

## Sutton Bonington

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# VILLAGE NEWS

*July and August 2020*

*WE'D LIKE TO MARK THIS SECOND ISSUE OF THE LOCKDOWN WITH A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THOSE IN THE VILLAGE WHO HAVE HELPED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. THOSE EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED.*

**GARDEN WALKABOUT** As we will not be able to visit the gardens in person this year we are planning to hold an on-line event. Details will soon be available on our *FaceBook* page.

**GALLOPING GOURMET : SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.** With over three months to go before the event we are very hopeful that we'll be able to find a format that is safe, and still fun, for all. Please hold Saturday 19th September and if you would like to sign up as a host or have any questions, please contact Liz on [lizbudgen@gmail.com](mailto:lizbudgen@gmail.com) or Richard on [richardshore6@gmail.com](mailto:richardshore6@gmail.com).

**SUTTON BONINGTON AND NORMANTON CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** This year's appeal has raised a fantastic £2755 (at the time of writing – there is still time to donate!). Thank you so much to everyone who has given so generously via the *Just Giving* page - [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sb-normanton-christianaidweek](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sb-normanton-christianaidweek) - the response has been amazing. All our usual village fundraising events had to be postponed just at the time Christian Aid desperately needed funds to help some of the world's poorest communities cope with coronavirus. So we are very grateful to everyone who donated. A big thank you, too, to everyone who supported the two plant stalls in Normanton which raised no less than £485 - way beyond expectations. Special thanks to those green-fingered people who donated the wonderful plants for people to buy, to those who placed donations in the "honesty boxes" and to Beth Cumming who 'planted' the idea in the first place!

**PLAYSCHEME** Based on advice from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the running of Playschemes during the coronavirus pandemic, it is with great disappointment that the committee has decided that this year's Summer Holiday Playscheme will not take place. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

**SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW** In the interests of the safety of everyone involved, the committee has taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's show in the light of the coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your ongoing support and we hope to see you in 2021, on which we will now focus our efforts.

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**SUTTON BONINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB** is looking for new players and volunteers for the 2020/21 season. Players must be 16 or over. The club has two teams – one plays in the Leicestershire Senior League, the other in the Leicestershire County League. If you are interested please contact Patrick Hood on 07508 326009, e-mail Stu Brown - [Stu@suttonbonington.com](mailto:Stu@suttonbonington.com) - or visit our website [www.suttonbonington.com](http://www.suttonbonington.com). We currently train on Wednesdays between 6.00pm and 8.00pm and play matches on Saturdays as well as midweek.

**LUNCH CLUB** Unfortunately, no good news. We'll still be unable to gather in large groups for quite a while so, short of some kind of miracle, the boat trip in August is unlikely. However, keep your fingers crossed! If it doesn't happen this year we'll postpone it until next. Let's now look forward to September when, hopefully, we can get back together. Mark the date on your calendar. See you then - unless we get the go ahead to meet up before.

**SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** welcomes Julie McMullen-Kerr as its new chair and Duncan Bembridge as vice-chair. Julie and her family have lived in the village since 2003 and Duncan and his family for almost ten years. Julie's contact details are 01509 674843 : 07810 880274 : [CllrMcMullen-Kerr@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:CllrMcMullen-Kerr@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk) and Duncan's 07900 344702 : [CllrBembridge@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:CllrBembridge@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk). After many years of significant contributions to the village, the council bids farewell to Nigel Scrivin who has recently resigned. We wish him all the very best and thank him for his commitment. The council is continuing, as usual, via virtual meetings using *Zoom* in which all members of the public are invited to participate. The council will continue to review planning applications and submit queries/objections where appropriate. Councillors will ensure continued mowing of the village's communal grassed areas and that all contractors maintain social distancing. It's been great to see everyone pulling together and here's hoping that better times are not too far away! The parish clerk, Helen Chadwick, can be contacted on 07827 785836 or [clerk@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**SUTTON BONINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL** Since the lockdown began, the school has remained open to children of key-worker parents. Head Teacher, Lee Shilton, has, unfortunately, had reports of several parents (and children) having been seen on the school site during recent weeks – in the school grounds and on the play apparatus. Mr Shilton has actually seen two youths on bikes one evening when he was working late but they had vanished by the time he investigated. This is not only dangerous, due to possible transmission of the virus, but illegal, as it is trespassing on private property. A lock is now in place on the pedestrian entrance and signage will follow as a reminder for members of the community. The police have been contacted and have asked to be contacted again should trespassing recur. Although times are difficult for everyone, please remember that this is a private site and should not be used in this way. If you see any individuals on the school site or are concerned in any way about these matters please contact the school (phone number is on the school sign in front of the main entrance). Your co-operation is appreciated.

**ST MICHAEL'S AND ST ANNE'S CHURCHES** There is some talk about churches re-opening, but this won't be until July. However, churches may be unlocked for private prayer before that, so keep an eye on the notice boards. We have tried to keep the parish in touch with the church's seasons and festivals with displays outside St Anne's and in St Michael's porch. We hope they have been of interest and a comfort in the knowledge that the churches are still here and prayer goes on.

### **SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

*(www.sbbapist.org.uk or Facebook page (SBBC – Sutton Bonington Baptist Church))*

**Online Services** We might not be able to meet in our usual way but if you would like to join our online services, do get in touch via the contact page of our website or via our Facebook page and we'll send you the details. It's really easy to join (on your tablet or computer) so please do get in touch and join us next Sunday.

**Catch up service** Please feel free to request YouTube links to watch the recordings of previous live services. We will continue to livestream when small numbers are allowed to enter the church building for worship. If you missed receiving a copy of our *Springs* magazine at Easter do look on *I Love Sutton Bonington* or contact us via the webpage.

We are also continuing to run some children's work including **Little Seeds** (music, dance, songs and stories for families with toddlers and pre-school children). **ASK club** is also able to provide online stories, activities and crafts for pre-schoolers and younger primary-age children. Please see our Facebook page as above.

We are also running **Youth Work**. Revelation (age 11-15) meets at 7.00pm on Sundays and Tuesdays. SB Youth (16-18yrs) is also continuing to meet.

Both our UK and international students' groups continue to meet online. Please get in touch with Karen Gray (UK students) or Val Owens (international) via our website or Facebook page if you would like more information.

**Online Alpha Course** Looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening? This lockdown period is the perfect opportunity to ask big questions. Does God exist? Where is God in the midst of this crisis? Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a place to ask the big questions of life from the comfort of your sofa. Connect with others online to explore faith together.

By the time you receive this we will have already begun our first six-week course. However do enquire if you would like to join a future course or join a catch-up group (this may be possible)! Each week we are watching a short film which explores life and faith, followed by space to chat with others in a small breakout group. If you would like to do *Alpha* with a friend you can be in the same breakout group for discussion Just let us know! Contact [sbbcalpha@outlook.com](mailto:sbbcalpha@outlook.com), send us a message on Facebook or look on our website (address above) for more information.

**NORMANTON ON SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION** At the time of writing the 15th July and 11th August meetings (BBQ/Treasure Hunt and Petanque) will NOT go ahead but, if circumstances change and the guidelines allow, the events will be reinstated and publicised as widely as possible.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** Sorry, ladies, but we're still under restrictions and unable to meet at the moment. All being well, things may be different by September when hopefully, we'll be able to meet if allowed. I'll keep you in touch with anything new that happens. If you are not a member of our local WI, which covers all local areas, and you would like more information about activities and meetings, contact Sue James 673460

**QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES** The monthly Julian Group meetings at St James are continuing *virtually* each month, providing peace and quiet and time to be still in our busy world. The next planned date is 28<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. Carolyn and Sue e-mail the group before the date with poems, prayer and music so that they can be used at home as you wish and, perhaps, at the allotted hour! It has been interesting to note how many references there have been in recent times to Julian of Norwich who put herself in social isolation centuries ago. If you wish to join this group and receive the monthly e-mails, please contact [sue.archbold@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.archbold@btinternet.com) or [carolynmbrock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynmbrock@yahoo.co.uk).

**NORMANTON ON SOAR COMMUNITY SHOP** The shop will remain closed for the time being. Sincere apologies to all our loyal customers for the inconvenience this may cause.

**ST JAMES CHURCH, NORMANTON ON SOAR** Sadly, we are still unable to open the church but we will let you know as soon as we can use it again. In the meantime, while people are most welcome to use the churchyard for their daily walk or quiet reflection and prayer, we do ask that you keep at least two metres apart from others who may be doing the same thing. Please do look at the noticeboard by the roadside which includes regularly updated information. While the church is closed, we are sending out a weekly *In Touch* e-newsletter. If you'd like to receive this please contact Brian Archbold ([brian.archbold2@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.archbold2@btinternet.com)) and he will be happy to put your name on the mailing list. The Rev. Tim Parker's online services at 10.00am and 6.00pm every Sunday from East Leake continue to be popular and you can listen at the time or catch up on previous services by visiting [www.eastleakechurch.org](http://www.eastleakechurch.org). If you cannot do either of these things we may be able to get a copy on DVD or audio CD. If you'd like this, please let us know. Tim is also writing a weekly newssheet, St Mary's Weekly, which can be downloaded from the same website by clicking on *COVID-19 RESOURCES* and then *ST MARY'S WEEKLY*.

If you would like prayers said for anyone, Claire Cole and Sue James are continuing to do this, on behalf of us all, for those in need. If you would like prayers said for anyone, you can e-mail them to [coleclaire29@gmail.com](mailto:coleclaire29@gmail.com) or [hedley.james@btinternet.com](mailto:hedley.james@btinternet.com)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE** please to Arnold Goodwin (674563) Christine Elliott (844045) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. *This will cover events for the months of September and October.* Our e-mail address is [villnews@yahoo.com](mailto:villnews@yahoo.com).