

Sulgrave News

February 2020

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

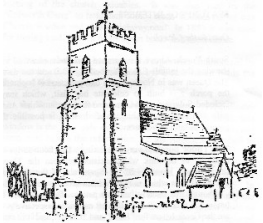
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Deadline for the March Newsletter is 21st February 2020

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 January 2020

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 9 th	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 16 th	6.00pm	Evensong - Sulgrave
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave
Wednesday 26 th	7.30pm	Imposition of Ashes - Sulgrave

Nick will be taking all the above services except for Mattins which will be led by Shrimp as usual. Please come along and meet him.

As you know, our church will be joining the Chenderit Benefice in February, and our new incumbent will be the Rev Nick Leggett. He is very enthusiastic that both Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville will be joining parishes in his Benefice. At the moment we shall continue with our regular pattern of services so that we can see how we all fit in together each Sunday. Our final service with Brian Fairbank will be the Benefice Holy Communion service on Sunday, February 2nd and Nick will be in attendance so there will be an opportunity to meet him after the service.

On Shrove Tuesday, February 25th we have been invited to Middleton Cheney church at 7.30pm where the congregation will have a "meet and greet" to welcome us into the Benefice.

Christmas

Although it seems a long time ago, I want to thank everyone for their help and support over the Christmas period. It was lovely to see a full church at our Carol Service and thanks must go to Clive and Donna for setting up the microphone, to John Wilson our organist, to Micaela Haslam who wowed us all with her beautiful singing, and to our readers who led us through the Christmas Story. So many helped with refreshments after the service and guiding the young children as they put the figures in the crib. Your contributions to the service were much appreciated. Thank you!

Shrimp

Flower and Cleaning Rota

2 nd & 9 th February	Mrs Allan & Mrs Blayney
16 th & 23 rd February	LENT - No Flowers - Mrs Christy & Mrs Hijstee



Village Shop News Update

Shop Telephone – 01295 760066



e-mail: svshop@hotmail.com

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

With 2020 now well underway, we are determined to keep to our New Year's resolution of making Sulgrave Village Shop even better. For this to happen, we need help from you, our customers. Over the sixteen years of the shop's existence, we have tried to respond to customers' requests and comments but there is always room for improvement. So - the main theme of this newsletter is to ask you to provide us with feedback. What changes would YOU like to see in the shop? Are there any additional products that you would like us to keep? Would you like us to stock more vegetarian or vegan products? If you don't use the shop very much, what would encourage you to use it more? Do you find the opening hours satisfactory? ANY comments, whether positive or negative, will be useful to us so please let us have your views. Send them to The Committee svshop@hotmail.com.

In keeping with the current zeitgeist, the shop makes every effort to be 'green'. We are fastidious in separating items for recycling from general rubbish, our coffee cups are fully recyclable and we encourage regular customers to buy multi-use cups by offering a discount on their coffees when these are used. We avoid cling-film or plastic for wrapping vegetables and we use paper rather than plastic bags for all fresh food sales. In addition, we are currently looking into ways of reducing our electricity consumption by replacing energy-hungry equipment with more economical units. It is worth bearing in mind that you would be helping to reduce YOUR carbon footprint by using the shop rather than driving into Banbury or Brackley for your shopping. Although we can't always hope to compete with the big supermarkets on price (though we do our best to be competitive), if you were to add fuel costs to your supermarket shopping bill you may well find that using the shop, especially for smaller purchases, is quite cost-effective.

As we mentioned in the previous news report, overall sales for 2019 were slightly down on 2018 but we are happy to report that December was a very good month with sales up on the same month as the previous year – so many thanks to everyone for your custom over the Christmas period. As expected, with the start of the new year, wine sales have dipped a little as folks have embarked on a dry (or at least slightly dryer) January to give their livers a chance to recover but, as New Year's resolutions begin to fade, sales are starting to pick up again. Digby is hoping to pick up some early year bargains so do keep your eye on the wine shelves.

Many thanks to Sulgrave Camera Club for the excellent village calendar they produced. It was extremely well received, and all copies sold before Christmas. We hope that its production will become an annual event.

The range of Cradoc's savoury biscuits that were introduced in December proved to be very popular and sold out quickly. We have now re-stocked and they are back on the shelves.

The security upgrade at the shop is now complete with extra CCTV cameras installed and anti-burglar grills in place. We are confident that these measures will serve as a powerful deterrent to would-be criminals. Many thanks to Clive for helping to put all this in place.

The redesign of the shop lay-out is currently underway (moving the card display stands on to the window sill has provided us with some welcome extra floor space) and plans are afoot for further substantial changes. These should all be in place within the next few months.

Happy Valentine day to everyone
Digby and Alison



Christmas Wreaths

Many, many thanks to Sue Dixon and Susie Mason who help with the wreath making in December. Thanks also to Richard Fonge, Graham Roberts and Peter Ormond for gathering the greenery and dressing the lampposts.

The tradition of dressing the lampposts with Christmas Wreaths goes back quite a few years and was originally intended to mark the stopping places for the Carol singers as they made their way around the village. In the past we had quite a large group of Carol singers but numbers dwindled over the years until it stopped altogether.

This is probably as good a time as any to finally hang up the secateurs and consign the wreath making kit to the attic and, therefore, unless someone would like to take up the task of organising a team for Christmas 2020, the last Christmas wreath has been made.

If anyone is interested in organising wreath making for 2020, I have all the bases, ribbons and bows, baubles and folderols required, just let me know!

Janet Smith



Sulgrave's Advent Windows 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped, hosted and attended last year's Advent Window's. The Advent Windows were a massive success with a huge number of people attending each evening and getting into the Christmas Spirit - thank you again. The total raised from the Advent Windows was £1062.50 which is incredible and this is being split between the Church and the charity Tommy's. Thank you so much for your support and only ten months to go until the Advent Windows 2020 - is it too early to start thinking of ideas?!

Jo Aucote.



SULGRAVE WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP Revival

All women in Sulgrave Welcome

We are planning several events for 2020 starting with

A Wine and Cheese evening

Wednesday 12th February 7pm in the Church Hall

£3

An evening just for SWAGS (no partners this time please)

An opportunity to brainstorm some ideas for the future

Hope to see you there please RSVP to Jane

janeandpim@btinternet.com



What a busy winter season!

Sulgrave Manor & Garden has been undertaking some restoration inside the Manor.
We are looking forward to welcoming you to come see the changes.

New Season

**Explore the changes in the Manor, relax in the garden and make use of your
season pass**

Thursday 2nd April to Sunday 27th September

Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday

11am - 5pm

(Last admission 4pm)

Contact information:

enquiries@sulgravemanor.org.uk

01295 760205

Office open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm



Hold the date - Saturday 28 March, Fundraising Coffee Morning in aid of Shelter

I hope to run a half marathon in aid of Shelter on 29 March so hope you can join me the day before (Saturday 28 March) for a fundraising tea/coffee morning at Old Forge, Church Street.

More details to follow next month, but cake donations welcome!

Paul Shanley

07946 377557

Papshanley@yahoo.co.uk

Old Forge, Church Street



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

February 15th

March 14th

April 11th

May 9th

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

August 29th

September 26th

October 24th

November 21st

December 19th

Castle Green Management Committ

Project Report

As you undoubtedly know, the Parish Council now owns the Castle Hill site. It has been properly fenced to make it stockproof and much work has been done tidying and clearing the whole mound area.

It is now a Public Open Space and you are encouraged to enjoy making use of it. We shall soon be putting in place a Kissing Gate to make access easier. Also a notice stating its Scheduled Ancient Monument status, and asking visitors to ensure the field gate is securely latched in the event of livestock grazing on the Hill.

ADVANCE NOTICE:- Following the huge success of the Michaelmas Fair held on Castle Green September 2018, we plan to hold a Mid-Summer Fair this year on Sunday 21st June which is Mid-Summers Day itself. It will be a chance to showcase the newly opened Castle Hill to one and all, and to involve as many villagers, clubs, societies and groups in a real community event. So put the date into your diaries now and get thinking how you might contribute in some way.

We will keep you up to date with our plans, proposals and ideas as and when they are formulated. So keep your eyes open for further updates as they appear in the Sulgrave News.

But above all keep the date free - Sunday 21st June 2020

Martin Sirot-Smith
Chairman CGMC

Dear Friends

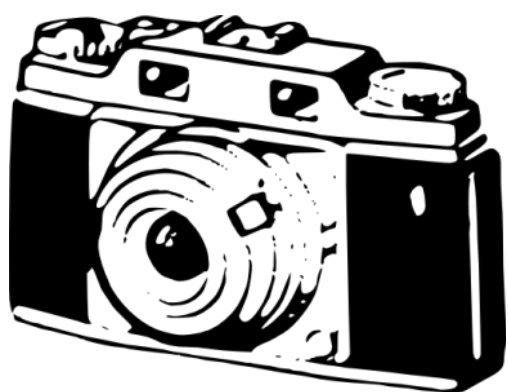
Many of you will know that Clare has Alzheimer's disease which is progressive. Sadly it has now reached a point when I can no longer look after her.

We have chosen a nursing home in Cardiff because our daughter lives there and is able to visit and supervise. In due course I will follow Clare to Cardiff.

Clare has made a major contribution to village life over the years. She involved herself in activities in the Historical Society including the audio history project and the archaeology of the Castle Mound. She was involved in the creation and management of the Castle Green. Clare was a Parish Councillor for twelve years.

Clare was able to make this contribution in so small part because of the friendly and outgoing nature of the people of this village. Thank you all. Clare has been happily living here for twenty seven years.

Peter Pollak



At our January meeting we set out our plans for the next six months and have an interesting programme of talks, outings and some friendly competitions to keep us busy.

Our talks will include topics such as macro photography, portraiture, and post processing images using software. We also have some photo shoots in mind. As spring approaches we will be capturing the snowdrops and bluebells, another visit to a canal side venue is planned and an opportunity for action photography will provide an opportunity to improve our photographic skills. We also hear of the plans for a number of village events this year, and we are hoping to record these activities throughout the 2020.

Plus, we will be showing off our work on the village website where we have a dedicated page for the Camera Club, look out for some of our favourite photographs from 2019 soon.

If you have an interest in photography come along and join us, we meet every second Wednesday of the month in The Star, from 7.45.

Contact Grahamroberts53@hotmail.com for more details

February

The Star Inn - Support Your Local

NEW: Wednesday's 11-12 – Pilates – Details on request

Lunch Bunch – Thursday 6th February 12.15 for 12.30

Chef's Homemade Lasagne OR Vegetable Lasagne

AND

Chef's Homemade Crumble OR Ginger Sponge

£8.50 pp – Booking Only!

Steve's Decade Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 7th February

Teams of up to 5 – Winners receive a Meal Voucher each
£8.50 per person – Booking Only! **7.30pm Start**

Niki's Bingo Night – Wednesday 12th February – 7.30pm

Very popular – Again FULL in January!! £1.00 per card –
Prizes for a Line. Full House wins the pot. I only have spaces
for 28 – Spaces Go Quickly! Booking Only!

Valentine's Day – Friday 14th – Normal Food Service

Niki's Bingo Lunch – Thursday 27th February – 12.30

Due to the popularity of the Bingo Evening it has been
requested we do a Bingo Lunchtime. Numbers need to reach
15 or this event will need to be cancelled! - Booking Only!

Chef's Pie Night – Saturday 29th February - £9.99

Chef's Homemade Pie, served with Creamy Mash or Chips

FREE Pint of Carlsberg or Medium White Wine with your Meal

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: 15TH Drinks Only 6-10pm.

16th until 20th Closed

21st Drinks Only 6-10pm. 22nd Drinks Only 6-10pm.

Normal service will resume on Sunday 23rd February



BRACKLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The following is an update from Caryl Billingham MBE who is the chairman of the recently registered Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust; this charity will manage all publicly raised funds and consider applications for capital grants from service providers within the Community Hospital element of the new building.

“The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission in September, and its registered number is 1185445. We have a bank account with Santander; the sort code is 09-02-22 and the account number is 10876497. Donations may be made directly to the account and, for basic rate taxpayers, where possible, with the enhanced value benefit of Gift Aid. Forms for Gift Aid are available online at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/467898/Charity_GAD_Single_Donation.pdf and can be returned to our Treasurer, Paul Bennett. His email address is bennettofevenley@tiscali.co.uk, and please do not hesitate to contact him either by email or by telephone (01280-703904) if you have any queries or require further information.

Our current target is £165,000 which will fund a state-of-the-art digital X-ray machine. Once we have crossed that off our wish list, we can start to aim for an ultrasound scanner as well as for equipment that should enable ophthalmological examinations and treatments within the building. These facilities will not only benefit all the residents of the Brackley GP surgeries who currently have to travel to Oxford, to Northampton, to Milton Keynes, even to Banbury for their appointments; it will also help our carbon footprint.

The new Community Hospital will have 16 intermediate care bedrooms on the second floor, each with its own bathroom. It would be desirable for each room to have, in addition to the essential furniture which the NHS will provide, a television set and a reclining armchair (which would be available for overnight stays by carers or relatives in the event of a patient receiving end-of-life care), and again funds will need to be raised in order to acquire these.

I have been fortunate enough to pay a couple of impromptu visits to the new building and it is much larger than I had expected. Work continues apace with the intention that winter weather should not cause any delays because the walls and roof will be completed before that hits. Update on the building is as follows:

- The building is now surrounded by scaffolding and this will provide safe access for the installation of the external walls of the building, window casements and frames.
- The work on the car park has started, particularly the area closer to the building. Over the next few months more and more vehicles will require access, and, rather than have the ground churned up, it will enable the vehicles to travel on a solid platform.
- A levelling process is almost complete to the left and rear of the building. This gives the opportunity for a level pathway around the building, and it will eliminate the steep incline that was present before.
- The roof is 80% complete and should be finished shortly.
- The room partitions have been installed on the top floor and clearly show the outline of the bedrooms including the en-suite bathrooms. This work is ongoing and moving through the first and ground floor over the next few weeks.

Completion of the building remains on-target for May 2020 and it is anticipated that fitting out should take no more than four to six weeks, so it should be operational by July/August next year. Exciting times! At last.”

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SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30pm

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Laura North and Janet Smith

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2019 were approved and signed

Footpath Wardens

A proposal by the Chairman that Graham Roberts and Guy Churchill should be joint Footpath Wardens was seconded by Councillor Priestman. This was unanimously approved.

Update on HS2

HS2 are obliged to consult local communities on Common Design Elements but the extent of the requirement is quite limited. Currently they are only required to ask for opinions regarding the finish of the concrete used in structures.

Update on Sulgrave Manor

Councillor Priestman reported that restoration work is continuing. Oil-based paint that was applied some years ago is being removed and replaced with paint that will allow the walls to breathe. Redecorating will follow as will the installation of a new heating system.

Update on the allotment area

The allotment area has been strimmed, but it is still untidy.

A notice will be placed in the Village Newsletter inviting people to rent allotments. Currently there are 6 available

Update on the dog waste bins

The 2 waste bins have been installed and are in use. They are being emptied by the Chairman and Mel Kirkpatrick once a week. The system appears to be working well.

Update on Neighbourhood Watch

It was noted with sadness that there have been two serious break-ins at the Village Shop and two burglaries of homes in the Village. Councillor Higginson reported that he had met with Carol Churchill who leads on Neighbourhood Watch for Sulgrave. There will be new signs around the Village stating that this is a Neighbourhood Watch Area. Carol has spoken of email alerts for people who sign-up to receive them.

Electricity supply for the defibrillator located at the side of the Village Shop

A complaint has been received by the Parish Council regarding the colour and routing of the conduit housing the electricity cable for the defibrillator. Councillors discussed the complaint and unanimously decided to leave matters as they are.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 6th February at
At 7.30pm

In
Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

FEBRUARY 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 HC2	10.00am
3	4	5	Bunch6 12.15pmcade7	7.30pm	8	mmunion9 8.15am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30