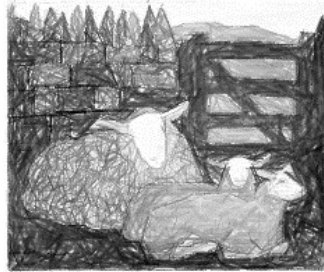


Sulgrave News



April 2022

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Deadline for the May Newsletter is 22nd April 2022

If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail gypsysmith7@gmail.com or post through my letter box.



Church News April

The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068
Email - leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 3 rd	11.00am	Holy Communion – Thorpe Mandeville
Sunday 10 th	8.15am	Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Thursday 14 th	10.00am	Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion - Sulgrave
Sunday 17 th	8.00am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Mattins – Sulgrave

Shrimp Christy & Andrew Dixon.
Churchwardens

The Spring Sale, held on Saturday March 19th, was our opportunity to raise money for Ukraine. We have all seen the reports of what is going on and we have been galvanised into doing what we can to help. I can't thank you enough for the support you have shown. Sulgrave should be very proud of itself having raised £1,143.65. Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard, who baked cakes, donated to the various stalls, made individual donations and who came to the hall and spent so generously.

Thank you. Shrimp



Village Shop News Update

Shop Telephone – 01295 760 066



e-mail: svshop@hotmail.com

Spring is here at last and we are watching out for the first swallows of the year. Their arrival always cheers us up – which is something we need with so many dreadful things happening in the world at the moment.

We don't want to sound like a stuck record but the volunteer issue is becoming critical. As you all know we are a "Community Shop" which means that, not only do we support the local community, but we are also dependent upon the community supporting us. I am sure that many people don't realise the huge amount of work that goes into the running of the shop. While volunteering to serve at the till is important, there is a great deal more than that involved in keeping the shop operational. Stock and financial management, collection from suppliers, dealing with accountants and insurance companies etc, attending to repairs and maintenance, planning volunteer rotas and overall management by the shop committee all take a great deal of time and effort. This is all offered willingly but it is the same small band of stalwarts who provide most of the input. When active volunteers leave the village – and there has been something of an exodus of late – the pressure on the remaining core staff inevitably increases. Many of the hardest-working volunteers are getting on a bit - and they can't go on forever. We shall soon need to hand over the reins to the next generation so, unless we find some new blood, the future of the shop could be in jeopardy.

So please, if you think you can assist in any way - and especially if you have specialist skills relevant to the shop - please step forward. We all value our wonderful shop and would miss it if were gone - but please remember that it doesn't run by itself. Lecture over!

After a slow start to the year, trade appears to be picking up again and we are beginning to get closer to the turnover figures of previous years. But we do need your continued support so bear in mind what Mr Tesco says – "Every little helps".

There are lots of tasty treats on the shelves this month – Queso blanco & Lemon Drop Chili Manomasa crisps, microwave popcorn, Stag cheese straws and, lots of lovely chocolate for Easter including Tony's crispy milk chocolate wafers and the popular Summerdown mint chocolate collection. And, as always, there are some interesting new wines.

Happy Easter to all and let's hope that certain world leaders soon come to their senses.

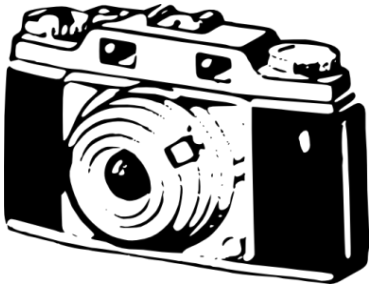
Easter opening hours will be:

Closing at 1.00 on Good Friday (15th April)

Usual trading on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April

Closed all day on Easter Monday (18th April).

Digby and Alison



At our most recent meeting of the Camera Club, we took some guidance from a Nikon short video on exposure control. The video discussed the means of obtaining the best exposure of a subject backlit by bright light and explained the exposure compensation controls on a Nikon camera, which are common across all makes of camera. A lively discussion followed.

We then continued with contributions from members on their particular challenge with some very good abstract interpretations of the theme "Spring" from Hywel.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th April at The Star, on this occasion we will be discussing portraiture and are looking forward to some more interpretations of the monthly challenge.

If you have an interest in photography either as a beginner or with some experience and would like to learn more about the Sulgrave Camera Club, contact

grahamroberts53@hotmail.com



There has been an increase within the village and on the footpaths of dog excrement. Please do clean up with a bag whilst out walking and place in the bins provided or take home with you. Remember the bins are emptied regularly by volunteers and the contents put in their own bins, so saving the Parish Council a charge from W.N.C. We have entered The Best Village Competition this year, which is judged not just on the neatness and tidiness of the village, but the many activities within the community, so please don't let us lose marks by failing to clean up after our dogs.

Your co operation will be much appreciated in this matter.

Sulgrave Parish Council



Sulgrave Hall Lectures

Stories by Sulgrave villagers

Come and meet others and hear interesting tales. Entry free but we will request contributions to help complete the Village Church Hall renovation. Starts at 7.30pm for tea/ coffee and a chat, followed by an illustrated presentation at 8.00pm

Friday 1st April

100 Years - but worth the wait: Part 2 - by Chris Behan

The construction: of the new Oxford to London Marylebone rail link. How this new railway - the first built for 100 years - was constructed and commissioned



Despite the trials & tribulations of the politics, the construction started.
Chris was in a splendid position to record the work and now tells the story of the EVERGREEN 3 project

Friday 8th April

with apologies for the change to this new date

The Story of the Mary Rose - by Bob Foster

A warship: Launched with great acclaim in 1510; set off for war in 1545 when ...



Mary Rose promptly rolled over and sank !

Underwater for 437 years.
Carefully raised-up 40 years ago; now dried-out, treated for preservation, and on show in a splendid new exhibition hall

If you have a story for a presentation, please contact Hywel Lloyd 01295 760520



April 2022

Thank you to all that came to the games night we raised £146.70 all of which has been added to the Spring Fair Fund heading to the Ukraine appeal.

Tuesday 5th April

Tea Room Reopens.

Great coffee, cakes and lunch selections all served by some very friendly faces. Pop in and say hello.

Opening every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday

10:30am – 3:30pm.

Sunday Brunch also available every Sunday.

Friday 8th April

We are doing a Cocktail and Canapé evening including live entertainment
7pm Start.

Something **NEW** will also be making a long-awaited appearance.

Please see details and booking information on the website.

Only £25 per person.

Unfortunately, no Dine to Door this month, they will be back in May.

Phone - 07876747437

Website - www.websters-events.co.uk

The Sulgrave Gardening Club Gets off to a Blooming Start

Since the new Gardening Club started back in December, we now have over 20 members sharing their growing experience, swapping horticultural tips whilst making new friendships. We are so pleased have welcomed enthusiasts from neighbouring villages all adding to Sulgrave's pot of cultivating knowledge.

Our talks have varied from the art of compost to the art of growing Bonsai trees with a lecture from the Head Gardener at Canons Ashby on 'A year in their Gardens' for the March meeting. We have two great trips already booked to Quintin and Coton Manor Gardens for the warmer weather in May and June, so we are not letting the grass grow under our feet.

If you are an expert gardener who would like to share their knowhow with a talk, or can recommend a specialist horticulturalist to give us a lecture, from lawns to lettuces, do let me know. Otherwise simply join us every third Monday in the month, except April because of Easter, we are meeting on the 11th April.

Membership is £12.50 for a single and £20.00 a couple. Entrance is £2 to cover the cost of the hall which includes delicious refreshments, and a raffle every month.

For further information please contact:

Pamela Wagman at The Thatched House Sulgrave 07774848988
thatchedtea@aol.com



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE PICNIC

**TO COINCIDE WITH THE "NATIONAL BIG JUBILEE LUNCH"
ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022 FROM 1.00 PM**

ON CASTLE GREEN AND CASTLE HILL

**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS
TABLES AND CHAIRS PROVIDED.**

LICENCED BAR AND TEAS

**TRADITIONAL GAMES, CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS, FANCY
DRESS, DISPLAYS AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

**BE THERE AT 2.30 PM TO DRINK THE HEALTH OF HER
MAJESTY WITH FELLOW VILLAGERS (GLASSES AND A WEE
DRAM TO BE PROVIDED FOR ALL OVER EIGHTEENS!)**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A SUMMER PICNIC
ON THE WONDERFUL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN THE HEART OF
THE VILLAGE, WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.**

**ARRANGEMENTS BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AND ITS CASTLE GREEN COMMITTEE
AND NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS.**



HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS YET?



for

THE JUBILEE ORGAN CONCERT ST. JAMES THE LESS, SULGRAVE

Performed by

one of our foremost organists

IAN TRACEY

Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool City Organist

Saturday 30th April 2022 at 7.30pm

PROGRAMME

Suite of 'Music for the Royal Fireworks'	George Frideric Handel
The Queene's Alaman	William Byrd
Suite from 'King Arthur'	Henry Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke
Fantasia on Greensleeves	Ralph Vaughan-Williams
Suite of music from 'Richard III' and 'Henry V'	William Walton
Jubilee March (1st Performance)	Clive Grey
Idyl 'The Banks of Green Willow'	George Butterworth
'Crown Imperial' (Coronation March 1937)	William Walton



ST JAMES THE LESS, SULGRAVE
Church Street, Sulgrave OX17 2RP



TICKET APPLICATION FORM
JUBILEE ORGAN CONCERT BY IAN TRACEY
SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2022 AT 7:30PM

Tickets: £25 each

Includes Programme, a glass of wine and refreshments after the performance.

Number of seats required: Unreserved seats

Name: (CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

Address:

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Post Code: Tel No:

Amount paid:

Tickets must be paid for in advance and may be collected on the night.

Please tick this box if you would like your tickets posted to you

Completed forms, together with the appropriate payment, should be returned to:

Joanna Smyth-Osbourne, Rectory Farm, Little Street, Sulgrave, Banbury, OX17 2SG.

email: sosbournejm@gmail.com

Payment by BACS to: **Personal A/c: CW & JM Smyth-Osbourne**

Sort Code 404786: Account No. 30410462: Ref: ORC and your surname

Cheques payable to **SULGRAVE PCC**

Disabled access is limited. Please bring your own cushion!

Sulgrave PCC Charity Number XN32789

MARCH ON THE FARM (2022)

Richard Fonge writes:

March the first month of Spring. Bird song, new life and growth are all around us. This year the sound of the woodpecker tapping away has been sadly missing for some reason. The ash trees up the Moreton Rd are a favourite location as are the Manor trees, but quieter this year. Roe deer are to be seen on the farmland adjacent to the village, usually in groups of four, as are the muntjac deer, a much smaller deer who are voracious eaters of vegetation in gardens and woodlands and along with the grey squirrel need to be controlled when planting any size of woodland.



This week I witnessed a special sight of three pairs of hares charging around in a field, with one pair having a boxing match. There were also three more hares in a field of some twenty acres. What a privilege to be in the countryside at this time of year!

The crops are coming out of winter with most of them having had their first application of nitrogen fertiliser. The barley up Barrow hill will soon be turning green from its rather yellow colour, the oil seed rape on the Moreton Rd is beginning to come into flower, the beans on the Stuchbury path and what I think are oats planted up the concrete Rd are all starting to grow.

March is the main lambing month, and soon the fields across to Weston will be filling up with them. It is so important therefore to keep to the countryside code and keep dogs on leads at all times when walking through stock, and do remember dog faeces need bagging up at all time.

Presenters of countryside programmes and others have the annoying habit to those of us who are countrymen of not using the correct terminology and trying to sanitise the reality of nature at work, and using human terms. For example. Cows have calves, birds hatch chicks, dogs have puppies, they do not have babies. Cattle, sheep and horses produce dung or muck, not "poo"!

Another factor not always understood is that when a lamb, calf, foal or whatever is weaned from its mother, they have completely forgotten each other within a two or three days.

A true event involving cattle manure was an instalment of "Keeping up Appearances" filmed near Leamington Spa where the sitcom was set. A near neighbour of mine had to drive his full muck spreader down a lane and as Mrs Bucket approached in a car, start to spread the muck!



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK FOR EVENTS!

As always at The Star – Children are very welcome to attend events

Friday & Saturday Evenings – Pie Nights - £14.95pp

Homemade individual BIG pies served with creamy mash or chips
Can you clear your plate? YES = you will get a FREE dessert

Lunch Bunch – Wednesday 20th April – 12.30pm - £9.50pp

BOOKING ONLY

Butcher Sausages, Creamy Mash, Garden Peas & Thick Gravy

OR

Hooky Battered Fish & Chips with Mushy or Garden Peas

AND

Salted Caramel Rocky Road Brownie OR Spotted Dick & Custard

Saturday 16th April – Niki's Bingo Night – 7.30pm Start

Always a fun popular night

Friday 22nd April – Steve's Quiz & Curry Night – 7.30pm Start

£9.00pp

Again always a fun and popular night

APOLOGIES: Unfortunately, you will start to see some price rises at The Star. We will absorb as much as we can and continue to be very reasonable and competitive BUT our supplier prices are rising dramatically, with warnings of more rises to come. We as always will not compromise on the quality.

March has been a truly amazing month at The Star with continual new faces. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you all and of course seeing our regulars

We have had continued support throughout March for our Ukraine Fundraising and we thank each and everyone of you that have taken part. At the time of writing this we still have another week of fundraising to go so no totals yet. Your willingness to help Ukraine is truly emotional

Sulgrave Manor Opening! Tuesday 5th April 2022

This year Sulgrave Manor & Garden will be open on Tuesday's Wednesday's and Sunday's from 5th April to 30th October, 10.30am to 4pm (last entry 3pm).

Sulgrave Manor Trust are, once again, delighted to offer Sulgrave villagers Complimentary Season Tickets. To apply for your Complimentary Season Ticket you will need to complete an online form, which can be found by following this link: <https://forms.gle/CmxwYUooc2NQMRzR7>. Residents will be invited to come and collect your passes on Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th April between 11am and 2.30pm. If you are having issues accessing the form, you are able to complete a paper copy on the 5th or 6th April between 11am and 2.30pm.

Your Complimentary Season Ticket will be issued, upon completion of the above form, and will then need to be shown at every visit along with a form of ID.

All further visits should be booked online using our booking system which can be accessed via our website www.sulgravemanor.org.uk. You will be issued with a promotional code which is to be entered online to ensure you receive complimentary entry.

Please note that the Complimentary Season Ticket is only valid for permanent residents of the village. Guests and other family members will need to pay the usual admission charges. If numerous people have been booked under your resident pass, we will ask them to pay upon arrival. With regards to all Special Events, the Complimentary Season Ticket is not accepted and the full ticket price is due.

If you have any questions, please do contact us at Sulgrave Manor & Garden. We look forward to seeing you at the Manor very soon.

WHATS ON IN 2022

2022 SEASON BEGING

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER
10.30AM TO 4PM. PRICES ON WEBSITE.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA (SPECIAL EVENT)

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (SPECIAL EVENT)

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

THE PANTALOONS OUTDOOR THEATRE (SPECIAL EVENT)

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

SUMMER ACTIVITY WEEKS

SUNDAY 24TH JULY TO SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY DAYS

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

CHRISTMAS AT SULGRAVE

SATURDAY 10TH AND SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022

MORE INFORMATION

WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON

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Parish Clerk: Mrs C Coles
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T: 01295 276229
E: sulgravepc@btinternet.com
W: www.sulgrave.org

You are invited to
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held on

THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2022
@ 7.30PM

In Sulgrave Village Church Hall



APRIL 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 7.30pm Hall Lectures 100 Years Part 2 Church Hall	2	3 11.00am Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville
4	5	6	7 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting Church Hall	8 7.30pm Hall Lectures Story of The Mary Rose Church Hall	9	10 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
11 Gardening Club Church Hall	12	13	14 10.00am Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	15	16	17 08.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Sulgrave
18	19	20	21	22 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	23	24 10.00am Mattins Sulgrave
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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