

Sulgrave News

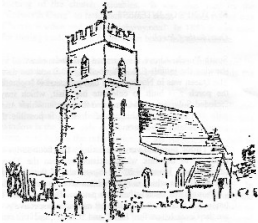


December 2021

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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



Church News December

The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068
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Sunday 5 th	3.00pm	Christingle - Sulgrave
Sunday 12 th	8.15am	Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Sunday 19 th	3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight – Sulgrave
Friday 24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion – Sulgrave

How lucky are we in Sulgrave? So much going on during December. This gives us ALL the opportunity to get together in the run up to Christmas. We begin on Saturday, December 4th. when we hold the first of the village Christmas Fairs (yes, there are two!). We'll be in the church hall from 10am until noon with fresh cyclamen plants and beautiful table arrangements to decorate your home. Gifts, cakes, a raffle, refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Porch Preserves, a charity that supports the homeless in Oxford.

There will be a Christingle Service in the church at 3pm on Sunday, December 5th. This annual service supports the work of the Children's Society.

On the last Sunday before Christmas come and join in our Candlelit Carol Service. The story of Christmas is told through readings and carols. The children play an important part, putting the crib figures in the Nativity. This brings home to us all the true meaning of Christmas. Come and join us!

Our final service of the year will be Midnight Holy Communion beginning at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to all of you for your help and support through what has been a difficult year for all of us.





Village Shop News Update

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Christmas is upon us again and the shop is all geared up and looking suitably festive. This is perhaps an appropriate time to thank our wonderful supervisors - Jeanette, Anne and Jackie - and all of our fantastic volunteers (far too many to mention individually) who have worked so hard, both in the shop and behind the scenes, to see us through another very difficult year. Without their dedication and untiring effort, the shop would almost certainly have folded. And thanks, of course, to all our customers as, without your custom and support, we would not survive.

The shop is well stocked with all manner of Christmas goodies and there is an extensive range of gift bags and wrapping paper to accommodate all your Christmas presents. The wine and spirit shelves are full so you have a wide choice of tipples with which to fill your glasses.

We are now going to be stocking Mumford's famous sausages as all the others we have tried have been voted either too expensive or disgusting!

The shop will be sponsoring the refreshments for the first Advent Window opening at the bus shelter opposite the shop on Wednesday 1st December so do pop along and join in the fun whatever the weather. The proceeds from all donations will go to the mental health charity MIND.

The shop opening times over the Christmas period are:

Friday 24 th December	Open 8.00am – 1.00pm (including the PO)
Saturday 25 th , Sunday 26 th & Monday 27 th December	Closed all day
Tuesday 28 th December	Open 8.00am – 1.00pm (including the PO)
The shop will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 31 st December and will be closed all day on Saturday 1 st January	

Final opening arrangements for the New Year have yet to be decided.

Let us hope that now most of us have had our jabs and boosters, Mr Covid will soon be in retreat and life will return to some semblance of normality.

A happy and healthy Christmas to you all.

Digby and Alison



Sulgrave Advent Windows

Date	Day	Time	Who	Address
1	Wednesda y	6:30pm	Rowena and Danny	The Bus Shelter, Magpie Road.
2	Thursday	6:30pm	Angela West	Sulgrave House, Little Street.
3	Friday	6:30pm	Caroline and Nick	The Paddock on Castle Green.
4	Saturday	6:30pm	Mel Kirkpatrick	The Chestnut Little Street
5	Sunday	6:30pm	Kym Keatley	Bentley's Farm Bungalow, Helmdon Rd.
6	Monday	6:30pm	Jackie and Nick	8 Spinners Cottages, Magpie Road.
7	Tuesday	6:30pm	Jane and Lee	Wykham House, Helmdon Road.
8	Wednesda y	6:30pm	Maureen Jefferies	Harry's Cottage, Manor Road.
9	Thursday	6:30pm	Janet and Graham	Northston, School Street.
10	Friday	6:30pm	Anna and Ben	Forge Cottage, School Street.
11	Saturday	6:30pm	Niki and Steve	The Star Inn, Manor Road.
12	Sunday	6:30pm	Lisa and Bob Roberts	Asby House, Manor Road.
13	Monday	6:30pm	James, Claire and Felix Nash	3 Towrise.
14	Tuesday	6:30pm	Joanna Smyth-Osbourne	Rectory Farm, Little Street.
15	Wednesda y	6:30pm	TO BE CONFIRMED	
16	Thursday	6:30pm	Margaret and Chris Bevan	Littlecote, Little Street.
17	Friday	6:30pm	Shrimp and Ken	Wisteria Cottage - Helmdon Road.
18	Saturday	4pm	Pamela and Colin Wagman	The Thatched House - Manor Road.
19	Sunday	3pm	Shrimp	Church - Carol Service.
20	Monday	6:30pm	Paul and Brian	The Old Forge, Church Street.
21	Tuesday	6:30pm	Sarah Barlow	The Old Farmhouse - Manor Road.
22	Wednesda y	6:30pm	Susan and Ian	Old Chapel - Manor Road.
23	Thursday	6:30pm	Rachel Gallyot	Kirkleys, Magpie Road.
24	Friday	6:30pm	Ryan and Dan	The Cove, Manor Road.

Please see above all locations for the advent windows this year.

This year Rowena and Danny will be about on the evenings to help with the countdown each day. We will be collecting money each evening for Charity, please bring along some loose change if you can. All funds raised will be going to the Charity MIND.

A Special Thanks to the The Village Shop for Sponsoring the Nibbles and Drinks on the 1st.

Raffle Tickets for Christmas on Castle Green will be available 1st - 10th December too.

Thank you to all that have taken chosen to take a window this year, we are very much looking forward to bringing some great Christmas Spirit this year.

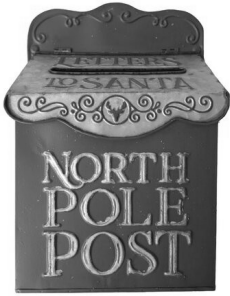


**Sulgrave
Christmas Fair**

**Dec 4th
10am – noon
Church Hall**

**Refreshments, Raffle,
Fresh Cyclamen plants,
Christmas table arrangements,
gifts, cakes,
Porch Preserves**

Raising funds for Church repairs & restoration



ATTENTION !

Sulgrave children only! Letters to Father Christmas!

From December 1st until December 23rd there will be a designated Post Box by the bus shelter for your letters to Father Christmas. Please, please remember to put your ADDRESS on your letters so that Father Christmas knows where to come. He's a very busy man!



“Candlelit Christingle Time - 3pm Sunday 5th December



Please come and join us for our traditional Christingle Service with candlelit oranges which makes a lovely start to the festive season and raises much needed funds for The Children's Society.

The service, to be lead by Father Nick, is very informal and involves lots of singing, lighting of candles, appeals to all ages and will be followed by refreshments and the chance for a chat.

Do hope you can make it!

Kate Miles on behalf of Sulgrave PCC and Children's Society”



Library



The library in the Church is now well established and being used by all age groups.

A fourth bookcase has been bought, with jigsaw puzzles and CD's now available.

The Church is always open during daylight hours, so if you want a good read or a puzzle to do to while away the long winter evenings do pay a visit.

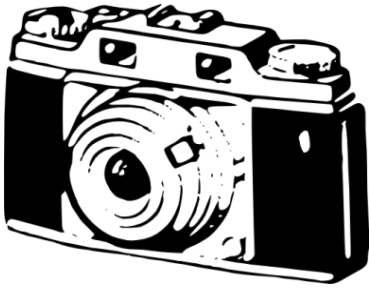
Richard Fonge



I wish all my Friends in Sulgrave a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As I am unable to deliver my Village Christmas Cards, I shall, each year, continue to send a donation to the Local Air Ambulance.

Take Care. Valerie Henn



Our November meeting was held in the newly refurbished Village Hall which was warm and comfortable and allowed us to use the full size screen and projector for a talk on Intentional Camera Movement photography, or ICM. This artistic technique seems counter intuitive to the photographer who would normally wish to take a sharp and detailed photograph of the subject. However ICM can deliver some pleasing abstract or impressionist images. A short presentation on the techniques was followed by recent images taken by the speaker.

Our next meeting on 8th December, will be more of a social event as we approach the Christmas break, an opportunity to review the members favourite photographs of the year. Once more we shall be meeting in the Village Hall, at a slightly later start of 8.15PM

If you are interested in photography and would like to know more about Sulgrave Camera Club, contact

grahamroberts53@hotmail.com



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

December 18th



SULGRAVE LOGS

Locally Sourced, Seasoned Logs

For Sale

Free Local Delivery

Call or text 07551 997636



December 2021

This December we are focusing on the Outdoor Christmas Markets and Events. If you fancy a different day out we will be serving our almost Famous Mulled Gin in the following locations.

Friday 26 th November	Henley on Thames Christmas Festival 5-9pm.
Saturday 27 th November	Courteenhall Christmas Fair 12-7pm.
Sunday 28 th November	Courteenhall Christmas Fair 12-5pm.
Tuesday 30 th November	Chacombe Village Hall – Christmas Market 6:30-9pm.
Saturday 4 th December	RAF Odiham's Winter Wonderland
Saturday 11th December	Christmas on Castle Green Sulgrave 2-6pm.
Sunday 12 th December	Festive Fun Day at Sulgrave Manor 11:30-3:30pm (Ticket Only event)
Tuesday 14 th December	RAF Benson's Winter Wonderland
Saturday 18th December	Christmas Cocktails, Christmas Canapes and an acoustic singer at Webster's Tea Room. Starting at 6:30pm. Bookings via the website or via email. Limited spaces available.

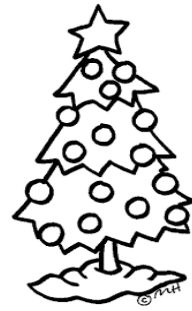
We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And a huge thank you to all who have supported our journey so far.

Sunday 19th December – Wednesday 19th January we are Closed, its time to catch up with friends, family and each other as the last few months have been slightly busier than expected. Its time to recharge and get ready for 2022 and welcome our new Vintage Mobile Bar, which is currently having a very much needed facelift.

Email – Danny@websters-events.co.uk Website – www.websters-events.co.uk
Facebook and Instagram – Webstersevents



**Sulgrave's First
"Christmas on Castle
Green"
Saturday 11th December
2pm – 6pm
FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY**



Timetable of Events	
2.0 0	Arrival of Father Christmas and Mrs Clause on Sulgrave's very own home-built Sleigh and Santa's Grotto Opens.
2.3 0	Children's Entertainment – Supplied by Dreams and Themes Entertainment.
3.0 0	Photo's with Olaf on Santa's Sleigh. (Perfect Opportunity to show off those Christmas Jumpers).
3.3 0	Children's Entertainment – Supplied by Dreams and Themes Entertainment.
4.0 0	Live Festive Music by Ian and his Fiddle.
4.3 0	Live Festive Music by Micaela.
5.0 0	Speech by Richard Fonge, Raffle Draw and best Christmas Jumper awards – Best adult, child and dog.
5.3 0	Live Christmas Singalong with Micaela. Around the Christmas Tree.
6.0 0	Father Christmas Leaves – End of Event.
6.3 0	Sulgrave Advent Window at the Star to continue festivities.

We have stalls open throughout the event – Mulled drinks, bar, food, raffle, cake stall, tombola, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, face painting, all things Christmas, DIY wreath making, dog stall plus many more. Most stalls will most likely be **Cash Only**.

Santa's Grotto only £2.50 per child, wrap up warm, bring some cash, and support local Businesses and Charities whilst enjoying a free festive fun day for all.

Raffle tickets available on the day and each evening at the advent window reveals.

All Funds raised on the day will be going towards the Oxford Hospital Charities, The Village Church and the newly refurbished Village Hall.
Sponsored by Webster's Events.

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

What's coming up later this winter?

As we approach the end of the year, we're sharing some updates, ideas, and events for the festive season. We couldn't continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you. Thank you!

The gift that keeps on giving

If you're after a great idea for Christmas pressies, then we think our A4 Charity Calendar for 2022 makes a great gift. The calendar features 12 stunning local scenes – taken by talented members of Banbury Camera Club – and helps to raise vital funds for our hospice. You can pick up your calendars as well as our fantastic range of Christmas cards in one of our shops or find them in the Christmas Shop on our website.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18 December

Once again, RC Baker will be bringing the X factor to tractors this Christmas. The hugely popular Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of the festive season. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice. To help plan your evening, you can find all the details as well as the route and timings on our website.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree...

There's nothing like the smell of a real Christmas tree to get you feeling festive. And this year, instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to pick up your tree to be recycled. Interested? Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme.

Could you be a Village Champion for Katharine House?

We're looking for volunteers to help put up posters three or four times a year in their local village to help us spread the word about our upcoming events. We already have some brilliant Village Champions, but we're looking to recruit more. If you think you could help, then we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to GetInvolved@khh.org.uk or find out more on our website.

Bereavement support

Coping with the loss of someone special is difficult and can be painful. We offer support and counselling to the family and friends of those cared for by Katharine House Hospice. But we're also here to help anyone in the wider community who is adjusting to a bereavement. If you think that talking to someone would help, or you just want to find out how we can help support you, please get in touch with Mel Mobley, Bereavement and Counselling Lead, on 01295 811866 or email khhbereavement@ouh.nhs.uk.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events, news, and more: www.khh.org.uk.

WANTED - donations of bottles (doesn't have to be alcohol) and chocolate for the tombola stall at the "Christmas on the Castle Green" event on 11th December.

Please drop off at my door Dove Cottage, Church Street or I can collect 07733017281

Many thanks Sarah Garnett



**CASTLE GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022**

It is proposed, with the support of the Parish Council, to hold a traditional "Street Party" on Castle Green to celebrate this very special occasion.

It is planned to decorate and set up trestle tables in a horseshoe on the Green and to invite all villagers to bring their own picnic lunches. It is hoped to have a bar and a few stalls providing additional eats and refreshments.

We would also like to invite villagers to offer "entertainments": - music, sideshows, games etc., to fill the afternoon. We will be setting up children's' activities and a treasure hunt on the Castle Mound itself.

It is hoped to make the event relaxed and informal, giving villagers a chance to all come together to celebrate our Queen's remarkable achievement.

Further details will follow, in the meantime do think how you might contribute towards this celebration. Ideas and offers to any Committee Member: - Will Priestman, Richard Fonge, Paul Crowley, Jo Powell, Rosie Shillito, Martin Sirot-Smith.

NOVEMBER ON THE FARM

Richard Fonge writes:

We are experiencing a very mild November, with the Autumn sown crops looking well along with the wonderful colours of the trees. The oak especially this year has a wonderful leaf colour, with no better example than those in Manor Rd.

Farmers have always tried new ideas of production providing it is based on sound husbandry and economic criteria. Today the challenge is to reduce carbon footprint, and around our area there are three examples in land cultivation to note. The ploughing of land has for centuries been the way to bury the the residue of the previous crop, but today minimum tillage and direct drilling are superseding the plough. Min till is practised up the concrete road, where the soil is moved by spring tine cultivators, whereas on Barrow hill and up the Helmdon Rd direct drilling is carried out. Ploughing and the subsequent cultivations use more machinery hours and fuel than the other two, with a reduction in yield in direct drilling often. Income may be less but if costs are down the profit margin may be better, with the added bonus of a reduced carbon footprint.

Beef in this country is mostly reared by the grazing of grass and the feeding of it in winter in the form of silage. The Emission figures quoted for beef are based on the feedlots of the U.S.A. A British grass based system is half of that, so locally produced meat with a short journey from field to plate, is environmentally sound and keeps our pastures as they have been for many years a feature of our countryside.

With the mutilation of our countryside by HS2 works to the west of Sulgrave, it makes one more appreciative of the lovely walks still to be had on the other sides of the village. Whilst a railway was built through that land at the end of the nineteenth century, the landscape remains very much the same, created and cared for by those that farmed it, along with the country sports of hunting and shooting.

Characters of the villages are fewer these days, but I remember Ernie Bayliss, who farmed with three brothers. His tweed cap was worn backwards to milk the cows, and then swivelled round with the peak forward for market days and best.

Richard Fonge.

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Church Hall on Thursday 4th November 2021

The Chairman, Cllr Richard Fonge, welcomed all to the meeting, which included eight villagers and our guests from HS2, Chris James and Steven Davies, senior engagement officer and local engagement officer respectively.

HS2 (High Speed Rail)

With the aid of our new projector and screen a good presentation was given by the HS representatives. See below for full report by Councillor Findlay-Staples.

West Northants Council.

The Council's model code of conduct was approved .

Flagpole.

It was unanimously agreed to not go ahead with the flagpole for the present.

Pocket Park.

Cllr Castle was getting prices for new netball hoops. Quotes not received as yet for fence repairs

Chairman to meet with Andrew Osmond, village tree warden to discuss any remedial work and new planting.

Welcome Pack.

The Welcome Pack for new residents is nearly ready.

Village Church Hall

New signs bought by the Parish Council are ready for erection. There have been some positive responses to the idea of a table tennis table. Council to follow this up. Council agreed that the projector screen and stand should remain the property of the Parish Council, but would be available for the use of all who used the hall. Ingram Lloyd reminded everyone of the official opening on Saturday 13th November at 12.30.

Christmas Tree on Castle Green

This is due to arrive in early December and new lighting has been bought for it. There will be a Fair on the Green on 11th December.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Martin Simrot Smith reported that the Castle Green Committee and the Parish Council would organise an event on Green. A village picnic was proposed. Further ideas are welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sarah Garnet has agreed to take the position of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Richard Fonge (Chairman)

APPENDIX

HS2 (High Speed Rail) Report

At the last P.C. meeting we welcomed Chris James and Simon Davis, the Engagement Managers working in partnership with Hs2. Chris and Simon gave a presentation with an overview of developments at the Greatworth Compound next to both Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville.

A number of points were raised and the following updates were given;

Traffic: Banbury Road will continue to be closed for a minimum of 4 weeks to allow preparatory works to complete a crossing area for large plant and machinery. They will create a crossing area where the internal and access roads from the compound will cross the highway. In order to protect the road and any utilities underneath they need to strengthen the surface using concrete and large machinery. The road will close again in 2022 but no specific dates can be given at this time.

Water Mains: The new traffic route for the compound will require Hs2 to replace sections of the water pipe in two phases. However, the weakest point and where the pipe has burst previously is much further along the pipe and is therefore the responsibility of the utility company. Hs2 have agreed to help discussions with the utility company to see if repairs can coincide with Hs2 work and hopefully get the repair completed.

Construction: The Greatworth Compound will continue to be developed in preparation for the tunnel and viaduct near Thorpe Mandeville. This will include the ongoing earthwork, some more footpath disruption, the continued use of the concrete batching plant and the introduction of offices for engineering staff.

Further information regarding development of the site is available at www.hs2.org.uk. You can also receive specific updates for our area at www.innorthants.co.uk

Sara Staples

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THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
ON 6TH JANUARY 2022
IN SULGRAVE VILLAGE CHURCH HALL



DECEMBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4 10am-12 noon Christmas Fair Church Hall	5 3.00pm Christingle Sulgrave
6	7	8 8.15pm Camera Club Village Hall	9	10 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	11 2.00pm-6.00pm Christmas on Castle Green Sulgrave	12 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
13	14	15	16	17	18 5.00pm - 5.15pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	19 3.00pm Carols by Candlelight Sulgrave
20	21	22	23	24 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Sulgrave	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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