

Sulgrave News



April 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

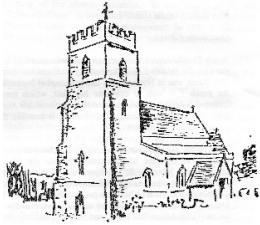
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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News

Services for April 2020

Due to the Coronavirus church services will cease until further notice. We hope to keep the church building open, but this may well change.



Despite the fact that there will be no more services in the church until further notice the door will be open for those who want some peace and prayer until such time when we make the decision to close it.

Sadly, we were unable to hold our Mothering Sunday Service but, I promise you that we will make up for it next year! Likewise, we will be unable to celebrate Easter but it would be lovely to have it decorated for this special time in the Christian year. If you are able to please bring flowers so that the church can look 'Easterlike'.

Take care.
Shrimp.

Flower and Cleaning Rota

5th April
12th April

LENT - No Flowers - Mrs Tattershall & Mrs Mason
ALL TO HELP/ALTAR - Mrs Constable



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

Troubling times! We have no idea what the coronavirus situation will be by the time this newsletter hits the streets - but the Shop Management Committee is already making contingency arrangements. At the time of writing, the plan is to keep the shop open for as long as possible but a few basic rules will have to be applied. To reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, only one person at a time may enter the shop and customers are asked to use debit card or account transactions rather than cash. Please wash your hands thoroughly before and after visiting the shop and avoid close contact with shop staff and other customers.

If, for whatever reason, villagers need to self-isolate, we are looking into ways to accept orders and make deliveries to their door. If you already have an account at the shop, arranging for payment of your orders will be very easy - so we would urge all villagers who think that they might wish to use this facility to set up an account at the shop if they don't already have one. We shall need volunteers to help with deliveries, so if you are prepared to lend a hand, please make contact with the shop.

The government is recommending that anyone over the age of seventy (ie a large proportion of our volunteers!) needs to self-isolate and avoid contact with other people as much as possible. As you can imagine, this has put a lot of pressure on our volunteer force so we would ask any younger members of the community who think they may be able to assist, to step up to the plate. For the time being, the shop will be closing early

(5pm rather than 6pm) from Tuesday to Friday but unless we can find more volunteers prepared to lend a hand, there may have to be a further reduction in opening hours. Post Office opening times will remain unchanged.

As our aim is to serve the whole community, while the crisis persists, we may have to limit the sale of some items to one per customer. We are sure you will all understand that as we hold limited stocks, we have a duty to try to share things out as best we can.

With the impact of the epidemic likely to become more extreme, we may well need to adopt additional rules or impose further restrictions in response to the ongoing situation. We shall keep everyone informed of any such changes through notices in the shop and via 'Nextdoor'.

The epidemic has rather overshadowed everything else, but we have continued to add new lines and there are a number of exciting new products on the shelves. The new range of craft beers from Great Oakley Brewery has had rave reviews from the serious beer drinkers in the village - so do give them a try. Our packets of 'Just Biscuits' have also been very well received and can be highly recommended. Dutch Strien cheese biscuits and Annas almond and ginger thins look interesting as does a Mediterranean sundried nut roast. Two excellent new wines have just been added to the wine shelves. 'Paradise Falls' is an unusual blend of two southern Italian grape varieties - Vermentino and Fiano - which is made in Australia's Hunter Valley. If you are getting a bit bored with Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay - give this silky, pink grapefruit and pear flavoured number a try. The other new arrival is 'Santero' Malbec - an inky dark, brooding wine from Argentina with intense aromas and rich, spicy dark stone-fruit flavours. At 13.5% alcohol it is a big hitter and is just crying out for a big, fat, juicy steak.

SVS is a lifeline to so many people and we are determined to do the very best we can to maintain our service to the community. We hope you will all do your bit and continue to give the shop your support during this stressful period. Happy Easter.

Digby and Alison

As we are all well aware the corona virus has impacted on all our lives. Therefore next month's Annual Parish Meeting has been cancelled, along with the local elections on May 7th. When we meet again as a Council, may not be till later in the summer.

Rest assured though, your Council members will be making sure that we will be doing our best to carry out our responsibilities.

If you wish to contact with a particular concern or thought, our names and telephone no's can be found on the Parish notice board in the shop.

In these extraordinary and unprecedented times, we as a community have an obligation to make sure all our residents are cared for, and to that end a group of people have put their names forward to make sure nobody is forgotten. Not only to provide a shopping service, if need be, but also as a contact. Self isolating is going to be very lonely for many, so a phone call from a friend or neighbour from time to time is of great comfort.

My experience during the foot and mouth epidemic of 2001 as a member of a National Charity made me realise how important a chat on the phone was to those living on isolated farms or small communities.

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Jane Lockwood - Tel: 760865

Rose Shillito - Mobile 07779149319

Shrimp Christy - 760214

Kate Miles - Tel 760957 Mobile 07970 921110

Matt Aucote - Mobile 07771 605833

Richard Fonge. Parish Council Chairman



We are all in a situation that last month whilst doing our March Events we could never have imagined.

By the time the Sulgrave News is distributed I am sure our doors will have been closed for a while.

It is with great sadness that I cannot give you our April Events. Sorry to our Quiz & Bingo followers.

We are trialling a delivery service as I write this. However, how long we can continue with this is another unknown?

It goes without saying we are here if anyone needs us! Please do get in touch with us at the pub on 01295 760389 or enquiries@thestarsulgrave.co.uk if we can help you in anyway.

Thank you very much to our loyal customers & staff, whom many of you are now good friends, for your continued support.

How / if like many other pubs & businesses we can recover from this is uncertain? We are receiving support & advice from Hook Norton Brewery who we thank

We wish you all the very best indeed. Take Care

Steve, Niki, Millie and The Star Team



01295 760389

**EVENINGS TUESDAY TO SATURDAY – DELIVERY OR COLLECTION FROM OUR
CARPARK – PLEASE PRE ORDER TO ENABLE US TO STAFF OUR KITCHEN
ACCORDINGLY – This may have changed by Sulgrave News distribution?**

£10.00

Homemade Vegetable Jalfrezi & Basmati Rice (Mild to Hot please
specify when ordering)

Homemade Chicken Jalfrezi & Basmati Rice (Mild to Hot please specify
when ordering)

Homemade Chinese Crispy Chilli Beef with Noodles coated in Hooky
Ale Tempura Batter

Homemade Newbottle Prime Steak Burger with Cheddar Cheese &
Chunky Chips

Ham & Chunky Chips

Hooky Battered Fish & Chunky Chips

Scampi & Chunky Chips

Nachos for 2 – Topped with Melted Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream

Homemade Cottage Pie & Peas

Homemade Soup of the day in a 16oz/454ml cup with lid - £5.00

Side of Chunky Chips - £3.00

Large Chunky Chips - £6.00

Homemade Hooky Battered Onion Rings - £3.00



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

April 11th

May 9th

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

August 29th

September 26th

October 24th

November 21st

December 19th



Dear Friends,

Just a short note to say how much I appreciated my leaving party at the Star. It was a great surprise and I was very touched.

My daughter lives in Cardiff and that is why poor Clare went into a home there and I am still planning to move there as well. Of course events have now overtaken us.

I am caught in a dilemma because we have lived in this wonderful village for 27 years and they have been some of the best years of our lives mostly because of the lovely people who live here.

There should, of course, be another leaving party when the time comes, but that one will be on me!!

Love to you all, Peter Pollak



V.E. DAY COMMEMORATION



SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 8TH MAY

This year to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of V.E Day, the early May Bank Holiday has been rescheduled to Friday 8th May.

We would like to try and commemorate this as a village, and as such we are planning to hold a 'picnic in the park' in the Pocket Park from 2pm. We would love it if as many families as possible could join in, please bring your picnic blankets or deck chairs and food and drink for your family.

We will supply mobile handwashing facilities with running warm water, soap and paper towels.

Traditional games, just for fun, no fees and no prizes will be played along with music of the era.

Please feel free to dress in 1940's style outfits.

Please do not bring cars to the garage area as it is planned to have some of the games on the tarmac in that area.

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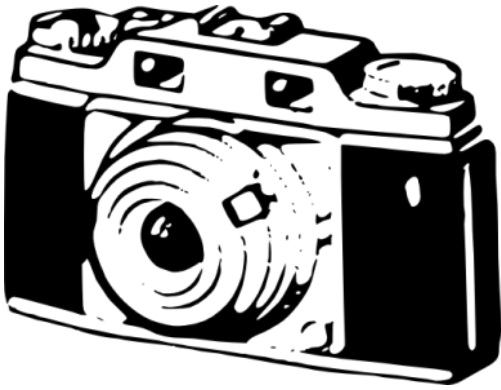
Due to the fact that it is in the Pocket Park and added to that many people will be eating at ground level there will be a **Strictly No Dogs** rule to this event.

If the weather is either very hot, or rain threatens, we would be grateful for the use of gazebos/parasols to be erected in the morning. If you have any outdoor games that you are prepared to share, please feel free to contact one of us.

Obviously, due to the Coronavirus, all events are due to change and alteration. If, nearer the time there is a need to cancel, then we will let everyone know by putting posters up and putting information on 'Nextdoor' app.

We would love it if as many people as possible would join in.

Jill & Anthony, Shelagh & Graham, Julian & Lucy, Megan & Ryan - Towrise
Linda & Mark - The Old Village Shop



At the March meeting of our club we put away the gadgets and technology and a number of our members talked about "Our Favourite Photographer". All photographers, either landscape, portrait, wildlife or sports have their own style and it was interesting to share these styles. We look forward to re-visiting this topic in the future. We also viewed the photographs taken for our winter challenge - "Reflections" Some very good images have been produced and it is intended to show these on the Village web-site in due course, look for the Camera Club page.

Regarding future meetings we are, of course, having to curtail these in view of the Coronavirus. We are exploring ideas to keep our club going and maintain the enjoyment for all. There may be more in the next newsletter if our ideas work out.

grahamroberts53@hotmail.com

Village Walk – Sunday 29th March



Due to current situation it has been decided to postpone the Village Walk until further notice.



Fundraiser for Shelter

Thank you to those who had offered to bake for my postponed fundraising coffee morning.

My half marathon is on hold so the organisers have suggested those who had entered do their own run. As the event was to go past various London Landmarks it's also suggested to choose your own local ones, so I intend to do this sometime in April. If you would like to donate, here is a link to my fundraising page;

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=PaulShanley&pageUrl=3>

I will hold a thank you coffee morning when able to.

Thank you
Paul Shanley
Old Forge



Dear Filmgoer

The April film night in Culworth has been cancelled due to Coronavirus. The May film night, 29th May, remains in the diary and we will review the situation in a few weeks.

Let's look forward to better and happier times.
Julie Tinn

Calling all Cricket Lovers - Old and Young

Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club run two Saturday XI's in the South Northants Cricket League. The First XI in the Premier Division and the Second XI in Division 1.

We also have a thriving Junior Section with Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11 all playing regular cricket. The Under 15 team play on a Monday evening, the Under 13's on Wednesday evenings and the Under 11's on Sunday mornings. These are all mixed teams and we have some fine girl players.

We hold full coaching sessions, with qualified coaches for all Junior Age groups on Friday evenings from 6.00pm, Senior Practice nights is also on Friday.

The Club is lucky enough to have second to none playing and coaching facilities situated on our lovely ground behind what was the Old Marston Inn. We have a fine pavilion, two separate practice nets, and a cricket square the envy of many a cricket club.

Anyone interested in cricket, whether it be playing, just watching or supporting us in anyway, will be most welcome to join us. The Pavilion is licenced adding to the attraction of the social life of the Club. The season starts on Saturday 2nd May. Before that there will be regular net sessions on any fine evening and an inter-club practice game on Saturday 25th April.

So whatever your standard, why not come along and enjoy playing with a very friendly and welcoming group of enthusiasts. Bring your children, boys and girls and introduce them to our traditional summer game in the most perfect of settings.

For further information, do contact me, Martin Sirot Smith on (01295) 710340. Here's to a fine summer and a great season's cricket. Do come and be part of it!

Summary of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2020

Present: Cllrs. Richard Fonge (Chairman), Neil Higginson, Laura North, Will Priestman.

Apologies: Cllr Anna Faure. Graham Roberts.

Resignation: Cllr Mike Harmon had resigned, due to his move to Shropshire. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution to the Council.

HS2 (High Speed Rail). In the absence of Cllr Faure, the Chairman gave a report on HS2. He had attended a meeting at Chipping Warden, which only concerned the roadworks on the A361 and its disruption to that village and Wardington. There will be archaeology digs in the Lower Thorpe area during the early Summer. Sulgrave Parish Council are trying to organise an open meeting with HS2 and will notify the village when arranged.

Sulgrave Manor: Cllr Priestman reported, that Sulgrave Manor would be opening on April the 2nd for the season, and the interior works were going to schedule.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs: Cllr Priestman reported that the Council had been successful in obtaining a grant which would cover the cost of the speed warning sign on Helmdon Road. This sign is identical to the one in Helmdon, and he was expecting the 30m.p.h signs to be moved back and the sign installed within the next eight weeks. The chairman thanked Cllr Priestman for his work on this, and said we could now afford to do the same for the Magpie Road.

Trees/ Potholes: Cllr Higginson reported, that Western Power would be pruning the Ash tree in Church Road, where the main line passes through. He had reported various potholes, which had now been filled.

Elections: The Chairman informed the meeting of forthcoming elections on May 7th for the new Unitary body, the Police and Fire Commissioners and if needed the Parish Council. He asked for people to come forward to serve on the Parish Council. The Unitary Council for our area, is West Northants, replacing the old Northampton Town Council and Daventry and South Northants Councils. The Police and Fire Commissioners are holding an open meeting in Brackley Town Hall on Monday 23rd March 7.p.m .

Best Village (Sponsored by the Council for the Protection of Rural England) The Council had entered with a supporting statement of 500 words. Chairman stated we should be proud of our community, and our many attributes as a village. Judging to take place in April/May.

Village Litter Picking: Cllr North reminded all of litter picking day. Sunday 29th March . Meet at Church Hall At 10 a.m

Annual Parish Meeting: The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, giving an opportunity for all village organisations to report on their activities. Date to be advised.

Brackley Community Hospital:

The Chairman introduced Councillor Caryl Billingham of South Northants Council who is the Chairman of the Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust and a former Mayor of Brackley. Councillor Billingham attended the meeting to talk about the new hospital and how Sulgrave village could contribute towards it.

Floor Plans and Elevations of the new building were shown to the meeting.

Councillor Billingham began by giving some background information on the new hospital, currently under construction, which will be a replacement for the former Brackley Cottage Hospital. The old hospital had contained 8 beds for intermediate care usually being occupied by patients no longer needing intensive care but too ill to go home. The NHS had decided to close the old hospital in 1990 but a Trust was formed to save it and with the help of public subscription it kept going for another 25 years, finally closing in 2015.

The construction of the new hospital is being funded by the Dudley Taylor Pharmacy who have agreements with the NHS to hire out the building. There are agreements with Brackley Medical Centre and also with the company that manages occupational health for the NHS, who will thus be able to use the facilities in the new hospital without capital investment other than the need to equip the rooms.

The hospital is located on the left of the road into Brackley from Northampton, by a new roundabout near the Turweston Road.

There will be consulting rooms on the ground floor, with the Northampton Health Care Foundation Trust renting other ground floor rooms. There will be a café which will hopefully be run by volunteers. A lead lined room is being built for X ray equipment with an ultra sound scanner next door to it. There will be a Walk In Clinic like the one at Brackley Medical Centre. There will be facilities for charities like Mind, Home start, Children's Play and Yoga classes. These will be free to charitable institutions but there will be a charge for those who receive an income from the activity.

The first floor will have consultants' rooms with facilities for physiotherapy, podiatry and a gym. It is hoped that consultants from the Oxford Hospitals will see patients at Brackley, obviating the need for driving to Oxford.

There will be rooms for 16 intermediate care beds, each of them en suite. There will also be a family room, a sitting room and a kitchen.

The NHS will provide only the basic furniture and equipment and so the Brackley Community Hospital Trust will be seeking to enhance these facilities with the help of publicly raised funds. Their overarching objective is a digital state of the art X ray machine allied with fibre optics so that Xrays can be analysed in house thus avoiding the delay involved in sending Xray plates to the Horton in Banbury. Hopefully, specialists such as ophthalmologists will install equipment in the consulting rooms which would also obviate the need for patients to go to the Oxford hospitals.

The aim is for the hospital beds on the second floor to have hoist compatible recliner chairs nearby. These are useful for elderly people likely to spend a lot of time in bed. However these are £2500 each. The Trust hope to raise enough funds to make a donation to the NHS to install and maintain these items.

Councillor Billingham is visiting each of the relevant Parish Councils seeking funding for a television to be put in each of the 16 rooms. Hopefully these should be Smart Televisions that are Skype and Face Time compatible so that patients can communicate with their families. These could also used by the medical staff for case conferences. They will cost about £500 each. If each parish had one event in the village which raised £500 that would guarantee the provision of the television sets.

The Parish Council chairman gave details of a Midsummer Fair to be held in the village with a view to making a contribution to the Hospital Trust.

Councillor Billingham then dealt with a number of questions. Concern was expressed that the new hospital could undermine the current

battle to save the Horton Hospital in Banbury. Councillor Billingham said that the services the new hospital is going to offer will be very low key and will not be in competition with the Horton. There will be no acute services. In fact it may be that patients from the Horton not needing specialist care but too ill to go home could be accommodated at the new Brackley hospital, thus freeing up beds at the Horton. Given the growth of Brackley, Banbury and Towcester there is going to be an increasing demand for hospital facilities of all kinds.

It was suggested that a village which had raised sufficient funds for the new hospital might have a room named after it and this suggestion was taken on board.

Concern was expressed about escape routes for patients on upper floors. Councillor Billingham agreed to stress this concern at the next meeting of the Trust.

In reply to a question, Councillor Billingham said she saw no reason why there should not be infant care facilities at the new hospital. She added that there will be no maternity facilities but there could well be a hearing clinic.

There was a discussion about the provision of beds for relatives of patients who wished to stay the night. It was suggested that drop down beds which fold away when not needed, might be the answer. Councillor Billingham will relay this suggestion to the Trust.

Councillor Billingham added that there will be charging points for four electric cars and a free car park for seventy cars.

Parish Councillor Will Priestman thanked Councillor Billingham for her excellent presentation. He was sure that the new hospital will be an asset to the whole area and assured her of the support of the Parish in fund raising for this worthy cause.

Richard Fonge (Chairman)

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In
Sulgrave Church Hall



We look forward to seeing you there

APRIL 2020

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