

Sulgrave News

October 2019

Regular Events

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

Circle Dancing 1st Thursday monthly at Culworth village hall 2.30pm-4.30pm

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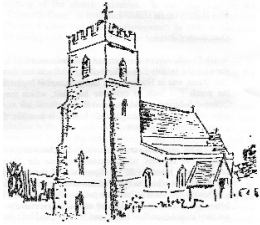


Deadline for the November Newsletter is 18th October 2019

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News

Services for October

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Edgecote
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival - Sulgrave
Sunday 13 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 20 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 27 th	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave

If you have any foliage, flowers and fruit we could use to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival Service, please could you bring it to the church. If you can help in any way please call me

Our Harvest Supper is on Saturday, 5th October. Places are still available if you want to come please sign the list in the shop or call Shrimp on 760214

Flower and Cleaning Rota

6 th October	HARVEST - All to help
13 th & 20 th October	Mrs Stimpson & Mrs Higginson
27 th October	Mrs Dyde & Mrs Mann



Sulgrave Welcomes Christmas, an event for the whole community.

You are all welcome to a candlelit evening of music, to suit all tastes, at St James The Less Church, Sulgrave, 7pm, on Saturday 23 November.

Come and hear a local singer, the Church organ you helped to restore, expertly played, and The City of Coventry male Voice Choir.

Mulled wine and mince pies, included in this evening to welcome Christmas.

Tickets £12.50, under 16's free, are available at Sulgrave Village Shop, cash or cheque only please, or from any member of the Parochial Church Council.

All proceeds to Church Funds.



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

A gradual shift in the sales of white to red wines is a sure sign that colder weather is just around the corner though we should still have a few weeks of the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness remaining before we submit to winter's icy grip.

Last month the shop held its Annual General Meeting in the church hall and there was a good turnout of members of the association. The committee was re-elected en masse though sadly Joy Grice has decided to stand down as facilities officer. Joy has done an excellent job and will be much missed though she will continue to give active support to the shop. The chairman noted that the shop celebrated its fifteenth birthday this year and, since its inauguration, has achieved a turnover of approximately two million pounds. For a tiny shop in a small village, run largely by volunteers, this is quite an achievement.

However (there is always a 'however') our insurers have recently stated that there must be at least two people on duty in the shop at all times and this has greatly increased the demands on our volunteers. I am sure that many customers are not aware of the huge amount of time and effort required to keep things running so efficiently but without the constant input of volunteers, the shop would not survive. Although we have quite a lot of people on the list, most of the work is done by a small handful of dedicated regulars who each contribute many hours of their time every week. They are happy to do so but we often face the problem of unfilled shifts and one of these saintly souls then has to be called upon to step in and give up even more of their time. So this is a plea to all villagers to step up to the plate and volunteer to help. One shift per week behind the till would be a big help and two would be a Godsend. Operating the till is not rocket science and any newbe would be mentored by Natasha, Jeanette or an experienced volunteer until they were fully confident. So come on folks - do your little bit for the community and help to keep our wonderful shop alive.

For two years running, Sulgrave Village Shop has made it through to the regional finals of the Countryside Alliance Awards. Although we have been highly commended, we have just missed being selected as best village shop in the midlands. We shall be applying again this year and will be pulling out all the stops to reach the national finals. The judges rely a great deal on nominations from the public so the more recommendations they receive, the better our chances. So please log on to <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/nominate> and nominate us for the village shop and post-office category explaining why the shop has made such a difference to your lives.

There are quite a few new lines appearing this month including some cracking new wines and some posh flavoured rye crisps from Aarne & Elsa. Most of our cheeses now come from Wychwood Fine Foods who cut and pre-pack them for us in various sizes (you can order bigger pieces if you want them) - and the shop stocks a great selection of savoury biscuits to serve with them. There are also lots of super new greetings cards on the racks maintaining the shop's reputation for having the best card selection in the region.

Happy Halloween

Digby and Alison



SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW

Great to see so many villagers taking part in the Produce Show this year and many congratulations to everyone - it is the taking part, rather than the winning (though this is nice too!) that is so important in a community situation! Our judges were very impressed with the entries and they certainly needed the 3 hours between staging entries to opening the show to visitors to come to their decisions. There were fabulous flower arrangements, great vegetables, superb baking, tasty jams and jellies and delicious cordials and some amazing photographs on display. The children excelled themselves and we hope that more youngsters will be encouraged to take part next year.

Many thanks go to Janet Smith who took on the majority of the organising this year for the Miles family who had volunteered to take on this event, to Kath Miles who spent a couple of days writing out all the exhibit labels and to Colin Wootton who took some super photos of the occasion which can be viewed on the Sulgrave Village website. We were also very grateful to those people who kindly donated raffle prizes and cakes for the teas and to those who enjoyed the teas and bought raffle tickets. We have raised around £150 from the event which will go to much needed Church Hall funds.

We are delighted to confirm that the Produce Show will continue in our diary of village events so please save Sunday 6th September 2020 for the next village Produce Show!

Miles family, Garden House, Manor Road."

RESULTS OF THE SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW 2019



No	Class	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Three potatoes	Simon Miles	J & S Staples	
2	Three courgettes	J Smyth-Osborne	Simon Miles	Eileen Roberts
3	Three runner beans	Phil Watts	George Metcalfe	J Smyth-Osborne
4	Longest runner bean	Simon Miles	J Smyth-Osborne	Phil Watts
5	Five French beans	Phil Watts	Jean Bates	J Smyth-Osborne
6	Truss of cherry toms		J & S Staples	Alison Lewis
7	Three round toms	Eileen Roberts	Simon Miles	Jean Bates
8	Three onions			
9	Cucumber	Phil Watts		
10	Vegetable basket	Jean Bates	Simon Miles	
11	Eating apples - three	Simon Miles	Des White	J Cloughy
12	Cooking apples - three	Zoe McCrow	Alison Lewis	J & S Staples
13	Three Pears		S Miles/E Roberts	
14	Saucer of Fruit	George Metcalfe	Lucy Apperly	Simon Miles
15	Jar of jam	Jean Bates	J Smyth-Osborne	J & S Staples
16	Jar of jelly	Zoe McCrow	Alison Lewis	Sharon Ford
17	Jar of lemon curd	Mel Kirkpatrick	Diane Dow	Julie Metcalfe
18	Jar of marmalade	J Smyth-Osborne	Jean Bates	Kate Miles
19	Jar of chutney	Zoe McCrow	Eileen Roberts	
20	Six fruit scones	Sian Bell	Rachael Hijstee	Molly Wootton
21	Six chocolate brownies	Sharon Ford	J Smyth-Osborne	
22	Victoria sandwich	J Smyth-Osborne	James Hijstee	
23	Cherry cake			
24	Loaf of bread	Chris Kirkpatrick	Alison Lewis	Colin Wootton
25	Cordial	J Smyth-Osborne	Libby Foster	Lucy Apperly
26	Liqueur	Jo Powell	Libby Foster	
27	Arrangement - jam jar	Lucy Apperly	Diane Dow	Claire Sadler
28	Arrangement of herbs	Lucy Apperly	Jean Bates	J Smyth-Osborne
	HIGHLY COMMENDED - Kate Miles			
29	One fragrant rose	Libby Foster	J Smyth-Osborne	Kath Miles
30	Three rose blooms	J Smyth-Osborne	Kath Miles	
31	Three stems Dahlia	J Smyth-Osborne and Jean Bates		
32	Three stems Cosmos	Jean Bathes and Alison Lewis		
33	Hardy perennial	J Smyth-Osborne	Des White	George Metcalfe
34	Mixed autumn	Jan Prior	Janet Tattersall	Claire Sadler
35	Photo Buildings	Sharon Ford	Eric Hijstee	Graham Roberts
	HIGHLY COMMENDED - Janet Smith			
36	Photo Animals	Hannah Eckers	Chris Kirkpatrick	Sharon Ford
	HIGHLY COMMENDED - Esther Miles			
37	Photo Landscapes	Alex Hijstee	Derek Pearce	Jo Powell
	HIGHLY COMMENDED - Claire Sadler			
38	Animal	Hugo Butters	Cecelia	
39	4 decorated cakes	Cecelia Butters	Hugo Butters	
40	Flower arrangement	Robin Hijstee		
41	Four baked items	C Ford Ziemelis		

10.00-12noon
19th 2019
at Church



Saturday October

Cottage, Sulgrave.

Come for
and a chat and
welcome.

coffee, cake or biscuit
a raffle. All very

All donations will go towards buying some new rose bushes and general ongoing maintenance for the Remembrance Garden.

Ingram & Hywel Lloyd. Church Cottage, Church Street. 01295 760 520

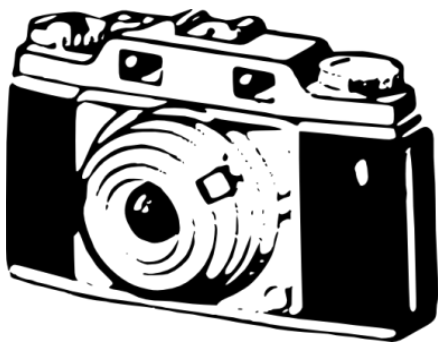


MIND/Prostate Cancer

A coffee morning is being held at Fleet Farm, Little Street, on Saturday 5th October - 11.00am to 2.00pm, in aid of the above charities. Entrance is £2 including refreshments. MIND is being supported by Childbase Partnership Ltd (Meg Targett's workplace) and Prostate Cancer is in memory of Rodney Henn (Meg's grandfather).

Usual stalls including Dog Show £1 per class, free bouncy castle, Air Ambulance Christmas Cards etc., etc.

I hope you will come and give Meg your full support which will be appreciated.



At the end of August the camera club was seen out and about in the village for location shots at the Village Shop and the Star, there were quite a few photographs taken and we are really grateful to the villagers who turned up to help us by “dressing the scene”. We had a good event which was well supported and all

of us had an enjoyable session, hence, at our September meeting there was plenty to discuss when reviewing the pictures taken. As we are all in a learning process, constructive criticism is essential so we can all improve our photographic skills.

As we gain experience and expertise there is often a desire to obtain extra pieces of kit, so we also talked about purchasing telephoto lenses and tripods. I’m sure other camera kit will be discussed in the future.

An idea that has been suggested for the winter evening meetings will be for club members to talk about and show pictures of photographers they personally admire. This can be a very good way of broadening the scope of our meetings so we will be planning to do this in the near future. Look out for the details in future newsletters if you would like to contribute.

The Camera Club organised the photograph competition at the Sulgrave Produce Show on 1st September and we were really pleased to have over 50 entries. Whilst club members were well represented in these entries we also had non-members participating with some really good photographs so we hope this competition will become a regular feature at the annual show and encourage even more entries next year.

Finally, as a club we are nearly a year old. So, at our next meeting, we shall be looking at photographs taken by members in and around the village during the past year to see what we have achieved during our first year as a camera club.

Our next meeting will be in The Star on Tuesday 8th October at 19:30 hrs.

If you are interested in photography and would like more information about the Sulgrave Camera Club please get in touch.

For more information contact grahamroberts53@Hotmail.com

Sulgrave's Advent Calendar 2019



I realise that it's only just beginning to feel autumnal let alone Christmassy but, yes, it's time to think about the village Advent Calendar again.

This year I have had several offers of help as I had mumbled about not organising this event again. Principally, Joanne Nixey has generously stepped in to help co-ordinate and support the evenings.

I gather that the bus shelter is already being thought about and with Christingle Service on Sunday 1st, the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd, and Midnight Mass on Tuesday 24th we just need 20 other generous offers to decorate a window.

This will be the sixth year and hopefully the windows will be as creative and imaginative as previous years.

We do walk out of the village for openings, so if you would like to join in but feel that your window is not that visible from a road, don't worry, we need lots of support and new people.

The unveilings are 6.30/7.00pm and involve a small mulled wine and a nibble of something while dropping a few coins in the collection box. Last year over £1,119.60 was raised for the Banbury Young Homeless Project. This year the collection will be divided equally between a charity yet to be decided and our church, St James the Less. We seem to be standing in a lot of gutters during December but it is an enjoyable event and all are welcome to attend.

Please see Colin's pictures of one of 2018 openings on the village website. All are on the site if you hunt around.

<https://sulgrave.org/2018/12/village-advent-celebrations-2018-december-5th-the-old-bakehouse-manor-road/>

If you would like to join in or would like more information please contact either
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Joanne: joannenixey@hotmail.co.uk mb: 07772 954169.



I have recently completed my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and this year I decided to complete my Silver Duke of Edinburgh. After telling people that I was planning on completing my second award I was made aware that the Sulgrave charities had a fund which was intended to be spent on children who lived in the village. The Sulgrave charities kindly gave me a donation towards the cost of the expedition. I completed my practise expedition during storm Hannah in April'19 and camped for a total of 3 nights

and 3 days in the Dark peak. The weather was terrible and it rained continuously throughout the whole duration and made putting up our tents and cooking very difficult. However our qualifying expedition was also 3nights and 3 days but in the White peak, and was the complete opposite to storm Hannah. Over the 3days we had full sun, blue sky and 30° temperatures, which compared to the practise expedition was a dream, although on the last night we reached our campsite and there was no water supply, toilets or showers as the local villagers had a water pipe burst so we weren't best pleased. Over the 2 awards I have learnt how to work in a team, basic skills, the countryside code and most importantly how not to panic when walking through a field full of inquisitive bulls! I would definitely recommend completing any of the awards to anyone as you learn so many skills and it's such a fun and amazing experience where you create so many memories and build so many friendships whilst achieving something which will look so good on your CV in the future.

Ellie Watts



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

26th October
23rd November
21st December



The Star Inn - Support Your Local



Quiz & Curry Night – Wednesday 16th October – 7pm



General Knowledge Quiz & Curry

£8.50 per person



Quiz Night is becoming increasingly popular with new faces from surrounding Villages & Towns - Please be advised to book early

Lunch Bunch – Thursday 24th October



12.15 to eat for 12.30

2 Courses for £8.50 per person



Chicken & Leek Pie OR Mushroom & Stilton Pie – Both served with New Potatoes & Vegetables

And

Cheesecake & Berries OR Ginger Sponge & Custard



COMING UP – Wednesday 13th November – 7pm



Donald's Annual RBL Armistice Quiz Night

PLEASE NOTE – NEW WINTER OPENING HOURS

From Tuesday 1st October we will no longer be open Tuesday Lunchtimes – Due to lack of custom

All other days & times will remain unchanged – Including Tuesday Evenings from 6pm



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Before giving the answer to last month's question about "Hobarts Funnies", apologies to all who puzzled over the options. I'm sorry to say that the correct answer was omitted from the list.

Now the explanation!

The **SWIMMING TANK** was the **SHERMAN** with added buoyancy and two propellers.

The **CROCODILE** was a **CHURCHILL** carrying a flame thrower.

The **FASCINE CARRIER**, again a **CHURCHILL** carrying a huge bundle of branches to be rolled off into anti tank ditches in order to drive over.

The **MOBILE BRIDGE** was carried on the hull of an obsolete **VALENTINE** tank.

The **BOBBIN** was a rolled up flexible roadway carried by the **CHURCHILL** for use on soft ground.

The **CRAB** and the **FLAIL** were mine clearance devices carried by the **SHERMAN** and the **CHURCHILL** respectively.

The **DUSTBIN THROWER** was a very large mortar carried in place of the usual main gun of a **CHURCHILL**. At short range it demolished concrete emplacements.

All the above worked well and were used from D Day right up to the crossing of the **RHINE**.

The unsuccessful "Funny" was the **GREAT PANJANDRUM**. This looked like a huge cable drum carrying an explosive charge at its hub and was self propelled by means of rockets fixed to its sides. Proving to lack balance and directional stability, especially if one rim struck even a small obstacles, it was unreliable and was discarded.

The prize vouchers are now being raffled at the **STAR**, so the opportunity to win them remains. Good luck!!

Editor:- The omission from the list of "Funnies" was my fault. For some technical reason the original list didn't arrive at the printers as I'd typed it. When I re-typed the list to get around the technical glitch, I missed out an item on the list. My apologies to Donald and to all who were left scratching their heads!!

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting: 5th September 2019

Election of Chairperson

Will Priestman agreed to act as chair for this meeting

Co-option of New Councillor

Richard Fonge agreed to be co-opted as a member of the Council.

No apologies for absence were received

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2019 were accepted as a true record.

Any matters arising

There were no matters arising

Update on HS2

Andrew Dixon summarised the history of the PCC's grant application to HS2 and the conditions they had specified when they awarded £75,000 to pay for refurbishments to the Church Hall. He described the latest information given to him by the Diocese of Peterborough. He was hopeful that the Diocese was working on an innovative solution, but was awaiting detail.

Councillor Responsibility for Bus Service Liaison and Village Shop Liaison

Richard Fonge agreed to be responsible for the bus service liaison and Laura North will be liaison with the village shop.

Trees by the Stocks

Neil had received quotes to carry out work on the trees by the stocks. The quotation from Cotefield Treecare was accepted. Work is scheduled to begin on the 24th September. The contractors will remove some of the lower branches to raise the crown of the trees and thin out branches. They will also ensure that branches do not snag the telephone wires currently running through the trees.

There are other trees requiring attention in Manor Road- Tow Rise and Church Street

Update on the VAS

There is some money available via the OPFC and a 22 point checklist has been emailed through. There does not have to be match funding. A letter of support has been received from a villager on Helmdon Road. Work will continue in trying to secure funding.

SNC Electronic Planning Consultation

SNC are looking to introduce electronic planning applications. This means that no hard copies would be posted out. Parishes are invited to order a laptop, projector and screen to help with the transition and training will be organised. These items will be funded by the New Homes Bonus Grant. It was agreed to order a laptop, projector and screen. The Parish Clerk will make the application.

Local Community Bus Service

Representative from Ability Northants attended PC meeting in July. The Parish Clerk has received confirmation from SNC that they can apply for the £500.00 fee via the New Homes Bonus Grant. It was agreed to proceed with the service. The Parish Clerk will make the application.

Finance

The following payments were approved:

- £35.50 to Texprep (newsletter printing)
- £203.57 to EON (electricity)
- £82.80 to John Hicks (Pocket Park inspection)
- £650.00 to D North (work to bus shelter)
- £20.00 to SNAST (Neighbourhood Watch)
- £234.20 To Parish Clerk (hours)
- £13.60 To HMRC
- £19.35 to Parish Clerk (mileage)
- £79.62 to Texprep (newsletter printing)
- £36.00 to CPRE (membership)

A copy of the unaudited village shop accounts for the period 31st December 2018 to 31st March 2019 was passed to the Clerk for filing. A profit payment of £145.00 will be given to the Parish Council.

Planning applications received before the meeting

No update was given

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were highlighted:

- The UK Cycling Event takes place on Saturday 19th October and there be cyclists going through the village. It is not a big event and there will be no road closures.
- Villager, Trees and Pocket Park - Pocket Parks were created to become nature reserves. Every tree and shrub planted within the park and neighbouring wood is a British Native although there is one exception. It was agreed to take note of these comments and not plant the trees in Pocket Park.

- The second phase of restoration work will begin on Sulgrave Manor in late October. An out building will be re-roofed, but most other works will be internal - electrics, heating, plastering and decoration. The site will be closed to visitors apart from advertised dates and pre booked activities. There are details on the website and Facebook. There may be occasional disruption to phone/email services for the Manor while systems are upgraded

Public participation session

Richard Fonge thanked Julian Antony for his help with the pond area in Pocket Park. A dip on the left has been filled with seven tonnes of top soil and grass seed put on. The area has been mowed for the first time and will start to improve. There is one dead tree and others to be cut down. A working party will be arranged.

It was noted there is a lorry parked outside the shop on a regular basis that is damaging the verge.

Matters for the next meeting

Damage to the grass verges around the village

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7.30pm



HS2 site walk and Q&A session.

HS2, along with a representative from the contractors, Eiffage Kier, are proposing to be in Sulgrave on 10 October to perform a site walk from 9.30am - meeting at the Village Hall. This will comprise a c.1.30 hour inspection of the route and incorporate the opportunity to ask any questions.

They have offered to be flexible for an extra half hour at the end in the Village Hall if anyone who doesn't want to do the walk, but would like to still have the opportunity to ask questions to come along

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 3rd October at
At 7.30pm

In
Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

October 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 2uncil3	2uncil3	7.30pm	4	am - 2.00pm5	ce HC6 10.00am
7 Club8	8.00pm	9	& 10 9.30am	11	12 mmunion13	8.15am
14	15 iz & Curry16	17	LINE FOR18	19 - 12.00 noon	...nsong20	6.00pm
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28	29	30	31			