

Sutton Bonington
Normanton-on-Soar

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VILLAGE NEWS

November and December 2024



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

SALVATION ARMY CAROLS AT THE VILLAGE HALL! After many years' absence from Sutton Bonington, we're delighted to announce that the Salvation Army Band and Songsters will be returning to the Village Hall for their much-loved Carol Concert on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm. Admission is £6 at the door with all proceeds to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Hope you can make it!

SUTTON BONINGTON VILLAGE SHOW Despite the relatively early date and the threat of inclement weather, the Show was, once again, well-attended. More details will be available later but early indications suggest that there will again be surplus funds to donate to local and regional charities. Huge thanks are due to all those who volunteered to help, everyone who participated in the various competitive classes in the Horticultural Tent and, indeed, everyone who attended on the day to continue the success of this much-valued village event. The Show depends on a small band of people in the days immediately prior to the weekend and afterwards, to set up and dismantle the various assemblies so if you feel that you may be able to help with this communal effort next year please contact judefranklin@outlook.com. Next year the Show will be on Sunday 7th September. *Save the date!*

SUTTON BONINGTON SCHOOL PTA is looking for volunteers on Bonfire Evening in return for which you will receive free entry and food! Who could possibly resist? If you can help – fingers crossed - please contact pta@suttonbonington.notts.sch.uk. And thanks very much if you can!

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be at 4.00pm on 21st December in St Anne's church, Sutton Bonington. Christmas is meant to be joyful but sometimes life can feel difficult and painful, particularly when people are planning celebrations that are a long way from how we feel. This can be especially true for those who have recently lost a loved one. The Longest Night service will be a simple service with a mixture of carols, readings that narrate the Christmas story, prayers which acknowledge pain and emptiness alongside the Christian hope; and a reflection which gently speaks of light in darkness. It will be hosted at St Anne's Church and led by Karen Gray (SB Baptist Church). The service will last for about 40 minutes. Please do join us if this time of year feels a bit hard or empty for you.

ST JAMES CHURCH:REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:10th November, 10:45am Please put this date in your diaries. There will be no 9:30am service that day. The Remembrance Sunday service will be led by The Revd Canon Michael Knight. We are grateful that Glenn Martin has again agreed to read the Roll and the Act of Homage – after Ev Sketchley did this for so many years. It is a lovely coincidence that Glenn and Lindsey live in Ev's old house.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CARPENTER'S ARMS RESIDENTS
During the year St James Church collects groceries etc and delivers them on a regular basis to The Carpenter's Arms, the residential addiction recovery centre based at Wharncliffe Road, Loughborough. They are extremely grateful for this ongoing support and they always thank John Simpson or Brian Archbold when they make the deliveries. Our harvest gifts also go to The Carpenter's Arms. For a few years we have also been taking small Christmas bags for each of the residents so that they each can have something to open on Christmas morning. We have to leave the bags open so that they can be checked by a member of staff – for example, some after-shave lotions contain alcohol and these aren't allowed. If you would like to fill one or more of these bags with gifts totalling up to £10 per bag, please have a word with Brian or Sue Archbold – the contents can be things like socks, soap, chocolate, biscuits etc – they are all going to be different but whatever is in the bags they are greatly appreciated by the residents.

ANOTHER CRY FOR HELP FROM THE SOAR VALLEY BUS! This time it's for *one Tuesday afternoon every fortnight* on the return school run between Normanton and East Leake from 2.45pm to 4.15pm. If you have a D1 category on your current driving licence, you'll be able to drive a minibus which is as easy your car - just a tad bigger! All training on the vehicle is completed in the village at ***no cost to you*** and your help would be invaluable.

There is a driver rota but don't worry about being tied down by a commitment. If you can't drive on a particular day for any reason - however short the notice - you'll always be able to obtain cover. If you have some spare time to give to this vital community service, please contact Jean Corliss (672778 or 07815 733167) or Arnold Goodwin (674563 or 07768 273699).

SUTTON BONINGTON MUSIC SOCIETY runs four ensembles on Sutton Bonington Campus; the S.B. Symphony Orchestra, S.B. Singers, S.B. Big Band and S.B. Folk Band. Our ensembles are un-auditioned and are open to students, staff and members of the local community. We welcome all abilities and standards of playing. The repertoire for all ensembles includes a mix of classical music, film scores, musicals, pop tunes and various forms of jazz. We are always looking for new members in our ensembles and are *particularly keen on getting the community involved!* Why not try something different this year and give one of the groups a try? We aim to accommodate all standards of playing and singing, so please come and give it a go! Please contact Abigail Snow (svyas20@nottingham.ac.uk) for more details. Rehearsal times are as follows:

Choir :	Wednesday 6:30-8:00:	Committee Room
Folk Band :	Tuesday 6:30-7:30:	Music Room
Big Band :	Thursday 6:00-8:00:	Music Room
Orchestra :	Sunday 5:00-7:00:	The Barn

Our Christmas concert this year is the 7th December at 7.00pm, upstairs in The Barn, SB University Campus. Free parking on campus. Tickets £8 at the door, under 12s free. Charity raffle in support of the Sutton Bonington Primary School PTA.

SUTTON BONINGTON TENNIS CLUB We have had lots of new members join over the summer and it's great to see the courts being enjoyed and our social sessions so popular. But we don't hibernate.....Over winter the group coaching for adults and children for all standards from beginners upwards continues. As does club nights, social and match tennis all under floodlights when needed. Day time coaching and an adult Thursday morning social carry on too. So come along, keep fit, get some fresh air, learn new skills or improve existing ones and have fun with a friendly group of people in your local club. For information contact Ash (07940 920451) or Jo (07834 098436) and for coaching, Phil Saddler (07891 708420).

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. Pop in for ten minutes or stay all morning! Everyone welcome. Bring a friend along.

YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP A big thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Members' Meeting on 16th September. Your presence and input truly make a difference! With 27 shareholders attending we just made quorum, but we'd love to see even more of you next year. Mark your calendars for September 2025 – we want as many voices as possible in the room.

We also learned that some shareholders didn't receive the meeting materials in advance. This may be due to our switch to Mailchimp for communications. If you're missing emails from us, please check your spam folder, or reach out to us at sbcommunityshop@outlook.com

Design a Christmas Card Competition: We've been blown away by the creativity in this year's "Design a Christmas Card" competition! Thank you to everyone who entered - the talent locally never ceases to amaze. Winners will be announced at the Shareholder Christmas Shopping Event on 6th November but, in the meantime, why not check out all the beautiful designs submitted by visiting our online gallery <https://suttonboningtonpostoffice.com/news-and-events>

Winning designs will be available for purchase at Your Community Shop from mid-November, just in time to spread some holiday cheer!

Exclusive Shareholder Shopping Event – 6th November Calling all shareholders! Join us for a festive social and private shopping event on Wednesday 6th November from 3pm - 8pm at Your Community Shop. It's a perfect opportunity to mingle with fellow shareholders while getting a head start on your Christmas shopping. To reserve your spot, please contact Sheila Harrod at whistlersheila@btinternet.com.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Stock: Gifts That Show You Care Looking for something unique and special for your loved ones this Christmas? Pop into Your Community Shop! We've handpicked a range of bespoke gifts that are sure to delight you. Whether you're after thoughtful stocking filler or something truly one-of-a-kind, we've got you covered. Our Christmas sales play a crucial role in sustaining this wonderful facility and your purchases help us thrive. Keep the spirit of the season alive and contribute to the community by choosing to shop local!

SUTTON BONINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Saturday - Batting

Rank	Player	Games	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	Average
1	Tom Waterfield	14	14	3	292	26.55
2	David Townsend	10	10	0	223	22.30
3	Dave Appleby	14	13	4	204	22.67
4	Henry Smith	7	7	3	179	44.75
5	Kieran Olsson	11	8	1	169	24.14

Sunday - Batting

Rank	Player	Games	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	Average
1	Josh Coombes	6	5	2	125	41.67
2	Patrick Hood	5	5	2	98	32.67
3	Luqman Safdar	3	3	2	97	97.00
4	James Toom	3	3	0	82	27.33
5	Dave Appleby	5	4	4	71	--.---

Saturday - Bowling

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average
1	Patrick Hood	92.5	12	350	25	3.77	22.28	14.00
2	Josh Coombes	105.3	22	364	17	3.45	37.24	21.41
3	Luke Johnson	22.1	1	144	12	6.5	11.08	12.00
4	Luqman Safdar	60	6	199	12	3.32	30	16.58
5	Kieren Olsson	77.1	22	174	12	2.25	38.58	14.50

Sunday - Bowling

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average
1	Tyler Jago	26	1	100	7	3.85	22.29	14.29
2	David Townsend	4.1	0	6	4	1.44	6.25	1.50
3	Oscar Quick	9	0	57	4	6.33	13.5	14.25
4	Patrick Hood	20	5	43	4	2.15	30	10.75
5	Dave Appleby	7	0	40	3	5.71	14	13.33

Cricket League Table 2024

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Lost	No Result	Points
1	East Bridgford CC – 2 nd XI	18	11	4	3	270
2	Poplars CC – 1 st XI	18	12	4	2	262
3	Great Dalby CC – 1 st XI	18	9	5	4	243
4	Chilwell CC – 2 nd XI	18	7	4	5	226
5	Bramcote CC – 2 nd XI	18	9	5	4	219
6	Coddington & Winthorpe CC – 1 st XI	18	7	8	3	207
7	Sutton Bonington CC – 1st XI	18	9	6	2	190
8	Newark Ransome & Maries CC – 2 nd XI	18	2	12	3	124
9	Claypole CC – 1 st XI	18	2	13	3	104
10	Ravenshead CC – 1 st XI	18	3	10	3	85

SUTTON BONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Defibrillator update

The parish council has been working hard to ensure that all the defibrillators in the village are working efficiently and is pleased to announce that all machines and cabinets throughout the parish have now been renewed. Special thanks go to Cllr Janet Burgess for all her efforts on this project.

Defibrillators are located at:

1. The Rose and Crown, Zouch
2. The bus shelter, Park Lane (opposite Orchard Close)
3. The King's Head, Main Street
4. The Cricket Pavilion, Playing Fields
5. The phone box, Marle Pit Hill
6. The Star Inn, Melton

Defibrillator training

Defibrillator training sessions have been arranged for Wednesday 20th and Monday 25th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Each session will last for ninety minutes. If you would like to attend please get in touch with Janet Burgess or the Parish Clerk by 20th November at cllrburgess@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk or clerk@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk

New Benches

With funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and working alongside the biodiversity group, the parish council has installed two metal benches in the community nature reserve. All paths have also been cleared.

Allotment Extension Update

The new ground has been ploughed and better weather is awaited to allow rotavation. It is likely that the area of each plot will have to be redefined given that the extensive intrusion of tree roots from the footpath side could make growing difficult. The final decision will be made after rotavation.

Flooding

Some village flooding caused by recent heavy rain was attended and dealt with by the Flood Wardens. There was surface water flooding in three areas of the village, signs were placed but, fortunately, most had gone within an hour. Cllr Collings has reported further drain blockages to Nottinghamshire County Council which will be highlighted in the council's programmes. A fully equipped flood store has been established at Zouch and two new wardens have joined the Sutton Bonington team.

SUTTON BONINGTON LIBRARY NEEDS YOU! We are looking for friendly and welcoming volunteers who are happy to chat and listen to people from all walks of life, in connection with the Places of Welcome scheme. If you are able to...

Attend regularly for an hour or two on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon

Make and serve refreshments to attendees

Talk to people about a variety of issues and – more importantly – be a good listener

Share your knowledge of the local area/ organisations

...then this could be the opportunity for you!

For more information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/yc8z7ada> or pop into the library. (Opening hours are 1.00pm to 5.00pm every Tuesday and Thursday).

NORMANTON-on-SOAR PARISH COUNCIL The switching-on of the Christmas Tree lights will be on Friday 29th November at 7.00pm. Please come along and join the Parish Council as the tree lights are lit and sing a few carols. Refreshments will be provided and all donations will go to *Jasmine's Legacy Fund*.

Following reports of the dangerous/slippery footbridge on the footpath behind Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall, the Parish Council has contacted the *Rights of Way Officer* who has agreed to replace the bridge. It's not known when this will happen but be assured that the Council will be keeping a close eye on the situation.

KURLING Kurling is back! Come along for another fun evening at Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall on Friday 8th November from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Families welcome and no experience is necessary. The price of £11 and includes a fish and chip supper. Tickets will be available from the community shop from Monday 21st October. For further information, please contact Neil Blythe (843825).

WHISKY TASTING IN NORMANTON-on-SOAR VILLAGE HALL which features six single malt whiskies and a Virtual Distillery Tour (a professionally-hosted event in conjunction with David Wood from Distilled Events) on Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Limited number of tickets at £30.00 available from Dave Smith – davidsmith646@btinternet.com or 07932 643793.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE come along and see in the New Year in Normanton Village Hall. Music by Rich & Caz (Beats Events), Fireworks at midnight - licensed bar open from 7.30pm 'til late. Tickets are £15.00 (to include first drink) and available from Dave Smith – davidsmith646@btinternet.com or 07932 643793.

METHODIST CHURCH Afternoon Tea - Do come along to The Methodist Church for Afternoon Tea on Thursday 21st November and also to the Christmas Tea on 19th December to sing some Christmas songs and Carols. We meet at 2.30pm to enjoy sandwiches, cake and chat. Everyone welcome.

SUTTON BONINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services (10.30am). Our aim is to help people establish and grow in their relationship with God, and practically apply their faith in everyday life. Refreshments are served after the service.

Groups for babies, children and young people take place alongside our morning service on Sunday.

Little Seeds - alternate Thursdays at 10am. A group for babies and pre-schoolers. Sowing the seeds of music and stories into the lives of little ones. Contact Helen Ison if you'd like to come along (01509 646280).

Rock Solid youth club is for school years 6-10 and meets Tuesdays 7.30-8.45pm (term time). If anyone would like to join any of the sessions, they will be most welcome. You don't need to have been a member for the whole of the term – just turn up and enjoy!

Coffee Break - meet fortnightly in the SBBC lounge at 10.30am for coffee, chat and informal talks finishing at 12.00pm. For more information contact either Margaret Warren 01509 670186 or Sue Roulstone 07908 463702.

Other regular events currently include...

- Home Groups (alternate Thursdays)
- Student Life Group (Sunday evenings)
- International Students Bible Study (Wednesday evenings)
- Monthly meeting of our daytime Men's group (social activities for retired men).

Christmas Services

December 15th, 4pm – **Carols and crafts.** An event for the whole family singing some simple Carols along with activities, crafts and storytelling. Led by Helen Ison.

December 16th, 7pm – **Sing Christmas SB style.** A chance to enjoy the warm hospitality of the Anchor Inn and sing your favourite carols (requests welcome). A SB churches together event.

December 18th, 10.30am – **Coffee Break Carols** with festive treats and a surprise guest choir.

Dec 22nd, 6.30pm – **Carols by Candlelight** – A traditional service of Christmas bible readings alongside your favourite carols and a short message of hope.

Dec 25th, 10.30am – **Christmas All Age Service** with activities for younger members of the congregation that will help us all discover the good news of great joy.

NORMANTON-on-SOAR MEN'S ASSOCIATION On Wednesday 27th November we will be playing long alley skittles at The Wheatsheaf in Thurcaston, which will include supper. For more details and to book transport and food, please contact Neil Blythe (843825).

CHURCH GARDEN FETE Many thanks to all who took part and those who came and spent, we raised £2500 which is a great help in keeping up with our daily expenses. Thanks again. Beth Clarke

St MICHAEL'S RAINWATER GOODS Thanks to a grant from the Alexander and Caroline Simmons Trust, a donation from the Village Show, a local donor and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, you will be pleased to know that the gutters, drains, downpipes and gullies have now been repaired and repainted,

MEMORIAL SERVICE This will be held at 4.30pm on Sunday 3rd November at St Anne's church, the nearest Sunday to All Souls' Day. Family and friends are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one, whether recently departed or some time ago. If you would like to come, please let Beth Clarke know the name of the person you'd like to be remembered (672110 or frankandbeth91@gmail.com). There will be no morning service on this Sunday.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE A United Parade Service will be held on Sunday 10th November at 10.45pm in St Michael's church. If we can get them, poppy petals will be scattered from the tower at the end of the service and the collection will be divided between The Royal British Legion and Combat Stress.

WINTER CHURCH From 17th November, *morning services* will move from St Michael's to St Anne's church to save heating costs.

CHRISTINGLE This service, held in aid of The Children's Society, will be on Sunday 1st December at St Michael's church at 4.00pm. The Christingles, which are oranges holding candles and decorated with red ribbons, dried fruit and sweets, will be made in St Michael's in the morning from 10.00am and everyone is most welcome to come and help. In the days before the service, the children are given candle-shaped tubes or envelopes in which to collect money from family and friends for the Children's Society. These will be available from Beth Clarke, the uniformed organisations or from St Michael's or St Anne's churches.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT will be held at St Michael's church at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd December.

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

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY On Saturday 28th December the church remembers the children who were killed 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 church to light throughout the day in memory of our own innocents.

SMALL PILGRIM PLACES St James, Normanton-on-Soar, is also part of the Small Pilgrim Places Network, special places to find peace and stillness especially in challenging times. You may want to visit others on your travels. And St James is open every day between 10.00am and 4.00pm for those seeking peace and stillness, to light a candle, listen to the quiet music or just sit. We are one of only two such Small Pilgrim Places churches in the East Midlands and the only one in our diocese – please see www.smallpilgrimplaces.org and check us out! One of their leading members (Rev. Alison Green) recently visited us and Ali's report can be found by clicking on *Ali's Journal* in the left-hand panel of the website and then going down to Journal 63.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES CHURCH, NORMANTON-on-SOAR After thirty years, this will be the last Candlelit Christmas Concert to be held in St James church. The Bridge Singers have been coming to St James throughout that thirty-year period and started the central heating fund when we needed to replace the boilers. Others such as Viola Calthrop-Owen, Jane and Neil Millensted, our village choir, Simon Barrington and Anna Caves have been contributing for nearly as long. Sadly many are no longer able to do so, hence our reluctant decision. Last year several people said it was the best ever so we decided to stop on a high! Instead come along to the following:-

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm – Village and Soar Boating Club Carol Service led by Rev. Simon Richardson followed by seasonal refreshments at The Boat Club. The Mayor of Rushcliffe will be there and towards the end of the service we will present a cheque to our Charity of the Year, *Jasmine's Legacy of Dreams*. There will be the usual service of Holy Communion at 9:30am led by Rev. Mary Essex.

Tuesday 17th December 6:30pm. A quiet service in preparation for Christmas. Following the success of our August Evening Prayer services with music and poetry and prayers, we will be holding a similar style of service. Half an hour of peace and reflection on almost the shortest day of the year.

Tuesday 24th December at 4.00pm – *Christmas Eve at St James* led by Jan Bonser.

Wednesday 25th December 9:30am – Christmas Day service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Simon Richardson.

Sunday 29th December 9:30am – Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Wendy Patchell.

Sunday 5th January 9:30am – Service of Morning Prayer to celebrate Epiphany led by Sue Waterston.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE please to Arnold Goodwin (674563), Christine Elliott (844045) or Penny Shuttleworth (07588 395508) by Monday 2nd December. This will cover events for the months of January and February 2025. Our e-mail address is suttonboningtonvillagenews@gmail.com



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St Michael's Church, Sutton Bonington

Friday 1st November  
at 7.00pm

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Retiring collection in aid of
St Michael's Church Restoration Fund

Sutton Bonington PTA presents

BONFIRE NIGHT

Sat 9th November
Sutton Bonington Playing Fields

Gates: 5pm * Bonfire: 6:15pm * Fireworks: 6:45/7pm APPROX
ADVANCE ONLINE TICKETS ONLY - LIMITED NUMBER
Adult £6 * U16 £4 * Preschool & under FREE

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