

# Sutton Bonington

Normanton on Soar

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## VILLAGE NEWS

*March and April 2020*

**GARDEN WALKABOUT** The dates for this year's *Walkabout* are Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This will be the 38<sup>th</sup> year of this very popular and enjoyable event held in aid of Cancer Research UK. Would you like to open your garden this year? We would like to include gardens of all sizes and styles ranging from the formal to the highly informal such as wildlife-friendly areas. Both regular openers and first time participants are welcomed. Could you help with teas, cakes, plants, stalls etc. both beforehand and on the day? Please contact Rachel Blackshaw (01509 672144), Janine Bone (07766 815251) or via the Sutton Bonington Garden Walkabout *Facebook* page.

**SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2019 Sutton Bonington Show. Donations have been made to the organisations listed on page 4 of this issue of the Village News. A total of no less than £9500 was raised – a quite wonderful achievement. This year's show will see the return of the *Knights of Nottingham* and *Duck Herding* along with many other attractions and, once again, we look forward to your continued support.

**THE WONDERFUL SUTTON BONINGTON SINGERS** will be performing their annual *Songs in Spring* at 7:00pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Barn, Sutton Bonington Campus. They will be singing a repertoire ranging from pop to choral with a selection of small groups also. Refreshments are included in the £4 ticket price and will be available at the door. For more information, please contact Maria on [stymis@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:stymis@nottingham.ac.uk). **SB Fest** is yet again just around the corner on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00pm -11.00pm! Sutton Bonington Campus will host family-friendly activities such as inflatables, interactive art and science sessions and live music featuring local acts throughout the day. There will be plenty of food and drink on offer at the Farmers' Market and the Beer Festival, with Candy Floss and Popcorn also up for grabs! Why not enter your dogs in one of the fun categories in our Dog Show? Choose from categories like 'Best Trick', 'Best Dressed' and 'Best in Show'. E-mail [stymis@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:stymis@nottingham.ac.uk) for more information and an entry form (please note that all participating dogs must be insured in order to comply with university policy). The annual **SB Fest Concert** starts at 7.00pm and features the SB Singers and SB Symphony Orchestra who will perform a range of film and musical scores, pop and classical music. Tickets for the day are £5, including entry to the concert, and under 12s are free when accompanied by an adult. All profits will be split and given to LOROS, a local hospice charity, and The Stroke Association, who support stroke victims and their families as well as funding research into strokes.

**THE UNITED CHOIR** will present *The Easter Story*, in words and music, on Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Methodist Church. Collection for church funds. All welcome.

**SOAR VALLEY U3A'S** meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall will be the AGM, followed by guest speaker Alan Gray's talk entitled *You Cannot Be Serious*. A Wimbledon umpire from 1988 to 2012, Alan has many interesting and humorous stories to tell. If you're retired you're welcome to join us. Refreshments provided. *Soar Valley U3A (University of the Third Age) provides relaxed learning and leisure activities for retired people in your area. For more information, phone Membership Secretary Lorna Orton on 01332 811030 or visit our website - <http://u3asites.org.uk/soar-valley>*

**NORMANTON ON SOAR PRIMARY SCHOOL** is a small school with approximately thirty-six families so we are always extremely grateful for all local support at our PTA fund-raising events. Do you or did you have an interesting career? Did you study hard and achieve that accolade and then get your dream job? Did you do an apprenticeship? Did you overcome an obstacle to achieve what you wanted? We would love you to share your story with our children, especially if you could add something to our Art, Geography or Science classes. Perhaps you are a keen gardener and could help us with our gardening club? Are you a member of a local History Club or Science Club? – In particular we would love to run a sewing club, we have the materials, resources and enthusiasm, could you show our children how? Please contact the head, Clare Maddock, who would love to hear from you - 01509 842326. Thank you very much for supporting our village school.

**SUTTON BONINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Dr Andrew Ward, of Norwell Nursery, will be talking about *Scents and Desirability* trying to unravel the mysteries of why plants produce both scented flowers and aromatic foliage. On 16<sup>th</sup> April, Hilary Hutson will be giving advice on *Gardens in Troughs and Sinks*. Both meetings will be held in Sutton Bonington Village Hall at 7:30pm. The *Spring Show* will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Schedules are available on the Sutton Bonington Horticultural Society website or from the Post Office. Entries for the event will be received at the Village Hall from 2:00pm, the show itself being open to the public from 2:30pm. Refreshments will be available and exhibits can be collected at 4:00pm. Come along, take part in the voting, have tea and a chat.

**THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme** will take place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00am and 12 noon at the Sutton Bonington Playing Fields.

**SIX NATIONS RUGBY** The remainder of the England matches from the Six Nations Rugby Championship will be shown in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall on the following dates -

7th March England v Wales : 4.45pm      14th March Italy v England : 4.45pm

**BETH CLARKE and FAMILY** would like to thank everyone for their condolence messages, prayers and practical help after Frank's recent death. The support has been a great comfort to the whole family. Thank you again.

**SUTTON BONINGTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY's** first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> when Andrew Knighton's subject is *Mints of Nottingham and Derby*. For over two hundred years, from the late Anglo-Saxon period through to the end of the Normans, more than seventy towns in England were permitted to strike coins in the King's name. Two of these towns were Nottingham and Derby. This talk gives an illustrated outline of the history of minting coins in both cities and the moneyers (minters) responsible for overseeing the output. On Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> there will be the A.G.M, followed by Bob Trubshaw's talk - *Little-Known Leicestershire and Rutland*. The legends and stories associated with standing stones, medieval crosses, holy wells and other unexpected survivals of days gone by which can be discovered in various places in Leicestershire and Rutland. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Schoolroom, Main Street and visitors are very welcome (£3 including coffee).

**LUNCH CLUB** Ladies and gentlemen, remember that a lunch club is held at the Village Hall in Sutton Bonington on the second Thursday of each month. The next dates are 12<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April. All senior citizens from Sutton Bonington, Normanton-on-Soar and surrounding villages are welcome or if you have retired early and want to join us please do. Cost is £3 for our two-course meal, which includes tea or coffee from 11.30am with lunch being served at midday. For more details contact Sue James (673460). Before the event, why not try one of our favourite recipes?

### ***SELF-SAUCING CHOCOLATE PUDDING***

#### ***Ingredients***

100g butter, 250g self-raising flour, 140g castor sugar, 50g cocoa,  
One teaspoon baking powder, three eggs, 50ml milk, 100g broken squares of milk  
chocolate.

Sauce - 200g muscovado sugar, 25g cocoa.

#### ***Method***

Put flour, cocoa, baking powder and a pinch of salt in a bowl.

Whisk eggs, melted butter and milk together and add to dry ingredients. Mix until smooth.

Stir in chocolate chunks and put mix in an ovenproof dish.

Mix 300ml-boiling water with sugar and cocoa for sauce. Pour over batter.

Place on middle shelf in oven at 180c for approx 30 mins until it looks firm on top. The finished pudding will have a delicious chocolate sauce when served. Try it with cream!

***SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW 2019***  
**TOTAL DONATIONS TO CHARITIES : £9500**

*Nottingham Breast Institute : £1500*  
*Nottinghamshire Community First Responders : £1500*  
*Clic Sargent Teenager Cancer : £1000*  
*Sustainable Sutton Bonington : £750*  
*Bowel Screening Research : £500*  
*Prostate Cancer Research : £500*  
*Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance : £500*  
*Loughborough Cancer Self-Help Group : £500*  
*Marie Curie : £500*  
*Mayor of Rushcliffe's Charity : £500*  
*Nottingham Airport Cadets : £500*  
*Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes : £400*  
*Sutton Bonington Lunch Club : £350*  
*Sutton Bonington Bowls Club : £250*  
*Sutton Bonington Playgroup : £250*

**AT KINGSTON-on-SOAR VILLAGE HALL** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March you can see LOOMA, a fabulous band from Leicester that plays acoustic roots and folk music from the swamps of Louisiana to the Swedish midnight sun – and everything in-between! The band brings together folk, blues, cajun, bluegrass as well as original songs. Looma mixes energy, strong vocals and amazing foot-tapping tunes – an evening you won't want to miss! Every penny raised at this event will go towards renovating the Village Hall, adding a new kitchen, bar and toilets. Adults £8, students £7.50. For tickets 'phone Nicole Elders on 07758 947384 or e-mail [nicole.e.elders@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.e.elders@gmail.com).

**SOAR VALLEY BUS TRIPS**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Boundary Mill, Grantham  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Newark  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Stamford Market  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Peterborough  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Tour of three garden centres Ibstock and Tamworth  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Stratford-upon-Avon

To book a place please telephone 01509 672778 or visit [www.soarvalleybus.co.uk](http://www.soarvalleybus.co.uk)

**LADIES' WALKING GROUP** will be meeting on the mornings of 10th March for a three and 3/4 mile stroll around Old Dalby; 27th March for a four mile trek around Hickling Basin; 15th April for a four and a half mile walk along Gotham Heritage Trail and 29th April for a four and a half mile course through Foremark and Ingleby. The group meet beforehand at a location near Normanton for car sharing or you can meet the group at the starting point. For exact meeting times, starting locations and contacts please see the website - [www.normanton-on-soar.co.uk/ladies-walking-group](http://www.normanton-on-soar.co.uk/ladies-walking-group).

**NORMANTON ON SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION** On Monday 24th March at 8.00pm in The Plough, Chris Dimelow will be giving a talk, including slides, entitled *Just a Packet of Crisps*. There will be no charge to members but Chris supports the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation which is the world's leading charitable funder of type 1 diabetes research, funding research into a cure, treatments and prevention of the condition. Any donations to the charity on the evening will be much appreciated.

On Monday 27th April at 8.00pm, also in The Plough, Bill Pemberton's talk is entitled *The Leicester and Swannington Railway Today; A Photographic Journey Along This Historic Line*.

**QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES** The regular monthly Julian Meetings at St. James church, Normanton-on-Soar, encourage each of us in the practice of contemplative prayer. Julian of Norwich's writings encourage us to be still, silent and receptive in God's presence, trusting Him to make Himself known to us. After a brief introduction our times together are based on the simple idea of spending at least half an hour in silence, waiting on God, and are open to anyone who would like to come. You can find more information on the website: [www.thejulianmeetings.net](http://www.thejulianmeetings.net) or contact Sue Archbold ([sue.archbold@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.archbold@btinternet.com) or phone 842341) or Carolyn Brock ([carolynbrock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynbrock@yahoo.co.uk)) The next meeting is 31st March from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

**EASTER LILIES AT ST JAMES CHURCH** On Easter Sunday, we place lilies in the church to remember those who are no longer with us. If you would like us to remember your loved ones at our service you may like to make a donation to Anne Lawes and advise her of the name(s) you wish to be mentioned.

**ST JAMES CHURCH APCM** The church's annual parishioners' meetings will take place on Sunday 5th April in St. James church, Normanton-on-Soar, at 10:15am, immediately after our 9:30am service of Morning Prayer for Palm Sunday with the Village Choir. Everyone is welcome so do come along and learn what we have achieved in 2019 as well as news of the exciting refurbishment plans we have for this year and how you can help! The meeting lasts for about thirty to forty minutes with tea/coffee served to all those who are there.

**ST MICHAEL'S with ST ANNE'S CHURCH FETE** will be held in the lovely grounds of The Hall on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> by kind permission of Claire and Edward Elton.

**ST JAMES CHURCH – COTTON BAGS AND TEA TOWELS** Some cotton bags and tea towels have been made, using a new church logo designed by Simon Barrington. These items could make ideal presents! They are available at the back of the church – the cotton bags are £5 each and the tea towels £3.

**ST. JAMES CHURCH EASTER ARRANGEMENTS** All are welcome to join us at St. James church, Normanton-on-Soar for our Easter services:

- Good Friday Meditation (10th April) – 2.00pm with Rev. Glenn Martin
- Easter Sunday (12th April) – 9:30am Easter Day service of Holy Communion with Rev. Michael Knight

**QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES - TAIZÉ SERVICE** A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities and new beginnings. As winter's icy grip becomes a memory, please join us for a Taizé service at the beautiful church of St. James, Normanton-on-Soar on Tuesday 28th April at 6:30pm. Terry Tyers will lead the service

**NORMANTON ON SOAR VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** The village is joining up with Sutton Bonington for a day of song and dance to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day and full details of the events in Normanton-on-Soar are on the flyer enclosed with this issue of the Village News. Posters and further information will be displayed around both villages and available in Sutton Bonington News. Please contact Sue Ponting with any queries (844088). Please note that tickets for both the Senior Citizens' Tea Party and the Victory Dance *cannot be bought at the door. They must be purchased in advance.*

**BURNS NIGHT** Many thanks to all who supported the Burns Night at Brian and Sue Archbold's home. With cash donations and donations of food and drink, including Gift Aid, we raised the magnificent sum of £875 for the St. James Church Refurbishment Appeal. We have also received an anonymous Gift Aid donation of £1000 so the first improvement you will notice will be the new curtains to be installed in the church very soon.

**COMMUNITY SHOP** The Normanton-on-Soar store is a small, well-stocked shop run by a group of volunteers, many of whom are not village residents but who offer their invaluable help. As well as selling a wide range of products, the community store, located behind the Village Hall, serves refreshments and is a regular stop for cycling and walking parties as well as many visitors to Normanton. Alongside this, the shop acts as a general meeting place for small groups with shared interests including a weekly Scrabble match held on Monday afternoons. Volunteers are always needed, particularly around holiday times. If you could spare an hour here and there please call 01509 646464 or pop along to the shop and have a chat and a cuppa! (Opening hours: Monday to Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm.)

**SUTTON BONINGTON AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB** welcomes new adult members. We have lots to offer beginners, returners, intermediates up to first team standard. We have club sessions for all levels on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday afternoons, plus indoor and outdoor teams in the Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire leagues. Join us for our open evenings to find out more, to meet us and to play on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, both from 6.30pm. We had a fantastic Ceilidh in Normanton Village Hall in February and the band - Charlie's Ant - was great. Many thanks to all who helped, especially James and Margaret.

Good luck to all the players representing Sutton Bonington in April in the annual *Wooden Spoon* competition against Kegworth tennis club. It was so close last year! For any further information, especially regarding membership or our open evenings, please contact Rod 07785 263152

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** The theme for this year's service is *Rise, Take Your Mat and Walk* and has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in Sutton Bonington Baptist Church.

**THANKS** Many thanks to all who contributed to the charitable collections taken at the Christmas services at St Michael's and St Anne's. Thanks to this generosity it was possible to send £139 to *Children in Distress*, £199 to *Rainbows*, £163 to *Framework Housing Association* and £107 to *Shelter*.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** Mothering Sunday will be celebrated with a service of Family Communion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am in St Anne's church. Babies and children of all ages are most welcome. During the service the children will receive cards and posies to give to their mothers or carers and after the service there will be coffee, squash and traditional simnel cake for everyone.

**EASTER AT ST MICHAEL'S** Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> is Easter Day and will be celebrated at St Michael's church with a service of Holy Communion at 11.00am. The Paschal candle will be blessed and lit and there will be an *Easter Egg Hunt* during the last hymn for primary school and younger children.

**ST MICHAEL'S AND ST ANNE'S AGM** will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April in St Michael's after the morning service. Everyone who lives in the parish is entitled to vote for the churchwardens but only members of the church electoral roll are entitled to vote in the second part of the meeting.

**LENT COURSE** will be from February 25<sup>th</sup> and continuing weekly between 2.00pm and 3.15pm until April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Baptist Church lounge. This is a *Churches Together* event and the first and last meetings will be led by Sutton Bonington's new Methodist Minister, Dennis Smith. We begin on Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and refreshments will be served each week. We are considering how Jesus' words on the cross might inspire us to reach out to those facing loneliness. All are welcome, whether committed to a church or just wanting to find out more. The course is free of charge but you are welcome to make a small donation at any or all of the sessions.

**PALM SUNDAY** falls on 5<sup>th</sup> April when all the churches will join together to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. We shall meet at Sutton Bonington Primary School at 11.00am, process, with a break at Pasture Lane, to St Michael's Church, arriving at about 11.30am where a short service will be followed by coffee, squash and biscuits. As amenable donkeys are in short supply, our parade will be led by Starry the pony. Crosses made from palm leaves will be available for everyone.

### **SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

***The Crossing Point*** is a fortnightly event from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Baptist Church lounge – coffee, cake, chat and chill. The dates for March are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with those for April to be confirmed. This is an opportunity to develop inter-generational relationships. There will be a craft table, a “help with your homework” table, and older participants will be happy to hear children read.

***Little Seeds*** Sowing the seeds of music and stories into little lives. For babies and pre-school children on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00am and 11.15am. Dates for April to be confirmed.

***Mother's Day*** Join us from 9.15am until 10.15am for a Mothering Sunday breakfast in a café-style setting. All are welcome to stay on afterwards for a short all-age service starting at 10.30am.

***Palm Sunday Parade*** A joint churches' event starting at 11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and proceeding from Sutton Bonington Primary School to St. Michael's church. There will be no morning service in the Baptist Church.

***Good Friday*** At 7.45pm on 10<sup>th</sup> April there will be a reflective communion service, including the reading from scripture of the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion

***Easter Day*** Family Service at 10.30am which will include storytelling, activities and songs (traditional and contemporary) to celebrate the resurrection and the life changing hope it brings to our world.

***A special week of prayer*** begins on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Contact John Hebblethwaite via the website if you have something that you would like the church family to pray about. Also look out for Facebook posts on *I Love Sutton Bonington*.

### **DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

Sutton Bonington Primary School PTA : £30 Horticultural Society : £30

United Choir : £20 Ladies' Walking Group : £10

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE** please to Arnold Goodwin (674563) Christine Elliott (844045) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. ***This will cover events for the months of May and June.*** Our e-mail address is [villnews@yahoo.com](mailto:villnews@yahoo.com)

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

Regular weekday events in the churches (subject to variation at festivals). These are sponsored or organised by the churches mentioned but all are welcome to attend.

### Monday

- 11.00am 1st Monday Holy Communion at Swan Court. (Methodist, but all welcome)
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at St. Michael's  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at St. Winifred's

### Tuesday

- 9.45am Mothers and Toddlers (Baptist)
- 7.00pm Choir Practice (St. Anne's)
- 7.45pm Rock Solid for school years 7-9 (Baptist)

### Wednesday

- 9.30am Prayer Book Holy Communion St. Anne's
- 10.30am Coffee Break (alternate weeks – Baptist Church Lounge)
- 7.30pm International Student Bible Fellowship (Baptist)
- 8.00pm The Hub for school years 10-13 (Baptist)

### Thursday

- 1.30pm (fortnightly) Mosaic group for international women (Baptist)
- 8.00pm Fellowship, Bible study and Prayer (Baptist)

### Friday

- 9.30am Mothers & Toddlers (Baptist)
- 2.15pm United Choir (Methodist)

### Saturday

- 6.00pm Holy Mass (Our Lady of the Angels)

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

### ***Anglican***

#### ***St Michael with St. Anne, Sutton Bonington***

11.00am Morning Service in St Michael's (Please see church noticeboards for variations)

#### ***St James', Normanton-on-Soar***

9.30am Morning Prayer on First Sunday.

Holy Communion on second, third and fourth Sundays.

#### ***St Winifred's, Kingston-on-Soar***

6.00pm Evening Prayer on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

11.00am *All Age* service followed by short communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

11.00am Morning Prayer 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

11.00am Holy Communion 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

NB Please see Parish Lines for details of the Cluster Services held on the fifth Sunday

### ***Methodist Church***

10.30am Morning Service (Please see church notice board/Parish Lines for variations)

.Minister Rev. Dennis Smith (01332 863894)

### ***Baptist Church***

10.30am Morning Service with crèche, junior church and teenager groups

6.15pm Evening Service

Pastor: John Hebblethwaite (672889)

Website: [sbbaptist.org.uk](http://sbbaptist.org.uk)

### ***Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church, East Leake***

Priest: Father Michael Williams (01509 852147).

Visit our parish website on [www.eastleakeandkeyworthrcp.co.uk](http://www.eastleakeandkeyworthrcp.co.uk)

Saturday 6.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 11.00am Holy Mass

Masses during the week are at different times. Please ring Father Williams for further information. Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 11.15 – 12.00 or at any time by previous arrangement with the parish priest.