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Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

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They are available to meet constituents at any convenient time at their home or any suitable venue/location.

Stanton Celebrations for the Queen's Birthday

As I'm sure you're aware, Her Majesty The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday this year. As part of the national celebrations, the Parish Council is organising two events to celebrate the occasion.

Litter Pick – 'Clean for the Queen' Saturday 5th March 10 – 12

Meeting at **138 Browns Lane** to collect equipment and allocate areas, then coffee and cake afterwards.

Please contact Hilary Whitby (details on the left of the page) if you'd like to take part, so we can ensure we've got enough equipment.

Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday. In Stanton we have an ongoing problem of litter being thrown from passing cars, which is not just an eyesore, but a possible danger to wildlife. Previous community litter picks have been very successful, so please join us to help tidy up our village.

Stanton Village Social

Last year's village social was very well received so we'll be organising another one for 2016 – but with a royal birthday twist. The date is yet to be finalised but will most likely be early September – full details will be published in the June newsletter.

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There will also be events organised by other parishes which you may be interested in attending. On **Thursday 21st April**, which is the Queen's actual birthday, there will be a National Beacon lighting ceremony. Our nearest event is taking place at The Plough at Normanton on the Wolds, where a beacon will be lit and an inter parish boules match between Plumtree and Normanton Parish Councils will take place. For further information see www.normanton-on-the-wolds.org.uk.

Stanton Strollers New Year Walk



We had a really good turnout for the New Year walk at the beginning of January and though it was a bit muddy underfoot it was a great success. We walked along footpath and bridleway to the Plough at Normanton on the Wolds for a welcome bar lunch. Sitting together exchanging ideas, it was decided that it would be preferable to hold future walks on a Saturday so that people who are still working could join in. It was also decided that where possible a pub lunch stop would be included as it had been enjoyed so much.

MartinDanielson

Forthcoming Walks

Sat.19th March. 10.30 start..... to the Salutation Inn, Keyworth

Sat 14th May 10.30 start..... to the Neville Arms, Kinoulton

Please contact Martin nearer the time if you would like to join in. For those who don't want to walk back, alternative methods of transport can be arranged!

Editor's comment: It was more than a bit muddy Martin! I think we deserved the title of 'Intrepid mud tacklers'!

Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: Parish Council meetings in 2016 will be March 9, May 11 (which will also be the parish meeting), July 13, September 14 and November 9.

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BENCH: The parish council have purchased a bench which will be sited on the Melton Road, in front of the garage. It will be installed as soon as work on the garage sign is completed.

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Neighbourhood Watch is in need of a new chairperson to front the meetings. Help will be available with the organisation. If you're interested please contact Brian Hunt on 0115 9148037.

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Members of the public can raise items with the parish council at each meeting it holds during the Public Session at the end of the council agenda. The 'open' session is limited to 15 minutes.

Broadband speeds in Stanton

Several residents are experiencing problems with broadband speed or, more accurately, the lack of it! Some areas in the village have acceptable speeds, others not so. The Parish Council are aware of this and are looking into alternative providers and solutions found by other rural communities. When the site surveys are completed and we have all the information, if appropriate, we may organise an open meeting for all interested parties.

Speeding

Once again, the issue of speeding in the village has been highlighted, this time along Widmerpool Lane. Residents are extremely concerned about excessive speeds, especially approaching the Willowbrook junction. The matter will be raised at the next Police Priority Setting meeting with a view to seeking police speed testing in the 40mph area on Widmerpool Lane. The Community Road Safety Scheme aims to raise driver awareness of speed limits and more volunteers would be welcomed so that all areas of the village can be covered. If you're interested please contact any member of the Parish Council for details.

Easter Services at Stanton Parish Church

Wed 2nd March 7.30pm Holy Communion
Mothering Sunday 6th March 10 am Holy Communion
Wed 9th March 10am Holy Communion
Sun 13th March 6pm Holy Communion
Wed 16th March 7.30pm Holy Communion
Wed 23rd March 10am Holy Communion
Good Friday 25th March 7.30pm Service
Easter Day Sunday 27th March 10am Holy Communion

Streetlife

Do any readers use Streetlife? This is a local social network which provides a free and simple place for individual residents, community groups and businesses to discuss local issues, advertise events or services and sell or giveaway unwanted items. If you're interested, take a look on www.streetlife.com

Your Local Churches

Stanton on the Wolds

Parish Church

Rev. Jim Wellington

0115 937 2017

Catholic Church,

Willowbrook

Fr. Michael Williams

01509 852147

Methodist Church

Rev. Simon Rose

0115 921 2146

Baptist Church

Elaine Blundell

0115 937 7247

United Reform Church

Rev. Chris Ford

0115 937 5086



Footpath news

Those of you who use the new footpath from Browns Lane over the tunnel top may have been struggling with the mud! The Parish Council organised some wood chippings to be delivered and volunteers have spread them on the steps at each end of the path. A huge 'thank you' to tree surgeons **Tim and Vonnie Daykin of Plumtree** for their generous donation of wood chippings.

Stanton Manor

'Local history is always a fascinating topic and here's an interesting article from local historians Alan and Val Hunt. As a matter of interest, the old Stanton Manor was sited near the barns on Browns Lane which are currently occupied by the Pine Workshop and Slaters's garage.'

The old Stanton Manor was demolished in the 1940s, however there is just a small section of one of the walls still standing. Inspection and measurement of the bricks reveal that they were of the size and shape consistent with late Tudor brickwork. The village history suggests that meetings of the Manor Court were held at this location, but was the building we knew as Stanton Manor actually large enough to have a great hall in which such meetings could be held and attended by all the villagers/tenants? The collection of Clifton manuscripts in Nottingham University contains two interesting papers about Stanton Manor and what may have been there before.

An un-dated mid 16th century summary of a deed for opinion of council (CL-D-1139/2) gives details of an 80 year lease dated 32 Henry VIII (1540). *The lease by Sir Gervais Clifton of Clifton, Notts rented the whole lordship of Stanton on the Wolds to Christopher Bradshawe and his son Roger Bradshawe. Clauses of this lease specified that tenancies/cottages should not be allowed to decay and if any do decay the lease can be forfeited.*

A second manuscript in the Universities collection is a licence (CL-D-1138) dated 10th December 1559 which reads as follows: *I, Sir Gervys Clifton, Knight, before the date thereof having made a lease to Christopher Bradshawe and his son Roger Bradshawe for years yet to come, of the whole lordship of Stanton on the Wolds, now to the intent to have the Mansion House of the said Roger Bradshawe in the said town better built, re-edified and kept in repair, grant a licence to Roger to take down and carry away all the House and farm buildings he has in Stanton commonly called "The Hall", sometime in the tenure of Richard Omfrey, and use the same towards the building of another house.*

Was this "Stanton Hall" the first large house for the Lord of the Manor of Stanton? Perhaps it was this building that records suggest was moated and had a drawbridge? Some of the children of William and Elizabeth Bryans, who moved into the Manor in 1902, are reported to have found a "paved floor" when digging in the grounds of the Manor. Investigating a possible earlier manor house is fraught with difficulty. A geophysical survey (like Time Team) would be very useful but probably also expensive. Perhaps a letter/plea and the relevant history sent to Nottingham University Archaeology Dept might tempt a lecturer to send out some students wanting a local project to do a survey for us ??

Have your say: Do you have anything you want to see in the newsletter? Any ideas for future articles? Something you'd like to say? Please let us know. Our contact details are: hilarywhitby54@gmail.com or ricwhitby@gmail.com

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