

# Sulgrave News



## November 2020

### Regular Events

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

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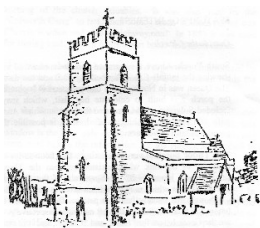


Deadline for the December Newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News November

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	No Service
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday Sulgrave
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion - Middleton Cheney

Over the past few months, since the lockdown first began, the church has remained locked during the day on instructions from the Diocese. However we are able to hold services on Sundays. We are able to hold two Holy Communion services a month along with a Mattins or Evensong. Over the decades the church has played an important part in village life and it saddens us that due to all the restrictions we are unable to do more than hold three services a month.

The church has also been responsible for so many social events, many of them fund raisers, like the Harvest Supper, Christingle, Christmas Fair, Carol Service, Safari Supper and the village fete. The money raised from many of these events has not only helped with the upkeep of the church but also forms part of our charitable giving. Sadly, we are unable to hold any of these events

We are currently looking ahead to Christmas in the hope that we can hold some form of Carol Service while abiding by the current regulations. We also want to open a form of lending library to cater for those who relied on the now cancelled mobile service.

As I said earlier, the church has always provided an important role in village life and, hopefully, when this pandemic is finally over we can continue as we did before.

We would appreciate your support and if you can help in any way please contact myself or any member of the PCC. Thank you.

Shrimp Christy



## Village Shop News Update

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The clocks have gone back, the weather is getting colder and wetter and Covid is once again rearing its spiky head and limiting our ability to travel or meet friends - so what have we got to be cheerful about? Not a lot, but a visit to our cheery little shop - even if one might have to wait outside under an umbrella for a few minutes - surely lifts the spirits a little.

Since the last newsletter, Paul Shanley has been elected on to the Management Committee and will take over the responsibility for all the difficult tasks (collectively referred to as 'shop facilities') that everyone else tries to avoid. We are sure he will do an excellent job.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> of December is still some way away, we shall do our best to avoid using the 'C word' until the next newsletter - but the charity Christmas cards have arrived and are already on display. All of the proceeds from the sale of these cards go directly to Katherine House Hospice so we hope that the shop will be able to raise a useful sum for this wonderful charity.

New lines this month include a range of delicious Danish pastries (which will be available freshly baked or can be bought frozen to cook at home) and a cracking Garnacha from the foothills of the Moncayo massif in the Aragon region of north-eastern Spain. This punchy wine will slip down very nicely with the rich stews and casseroles that we shall soon need as winter fuel.

The new Fiddlers Lancashire Crisps have been a huge hit (the black-pudding and mustard has been our best seller) so we are hoping to have good stocks in for the end of the year.

Sadly, because of the corona virus, the Countryside Alliance has abandoned its Rural Awards scheme for 2021. This is a shame as we felt, in view of the efforts the shop had made to support the community throughout the pandemic, that we would have been well placed to be selected as a regional finalist. Never mind - we shall apply again for the 2022 awards.

The village has seen an influx of new residents of late and we hope they will all give the shop their patronage. One newcomer said that the shop was an important reason for her choosing to move to Sulgrave which was a nice pat on the back.

You are probably aware that the Post Office has just announced a doorstep collection system for parcels. Although there is a charge for this service, it will no doubt be useful for people who live some way from a Post Office or need to isolate. However, we would urge you, if possible, to continue to use our Post Office for sending your parcels as we get a small commission on all items sent. If everyone switched to doorstep collection, we would lose income and poor John the Postman would soon be in need of respite care.

After a great deal of research, a lot of cutting and pasting and a bit of swearing the new Volunteers' Handbook is now complete. Copies have been sent to all current volunteers and a hard copy is kept by the till in the shop. It aims to provide guidelines for all shop activities and detailed instructions on specifics such as till operation and opening and closing procedures. If anyone is thinking about joining our merry little band of volunteers and would like to receive a copy to see what is involved, please e-mail Alison at [alisonmalewis@icloud.com](mailto:alisonmalewis@icloud.com).

Happy Guy Fawkes night – and don't forget to do a hedgehog search before you light your bonfire.

Digby and Alison



### **DOG OWNERS**

Your shop has purchased another 'poo bin', to go with the two supplied by the Parish Council, and has placed it at the top of Stockwell Lane.

Please use it and do not put bags into the domestic bins alongside the shop

Please pick up any poo down Stockwell Lane.....it's not far to walk back to a bin now

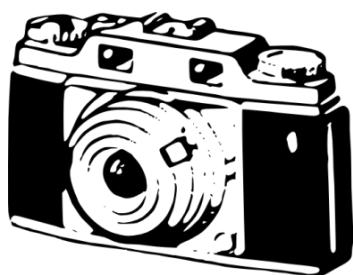
Why not join the rest of us owners who care about their dogs, the village and all it's residents



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

November 21<sup>st</sup>

December 19<sup>th</sup>



The Camera club members are continuing to meet via ZOOM on the first Wednesday of each month and at our most recent meeting we took a critical look at a member's photographs to offer helpful tips on composition. We are also looking for opportunities for photo shoots and recently a small group were able to capture some stunning autumn colours.

Our next ZOOM meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, this month's challenge is "Texture", we are sure to have some interesting photographs to share.

Some of our previous challenges and photographic projects can be found on the Sulgrave Village Website.

If you are interested in photography at any level, contact [grahamroberts53@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@hotmail.com) for details.



With the autumn weather now closing in and quite a bit of rain recently, care is needed when out walking to due to the state of some of our footpaths.

### **Footpath AY 8**

With thanks to Richard Fonge and Paul Crowley, we have improved the access to footpath AY8, which walkers can take towards Stuchbury Manor farm from the Helmdon Road. Wood chippings have been laid on the approach footpath to the small bridge where the footpath leaves Helmdon Road and improvements made with wood chippings and access cleared at one of the kissing gates that has been particularly muddy and treacherous.

### **Footpath AY 3**

This footpath, which takes you from the gated road to the Weston Road, crossing the railway embankment is almost impassable due to the deep mud caused by trial bikes and horses using the railway embankment, take care if you choose this route – we are looking into alternatives.

### **Footpath AY12**

This footpath, used by walkers traversing the parish boundary from Dean Barn, following the perimeter of the long field towards the Welsh Lane and onwards towards Thorpe will find the footpath has been fenced off by HS2 as part of the construction work. Footpaths from Stuchbury towards Greatworth are also expected to be closed by the time you read this.

Parish Footpath Warden



November Offerings are as follows -

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November Poppy Appeal Afternoon Tea. Orders and Menu open Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. £4 from each order will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday Dine to Door Special – World War themed Menu with a Webster's twist. Orders and Menu open Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6pm. £4 from each order will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Each Afternoon Tea and Remembrance Sunday Lunch will come with a World War Quiz, with answers in a sealed envelope to mark yourselves.

We are aiming to Raise £400 over these 5 days.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – All our Festive Menu's go live. Set Dine to Door Menu's, Festive Picnic Boxes, Festive Afternoon Tea's, and Festive Grazing Boxes. Will all be available on set dates from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November right throughout December. They will all come with Christmas Napkins and Crackers. A perfect gift or treat. Want to thank your staff? Some of these boxes could be the perfect way to do this during the Christmas period. Christmas Party at Home? Want a stress-free Dinner? Christmas isn't cancelled here.

Themed Dine to Door? We are happy for any suggestions. But focusing on the Christmas Menu's this month. If we do decide to do one in November we will publish on the Website and Social Media. May even bring back a popular theme from the last 6 months.

All orders go through our website: [www.websters-events.co.uk/dinetodoor](http://www.websters-events.co.uk/dinetodoor)

Any alternative enquiries please email [danny@websters-events.co.uk](mailto:danny@websters-events.co.uk).

Have a Great November 😊

Danny and Ryan



## THE STAR INN

Whilst we keep adapting to the fast-moving changes. We will try and keep you updated with our boards outside.

We are immensely proud to announce we have had 2 inspections (so far) from Northamptonshire Council, both of which we received 'Full Marks, no advice or action needed'. One of these checks was without our knowledge (mystery shopper). We welcome the fact Northamptonshire Council are keeping a watchful eye on us all.

We must thank our Star Team for continually adapting to the new guidelines/laws in place, never complaining and always smiling. We would also like to thank our customers for their continued support and adhering to the new measures in place.

We would like to wish 2 of our Star Team 'Ellie & James' all the best for their future now they have flown The Star and started their new adventures at University (although I am sure it was not the start they expected). We have watched them grow into the fine young adults they have now become. They have been a wonderful part of The Star Team (we adopted them from Tom & Chris back in June 2018). Ellie & James have often made us laugh, feel proud, roll our eyes, feel old, and yes sometimes curse. I am sure we will see them back during holiday times and they will always be a part of The Star Team/Family.







THE STAR INN

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**WE CONTINUE TO OFFER TAKEAWAY DURING KITCHEN  
OPENING HOURS**

**NEW OPENING HOURS**

**Bar**

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: 6pm – 10pm

Saturday: 12pm – 3pm & 6pm – 10pm

Sunday: 12pm – 3.30-4pm (approx)

**Please Note:** Early closures possible if we are empty at quieter times

**Kitchen**

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: 6pm – 8pm

Saturday: 12pm – 2pm

Sunday: 12pm – 2pm approx (later serving time when busy)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK

If we can help you with anything please give us a call







## The Body Shop at Home

I am pleased to announce I am now a Body Shop at Home consultant. If you love Body Shop products, check out The Body Shop at Home on-line catalogue (contact me for the link). I can normally offer discounts, so please ask for 'my price' and of course there is free delivery to your door for Sulgrave and surrounding villages.

Join my facebook group '**Bella Beauty**' for all the latest offers and ordering dates.

Please contact **Claire Sadler** on **07990 570034**  
or e-mail **Sadler0340@hotmail.com**

## *Goodbye to the Ash trees?* *By George Metcalfe*

*Some five years ago, I wrote an article in this newsletter about the threat to our ash trees from the steady advance of Chalara fraxina, ash dieback. I hope that I may be forgiven for repeating much of what I then wrote, as an update. At that time, the disease, the spores of which are usually spread by the wind had arrived in many parts of Britain, but not in our immediate neighbourhood. Well, it's arrived here now. Look, for example, at the large ash trees in the hedge on the left as you approach the old railway bridge on the Helmdon road, and you'll see that most have bare upper branches - not the result of autumn's natural leaf-fall.*

*Chalara is a disease which is very difficult to control, and we have to resign ourselves to seeing the end of the great majority of our ash trees. This will be a disaster, especially in limey areas like ours where ash is the dominant wayside tree. You may remember that I had done a count of the mature trees in the hedges between the village and the old railway bridge: no fewer than 5 out of every 6 were ash trees. To lose them would have a devastating effect on our landscape.*

*So what can be done? The answer surely is to plant replacement trees (not ash, of course - I must confess that in my days as Parish Tree Warden I planted quite a lot of ash saplings, but I have the excuse that dieback hadn't been heard of then). There are plenty of alternatives - oak, field maple, small-leaved lime, hornbeam and others - so I hope that, wherever possible (in gaps in hedges, field corners, the wider verges.....), young trees will be planted for a pleasanter and healthier environment.*



# Royal British Legion

Due to Coronavirus there will be no house to house collection by RBL this year. There will be opportunities for donations at supermarkets and other stores, as well as mobile telephone contributions - see your daily newspaper!

It is hoped that the church, shop and Star will be able to accept your gifts, so please show that generosity that Sulgrave folk always give to the Legion.

Just for fun, can you answer the following:-

The 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Cherwell was scientific adviser to the Churchill government during WWII. What did he have in common with the Captain of the German battleship Bismarck? Even more bizarrely, what connects the Admiral aboard Bismarck with the architect of the Viceroy's palace in Delhi and the Cenotaph?

## **SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Sulgrave Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal**

Very sadly coronavirus restrictions make it impossible for Donald Taylor to make his usual personal house to house collection this year and he will be missed.

Donald is such a welcome figure in the village with his cap, tie and medals. He works hard to collect money for the Royal British Legion. Each year Donald has raised more than the previous year, last year over £1200 was given by villagers. He writes "Sulgrave is well known for the generosity shown by all, please in this year of exceptional need continue this tradition".

Collection boxes are in the Shop, the Church and the Star.

Donations can be made on-line, if you donate this way maybe you could put a note of how much you gave in one of the collection boxes? anonymously of course.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>



*It would be very much appreciated if anything you have for the December Newsletter could be with me promptly for the deadline Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Many thanks - Ed*



*Thank you*

*I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and messages of sympathy that I have received from you with regards to my Mum, Pauline Walker.*

*Best wishes  
Charlotte*



## Sulgrave Advent windows 2020

Sadly, due to possible Covid restrictions, I will not be organizing any window opening in December.

However, if any of you want to decorate a window for us all to look at during the season of Advent, that would be really lovely. If you will be opening on a particular day you could advertise it on Nextdoor?

The bus shelter will be decorated again and will be on view on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a collection for charity and the box will be in the shop, or you can give any contributions to Jane Lockwood or Sally Elliot.

For all the new residents in the village, Advent windows have been a Christmas feature of the village since 2014. A different house window opens the curtains each night, to show a Christmas or winter scene, right up to December 25<sup>th</sup>. People came to have some mulled wine, mince pie and the chance to have a chat to others. Do follow this link for an e.g. and search for the other years.

<https://sulgrave.org/2018/10/village-advent-calendar-windows-2018/>

Do contact me if you need any info etc.

Ingram Lloyd



# Sulgrave Produce Show

So we managed, under the circumstances, to put on a really good Produce Show this year. The socially distanced event was possible due to the marquees that were kindly lent to us by a villager, and the day was greatly helped by the accommodating weather.

We had 118 entries to the show and we would like to thank everybody for all their efforts and help in raising £200 on the raffle and the tea & cake stall. The funds raised will go towards the Church Hall refurbishment.

Colin Wootton recorded the event and has posted his photographs on the village website at [Sulgrave.org](http://Sulgrave.org).

All being well it is hoped that the Sulgrave Produce Show will take place again next year towards the end of August/early September.



## ANNUAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Sadly, due to Covid -19, the Annual Christingle Service which would have taken place on Sunday 6th December, with monies raised going to The Children's Society, has had to be cancelled. HOWEVER this year The Children's Society will be running a National Christingle Event online on the 13th December. To find out more visit :[churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy](http://churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy). A service will be streamed onto Facebook and YouTube. Last year there were over 5,500 Christingle services in support of The Children's Society, raising over £1.2m to help vulnerable children and young people. As many Churches, like us, will not be able to hold services this year if you feel you could still make a donation please call The Children Society's friendly Supporter Care team on 0300 303 7000 and they can securely take your payment.

Many thanks. Kate Miles (Local Box Secretary for The Children's Society)



## RESULTS OF THE SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW 2020

No.	Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
1	Three potatoes	Sharon Ford	J & S Staples	Simon Miles
2	Three courgettes			
3	Three runner beans		George Metcalfe	
4	Longest runner bean	Lisa Roberts	Simon Miles	Phil Watts
5	Five French beans	George Metcalfe	Phil Watts	
6	Truss of cherry toms	Alison Lewis		G Metcalfe/P Watts
7	Three round toms	Phil Watts	Simon Miles	Alison Lewis
8	Three onions	Sharon Ford		
9	Cucumber	J & S Staples	Simon Miles	
10	Vegetable basket	Simon Miles	Richard McCrow	Lisa Roberts
11	Eating apples - three	Simon Miles	Will Priestman	Alison Lewis
12	Cooking apples - three	Lisa Roberts	J & S Staples	Alison Lewis
13	Three Pears	Lisa Roberts	Phil Watts	L Roberts/P Watts
14	Saucer of Fruit	Sharon Ford	Simon Miles	
15	Jar of jam	David Walker	Libbie Foster	
16	Jar of jelly	L Foster/A Lewis		
17	Jar of lemon curd		Julie Metcalfe	
18	Jar of marmalade	Zoe McCrow	Andrew Elliott	
19	Jar of chutney	Will Priestman	Alison Lewis	
20	Six fruit scones	Joy Grice	Susie Blayney	Alison Lewis
21	Six chocolate brownies	Esther Miles	Susie Blayney	
22	Victoria sandwich		Jan Prior	
23	Lemon Drizzle	Susie Blayney		
24	GF Vic sandwich	Esther Miles		
25	Loaf of bread	Alison Lewis	Chris Kirkpatrick	Will Priestman
26	Cordial	Libbie Foster	Jackie White	Will Priestman
27	Liqueur		Libby Foster	
28	Arrangement - jam jar	Jan Prior	J & S Staples	Kate Miles
29	Arrangement of herbs	Susie Blayney	Kate Miles	Zoe McCrow
30	One fragrant rose	Libby Foster	J & S Staples	Janie Mann
31	Three rose blooms	Janie Mann	Kath Miles	Susie Blayney
32	Three stems Dahlia	Susie Blayney	Mel Kirkpatrick	
33	Three stems Cosmos	Susie Blayney		
34	Hardy perennial	Kate Miles	George Metcalfe	Jackie White
35	Mixed autumn	Jan Prior/Janet Tattersall		
36	Garden on a Tray	Kitty North	Joe Roberts	Esme Castle
37	4 decorated cakes	Joe Roberts	Kitty North	
38	Animal of Fruit & Veg	Alfie Castle		
39	4 chocolate brownies			
40	Photo of Sulgrave	Jo Powell	Chris Kirkpatrick	Graham Roberts
41	Animal/s age 10 & under	Sian Lefever Bell	Alfie Castle	Esme Castle
	HIGHLY COMMENDED - Beth Roberts			
42	Animal/s Age 11 to 20			



# Culworth Preschool

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## Early Learning Made Fun

At Culworth Preschool we provide a safe and secure environment, where the children explore and learn through play. It is of great importance to us, that all of our children are given the opportunity to experience and develop a range of social skills, which are the building blocks for their future learning.

We believe a relaxed and friendly setting is important in enabling you and your child to feel welcome.

Learning through play enables children to practically do and talk about their experiences, which research has shown, is the means by which young children learn to think

Our opening hours are

	Morning sessions	Lunch club	Afternoon sessions
Monday	9-12 am	12-12:30	12:30-3:30
Tuesday	9-12 am	12-12:30	12:30-3:30
Wednesday	9-12 am	12-12:30	12:30-3:30
Thursday	9-12 am	12-12:30	12:30-3:30
Friday	9-12 am	12-12:30	12:30-3:30

## We have a few spaces available

We welcome viewings, so please do get in touch if you would like a tour of our setting, currently this will be out of school hours.

Please e mail us at preschool or alternatively phone the school on the number above.

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

At 7.30pm

In  
Sulgrave Church Hall



*We look forward to seeing you there*



# NOVEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30						1 NO SERVICE SULGRAVE
2	3	4 8.15pm Camera Club Mtg via ZOOM	5	6	7	8 8.15am Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday
9	10	11	12 7.30pm PC Meeting Church Hall	13	14	15 10.30am Holy Communion Sulgrave
16	17	18	19	20 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	21 5.30pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	22 10.00am Mattins Sulgrave
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

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