

Sutton Bonington
Normanton on Soar

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VILLAGE NEWS

March and April 2022

SUTTON BONINGTON SURGERY

On Friday 21st January, the Village Health Group, represented by Drs. Stephen Shortt and Neil Fraser, held a very worthwhile Patient Consultation event in Sutton Bonington Village Hall attended by more than seventy people - a fantastic response. Dr. Shortt explained that the main reason for the cancellation of the meeting originally planned for before Christmas was the strong probability that information about it may not have reached a wide enough audience. There was also concern that rumours were circulating about Village Health Group's intention to close the Sutton Bonington surgery. This was firmly rejected by Dr. Shortt. There is no such intention. Dr Fraser went on to explain that surgery opening times had been altered during the pandemic to reduce the numbers of patients in the small waiting room and the risk of passing on infection. In-line with NHS guidelines, initial contact/consultation is by telephone, with face-to-face appointments organised where appropriate. Dr Shortt added that the pandemic had brought with it high levels of clinical staff absence due to self-isolation rules which, hopefully, will gradually come to an end in the near future.

The NHS body that oversees clinical services for the area, the Clinical Commissioning Group, is currently undertaking an audit of all GP health centres and surgeries in Nottinghamshire with the objective of devising a plan for improvements to these buildings across the county. As Sutton Bonington's surgery is rented from a private landlord there was a worry that the audit may highlight the building's limitations with a possible threat to future services in the village and so the importance of consulting local residents during this process was strongly emphasised. Liz Maddocks-Brown, chair of the Village Health Group's Patient Participation Group (PPG), suggested that a sub-group of the PPG could, perhaps, be established to help secure effective communication channels for the practice's population. Liz is now taking this forward.

County and Borough Councillor Matt Barney thanked the Village Health Group team for calling this inaugural meeting and conveyed the community's appreciation of the fantastic job done by everyone involved in the group throughout the pandemic.

YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP The revised venue and date for the first members' meeting is Sutton Bonington Baptist Church Hall on Tuesday 9th March. The agenda for the meeting is available from *Your Community Shop* and the website - <https://suttonboningtonpostoffice.com>. It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible there - it is your opportunity to influence the future of *Your Community Shop*. Importantly, a new committee will be elected at this meeting. Those roles are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and six additional roles. Please e-mail Richard Shore - richardshore6@gmail.com - by **Friday 4th March** to let him know whether you will be at the meeting and if you are interested in any of the committee roles.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMMITTEE ROLES ARE VITAL FOR THE VILLAGE'S SUCCESSFUL RETENTION OF THE POST OFFICE AND SHOP AND TO HELP ENSURE ITS BEST LONG-TERM FUTURE.

Thank you again for your support.

SUTTON BONINGTON SHOW will be held on Sunday 4th September. *Titan* and *The Knights of Nottingham* jousting display will be there to entertain along with other new attractions and the return of some old favourites. The Show's AGM will be held in the Village Hall Library Room on Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme will take place from Monday 1st to Friday 5th August and Monday 8th to Friday 12th August at Sutton Bonington Playing Fields.

SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB The recent quiz night held in Sutton Bonington Village Hall was a great success and another is, hopefully, being organised later in the year. The club was extremely grateful to all the local businesses that donated raffle prizes and helped us raise much needed money to help maintain our courts and club house. Thank you all so much. The resurfacing of court 3 is nearly complete. The upgrading of the flood lights has made playing throughout the winter even better than before and we are more eco-friendly too. Our new membership year starts in April so it's a great time to think about joining. If you have any queries please contact Ash - 07940 920451 or Jo - 07834 098436. Plus, look out for the new club logo.

On Tuesday 26th April we'll be having an ***Open Evening*** from 6.30pm. Come and meet us, play tennis with us and find out about membership. Plenty of us will be there to chat, play tennis and show you the updated facilities as well as answering any questions you may have about our coaching, our teams and social play.

THE GALLOPING GOURMET makes its triumphant return on Saturday 14th May in support of Christian Aid Week. If you are new to the village this is a great way to meet people and make new friends. Experienced ‘Gallopers’ may like to have a go at *Hosting* this year! Further information about this fantastic event can be obtained from Lizzie at lizbudgen@gmail.com or Richard at richardshore6@gmail.com. Tickets will be on sale at *Your Community Shop* and *Sarj’s Pasture Lane Stores* from Saturday 30th April.

SUTTON BONINGTON CRICKET CLUB enjoyed a successful 2021 season which saw them secure promotion into Division H for the 2022 season. If you are interested in playing Saturday League cricket or friendly matches on a Sunday please get in touch with Patrick Hood - 07508 326009 or Patrick16Hood@gmail.com.

2022 LEAGUE FIXTURES

4 th April vs Chilwell II (H)	7 th May vs Bramcote II (A)
14 th May vs Gotham Village II (H)	21 st May vs Bengal United (A)
28 th May vs Great Dalby (H)	4 th June vs Ellerslie III (A)
11 th June vs Burton Joyce II (H)	18 th June vs East Bridgford II (A)
25 th June vs Attenborough IV (H)	2 nd July vs Chilwell II (A)
9 th July vs Bramcote II (H)	16 th July vs Gotham Village II (A)
23 rd July vs Bengal United (H)	30 th July vs Great Dalby (A)
6 th August vs Ellerslie III (H)	13 th August vs Burton Joyce II (A)
20 th August vs East Bridgford II (H)	27 th August vs Attenborough IV (A)

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CHRISTOPHER LAWES wish to thank everyone who attended Chris’ funeral for the cards, with their tender messages, and for the generous donations to the Alzheimers Fund. About £900 was raised – an amazing sum! Many thanks, too, to all who looked out for Chris during his illness and the many who brought him home when he had ‘wandered’. Alzheimers is an evil condition made much more tolerable by such a friendly community as that in Normanton-on-Soar.

THE CHURCH GARDEN FETE will be held at The Hall, Sutton Bonington on Sunday 10th July. New helpers are much needed so if you could spare a little of your time this would be much appreciated. Please contact Beth Clarke - 672110.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR PARISH COUNCIL Due to the resignation of a councillor the council has a vacancy. If you would like to be considered for co-option, please contact the Clerk for more information - clerk@nospc.org.uk

THE METHODIST CHURCH The *Afternoon Tea* event continues to be held in Sutton Bonington Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along for sandwiches, cake and chat on on *Thursday 24th March and Thursday 28th April* between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR COMMUNITY SHOP is still open only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm due to a shortage of volunteers. 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 on 01509 646464. A loyalty scheme has also now been introduced - buy eight coffees and get the ninth one free.

SOAR VALLEY U3A will be holding its next general meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 29th March in Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall. Our guest speaker will be Neil Hanson whose illustrated talk is entitled *Inn and Out of the Top*. This is a delightful tale of a young couple who, in the late 1970s, became the new landlords of *The Tan Hill Inn*, a lonely pub located in the remote landscape of the Yorkshire Dales and which recently featured in the news. *Soar Valley U3A (University of the Third Age) provides relaxed learning and leisure activities for retired or semi-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*

NORMANTON-on-SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION On Monday 28th March there will be a talk on *The Leicestershire and Swannington Railway Today*. Meet in The Plough, Normanton, at 8.00pm. For more details, please contact John Herrington (646240). On Tuesday 26th April, we will be spending the evening at The White Lion, Rempstone where we hope to include a Fish 'n Chip Supper from the excellent mobile chippy as part of the evening. For more details contact Neil Blythe (843825).

LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS AT ST JAMES CHURCH The government's suspension of *Plan B* on 27th January means that it is no longer mandatory to wear face coverings in places of worship. As the Church of England guidance delegates all decision-making to the local church we, at St James church, are going to stay with the recommendation that face covering is advisable when people gather indoors. We will monitor the local situation over the coming weeks with the highest priority to ensure worshippers, visitors and those preaching / leading our services feel comfortable. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP A new fortnightly bereavement group will have its second meeting at Maggie Warren's home in Sutton Bonington on Sunday 7th March between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. The group will be for anyone who has lost a loved one in the last few years. We will provide friendship, a sympathetic listening ear and a chance to help each other in whatever ways are appropriate. We will have tea and cake and chat about anything we want to. If you are interested in coming along please contact Maggie - 670186 - or leave a message and she will get back to you.

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

LUNCH CLUB After the unsettled times of the last two years, lunch club is now fully up and running 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 11.30 for tea or coffee with lunch served at 12 noon. The price is still £3, which includes a free raffle and tea or coffee. Because it was cancelled, we haven't had our usual generous large donation from the Village Show but, thanks to some small donations from non- members and to the great helpers we have, we are still able to welcome everyone to a very sociable lunch each month. Please come and join us or, if you're willing, offer your services as a helper. The next dates are 10th March, 14th April and 12th May. Please ring Sue James for further details - 673460.

SUTTON BONINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S talks for the rest of the season are as follows:

- 17th February Land of Giants : all about Echiums by Linda Haywood.
- 17th March Gardens of North Wales by Mike Davey.
- 21st April Scents and Desirability by Andrew Ward.

All meetings start at 7:30pm and will be held in the Baptist Church, Main St., Sutton Bonington. The Society is still keen to recruit one or two new committee members. The duties are not onerous and we would particularly welcome members from a younger generation. If you are interested in helping to run the Society please contact Colin Blackshaw - 672144.

SUTTON BONINGTON LIBRARY has some exciting news! The Library Room in Sutton Bonington Village Hall is going to be refurbished! Working with the Village Hall Committee, the library room will be transformed into a light, bright, modern, and welcoming space, with re-decoration, new shelving, new furniture, improved lighting and carpeting throughout. It will be much more comfortable and provide flexible space for groups to meet in, plus, with the more usable space, we will be looking to introduce more activities to get the best from it. If you have any ideas about activities you would like the library to offer, please speak to Hayley who would love to hear from you! For the work to be undertaken, the library will close after the session on 3rd March, re-opening on Tuesday 19th April. If you should run out of books to read during the closure, East Leake Library will be open as normal and the mobile library, which stops on Charnwood Avenue, will be visiting on 16th March and 13th April between 10.30am and 11.00am. We are very excited by this development and look forward to welcoming you to the 'new' library when the work is completed!

QUIET SPACES AT ST JAMES, NORMANTON-on-SOAR On 29th March there will be a Taizé-style service at 6:30pm. You are very welcome to this short service, which includes lovely Taizé music, readings and quiet stillness. The next *Julian Group* meeting will be on 26th April at 6:30pm. All are welcome to these monthly, contemplative groups where we encourage one another in the practice of contemplative prayer. Julian of Norwich's writings encourage us to be still, silent and receptive in God's presence, trusting Him to make Himself known to us. 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

NORMANTON-on-SOAR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON On Friday 3rd December, the Parish Council held a very successful Christmas light switch-on which was very well attended. Mince pies and mulled wine were provided and enjoyed by all! The Chairman of the Council, Dave Smith, switched on the lights at 7.15pm and this was followed by a medley of carols with all residents joining in enthusiastically. A collection on the night raised over £113 which has been donated to Normanton-on-Soar Primary School. The Parish Council would like to thank all those attended for their support and a special vote of thanks goes to Rosemary Atkins who donated, free of charge, the use of her electricity for the Christmas Lights throughout the festive season. .

SUTTON BONINGTON AND KINGSTON-on-SOAR OPEN GARDENS will be on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. This year it is the **FORTIETH** event in our villages so we plan to make it extra special to celebrate this amazing achievement and the fantastic total of almost £250,000 raised for Cancer Research over the years. Please advise Janine Bone by e-mail to stanneshouse@btinternet.com or by phone - 07766 815251 - **by Tuesday 1st March** if you are interested in opening your garden or able to help with the teas or baking for the event. Thanks very much!

EASTER DAY There will be a service of Holy Communion in St Michael's church at 11.00am on Sunday 17th April. Covid-secure regulations will be in place over the distribution of Communion and face coverings would be much appreciated. An egg hunt will be included during the last hymn.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to donate towards the cost of the *Easter Lilies* in memory of a loved one, there will be a money box and card available in St Anne's during services. Please write the name of the person to be remembered on the card and that name will be remembered at the Easter morning service. Please contact Beth Clarke (672110) or e-mail frankandbeth91@gmail.com for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY On Wednesday 2nd March there will be a Prayer Book service of Holy Communion including the Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am in St Anne's Church. Face coverings would be much appreciated.

MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday 27th March. There will be a special Family Communion Service at 11.00am at St Anne's church. The service will include posies, cards, and traditional Simnel Cake. All ages are most welcome and face coverings would be much appreciated. And don't forget to alter your clocks!

PALM SUNDAY Sunday 10th April. There will be no parade this year. Instead, there will be a United Communion Service in St Michael's church at 11.00am, including a Passion Play reading. Face coverings would be much appreciated.

MAUNDY THURSDAY This day falls on 14th April and, in memory of Jesus' time praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, we shall hold a 'watch' in St Anne's church from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you would like to come and pray for thirty minutes there will be a rota in church to sign up for a slot, or just come when you like. Prayers, readings and music will be available.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER GARDEN AT ST JAMES CHURCH It's so good that the church will once again be open for Easter services! On Good Friday, 15th April, Rev. Glenn Martin will be returning to Normanton to lead a meditative service between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. On Easter Day, 17th April, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Mary Essex who will lead a service of Holy Communion at 9:30am. On Easter Day, we will place lilies in the church to remember those who are no longer with us. If you would like us to remember your loved ones in our church at Easter, you may wish to make a donation to Claire Cole to buy the lilies and advise her of the name(s) you wish to be mentioned. Terry Tyers will again be preparing the lovely Easter garden at the altar. If you would like to donate some flowers (e.g. daffodils, small pots of primulas or bluebells etc.), please leave them in the church porch on Good Friday, 15th April. If you'd like to put any flowers in vases, we will leave some in the porch for you.

ST JAMES CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be on Sunday 3rd April at 10.15am when churchwardens and other officers will be appointed. Many thanks to Jennie Austen and John Mather who have been our Safeguarding Officers for the last three years, a role they have carried out with dedication and great expertise. As their term of duty ends at this year's Parochial Church Meeting, the task of finding someone to replace them begins. Members of the Parochial Church Council are required to take some safeguarding courses which can be done on line. In addition, the Safeguarding Officer(s) need to take a couple of other courses where they can meet people in the same role. If you would like to consider taking on this job, please have a word with Jennie/John or any member of the Parochial Church Council.

SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH (www.sbbaptist.org.uk)

Services in person and on Zoom (10.30am). Our services are continuing to go out live on *Zoom* and are available on catch-up on *YouTube*. You are most welcome to join us either in person or on *Zoom*. 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).

Mother's Day Breakfast includes a chance for children to prepare a gift and for parents to listen to an interview with some local parents. Details to be confirmed so please contact us via our website if you are interested.

Good Friday Service is at 7.30pm. A reflective service of Holy Communion, including the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion.

Easter Day Family Service is at 10.30am. In addition to being in person this service will be streamed live on *YouTube* from the church building and the link will be on our website.

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 years 7-9)
 - Student Life Group (Sunday evenings)
- International Students Bible Study (Wednesday evenings)
- 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.

SB Churches together Lent Course embracing Justice (course to be confirmed) at 2.00pm in the Baptist Church lounge from Shrove Tuesday, 1st March, for six weeks. We will enjoy pancakes together before starting our first session. All are welcome whether you are committed to a church or just wanting to find out more. It is free of charge but you are welcome to make donations at the sessions.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE is now holding meetings in the Village Hall after having had many zoom sessions during the past, very strange year! Meetings are at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month and have a very varied programme. It's definitely not just jam and Jerusalem! The last speaker was a professor who spoke about the Romans and, on a subsequent occasion, members had another professor take them round the observatory at Nottingham Trent University. Talks can cover everything from crafts to curling and first-aid to nutrition. If you'd like to give it a try, come along for a free taster visit before you decide to join. Remember, you don't have to live on the doorstep to join us! Members are from Normanton, Sutton, Hathern and further. The next meeting is 1st March when the speaker will be telling us about the *Experiences of a Ten Pound Note Tourist*. On 4th April we will learn about some of the archaeology with *NET2 Team Work*. More information from Sue James (673460).

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR VILLAGE HALL

She'Koyokh in Concert ***30th April : 8.00pm***

This award-winning band has a sixteen-year history as 'a brilliant live ensemble' (Songlines Magazine) and a reputation for being 'the best klezmer and Balkan music band in the UK' (Evening Standard). Since bursting on to the UK's music scene in the early naughties, busking at London's East End markets, *She'Koyokh* has toured the world, won numerous international awards - including a Millennium Award from the Jewish Music Institute, first prize at the International Jewish Music Festival, Amsterdam in 2008 and a shortlist for 'Best Group' in the Songlines World Music Awards 2012 - and released four critically acclaimed albums.

The bar will be open from 7:30pm selling a range of snacks as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets available: www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-on-soar-parish-council or contact nicole.e.elders@gmail.com : 07758 947384.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563), Christine Elliott (844045), Geoff Parnell (672639) or Penny Shuttleworth (07588 395508) by Monday 4th April. ***This will cover events for the months of May and June 2022.*** Our e-mail address is villnews@yahoo.com.

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

As part of the *Biodiversity and Climate Crisis Group*, Chloe Payne has written an article about recycling and the importance of understanding what we can recycle. What can go in the blue bin? What can be recycled can be confusing as it varies by area. So here's a reminder of what can be recycled in your blue bin here in Rushcliffe:

- Paper – newspapers, magazines, writing paper, etc.
- Cardboard – toilet tubes, cardboard boxes (flat-packed cardboard left next to a blue bin will be taken if the cardboard cannot fit into the bin), cardboard packaging, etc.
- Mixed food and drink cans – tinned food cans, drinking cans, etc.
- Plastic containers – yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic bottles, etc.

For a more detailed breakdown of items within these categories and a room by room breakdown of recyclable products and materials got to: <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/recyclingandwaste/bincollections/#Blue%20bin>

What about recyclable items that I can't put in my blue bin? Some items, while recyclable, cannot be disposed of in the blue bin. However, there are some shops and centres which are starting to develop recycling schemes for materials and products which are not widely recycled. The Co-op runs a scheme that makes soft plastic drop-off services available to the public. Both Kegworth and East Leake Co-op branches have recycling units at the front of the store where you can recycle your soft plastics, such as bread wrappers or crisp packets. The soft plastic recycling units are blue and labelled with 'soft plastics' and have guidelines printed on them of what can and can't be put in them. Before dropping off soft plastics at a co-op recycling unit you should:

- Clean it. Rinse out your plastic items before recycling them.
- 'Scrunch' it. 'Scrunch up' your plastic items and then release to see if it bounces back. If it does then this is a good indicator of whether or not it's soft plastic. What are soft plastics? Soft plastics are lightweight plastics such as the plastic film on top of fruit punnets, yoghurts, or ready meals, which often cannot be recycled at home. Things like plastic bottles, punnets and pots are not soft plastics.

TerraCycle

TerraCycle is a private recycling business that aims to: ‘recycle the non-recyclable’ by offering free recycling programs which include drop-off points for different items, such as:

Soft plastics.
Contact lenses.
Air filters.
Toothpaste tubes and boxes.

- Cleaning wipes, cloths and pads
- Foil balloons.
- And more.

TerraCycle is an American business which also operates in the UK and their recycling services are available at various locations. The locations of their drop-off points can be found on their website - <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades>

MARLE PIT HILL WALL REPAIR You may well have noticed the collapsed wall on Marle Pit Hill. For many years, Network Rail have repaired both sides of this wall and the Parish Council has contacted them regarding this latest problem which, it is hoped, will be fixed in the near future

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION

Please leave this completed page at *Your Community Shop* for the attention of Councillor Patrick Hood or e-mail your feedback to :
cllrhood@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk
no later than the 6th March

The council is considering improvements to the Playing Fields Pavilion facility and would welcome comments from all residents of Sutton Bonington and Zouch.

Since it was built forty years ago, the Pavilion has served the community well but the building is now in need of modernisation so that it continues to be a valuable asset to the village in the future. There is potential for a significant amount of funding for community projects of this sort from the forthcoming Park Lane development, as well as additional possibilities from grants and sport governing bodies.

Please let us have your thoughts!

Have you used the pavilion before?

Yes No

What might you use the pavilion for?

Birthday parties

Weddings

Fitness classes

Sports fixtures

Social events

Other

What extra facilities would you like to see?

