



Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

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Christmas Social Event



On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman, Richard Whitby, would like to invite all residents to a Christmas Social event at:

**The Golf Club, Stanton Lane, Stanton on the Wolds
on:**

Wednesday 18th December 7 pm – 9pm

(Please note that, due to unforeseen circumstances, this is a change from the previously advertised date)



A complimentary welcome drink and mince pies are provided and the bar will be open to purchase further drinks.

Please RSVP by 11th December to Richard Whitby, either by phone or email.

Could you please note that the club's dress code states no jeans or trainers. If you would like to come but have no means of transport please contact Richard Whitby who will try to organise a lift for you.

Your County Councillor is:

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Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: The last Parish Council meeting of 2019 was held on Nov 13th. Meetings always take place in the Parish Church, but please look at the village noticeboards for times.

Meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: 8th Jan, 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th Sept, 11th Nov

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.

Lamp Post Poppies

You will probably have noticed the poppies displayed on lamp posts at points around the village. We were asked by a resident why there were none displayed on Melton Road and there are two reasons. Firstly, we only have permission to display poppies on lamp posts (not on other items of street furniture) and of course there are none on Melton Road, but the fundamental reason is that we are allowed to display them in 30mph zones only.



As it would be lovely to see poppies displayed throughout the village, we wondered if residents, especially those on Melton Road, would be happy to display poppies in their gardens so that they could be seen from the road – there is no legislation against this as long as the poppies are on private property. If you would like a poppy for your garden could you please let the Chairman of the Parish Council, Richard Whitby, know as soon as possible so we can order well in advance. Contact details are on the front page.

New Parish Councillors

The Parish Council now has 3 vacancies due to the disqualification of Michael Sheriston and the resignations of Rachel Scudamore and Sam Dean. You will remember that, for the first time in recent memory, an election of Councillors was called in May which incurred an expenditure of over £800 of the Council's resources. This is what the Borough charge us for having an election, it does not contain any of the candidates' expenses which must be borne personally. This was caused by there being more nominations than vacancies and, in that situation, is a legal requirement. It is not permitted to stand aside after the nominations have closed (in other words, when it becomes clear that an election is required)

Now some 6 months hence, we are in the unfortunate situation of having only just enough councillors to carry out our function. We require three councillors to be present at any meeting and obviously having only four means that there are going to be occasions where we cannot meet. Having advertised for people wishing to stand, as we are legally obliged to do, and having had no response we are now legally able to consider people who could be co-opted onto the Council. This method of recruiting Councillors has no financial implications to the Council!

So this is a plea to anyone who fancies trying to help make a difference. We do not have a vast range of responsibilities but the following are within our remit:

Local environment, commenting on planning applications, organising village social events, dealing with residents' concerns at local level, village amenities, maintaining the website and producing the newsletter. Also dealing with any local community concern such as speeding traffic and setting up initiatives such as Community Speedwatch, and liaising with the Borough Council. We try and run the Council and its meetings in a friendly manner with an informal approach as far as we are allowed by procedures. We currently meet in the Parish Church, usually on the second Wednesday evening of the month. We only meet 6 times a year, for about an hour or thereabouts, and the existing Councillors would love to hear from you and have some support.

If you would like to be involved and have the chance to make a small contribution to your area, then please contact the Chairman, any Councillor or the Parish Clerk so that we can explain what might be involved and answer any questions you may have.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Social on the 18th December. Please note this is a date change. All are welcome, to meet up for a free mince pie and a drink!

Richard Whitby
Chairman, Stanton on the Wolds Parish Council

Your Local Churches

**Stanton on the Wolds
Parish Church**

Revd Tom Meyrick
0115 937 7380

Email:rector@ksbb.org.uk

**Catholic Church,
Willowbrook**

Fr. Michael Williams
01509 852147

Methodist Church

Rev. Simon Rose
0115 914 3794

Baptist Church

Barbara J. Lister
0115 937 3565

United Reform Church
Church Sec. Benita Boultyb
0115 9148066



**All Saints Church
Stanton on the Wolds**

Carol Service

22nd December 2019

at

6pm

Refreshments to follow

Midnight Mass

24th December 2019

at

11.30pm

Tree News

I recently attended the Midlands Tree Warden Forum at the National Memorial Arboretum. The Tree warden Scheme was started in 1990 and is run by the Tree Council. I came away with a wealth of information, including the following snippets:

To get to 2050 Net Zero we need to extend hedgerows by 40% and plant 3 billion trees.

Hedges help with carbon capture and storage. They support well over 2,000 other species and provide shade and shelter from wind for both crops and livestock.

Our ash and oak trees are in danger from ash dieback and the oak processionary moth.

We can individually play a small but vital part by planting more trees and hedges and maintaining the ones that we have. *Hilary Whitby*

Rickshaw Challenge

Wednesday 13th November saw Stanton in the media spotlight as the annual Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need passed through our village. The valiant team, of six young people and The One Show's Matt Baker took on an eight day challenge to cycle 400 miles from Holyhead to London. They passed along Melton Road on Day 6 of the challenge, going from Matlock to Melton Mowbray. There was a good turnout of spectators, some local and others having driven from further afield.



Stanton residents Lesley and Allan Rudge waiting with Elwyn Bradshaw. Elwyn reminisced about his childhood in the village, when they would play tennis on the Melton Road! Certainly not advisable now!

The team arrived later than expected and, as they had built up a considerable queue of traffic behind them, took a detour into Moore's Nurseries for a comfort stop and to allow traffic to pass.

After 20 minutes or so they set off again, with darkness fast approaching and another 10 miles of winding and hilly road to negotiate. We were all in admiration of their huge efforts, particularly as the weather had been so bad. They raised a remarkable £5.5 million along the way. In addition, The Hunter Foundation generously donated £3 million, bringing the Rickshaw Challenge's 2019 total to a whopping £8.5 million.



September Litter Pick

Our latest Community Litter Pick took place on Saturday 7th September. Due to the efforts of regular litter pickers on Browns lane and Melton Road, our 8 volunteers were able to cover the whole of the village, including Thurlby Lane, and removed 10 bags of rubbish from the verges and ditches.

We even had some time to do a bit of gardening on the Thurlby Lane corner, cutting back overhanging foliage and tidying the flower beds around the village sign, revealing some heathers which had been hidden under the overgrowth of periwinkle.



Before



After

We were also able to put up anti litter and dog fouling signs on telegraph poles at various points around the village which we hope will help to prevent these antisocial activities.



The cleared bench area



One of the telegraph pole signs

Our next litter pick will take place on Saturday 28th March to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean 2020. Further details will appear in the March newsletter



As you will recall from the September newsletter, there will be nationwide celebrations over the weekend 8th to 10th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. At the meeting on 11th September we had a good turn out of residents interested in supporting a commemorative event in Stanton – many thanks to those who attended and volunteered to help. However, since that meeting we learned that Keyworth Parish Council was planning a series of events which we felt would overshadow anything we could do in Stanton.

As a result, we have decided to combine our efforts with those of Keyworth to make this a memorable weekend. We have two representatives on the planning committee and the Parish Council is applying for funding to help with the costs.

So far, the events planned are:

Friday 8th May : Indoor Street Party in the Village Hall with live music, bugler playing the Last Post, bagpiper playing 'The Battle is O'er'. The History Society will hold a VE display in the Centenary Lounge. There will be a service at St Mary Magdalene Church followed by bellringing.

Saturday 9th May: An evening 1940's dance in the Village Hall, with live music.

Further details will be published in the March newsletter and you'll also be able to find information in the Keyworth News.

Church Report

The church opened for the **Ride and Stride** on 14th September, and a coffee morning on the same day. Attendance was up on previous years with approximately 30 people stopping for refreshments.

This year's **Harvest Festival**; a service was held at Stanton Church on 29th September and a benefice bring and share lunch followed in the Parochial Hall. Wine and Bread, from the events of the Bishops visitation, were put to good use at the Harvest Festival.

Saturday 16th November, the **St Cecilia Chorale** performed an autumnal concert. There were a beautifully broad variety of songs including the story-telling "Ain't nobody here but us Chickens" of Louis Jordan and swing-time "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" of the Andrews Sisters. Despite competing with the Strictly Come Dancing's Blackpool Night, there was a good turn out and feedback was positive of an enjoyable evening.



Last Sunday (the 24th November) we had our first Golfers Service at Stanton Church. Members of Stanton Golf Club were invited to participate in the service by choosing hymns and readings that hold significant and sentimental meanings for them. The event had a fantastic turnout of 53 in attendance, many of whom had booked tickets to attend the afternoon tea at the Golf Club following the service. We hope to make this a regular event in the church calendar.

The Services in the upcoming calendar:

Services at Stanton Church: Carol service on 22nd December 6pm
Midnight Mass 24th December 11.30pm

Services at other churches in the Benifice:

24th December: Keyworth Church Crib Service 2.30pm
Keyworth Church 7.30pm
Bunny Church 6pm
25th December: Keyworth Church 10.30am family holy communion
Bradmore Church 9am
26th December: Keyworth Church 9.30am

Alexandra Brooks

Stanton on the Wolds Parish Council

wish all residents a very Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year



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: hilary.whitby@stanton-on-the-wolds.parish.email or richard.whitby@stanton-on-the-wolds.parish.email

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