

# Sulgrave News



## June 2021

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## Church News June

*The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068  
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Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am	Holy Communion - Thorpe Mandeville
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Mattins – Sulgrave

Thank you to all those who helped with 'Spring Cleaning the church. Your polishing and sweeping is much appreciated. The clearing up and tidying in the churchyard was slightly sabotaged by the inclement weather but volunteers have continued to turn up and help with weeding etc. There is a list in the porch of things that still need to be done so, if you have a spare hour please come along and help to make our church and churchyard look beautiful, ready for the lifting of lockdown. Remember, we will be hosting the village library! We want to make it as welcoming as possible.

If you would like to help with arranging flowers and cleaning the brasses etc. please contact Shrimp for more details. Your help would only be required once, or maybe twice a year. We want to organise a rota so that we can ensure that visitors to the church will see how well maintained our church is, particularly those who come to enjoy the history of the building. Thank you.



## Village Shop News Update

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Oh Dear! We've just re-read the first paragraph of last month's Shop news-update in which we wax lyrical about barbecues, sipping wine in the garden and lovely weather. How were we to know that we were in for some of the worst May weather in living memory? At the time of writing, it is still cold and wet - but surely this can't carry on for much longer. Can it?

You will be sad to hear that Natasha, one of our two shop supervisors, will be leaving us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Natasha has been working in the shop and running the Post Office for two years and has been a valuable member of our team. We shall miss her and we all wish her well.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, the Shop was a stopping-off point for the "Walk for Plunkett" event organised by the Plunkett Foundation which was instrumental in the establishment of the Shop back in 2004. Paul Shanley encouraged villagers to join him and Plunkett CEO James Alcott on the walk to raise money for the foundation. At the time of writing, donations from Sulgrave are expected to be in the region of £1000.

The Shop's food-bank appeal continues to receive support from customers and has enabled the Shop to make a number of substantial contributions of food to the cause. Father Nick, who runs the project, visited the Shop in May and expressed his gratitude to everyone involved.

The new volunteers who have recently joined our merry throng have been busy learning the ropes behind the till and their input is greatly appreciated. But there is always room for more helpers, so if you have been contemplating joining the team – do make the final leap.

In view of the steady decline in the number of new Covid infections and the relaxation of the government rules on mixing, the management committee agreed that, as from 17<sup>th</sup> May, two people at a time would be allowed into the shop (though this must be at the discretion of the volunteers working in the shop at the time). Because of the very limited amount of floor space, we are not yet ready for a free-for-all but, if the threat from Covid continues to recede, we hope that normal service will soon be resumed.

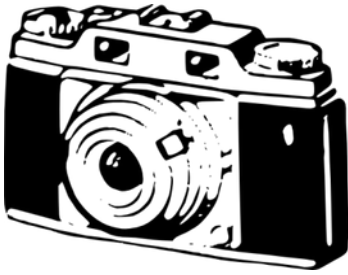
We have a whole lot of new goodies on the shelves this month including 'Love Corn' corn snacks in various flavours, hand-made bread sticks, cappuccino, lemon and pistachio-filled flaky pastries, some new flavours of Minter's biscuits, dark chocolate Florentines – and a new range of freshly baked pastries including scones and bagels from Terry's Stone Cottage of Oxford. During the week we shall also be baking delicious creamy vegetable slices to go alongside the hot sausage rolls and pasties. Look out for tasters of some of the new products this month.

Despite the dismal weather we are still getting regular deliveries of fresh seasonal vegetables and summer fruits. The strawberries in particular look fantastic and seem to disappear off the shelves as soon as they arrive.

Surely the law of averages will dictate that we shall soon be bathed in sunshine and be able to enjoy a glass of chilled wine (purchased from the Shop of course) with friends and family on balmy summer evenings. Our fingers are tightly crossed that our latest weather prediction will turn out to be more accurate than our effort last month.

Finally, the shop will be open in the afternoon of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June for the Sulgrave Open Gardens event to catch any visitors looking for an ice-cream, a bar of chocolate or a snack (or maybe to hide from the rain). If this newsletter comes out in time, please note that the shop will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May as it is a bank holiday.

Digby & Alison



At our first virtual meeting in May we were all intrigued to learn more about how to capture the character and movement of horses, a very informative presentation by Jo Powell illustrated by her own action photographs, illustrating some of our local horses enjoying a spring day. The collection included the walk; the gallop; the canter and, after a clearly energetic hour or so, a really nice photograph of two horses snoozing.

We continued afterwards looking at some of our most recent favourite photographs and comparing notes on the subject and composition, finally closing the meeting with the artistic interpretations of our monthly challenge, 'MUSIC' which produced some really creative results.

As the Newsletter goes to publication we are looking forward to a second virtual meeting during May, this time we will be joined by Culworth Snappers Camera club and a presentation by amateur photographer Mike Hawkrigde ARPS. We will hear about his photographic style and techniques which resulted in his election as an Associate to the Royal Photographic Society.

If you would like to learn more about the activities of Sulgrave Camera Club, contact

[..grahamroberts53@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@hotmail.com)



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

June 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 18<sup>th</sup>



## June 2021

How is it June already? We are very much hoping the easing of restrictions continue as planned. But as we all know anything can happen.

We are Currently working hard planning The Tearoom Menu as like anything we like to be a bit different to what anybody else is offering locally. We have events every weekend before opening and fully booked for Saturday Functions until November.

I'm booked onto a Barista Course as I will be making sure the Coffee is perfect. I'll then be trialling different coffee beans, I'm sure a few guests will be helping me make the best decision on beans to use too.

The Cocktail Masterclasses are becoming extremely popular. Did you know I have an International Mixology Diploma? If you want to learn anything cocktails please let me know? Who doesn't love an Espresso Martini? Cocktails go perfectly with some Canapés too. We may bring a Cocktail Masterclass to the Tea room one Evening... Watch this space.

Have a great June everyone.



We are extremely excited to announce we will be opening Sulgrave Manor Tea Room on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 4pm.**

**Save the date** - call your friends, relatives and Join us for a Fun Filled Family Fun Day.

Email - [Danny@websters-events.co.uk](mailto:Danny@websters-events.co.uk) Website - [www.websters-events.co.uk](http://www.websters-events.co.uk)  
Facebook and Instagram - Webstersevents



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Hello Sulgrave – As many of you are aware we are finally back open inside  
Our new football and pool tables are proving popular, lovely to see them being used

A few reminders for you below as well as some job opportunities going forward;

SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 3 YEARS AT THE STAR

Our Anniversary Event will start at 12pm. Hopefully this can go ahead as planned, as always, this event is mainly in The Star Garden. We will be joined by the Hooky Shire Horses & Trap at 12pm until 3pm. The Shires will also be taking a tour around the village and having a Hooky Ale at the pub

Claire of Waggy Walks has the dog show classes ready for you, always a fun and popular event.

Stalls are being booked up fast

Please if you would like a FREE stall get in touch early to book!

We will also be doing our popular BBQ again during the day

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY – CASTLE GREEN

Steve will be at the village event with some of your favourites.

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASSIC VEHICLE DAY OF 2021

Always a popular event so this year we have decided to hold more than one. This has been popular with tractors and motorbikes too

We will be bringing back our popular pub evenings like Quiz and Bingo in the near future so please keep an eye out for our boards outside the pub and all will be announced on our Facebook page.

VACANCIES

As we get busier, we will be looking for additional Waiting & Kitchen Trainee staff to join our 'Star Team' especially on Event Days. Please do get in touch if you are interested. We will also be looking for a part-time cleaner to help turn our B&B rooms especially at the weekends when I am busier with pub commitments. You would need to be extremely thorough and clean to the best of standards! It is not just a polish and Hoover involved with this job

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many loyal customers who have supported us through these difficult times. Some of our supporters who have become great friends have sadly now left/leaving the village and will be greatly missed. However, we have very much enjoyed meeting and welcoming new residents who have been wonderful and very much enjoyed having The Star on their doorstep, we thank them for their support

## **PUB & RESTAURANTS HOURS**

We have reviewed our opening hours for the remainder of 2021 and these are as follows

Bar: Wednesday to Saturday 12pm-3pm & 6pm-Close

Sunday 12pm-4pm approx.

Kitchen: Wednesday to Saturday 12.30pm-2pm & 6.30pm-8.30pm Sunday 12.30pm-3pm approx

The above are approximate times and dependant on how busy we are going forward. Busier times will see an extension to the hours & quieter times could see a reduction. Saturdays going forward into the summer months with hopefully better weather will be reviewed as to whether all day opening will be required?

LOVELY LUNCH BUNCH CROWD: Please let us know when you are ready to join us again



# **Dog Show**

## **at The Star Inn**

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Dog Show starts at 3.30pm**

**Prettiest Bitch**

**Most Handsome Dog**

**Golden Oldie** (doggies aged 8 and over)

**Waggiest Tail**

**Best Six Legs** (Dog and handler!!!)

**Best Trick**

**Landlords Choice – Best Pub Dog** (First Prize and Runner up)

Entry on the day, rosettes to fourth place and prizes for the winner of each class!

Prizes kindly supplied by Paws and Claws Pet Supplies in Brackley, Sulgrave Village Shop, Waggy Walks of Sulgrave and The Star Inn





## **‘Home checker’ service when you go away on holiday!**

If you are going away on holiday for the first time in a long while and you want peace of mind whilst you are away, I’m now offering a home checker service that runs alongside my dog walking and pet feeding services in Sulgrave and surrounding villages.

As well as checking the safety of your home, I can get in any post and parcels, watering of houseplants, greenhouse plants, veggie plots and hanging baskets and open and close curtains and generally make the house look like it isn’t empty! I could even restock your pantry with essentials from The Village Shop ready for your return!

I am insured and can tailor any number of visits you may require whilst you are away.

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

## SULGRAVE GARDENS UPDATE

Since publication of the May newsletter I have been contacted by Donna and Clive Nicholls with a welcome offer to add their garden, “Hangland” to the list of openers on

**SUNDAY 20th JUNE from 2-6p.m.**

So, now, there will be seven gardens open for a total of £6 per adult, children free, representing exceptional value, plus the additional opportunity to indulge in a cake or two at Rectory Farm.

The full list of gardens is:

Church Cottage	(Ingram and Hywel Lloyd)
Hangland	(Donna and Clive Nicholls)
Mill Hollow Barn	(Judith and David Thompson)
Rectory Farm	(Joanna and Charles Smyth-Osborne)
Threeways	(Alison and Digby Lewis)
The Watermill	(Alison and Tim Frost)
Wooton House	(Zoe and Richard McCrow)

Hoping to see a large turnout, as all proceeds go to worthy charities.

David Thompson.

# Sulgrave Open Garden Teas

HELP NEEDED

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021



We are looking for people to bake cakes for the teas AND  
Helpers to serve them on the day

Please contact Joanna Smyth-Osbourne if you are able to help 07974 005  
125 or email: [sosbournejm@gmail.com](mailto:sosbournejm@gmail.com)

All proceeds go to the National Garden Scheme

**ngs** gardens open  
for charity

**JOIN US AT SULGRAVE MANOR  
THIS MAY BANK HOLIDAY**



**£28.00\***  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FOR TWO



**£24.00\***  
PICNIC HAMPER  
FOR TWO



**£8.00\***  
CHILDREN'S WOODLAND  
THEMED LUNCH BOX

\*Plus standard entry fee, limited numbers available

Picnic Hampers and Afternoon Tea Available Now to Order for the May Bank Holiday.



# SULGRAVE MANOR & GARDEN

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTRAL HOME

## FAMILY FUN DAY AND GRAND OPENING 4TH JULY 2021

We are delighted to announce we will be opening our two new exhibitions, the new Webster's Tea Room at Sulgrave Manor and the Manor will also be open for the first time this year!

There will also be activities for the family to enjoy, a barbeque and lots of other treats!

You can find more information online.

**Booking online opening soon!**

**[WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK)**





# SULGRAVE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

One plot of approximately 23sq mtrs @ £10 per annum is vacant.

If you would like to take on an allotment (plots don't come up very often!!) then please contact Ryan Barnes [barnes5000@hotmail.com](mailto:barnes5000@hotmail.com).

If you are new to the village, the allotments are located in Towrise.



## WOODBINE ART

Woodbine Art have been framing my pictures for many years and I have been extremely pleased with their work.

Unfortunately John died a few years ago and his son James is in sole charge.

He now operates from a lovely shop in Middleton Cheney (opposite the primary school near The Dolphin pub) and has a very wide range of art work by local artists and is well worth a visit to see them.

One artist is Jill Collier who worked with my daughter at 2 vet practices. She not only paints wonderful pictures but also does ceramics, some quite unusual.

Other artists are Sarah B Smith, Helen Waters, Vanessa Ford, Lee Atherton, Dave Cook and Louise Regan, who between them clearly have a lot of talent and make some very unusual art works which have to be seen to be believed.....just so different and beautiful.

You really need to go and see for yourselves.

Pat Thomas



## SHEEP ON CASTLE HILL



Now there will be sheep regularly grazing on Castle Hill through the summer period, we must ask all dog owners to ensure they keep their dogs on the lead when walking this part of Castle Green. Do remember very often the sheep cannot be seen from the two entrance gates

Thank you.

Martin Sirot-Smith, Chairman, Castle Green Management Committee

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2021**

*We are all well aware of the difficulties of the past year, but we as a Parish have come through it fairly unscathed and indeed have succeeded as a Council to achieve our objectives, and much more.*

*Firstly a grateful thanks must go to all those who volunteered to help others over the past year, with special recognition to the management, staff and volunteers of the shop. The service given under difficult and fluctuating circumstances has been fantastic.*

*The last year has seen the installation of the variable speed sign on Helmdon Road, which has helped reduce the speeding entering the village.*

*A planter was put on the verge near the shop. An attractive feature, solving a long standing problem.*

*In October a Silhouette soldier was purchased and placed on Magpie Road and then moved to Castle Green for a remembrance ceremony on the 11th of November, with some seventy villagers attending.*

*With Churches closed, your Council bought and erected a Christmas tree in the Castle Green field, and Carol singing took place around it on a wet evening just before Christmas. The most rewarding initiative was the giving of food hampers at Christmas to our most senior citizens, very kindly put together by the shop. Webster's and the Star also supported our idea with their own parcels. Showing how we as a community pull together in difficult times to support each other.*

*Our grass mowing contractor is doing a superb job, and has been given the contract for the next three years on the same terms and price.*

*The library idea is progressing with an opening scheduled for late June in the Church. My thanks and appreciation to the P.C.C . By working together we can provide a much needed facility and meeting point for all.*

*The pocket park continues to be well used, and half a dozen trees were planted in January, along with pond clearance.*

*The allotments have been transformed over the past year, including the clearance of the ditch, and now have only one uncultivated.*

*We continue to liaise with, and meet up with HS2 representatives, and are kept informed of the Church Hall progress.*

*Graham Roberts our village footpath officer, has overseen the improvements to our footpaths , with wood chips being laid down, steps made, and new kissing gates on the path to Moreton Pinkney over the old railway line.*



*My thanks and appreciation to Colin Wootton for his tireless work on the village website. A great many people have been involved in helping us as a council to bring all these achievements to fruition, and my thanks to all, as it also shows how we come together as a village.*

*Finally my sincere thanks to my fellow councillors and Christine Coles our clerk for all their hard work and advice over the year. A year in which we welcomed Mike Powell and said goodbye to Laura North from the council. Many thanks Laura for your contribution in word and deed to the benefit of our village.*

*We live in a lovely village with a great spirit, and. I hope we can all come together on Castle green on Sunday the 11th of July to celebrate with our picnics the return to normality.*

**Richard Fonge. Chairman.**

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LOCAL ROAD LAYOUT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREATWORTH GREEN TUNNEL SECTION OF HS2 RAILWAY**

It is proposed to close the following sections of road (see Map on opposite page).

1. From Point A (foot of Bull's Lane, Thorpe Mandeville) to Point B (the Magpie junction).
2. From Point C (on the road from the Magpie to Marston St Lawrence) to Point F on the B4525 (Marston Crossroads).

A new road will be constructed from Point C to Point D on the B4525 (near to the entrance to Greatworth Park), shown dotted on the map. There will be two roundabouts on this road. Roundabout R1 will be for construction and delivery vehicles only. Roundabout 2 will have a connection to Point E on the B4525 (at the recently improved junction with the road to Greatworth).

Traffic from Sulgrave to Banbury will turn left at the Magpie (Point B), continue straight ahead at Roundabout 1 on the new road and turn right at Roundabout 2 to join the B4525 at Point E. This will be just under one and three quarter miles longer than the present route.

Traffic at the Magpie heading for Thorpe Mandeville will follow the same route and continue along the B4525 to the junction at the foot of Thenford Hill (Point G) where it will turn right. This will add approximately three miles to the present journey.

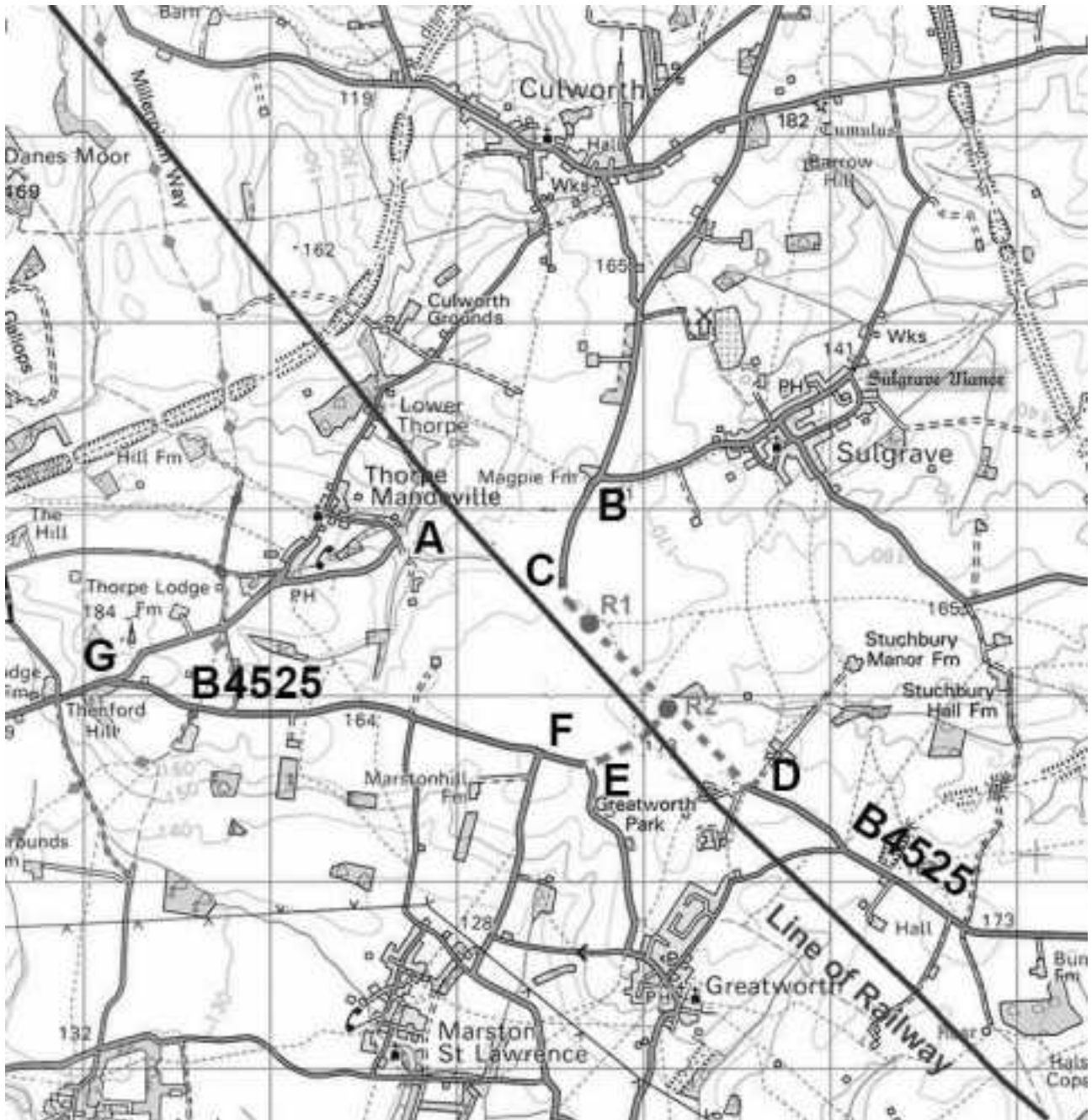
HS2 consider that this new proposal will provide a safer route off B4525 Welsh Road for deliveries to Greatworth Green Tunnel Compound and provide more continuity of flow of other traffic to avoid possible queues at junctions. Basically it would replace the currently dangerous "Marston St Lawrence Crossroads" on B4525 (Point F) with a much safer roundabout junction on the proposed new temporary road.

The durations and timescales of all these proposals will be confirmed as the railway construction progresses but it is currently anticipated that the new road will be completed by the end of summer 2022.

Whilst the completion of the new road would confer an immediate benefit in terms of road safety at the cost of a slight increase in journey times, the closure of the direct route to Thorpe Mandeville would cause considerable inconvenience. The original proposals for the railway construction programme proposed no such interruption to this road and representations are being made to HS2.

The footpath leading eastwards to the Helmdon Road at Stuchbury cottages will no longer be accessible from the road near Point C.

More details of these proposals can be seen on Sulgrave Village Website [www.sulgrave.org](http://www.sulgrave.org) on the page entitled "HS2 (HIGH SPEED RAIL) – LATEST INFORMATION.



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**ILLUSTRATION OF REVISED HS2 ROAD PROPOSALS ON LOCAL OS MAP**

# MONTHLY AGRICULTURAL NOTES BY RICHARD FONGE

## A new regular feature for the Newsletter

**INTRODUCTION** by Colin Wootton (Sulgrave Village Website)

During my 83 years in Sulgrave the number of villagers involved in agriculture has declined dramatically. When pretty well every family had at least one member working on a farm everyone knew what was happening in the surrounding fields. The development of modern machinery has gradually reduced the need for manual labour. Many people have moved to the village but work elsewhere.

When I took over the village website ([www.sulgrave.org](http://www.sulgrave.org)) fifteen or more years ago, it became apparent that the great majority of villagers knew little or nothing about the farming activities they saw on local walks or the purpose of the agricultural machines frequently passing through. It struck me that a monthly article on the website by an appropriate person could be both informative and entertaining. Richard Fonge kindly agreed to undertake this task and his notes have graced the pages of the website for the past four years.

Richard was brought up on the family farm Stuchbury Manor Farm Sulgrave before taking up a career in Farm management. He has always had a keen interest in getting the countryside message across, with schools visiting his farm and going into the classroom to inform. Local radio work and the development of an education area at the Kenilworth show were also achievements. So he is uniquely qualified to make this contribution to the village website and our newsletter.

Richard's monthly notes now have a wide following and he has kindly agreed that the notes should be published in the monthly newsletter, making the articles much more accessible to all villagers than is the case with the village website.

The May 2021 Edition of the Notes can be seen on the next page.

Colin Wootton

## MAY ON THE FARM (2021)



The adage of "Don't cast a clout till May is out" is certainly true of this May. One of the wettest and coldest I can remember. The other farming saying is "A wet and windy May means plenty of grain and hay". We shall see. The lambs grow a pace in all the fields around the Parish and on the Stuchbury footpath the sheep are now in the field nearest to the village and have been taken off the field above, which I suspect will now be cut for silage. Two grass fields but different grasses. Nearest the village is a permanent pasture, most likely been there from time immemorial and made up of perennial, meadow, fescue, clover and other grasses such as cocksfoot. The top field was sown to grass two years ago, to a long term ley of perennial grasses, with I suspect some Timothy and Meadow fescue along with white clover, which is increasing each year with the tight sheep grazing. But what does the term ley mean? It is the word to explain the economic productive life of that seeding. So we have two, three, four long term leys etc. But whatever the length it still has to be managed, as do all crops. A similar long term ley was planted two fields across on the way back to the village.

Wheat is being grown above the electric fence, and on Barrow hill field linseed is just emerging.

In my farming career on more than one occasion I have been rung to say my cows were out, only to find they were someone else's bullocks. So let me explain. The collective term for bovines is cattle. Cows are lactating females and therefore have an udder. A heifer is a female bovine until she gives birth, gives milk, and becomes a cow. The average age of the first calving around 27 months. A male calf or bull calf, is castrated soon after birth and once relieved of this responsibility is known as a steer, stirk if you live in the north or as he gets older a bullock. The cattle in the fields in Sulgrave are all bullocks or steers.

We have various beef bulls kept to breed with beef cows, and they are in general fairly placid, but never to be trusted. The dairy cow producing the milk we require every day is bred by Artificial Insemination, with North American genetics having a great influence over the past decades. Genetics have played a tremendous part in improving our livestock confirmation and performance and is a subject on its own. The inseminator was originally a Ministry of Agriculture employee back in the fifties. Arriving on the farm with his flask of semen straws, he was often greeted thus. "Here comes the bull in the bowler hat"

**Richard Fonge**

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Richard Fonge re elected as Chairman. Cllr Will Priestman Vice Chairman.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the Council's activities over the past year.

A report of a meeting with HS2 was given by the Chairman. Details of the proposed road changes can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Village Website HS2 Page.

Cllr Priestman reported on the new opening times for the Manor. There is an online Seminar on 10<sup>th</sup> June with ten places reserved for village residents. Details of this can be seen on the village website. This will be an academic discussion, with papers from notable historians of Anglo/ American history.

The Pop-Up Picnic on the 11th of July starts at 1.30. Picnics can be ordered from Websters at £10 each, or bring your own. See newsletter for further details. It was agreed to ask, as originally intended, Caryll Bellingham from the Brackley Community Hospital to be our guest. A chance to say thank you to the N.H.S and donate to our local hospital.

A fallen Willow had been cleared up in the pocket park by Andrew Osmond, and the felt on the shelter roof to be renewed.

All agreed on the idea of a flagpole for the village. The Clerk to ask Helmdon, the cost and source of theirs.

The Chairman reported that Anne Dyde had been appointed by the P.C.C to liaise with the Parish.Council. A meeting had taken place in the Church, Susan O'Sullivan will be setting the library up next month, with Rose Shillito. It was agreed to buy bookcases from IKEA. Nick Grant to put castors on them for ease of movement.

Manhole on Stocks Green had been repaired with new cover. Cllr Powell to report bad storm drains at top of Magpie Rd. Clerk to report to Eon on the unlit lamp in Magpie Rd

Year accounts and audit approved.

Public participation. Martin Sirot-Smith, Chairman of the Castle Green Committee reported that dogs must be now be kept on leads on the Castle Mound, where sheep are now grazing. Signs had been put up, and he would write a piece for the newsletter.

Meeting Closed. 8.25 pm

Richard Fonge – Chairman, Sulgrave Parish Council

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in

SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL

OR due to refurbishment works

MARSTON ST. LAWRENCE HALL at 7.45pm

Details will be on the agenda which will be placed on the website and village noticeboard outside the shop.

# JUNE 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 5.30pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	6 11.00am Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville
7	8	9	10 7.30pm Parish Council Mtg	11	12	13 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
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