

Sutton Bonington
Normanton-on-Soar

Kingston-on-Soar

VILLAGE NEWS

November and December 2022



A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All Our Readers!

SUTTON BONINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Bonfire and Fireworks Display : Saturday 5th November
Sutton Bonington Playing Fields

Gate opens : 5.45pm Bonfire Lit : 6.15pm Fireworks : 6.45pm



Adult - £6 : NUS - £5 : Under-16s - £4 : Pre-school children - Free

Tickets are strictly limited and only available from
SB Community Shop and Post Office, Pasture Lane Stores,
SB Gallery, 119 Main Street, SB Campus Sports Centre,
The Greengrocer and Bryers, East Leake
Soar Tackle, Kegworth

Alcohol and sparklers strictly prohibited

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE!

There will be food, hot drinks, refreshments, face painting, games and live music.
Cash only. Bring your own flashing toys - none on sale. If possible please walk or, if
driving, please see our *Facebook* page for parking and other details.
<https://www.facebook.com/SuttonBoningtonPrimarySchoolPTA/>

***We always welcome volunteers to help us on the day - please contact
Theo Stavri at theostavri@yahoo.co.uk***

SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB Summer may have passed but we still play all year round on our LED floodlit courts! We're continuing the popular Monday group coaching sessions (various age groups including adults - all standards welcome) plus two junior sessions every Saturday - 9.30-10.30am for under-9s and 10.30-11.30am 10+. Contact Jo (jo@10ant.net) for further information. There are also weekly social club evenings and plenty of opportunity for team tennis with lots of fixtures continuing through the winter. Contact Ash (ash.mace88@aol.com) or drop in on a Tuesday evening.

SOAR VALLEY U3A will be holding its next General Meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 29th November in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. The guest speaker is Jack Hibbert, Firefighter with Notts Fire and Rescue Service and ex-Royal Marine, who will be talking about the varied, often unknown, work of the fire and rescue service and fire safety in the home. 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 is getting busy! Our four-weekly ensembles are up and running and we welcome instrumentalists and singers of all abilities to our friendly rehearsals. For more information, e-mail Phoebe at svypl2@nottingham.ac.uk. Please come to our Christmas Concert on 3rd December at Sutton Bonington campus to see what we've been getting up to this autumn!

LUNCH CLUB The dates for the rest of this year are 13th October and 9th November. The Christmas party will be held on 8th December. *All you current diners, don't forget to spread the word!* Tell everyone how good the meals are and hopefully we will gain some new members to keep the group going and growing. The cost is still £3.50 for this year and the Christmas party will be £6. See you all there in the hall for lunch starting at midday, with tea or coffee served from 11:30. If you need any more information please contact Sue James (673460 or 07960 526114).

NORMANTON-on-SOAR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. The speaker on 1st November will be Philip Burley whose subject is *Puzzles Past and Present*. Visitors are very welcome to come, free of charge, to check us out before joining. For more information, please ring Sue James (673460 or 07960 526114).

SUTTON BONINGTON SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

had a wonderful two weeks at the beginning of the school holidays, with many craft activities, sports, balloon modelling, parachute games and much more. It was great to be back running it after not being able to do so in 2020 and 2021. The feedback from children and parents alike is that it is a fantastic provision. Numbers were a little lower than in previous years but they were still good. The scrapbook is now in Sutton Bonington library. To avoid disappointment next year, please make a note in your diary of *Monday 31st July to Friday 11th August*. We would love to see more of you there to enjoy all the activities that we have planned.

YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP Get ahead with your Christmas shopping at *Your Community Shop*. We have lots of new ranges of gifts and cards, perfect for family and friends. Many of our gifts and cards are unusual, sometimes locally produced and often not available on the High Street. We are hoping to host a Christmas social event exclusively for our shareholders so keep an eye on your e-mail for the invitation.

Thank you to all shareholders who attended the Annual Members' Meeting on 23rd September where the first year's accounts were approved. There was unanimous support for our endeavours to secure the long term future of *Your Community Shop* through a potential purchase of the premises. Please continue to support the shop and post office as every pound spent helps to retain it in the village. ***Your Community Shop: Support Local***

ONE RESIDENT'S CONCERN ABOUT THE SKYLINK BUS SERVICE...

Our bus service used to run every thirty minutes for most of the day, seven days a week from early morning until 11.00pm but gradual cuts in service provision, accompanied by steadily increasing fares, have resulted in a consistent undermining of what was a very convenient and useful service. The local bus is as important a part of our community as the post office, shop, library, churches and local groups and associations. It's also vital for local people to travel for shopping, school, and work, particularly in this age of increasing volumes of traffic and the dangers that go with it, not to mention concern about climate change and pollution.

This community has previously come together to maintain and support local services under threat such as our post office. If you don't already - please use and support your local bus services for the benefit of the whole community, particularly those who will be completely isolated without those services. You can also register your support for the bus service by writing to Trent Barton, the local MP, our borough and county councillor or the Parish Council.

...AND WHAT OUR LOCAL MP and COUNTY COUNCILLOR ARE DOING

Ruth Edwards says : 'Over the past month, I've received many e-mails from residents in Sutton Bonington who are concerned about Trent Barton's announcement that the Skylink Nottingham service would be suspended in October. Many people told me this service is vital for them to get to work, to hospital appointments and to see family. The announcement came out of the blue with no prior notice either to me or to County Councillor, Matt Barney. We both wrote immediately to Trent Barton, highlighting how the decision would affect local communities and requesting an urgent meeting.

'The County Council has now stepped in with funding to keep the service running for a further six months until the end of March 2023 while a full review into the service currently needed by Sutton Bonington takes place. Matt and I will continue to work with both Trent

Barton and the County Council to make sure all potential solutions, including an *on demand* service or collaboration with the university's service, are explored. I'm very thankful for any support the university can provide, as I am for the initiatives they have supported both in the village and in the rest of Rushcliffe.'

As you may have seen in her recent letter to each household, Ruth Edwards highlighted the fact that there are some big changes coming soon to the planning system which will affect communities across Rushcliffe. Planning is one of the top issues discussed with her and she is aware that many people in Sutton Bonington and the surrounding area are concerned about the extent of recent development.

You can let her know your thoughts on the planning system and housing through the planning survey on her website: ruthedwards.org.uk. You can also e-mail her directly at ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk or visit one of her surgeries.

She also writes 'On a recent visit to Sutton Bonington, Matt took me to see the collapsed wall at Marle Pit Hill. Following that, I wrote to Network Rail asking them to repair it as soon as possible and to commit to a timeframe for doing so. In their reply I was assured that the wall is due to be fixed by March 2023, although we are pushing for it to be done sooner. I was very pleased to hear the recent Village Show was such a success after the pandemic and I very much look forward to attending the next one!'

SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW It was good to see so many people back at the show this year. Huge thanks to the organisers, volunteers, all those who entered exhibits into the Horticultural Show and everyone who attended to help make it a success on the day. We hope to see you all again next year on Sunday 3rd September

SUTTON BONINGTON LIBRARY looks forward to welcoming you on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. In addition to borrowing books your library membership allows you to use our free computers and WiFi, as well as access to our A4 printing facilities (fees apply). For a small donation, tea and coffee is available – perfect for those chilly autumnal afternoons! There’s something for everyone here at the library, including an after-school Lego Club for children on Thursdays at 3.45 – 4.45pm. During opening hours, there’s an assortment of colouring, puzzles and toys for toddlers to enjoy. For our adults, we currently have two groups running on Tuesday afternoons. Crafty Chatter is a brilliant opportunity to bring your own projects to a friendly, helpful group. Coffee Club is a social group suitable for all with the opportunity to play games, complete paper puzzles, swap jigsaw puzzles or just sit and chat.

Upcoming dates:

Crafty Chatter – 1st November and 6th December – 2.00pm
Coffee Club – 15th November and 20th December – 2.00pm

Can’t get to the library? Or know someone who can’t? No worries! Our home delivery service can bring a selection of great books straight to your front door. Please get in touch if this is of interest. Call ***Ask Inspire*** on 01623 677200 for more information.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR MEN’S ASSOCIATION On Wednesday 30th November we will be playing long alley skittles at The Wheatsheaf, Thurcaston. For more details, please contact Neil Blythe (843825). On Friday 9th December we will be hosting our Christmas party, a joint event with the Soar Valley Boat Club in their clubhouse and open to friends and partners. Details have yet to be finalised so look out for announcements on Facebook and in The Loughborough Echo.

SUTTON BONINGTON HISTORY There are a variety of village history sources readily available. Both St Michael's and St Anne's churches are open every day and leaflets about the churches are on sale. If you'd like to explore further, many more details can be found at <http://southwellchurches.history.nottingham.ac.uk/main/index.php>.

Near to the War Memorials in each church are folders giving the stories behind the names of those who died, and in St Michael's church there is a collection of bound Deanery magazines from 1884 to 1901. There are five local history booklets for sale at the Community Shop/Post Office and at Gallery 119 or they can be viewed in the Village Hall Library which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm (see page 6). Also on view in the library are the twelve volumes of the *Millenium Book*. To mark the turn of the century, everyone who lived in the parish was invited to complete a page about their house/life/family and eighty per cent of the population did so, making a fascinating record of the village for future generations.

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!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Sunday 6th November at 4.30pm in St Anne's church. This is a short service which includes a time for family and friends to light a candle in memory of a loved one. This is for everyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or a long time ago. If you would like to come please contact Beth Clarke (672110 or frankandbeth91@gmail.com) with the name of the person being remembered so that it can be read out. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service. There will be no morning service this Sunday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY A service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 13th November at 10.45am in St Michael's church. There will be no restrictions on numbers this year and we hope to welcome a good number of our uniformed organisations who will parade their colours. The Methodist Minister, Rev. Dennis Smith, will lead the service.

WINTER CHURCH/SUMMER CHURCH On Sunday 20th November morning services will move from St Michael's to St Anne's until Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023.

METHODIST CHURCH Do come along for Afternoon Tea on *Thursday 24th November* and to the *Christmas Afternoon Tea* on *Thursday 15th December* between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Enjoy sandwiches, cake and chat. Everyone welcome.

ADVENT FAIR will be held in St Michael's church on Saturday 26th November from 10.30am to 1.00pm. There will be the usual stalls, sideshows, local Christmas cards and a warm welcome. The history of St Michael's church will be displayed with explanatory notices at points around the church. Entrance will be £2 for adults which will include a raffle ticket for a valuable prize! Mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine will be available, followed later by soup and bread rolls.

NINE LESSONS and CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT will be held in St Michael's church on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. There will be no morning service.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE held in aid of the Children's Society will be on Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm in St Michael's church. The Christingles, which are oranges holding candles and decorated with red ribbon, dried fruit and sweets, will be made in St Michael's church in the morning from 10.00am and everyone is most welcome to come and help. In the days before the service the children will be given candle-shaped tubes or envelopes in which to collect money for the Children's Society from family and friends. These will be available from Beth Clarke, the uniformed organisations or from St Michael's or St Anne's churches.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ST ANNE'S Blessing the Crib at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve, Midnight Communion at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and Family Service at 11.00am on Christmas Day.

HARVEST will be celebrated with a Family Service at St Michael's church on Sunday 30th October at 11.00am. Donations of food to decorate the church can be left in St Michael's at any time during the previous week. Tins and packets will be given to *The Friary* in West Bridgford and fresh produce will be auctioned after the service in support of *Water Aid*. If you want to donate to *Water Aid* but can't come to the service, donations can be delivered to Beth Clarke, 16 Gables Lea, in an envelope clearly marked **WATER AID** please.

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY On Wednesday 28th December the church remembers the children who were slaughtered by King Herod in his attempt to destroy the baby Jesus. On this day we remember children and babies who have died or been miscarried and candles will be available in St Michael's throughout the day to light in memory of our own innocents.

ST JAMES CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE will take place at 10:45am on Sunday 13th November. The service will be led by Rev. Canon Michael Knight and we are grateful that Glenn Martin has again agreed to read the Roll and the Act of Remembrance.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT We are delighted to be able to hold our popular Christmas Candlelit Concert at St James church, Normanton-on-Soar, at 7:30pm on Saturday 10th December. We have already had confirmation of availability from The Bridge Singers, Viola Calthrop-Owen (flute) and Neil and Jane Millensted (piano). Please put the date in your diary and we will let you have further information nearer the time.

QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES CHURCH The next *Quiet Time* will be held in the chancel on Tuesday 25th October and on Tuesday 22nd November - both at 6:30pm. If you'd like to be placed on the list for receiving e-mails with the monthly meditation materials, please e-mail sue.archbold@btinternet.com. All are welcome to these contemplative groups.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES On Sunday 11th December there will be *Comfort and Joy: a Christmas Celebration* at 4.00pm led by the Rev. Canon Michael Knight to which all are welcome. Following the success of our August Evening Prayer services with music and poetry and prayers, we will be holding a similar style service just before Christmas on Tuesday 20th December at 6.30pm. Half-an-hour of peace and reflection on almost the shortest day of the year. Then, at 9.30am on Christmas Day we will be holding a Christmas Day service of Holy Communion, again led by The Rev. Canon Michael Knight. Looking to New Year's Day, Jan Bonser will lead us in a service of Morning Prayer to greet the New Year

ST JAMES CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL It was lovely to have a full church to celebrate harvest. 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 done during the year by our local farmers. The service was led by The Rev. Canon Michael Knight with guest preacher The Rt Rev. Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, who came with his wife, Sarah. Those who watch *Start the Day* (the Bishop's online broadcast on the first Friday of each month) will have instantly recognised them when they walked in. Sarah said that they started to do this broadcast at the beginning of the pandemic but felt that they couldn't stop when restrictions eased. We appreciated that Bishop Paul and Sarah were able to spend time talking to members of the congregation after the service. After the service the congregation was invited to stay for canapes and a glass of wine. As usual, the collection at our Harvest Festival service was for our Charity of the Year, which this year is *Wenlo Riding for the Disabled*, based in our village. The gifts of fruit and food went to The Carpenter's Arms in Loughborough - John Simpson had a very full car to take!

SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rock Solid Youth Club is for school years 7-10 and meets on Tuesdays between 7.45pm and 9.00pm (term time) at the Baptist Church. If you would like to join any of the sessions you will be most welcome. You don't need to have been a member for the whole of the term – just turn up and enjoy! Events for rest of this term are as follows:

Film and Leaflet Drop – Tuesday 8th November

Trolley Dash - 2.00pm Sunday 13th November (collecting for local Trussell Trust Food Bank)

Rock Solid Night - Tuesday 15th November

Meal out! – Tuesday 22nd November

Football/Games Tuesday 29th November

Christmas Special Tuesday 6th December

Christmas Party!! Tuesday 13th December

Growing in Prayer Weekend – 18th and 19th November

Canon Roger Morgan (formerly the Vicar of Holy Trinity in Leicester) will be visiting for the weekend. He's seen many amazing examples of answered prayer and is going to help us learn more. If you are interested in finding out more do get in touch for a chat or have a look at our new website - www.sbbaptistchurch.org.uk

Christmas Services

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Day *All Ages Service* – 10.30am

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563), Christine Elliott (844045), Penny Shuttleworth (07588 395508) or Geoff Parnell (672639) by Monday 5th December. *This will cover events for the months of January and February 2023.* Our e-mail address is villnews@yahoo.com

LIVE AND LOCAL! KINGSTON-ON-SOAR VILLAGE HALL

The Magical Mystical Musical Box

Wednesday 7th December 5:30pm

We have a fabulous family Christmas theatre performance from an award-winning theatre company with a play written by Kate Bramley with songs from SONY Award winner, Jez Lowe. Rosa has inherited a battered old music box which never seems to work when you want it to. But, this year, when she wishes for her family to be re-united at Christmas, all sorts of magical things start to happen... With upbeat songs and jokes suitable for ages 5+ and their parents/ carers and grandparents, puppets aid the storytelling by two performers. Also includes a circus skills collaboration with actor Meg Matthews (The Snow Dancer) incorporating an aerial hoop as part of the stage design.

Doors will be open from 4:30pm with bar and cafe open and serving meals and a range of drinks and snacks. The Village Hall has **a five-star food hygiene rating** and will have several child-friendly meals available before the show.

Adults £12.50 Student £10 Child £7

Three Men in a Boat

Saturday 28th January 7:30pm

Join Jerome as he recounts the hilarious story of his boating holiday along the magnificent River Thames with his two companions and Montmorency the dog. Come and join in the fun as Giles Shenton expertly takes the helm and pilots you through the ridiculous tale of men behaving badly while messing about in boats. This show is adapted from one of the bestselling books of all time and one that has never been out of print since it was first published in 1889. A comedy about a journey up the River Thames which shows us how society has changed little over the years when it comes to our concerns and our enjoyment. The show acts as a reminder about the beauty of the world we live in and provides the audience with a sense of history surrounding this magnificent waterway.

Doors open 7.00pm. A range of drinks and snacks will be available at the bar.
Adult £12.50 Student £10.

Tickets available on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-on-soar-parish-council> or by contacting Nicole.e.elders@gmail.com or 07758 947384.