

Sulgrave News

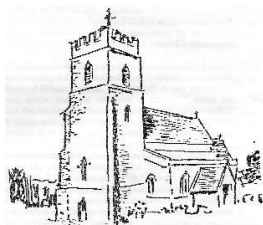
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Church News January 2023

The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068
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Services for January in Sulgrave

Sunday, January 8th.	Holy Communion.	8.15am
Sunday, January 15th.	Holy Communion.	10.30am
Sunday, January 22nd.	Mattins.	10.00am

A huge 'thank you' to all those who came and supported our Christmas Fair. There were some fantastic goodies to buy and I'm so grateful to those who made cakes, manned stalls, provided refreshments etc. Pamela Wagman's chocolates would not have looked out of place in Fortnum & Mason! We raised over £1,000 towards church funds.

As we begin a new year I wonder if there any among you who would like to help with cleaning the church and doing the flowers occasionally. It may only entail helping once or twice a year. If you are interested please contact Shrimp on 760214. Likewise, if you would perhaps like to read a lesson get in touch and we can include you in the Reader's Rota.

Don't forget to visit the Library in the church. It is available to use every day and you are more than welcome to borrow books, DVDs and jigsaws as well as books for children. The Churchwardens, Andrew and Shrimp, would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

A Reminder - There is a short family service held, every second Sunday of the month at 11 o'clock in Culworth Church which is followed by refreshments. It will be on the 8th January this month. If anybody would like more information on this service, known as
'Bell, Book and Candle'
please contact Kate Miles on 760957

CHRISTINGLE 4th Dec 2022

Many thanks to the village children who took part in this annual service which raises funds for The Children Society. The singing and reading was fantastic and it was one of the happiest services I have been to in Sulgrave Church! Jo Horne, a former Sulgravian, gave a super explanation of the sweetie laden Christingle oranges and Christine Limb (music teacher at Culworth Primary School) led the music, some of it by candlelight.

With some very generous donations from villagers this year I am pleased to report that we raised £338.55 for The Children's Society, the highest figure ever raised since we first started running this service in Sulgrave in 1993, nearly 30 years ago, so a VERY BIG THANK YOU !

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Wednesday 18th Jan 10am -12pm

I am very grateful to all the villagers who have collection boxes for the Children Society in their homes. I am hoping they might need emptying!

Please join me at **Garden House, Manor Road** with your box for a cup of coffee (or tea) and a piece of cake between so that I can empty your boxes for you.

Many thanks,

Kate Miles

Children's Society Local Box Coordinator,
Tel. 760957, Garden House, Manor Road



Village Shop News Update

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As contributions to this issue of Sulgrave News had to be in by 9 December, we are not able to report on how well the shop got on over Christmas – though we hope it lived up to expectation.

So, another year has gone by. Although Covid was less in evidence this year, we are still feeling the after-effects of the pandemic and have not yet fully recovered from the economic bashing we received. The year witnessed the loss of some outstanding volunteers such as Anne and Gordon Allan and we also said goodbye to Jeanette who had been a trusty supervisor for many years. Such talented people are very difficult to replace - but the running of the shop continued without a hiccup. We were lucky to find Jai who was appointed as our new shop manager half-way through the year and he has been ably assisted by Jackie who has carried on as part-time supervisor.

We have also seen changes in the Management Committee with Neil Johnston retiring as chairman after over 15 years of loyal service and Clive Nichols standing down as maintenance officer. Thankfully we have found replacements and, with Mel taking on the role of volunteer coordinator, we are still keeping our collective head above water – just.

But running the shop is an ongoing struggle and we are desperately in need of new blood. As we have said on many occasions – everyone loves having such a brilliant shop in the village – but it doesn't run itself, so if you think you can offer anything in the way of support – please step forward. Top of the current needs list is for one or more volunteers to learn the basics of running the Post Office counter to provide support and back-up for the shop manager. Jai assures us that it is not complicated and it would be a useful skill to have. Jai is a very patient teacher - so please raise your hand if you think you are able to assist.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the shop's volunteers. This prestigious award is only given to exceptional candidates who have made an outstanding contribution to their community, so everyone involved should feel very proud. The beautiful backlit crystal mounted on the shop wall is a reminder of everyone's efforts. We are currently in the running for another much sought-after award but we shall not tempt fate by giving any details yet.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, don't forget those who are less fortunate and please think about making a small contribution to the food bank that the shop supports.

Happy New Year to one and all.
Digby and Alison

CLOSING TIMES OVER THE NEW YEAR

New Year's Day (Sunday 1st January) – Shop closed all day.

Monday 2nd January – Shop closed all day



SULGRAVE HALL LECTURES

The next evening talk in the Village Hall will be on *Friday 20th January* at 7.30pm for 8.00pm

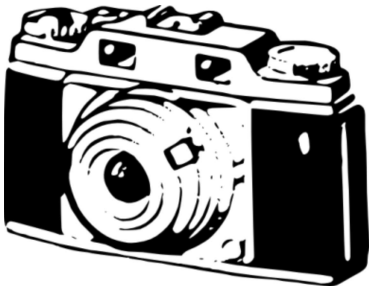
Our topic for the evening will be:

"Travels in the Polar Regions - Part 2, the South Atlantic" –

A photo Journey by Graham Roberts that will take in journeys to The Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and The Antarctic Peninsula..

These stunning, remote and stark landscapes are scattered with evidence of past exploration but are now a haven for the unique wildlife.

Refreshments are available from 7.30pm and contributions at the door will go towards the running costs of the hall.



Sulgrave Camera Club

For the final meeting of 2022 we had a social evening in the Village Hall with refreshments and an opportunity to welcome two new members.

For the main part of the evening we voted on the 'Photograph of the year' competition, 25 images were entered and after some time viewing the excellent submissions, they were finally whittled down to the top three.

3rd place was taken by Graham Roberts with his photograph of Gold Hill, Shaftsbury.

A very close competition for 1st and 2nd place was finally decided after a lively discussion. Hywel Lloyd taking second place with 'Patience' showing abseiling maintenance workers on Sydney Opera House. The overall winning photograph was Jo Powell's 'The Old Stocks through the old Stocks' – a very artistic take on Stocks Green.

We closed with a very entertaining picture quiz set by Will.

Time now to start thinking about the programme for 2023. The first meeting, as always at The Star, courtesy of Nikki and Steve, on Wednesday 11th January at 8.00.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all

If you have an interest in photography, at any level, you are welcome to join us.

For more details contact - grahamroberts53@hotmail.com



January 2023

Happy New Year Everyone. We wish you the very best for the new year.

The Old Fire Station have many offers on throughout January with Breakfast and Lunch deals for only £5. Making January affordable to eat out.

Our Lebanese evening was a great success so we are hosting a Caribbean night on Saturday 14th January - Something to warm you up on one of these winter nights. A new theme each Month.

Wish us luck for the National Wedding Industry Awards in London on Wednesday 25th January. Excited to spend a night with the best of the best.

We are Open Everyday
Monday - Saturday 08:30 - 16:30
Sunday 09:00 - 14:00

Serving Great Coffee, Cakes, Breakfast and Lunch.

All Fire Station Bookings email - OFS@websters-events.co.uk
or

Email - Danny@websters-events.co.uk Website - www.websters-events.co.uk

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<https://highadventure.org.uk>

21 years of Mt Everest – David Hamilton

A very big thank you to all who attended this excellent event.

£1202 was raised for the hall funds to help pay for the cost of the acoustic dampening. These panels were installed in time for the lecture and have made a great difference to the sound levels, we can now hear ourselves speak!



A great way to start 2023

**Come for
Coffee, Cake and a Chat**
in Sulgrave Village Hall.

Saturday January 14th 10am.

Raffle and possibly a few cakes to buy!
All welcome, and there's good parking.



2023 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

09/04/2023 - 11am to 3pm

CORONATION CELEBRATION

07/05/2023 - 11am to 3pm

INDEPENDENCE DAY

02/07/2023 - 11am to 3pm

THE GREAT GATSBY OUTDOOR THEATRE

16/07/2023 - 5.30pm

SULGRAVE EXPLORERS SUMMER WEEKS

23/07/2023 - 19/08/2023

SULGRAVE CREATORS SUMMER WEEKS

19/08/2023 - 03/09/2023

ALICE IN WONDERLAND OUTDOOR THEATRE

13/08/2023 - 5.30pm

AUTUMN FEST

29/10/2023 - 11am to 3pm

CHRISTMAS AT SULGRAVE MANOR

09/12 & 10/12/2023 - 11am to 3pm

MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS
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SULGRAVE
MANOR & GARDEN
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTRAL HOME





THE STAR INN



AFTER THE 4x4 PICKUP TRUCK PURCHASE NEW TOTAL IS £1,450

We need to deduct the cost of getting the vehicles out to Ukraine from the above amount

Well done to our raffle winners. HUGE thank you to our prize donators and everyone who purchased a ticket - £400 raised for the pot.

The 1st vehicle is in our carpark looking spectacular after its clean up, you are more than welcome to come and take a look at what you have achieved 😊 We are still trying to raise the funds to purchase one more vehicle and have enough funds to get the vehicles to Ukraine.

PLEASE NOTE We are also collecting foreign currency (notes only). We would like to thank Graham Roberts and Ian & Susan Sanderson for their generous donations of foreign currency. This really does help with adding to the total. We are hoping to find a friendly bank who will change the currency free of charge for us? We can but try at least.

The 2nd vehicle will need to be purchased before Christmas ASAP due to receiving the Log Book back in time! All relevant paperwork needs to be at the Debenhams hub ideally in 2022 for the vehicles and the drivers.

There are strict rules with taking vehicles across various borders, so everything has to be done and ready in plenty of time before the convoy leaves for Ukraine at the end of January. Therefore, we will look to purchase a vehicle if we can find a reasonable one and then continue with fundraising to get the vehicles out there and for the aid.

thank you!

We would also like to thank Shelagh & Graham Trower for their continued support in dropping off aid, welding the 4x4, attending events and rallying the troops for fundraising events. Graham Roberts for donating funds raised by the Camera Club. We have some wonderful villagers who continuously support the Ukraine events and have attended every single

one over 3 months, even if it does mean coming to the pub in their Pyjamas, Tony & Kym (Richard & Kelly who travel here to be involved & often entertain us), Mel & Kate & Jo. There are obviously many more of you like Rachel, Richard, Megan & Amy, Nick & Jackie, Ben & Anna we thank you all. We are looking forward to Bob's music night on Friday 16th December. Solely aimed at providing you all with entertainment and importantly raising more funds for Ukraine, we do hope plenty of you get involved with this one.



Homemade Pie Night - Friday & Saturday Evenings

Extremely popular and 'The Pie Challenge' is back. Can you clear your plate for your FREE dessert? GOOD LUCK 😊

Thursday 5th Janaury - Ian's Folk Night - 7.30pm

Please do come along and have a listen or even join in. Fantastic jolly evenings just what everyone needs on a winters evening.

Friday 13th January - Steve's Quiz Night - 7.30pm

Unlucky for some but not our quizzers - Quiz Night is a fun night for all, a good excuse to get together with family & friends, always plenty of laughter involved Full Menu available + Pies **BOOKING ONLY!**

Saturday 21st January - LEIGH CHAMBERS is back - from 7.30pm

This was an extremely busy and enjoyable evening in October. This is **STRICTLY BOOKING ONLY** first come first serve!! - Popular Pizzas & Baskets available

Wednesday 25th January - Niki's Bingo Night - 7.30pm

Another great night in November - The highest winning pot for 1 game was a whopping £86.00 - No pot was under £76.00 - **BOOKING ONLY**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - TO BE DECIDED - DO YOU WANT AN
EVENT???**

January on the Farm



Beef cattle safely housed for the winter

A month where nothing much happens in the countryside and the agricultural world. It is a month when the maintenance of hedges and boundaries are trimmed and repaired. Please take note of the excellent workmanship that can be seen in the erection of the new stock fencing up the Moreton Road and on the Barrow hill footpath in readiness for sheep grazing next spring.

We live in an area where there is a great patchwork of fields, divided by hedges. At times landowners and farmers are blamed for the removal of hedges, but as with so many other things in life, there needs to be perspective. In the late sixties and early seventies as the size of machinery grew, and Government was concerned about growing enough food, they produced a 'White Paper' named "Food from our own resources" as they were concerned that within twenty-five years, we would be deficient in food. To that end one of their initiatives was pay farmers a grant of up to 30% in the cost of draining, and hedge removal. In some cases, it was more, as I can recollect. This increased efficiency of power and labour and increased the area of cultivatable land.

In the last twenty years a great many hedges and trees have been planted by landowners, as they are the true guardians of the countryside and feel a great responsibility to it. Please note what seems like a total disregard of our countryside by HS2 (High Speed Rail construction), where hedges and trees are bulldozed out of the way at random!

The beef cattle seen in the fields until recently are now housed for the winter, where their main food will be silage, supplemented by manufactured cake or a home mix ration. It is important that they are fed a balanced ration, for their growth and maturity into a finished product for the consumer. Grass is analysed for its energy and protein levels, and then a supplementary feed is added accordingly. Animal nutrition is a complex subject so I will leave it at that.

I do hope these monthly notes are of interest, as my reason for writing them is to try and inform those of you who are new to the countryside, about what is happening around you, with hopefully a bit of inside information.

A true story of a retired local smallholder who was deaf and wore a patch over one eye. His two younger brothers bought him a colour television when they first came out, and when asked why: they replied. "Our Charlie be deaf and blind so us bought him one to keep him happy."

Finally, may I wish you all a Happy New Year, with the hope that it will not be as grim as the forecasters predict.

Richard Fonge.

SULGRAVE GARDENING CLUB
Monday 23rd January

7.30pm in Sulgrave Village Hall

SUCCESSIONAL PLANTING
An illustrated talk by Chris Day
Speaker, broadcaster and manager at Buckingham
Nurseries
Maximising the productivity throughout the year of the
vegetable garden and flower border

For more information, contact Pamela Wagman on 07744 848988

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Parish Council

On behalf of Sulgrave Parish Council may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. This year has seen the arrival of a number of new residents to whom we express a warm welcome.

We would also like to say a very grateful thanks to Janet Smith on the village's behalf for her eleven years as editor and compiler of our newsletter. A voluntary task she has done with great efficiency, with the help of a group of delivery volunteers. To you all thank you.

Richard Fonge.



Births, Marriages and Deaths

It has been suggested that we use the newsletter to mark these significant events in the village from now on.

This month we sadly mark the passing of:

Mrs Rosemary Jackson of Magpie Road, Sulgrave

Mr Ian Salisbury of Manor Road, Sulgrave

New Year, New Editor.....

Happy New Year everyone!!

And so, after yet another persuasive chat with Mr Fonge, a process we now refer to as being 'Fonged', I have now taken up the role of Editor for the Sulgrave News. I am aware that I have very big shoes to fill and I hope that Janet will feel that I am doing a good job as I muddle my way through the next few months. Thank you, Janet, for all that you have done over the years.

Please get in touch if you have anything you'd like me to include in the newsletter from now on, whether it be a one-off piece or a regular monthly slot. Being a 'townie' originally, I always enjoy reading Richard's notes about life in the farming world and so I'd be keen to include other articles that educate and inform us about life in and around Sulgrave, both past and present, as well as something to interest the younger residents. Indeed, if we do have any children and young adults who would like to write something about life in the village from their point of view, I would definitely be keen to see that. My contact details are all on the front of the newsletter

I look forward to hearing from you all!!

Lisa Roberts



January 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 Shop Closed
2 Shop Closed	3	4	5 Ian's Folk Night @ The Star 7.30pm	6	7	8 Holy Communion 8.15am, Bell, Book and Candle 11 am @ C'ulworth
9	10	11 Camera Club @ The Star 8pm	12	13 Steve's Quiz Night @ The Star 7.30pm N/Letter D/Line	14 Coffee, Cake and a Chat @V. Hall 10am	15 Holy Communion 10.30am Sulgrave
16	17	18 Children's Society Coffee and Cake 10-12pm	19	20 Village Hall Lecture 8pm	21 Leigh Chambers @ The Star 7.30pm	22 Mattins 10 am Sulgrave
23 Gardening Club talk @ VH 7.30pm	24	25 Niki's bingo Night @ The Star 7.30pm	26	27	28	29
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