

**Sutton Bonington**

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# VILLAGE NEWS

*July and August 2021*

**FINLAY ELLIOTT** Sally-Anne, Colin and Archie; Lynda and Stewart (Snowy); Beryl and David and the extended family would like to say *Thank You* to everyone in the village for their support and messages of sympathy following the sudden and tragic death of Finlay. With very special thanks to all those who helped out at the time and the emergency services.

**SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW** After much deliberation the decision has been made to cancel the 2021 Show. The decision, not taken lightly, has been made to protect all involved and to safeguard future shows. Hopefully by 2022 we will be in a much better situation to plan with confidence. We look forward to everyone's support in the future.

**NORMANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Captain Sir Tom Moore 100 Challenge**

Over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the year 6 boys met Captain Tom's challenge and washed over one hundred cars. They raised the fantastic amount of £720 for the charity appeal. Thanks to everyone who came to support them and to those who made cakes to sell on the day. Well done to Brodie, Caleb, Lucas, Reuben and Scott. On 20<sup>th</sup> February, Evan Foulger, from year 3, cycled 100 km in honour of Captain Tom. He raised over £1000 and donated the funds to *Little Hearts Matter*, a charity which supports children born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome.

**THE KINGSTON-ON-SOAR BEER FESTIVAL** is back for a third year over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September. There will be at least fifteen real ales available, all from top, local breweries and gravity-served direct from the cask. In addition, there will be at least three locally-produced ciders. This is a family-friendly event with profits going to support more events in the community.

*Friday Evening.* Beer festival preview and bar night.

*Saturday 12.00 noon until late.* Free entry 'til 4.00pm. Live music in the evening from Lincoln-based *Relentless Rockabilly*.

*Sunday 1pm until 5pm.* Family day, tea, coffee and cakes as well as the beer festival.

## **SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The *Biodiversity and Climate Crisis Working Party* continues its work and is pleased to say that the four hundred trees and shrubs gifted by *The Woodland Trust* are now planted. It was good to have so many people turn out from the community to help with that - thank you! Also, grateful thanks to everyone who has helped with initial removal of the plastic surrounds and stakes from the trees in Diamond Wood. There's a very large number still to move, so please keep an eye open for further dates on which this will be organised. Details will appear on the parish council website and social media or please e-mail [greeningsuttonbonington@gmail.com](mailto:greeningsuttonbonington@gmail.com) for updates.

The working party is delighted to welcome Chloe Payne as a work experience volunteer for her Level 3 Countryside and Environmental Management course. As well as being part of the group, generally, some specific projects that Chloe is already working on are hedgehogs, bats and tree preservation orders.

Below is the link for information regarding *Reducing Carbon Emissions Around The Home* from Marches Energy Agency.

*<http://www.everybodys-talking.org/climatefactsheet#home>*

## **NORMANTON-on-SOAR PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

*Aircraft Noise Disturbance* Over the last few months Normanton Parish Council has received several complaints about disturbance from aircraft noise, which is most obvious during the early hours. We ask that you report aircraft noise disturbance directly to East Midlands Airport by telephone using their automated complaint line - 0845 108 8540 - or by e-mail [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:community@eastmidlandsairport.com), or by completing the noise complaints form at this link *East Midlands Airport Noise Complaints Form* ([emsbk.com](http://emsbk.com)) where you will need details of dates and times of the aircraft causing the disturbance.

*Dog Mess on Jubilee Field* It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is a lot of dog mess on the Jubilee Playing Fields which is not being cleaned up by dog owners. While most owners are caring, responsible people, there are still some who do not clean up after their pets. Dog mess in parks, footpaths and children's playgrounds is not only unsightly and anti-social but the faeces can present a health issue, potentially leading to serious illnesses including blindness. Please use the bins provided!

*My wife said we'd have less arguments if I wasn't so pedantic. I said "I think you mean fewer".*

*Preposition : an enormously versatile part of grammar as in:  
"What made you pick up this book I didn't want to be read to out of up for?"  
(Winston Churchill)*

**GALLOPING GOURMET** We are hopeful that the annual Sutton Bonington charity fundraiser will be going ahead on the evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Plans will be reviewed in early August and tickets will go on sale soon after. We still need a couple of hosts so if you're able to help please contact Lizzie Budgen on [lizbudgen@gmail.com](mailto:lizbudgen@gmail.com) or 07799 435032 or Richard Shore [richardshore6@gmail.com](mailto:richardshore6@gmail.com).

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH** will continue to be open every day for visitors and private prayer with Covid secure restrictions until these are lifted. Sunday morning services will continue to be held at 11.00am in St Michael's for the foreseeable future.

**ST ANNE'S CHURCH** will continue to be open for services of Prayer Book Holy Communion at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings but will remain locked during the rest of the week until restrictions are lifted.

**ST MICHAEL'S and ST ANNE'S CHURCH CLEANING** As time goes by, the number of church cleaners is gradually diminishing and the Parochial Church Council wondered whether anyone in the village would like to help out by joining the rota. Cleaning 'turns' come round four times a year so if you feel you could spare some time to contribute it would be much appreciated. Please contact Beth Clarke - 672110.

**NORMANTON-on-SOAR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** Ladies, please highlight 6<sup>th</sup> July in your diary as the date when we'll finally be able to meet again in Normanton Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm. The speaker subject is *Designs for the Disabled* which should be very interesting. If you are not a member but would like to come along as a guest please contact Sue - 673460.

**SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB** Tennis is back and because adult club nights are so well attended we now include Thursday evenings. How fantastic! If you just want to turn up and play with equally keen and friendly club members you are very welcome. Junior coaching sessions are also well-attended and we are keen to make tennis accessible for all young players. Do contact us if you want to play or join the coaching team. We're looking forward to some special occasions this summer so keep an eye open for our open events in July. Also watch this space as we are upgrading some of our facilities. Exciting times ahead! Many thanks for all the hard work by the club's committee, helpers, coaches and all the members.

**NORMANTON-on-SOAR COMMUNITY SHOP** is now open - initially part-time - on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm. This will be reviewed weekly but we are ruled by Covid-19 regulations and the availability of volunteers. We welcome more volunteers and would appreciate any help that can be offered to keep the shop open to help our community. Any queries please contact Brian on 07785 926883.

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

**NORMANTON CHURCH FÊTE : DATE TO BE CONFIRMED** Although we don't yet know whether we'll be able to hold a fête this year and, if so, what form it will take, please highlight **2.00pm, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in your diary, just in case! The date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

**KINGSTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL** is delighted to announce two live and local shows for the summer, performed in Kingston-on-Soar Village Hall. Seating will be socially-distanced and we ask everyone to wear a mask on entry and when moving around the hall, except for those with a valid exemption.

**Saturday 24th July 7:30pm** *Rob Gee - Forget Me Not - The Alzheimer's Whodunnit*. A one-man murder mystery with a poignant twist. And a show that has won awards galore plus plenty of great feedback from its many tours to Village Halls. Jim's wife, a patient on a dementia ward, has died from what appears to be natural causes. Jim is a retired police detective and he smells a rat. He's determined to solve one last murder. The problem is he also has dementia. It's a case worthy of the greatest detective mind. But his will have to do.

★★★★★ 'Hilarious and heartbreaking' Victoria Times (Canada)

★★★★★ 'Remarkable.' Edmonton Sun (Canada)

★★★★★ 'A one-man triumph!' Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)

Adult £12 : Student £10. Tickets available: [ticketsource.co.uk/Kingston-on-Soar-parish-council](http://ticketsource.co.uk/Kingston-on-Soar-parish-council)

**Saturday 28th August 7:30pm** *Desert Island Flicks* features two female performers, full of charm and energy, who take the audience on a whistle-stop tour of the biggest blockbuster hits of the last eighty years including *The Sound of Music*, *The Dam Busters* and *Toy Story*. Familiar favorites will be re-imagined and given a quirky and often hilarious makeover. Somewhere between a dance performance, sketch show, a night at the movies and an epic game of charades, *Desert Island Flicks* shines a spotlight on life lessons learnt from the big screen, all set to a sensational soundtrack. From timeless classics to modern day marvels, the show celebrates how iconic characters and thrilling plot twists have captured imaginations the world over, bringing people together to laugh, cry and cheer along in a room full of strangers.

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**NORMANTON-on-SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION** Traditional Summer activities are back! The first one will be on the evening of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - a Treasure Hunt followed by a barbecue – which is open to all, including friends and families. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August the plan is a *Petanque Evening* including supper at a Barrow pub. At the time of writing, details of both events have to be finalised and will be published in local media nearer the time.

**SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH** : [www.sbbaptist.org.uk](http://www.sbbaptist.org.uk)

*Church Services.* At the time of writing, after a year on Zoom, the plan is to resume in-person morning services on 27<sup>th</sup> June with a special day at Normanton Village Hall. This will include a service at 10.30am followed by a picnic lunch, some games on the field and ending the day with a cream tea.

From the beginning of July the hope is to resume in-person Sunday morning services at 10.30am in the Baptist Church (next to the Post Office for newcomers). There will also be live-streaming for those who don't feel comfortable in a large group. Please visit the website if you require a link to join the live-stream. On 18<sup>th</sup> July the Baptist regional minister will be preaching at the morning service.

*Families and Youth Work.* Families work has begun to meet again in person. Please get in touch with Helen Ison via the website if you would like more information on the toddler music group - Little Seeds - or regarding Family Services (monthly on Sunday afternoon).

The Rock Solid youth club (Tuesday at 7.45pm for school years 7-9) and Revelation group (Sunday at 12.00pm for school years 7-12) have resumed meetings in the church building. Contact Brian Beach or David Drury through the website.

**QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES - TAIZÉ SERVICE** Current government guidelines do not allow singing in church but, hopefully, this will change soon - even by the time you read this, perhaps! Taizé services include some lovely Taizé music so, if we're unable to sing together, at recent services we've enjoyed having Suzanne with us as *cantor*. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence and relevant readings. There is no preaching. The style of prayer practised at Taizé has attracted many worshippers from around the globe and from many different denominations. You are very welcome to join us and the next Taizé service is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm.

*The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent full of doubt*  
(Bertrand Russell)

*Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.*  
(Oscar Wilde)

**NORMANTON-on-SOAR HARVEST FESTIVAL** As a rural community, it is good to celebrate Harvest Festival – to give thanks for all that is produced and to acknowledge all the hard work during the year by our local farmers. All are welcome to come along on at 5.00pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September in St James church for our Harvest Festival service.

**SOAR VALLEY U3A** will be holding its next general meeting in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Given current restrictions, the meeting will be held on *Zoom* and open to members only. The guest speaker will be Stephen Wells with a talk entitled *The Magic Circle and the Great Magicians*. Soar Valley U3A provides relaxed learning and leisure activities for retired people in our area. For more information contact Membership Secretary, Marilyn Wood - 07812 913807 - or search the website *Soar Valley U3A*.

**QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES : A JULIAN GROUP MEETING IN SILENCE WITH GOD** The monthly *Julian Group* meetings at St James church are continuing on the last Tuesday of each month (except in the months when we have a Taizé service), providing peace, quiet, and time to be still in our busy world. The next planned dates are at 6:30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> August, meeting safely and socially-distanced in St James church. Carolyn and Sue e-mail the group before the dates with poems, prayers, music on a theme so that we can use them at home if we wish and perhaps at the allotted hour! It has been interesting to note how much reference there has been to Julian of Norwich in recent times, who put herself in social isolation centuries ago. If you wish to join this group and receive the monthly e-mail, please e-mail [sue.archbold@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.archbold@btinternet.com) or [carolynbrock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynbrock@yahoo.co.uk).

**LUNCH CLUB** At last - good news everybody! From 8<sup>th</sup> July we can meet again in Sutton Bonington Village Hall for our lunch club where we will be doing everything necessary to keep you and the helpers safe. Remember, tea and coffee are available from 11:30 with lunch at midday. The price is £3 for two courses while tea and coffee is free. . If you are interested in joining us for lunch or if you feel you could help please contact Sue (673460). Our boat trip, postponed from last year, will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Names will be collected in July.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT** Once again we don't know whether we will be able to hold our popular Christmas Candlelit Concert at St James church, Normanton on Soar, at 7:30pm on Saturday 11th December and, if so, what form it will take. Please put the date in your diary and we will let you know further information nearer the time.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE** please to Arnold Goodwin (674563) Christine Elliott (844045) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 2<sup>nd</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).