

Sutton Bonington

Normanton on Soar

Kingston on Soar

VILLAGE NEWS

September and October 2022

GARDEN WALKABOUT 2022 We are delighted to announce that the 40th Sutton Bonington and Kingston-On-Soar Garden Walkabout raised an amazing £9,285 for Cancer Research UK. A huge *THANK YOU* from Sutton Bonington Group of Friends of Cancer Research to all the gardeners, bakers, stall holders, programme sellers, tea servers and the many other volunteers as well as to everyone that came along and supported the event.

YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP The second Annual Members Meeting for *Your Community Shop* will take place at 7.00pm on Friday 23rd September in Sutton Bonington Village Hall. All shareholders are warmly invited and will hear about the first full year of trading as well as our future plans. A full agenda will be sent to shareholders in advance of the meeting so keep an eye on your email. Please continue to support *Sutton Bonington Community Shop and Post Office* as every pound spent helps to retain it in the village. ***Your Community Shop: Support Local.***

NORMANTON-on-SOAR CHAIN FERRY If you haven't been on the ferry this year there is still time – we operate every weekend until the end of September. It's a perfect activity for visitors, nature-lovers, dog-walkers, and cyclists! We can also do weekday/ out of season group bookings on request. Directions: From Normanton follow the brown signs, or from the Hathern side of the river look for the church spire. For news and further information please follow us on Facebook - search for ***Chain Ferry – Normanton on Soar.*** Operating hours are Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 4:30pm. The fare is £1 per person per crossing. Bicycles and dogs are 50p each.

SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW Due to Avian Flu we are unable to have the *Fur and Feather Marquee* this year. This is disappointing and we hope it will be back next year. If you can spare an hour or two to help at the show you will be very welcome - please contact Judith Franklin (07792 469311) or judefranklin@outlook.com.

CHURCH FETE Many thanks to everyone who supported the Church Fete. Unfortunately the Dog Show had to be cancelled because of the heat and attendance was down. However, we were pleased to make £1,892.50 (including sponsorship) for church funds and a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by everyone who was able to come.

ST MICHAEL'S HARVEST A Harvest Family Service will be held on Sunday 30th October at 11.00am in St Michael's church. We will be collecting food in tins and packets for The Friary in West Bridgford which helps local homeless and vulnerable families. Any donations of fresh food will be auctioned after the service for Water Aid. Gifts can be left in St Michael's (which is always open during the day) at any time during the previous week.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NOVEMBER A Remembrance Service will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 13th November in St Michael's church. A wreath will be laid at the War Memorial in St Anne's church at the Prayer Book Communion Service on Wednesday 9th November at 9.30am. A reminder that there are folders in both churches which give the stories behind the names on each memorial. We are hoping to have a Memorial Candle Lighting ceremony and also an Advent Fair in November - more details later. Enquiries to Beth Clarke (672110).

VILLAGE SHOW UNITED FAMILY and PARADE SERVICE will be held at 10.00am on Sunday 4th September in the Horticultural Society marquee on the Village Showground. If you attend this service you will have to pay the usual entrance fee but it will be refunded if you leave the showground within thirty minutes of the end of the service.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) WILLIAM DAVIS DEVELOPMENT

You may well know that the William Davis Park Lane development attracted a CIL payment from the developer totalling £846,000. The good news for the village is that fifteen per cent of this, £127,000, will be paid over the three-year construction period to the Parish Council for projects and community enhancements identified by the council. There is also the possibility of a further payment of £85,000 about which we are in close negotiations with Rushcliffe Borough Council to ensure it does come to the village rather than other projects in the borough. Perhaps not surprisingly, there are tight rules about how the money is spent (particularly the potential extra payment) so the working party set up by the Parish Council has been in touch with as many individuals, clubs and societies throughout the village as possible to ensure that we maximise the number of beneficiaries of these funds. A final draft list of those beneficiaries is as follows:

Sutton Bonington Parish Council – Village upkeep, repairs, and improvements.
(Flooding, Speed Signs, Defibrillators, Playground, Allotments, Noticeboards,
Bins, Benches, Pavilion and other village improvements)

Play Group : Playscheme : Toddler Group : Football Club
Cricket Club : Angling Club : Scouts & Guides : Biodiversity Group
Luncheon Club : Tennis Club : Village Hall : Bowls Club

If you have any questions about the community infrastructure levy (CIL) please contact Patrick Hood - CllrHood@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk

G. B. Shaw to Winston Churchill:

“I enclose two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend. If you have one”

Winston’s reply:

“Can’t make the first night but will be there for the second. If there is one”

SUTTON BONINGTON SURGERY

In recent years it's become clear that there is insufficient demand from patients in Sutton Bonington to justify the full general practice opening hours of 8.00am to 6.30pm. The Village Health Group is, therefore, looking at the possibility of changing the surgery's opening hours and will be seeking the views of patients ahead of making a formal request in support of this change. If you have obtained a copy of the Village Health Group's patient survey from one of their surgeries, received a text message or seen details on social media you may already have had the opportunity to say what you think about the proposed changes which are 8:00am – 1.00pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for planning and paying for healthcare in this region and their approval of any proposed changes is needed before anything can happen.

Why are these changes being suggested?

Records over the last four years show that there is insufficient demand in Sutton Bonington to support full opening hours of 8.00am to 6.30pm but this can be done within the shorter hours proposed and current staff levels. The main branch at East Leake will remain open between 8.00am and 6.30pm and you will still be able to telephone the practice to speak to reception and access GP services at the main site.

What happens if you can't access Sutton Bonington surgery in the new opening hours?

If a face-to-face appointment has been confirmed you will be able to visit the main surgery at East Leake on Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 6.30pm. Depending on the situation, you will continue to be offered telephone consultations if this is the best solution. If the change to opening times is approved, you will be notified of any changes in writing, via text message, website or social media updates. There will also be a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to outline the changes.

SOAR VALLEY U3A will be holding its next General Meeting in Normanton-on-Soar Normanton on Soar Village Hall at 2.00pm on 27th September. The guest speaker will be Tony Perkins whose subject is *Medieval Pilgrimages*. Pilgrimage was not possible for everyone and for those who did go it was often a once-in-a-lifetime event. This talk is intended to help us understand a medieval person's reasons for making these journeys and to see life through their eyes. 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'.

SUTTON BONINGTON MUSIC SOCIETY If you play an instrument, or sing, and would like to get to know other musicians in the area, please come and check out SB Music! We are a student-led society that runs four weekly ensembles from SB Campus. These are:

SB Singers - a fun and friendly choir suitable for all levels of experience. Every Monday 6:30-8:00. The Barn.

SB Orchestra - a group for orchestral instruments that plays a variety of genres Every Sundays 5:00-7:00. The Barn.

SB Folk Band - our instrumental folk group. Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30. The Music Room.

SB Big Band - our jazz group is open to all jazz band instruments. Every Thursday 6:30-8:30. The Music Room.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch via Facebook or contact Phoebe - svypl2@nottingham.ac.uk or 07552 778196. We would absolutely love to see some new members and are running taster sessions during the week commencing 26th September – complete with doughnuts and welcome introductions! What more could you ask for? (*Don't answer that*).

THE METHODIST CHURCH The *Afternoon Tea* event has now returned from the Village Hall to the Methodist church to which everyone is welcome. Do come along for sandwiches, cake and chat on *Thursday 22nd September and Thursday 27th October* between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

POP IN FOR COFFEE at The Methodist Church every Monday 9.30am 'til 12 noon. Join us for toast, teacakes, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend along

SUTTON BONINGTON SUMMER PLAYScheme will hold the AGM on Monday 12th September at 7.00pm in the Pavilion, Sutton Bonington Playing Field.

NORMANTON ON SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION will be going on a *Tram Pub Crawl* in Nottingham on Monday 26th September and on Monday 14th October will be visiting the Everards Beer Hall in Leicester. More details will be published in due course but for further information on both contact Simon Barrington (01509 844011).

LUNCH CLUB Please put the next dates in your diary – 8th September and 13th October. Everyone is welcome to join us for our wonderful two course meal. There is free tea or coffee served from 11:30 with lunch served at midday. The price is £3.50.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE RESIDENTS OF SWAN COURT!
Between 10.30am and 4.30pm on Saturday 29th October, the committee and residents of Swan Court (at the top of The Paddocks, Sutton Bonington) would like to invite you for coffee (or tea!) and cake and to view the unique tapestry (in the Common Room) which features many older properties in Sutton Bonington. The tapestry was created by local ladies for the occasion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. It will also be possible to view The Millenium Tapestry in St Anne's church which was also produced by many Sutton Bonington residents and depicts many organisations and houses in the village. Also on sale will be Christmas cards for Cancer Research UK.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM ST JAMES CHURCH

Sunday 13th November at 10:45 am – Remembrance Sunday service
Saturday 10th December at 7:30 pm – Candlelit Christmas Concert

METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE MORNING A warm welcome to everyone to come along to the annual coffee morning on *Saturday 1st October 10am - 12 noon*. There will be a cake stall as well as coffee, tea and biscuits. Proceeds to church funds.

SOAR BOATING CLUB BIRTHDAY SERVICE The Jubilee weekend seems a long time ago now but it was good to have such an excellent time together after the lockdowns over the last couple of years. The annual special service in St James church to celebrate the Soar Boating Club's 69th birthday was a great success and it was lovely that our former vicar, Rev. Glenn Martin, returned to lead this service. We were also delighted to welcome the Deputy Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Debbie Mason, who had been elected to this position only a couple of weeks before the event. The collection at the service was for St James church's Charity of the Year, *Wenlo Riding for the Disabled*. As usual, the church congregation was invited to the Boat Club for a buffet lunch after the service.

SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB held an American mixed tennis tournament for members on Saturday 23rd July which was enormous fun and very competitive. The final was between Ash, Henry Toni and Jo with congratulations to Henry and Jo!

This was followed by a barbecue for family, friends and anyone wanting to join us. We had music, a bouncy castle and games and our thanks go to everyone who helped make it a wonderful afternoon and evening - particularly Toni for co-ordinating everything, Stewart and Alastair for doing the barbecue and Amelia for the food. Thanks also for the raffle prize donations and well done to all the lucky winners. Our next event is a quiz to be held at the end of September

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Sutton Bonington Tennis Club's formation. It's a great club with its four recently upgraded floodlit courts so do join us on court or at one of our fundraising events. For any information please contact Jo - 07834 098436 or Ash - 07940 920451 who can help you with membership, booking a court, coaching or any queries you may have.

QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES – JULIAN GROUP, TAIZÉ SERVICE

The next service with lovely Taizé music will be held on Tuesday 27th September with the next *Julian Group* meeting in the chancel on Tuesday 25th October – both at 6:30pm. If you'd like your name put on the list to receive e-mails with the Julian meditation materials, please e-mail sue.archbold@btinternet.com. Everyone is welcome to these contemplative groups.

NORMANTON's BRING and BUY BOOK STALL : 2nd - 7th SEPTEMBER After the successful 'stand-alone' book stall last year to raise money for the St James church Improvement Fund, it is being held again this year from Friday 2nd until Wednesday 7th September - just prior to the church fête. It is at the same location on Main Street, Normanton, outside Gill and Barry's house directly opposite the school. Like the successful Christian Aid plant stall in May it will be on a bring-and-buy basis, with an honesty box for donations. So please start sorting out your bookshelves!

ST JAMES CHURCH FÊTE will be on Saturday 10th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please put these details in your diary! Ken Godfrey's Central Jazz Band has been invited to perform again, tea and cake will be served and there will be all the usual stalls plus some new ones! Cat Hilder is kindly having a stall for the village Primary School with games for the children. If you can help in any way at the fête, or have any new ideas, please have a word with Brian and Sue or any member of the Parochial Church Council. Any items for the raffle or tombola may be left with Brian and Sue at The Willows, Butt Lane or in the boxes in the church or the Village Shop. Plants and other produce will be most welcome together with items for the White Elephant stall. Please bring these to the churchyard on the morning of 10th September. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST JAMES CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday 25th September at 5.00pm, to which everyone is welcome. As a rural community it is good to celebrate harvest festival; to give thanks for all that is produced and to acknowledge the hard work during the year by our local farmers. This year the service will be led by our bishop, Rt. Rev. Paul Williams, who was appointed diocesan bishop in May 2015 with overall pastoral responsibility for our clergy and parishes of the diocese. Bishop Paul is married to Sarah and they have three sons. They are also foster carers and closely engaged in the wider issues relating to the care of looked-after children. His wider interests include various sports, especially cricket and football. He has eclectic musical tastes with a particular affection for jazz and blues. In June 2022, Bishop Paul took his seat in the House of Lords as one of the 26 Lords Spiritual. After the service, the congregation will be invited to stay for a glass of wine and canapés. As usual, the collection at our harvest festival service will be for our charity of the year - *Wenlo Riding for the Disabled*.

WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

Most areas of grassland are now used for agriculture or as well-maintained amenity grassland but creating colourful and diverse wildflower meadows can greatly improve the biodiversity and aesthetic of an area. Wildflower meadows are classified as an area of permanent grassland planted with wildflowers - a diverse mix of uncultivated flowers or flowers that grow without, or with limited, human intervention. There are many benefits to wildflower meadows including:

- High biodiversity rate – wildflower meadows have a wide range of different plants which creates a rich and diverse habitat.
- Supports pollinators – wildflower meadows encourage many different types of invertebrates including butterflies, bumble bees, moths, beetles, and hoverflies.
- Aesthetic – Wildflower meadows are usually full of different colours from both the plants and the insects which inhabit them, making for an eye-catching addition to a garden or public space.
- Low maintenance – when first creating your wildflower meadow you will have to prepare the soil, but after this initial preparation wildflower meadows require little management. Making them an ideal addition to a garden if you have little time or a large amount of space that could be hard to manage.
- Low cost – due to minimal maintenance needed, wildflower meadows are a low-cost option for gardening/landscaping.

You can create a wildflower meadow in your garden, starting with a small wildflower area. Before you plant your wildflowers, prepare the soil by turning the soil over to remove old growth and weeds. Beyond this, little maintenance is needed. Minimise mowing and see what grows! You can add additional seeds at a later date if you like. You can buy large selections of wildflowers from a variety of sellers; these can be collections of seeds or plug plants depending on what stage you want to grow from.

WILDFLOWER MEADOWS (continued)

<https://www.livemoor.co.uk/products/livemoor-wild-flower-meadow-seeds-help-save-the-uk-bee-population?variant=12776758181976>

<https://www.gowerflower.com/>

<https://www.meadowmania.co.uk/wild-flower-meadow/wild-flower-plants.htm>

Different species of flowers have different benefits, specifically in terms of the different species they attract. Cornflowers, for example, are summer blooming, colourful plants which are great for attracting bees while evening primrose is a good plant for attracting moths, specifically, sphinx moths. If you are planning on making your own wildflower with a specific target species in mind, I would suggest researching the best types of flowers for that species. You can easily find lists online for the best type of flowers for different species or lists of wildflowers and what they attract.

[https://www.countryliving.com/uk/homes-](https://www.countryliving.com/uk/homes-interiors/gardens/g35975865/bee-friendly-wildflowers/)

[interiors/gardens/g35975865/bee-friendly-wildflowers/](https://www.countryliving.com/uk/homes-interiors/gardens/g35975865/bee-friendly-wildflowers/)

<https://www.plantdelights.com/blogs/articles/butterfly-garden-plants-host-attract-butterflies>

<https://www.buzzaboutbees.net/wildflowers-and-natives.html>

The parish council would like to thank Connor Payne for this article.

If you jump off a bridge in Paris, you're in Seine

I got some batteries the other day. They were free of charge

With her marriage, she got a new name and address

(Yes, they can get worse...)

TARMAC DONATES STONE FOR COVID MEMORIAL


Residents of Sutton Bonington now have a dedicated space to remember those lost during the pandemic thanks to a donation of granite from Tarmac's Mountsorrel Quarry. A memorial stone has been installed at the entrance to the Playing Field which will serve as a lasting tribute to the many people who died from Covid-19. It is also a tribute to the scientists, NHS staff, carers, and key workers the country relied on throughout these challenging times. Sutton Bonington Parish Council approached Tarmac with a view to purchasing a large piece of granite to be the centre point of the memorial. However, the team at the quarry kindly felt that their *donating* the item would be more appropriate.

Sutton Bonington Parish Councillor Sheila Harrod said:

“On behalf of the council, I would like to thank Tarmac, for donating the granite, and English Rose, for providing the plaque, for their support with this project. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who kept the country going during the pandemic and this memorial is just one way of ensuring that we never forget the selfless service and sacrifice those people made. We also wanted to give the community a space to remember and pay tribute to those who unfortunately lost their lives during this time.”

Rob Lees, manager at Mountsorrel Quarry, said: “We are honoured to be able to support Sutton Bonington Parish Council with this project and pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the pandemic. We are also truly grateful to all the key workers and to those who worked tirelessly during this time to keep the country going. This is just a small way that we can show our appreciation.”

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563), Christine Elliott (844045), Penny Shuttleworth (672442) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 3rd October. ***This will cover events for the months of November and December.*** Our e-mail address is villnews@yahoo.com



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