

Sutton Bonington

Normanton on Soar

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VILLAGE NEWS

January and February 2021

A MESSAGE FROM LEE SHILTON, SB PRIMARY SCHOOL I hope all the readers of the Village News are well, given that this has been a year like no other! However, despite this, the efforts of the children, staff and parents in the community has been incredible. As head teacher at this amazing school I am so proud of all their efforts. At Sutton Bonington, we have five core values - *honesty, kindness, respect, curiosity and resilience* and each half-term we focus on one of these values and draw out and celebrate children who achieve in that area. This half-term, the focus was *curiosity* and here are some examples: In Year 3, the children have been researching a variety of Egyptian gods and goddesses and presenting their information in fact-files. The children in Reception have been following their own interests during their child-led play. They have set up their own ice-cream parlour and enjoyed junk-model making and undertaking some fantastic writing linked to the fairy-tale 'Cinderella'. In Year 4, the children have been learning about the Romans and they had an excellent Roman day which involved the teacher dressing up in a Roman toga and carrying out a range of fun activities to learn more about this fascinating topic. The school has also focused on *Anti-Bullying Week*, been involved in a *Primary Maths Challenge* and planted a wide variety of new trees in conjunction with *The Big Climate Fightback*. I sincerely hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and that we all stay safe and well in this new year!

SUTTON BONINGTON PLAYGROUP Our amazing tea towels have arrived!! A huge thanks to *Any Wear Embroidery* for doing such a fabulous job of making them for us. We have a limited supply available and will be delivering them to the village. If you would like to order - £9.99 each - please contact us on 07977 545702 or e-mail info@suttonboningtonplaygroup.org

All proceeds will be going to our local playgroup charity to try and renovate the playground for our children. We have really missed our fundraising this year and hope this can help us to make a difference. Thanks for your support.

PRODUCE BARROW Happy to report that, last year, despite the death of plum trees and not many vegetables being available, patrons of the *Apple/Produce Barrow* managed to donate £123.49 to Cancer Research UK. Thank you all.

JIM JOHNSON Maureen, Richard and Nicola Johnson would like to thank friends and neighbours in Sutton Bonington for their help and consideration during Jim's last weeks and Rev. Michael Brock for conducting his funeral service. Also, many thanks for the donations given in his memory which were very much appreciated.

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Park Lane Proposed Development. As you may know, a proposal is being progressed in respect of housing on Park Lane at the south end of the village. You may also have caught sight of a ground survey which the agents for Paget Estate, the landowners, tell us will help with initial development ideas. The land was designated for housing in the now adopted *Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2* in October 2019 with the potential for eighty houses, thirty per cent of which are designated as affordable.

The Parish Council has recently been talking to the Paget Estate's agents with the aim of contributing to the design and formation of plans for the site at as early a stage as possible to help achieve a sensitive, well-planned site which integrates well with the village. The council's own thoughts and ideas have been expanded by others from village residents and further contributions would be extremely welcome. **However, please note that this isn't about whether or not the land should be developed. That argument has been lost, or won, depending on your point of view.** Here are some initial thoughts and ideas on the table at the moment.

- A sustainable, well thought-out and spacious development with affordable homes as required by the planning designation.
- Landscaping strips surrounding the site on all sides
- Business units/start up units.
- Something for the community, possibly for teenagers (skate park has been mentioned), and possibly the playgroup.
- Following consultation, East Leake Medical Centre is satisfied with the current facility but would like to be kept informed of progress.
- Is there anything the school would like to see?
- More bungalows for the elderly
- Rental properties
- At the entrance to the site, something to help reduce vehicle speeds along Park Lane

Please appreciate that the Parish Council can only try to influence what happens. We are a consultee and have been assured we will be listened to. Ultimately, however, it will be the Paget Estate and the Rushcliffe planners who make the decisions. If you would like to respond or to make a comment please e-mail one of the following people:

Kevin Jackson - cllrjackson@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Clerk - clerk@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (continued)

Flood Working Party- Update

Over the past few months there has been some movement on supporting the village with its flooding issues. The parish council has paid for three of the main ditches in the village to be cleared, a process which will be repeated annually. Although a grant has been secured to facilitate the purchase of additional equipment such as sandbags for emergency use (please ensure these are returned so others can use them in the future!) the council would encourage those whose home is prone to flooding to purchase their own sandbags to protect their property.

A delayed virtual meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council was held in December to discuss the situation in the village and what more can be done to support us. A big *thank you* to Duncan Collings who has volunteered to be the Village Flood Warden, training for which he'll be having soon. He can be contacted on **07946 872319** if there is a flood and sandbags are required. If you would like to be a volunteer with the emergency flood team please contact councillor Sam Collings - cllrcollings@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Please see the table on page 4 of this issue (also on the parish council website) for further information in the event of a flood. Both Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council can deliver sandbags in an emergency which will be prioritised for the vulnerable who are unable to help themselves. *Please note that the Environment Agency does not deliver sandbags.* Nottinghamshire County Council encourages residents to self-help and source their own flood protection measures if they know they are in area at risk. Please call 0300 500 8080 Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm. Out of hours number - 01253 502776.

Council meeting dates for 2021

All meetings are currently taking place via *Zoom* but, if and when this changes, they'll return to the Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Monday 11 th January	Monday 1 st February
Monday 1 st March	Monday 12 th April
Monday 10 th May	Monday 7 th June
Monday 5 th July	Monday 6 th September
Monday 4 th October	Monday 1 st November
Monday 6 th December	

Useful Contact numbers	
Rushcliffe Borough Council	
Rushcliffe customer contact centre	0115 981 9911 Monday to Thursday 8.30am-5pm Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Rushcliffe Out of hours emergencies	0115 981 1143
Nottinghamshire County Council	
Nottinghamshire County Council Customer Service centre	0300 500 8080 Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm
Nottinghamshire County Council Out of hours Highway emergencies	01253 502776 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm to 8am Monday to Friday • weekends • Bank Holidays Emergencies could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • streetlight with exposed wires • tree fallen in the road • flooding
Report a road, blocked drain, path, lighting or cycleway problem	On line at http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/report-road-problem
Severn Trent Water For reporting instances of sewer Flooding/ sewage in flood water etc	0800 783 4444
Weather alerts of rain	Sign up for weather alerts by email at http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/
Loss of utilities emergencies	
WATER Severn Trent Water	Emergencies (24hrs) 0800 783 4444

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S We are planning to continue with Sunday morning services at St Michael's at 11.00am throughout January and February, except for January 17th when we shall join with the Baptist and Methodist congregation on *Zoom* at 10.30am to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Other services may have to be cancelled if there are further lockdowns. The Archdeacon is due to take the service and preach on January 31st. We very much hope this will go ahead as we are looking forward to talking to him about our interregnum.

ST ANNE'S CHURCH St Anne's Church is not open to visitors. However there is a Prayer Book Communion Service there every Wednesday morning at 9.30am. This will continue during Tier 3 restrictions, but not during Lockdown!

ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th. We plan to start Lent with a service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am. This will be done safely within Covid restrictions.

THANK YOU! To all those who kindly sent donations to St Michael's and St Anne's to help with the shortfall on fundraising events and to support our two beautiful, historic churches. We have raised £1375 plus Gift Aid which is a tremendous help. If anyone else would like to contribute, please deliver to Beth Clarke, 16 Gables Lea, in an envelope clearly marked *St Michael's and St Anne's Fund Raising*. Cheques payable to *St Michael's with St Anne's PCC*. Many thanks again.

SUTTON BONINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Sunday 17th January at 10.30am A *Churches Together* service on *Zoom* for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Rev. Dennis Smith (our Methodist Minister) will be preaching. We will be praying for each other's churches during our time of worship.

Churches Together Lent Course We are exploring the possibility of doing a Lent course via *Zoom*, beginning on 16th February - Shrove Tuesday - at 2.00pm. However, *Zoom* doesn't stretch to making pancakes so, unfortunately, if you fancy some it's bring your own! All are welcome whether you are committed to a church or just wanting to find out more.

QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES : A JULIAN GROUP The regular monthly *Julian Meetings* at St. James church encourage the practice of contemplative prayer. 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 or e-mail sue.archbold@btinternet.com (842341) or carolynmbrock@yahoo.co.uk. In view of COVID-19 restrictions we are not physically meeting together but spending quiet time together in our own individual homes with meditations shared via e-mail beforehand. The next quiet time will be on Tuesday 23rd February at 6:30pm. On a board in the church, some of the meditations and poems we have used are available to read.

NORMANTON ON SOAR COMMUNITY SHOP is now open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm. We are urgently looking for more volunteers and would appreciate any help that can be given to keep the shop going for the community. To find out more please contact Sheila (01509 646093).

QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES : TAIZÉ SERVICE : 26th JANUARY Please join us for a Taizé-style service at the beautiful church of St. James, Normanton on Tuesday 26th January at 6:30pm, led by Sue Archbold. This is a quiet contemplative service with lovely Taizé music, readings and prayers. All are welcome.

SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Online The compact chapel makes it impossible to accommodate our total congregation given the Covid guidelines. So we continue to find creative ways of connecting and worshipping on *Zoom* each Sunday at 10.30am. Music is recorded by members of the church and we have now generated a substantial playlist on *YouTube*. Other elements of the service, including prayers, preaching and storytelling, are live. Do give it a go – everyone is welcome. Contact us through our website for a *Zoom* link or to access our catch-up service on *YouTube*.

Week of prayer - 4th to 9th January If you have anybody or anything you would like us to pray for then do contact John via the website or at the church office (01509 673264). Or let Kathy have your prayer request (she will post on *I Love Sutton Bonington* in January).

Rock Solid A fun-filled, Covid-safe youth club for years 7-9 meeting every Tuesday night at the Baptist Church between 7.45pm & 9.00pm. New friends, discussions, games and lots of laughs, If you're interested please contact Brian Beach - 07747 697006. We'd be delighted to see you.

Revelation A Sunday evening meeting currently doing *Youth Alpha*, for secondary-age young people at 5.30pm.. Please contact David Drury via our website for further details.

Student and international student events continue online or in socially-distanced groups of six or less.

SOAR VALLEY U3A will be holding its next general meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 26th January. The meeting will be held on *Zoom* and open to members only. The guest speaker will be John Todd with a talk entitled *The worrying state of the NHS*. Soar Valley U3A (University of the Third Age) provides relaxed learning and leisure activities for retired people in the area. For more information, phone Membership Secretary Marilyn Wood (07812 913807) or visit our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/soar-valley>.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES 2020 Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2020 collection box donation for the Children's Society. We have raised £544.40 - £200 more than last year, partly because in this 'coinless' Covid year, people have generously put notes into their boxes! Our Children's Society Regional Manager writes: "Thanks to you, we are able to stay in touch with children isolated by the lockdown, to let them know things will be okay and able to get food to families with no source of income. It's a big difference you're making and it's hard to overstate how much everyone here appreciates what you do." We would love to hear from you if you're interested in getting involved. In Normanton on Soar please contact Gill Hilsdon - gill.hilsdon@btinternet.com (842520) and in Sutton Bonington, Margaret Bishop margibish1@gmail.com (672662).

FLOODING ISSUES IN NORMANTON-on-SOAR Nottinghamshire County Council has been looking at ways of reducing the risk of flooding in the Far Lane / Moor Lane / Main Street area for a number of years now and, despite a number of hurdles, has identified a proposal that will help improve the situation. A key contributor to the problem is a Severn Trent Water sewer that is completely blocked and non-operational and as such we have been working closely with Severn Trent to agree a way forward. Nottinghamshire County Council cannot carry out works on a Severn Trent Water sewer. This can only be done by Severn Trent Water or their contractors. Nottinghamshire County Council and Severn Trent Water propose to clear the blockage and create an open ditch along Main Street towards the Boat Club. We remain focused on working with Severn Trent Water to reduce the risk of future flooding in the area. As well as a financial contribution towards the scheme, our officers have spent many hours working on it. We can do no more than we have already. We understand that the work is to be completed in this financial year. Thank you. David Smith on behalf of Normanton-on-Soar Parish Council

N-o-S ENVIRONMENT GROUP NEWSLETTER The Normanton-on-Soar Parish Council's Environment Group is currently welcoming contributions from village residents and visitors for their e-mail newsletter which includes photographs, stories and ways to enjoy and support the village's plants and animals. If you would like to receive a copy or contribute an image, wildlife sighting, article idea or 'think piece,' please do get in touch and e-mail nos.environment@gmail.com.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST JAMES, NORMANTON-on-SOAR Sadly, we were unable to hold a service in November but we invited members of our village to watch the service being broadcast on-line from East Leake. Prior to the service, Rev. Tim Parker came to St James church and filmed Glenn Martin reading the roll of those who had lost their lives in the two World Wars. This was most appropriate as Glenn and Lindsey live in Ev and Mary Sketchley's old house - Ev used to read the roll for many years. Instead of the usual collection for the Royal British Legion and Combat Stress people kindly made donations in a basket in the church or direct to the church's bank account. Donations of £72.50 were sent to each organisation (slightly more than last year), for which we have received grateful thanks.

ST JAMES CHURCH IS OPEN The church reopened for services on Sunday 6th December – a service of Morning Prayer for Advent led by Jan Bonser. The following week, 13th December, we held *A Christmas Celebration: Comfort & Joy* led by the Rev. Canon Michael Knight and involving, as usual, the Soar Boating Club and other village organisations. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were not able to sing carols but the congregation listened to beautiful Christmas music and readings. During the service a presentation was made to the Carpenter's Arms and Judith Spence, Executive Director, spoke movingly about the work they are doing with homeless people. The church remains open daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm. When visiting please note that on each side of the porch there is a *Test & Trace QR* code so, if you have the app on your phone, you can easily log your attendance. Please don't forget to use the sanitiser, wear your mask, and keep your distance. If you've visited the church and later suspect that you may have COVID-19 please phone Brian Archbold (07850 414158).

SPECIAL SERVICE AT ST JAMES – SUNDAY 31st JANUARY We will be pleased to welcome the Venerable Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, to take a service of Holy Communion at St James church, Normanton, on Sunday 31st January at 9:30am. It will be good to welcome him to St James for his first visit. He will then go on to take a service at St Michael's church, Sutton Bonington.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE Unfortunately, Sue Ponting's much-loved Christmas Fayre couldn't happen this year so, instead, Jennie Austen and John Mather made a lovely display of Christmas decorations and people were invited to take whatever they wanted and make a donation to the church. At the time of writing this has raised over £80 and we are most grateful to Jennie and John for this innovative idea.

ST JAMES CHURCH – CHARITY OF THE YEAR Each year, St James church nominates a local charity to support and, over the last nineteen years, more than £12,000 has been donated to different organisations. In 2020, the charity was The Carpenter's Arms, a Christian abstinence-based residential programme for people aged 18-65 and challenged with homelessness due to an addictive lifestyle. They have come to see that Christian principles are intrinsic to recovery from addiction. While no applicants or residents need to be Christian there is a requirement to respect the Christian ethos. We have been regularly providing groceries and, at the annual Village and Boat Club Carol Service, we were able to present a cheque to Judith Spence (Executive Director) together with 12 Christmas gifts for the male residents and 12 gifts for those staying in the newly-opened Women's Centre. If anyone has any nominations for a charity to support in 2021, they can be given to Peter Tyers or Brian Archbold

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563) Christine Elliott (844045) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 1st February. ***This will over events for the months of March and April.*** Our e-mail address is villnews@yahoo.com.