

Sutton Bonington

Normanton on Soar

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VILLAGE NEWS

May and June 2022

GARDEN WALKABOUT You are invited to the *fortieth* Sutton Bonington and Kingston-on-Soar Garden Walkabout on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm on each day. By kind permission of their owners, it is a delight to have more than forty gardens open this year, particularly several new ones. Plants for sale, bric-a-brac stalls and a hand-made cake stall and tea and cakes will be available in several locations in both villages, including Sutton Bonington Village Hall. Programmes will be on sale from *Your Community Shop, Pasture Lane Stores, and Gallery 119* from early June. As usual, all proceeds go to Cancer Research UK.

SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB OPEN EVENING on Tuesday 26th April from 6.30 pm. Come and meet some of the members and play tennis. You can find out about our coaching sessions, team matches and social play. Membership runs from April so it is a great time to join ready for the summer. Family memberships are available too. Our fourth court is now resurfaced and looking good. A new logo is on the way too. Any queries please contact Ash (07940 920451) or Jo (07834 098436). Or simply roll up!

YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP Thank you to all those shareholders who attended the first Annual Meeting of *Your Community Shop* on Wednesday 9th March. Sincere apologies to those who would have liked to be there but couldn't because of space limitations. We will try to find a bigger venue next year! The members thanked the Standing Committee for its work in establishing the *Community Benefit Society* and successfully taking over the running of *Your Community Shop* on 18th October 2021.

ELECTION

Chair, Michael Symonds, and Treasurer, Janine Bone, were re-elected. Carey Evans has kindly taken on the Secretary's role and was joined on the committee by newly-elected members: Sheila Harrod, Jane Ginty, Nikki James, Hazel Howard, Ian Day and David Faulkner. **Please continue to use and support *Your Community Shop and Post Office* as every pound spent helps retain it in the village.**

SUTTON BONINGTON CRICKET CLUB is looking for new players for the 2022 season and would be delighted to hear from you if you're interested in joining. Please contact David Appleby (07855 934777) or Patrick Hood (07508 326009).

POP-IN FOR COFFEE at the Methodist Church every Monday between 09.30 and 12 noon. Join us for toast, teacakes, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend along!

SUTTON BONINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL : PTA EVENTS

Playground Renovation Community Day between 9.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 23rd April. Join together with the PTA and families of the school to clear, repair and clean the playground and help the school to look the best it can. Please contact theostavri@yahoo.co.uk or text 07796 205694 to let us know if you can help. There will be a job to suit everyone! Refreshments will be served.

Easter Treasure Hunt between Friday 1st and Monday 25th April. Follow our treasure trail around the village with 25 clues to solve. Trail clue sheets are £2 per family and on sale at *Your Community Shop and Post Office* and *Gallery 119* from 1st April, to be returned by 25th April. All correct answers will go into a prize draw.

The PTA will also be supporting *The Barking Mad Dog Show* on Sunday 5th June with a stall; the *Garden Walkabout* on Saturday 11th June (all profits to Cancer Research); *East Leake Carnival* on Saturday 25th June with a stall and *The Car Wash* on Saturday 16th July. Follow us on our Facebook page - *Sutton Bonington Primary School PTA*.

SB MUSIC has four unauditioned ensembles, all based at Sutton Bonington Campus - SB Symphony Orchestra (Sunday 1700-1900, upstairs in The Barn), SB Singers (Monday 1830-2000, upstairs in The Barn), SB Folk Band (Tuesday 1830-1930, Music Room) and SB Big Band (Thursday 1800-2000 Music Room). Rehearsals are open to everyone, both students and non-students. Rehearsals for all ensembles will continue throughout the summer so please come and join us! If you have any questions or would like more information please find us on Facebook at *SB Music Society* or e-mail us at sb-music@uonsu.com

*What do the donkeys on Blackpool beach have for their lunch..?
(answer at foot of page 10)*

VILLAGE HEALTH GROUP: DISTURBING NEWS! In complete contrast to the very well supported and positive consultation by the Village Health Group in Sutton Bonington Village Hall on 21st January (summarised in the last issue of the Village News) how very disturbing to hear that members of the Group's reception team have become the unfortunate victims of abuse from patients on a *daily basis*. In addition to the Sutton Bonington surgery, the Group has three others – East Leake, Keyworth and Ruddington – and details of the source(s) of this abuse have, perhaps fortunately, not been revealed. Details of the Group's policy towards this sort of thing can be found on its website. What a sad state of affairs, though, when the incidence of these events compels any organisation to draw attention to them.

SB FEST is back and bigger than ever! We cannot wait to welcome you to Sutton Bonington Campus on Sunday 8th May for a day of music, food, science, beer and art between 3.00pm and 11.00pm. As always, the *SB Farmers' Market* will provide tasty treats to help keep you fuelled through the fun-filled day. Student societies will be providing exciting activities for you to have a go at and we will be welcoming *BB Falconry Experiences* who are bringing some of their feathered friends for you to meet. Back by popular demand is the *Dog Show* and our various music acts will keep you tapping your toes throughout the day. Sound like fun? Follow us on Facebook *@SBFestUoN* and Instagram *@SBFest* to keep up to date with the latest information and keep your eyes peeled for some competitions too! Tickets are £5 per person with under-12s free and all proceeds this year will be donated to LOROS and the Stroke Association.

NORMANTON-ON-SOAR CHAIN FERRY The 2022 ferry season is now open. Run entirely by volunteers, it operates at weekends only until the end of September. Come along and enjoy a leisurely trip across the beautiful River Soar. For directions look out for the brown signs on the Normanton side of the river or, from the Hathern side, face the church spire and walk fifty yards to the right.

Operating hours are 10.00am to 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday. The fare is £1 per person per crossing. Bicycles and dogs are 50p each. Weekday group bookings on request.

We welcome new volunteers! If you are interested, please message via the Facebook page *Chain Ferry - Normanton-on-Soar* or contact Mike (842362).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is back, with lots of fund-raising events in both Sutton Bonington and Normanton-on-Soar to help some of the world's poorest communities.

Saturday 14th May *COFFEE MORNING* at the Methodist Church, Sutton Bonington between 10.00am and 12 noon.. Donations of books, cakes and plants are very welcome - please contact Pam Waters re cakes (672633) and Sylvia Holt re plants (672025) or just bring along your contribution.

Saturday 14th May *GALLOPING GOURMET* from 7.00pm. Three delicious courses at three different homes. A great way to meet people and make new friends! Tickets are £55 for two people and available from *Your Community Shop and Post Office* and *Pasture Lane Stores*. Contact Richard (*richardshore6@gmail.com*) or Lizzie (*lizbudgen@gmail.com*) for more information.

Sunday 15th May *BREAKFAST CAFÉ* between 08.30am and 10.00am at Sutton Bonington Baptist Church. Start your day with freshly-brewed coffee, croissants, bacon rolls and vegetarian sausages. All very welcome to join us for a delicious breakfast and good company.

Sunday 15th May *UNITED CHURCHES SERVICE* at 10.30am in the Methodist Church, Sutton Bonington. Find out more about the work of Christian Aid at this family-friendly service led by Alan Brady.

Sunday 15th - Saturday 21st May *A RANGE OF TOMATO AND CUCUMBER PLANTS*, as well as bedding plants, will be available outside Maggie Warren's home on Park Lane, Sutton Bonington.

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May *THE CHRISTIAN AID PLANT SALE* is being held again this year following the success of last year's Normanton-on-Soar bring-and-buy plant sale which raised £470. It will be at Barry and Gill Hilsdon's (opposite the school on Main Street, Normanton) during the week following Christian Aid Week. Please start cultivating cuttings and seedlings so that you can donate to the stall and, hopefully, purchase something to add to your garden collection!

Sunday 15th - Saturday 21st May *HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION*. Our volunteers will be distributing Christian Aid week envelopes which can be returned to *Your Community Shop and Post Office* in Sutton Bonington, the *Community Shop* in Normanton or by post to Christian Aid. Alternatively you can donate at our online giving page <https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/sutton-bonington-and-normanton-on-soar-christian-aid-week-2022> (or use the QR code at the foot of page 11 of this issue).

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NO MOW MAY

The council invites you to join people all over the country in saying 'No' to lawn mowing this May and create a wild space in your garden. *No Mow May* is a movement that encourages people to leave their lawns to grow naturally during the month of May rather than mowing them. It also encourages councils and businesses to let parks, road verges, common areas, etc. go wild.

To share the benefits, download a free *No Mow May* poster which is available from the plant life website - <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>.

You can take part in *Every Flower Counts* survey, which is used to see how many bees can be supported by UK lawns. This can be accessed here: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/frequently-asked-questions/>.

If you want to get involved in *No Mow May* but do not want to leave all your garden wild for the entire month or are unable to do so for space, safety, or other reasons then you can still take part in the survey.

SUTTON BONINGTON PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK LIGHTS The parish council has instructed a contractor to carry out the repair or replacement of the lights at the Playing Field Car Park. It is hoped that the work will be completed within the next month.

SUTTON BONINGTON CRICKET CLUB is running a ***100-Club*** to help raise funds towards replacement of our ageing practice nets. A number costs £20 and there will be six, monthly draws during the cricket season - April to September. Prize money will be confirmed once we know exact numbers but we hope it will be between £50 - £100 with a final prize around £150 - £200. If anyone is interested in joining our club, we are always keen for new players to join our friendly village club aimed at all ages and abilities so if you are interested or would like more information contact Patrick Hood (07508 326009) or Richard Wells (07967 589877). Patrick is often available at Pasture Lane Stores.

SUTTON BONINGTON SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme will take place from Monday 1st - Friday 5th August and Monday 8th - Friday 12th August between 10.00am and 12 noon at the Sutton Bonington Playing Field.

THE METHODIST CHURCH'S *Afternoon Tea* continues to be held in Sutton Bonington Village Hall. Do come along for sandwiches, cake and chat on Thursday 26th May and Thursday 23rd June between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR COMMUNITY SHOP A shortage of volunteers means that the shop is open only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm. If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week and would like to help, please call during opening hours or contact the shop - 646464. A loyalty scheme has also now been introduced. Buy eight coffees and get a ninth one free!

NORMANTON-ON-SOAR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE'S Annual General Meeting will be on 3rd May with bingo and chat after the business. The speaker at the meeting on 7th June will be telling us *The Secrets of the Kennedys*. All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome and your first one is free! Come and join our varied group.

LUNCH CLUB is back in Sutton Bonington Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. We are a very friendly bunch and anyone who joins us will be made very welcome. The Hall is open from 11.30am for tea or coffee with lunch served at mid-day. The price is still £3. Please come and join us or, if you possibly can, offer your services as a helper. The next dates are 12th May, 9th June and 14th July. Please ring Sue James for further details (673460) or the special event on 2nd June (see next paragraph).

LUNCH CLUB - JUBILEE CELEBRATION Our regular lunch dates appear above but, on Thursday 2nd June, we have a special *Jubilee Tea* event in Sutton Bonington Village Hall. Anyone who's not a regular diner can contact Sue (673460) to book a place for this *free tea* with live entertainment all afternoon - 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Wear red, white and blue please!

OUR LADY OF ALL ANGELS, EAST LEAKE The time for the Vigil Mass has returned to 6.00pm on Saturday at East Leake and 11.00am on Sunday at Keyworth.

NORMANTON'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS On Saturday 4th June, we will be celebrating the Jubilee in the field alongside Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. Starting at 5.00pm and continuing until late, there will be a marquee with a band and a singer and disco later on. There will be a licensed bar and complimentary tea and coffee will be served as well as barbecued burgers at £2.50 each. Also, please feel free to bring along your own picnic. Matt Barney, our Nottinghamshire County Councillor, will lead a toast to the Queen, with a complimentary glass of bubbly and a slice of Jubilee Cake made by the Women's Institute. You are invited to wear fancy dress from the 1950s onwards. Although this is optional (!) there will be a prize for the best-dressed on the day. Tickets for this *ticket-only event* will be available from Normanton-on-Soar Community Shop at £10 per adult, children under-12 free. They will be on sale nearer the time on a first-come, first-served basis. Other villages from the Soar Valley area are also welcome.

SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW is on Sunday 4th September on the Sutton Bonington Playing Field. Entertainment will be jousting from the Knights of Nottingham and Titan. There will be many and varied craft and trade stalls along with lots of other exhibits and demonstrations.

VILLAGE SHOW CAFE VOLUNTEERS The show raises thousands each year for charity and all monies from the cafe contribute to this. We need more volunteers, please, so, if you can spare time on the day to serve drinks and food or if you can help on the Saturday morning before to make sandwiches or set up the room this would be very much appreciated. If you are not able to do that, could you make a cake (or two!)? Please contact Sue (673460 or sueliljames@yahoo.com) if you can help in any way. It would make a great deal of difference if we get a few more helpers. Thanks so much.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SUTTON BONINGTON Sunday morning services at 11.00am will move from St Anne's to St Michael's for the summer and autumn.

THE CHURCH FETE will be held in the lovely grounds of The Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 10th July by kind permission of Claire and Edward Elton. Dogs on leads are always welcome and this year we hope to have a show for them so please bring them along. Stalls, sideshows, live music and teas in the Orangery. All proceeds will go to St Michael's and St Anne's churches.

THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW AND FUR AND FEATHER MARQUEE

looks forward to continued support at Sutton Bonington Show and hopes for a large number of entries. The schedule for exhibits in the Horticultural Show, which is open to all residents of Sutton Bonington, Kingston-on-Soar, Normanton-on-Soar, Ratcliffe-on-Soar, West Leake and Zouch is now available from *Your Community Shop and Post Office*. It can also be found on *Facebook* and has been e-mailed to all members of the Horticultural Society. If you have any questions please contact Colin Blackshaw (672144). For those keen to get ahead, the painting or drawing (Class 75) is a *Portrait of a Person*. Photography (Class 76) is *Water*. The photographs (Class 77) are *Seasonal Flowers*, being four photographs mounted on one piece of card. The children's Class 82 - up to and including eleven years of age – is a photograph of *Trees*. All the usual classes are there so get sewing, growing, baking and making ready for September!

QUIET SPACES - JULIAN GROUP AND TAIZÉ The next *Julian Group* meetings will be on 26th April and 24th May at 6.30pm. All are welcome to these contemplative groups. 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). The next Taizé-style service is planned for Tuesday 28th June at 6.30pm.

UKRAINE SERVICES St James has held a couple of short, thirty-minute services to think about the situation in Ukraine, with music, readings and prayers. To remember those in Ukraine, we have a candle burning each day in the front area of the church

NORMANTON-on-SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION will be playing croquet on the afternoon of Monday 30th May in the field alongside Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. No experience is necessary but it would help if you could let us know in advance if you will be joining us. Please contact Neil Blythe (843825). On the evening of Monday 27th June, we will be flat green bowling at Sutton Bonington Bowls Club. No experience necessary. To join, please contact John Herrington (646240).

ST JAMES CHURCHYARD - CELEBRATING OUR WILDFLOWERS

Many thanks to the Normanton-on-Soar Environment Group for putting together plans for our churchyard last year. The design of the wildlife area is taking shape. Going forward, areas will be left unmown in specific 'meadow spaces,' during spring and summer. This way they will be able to flower and set seed. Since the 1930s, the UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows. The threat of biodiversity collapse, not to mention a third of our food requiring pollination by insects, means that working with wildlife is an important part of our future. We will be putting together an exhibition board in the church showing what plants to look out for.

THE CARPENTER'S ARMS has been really grateful for all the groceries and toiletries that have been donated. Many people are adding extra items to their supermarket shopping and this makes such a difference to the residents staying in the men's hostel. If you would like to donate items for The Carpenter's Arms, please put them in the baskets opposite the main door of St James church. At this time of rapidly rising prices, donations are even more welcome.

SOAR BOATING CLUB BIRTHDAY SERVICE will be at 11.00am on 5th June. This is, of course, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, so there are plenty of things happening such as the party at the Village Hall and, as the Soar Boating Club has decided to hold its usual Birthday Service as part of those celebrations, there will be no service at 9.30am on that day. All are welcome to join us at this service.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING AT ST JAMES was held on Sunday 3rd April. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was elected as follows: Brian Archbold (Churchwarden, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer and Deanery Synod Representative), Dr Sue Archbold (Chair of PCC), Dr Rob Caves, Sue James (Deanery Synod Representative), Peter Tyers (Churchwarden) and Dr Terry Tyers (Secretary of PCC). For a copy of St James church Annual Report for 2021 please e-mail Brian (brian.archbold2@btinternet.com). The church has been open daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm for private prayer and meditation. There is no further news of a new priest being appointed but the post has been advertised. Peter Tyers gave his report on the church fabric, with the new kitchen facilities now in use, and progress made on the storage facility. We are grateful for the donations we have received specifically for the church improvement fund, which enable us to look ahead in our planning.

SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH services continue both in person and on *Zoom* (10.30am). They are also available to catch up on *YouTube* and you are most welcome to join us by either route. Please contact us through our website if you would like to have the appropriate links. The following groups for babies, children and young people take place on Sunday morning at 10.45am. *Crèche* and *Roots and Shoots* for babies, toddlers and primary age children (including music, craft, games and bible stories). *Revelation* for secondary school age young people (a chance to socialise, play games, learn to read the bible and pray).

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Churches Together in Sutton Bonington will be holding an event on 5th June as part of the nationwide celebrations. Look out for more details/advertising nearer the time.

Christian Aid Breakfast Café Sunday 15th May between 8.30am and 10.00am. We look forward to opening our popular breakfast café again whilst raising funds for the work of Christian Aid.

Ukrainian Refugee Support If you are thinking about hosting a Ukrainian refugee or family we'd love to hear from you so that we can put you in touch with other hosts whom we know and all work together to offer the best possible support. Get in touch via www.sbbaptist.org.uk/contact. Thank you.

Other regular events currently include...

- Home Groups (alternate Thursdays)
- Little Seeds (a toddler music group on alternate Thursdays)
- Rock Solid (Tuesday evening youth club for school years 7-9)
- Student Life Group (Sunday evenings)
- International Students Bible Study (Wednesday evenings)
- SB Youth (for 16-18 year olds) – alternate Friday evenings featuring games, events, food and Bible study
- Coffee Break (alternate Wednesday mornings give a chance to enjoy refreshments and a short informal service in the lounge)

Do contact John Hebblethwaite via the website to find out more details about any of our services and regular events.

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SIMPLY WORSHIP : SUNDAY 29th MAY Where there are five Sundays in a month, we hold a Simply Worship service at St James church, Normanton, which is run by members of our congregation and includes music, readings and prayers – but no sermon! Our next one is on 29th May at 9.30am and all are welcome to join us.

SOAR VALLEY U3A will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 31st May in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. The guest speaker will be Mike Lister whose talk is entitled *All About Playing Cards*. Mike is a U3A member and will cover the history, mystery, and other interesting facts associated with the humble playing card. A table top display will show some of the cards discussed during the talk. Non-members who are retired are welcome to attend.

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 Marilyn Wood on 07812 913807 or visit our website by searching Soar Valley U3A.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563), Christine Elliott (844045), Penny Shuttleworth (672442) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 6th June. ***This will cover events for the months of July and August.*** Our e-mail address is villnews@yahoo.com

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SUTTON BONINGTON PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Free Tea Party in the Village Hall

Thursday 2nd June

2.30pm until 4.30pm

All Lunch Club diners guaranteed a place
If not a regular diner, you're welcome
Ring Sue James - 673460 - to book a place

Dance in the Village Hall

Friday 3rd June

7.30pm until 11.30pm

Bring your own food and drink
Tickets £5 (from *Your Community Shop*)
Includes celebratory glass of prosecco and cake
Singalong and live entertainment

Street parties

Have you organised yours?

Everyone get your bunting and flags out to celebrate this special occasion!!

For ideas or queries please contact:-

Sheila Harrod on 672507 or 07710 192447

Janet Burgess on 854172 or 07771 332581

Sunday 5th June 11.00am in St Michael's church, United Community Jubilee Service.

Face coverings much appreciated.

Followed by *Bring and Share Big Lunch* outside,
or bring individual picnic.

Enquiries to Beth Clarke - 672110