

# Sulgrave News

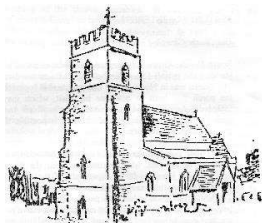


## August 2022

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## Church News August

*The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068*

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Sunday 14th	8.15am	Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion – Sulgrave
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong – Sulgrave

Thank you to all those who came along and helped to tidy up the churchyard. Despite it being the hottest weekend we all worked in the shadow of the church out of the sun. We now turn our attention to the church building itself and again, would appreciate your help. Come along on Thursday, August 4th from 9.30am onwards. As usual, there will be a list of all the jobs that need to be tackled. Even if you can only come for an hour 'every little helps'. If that date is not convenient come along and waft a duster or polish some brass! Refreshments will be available. The many visitors who come to the church are very appreciative.

Looking ahead, we are planning a Harvest Supper on Saturday, September 24th followed by a Harvest Service in the church the following day at 6pm. More details will be available next month but please put the date in your diary. On Saturday, September 10th we are holding a table top sale so, if you're sorting any 'previously loved items' please keep them for this sale. Again, more details to come!

There will be a "Coffee Morning" at the church hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July and again on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August – all welcome to come and have a chat with friends and meet with other members of the village.

Shrimp and Andrew. Churchwardens





## Village Shop News Update

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Phew - what a scorcher! Mid July was a bit on the warm side but the shop remained open throughout the tropical spell and kept up the supply of cold drinks, ice creams and ice lollies for those in need.

Summer fruits such as raspberries, strawberries, black cherries and flat peaches have been flying out of the door and it has been difficult to keep up with demand. Don't forget that you can always place an order if you don't want to be disappointed.

The trial run of chocolate eclairs has gone well and the first batches sold out quickly so we hope to have these, or similar products, available as part of our regular stock. For those with a sweet tooth, our tiramisu makes a very easy and tasty dessert, the very more-ish Belgian waffles are back in stock and there are some new flavours of Borders biscuits. And keep your eye open for freshly-baked pastel-de-nata. Don't know what they are? – Google it! Once sampled, you won't be able to have a morning coffee without one.

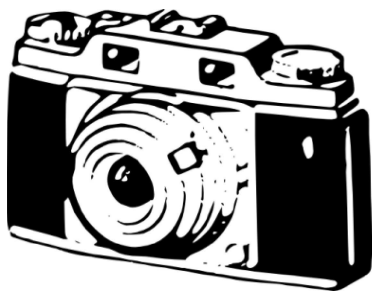
Although September is still a month away, please make a note in your diary that the Shop Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you are a member of the shop association (as many villagers are – and, if not, do sign up) you will have an opportunity to propose new ideas, vote for who you would like to be on the shop management committee for the next year or offer your own services. We are eager for new blood!

There are plans afoot to hold the presentation ceremony for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the shop volunteers. This will be made by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire (in full regalia) at the shop premises on the afternoon of Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be provided nearer the time.

Much as we all enjoy warm sunny weather, I think we could do without any more temperatures between 35 and 40°C so let's hope that the rest of the summer sees a return to more normal conditions.

Digby and Alison

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At the July meeting we had a short technical talk on how to minimise “noise” in photographs. Noise is a consequence of insufficient light reaching the camera sensor, the camera compensates by creating additional pixels which make the final images soft and with loss of detail. These problems mainly occur when taking long exposures, night photography, or sometimes in wildlife photography where the subject is in shade and a high shutter speed is required to capture the action. We had an engaging and entertaining discussion on this topic and how to overcome the problem, but then relaxed to look at the monthly challenge, with members sharing their artistic interpretation of summer flowers.

There are further details in the Newsletter of an evening with professional photographer and award winner, Paul Wilkinson, who will be joining us on 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall to speak about portrait photography. See separate page for more details.

Our next meeting will be at 8.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August in The Star. If you have an interest in photography, come along.

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## **SULGRAVE PRODUCE SHOW**

**SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER  
in the CHURCH HALL**

Show Schedule and Entry Form are enclosed with this newsletter.

Extra Entry Forms will be available from the shop.



## **SULGRAVE ALLOTMENTS**

A plot has become available. If you are interested please contact Jill Barrett on [jillbarrett14.66@gmail.com](mailto:jillbarrett14.66@gmail.com)

Sulgrave Camera Club

presents

An Evening with Paul Wilkinson FBIPP FMPA FSWPP

7.30pm On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

at Sulgrave Village Hall

Paul and Sarah Wilkinson run an exclusive boutique photography studio between Oxford & London and are in huge demand for their distinctive images. Together they have built one of the UK's most respected and successful portrait studios.

Paul is a Fellow of the SWPP, the MPA and the BIPP and has won an array of national and international awards for his work, most recently UK Portrait Photographer of the Year 2020/21. Many know him best, for his popular light-hearted, but straight talking, podcast, *Mastering Portrait Photography*. Where he chats about life, the universe and all things portrait photography.

This evening is open to any person interested in hearing Paul speak about his photography experiences in a relaxed and entertaining manner, the evening will include a critique of some photographs submitted by Camera Club members

There is an entrance charge of £5.00 payable at the door.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the organisers to secure your place.

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Paul Wilkinson Photography Ltd





## August 2022

We are getting full for 2023 with Wedding bookings alone. We have lots of new venue's making each event completely different. We have now started taking bookings for 2024.

We have also been approached with some very exciting potential projects... Now all we have to do is decide which one or maybe even two we take on? I feel extremely lucky to of been approached by many people and companies wanting our services.

August 18<sup>th</sup> - RAF Benson's Families Day - Back to where I did my first bar event and where I used to work - This year we take both Outdoor bars for one of our busiest events of the year.

August 21<sup>st</sup> - Serving up cocktails from our Vintage Camper Van in Banbury for the Food and Drink Festival



Open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday pop in and say hello to the team for a Coffee, Cake or Lunch.

Only 3 Months Left...

New Summer Menu, New Toasties, New Salads and Daily Specials.

No monthly event this month as we are hosting a Tasting Evening for Wedding Bookings.

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

Thank you to all that have booked us for events, parties and functions.

## JULY ON THE FARM



Harvest in full swing (Photo: Graham Roberts)

The present weather takes me back to 1976 when we had three months of sun and high temperatures, the only difference being that we just got on with life. A drought was declared and a Minister appointed called Dennis Howell M.P, a former first class football referee. Soon after his appointment it started to rain in September and he was dealing with floods! The severe hot weather brought swarms of ladybirds looking for food as the aphids their main supply had perished in the heat.

Back to the present and harvest has started on Barrow hill with the barley. The grain here will be fed to livestock. The straw( the stalks) is a valuable commodity. It is used for bedding, but barley straw is also a good feed and especially in a year such as this as a substitute to grass as it burns up under the sun. Pour some molasses over it and you have a nutritious feed for cattle or sheep.

On the Stuchbury footpath the beans like all crops are dying off rather than ripening. The pod numbers are good but due to the lack of rain over the last month, like all other crops the seeds are small.

All the lambs in the first field have now been marketed, leaving the ewes to their own devices.

The oilseed rape on the Moreton or gated road has extra value this year with the shortage of sunflower oil coming from Ukraine.

Grain when stored has to be at a certain dry matter. 16% for short term. 14% for long term storage. Oilseed rape. 8%. This year all grain should be harvested at these levels if these weather conditions continue, saving money on drying costs.

Especially welcome this year with fuel at its present price.

Farms get bigger as does the machinery to run them. This is inevitable with the shortage of people wanting to work on the land. In this part of the country we have family farms, large estates and contracted farms and they all share a problem of finding staff. A concern for the future.

Believe me there is not a more rewarding job than seeing the fruits of your labours when they are harvested, whether that be a vat full of milk each morning or a field of corn harvested or prime livestock being marketed.

**Richard Fonge**



**Fundraiser in memory of Robert Henn at R Henn Motors on 20th August 2022  
at Fleet Farm, Stuchbury.**

Back in December 2020 we lost our beloved Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Friend suddenly. Robert was Misdiagnosed with Crohns and Colitis and those of you who knew him knew he battled with his health tirelessly for his adult life. It was such a shock to lose him so soon after Christmas and we miss him endlessly.

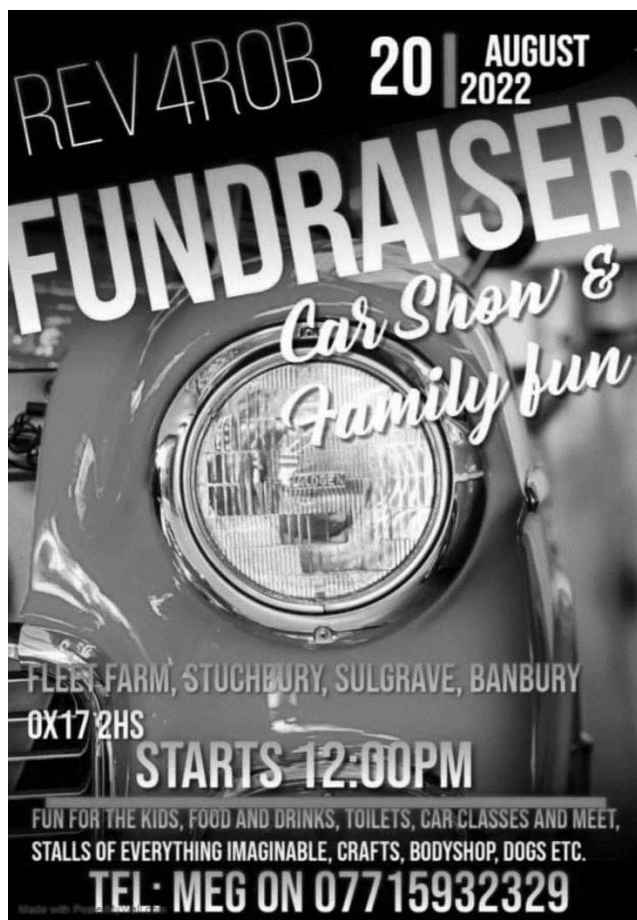
Robert Owned R Henn Motors in Middleton Cheney, Banbury and worshiped his loyal customers and friends.

This event will be held in his memory to raise money for Crohns and Colitis UK and The Rowan Ward at the Horton Hospital who looked after him so well. ALL proceeds will be donated and we need your help! Please share this far and wide and most importantly come along to support us.

There will be a kids corner, bouncy castles, games, qualified dance teacher activities, sensory play, face paints and glitter paints, classic and modified car meet and classes, family friendly dog show, stalls galore, food and beverage vans and more!!

Please come along and support us.

To enter our classic and modified car competition, please message Meg on 07715932329. “



REV 4 ROB CAR CLASSES

**13:00 - 16:45**

AUGUST 20 2022

Class 1 @ 1pm - ALL THINGS FROM 1940 to 1990

Class 2 @ 1:45 - ALL THINGS FROM 1990 to 2022

Class 3 @ 2:30pm - ALLTHINGS CLASSIC 1940 to 2000

Class 4 @ 3:15pm ALL THINGS MODIFIED NO SPECIFICATION TO YEAR

Class 5 @ 4:00pm FAMILY FAVOURITE ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

Class 6 @ 4:45 WINNERS CIRCLE



£5 per class entry all proceeds go to charities listed in flyer. Prizes for 1st place.





**01295 760389 – We continue to be a 'Drop off Point' for Ukraine**

**New to the village**

We have been meeting quite a few new residents to Sulgrave. It has been a great pleasure to welcome you to The Star and get to know you all

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Ian's Folk Night – 7.30pm Start**

Always a pleasure to host this event. Please do feel free to pop down, speak to Ian, and join in or have an enjoyable listen.

**WARNING** Foot tapping is always inevitable

**Lunch Bunch – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 12.30pm - £9.50pp**

**BOOKING ONLY**

Hooky Battered Fish & Chunky Chips, Mushy or Garden

Peas

**OR**

Butcher Cumberland Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Thick Gravy

**AND**

Desserts of the day – Choice of 2

**Pie Night – Friday & Saturday Evenings**

UNBELIEVABLY even on the hottest days we still have a strong demand for Pie Nights – So we will continue whilst demand is there

**Family Fun Day**

Every year we hold our Family Fun Day. Our planned date of the 27<sup>th</sup> August will now not go ahead. We will instead be providing the bar for the village event being held on Castle Green. As it stands at the moment we are struggling to fit in an alternative date. We will of course keep you updated if we manage to find a suitable alternative date?



## **SULGRAVE SUPPORTS UKRAINE**

and

Welcomes the Prolisok Dance Ensemble

**Колектив Пролисок**

Please join us on Castle Green in Sulgrave Village on

**SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST 2022 from**

**1pm to 5pm**

FREE ADMISSION



FREE PARKING

Raffle, Tea and Cake stand, Skittles, Sports Day Games for children,  
Dog Show, Morris dancers, music and much more

with

The Star Inn for drinks and Websters Events for food

**All monies raised will go to the Ukraine Appeal**



Prolisok pride themselves on performing contrasting dances celebrating the diversity and soul of Ukrainian culture. In 2018 they became the official London Ukrainian Dance group on behalf of The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain

Organised by village volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

It has been quite a coup to get Prosolik, the Ukrainian dance ensemble to come to Sulgrave to perform their traditional dances in National costume. As can be read in this newsletter, many other activities will be going on during the afternoon, with all monies raised and donated going to the Ukrainian appeal. If anyone has any extra ideas for the afternoon please let me know.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Sulgrave to show its support to a Nation and people in need through no fault of their own. The Star pub has already led the way with their initiative of support.

Richard Fonge. Chair P.C



## **A message from Sulgrave Parish Council**

Month upon month, year in to year out, Janet Smith has diligently compiled and edited Sulgrave News. Like clockwork, the magazine is assembled with a range of articles which complement our life in our wonderful village and with her team of willing distributors, it ends up, ready to read in our homes.

Sulgrave News has become a monthly fixture for us all, pulling together all the news and events of our community. As excellent as her contributions have been, Janet has decided that she would now like to step aside from this.

Hence there is now an opportunity for other members of the village to get involved. So, if you are keen to take on this role either as an individual or in partnership with others, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us here at Sulgrave News.

In the meantime though, and on behalf of our village, we say a big thank you Janet for all your hard work and dedication.'



# Platinum Jubilee Group Photograph

Several villagers have asked if the group photograph taken at the Platinum Jubilee can be made available to buy.

Large size (10 x 7) copies of the photograph printed in colour on gloss photographic paper will soon be available for purchase at the Village Shop for £2.50 each.



# WHATS ON IN 2022

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (SPECIAL EVENT)

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

£10 Adults; £6 Children

THE PANTALOONS PRESENT THE WAR OF THE WORLDS  
OUTDOOR THEATRE (SPECIAL EVENT)

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

£16 Adults; £12 Under 18; £50 Family (2+2); Under 5s Free

SUMMER ACTIVITY WEEKS

SUNDAY 24TH JULY TO SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

THE THREE INCH FOOLS PRESENT TWELFTH NIGHT  
OUTDOOR THEATRE (SPECIAL EVENT)

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

£18 Adult; £10 Under 18; £50 Family (2+2); Under 5s Free

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY DAYS

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

2022 SEASON ENDS

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2022

CHRISTMAS AT SULGRAVE

SATURDAY 10TH AND SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022

MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS  
[WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON](http://WWW.SULGRAVEMANOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON)





## CALLING ALL CRICKET AND HISTORY BUFFS!

Over the last 4 years I have been getting together a history of cricket as played in Marston St. Lawrence, Greatworth and surrounding villages.

It is nearly 400 pages long, and is fully illustrated with old scorecards, old newspaper reports, pictures and photographs. It is mainly centred round the clubs of Marston and Greatworth, but also features matches played at Sulgrave, Stuchbury and Culworth.

It takes in early beginnings in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and covers the whole of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the formation of the South Northamptonshire Cricket League in 1920 and goes right through to the present century, finishing with the 2021 season!

I have been playing for Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club ever since I moved into Sulgrave in 1987, the Sulgrave team sadly gone by that time. Being an historian, I have kept an ever expanding file of memorabilia relating to my time at the Club and this, with a welter of other material from a variety of sources, forms the basis of my tome.

If you are interested, I am offering the chance to order:-

Pre-publication copies at a special price of £15 (normal price £20)

If interested contact me, MARTIN SIROT-SMITH on 01295 710340 or email - [martinrss@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:martinrss@tiscali.co.uk)





The first half of the year has flown by, and we're not slowing down in the months ahead. We've still got spaces on some of our brilliant challenge events as well as the return of our popular Make a Will Fortnight. Whether it's taking part in events, donating to our hospice, volunteering your time or making the most of our shops – your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most. Thank you!

### **Ready and WILLing**

This year Make a Will Fortnight celebrates its 10th anniversary and will be running from 3 to 10 October. Six local solicitors have generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will during the two week event and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. If you've been putting off making a will, then it's the ideal time. For a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment, visit [khh.org.uk/make-a-will](http://khh.org.uk/make-a-will)

### **In the running**

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon 16 October! Missed out on the ballot? Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now: [khh.org.uk/oxford](http://khh.org.uk/oxford)

### **Scaring is caring**

Gather your bravest guys and ghouls and sign up for the Halloween Walk on 29 October... if you dare! Choose either a 10km, half marathon or full marathon for your spooky sponsored night-time walk around London. Do something a bit different this Halloween and help raise money for our hospice. Find out more about this spooktacular event and fundraising options on our website. [khh.org.uk/halloween](http://khh.org.uk/halloween)

### **The value of volunteering**

Did you know that volunteering has been proven to reduce stress, combat depression and improve physical health? It's also a great way to learn new skills and meet new people. Plus, you get to work with a brilliant team supporting your local hospice. What's not to love? We're looking for volunteers right across the hospice, so there's bound to be a role that's right for you. Find out more [khh.org.uk/volunteer](http://khh.org.uk/volunteer)

### **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 for more details, events and news: [khh.org.uk](http://khh.org.uk).



## Santina's Wood Fired Pizza Co



### Great News for Pizza Lovers in Sulgrave!

Santina's are firing up their genuine wood fired pizza oven at the Village Church Hall car park on the evenings of the following dates:

**Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm**

Santina's freshly baked pizzas are popular, cost in the range £10-15 and they're totally delicious! Add garlic bread to your order or even wine and beer to round off your evening.

Initially this is a takeaway service, but good turnouts on these dates could mean - for a small charge, the Hall is opened to enjoy their pizza inside with a beer or a glass of wine with others. If you would like to use the hall please email:

[sulgravevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:sulgravevillagehall@gmail.com) or contact Janet Smith or

Ingram Lloyd. 07796545288

Demand means that it is important to book ahead, but this is easy to do. Either send an e-mail in advance with your choices and preferred time slot - to [santinaspizzaco@hotmail.com](mailto:santinaspizzaco@hotmail.com), or direct message by searching for 'santinaswoodfiredpizzaco' on either Facebook or Instagram where you will also find their up to date menus. Both cash and credit/debit cards are accepted.

**Buon appetito!**



**The fish & chip van** will be visiting Sulgrave on the following dates between 5.00pm and 6.45pm outside the village shop.



30<sup>th</sup> July  
27<sup>th</sup> August  
24<sup>th</sup> September  
22<sup>nd</sup> October  
19<sup>th</sup> November  
17<sup>th</sup> December

**SUMMARY OF SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH HALL  
ON THURSDAY JUNE 9TH 2022**

Summary of Parish Council Meeting. Thursday 7th July. 7.30.

The Chair Cllr Fonge opened the meeting with a full Council present and six villagers.

In matters arising he reported on the open shop meeting, where some thirty six people attended, but not much achieved.

Cllr Sara Staples reported on HS 2. Road to Marston cross roads closed till 10th July. New road to Greatworth T junction put back to next spring. HS2 to renew water main where there works cross Banbury rd. Cllr Powell to follow up Anglia water, to make sure rest of pipe is renewed. HS2 will be in Church hall car park on July 26th to answer any questions from 6pm to 8pm.

Manor. Cllr Priestman reported that Clive Preston a trustee was now our contact, replacing C.E.O.

Best Village. The Chair and Cllr Powell and Staples would attend presentation evening on July 11th at East Hunsbury.

Dog Bin. Agreed to put new bin on entrance to Castle Green. Contractors now emptying. Suggestion made that would dog owners like to make a £5 a year contribution to cost of disposal. Feedback welcome.

Signs. Cllr Priestman reported that 30mph signs moved back 100 metres up Magpie rd. Council agreed that he look into the purchase of variable active speed display. New Sulgrave sign put on old posts. Clerk reported that new posts would come when bollards put up outside shop.

Pocket Park Cll Jen Castle reported that quote for new equipment not received. Annual safety report discussed. All agreed that Zip wire needed an inspection.

Newsletter. Janet Smith wished to retire after eleven years. Cllr Powell to write in newsletter.

Ukraine. The Chair had been in touch with a Ukranian dance ensemble. Unanimous approval that an event be held on Castle Green on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August organised by the Parish Council. Details in August Newsletter.

Cllr Higginson reported that he was in contact with grass contractor to have roadside cut at the bottom of Helmdon rd.

Graham Roberts highlighted the danger as you exited the footpath there. He also pointed out that a short section of wall in Park rd needed attention.

Meeting closed at 8.25. Pm.

**Richard Fonge** (Chair)



Despite providing three bins and a fourth one soon to be installed, dog mess is still to be found around the village, in particular between the trap shed and the Church wall in Church street.

It is such a simple task to pick up after your dog and keep our village clean. Please oblige. Thank you.

Sulgrave Parish Council

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST**

You are invited to  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To be held on

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022  
@ 7.30PM**

**In Sulgrave Village Church Hall**



# AUGUST 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4 7.30pm Folk Night The Star	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave
15	16	17 8.00pm Camera Club The Star	18	19 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	20	21 10.30am Holy Communion Sulgrave
22	23	24	25	26	27 1.00pm - 5.00pm Prolisok Dance Ensemble 5-5.15pm - 6.45pm Fish & Chip Van	28 6.00pm Evensong Sulgrave
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