

# Sulgrave News



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## July 2021

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News July

*The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068  
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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion - Thorpe Mandeville
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave

On Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming cyclists who are raising money for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. This charity recently supported us with a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a roof alarm for our church, a preventative measure against lead theft. If you would like to take part in the 'Ride and Stride' sponsored cycle ride details and sponsor forms are available from Shrimp on 760214.



### Donald Barratt

Maggie Barrett and family would like to say thank you to the many people who have written cards and letters, telephoned or brought flowers and made donations following Donald's death.

Your kind words have been a comfort.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions the funeral has taken place and has been by invitation only due to restricted numbers.

We have collected on behalf of Marie Curie and Age UK, without whose help it would have been impossible for Donald to remain at home as was his and Maggie's wish.

If anyone would like to donate in Donald's memory to these very worthwhile charities, the funeral directors, Humphris Funerals are keeping the donation box open until end of July.



## Village Shop News Update

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The big news this month is that we are back up to our full complement of shop supervisors. For the last month or so, we have had a tough time keeping all the balls in the air but, thanks to the sterling effort put in by our core volunteers and much pleading and badgering from our long-suffering volunteer manager Mel Kirkpatrick, we have managed to keep both the shop and post office fully operational. Well done to everyone. In mid-June, Anne Allan joined Jeanette as co-supervisor in a job-share arrangement which will see a supervisor in residence from Tuesday to Friday each week. Anne has been a dynamic volunteer for a long time and is fully *au fait* with all the front of house and back-office activities of the shop, so we are confident that the transfer of power will be seamless.

The long-awaited sunny weather which arrived in early June brought customers out in force and there have been times when trade has been frenetic. Long may it continue. Cold drink and ice cream sales, not surprisingly, rocketed in the first half of the month and the constant running up and down the stairs to restock the chiller and freezer shelves keeps our staff super-fit - for which they are most grateful.

Some new lines this month include Belvoir Alcohol-free Passion Fruit Martini which sounds just the job if you fancy an afternoon tippie without the woozy after-effect and some high-quality beef burgers from Smith and Clay butchers in Brackley. If you plan to pop a few on the barbecue, the shop now stocks charcoal and Barrettine BBQ starter and cleaning fluid to get the grills sparkling when you have finished.

Alongside our regular range of cheeses, we shall be running a 'cheese of the month' promotion to include interesting cheeses from around the world. We kick off this month with two varieties of Gorgonzola which should appeal to the cheese connoisseurs.

In the expectation of blazing sunshine and soaring temperatures for Sulgrave Open Gardens Day, we kept the shop open on the afternoon of Sunday 20 June to deal with the anticipated demand for ice-cream and cold drinks. Our light-hearted quip in last month's shop newsletter that visitors might take advantage of the extended opening times to shelter from the rain was, sadly, not far off the mark and, with overcast skies and decidedly chilly conditions throughout the day, requests for ice-cream were somewhat limited. A lesson, perhaps, that one should never tempt fate.

Digby & Alison



# **POP UP PICNIC**

**Starting at 1.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July on Castle Green**

**Sulgrave Parish Council invites all residents and their friends to a Pop Up Picnic on Castle Green which has plenty of space so we can comply with social distancing regulations to keep us safe.**

**There will be a presentation to commemorate the strength of our community during these tough times we have all been living through. Followed by a few words from Caryl Billingham M.B.E., of Brackley Community Hospital. There will be a collection bucket for any cash as you might like to donate to the NHS.**

**Picnic food can be pre ordered from Webster's and a bar will be provided by The Star. Or self cater if you wish and everyone please bring your own chairs, blankets, gazebos, etc.**

**At this unique village event in a lovely setting, we look forward to welcoming you all.**

**Richard Fonge, Chairman Sulgrave Parish Council.**

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

# **RIDE + STRIDES**

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**between 10am and 6pm**

**A day in the open air ... plan your own route**

**350+ stunning church and chapels**

**open with a warm welcome and refreshments at many**

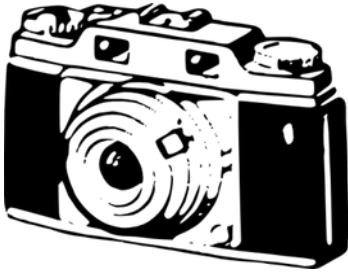


All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you

**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available from your local organiser:-**

**Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**

Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our Website: [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk)



The Camera Club has concluded the Zoom meetings with a talk by photographer Mike Hawkrige ARPS who illustrated his talk on architectural and abstract photography with images from his collection and explained how he approached his portfolio of work for his application to the Royal Photographic Society.

We are now taking a short break from Zoom meetings and will try to get out and about to build up our own portfolio of photographs during the lighter evenings. The range of topics is open, landscapes, local village scenes, street photography, wildlife and summer events. As the restrictions on groups ease in a few months time we will then be able to re-convene to share the best of our photographs on a club evening or for upload on the village website.

There may be less to report in the newsletter during this time so watch out for our next entry later in the year.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join in, contact [grahamroberts53@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@hotmail.com)



**The fish & chip van** will be visiting Sulgrave on July 3<sup>rd</sup> between 5.30pm and 7.00pm outside the village shop



*Can somebody help me please?*

*Two years running I have put a flower container on my late husband's grave in the memorial garden of Sulgrave Church. Both mysteriously disappeared. It is not the expense that bothers me but the inconvenience when I have taken flowers for the grave, only to find no container to put them in.*

*If you have any knowledge of their whereabouts, please let me know.*

*Thank you  
Daphne Henn*



**July 2021**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July Sulgrave Pop up Picnic on the Village Green

If you would like to book a Picnic, our bookings are now live on the website for only £10 per person.

We will have a gazebo filled with some homemade sausage rolls and freshly baked cakes too.

Drinks will be available from the Pop-up bar provided by The Star.



**OPENING SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Family Fun Day for all. Please book your tickets via the Sulgrave Manor Website. Sulgrave residents have free entrance. On arrival ID will be required as proof as they have lots of new staff at Sulgrave who do not know who lives in the Village. Then a pass will be issued to you to use throughout the year. It could be a good idea to collect your passes before the opening to save time on the day as it might get quite busy.

We are also putting on a BBQ between 12 noon and 3pm.

Opening Hours for the Tea Room will be Sunday - Thursday 10am - 4pm.

Afternoon Teas available every Wednesday and Sunday pre booking essential.

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



01295 760389 – [enquiries@thestarsulgrave.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thestarsulgrave.co.uk)

Hello Sulgrave

Thank you, Lovely Lunch Bunch crowd for getting in touch. We look forward to welcoming you back. Please remember to book.

**LUNCH BUNCH – £8.50pp – WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 12.30PM**

PLEASE: If you are on your own, feeling a bit lonely & isolated, would like lunch & a chat with a friendly bunch this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Always a giggle & always seems to involve fun mischief - Your choices are;

Hooky Battered Fish & Chunky Chips **OR** Veg Sausages & Chunky Chips  
&  
Spotted Dick & Custard **OR** New York Cheesecake & Ice Cream

**POSTPONED**

Many of you may not be aware as many things have now opened back up, 'Hospitality – Licensed Premises' are still under very stringent restrictions, this does include our outside space! We are extremely limited as to what we can do until these restrictions are lifted. This has taken the fun somewhat out of our 2 events planned for June & July. Therefore, we have no alternative but to postpone. We are extremely pleased to have achieved new dates so the events can go ahead with the same attractions that you were all looking forward to

**ANNIVERSARY & CELEBRATIONS DAY – STALLS MUST BE BOOKED**

MOVED TO SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – Waggy Walks Dog Show, Hooky Shire Horses, BBQ and free stalls available

**CLASSIC VEHICLE DAY – VEHICLES MUST BE BOOKED IN**

MOVED TO SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - Classic Cars, Bikes, Tractors and BBQ





# SULGRAVE MANOR & GARDEN

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTRAL HOME

## **FAMILY FUN DAY AND GRAND OPENING 4TH JULY 2021 11AM TO 4PM**

Visit our two new exhibitions, 'George Washington; Life and Legacy' and 'Sulgrave Stories'

Tour the new look Manor house

Enjoy the new Webster's Tea Room at Sulgrave Manor

Let your children explore with our Scavenger Hunt and Children's Garden Trail

Lots of Family Activities to enjoy

Barbeque from 12noon

Prosecco Happy Hour 1pm-2pm (1 free glass pp) Children can enjoy a free welcome cookie

Entry included in standard admission prices

**Book Online Now!**

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

# WHATS ON IN 2021

## FAMILY FUN DAY AND GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY 4TH JULY

11AM TO 4PM

ENTRY INCLUDED IN STANDARD ADMISSION PRICES

BOOK ONLINE

## 'DAPPLED SOUNDS' OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERT

SUNDAY 25TH JULY

£12 ADULTS

£10 CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

DOORS OPEN 5.30PM, PERFORMANCE BEGINS 6PM

ONLINE BOOKING OPENING SOON

## THE PANTALOONS OPEN AIR THEATRE

'THE TEMPEST', WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST

£16 ADULTS

£12 CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM, PERFORMANCE BEGINS 7PM

BOOK ONLINE

## BYHP MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

(BOOKING ONLINE OPENING SOON)

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

6 WEEK PROGRAMME OVER THE SUMMER

DETAILS COMING SOON

## HAUNTED HERITAGE

25TH SEPTEMBER AND 27TH NOVEMBER 2021

(BOOK ONLINE)

MORE INFORMATION

[WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON](http://WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON)

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S  
**THE TEMPEST**

**OUTDOOR THEATRE  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

The  
**PANTALOONS**



**PLEASE BRING A  
PICNIC AND  
CHAIRS TO SIT ON!**

**WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST, 7PM  
ADULT £16 / CHILD £12**

**BOOK ONLINE AT:  
[SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON](http://SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON)**



**SULGRAVE  
MANOR & GARDEN**

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTRAL HOME

## JUNE ON THE FARM (2021)

The wonder of nature. We have had one of the coldest and latest of springs, but following heavy rain, and a warm and sunny start to June all the crops have caught up in their growth and look promising for a good harvest. Nature soon takes back after being disturbed, a great example being the Moreton Rd verges. Full once again of its natural grasses and wild flowers. The old railway line is another example of natural regeneration. At present there is a countrywide campaign to plant wild flowers where possible, and it should be encouraged, but in our own parish we have two fields of some twenty five acres planted as wild flower meadows many years ago and walked through on your way to Barrow hill. Besides these fields we have within the parish other small areas not always adjacent to footpaths where wild bird mixtures have been sown as part of countryside stewardship schemes. Farmers take great pride in the stock and crops they rear and produce to feed us, but also in managing their land in sympathy with nature.

We have had much woodland planted over the past forty years on the farms and within the village. These woods and railway embankments are home to many species of wild life and also provide a habitat along with the bird seed margins for pheasant shooting.

Late May early June is shearing time for the sheep, but this year it is later simply because the shearing gangs from New Zealand have not come over in their usual numbers, because of Covid restrictions and therefore a shortage of shearers. It needs to be warm to shear. When the lanolin has risen the wool falls off much easier. On the Stuchbury footpath you may have noticed a ewe with no fleece. Her wool has fallen off. This has been caused I suspect by a course of antibiotics at lambing time. Wool has among its many uses great insulating properties. A natural product sadly underused. A sheep farmer friend tried to sell fleeces to undertakers to line coffins, but with only limited success. The problem being he didn't get any customer feedback!



*Modern hay making, with the hay being stored in plastic parcels as "haylage".*



*Hay making in Sulgrave in the 1920s (Bill Branson)*

June was always hay making month, but nowadays silage is more likely to be made, or haylage where the grass is wrapped in plastic and preserved that way. To make hay is more labour intensive and at the mercy of the weather. Over the next weeks please look out for and take note of the grass mowing, the rapid growth of the maize at Stuchbury, and the flowering of the linseed on the top of Barrow Hill and at the Magpie junction. A wonderful blue flower.

**Richard Fonge.**



### **Sulgrave Produce Show**



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Exhibit Entry Forms for the show will be in the  
August Newsletter**

# Summary of Sulgrave Parish Council Meeting held in Marston-St-Lawrence Village Hall on Thursday 10th June 2021

**Parish Council Chairman Richard Fonge writes:**

**HS2 (High Speed Rail)** The chair Cllr Richard Fonge said there was nothing new to report. He thanked Colin Wootton on his excellent article and map for the newsletter.

**Church Hall Improvements.** Work due to start on the 15th of June. The Chair wished it to be recorded that thanks are due to all those involved in getting the project to this point.

**Sulgrave Manor .** Cllr Priestman reported opening day the 4th of July of grounds and of Websters tea rooms. He asked for the support of all for this new venture.

**Proposed Library in the Church.** Three bookcases had been bought flat packed and assembled. Casters to be put on, with the opening dependent on the Covid situation, but hopefully next month.

**Village Flagpole.** No response as yet from Helmdon. Clerk to follow up.

**Pop up Picnic.** Castle Green on Sunday 11th July. Agreed that it was best to keep it simple. A social occasion for all. Please bring your own chairs blankets etc. Picnics from Webster's or provide your own. Bar to be run by Nikki and Steve. **Caryll Billingham** from the new Brackley medical centre had accepted our invitation to come, and would say a few words. Agreed that two facilities would be made available for donations to their charitable trust. **Cllr Fonge** said there would be a special moment during the afternoon.

**Cllr Higginson** reported that the Sulgrave sign was in very poor condition on Magpie Rd. Agreed to replace. Cllr Powell offered to trim the grass round the sign. He also reported that the storm drains are maintained every six months.

From the floor, **Graham Roberts** commented on the proposed Drovers Solar farm. Does not come into our parish, but Council agreed with his suggestion that there should be screening from Peters Bridge on the Helmdon Road, and we should apply for any grant money available for the Church Hall as we are being consulted by the Solar Farm company. Clerk to follow up.

Next meeting Thursday July 1st. 7.45pm. Marston St Lawrence village hall.

**Richard Fonge**

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021  
@ 7.45PM

In Marston St Lawrence Village Hall

(change of venue for this meeting only due to the building work in the Church Hall)



*We look forward to seeing you there*

# JULY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 7.45pm Parish Council Mtg Marston St. Lawrence	2	3 5.30pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	4 11.00am Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville
5	6	7 12.30pm Lunch Bunch The Star	8	9	10	11 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave ..... 1.30pm Pop-Up Picnic
12	13	14	15	16 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	17	18 10.30am Holy Communion Sulgrave
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 10.00am Mattins Sulgrave
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