

# Sulgrave News



Towcester Balloon Festival  
30<sup>th</sup> August

## August 2021

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## Church News August

*The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068*  
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Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion - Thorpe Mandeville
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Praise - Sulgrave
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mattins - Sulgrave
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion - Middleton Cheney

Because a number of clergy are on holiday there is no Holy Communion in Sulgrave on the third Sunday. Instead, there will be a lay lead service. We are still waiting to hear when we can open the church and conduct services as normal.

The new lending library will be open in September and we hope that many of you will make use of it!

Remember The Ride and Stride sponsored bicycle ride on September 11th. Details appeared in last months newsletter. If you want to take part please contact Shrimp on 760214 for sponsor forms. Half the money you raise will come back to our church and the other half to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust which supports all the wonderful church buildings in our county. They awarded our church with a grant to help pay for a roof alarm as a preventative measure against lead theft.

As the lockdown ends and restrictions are lifted we can begin to look forward to celebrating all the special services which occur in the closing months of the year; Harvest Festival and Supper, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle and the Carol Service. These are the quintessential services which bring us all together. Watch this space,

Shrimp 760214



## Village Shop News Update

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When there is a crisis about finding volunteers to fill a shift, when the till locks up and we are unable to close, when we have overestimated the demand for croissants and there is a big pile left over at the end of the Sunday morning shift – we must just sing along with Bob Marley – “Don’t worry about a thing, ’cause every little thing gonna be all right” - And it usually is.

But the shortage of volunteers is an on-going issue, especially during the summer months when many of our regulars are on holiday. So, for fear of sounding like a stuck record, we must again get down on our knees and beg for help. If you live in the village but have never volunteered – please consider giving it a go. It isn’t difficult, you will always be working alongside someone else, you will be expertly mentored, and you really will be helping the community. If you already do one shift a week, could you possibly squeeze in a second? And, if you are new to the village, do consider joining our merry band as it is a great way to get to know everyone and it can also be fun. Everyone agrees that the shop has been a huge asset to the village and the surrounding area but without willing volunteers, it would not exist.

Our fresh fruit and vegetables, which are collected throughout the week from our local supplier, are in huge demand and we are constantly having to re-order to maintain stocks. Our wonderful strawberries have been disappearing almost as quickly as they arrive.

There are plenty of new goodies on the shelves this month. Colin Russell’s Sulgrave honey is back in stock and it’s the real deal. We have an assortment of tasty new nibbles including Stag seaweed oatcakes, Great British Biscotti in ‘chorizo and cheddar’ and ‘almond’ flavours, Cuoco Florentines and, if you fancy a change for breakfast, The Great British Porridge Company’s strawberry and peanut butter flavoured porridge oats. A new selection of ice lollies has just arrived in readiness for the predicted heat wave (Hmm – we shall see!). There should be a new “cheese of the month” for August but, at the time of writing this, we are not sure what it will be.

Some new wines will be filtering on to the shelves as old stocks run out so watch out for the excellent Aimone Italian blend which was very popular when we last had it in stock, a tangy South African chenin blanc and a cracking new Argentinian malbec. We now have three rosés (two from Italy and one from Spain and each with a different character) to enhance those long warm summer evenings which are bound to come (aren’t they?).

To end on a high note, at the pop-up picnic event held on Castle Green on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, Chairman of Sulgrave Parish Council, Richard Fonge, presented a beautiful water-colour painting of the shop in recognition of the efforts made by the Shop Management Committee, staff and volunteers to support the community during the very difficult times that we have all endured. Many thanks to Richard and the SPC for this lovely gesture and we shall ensure that the painting takes pride of place on the shop wall.

Enjoy the Summer holidays

Digby and Alison

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)

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**August 2021**

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We are full swing into Wedding Season it seems and enjoying all the different paths Webster's are going in.

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Sulgrave Manor are bringing an Outdoor Theatre for the Whole Family on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.**

William Shakespeare's The Tempest.

Book Tickets via the Sulgrave Manor Website.

We will be providing snacks and beverages throughout the evening. We also have picnic blankets if required.

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**DINE TO DOOR IS BACK!**

Orders go live on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Theme and Menu to be confirmed.

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**NOW OPEN SUNDAY - THURSDAY 10:30am - 3:30pm.**

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What an opening it was. Thank you for all that have popped in and visited so far. As you all know this is a new venture for us and so far I LOVE IT!

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Pop down, bring your family and friends. We would love to see you all. Afternoon Tea available every Wednesday and Sunday pre-booking essential.

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Hello Sulgrave. Apologies, we could not join you at Castle Green on the 11<sup>th</sup> July -  
Frustrating licensing issues pre 19<sup>th</sup> July

Please take note of our notices outside The Star and dotted around inside regarding our measures in place from the 19<sup>th</sup> July. After speaking to many of our customers we will be proceeding forward with caution at The Star. It is extremely important to us that our customers feel welcome and comfortable whilst in The Star. Although we will never please everyone the vast majority will feel happier and less nervous. For those of you wishing to move forward at a faster pace please be considerate to those who do not!

**LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST- £8.50 pp - 2 courses**

Faggots, Mash & Peas OR Butcher's Ham, Egg & Chips

AND

Warm Salted Caramel Rocky Road Brownie OR Warm Raspberry Frangipane Tart,  
both served with Ice-Cream

Vegetarian Option available on request - Please give me a call

**CLASSIC VEHICLE DAY & BBQ - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - FROM 12PM**

All vehicles being parked in our garden **MUST** be booked in

**YAAY IT'S BACK - NIKI'S BINGO NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7PM**

This will be cancelled if insufficient numbers due to the holiday season Always a good giggle - Winner receives the pot in every game - Booking Only

This will be held in the Restaurant or Marquee weather depending

**'LATE' ANNIVERSARY / CELEBRATION DAY & BBQ- SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

We now also have the Brackley Morris Men joining us as well as The Hooky Shires,  
The Waggy Walks Dog Show & Face Painting

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** We are offering **FREE** stalls on this day, these must be booked  
in advance

**COMING UP**

Steak Nights will return

Steve's Quiz Nights will return in September after the holiday season

## **Sulgrave Church Hall. Background and Progress Report - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The idea of refurbishing Sulgrave Church Hall began in October 2017 when we heard that HS2 were offering grants for community projects up to 75K. In order to fulfil the grant conditions, we had to get a mass of evidence to demonstrate the need for refurbishing the hall and the benefit it would be for all in Sulgrave. Also, permission had to be sought from the Diocese of Peterborough to do the work, what rent to pay and changes in the lease. Many meetings were held with SNC planning involving the senior planner and conservation officer in order to gain planning approval. Three quotes for the work were needed, which we got. In the end we did achieve all of this although it took over two years.

Then Covid struck and building work was delayed until June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 and Mach Solutions arrived. So far, the flat roofs of the entrance and kitchen areas have been taken off and replaced. Both were wet, the kitchen roof had a layer of very sodden material and now that both these have been removed the pervading smell of damp has gone. Work is underway to install two new unisex toilets, one will be wheelchair friendly and have baby changing facilities. The entrance will have a ramp and internal passage has had to be widened to accommodate wheelchairs.

Currently, the main hall ceiling is being insulated which will help with heating and noise. Electricians have re-wired and installed latest requirements for smoke and fire alarms.

New lights and modern efficient electric storage heaters are being installed. We had hoped to use a more eco source of heating but this was vetoed by planning.

The jobs are being steadily ticked off and we are pleased with the progress so far. Hopefully all work will be finished in time for the Village Produce Show.

Ingram Lloyd, Anna Faure, Sulgrave PCC



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## July on the Farm (2021)

**Richard Fonge writes:**

*Last month I said look out for the blue of the linseed crops. Well the one on Barrow Hill came out white but just as attractive to look at. The seed of the linseed is crushed for its oil, and used for medicinal purposes as well as industrial such as in paints. The stems of the straw have in the past been used to make linen, but not so much now having been superseded by synthetic fibres. The straw with its high calorific value is a great source of heat and is used in industrial heating systems.*

*The barley crop on the right of the Moreton Road will be ripe for harvesting at the month's end, so please be aware of the combine when the time comes. Farm machinery has got ever bigger as technology advances and more acres are farmed by a smaller workforce, and this brings its own problems to the farmer as the lanes are no wider and cars are a plenty, so harvest time in particular is a time to be patient when behind agricultural vehicles. Agriculture is the industry of the countryside, so whilst we take in stock and crops on our walks, we must also put up with a little inconvenience.*

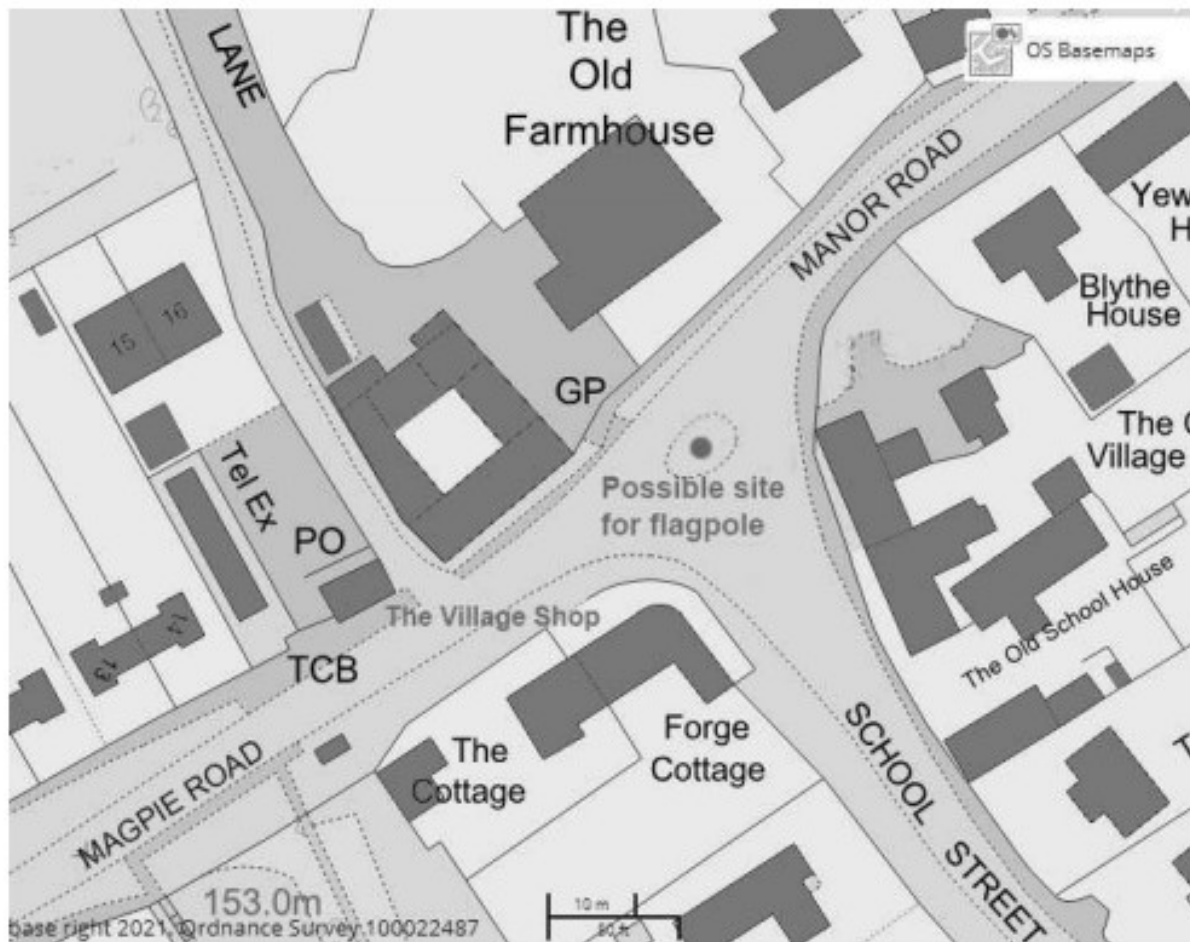
*The bridleway now sadly boarded up at the tunnel under the disused railway was once a lane to Northampton. The use of our footpaths has changed significantly since cars became more affordable in the sixties. They were once a path to walk to work on an outlying farm, such as Barrow Hill or in my recollection Stuchbury Manor. My father employed two men from Sulgrave in the fifties who walked that path, as we did as youngsters to go to the shop or Annie Berry's post office in Church Street. These paths were used to walk to neighbouring villages to visit friends and relatives, and as it used to be said "do a bit of courting".*

*Today the character of our villages has changed and they are lived in by a much wider cross section of society, so the paths are walked for leisure and exercise, with dog exercising very much to the fore. Dog ownership has grown tremendously over the last forty years or so, putting a smile on many a vet.*

**Richard Fonge.**



## PROPOSED VILLAGE FLAGPOLE



The Parish Council has for some time been considering the erection of a village flagpole such as the one in Helmdon. Appropriate flags would be flown to mark special occasions and a suitably prominent site is considered to be the small “green” at the junction of Magpie Road, Manor Road and School Street, as shown on the above map. At the meeting on Thursday 1st July, the Council resolved to seek the views of villagers in respect of this proposal by publishing the suggested site on the village website and in the Village Newsletter for August 2021.

Please contact your Parish Councillors with any views you may have on this proposal by 31st August:

Councillor Richard Fonge (Chairman).

Councillor Will Priestman (Vice Chairman).

Councillor Neil Higginson.

Councillor Mike Powell.

## **Summary of Sulgrave Parish Council Meeting held in Marston-St-Lawrence Village Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

Parish Council Chairman Richard Fonge writes:

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Clerk reported that despite many calls to Eon they had not repaired the street light on Magpie Road. It was resolved to contact the suppliers. The Chair, Councillor Richard Fonge reported that the bookcases had been made for the Church Library, casters put on for ease of movement and Susan O'Sullivan had made a start with the Library, hopefully to be complete by Friday 16th July. Those donating books should leave them in the South Porch on that morning. Books to be in good condition.

### **HS2 (High Speed Rail)**

The road from the Magpie to Marston crossroads to be closed the week beginning 5th July.

### **Sulgrave Manor.**

Opening Day on 4th July, including the new Tea Room. The Council wished the Websters well with the latter enterprise.

### **Allotments.**

Graham Trower the new Chairman of the Allotment Committee with Ryan Barnes as Treasurer. Council agreed on the provision of post and rail fencing and gate, subject to satisfactory quotes.

### **Church Hall Renovations.**

These are progressing well. The improved premises are to be called "The Village Hall" for promotional reasons.

### **Proposed Village Flagpole.**

A letter from Helmdon Parish Council had been circulated highlighting some pitfalls to be avoided together with information on costs. The Council resolved to consult the villagers on the proposed site for the flagpole and any thoughts they may have, via the Village Newsletter and the Website.

### **Village Entrance Signs**

The Council resolved to investigate costs and permitted designs for the two new village signs.

### **Wild Flowers.**

There was a discussion on the possible planting of white clover on the Castle Green Field.

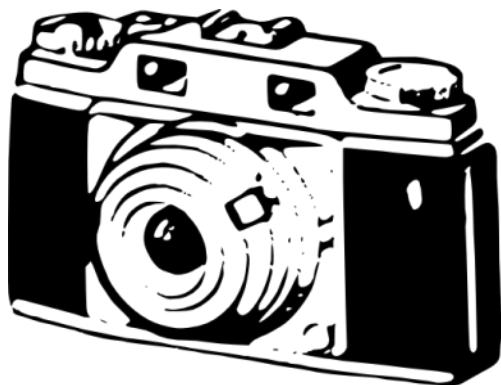
### Pop Up Picnic.

A risk assessment had been carried out by the Clerk in respect of the Pop Up Picnic to be held on Castle Green on Sunday 11th July. Councillors concurred in hoping for a good day and attendance.

### Planning Matters.

All planning matters set out in the Agenda were approved.

### Richard Fonge. Chairman



The Camera Club is on location!! Members will be out and about taking photos during the summer months.

Watch this space for an update later in the year and, don't forget, if you want to submit a photograph to the Produce Show, the details are the entry form included in this newsletter.

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**The fish & chip van** will be visiting Sulgrave between  
5.00pm - 5.15pm and 6.45pm outside the village shop  
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>

# AUGUST 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31					1 11.00am Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville
2	3	4 12.30pm Lunch Bunch The Star	5	6	7 12.00pm Classic Vehicle Day The Star	8 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
9	10	11 7.00pm Niki's Bingo Night The Star	12	13	14	15 10.30am Morning Praise Sulgrave
16	17	18	19	20 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	21	22 10.00am Mattins Sulgrave
23	24	25	26	27	28 5.00pm - 5.15pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop ..... BBQ Celebration The Star	29 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

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