about. The discussions soon developed and we talked about composition, camera settings and technical skills, sharing our experiences and knowledge. Once more we are grateful to The Star for hosting the club meetings, we are always made to feel welcome.

Our next meeting will be at 07.30 on Tuesday 12th February with a change of venue. We shall be looking at more images and discussing the merits of using software to post process the images, as this topic was postponed from our January meeting.

The March meeting will be back at The Star on 19th March at 7.30 pm. Although we have no topic at present to announce we are sure to find subjects of interest to the group.

For more information email [grahamroberts53@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@hotmail.com)

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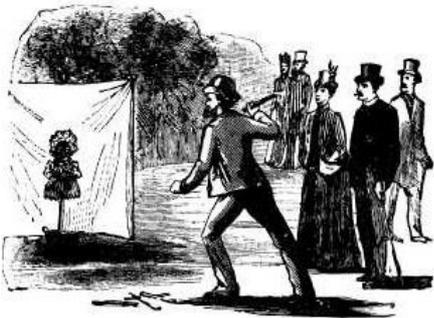


fish & chip van will be visiting Sulgrave on the following dates between 5.30pm and 7.00pm outside the village shop'

19<sup>th</sup> January  
16<sup>th</sup> February  
16<sup>th</sup> March  
13<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> June  
6<sup>th</sup> July  
31<sup>st</sup> August  
28<sup>th</sup> September  
26<sup>th</sup> October  
23<sup>rd</sup> November  
21<sup>st</sup> December



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know it's only the end of January, but with no newsletter next month I thought it appropriate to inform everyone of forthcoming events, leading up to the new season which will be starting at the end of April.

The league A.G.M will be held at the end of February, which I will attend with the list of members to be registered for the season ahead. This is not a deadline as new players can be eligible for registration up to July 1st. Secondly the pre-season meal will be at The Star on the 28th of March for 8p.m. All welcome, and if you are new to the village and want to know more about this local game played in the pub garden please do come along and meet up with a welcoming group of players who enjoy their game of Aunt Sally and each other's company. Booking is required for the meal. The first practice evening will be on Wednesday the 3rd at 7.30 p.m.

Finally our congratulations and best wishes go to Karen and Andrew Osmond who are expecting their first child in early April, and to Charlotte Cherry and John Smith on their recent engagement.

Richard Fonge. Captain



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THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - FOREVER ALOE EVENING – HEALTH/WELLNESS & BEAUTY EVENING



THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – VALENTINE'S EVENING

SPECIAL MENU – 2 & 3 COURSE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

MENU ON OUR FB PAGE & WEBSITE – OR CALL/POP IN FOR DETAILS



FREE GLASS OF PROSECCO WITH  
YOUR MEAL. PLEASE BOOK !!



WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – LUNCH BUNCH 12.30PM – PLEASE BOOK

A CHANCE TO LUNCH WITH A FRIENDLY BUNCH – 2 COURSES FOR £8.50 PER PERSON

Sweet Potato & Sausage Casserole with Chunky Bread OR Warm Wild Mushroom & Stilton Tart, New Potato's  
& Salad Garnish

AND

Chocolate & Raspberry Tart with Raspberry Coulis OR Ginger Sponge & Custard



TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7PM - 80s: QUIZ NIGHT – TEAMS OF UP TO 5 – PLEASE BOOK

QUIZ ONLY £3.00 PER PERSON

QUIZ & BEEF BOURGIGNON OR MIXED BEAN CASSOULET BOTH WITH WILD RICE £8.50 PER PERSON

WINNING TEAM EACH RECEIVE A BAR MENU VOUCHER





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**DUE TO NO SULGRAVE NEWS IN MARCH HERE ARE SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.**



**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH – LIVE MUSIC EVENING**



**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SPANISH NIGHT**

**TAPAS AND PAELLA – DETAILS TO FOLLOW – PLEASE BOOK**



**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 7PM - 90s QUIZ NIGHT – TEAMS OF UP TO 5 – PLEASE BOOK**

**QUIZ ONLY £3.00 PER PERSON**

**QUIZ & MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN, ROAST NEW POTATOES & PEAS OR VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES, CREAMED MASH & VEGETABLE GRAVY - £8.50 PER PERSON**

**WINNING TEAM EACH RECEIVE A BAR MENU VOUCHER**



**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**FREE DESSERT FOR MUMS**

## Church Hall update. January 2019

We have heard that we have been successful in our bid for £75k for renovation of the Church Hall. The grant has been awarded from Community Environment Fund (CEF) granted us the max for this type of application. CEF manage the ameliorating scheme for the disruption etc that HS2 causes.

Key people who helped Anna Faure and Ingram Lloyd gain this bid:

- Mark Bell, architect for drawing up plans and reviewing them as required by South Northants Council.
- Colin Wootton for detailed impact statement on damage to the surrounding countryside and footpaths.
- Chris Jackson for detailed statement of increase in traffic and construction works, also for final proof reading.
- Margaret Watts for detailed statement and explanation on the finances of Sulgrave Parochial Church Council
- Julian Rodway who finalised the questions for the village survey, a key source of evidence of "need".
- The two focus groups for the online survey who thrashed out what were good questions and those that were rubbish.
- Janet Smith for details about the hall and its usage over the years
- David Walker for his copy of his petition to the House of Lords on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Graham Roberts for applying for extra funding

Others

- Michael Appleton, Carter Jonas, responsible for Peterborough Glebe property etc. For accepting that the hall needs renovation and that a new lease will be drawn up.
- Helena Mitchell for initial consultation on best ways to gain people's views.
- Roger Upton for creating the e-survey site and uploading the questions.
- Andy Cain for patient advice on building works.

The bid document was lengthy, repetitive, required a great range of information and finally, was difficult to complete on line, everything just "jumped about". Still we got there in the end and pressed the submit button on 19<sup>th</sup> October with some trepidation and waited. The finance is secure but we still have a few (more!) hoops to jump through before it falls into the bank. This is not an issue as a new lease has to be drawn up and works have to be finalised and agreed with SNC. So, no start date is planned yet.

If you would like to help in the next stage please contact either Anna or myself. In particular we are needing help with: specific legal expertise of leases, some project management, and definitely more fundraising, either large or small.

**Ingram**

## Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Parish Council's first meeting for 2019 was a positive one and well attended by villagers despite the cold weather. A range of matters were discussed at the meeting including a number of key achievements for 2018.

### Action on speeding through the village

Cllr Priestman met with a representative of Northamptonshire Highways to discuss moving the 30mph speed restriction sign on Helmdon Road further along the road out of the village. This would encompass all village properties within a 30mph zone. Northamptonshire Highways agreed with Council's proposal to move the sign. Council will now request that Northamptonshire Highways move the sign. Cllr Priestman was also provided with some advice regarding a flashing speed sensor/sign for the village and is currently seeking quotes for costs.

### Pocket Park

Following some long overdue rain, the ponds in the Pocket Park have filled. Vegetation has been removed from the pond section of the Pocket Park and the pond area is now available for use once more.

### Grass Cutting

A quote has been sought for the grass cutting contractor to undertake edging along the footpaths in the village. This will ensure that grass does not overgrow the footpaths and they remain both neat and safe for use.

### Castle Mound

Council has received and agreed to sign the transfer deed for the Castle Mound. This will place the Castle Mound in the ownership of the Parish Council for the use and benefit of the village. Counsellors sought a clarification over the solicitor's fees. Council wishes to express its thanks to all villagers who generously donated money so that the Castle Mound could be brought into village ownership.

### Proposal for a village bus service

Council undertook a community consultation at the end of 2018 to identify the demand for a village bus service. Council received 5 responses to its consultation. Correspondence from surrounding villages has suggested that there is strong support for village bus services in the area. On this basis, Cllr Jackson will meet with representatives of surrounding villages to explore bus service options which may benefit the Sulgrave Community.

### Defibrillator Project

The defibrillator project has been brought to a successful close with the defibrillator cabinet and unit being installed on Stock Lane next to the Sulgrave Village Shop in

November 2018. Community training on CPR on the use of the defibrillator was also provided in November. Further training will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall for villagers who missed out on the training in November. If anyone is interested in attending, they should contact Cllr Daniels.

### HS2 Update

The Parish Council in partnership with the Parochial Church Council have been awarded a grant of £75,000 for the proposed renovation of the Church Hall. Council congratulates everyone who was involved in making the grant application.

The most recent updates from HS2 have indicated that the upgrade to the Greatworth intersection will start in February / March and is likely to be completed by May.

### Bus Shelter

Council has received an anonymous donation to help Council repaint the bus shelter. While Council was thankful for the donation, significant repairs are needed on the bus shelter before it can be painted. Council agreed to investigate repairs to the bus shelter and progress these during 2019.

### Reorganisation of Northamptonshire District Council

Council noted correspondence from Northamptonshire District Council which indicated that due to it undergoing a process of reform and reorganisation this year, there would be no district and parish council elections in May 2019. Elections for new parish councillors will instead occur in May 2020.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

### CPR and Defibrillator Training

Thanks to a funding grant from the South Northamptonshire District Council and donation from Cardiac Science, the village now has its own lifesaving automated external defibrillator (AED).

To help members of the community feel more confident in undertaking CPR and using the AED, the Parish Council has organised a training session with a Community Responder from the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

This training will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February in the Church Hall.

There are 28 places available. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis. Should you wish to attend the training, please reply to Troy Daniels via (daniit@hotmail.com).

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

You are invited to

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To be held on

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at  
At 7.30pm

In

Sulgrave Church Hall



*We look forward to seeing you there*

THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE  
THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

# February 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	10.00am e HC3
4	Club5 8.00pm	6	uncil7 7.30pm	8	9	mmunion10 8.15am
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25	26	27	28			e HC3 10.00am

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