

# Sulgrave News

## July 2019

### Regular Events

BB&C Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am

Circle Dancing 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly at Culworth village hall 2.30pm-4.30pm

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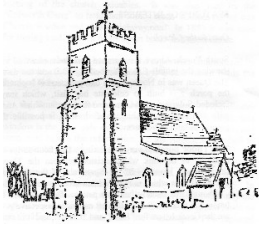


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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News

### Services for July

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Thorpe Mandeville
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion - Sulgrave</b>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave

**Please note the change of time for our Holy Communion Service. Instead of 8.15am it will be held at 10.00am. Hopefully, this may encourage a few more of you to come along.**

Shrimp

## August

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Sulgrave
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### Flower and Cleaning Rota

7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Dixon & Mrs Apperley
21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Tattersall & Mrs Mason
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Mrs Ormond & Mrs Tims



**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

As we write this newsletter, June has yet to start flaming. In fact it is damp and cold and altogether depressingly un-summery. Let us hope that by the time this issue of Sulgrave News hits the streets we shall be back to short sleeves and sunglasses and the barbecues will be in full action.

Our disappointment at not being chosen as regional winner in the Countryside Alliance Awards has been slightly ameliorated by the Shop and PO having been selected as a finalist in this year's Post Office Retail Awards. Ronnie is hoping to represent us at the awards ceremony to be held at the Vox Reports World in Birmingham on 22nd June. Fingers crossed.

As from the beginning of July, we shall be back to full strength in the shop when Natasha Kennedy Akin takes on the role of co-supervisor to work in concert with Jeannette. This will take a lot of pressure off those selfless volunteers who have put in many extra hours since Jackie's resignation in April. We welcome Natasha, who has worked for the Post Office in Berkhamsted for many years, and we are sure that she will fit seamlessly into the operation of the shop and PO. Many thanks to Rowena for filling the Tuesday and Thursday gaps for us over the past few months.

Despite the dreich weather, the shop has been ticking along very nicely and sales in almost all departments have been strong. We are well stocked with ice-creams and ice-lollies in anticipation of the warm weather and have some tubs of delicious clotted-cream vanilla ice-cream to plop on top of a bowl of our lovely strawberries. If you are not too worried about your cholesterol levels, you will also be able to find pots of clotted cream in the chiller during the summer. Wine sales continue to amaze and the sight of Digby or Alison pushing their wheel-barrow piled high with wine to the shop has become a regular village feature. The new freshly-filled rolls from our Brackley baker have been a great success and feedback has been very positive. Give them a try. They arrive fresh every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning.

This September the Shop and Post Office will celebrate 15 years of operation. Congratulations to everyone who has participated for making it such a big success.

Roll on balmy summer evenings

Digby and Alison

Sulgrave Manor want to give you a warm welcome for the new season.

Did you know?

If you are living in Sulgrave you can claim a free season ticket - all you need to do is provide us with proof of address on arrival. We have some new members of the team so why not pop in and say hello?

There have been some changes in and around the Manor. We welcome feedback from our visitors. It is important to us to develop our offer.

Upcoming events:

Family friendly activities across the whole of the summer school holidays on public open days for only £2.00 per child!

Reminder:

Open every Thursday, Friday and Sunday - 11am - 5pm until Sunday 29th September 2019

Look forward to seeing you soon and giving you your season pass!



 **ngs** gardens open  
for charity

## SULGRAVE OPEN GARDENS

Thankfully, there was a respite from the wet and windy weather and 254 paying visitors, plus children and others, enjoyed the NGS Sulgrave Open Gardens on Sunday June 9th. Following hours of careful weeding, pruning, mowing etc the gardens looked spectacular, endorsed by the SW Northants county organiser, Philippa Heumann, who thought that Sulgrave had a wonderful group of gardens, with enthusiastic gardeners, declaring it a wonderful result. I am very pleased to say that just over £2000 was raised for NGS charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK.

A huge 'thank you' goes to all who contributed to this event. As well as those who opened their gardens, countless others, family members, friends and villagers were involved in many different ways, including administration, parking, cake making, furniture setting, tea serving and tidying up. Also the shop volunteers and the Star staff, who opened for the afternoon and made it a whole village event..A special mention of gratitude goes to Ingram and Hywel, who undertook the massive task of tea organisation in addition to opening their own garden. Support from the Castle Green and Village Hall organisations was again much appreciated.

I am grateful to all for helping to make the afternoon such a success. Photographs of the gardens, osts and visitors can be seen on the village website, courtesy of Colin Wooton's excellent work.

David Thompson.

hello  
**JULY**  
please be good

The Star Inn - Support Your Local



Reminder for 29<sup>th</sup> June – From 12pm  
Anniversary Family Fun Day / BBQ  
& Waggy Walks Dog Show



Lunch Bunch – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

12.15 to eat for 12.30

2 Courses for £8.50 pp

Fish Pie OR Vegetable Hotpot

And

Cheesecake OR Spotted Dick & Custard



20<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July

Chef Karl will be taking over for the week  
Karl will be creating his own menu for you





## SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW

SUNDAY 1st SEPT in the CHURCH HALL

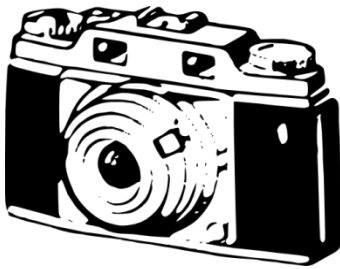
*Our annual Produce Show will be held on Sunday 1st September, 2-4 pm in the Church Hall with prize giving at 3.30pm. We are hoping that even more villagers will participate this year as this is a very enjoyable village occasion. I know every household could easily enter at least one exhibit from their garden, kitchen or camera. This is a fun event for everyone to enjoy with very few rules and very easy going judges! Tea, coffee and delicious slices of homemade cakes will be on sale and there will be a raffle and prize giving at 3.30pm. There is a very small Exhibitor Entry fee (£1 for people over 20 years old and 25p for those under 20 years old regardless of the number of exhibits you choose to enter) but admission to the show is **free**.*

*The Show Schedule and Exhibitors Entry Form will be distributed with the August Newsletter.*

*Hope to see you all there!*

*Kate Miles and Family*

*We would very much appreciate donations of garden themed items for the raffle prizes. These can be left with Kate at Garden House, Manor Road or Janet Smith at Northston in School Street. Many thanks.*



You may have spotted the Camera Club was again "out and about" in June. This time we were on location in the village experimenting with the effects of light and finding it quite challenging due to the intermittent cloud cover making us all think carefully about the camera settings required to obtain that "special" photograph.

After an hour or so on a pleasant and sunny evening we returned to The Star to look through our photographs and talk about the results. It was good to exchange views and through that process learn from each other some tips and tricks. In addition, we are now owners of a new wide screen monitor which means our photographs are being displayed in high definition and quality colour, far better than our past, all be it temporary, solution.

We also found time to look at images taken by members as a project for May. This time the topic was "abstract images" and the resulting photographs were really good. Some of these will be posted on the Village Web-site Club Page.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, initially meeting at the Star. If the weather is fine, we could be seen once more "out and about"!

For more information contact [grahamroberts53@Hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@Hotmail.com)



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

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



## **Local Church Bell-ringers will be at Sulgrave on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm**

We are in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringer's. The local branch AGM rotates around the local villages and this summer it will be in Sulgrave on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. There will be ringing from 4.00 pm followed by a short church service led by Rev Brian Fairbank. Everyone is welcome to listen to the ringing and attend the church service.

Sulgrave has three bell-ringers - but six bells - thus, for special services and weddings we "borrow" other local ringers to help us. This meeting gives us the opportunity to thank them for their help to Sulgrave. Please can anyone who appreciates the bell ringing, donate a cake or plate of sandwiches towards the tea we will hold for these ringers. We are delighted that Ingram is organizing this; contact her on (01295) 760520 if you can help.

Also, if anyone is interested in taking up bell ringing, they will be welcome to watch the ringing at 4.00 pm and enquire about local forth-coming training sessions. Of course, if anyone is a bell-ringer, we will be delighted to welcome them.

**Hywel Lloyd, Richard Carey, and Christopher Jackson**  
Sulgrave Church bell-ringers



## Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2019

It was pleasing to see the Parish Council's June meeting well attended by nine villagers. Cllr North was an apology for the meeting, whilst all other Councillors were in attendance.

### Co-option of New Councillors

The first order of business saw the Parish Council co-opt a new member. Mike Harmon of Bell Cottage has joined the Parish Council. The Parish Council welcomed Mike as a great addition to the Council. We thank Mike for putting himself forward to work for the village and look forward to his contribution during his tenure.

### Matters Arising

The only matter arising from the minutes of the last meeting was an update on the grass cutting. Council has now made an arrangement with the grass cutting contractor to provide advanced warning of the grass cutting dates. Council will update the village via the 'Next Door' website so that villagers can move their cars to allow the contractor access to the verges.

### HS2 Update

Members of the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council recently met with Fusion, the community engagement contractors for HS2 to discuss a further update meeting with the village. Fusion have indicated that they would like to hold a 'drop-in' surgery style event that would allow villagers to attend at their leisure to discuss the current situation with HS2 and potential impact on the village. Fusion will come back to the Councils with a proposed date for the meeting.

In other news, works are to commence on what HS2 are calling 'Sulgrave Junction' on the B4525 Banbury Road by the end of the year.

Finally, HS2 have offered the village a number of Cherry Trees. The Parish Council will consider the offer and make a decision on the offer at its next meeting.

### Update On Flashing Speed Sign

Council has been examining the requirements for making funding applications to the Northamptonshire Road Safety Community Fund and the New Homes Bonus Grants. As applications are sought quarterly for these funding streams, Council has agreed to take some time to gather the information it needs to make applications to these funds.

### Relationship With Sulgrave Manor

As seen in the last newsletter, Sulgrave Manor is again offering annual passes for Sulgrave residents. The Parish Council has also reopened a regular dialogue with the Manor. This continuing dialogue will be headed by Cllr Priestman.

### Public Participation

A concern was raised about the size of the trees on Stocks Green and the extent to which they are starting to encroach upon Magpie Road. Council agreed to have someone look at the trees to determine whether they should be cut back.

The Sulgrave History Society reported that the land registry documents relating to the purchase of the Castle Mound had been received. Whilst a few informal meetings have been held, no major works have been planned for the site in the near term. The Sulgrave History Society also have the remaining stock of the Sulgrave History and walking leaflets. Martin Sirot-Smith is now the contact person for obtaining more leaflets.

A number of minor works were also raised for Council's action, including streetlights and pot holes. These will be investigated for rectification.

### Matters for the Next Meeting

At its next meeting, the Parish Council will receive an update on HS2, and progress on the Castle Mound works. Council will also discuss and allocate Councillor roles.

Next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 7.30pm.

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at  
At 7.30pm

In  
Sulgrave Church Hall



*We look forward to seeing you there*

# JULY 2019

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