

Sulgrave News



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Regular Events

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

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News December

At the moment we are experiencing difficult times. There have been no services in November although the church has been open for private prayer each Sunday. It is hard to forecast where we shall be during December but, at the moment we are trying to arrange some form of Carol Service just before Christmas.

I am so grateful to Richard Fonge and members of the Parish Council for arranging a form of Remembrance Service on November 11th. The church had made arrangements for a wreath laying in the church but, because of the lockdown the service had to be cancelled. Thanks to Richard we were able to hold an alternative service on Castle Green.

Please look out on Nextdoor and notices at the village shop as and when there are services in December. Christmas is an important time in the church's calendar. Hopefully, we'll be able to celebrate together.

Thank you. Shrimp.





Village Shop News Update

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At this time of the year, we should be working on our designs for the village advent windows, ordering Christmas trees and oversized turkeys for family gatherings and generally spreading goodwill amongst our fellow men. Instead, we have to stay at home and are more concerned about the spread of Corona-virus than goodwill. But cheer up - a vaccine is just around the corner so perhaps things are about to look up and Covid-19 will soon become a distant, if unpleasant, memory. The Shop will, as usual, be doing its best to create a festive atmosphere and generate a little Christmas cheer and Natasha and Jeanette have promised to don Father Christmas outfits - and may even sing a verse of Jingle Bells if you are nice to them.

This year, the Shop will not be preparing individual Christmas orders, but if there is anything you would like us to get in for you (sides of smoked salmon, game pies, whole Stiltons etc) please let us know as soon as possible and we shall do our best to attend to your needs.

The observant amongst you may have noticed that, much to the delight of the residents of Stockwell Lane and the users of the footpath and bridleway, the Shop has purchased and installed a dog-waste bin at the top of the lane. A doggy-poo bin is of little use without doggy-poo bags so the Shop now stocks biodegradable bags supplied by the Coacoara Foundation (www.coacoara.co.uk) who's aims are to reduce reliance on single-use plastics by providing biodegradable and compostable alternatives, thereby protecting the world's oceans and coastlines from plastic pollution. Andrew Elliot, having kindly offered to regularly empty the bin, has been formally appointed Shop Doggy-Poo Officer. We are currently working on an appropriate badge. The Shop also stocks bamboo toothbrushes and biodegradable food-waste bags from the same company and may well be stocking more of their products in the future.

As the Shop aims to be as eco-friendly as possible, we are phasing out the issue of free plastic bags but, if you have a senior moment and leave your shopping bag at home, we can now sell you a large bio-degradable bag for 15p.

Those customers of a certain age may well have had a Proustian moment when they spotted the sherbet lemons on the front counter. As we recall, they cost 6d a quarter when we last bought some - but that was rather a long time ago.

As a special treat for chocoholics, the Shop now stocks Russell and Atwell FRESH chocolate truffles. These are made from the highest quality sustainable cocoa, fresh organic cream and butter, a minimal amount of sugar, wildflower honey, a touch of sea salt and absolutely no palm oil or preservatives of any kind. They will keep in the fridge for 4 weeks - but, frankly, that is academic as they will all be eaten long before that. Russell and Atwell truffles are available as milk, dark, and for chocolate connoisseurs, extra dark. Salted caramel will be added to the range in December. We think you will agree that they really are rather special - if dangerously moreish. The company specialises in mail-order and Sulgrave Village Shop is only the second retail outlet in the country to stock their products. If you are trying to cut down on your chocolate intake - we strongly advise you to avert your eyes from the chiller when you visit the shop!

Additional Christmas fare includes a range of luxury flavoured gins to complement our already extensive range of standard gins (much appreciated by the G&T brigade), Christmas cakes and fresh organic walnuts from Sulgrave's Windmill orchard.

As many of you will already know, David and Joy will, very sadly, soon be leaving Sulgrave. For the past few years, David has prepared and overseen the volunteer rota for the shop while Joy has managed all the administrative tasks that come under the catch-all title of 'facilities' and she has also assisted in the Post Office. They will both be sorely missed and we would all like to thank both of them for the effort they have put into maintaining the shop's success.

Their departure leaves two big holes in the shop operation and we urgently need to find replacements so that everything continues to run smoothly. Paul Shanley, who has just joined the Management Committee, will replace Joy as facilities manager but we need to recruit someone as soon as possible to take over the preparation of the weekly volunteer rotas from David. If you think you can help – please let us know. We also need another volunteer to join Sally Elliott in assisting with the running the Post-Office so, if there are any Postman Pat wannabees out there, please put your hand up.

Please take note of the Shop opening and closing times over the Christmas - New Year period.

Christmas Eve - Thursday 24 December	8.00am - 1.00 pm
Christmas Day - Friday 25 December	Closed all day
Boxing Day - Saturday 26 December	Closed all day
Sunday 27 December	9.00am - 12.00 noon
Thursday 31 December	8.00am – 1.00pm
New Year's Day - Friday 1st January	Closed all day

A very Happy Christmas to one and all (the fresh chocolates and flavoured gin may help) and many thanks to our two supervisors and all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep everything up and running throughout this very difficult year.

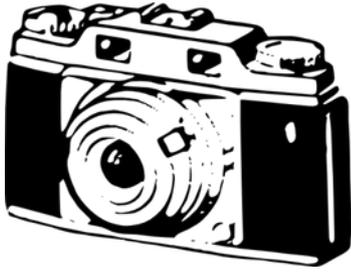
Digby and Alison



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

December 19th





To avoid the Lockdown blues we decided to organise an additional Zoom meeting for members during November. Chris Jackson delivered a really interesting presentation on photographing the night sky, covering all aspects from moon shots using a standard digital camera to deep sky astrophotography including shots of Andromeda and a Nebula.

At our next session Hywel will introduce us to photographer John Cleare, detailing his exploits over many years as 'Mountain photographer' on expeditions. We are also planning to hear from another club member who will be talking about action photography.

Whilst we are normally unable to get together a group during the lockdown, club members did take the opportunity to capture the Remembrance Day event on Castle Green; the photographs can be seen on the Sulgrave website.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to participate email me for details

grahamroberts53@hotmail.com for details.



Church Hall update November 2020

I expect many of you will be thinking ... "what is happening with the Church Hall". Well, good progress has been made. It is hoped that renovation work will begin early summer 2021. Exactly what we can get done will in the end depend on how far our grant money will stretch as material costs are, I gather rising.

It is hoped that renovations will make the building warmer. We are planning: new toilets, wheel chair access, new lighting, repainting and the entrance re-configured and largely re built.

It has taken so long because of obtaining planning consent and legal permissions to do the work.

We will need help with painting, so if anyone is willing to help with this that would be wonderful. I'm certain that we will be putting out pleas for other skills, so if you feel keen offer away!

I hope that this will be more positive news, in what has been a rather unsettling time for us all

Ingram Lloyd 760 520

Anna Faure 768 168



Thank you to all that ordered over the week of the Poppy Appeal, we raised £260 which I handed to Donald to add to his collection.

Our Festive Range is now open to order via our Christmas page on our Website, available on selected dates throughout December.

Festive Tea for Two's, Festive Grazing Boxes and Festive Dine to Door Special – (3 Courses, main includes a Festive Wellington)

Fully Prepared 3 Course Christmas Dinner for Collection only on Christmas Eve – Bookings Close Friday 18th December. (This will feed you Lunch and Dinner I'm certain)

Pizza Nights – Saturday 28th November was a huge success selling out to the Village only. ☺ If we have capacity to do a Saturday pop up again we shall let you know on Next Door. For now Wednesday Night is Pizza Night – (Collection from Sulgrave Manor Car Park - pre order only)

Tuesday 1st – Christmas Eve – Festive Range Available.

Wednesday 2nd December – Pizza and Homemade Burger Night with a choice of Desserts.

Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December - Greek Night.

Wednesday 9th December – Pizza and Fajita Night with a choice of Desserts.

Wednesday 16th December – All things Festive. (Menu will be uploaded onto next door a week before).

Saturday 19th December – Christmas Cocktails and Canapés.

All orders go through our website: www.websters-events.co.uk

Pizza Night and any alternative enquiries please email danny@websters-events.co.uk.

We wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas.

Danny and Ryan.





THE STAR – 01295 760389

Hello Sulgrave – We hope you are all keeping well and taking care in these difficult times.

It is impossible to update you this month as we have no idea ourselves what indeed we will be able to do?

We are aiming to reopen on the 2nd December and welcome you back unless the Government changes the date for the Hospitality Industry?

We are continuing to stay positive and prepare The Star for Christmas. We thought after the year 2020 is turning out to be, many of you may appreciate The Star being lit up for the beginning of December. We hope this will bring a smile to you all when walking around the village.

Please if anyone else needs our help with anything give us a call!

Stay Safe – Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & a happier 2021

From

Steve, Niki, Millie & The Star Team





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**





Royal British Legion

The annual Poppy Appeal has clearly been on everyone's mind so despite COVID-19, there has been a wonderful response. Final figures are not yet available, but Sulgrave has contributed over £600. Special thanks are due to the Star, the shop, Shrimp at the church, to Websters Events and the Parish Council. All those people involved made exceptional efforts and of course many donations will have been made by mobile phone or credit card direct so they will not appear in the village total but are just as necessary! As always, "well done Sulgrave".

In the hope that next year's appeal will be able to follow a more normal pattern, I would like to ask anyone who can give a little time to volunteer as a collector. I shall certainly need some help!

Why not become a member, we do have interesting outings and visits - COVID-19 permitting. You do not have to be ex-service, anyone can join.

Many people enjoyed the ceremony on Castle Green - let's hope this can be an annual event.

How did you get on with Viscount Cherwell and the Bismarck?

Frederick Lindemann, born in Baden Baden in 1886 studied at Berlin University and the Sorbonne before coming to England becoming a director of the Royal Flying Corp, studying the mathematics of flight and then developed the Clarendon Laboratory. After government service he returned to Oxford retiring in 1956 before his elevation.

Otto Lindemann came up through the German Imperial Navy and in 1830 was appointed to the battleship Bismarck at her launch, remaining with the ship when she was sunk!

Admiral Lutjens commanded the battle group led by Bismarck - his name matches Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect - although the spelling varies slightly, the pronunciation is the same. Admiral Lutjens also perished with the Bismarck.





I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and cards following the death of my husband Bob. Cancer is a terrible disease and I was helped by the Katherine House Hospice all the way - thankyou all.

Vera Smith



This year I have decided not to send village Christmas cards, but to make a donation to the local air ambulance (£25). I wish all my local friends a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Take care, Valerie Henn



CHRISTMAS BUS SHELTER

Although there will be no advent windows this year because of Covid 19, SWAGS has decided to do a tableau in the Bus Shelter as usual.

Villagers will be able donate to 'Porch' a charity for the homeless based in Oxford. A collection box will be in the village shop.

Merry Christmas to you all.



There will be a special post box at the bus shelter in December for children of Sulgrave to post letters to Santa. Parents please ensure that letters include names and addresses of children. Last posting date for a reply 23rd December.

Merry Christmas Santa.

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. 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)



Christmas Tree.

This year with no wreaths on the lamp posts and voluntary advent window decorations only, the village will look a lot less festive. So to brighten up the village in a year of great stress to us all, the Parish Council have bought a large Christmas tree to be erected on the Castle green field in early December. Solar lights have been generously given to decorate it along with a star for the top.

This is a tree for us all to enjoy, so if regulations allow during the festive season please make use of it.

Richard Fonge.

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

- MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2020
AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Richard Fonge (Chairman), Anna Faure, Neil Higginson, Laura North, Mike Powell and Will Priestman

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk and two villagers

20/122. To receive apologies for absence

None.

20/123. To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

20/124a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be signed.

20/124b. Matters Arising

Spinners Cottages name plate – Thanks was given to Cllr Powell for painting the sign.

Planter on verge near the shop – This is in place and has been well received. A letter of thanks has been sent to Peter Ormond as he has given the planter to the village. One planter is sufficient for now but Cllr Powell will make a second if it is needed.

Pavement repair on Helmdon Road – The repair of the holes was carried out. This will be monitored and reported again next year.

Sulgrave Manor – There was little to report. The Manor has now closed.

20/125. To discuss forthcoming elections in May 2021

Elections will take place on 6th May 2021. The first meeting will take place within 14 days of the election. There will be more information in the New Year.

20/126. To receive an update on HS2 and footpaths

Cllr Faure noted that funding is ongoing. The work at Junction 11 will be completed by December. Work is currently undergoing at The Magpies. The work includes pump tests, clearing vegetation and establishing site access. The batch plant will be started next year and a campus has been established at Brackley.

Action: Cllr Powell to forward the link re the HS2 virtual exhibition.

Footpaths were discussed. One footpath was blocked by HS2 personnel. Several people made representations for the path to be put right. Mr Wootton has full details of the correspondence. The footpath is accessible now. Thanks were given to Cllr Faure and the Chair for their work.

Mr Roberts has walked all the other footpaths which are muddy. The path by the railway embankment is impassable. Chippings were put down to make the Helmdon Road footpath useable. All other paths are in good order. Mr Roberts has agreed to sort out new way markers.

20/127. To receive an update on verges and leaf clearing

The leaves by the stocks are normally cleared annually by volunteers but it is getting harder to get people to help. The current grass contractor has quoted to remove the leaves.

For two men to work half a day the cost will be £175.00 & VAT. The leaves will be removed from site. It was agreed to accept this price. The work will be done once all the leaves have dropped.

20/128. To receive an update on the VAS

The VAS was installed in mid October and has been well received. The sign is working and Cllr Priestman will find out more about the software. The Parish Council are still waiting to hear if the 30mph sign at the Magpie Road end can be moved.

20/129. To receive an update on Pocket Park

The pond will be cleaned out on 5th December 2020. It would be nice to have younger volunteers on the day to help out but it depends on the government restrictions and if they are lifted on 2nd December. Play areas can remain open.

20/130. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£396.00 to The Ground Care Company (grass cutting)

£95.00 to N Higginson (5ft metal solder silhouette to commemorate Remembrance Day)

£82.64 to Troy Daniels (defibrillator pads)

£205.81 to EON (street lighting)

£30.00 to Parish Clerk (broadband contribution)

£35.00 to Northants ACRE (subscription)

£4210.74 to Coeval (VAS and installation)

£396.00 to The Ground Care Company (grass cutting)

Thanks was given to Cllr Higginson for purchasing the metal silhouette soldier. It looks great and has been well received. The village have never had an outdoor war memorial. The Chair noted that Donald Taylor will lay a wreath for Remembrance Day. The church will be open from 10.30-11.30am on the day but there will be no service. Disappointment was expressed. It was agreed the metal soldier will be moved to Castle Green so that a 2 minute silence can be held on 11th. This will give people the opportunity to lay wreaths safely and pay their respects. Stewards will be needed to help.

To look at the half yearly budget

The Parish Council is working to budget and has a healthy bank balance.

To consider projects for 2021

Councillors are to consider projects for 2021 before the budget is set in January 2021.

20/131. To discuss preparations for Christmas

a. *To approve the use of the bus shelter for a Christmas tableau display.*

This was approved. People may put up their own advent window displays.

b. *To consider the effects of Covid 19 on the elderly residents and agree how to support them*

It was agreed to give the elderly residents a hamper costing £15 per household with a card.

The younger generation will make cards to go with the hampers.

Action: The Chair to speak to the shop about the preparation of the hampers and he will ask Dan and Ryan if they can package them up, as they have offered to help.

It was agreed to purchase a Christmas tree for Castle Green. The Chair will get a price and circulate it. The village can decorate and light the tree.

20/132. To receive an update on Planning

The following tree applications had been received:

- S/2020/1705/TPO, Tree work at Green between Magpie Road and Park Lane. For info only.
- S/2020/1724/TCA, Tree work on land at St James Church, Church Street and land on Manor Road. For info only.

20/133. To receive the following correspondence:-

The following correspondence had been circulated:

- Northants CALC, Budgeting Information
- NCC, HS2 Liaison notes
- Northants ACRE, AGM on 25.11.20

20/134. Public participation session

Mr Wootton was pleased about the hamper idea, the purchase of a Christmas tree and the plans for Remembrance Sunday. He will put some detail on the website.

A broken grid cover on Church Street was reported. The Parish Clerk to report to the water board.

20/135. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

Update on HS2

20/136. To note meeting dates for 2021

7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 8th April, 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October and 4th November

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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



DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2..... 8.15pm Camera Club Mtg via ZOOM	3	4	5	6
7	8		10	11 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	12.....	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 5.30pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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