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Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

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Stanton on the Wolds Parish Council

Wish all residents a very Merry Christmas

And a Happy, Healthy New Year



Remembrance Day

As with all events this year, the annual Remembrance Day service at All Saints Church took place in a very different format. The socially distanced service took place outside and was attended by four people. Lynda Brooks, who has recently been appointed as a lay reader, took the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the church. Richard Whitby and Richard Butler laid wreaths on behalf of Stanton on the Wolds Parish Council and Nottinghamshire County Council respectively and Hugo Tuttey played the Last Post and Reveille on the cornet. The service was recorded by Alexandra Brooks and uploaded onto the benefice website www.ksbb.org.uk/video so it could be viewed by all.



Preparing to lay the wreaths at the war memorial.

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Lynda Brooks with Hugo Tuttey playing the cornet.



Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:
**13th Jan, 10th March, 12th May, 14th July, 8th
Sept, 10th Nov**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on line via Zoom on Wednesday 13th January at 6.30pm

Any member of the public is welcome to join the meeting –please contact the clerk Mike Elliott (details on front page) so he can send you the link. We won't be seeing a return to face to face meetings in the near future following advice from the National Association of Local Councils and the National Society of Local Council Clerks. Local councils have been given powers to hold public meetings remotely until May 2021.

Items from the Latest Parish Council Meeting

There is still a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested, please contact any member of the PC or Mike Elliott, the clerk.

Complaints have been raised by both residents and the Parish Council about the poor condition of the footpath alongside the Melton Road towards Laming Gap Lane. County Councillor John Cottee will pursue the issue.

The Parish Council agreed to fund changes to the Parish website in order that it complies with accessibility legislation.

The Parish Council have repeatedly asked Royal Mail for the removal of the old grey mailboxes which are looking increasingly dilapidated and are no longer used now that the post is delivered by van. The Clerk will write again to Royal Mail.

Lorry Traffic

You may have noticed an increase in lorry traffic along Stanton Lane and Browns Lane in recent weeks. This is due to the three housing development sites in Keyworth- on Nicker Hill, Platt Lane and Bunny Lane- and the construction of a new 3G pitch at the Platt Lane playing fields. Each have been allocated their own route in and out of the village and the Redrow development on Nicker Hill is using the route through Stanton.

Shop Local

Our local shops in Keyworth have provided an invaluable service throughout the coronavirus crisis. Now that we're out of the second lockdown and non essential shops are once again open, please try to support them for your Christmas shopping .On Main Street, The Simpler Life, Threads, Obsessions, Flowers on Main Street and Little Mouse Pottery all sell lovely gift items. On Nottingham Road we have The Little Boutique and on Debdale Lane there is The Treat Boutique. These shops are the lifeblood of the village and, unlike the large internet giants, make a direct financial contribution to our communities through the rates they pay.

All Saints Church

A message from Father Tom:

"During 2020 the parishes of the Benefice of Keyworth, Stanton and Bunny have been working very closely to enable worship to continue in whatever way is permitted. At the time of writing 87 services have been published. The most recent ones are available at www.ksbb.org.uk/video.

There is a link there to our YouTube channel where all the others can be found. As restrictions were lifted in the Summer, we slowly started holding services initially in Bunny Church (which is easiest to make safe). In September we started holding services on Sunday evenings at All Saints, but had to cease this when we returned to lockdown. In order to remain safe, we do have to limit numbers and so we have a booking system. For services at All Saints, contact Lynda Brooks to book a space. We're so grateful for all the people who have worked very hard to help make all of this possible, and to everyone who continues to support the church. A very Happy Christmas to everyone."

Your Local Churches

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Parish Church**

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Willowbrook**

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Methodist Church

Rev. Simon Rose
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Baptist Church

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United Reform Church

Church Sec. Benita Boultyb
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Community Litter Pick

Here in Stanton we played our part in the Great British September Clean 2020 over the weekend of 19th/20th September when 9 volunteers took part in a socially distanced Community Litter Pick. We managed to fill 12 bags of rubbish, noticing unfortunately that disposable gloves and masks were now to be found alongside the usual culprits of takeaway wrappers, drinks cans and sweet wrappers. Our litter pickers also reported that there was an increase in discarded vodka bottles on Thurlby Lane, whereas drinkers on Widmerpool Lane seem to prefer whisky! Unfortunately, discarded litter is an ongoing problem in the village so we'll have another litter pick in March – further details will be in the March newsletter.



Hedgehogs

I'm sure we're all aware that hedgehogs are in serious decline and are now classed as a 'vulnerable' species. This is due to various reasons – the intensification of agriculture, loss of hedgerows and field margins and the fragmentation of habitat in urban areas. However, there are various ways in which we can help to increase their numbers, mostly by the ways in which we manage our gardens:

- Hedgehogs forage over a surprisingly large area, so make sure they can travel between gardens by making 'hedgehog highways' – small gaps in fences at ground level, no larger than a CD.
- Leave undisturbed areas in your garden for them to shelter and nest – behind a shed, under shrubs or hedges, a log pile – and don't clear up all the fallen leaves.
- You can leave food and water out for them. You can buy hedgehog food, but meaty cat food will do. NEVER FEED MILK AS THEY ARE UNABLE TO DIGEST IT AND IT WILL KILL THEM.
- Don't use slug pellets as slugs are a favourite hedgehog food.
- Take care when strimming and always check for hedgehogs before lighting a bonfire.

For further information take a look at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk . Small actions can make such a difference to the survival of this iconic and much loved species.



Housing and Planning



Following on from the September newsletter, when we looked at planning matters, I thought I'd continue this theme as this is often something that concerns residents. Here are three articles that I hope will help you get a greater understanding of some of the current issues which may affect our village and how you can keep abreast of latest developments.

Housing Survey Results

You may remember receiving a housing survey back in June 2020. This was carried out by Midlands Rural Housing which works to enable the provision of homes in rural areas and to assess the need for affordable housing. Questionnaires were delivered to 180 households in Stanton on the Wolds, 59 of which returned completed responses, an overall response rate of just under 33%. This is a fairly high level of response for a survey of this type and gives a good indication of the needs of residents. Here are some of the main findings of the survey:

- Currently 56% of the population of Stanton is aged over 50, with just over 20% aged over 70 and only 10% aged between 18-29, so we have an older population than many areas.
- Property prices in Stanton have risen over the past 5 years with the average house price now £521,000. However in the last 12 months there were only 4 property sales at an average price of £698,750. From these figures it's easy to see that house prices are too expensive for younger people in particular and properties do not come on the market frequently.
- When asked what type of housing was needed in the village, 45% of respondents felt that no further homes were needed, 31% felt that homes for the elderly were needed, 28% would like to see 1-2 bedroom homes for young and single people, 26% thought that 3-4 bedroom family homes were needed and 5% thought that homes for disabled people were required.
- People generally thought that the village was a nice place to live and in a sought after location but most people thought that the village was affected by lack of facilities.
- The most important factors flagged up by residents as being important for the future of the village were: public transport, balance of housing, broadband, mobile phone signal, services for the elderly and shopping facilities.

If you'd like to read the full survey, it's available to view on the parish website: www.stantononthewoldsparishcouncil.org.uk Whilst this is an interesting survey, the fact remains that all property development in Stanton is in the hands of small, private developers and there is no current legislation to influence the type of housing built. It's only on larger developments, such as those taking place now in Keyworth, where there is a legal requirement for a percentage of more affordable housing to be included.

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

This is a plan, drawn up by Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe and Nottingham City Authorities which looks at how Greater Nottingham's long term development needs can be met up to 2038. The Parish Council has already commented on the proposals, which, as you can see from the map, have a potentially huge impact on Stanton. Rushcliffe Borough Council has also commented on the potential negative impact on the borough as a whole. The comments received will inform the preparation of the draft Strategic Plan, which will be published next year, when there will be a further opportunity to comment.

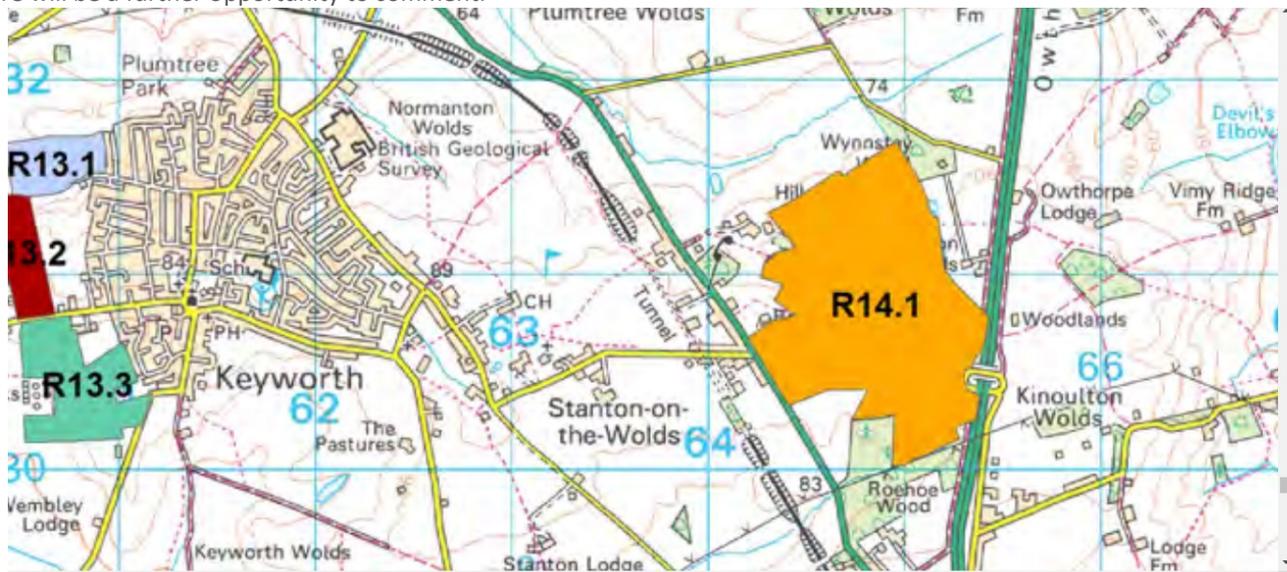


Image copied from the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Appendix 2

As you can see from the map R14.1 is a huge area to the east of Stanton on the Wolds, which is classed as a potential 'non strategic' development site. Several residents have already raised concerns about this and a Facebook group - Nottingham Against Greenbelt and Farm Land Development – has been set up. If this potential development concerns you, please write to your local borough and county councillors (contact details on the front page) but also our MP, Ruth Edwards, as Government pressure is driving plans such as this. Furthermore, Government proposals for easing current planning restrictions put the greenbelt at greater risk than ever before. You can view the Greater Nottingham Strategic plan at www.gnplan.org/consultations

Finding Out About Planning Applications

If a planning application concerns you directly as a neighbour, you'll receive a letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council. A planning notice will always be posted next to the site concerned. If you visit the website www.stantononthewoldsparishcouncil.org.uk you can find planning applications under the Parish Council heading. Alternatively go to <https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/> and put Stanton on the Wolds in the search. You'll then get all the applications for Stanton listed, with the most recent first.



Christmas Services

for the Parish Churches of Keyworth,
Stanton on the Wolds and Bunny with Bradmore

Assuming that Covid-19 restrictions permit public attendance for worship. All our buildings operate Covid secure procedures.

“R” These services will be RECORDED and available the following day on our website as below. Streamed services are also recorded.

“S” These services will be live STREAMED at www.ksbb.org.uk/video

Sunday 20th December

10.30am Holy Communion at Keyworth “S”

6pm Carol Service at Bunny “R”

Christmas Eve 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Stanton “S”

Christmas Day 25th December

10.30am Holy Communion at Bunny

10.30am Holy Communion at Keyworth

Sunday 27th December

10.30am Holy Communion at Stanton “S”

Wednesday 30th December

6pm Holy Communion at Keyworth “R”

Sunday 3rd January

10.30am Holy Communion at Bunny “R”

6pm Holy Communion at Stanton

Wednesday 6th January

6pm Holy Communion at Bunny “R”



Please note that places will be limited so a booking system will be in place for all services. See our website for full details.

www.ksbb.org.uk

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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