

Sulgrave News



December 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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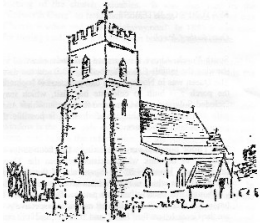


Deadline for the January Newsletter is 13th December 2019

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News



Services for December

Sunday 1 st	3.00pm	Christingle - Sulgrave
Sunday 8 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 22 nd	3.00pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 29 th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Edgecote

Flower and Cleaning Rota

1 st December	Advent, no flowers - Janet Smith
8 th & 15 th December	Advent, no flowers - Mrs Churchill
22 nd - 29 th December	Christmas - Altar - Mrs Cave



December in Sulgrave is very busy and the lead up to Christmas is full-on, particularly in the church. This is where the true meaning of Christmas is displayed.

Christingle on December 1st heralds in the Christmas season. There is something quite magical about seeing the children holding their candles and remembering the work of the Children's Society with children less fortunate than ourselves.

On December 22nd at 3pm we come together to sing carols and join in with the readings and poems which portray the true meaning of Christmas. The church will be decorated, the candles will twinkle and we welcome you all. The children will place the figures in the Nativity and we will be joined by Micaela Haslam who will sing for us.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

On Christmas Eve our Holy Communion Service will be taken by the Venerable John Duncan from Kings Sutton. In this busy time lets try and remember the TRUE meaning of Christmas. The commercialism tends to take over - we don't want your presents, we want your presence!

Letters to Father Christmas

During December, there will be a special post box in the shop for children in Sulgrave to post their letters to Father Christmas.
Closing date is December 21st.



Pop-Up Shop

On Saturday 7th December between 10.00am and noon, there will be a Pop-Up Shop outside Sulgrave Village Shop. There will be the opportunity to purchase beautiful Christmas cyclamen and arrangements in baskets which will look beautiful in your homes at this special time. As well as a raffle and 100 squares, there will be an assortment of gifts. All proceeds to go to the church.
Please ring Shrimp on 760214 if you can help!



Decorating the Church

Every year we decorate our church. If you can provide ivy (with berries), holly and spruce, please could you leave it in the church anytime after 5th December.
Thank you



St James the Less Sulgrave

A note of thanks to those who so generously supported the Church Concert on November 23. Thank you especially for the mince pies, mulled wine and cakes for the choir. I will eventually have the total we raised, but would like to mention there was an error printed in the concert programme, and all funds raised from this event will contribute to the Church General Fund.

Thank you, Jean Bates.

Christmas Wreaths



We shall be preparing our annual Christmas Wreaths in the Church Hall on THURSDAY 19th December at 9:30 am.

If you could spare an hour or two to help we'd love to see you. No previous experience is necessary! All you need is a pair of secateurs and gardening gloves and we'll provide a warm room and 'seasonal refreshments'!

The gathering of holly and greenery for making the wreaths will take place on WEDNESDAY 18th December, meeting at 10am at the Churchyard. Willing hands to help will be much appreciated if you could spare an hour on Thursday morning.

Many Thanks in anticipation,

Janet Smith
760397



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

Although it was a traumatic event, the recent burglary and all the damage that resulted has given us the opportunity to re-examine the shop layout and product displays and plan for improvements. This is currently underway and we hope that, by early in the New Year, the shop will have a new and improved look.

Christmas is upon us once again and the shop is well stocked up and ready to supply your festive needs. We have a number of Christmassy lines including mince pies and small iced Christmas cakes - and we have also introduced a delicious new range of Minters' cakes. We now stock a selection of the award-winning 'Two Farmers hand-cooked crisps' (with compostable packaging) and absolutely yummy 'Tony's Choconly' chocolate bars made from ethically sourced chocolate. And do check out the new selection of savoury biscuits which complement our excellent range of fresh cheeses.

Don't forget, if you have any specific Christmas requirements such as a side of smoked salmon, game pie or Stilton, just complete one of the Christmas order forms which you can pick up in the shop. You can then be sure that you will receive everything you need in good time.

Digby has picked up some fantastic bin-ends for this Christmas and from early December there will be a 'Santa's Bargain Basement Shelf' with a selection of wines which we shall be offering for just £5 per bottle. All are substantially reduced and some are half price or less - but there are only a few cases so when they are gone, they are gone. Get in early and fill your boots! For Christmas we also have some mini bottles of Prosecco which will make fantastic stocking fillers. At just £2.70 for a very generous glass of lovely fizz they are something of a bargain.

In addition to our ever-changing range of greetings cards we have a lovely selection of Christmas cards from Katherine House Hospice. All proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to this very worthy charity.

The shop is now selling Sulgrave Village Calendars with beautiful photographs of the village taken by members of the Sulgrave Camera Club. These would make super Christmas presents.

If you have not yet nominated Sulgrave Village Shop & Post Office for the 2020 Countryside Alliance awards, please do so. The number of nominations received will play a large part in determining whether we are selected as a regional finalist in the Village Shop and Post Office category. Just log into <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/rural-awards/caawards/nominate> and say why you think our shop is so valuable to the community. Nominations close on 8th December so you will need to hurry. Every nomination will improve our chances of selection.

As usual we would like to thank all of our brilliant volunteers and our wonderful shop supervisors, Natasha and Jeanette who have put in such a lot of effort throughout the year to ensure that the shop and Post Office have run smoothly. Despite the difficulties we have faced, the shop has continued to provide an invaluable service to the whole community. A very Happy Christmas to one and all.
Digby and Alison

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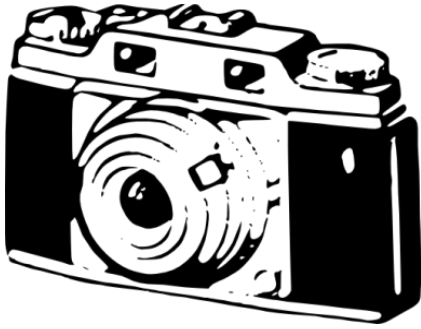


Sulgrave Village Calendar 2020

Photographs by Sulgrave Camera Club

On sale from Sulgrave Village Shop





November has been a good month for the Camera Club, our very first project was completed with the delivery of the Sulgrave Calendar 2020, now on sale at the village shop. The production was a club event on behalf of the Village Shop and all photographs were taken by members, the initial design was by Charlie Ford-Ziemelis and Sharon Ford. Banbury Print and Design turned out to be a good choice as they produced a very professional

looking Calendar which many in the village have complimented us on. There are still some calendars available from the Village shop if you do not have one as yet.

At our November meeting we looked back on our first year as a club and an assortment of pictures, we are pleased to find we have all improved our photography skills as a result of sharing ideas and suggestions. We can look forward to the coming year with some new projects to take on and will no doubt be growing our capability further as a group.

As always, many thanks to Steve and Niki for hosting us at The Star

The December meeting is to be a social event. A new programme of events is to be announced in the January Newsletter

A seasons greeting to all from Sulgrave Camera Club

Graham Roberts

Window opening time at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated.

A reminder of that evening's window detail will be posted on Next Door each morning and a list of all the openings will be in the village shop window.

Each evening there will be a collection for Sulgrave Church and Tommy's.

We are opening in all weathers!

Please come and join in on this wonderful Sulgrave Christmas Tradition, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and say thank you to our openers.

1	Sunday	3.00	Christingle	Church	Church Street
2	Monday		Bus Shelter (SWAG's)	Bus Shelter	Magpie Road
3	Tuesday		The Star Inn	The Star	Manor Road
4	Wednesday		Carol Churchill	Eagles Court	Helmdon Road
5	Thursday		Jackie White	8 Spinners Cottages	Magpie Road
6	Friday		Rachel Carey	High Barn	Manor Road
7	Saturday		Lisa Roberts	Asby House	Manor Road
8	Sunday		Margaret Behan	Littlecote	Little Street
9	Monday		Mel and Chris Kirkpatrick	The Chestnuts	Little Street
10	Tuesday		Sophie and George Idicula	Wykham House	Helmdon Road
11	Wednesday		Janet Smith	Northston	School Street
12	Thursday		Megan Barnes	13 Towrise	Towrise
13	Friday		Louisa Butters	The Old Vicarage	Magpie Road
14	Saturday	6.00	Jane Lockwood	Coombe Cottage	Helmdon Road
15	Sunday		Rachel Hijstee	12 Spinners Cottages	Magpie Road
16	Monday		Julian Rodway	Hill Farmhouse	Manor Road
17	Tuesday		Sarah Barlow	The Old Farmhouse	Manor Road
18	Wednesday		Joanne Delaney	Queens House	School Street
19	Thursday		Sharon Ford	Bengairn	Manor Road
20	Friday		Shrimp Christy	Wisteria Cottage	Helmdon Road
21	Saturday		Rowena Jones	Mulberry Barn	Little Street
22	Sunday	3.00	Carol Service	Church	Church Street
23	Monday		Paul and Brian	Old Forge	Church Street
24	Tuesday		Ingram and Hywel Lloyd	Church Cottage	Church Street
		11.3	Midnight Mass	Church	

Tommy's

This year along with raising money for the Church the advent windows will also be raising money for the charity Tommy's.

Currently one in four women lose a baby during pregnancy and birth. Tommy's is a charity that funds research into miscarriage, childbirth and premature birth and provides pregnancy health information to parents.

They help parent's that have lost a baby from miscarriages and stillbirths for example whilst researching into these and trying to lower the number that happen in the future.

Garden of Remembrance Coffee Morning. Saturday October 19th

Thank you to all who came and supported this event, thank you to all cake makers who made the event especially scrumptious. Thank you very much to all those who sadly couldn't make this event but very generously donated either cake or cash. We all had a good natter, catch up and a laugh, what could be better on a greyish Saturday morning?

We raised an amazing £260 and bare root roses have been ordered to help fill in some gaps.

I'm always on the "look out" for extra hands to help in the garden, the aim is to keep it simple and tidy but not pristine. The main jobs are mowing, deadheading, a little weeding and tidying away spent flowers.

Many thanks again. Ingram



KENNETH TATTERSALL'S BENCH

My mother and I would like to thank Laura North who, on behalf of the Parish Council, organised a wonderful coffee morning to raise funds to replace my father's bench which was damaged beyond repair a few weeks ago. The coffee morning raised any amazing £500 and there were further donations as well. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way at all, we really are most grateful.

Any funds remaining after the purchase of the new bench will go towards the upkeep of the Pocket Park and adjoining wood.

Susie Mason



Janet Tattersall and Susie Mason wish all their many friends in Sulgrave a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.



The Star Inn – Support Your Local

Thank you to all who supported Donald's RBL Fundraising Quiz on the 13th November, and to those of you who purchased the RBL raffle tickets over the last couple of months. The raffle made a big contribution to the RBL funds handed over to Donald on Quiz Night.

The funds raised exceeded Donald's expectations.

Such a joy to support a lovely man!

Donald will also be holding another Quiz at The Star in January

Well Done to Robert T who won the 'Bar Meal for Two' from the RBL Raffle drawn on Quiz Night

NEW Bingo Night 7pm – Wednesday 11th December
Booking Only!

Santa & Mrs Claus – 14th & 15th December
Meet Santa & Mrs Claus in their Grotto – Booking Only
This is an Extremely Popular Event - Limited Spaces Left!

Christmas Quiz & Curry Night – Wednesday 18th December
Teams of up to 5 – Winners receive a meal voucher each
£8.50 per person – Booking Only

Lunch Bunch

Apologies! Due to Christmas Menu Bookings
Lunch Bunch will return in January 2020 – Thank you to all who attend regularly and enjoy a natter and a giggle. Always a lovely Bunch



Christmas Eve

Normal Opening Hours & Food Service from 6pm

Christmas Day and Boxing Day

We will be open for Drinks Only 12 – 2

New Year's Eve – From 6pm until 2020

Unfortunately, we will not be holding our party this year due to lack of numbers. Apologies to those of you who supported & enjoyed last year's party! However, we will be open for normal food service with a free glass of Prosecco on us with your meal to celebrate the New Year

New Year's Day 12 – 3 Serving Food & Drink

PLEASE NOTE: Due to December being a rather busy month for many of you! If we do not reach minimum numbers needed for Quiz & Bingo Nights? These events will be cancelled & rescheduled for January.

A huge thank you must go out to JACKIE & STEVE for again turning 'The Star' into a festive glory for all to enjoy, and their loyal support always, very much appreciated x



Merry Christmas

From Steve, Niki, Millie & The Star Team

THANK YOU to all our Loyal Supporters, Four Legged Friends, The Manor & Our Staff over the last 12 months

Best Wishes to you all for 2020

With 2 local pubs in the area sadly closing due to lack of support. The reality is we rely on your support to keep going! – Many Thanks & Cheers to 2020



Fund Raiser at Sulgrave Manor

Valerie Henn and Susie Waite discussing the bargains
Photo courtesy of Colin Wootton

A fund raising event was held recently at Sulgrave Manor, organised by Megan Targett, aged 20. The proceeds were to be in aid of Mind and Prostate Cancer, both causes dear to Megan's heart, the latter in memory of her grandfather Rodney Henn, who passed away earlier this year.

The event was very well supported in this lovely venue, and special thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes, especially the Star Inn, Sulgrave, who donated a meal for two and were most generous in their bidding for two cakes made by Megan's sister Jessica. Visitors were most generous, and a staggering total of £1150.00 was raised – an amazing result. Each charity has received the sum of £575.00 for their funds.

Thanks to all who attended and those who were unable to attend but donated online.



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

21st December

CASTLE GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - PROJECT REPORT

I am very pleased to report that Paul Lewis and his team have completed their programme of work on the Castle Hill site. They have cut back all the overhanging branches and trees from the neighbouring properties. They have repaired, where necessary, broken boundary fencing and have fixed a stock proof fence round the perimeter of the site just inside the boundary itself.

They have also removed all the elder and small sycamore saplings and have cut out all the dead wood from the mature trees. All the resulting residue was disposed of on site.

Finally they replaced and strengthened the gatepost and supporting fence of the fieldgate entrance.

Your Parish Chairman and I inspected their work on November 1st and were well pleased with their work and how they have left the whole site. We now have a secure and well defined boundary which will last us for many years to come.

Before Paul and his team set to work, some remedial work was needed to clear some accumulations of material. We arranged a working party to do this, and your Committee would like to thank especially Ian Cherry for supplying and dealing with an enormous skip and, ex Sulgravian, John Sheppard, for help on the day. Thanks too to the residents of adjoining properties for their co-operation.

We will be placing notices to encourage exploration of the Castle Site and to inform visitors of their responsibilities on the occasions when there are grazing animals present.

Castle Hill is now part of the Castle Green Public Open Space, and we hope you will take the opportunity to climb up to top. There you will get lovely views of Sulgrave and its surrounds. You will also then appreciate why first, the Anglo-Saxons, then the Normans chose to site their Halls and Castle there.

Martin Sirot-Smith
Chairman CGMC

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Another Remembrance Day gone by, as ever marked by your generosity. Predictably, we didn't quite reach the heady heights of last year, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice was very special, nonetheless our contribution to the fund this year has exceeded £1200 and counting. I do have a few D-Day 75 lapel pins, also some 1918-2018 ones, please call me if you would like either. We can still add to the fund!

As always please accept my apologies if I didn't manage to make contact, for a few days I wasn't feeling too well so my time spent calling was a little restricted. I was well supported by Greg Harland and the always enthusiastic Charlie Ziemelis. The shop and the Star displayed their static boxes to good effect.

Perhaps the highlight this year was the quiz night. Entry fees, raffle and sale of Yvonne Harland's beautifully decorated cakes with their poppy theme raised a total of £340, the whole event being pushed along by the indefatigable Steve and Niki, ensuring a good time for all.

Earlier I said "and counting" because the quiz went well enough for another to be requested. With the immediate approval of our hosts, this was agreed for a day (to be announced) in January. Multiple choice questions were asked for, so this will be the order, together with the usual detail during the answer session. Hopefully there will be something for all tastes, so come and have a go!

Donald

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November

Declarations of Interest - there were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2019 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Western Power has looked at a tree by the Old Forge in Church Street. NCC has accepted responsibility for the work that is required and will schedule it.

Update on HS2

No one was able to report. It was noted that HS2 are running a liaison meeting in January. The Chairman will attend.

Sulgrave Manor

The toddler event held over Half Term went well. Restoration work is underway. Toddler Crafts will run through November

Update on Castle Green

Martin Sirot-Smith reported that Paul Lewis had completed his work. Trees and branches have been cut back and a stock proof fence constructed around the site. Some elder trees and saplings have been removed. The standard of work is very good. Notices will be placed around the site. The working party went well. Thanks were expressed to everyone who took part and to Ian Cherry for the loan of machinery. Villagers are invited to visit the site and climb to the top. However, in the event of winter snow, tobogganers should take care and remember that they are on an historical site.

Dog fouling

Dog poo bins have been ordered and should be installed next week. A letter was placed in the Parish Magazine last month asking dog walkers to be considerate and to clean up.

Replacement bench on the Gated Road

The vandalised bench has been replaced. Thanks were expressed to Laura North for sourcing and arranging the installation of the new bench. Mrs Tattersall has seen and approved it. Plaques have been ordered and will be installed at the weekend.

Footpath Warden

Graham Roberts and Guy Churchill both volunteered and have agreed to share the duties between them.

Update on the allotment area

A quote has been obtained from the company that mows the grass verges. This has been accepted. Work will begin to trim the area.

Use of the bus shelter for a Christmas display

The request was approved.

Encouraging candidates to participate in the next parish council election in May 2020 elections

The next parish council election will take place on May 7th 2020 at the same time as elections for the new Unitary Authorities which will replace the current Northamptonshire County Council and the District Councils. The election for a new Police Commissioner will take place at the same time. Current councillors have been asked to decide if they are willing to stand again and to encourage residents to accept nominations and stand in the elections.

The Chairman emphasised his belief that Parish Councillors should be leaders within the community, seeking to promote and lead initiatives within the village.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Will Priestman is working on an application that has to be submitted by the by 29th November. The submission requires evidence of the nature and scale of the problem. Villagers are asked to write down any evidence of speeding on Helmdon Road and send it to Will. If we miss the deadline there is another window in February 2020.

In the October Council Meeting there were suggestions that a device should be installed on Magpie Road. This would require a separate application. Will advised that we should complete Helmdon Road first.

Finance

Payments to suppliers were approved and cheques signed off.

Planning Applications

Application S/2019/1979/LBC, LBC to install flue for oil boiler at Old Sulgrave Stores, School Street was agreed.

Application for a Proposed Sufi Artisan Meditation Retreat at the Old Windmill was agreed.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from:

- Northants CALC, Building Communities Prospectus
- SNC, Review of South Northants Polling Districts and Polling Places, Second consultation
- Villager, grass cutting

Councillors Reports

Laura North passed on a question about planting wild flowers on the patch of grass opposite the Old Shop - around the tree. Councillors wondered if bulbs would be better?

Laura will take the question back.

Last Saturday a working party had been planned on Stocks Green. It was cancelled because of Rugby World Cup Final. The working party has been rescheduled for Saturday 9th November.

There will be a working party on the 7th Dec at 10.30am in Pocket Park to clear the pond and trim branches back.

Public participation session

The new bus service is working well, however, there is nowhere for people to sit while they wait for the bus. A request was made either for a fixed or fold-down seat to be installed in the bus-shelter.

Matters for the next meeting

Nothing was noted.

The first meeting in the New Year will be on the 9th January 2020

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 9th January at
At 7.30pm

In
Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

December 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31					Sting 1 3.00pm
2	3	4	5	Night 6 7.00pm	10.00am-Noon 7	Communion 8 8.15am
9	10	Singing Night 11	General Election 12	LINE FOR 13	14nsong 15 6.00pm
16	17	Christmas 18 10.00am	Christmas 19 9.30	20	3.00pm-7.00pm 21	Service 22 3.00pm
5	23	24 11.30pm	25	26	27	28
						HC 29 10.00am

