



# Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

## New speed reduction measures

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Nottinghamshire County Council has decided to introduce a 50mph speed limit from the end of the current 40mph speed limit in Tollerton to the start of the 40mph speed limit in Stanton on the Wolds along the A606 and from the 40mph speed limit in Stanton to the end of the dual carriageway near the junction with the A46.

During the consultation period several Stanton residents requested an extension of the current 40mph limit on the Melton Road down to the junction with Laming Gap Lane. This is the response from the County Council: ***'There are no plans to extend the existing 40mph speed limit since it finishes at the physical boundary of the village. The properties, where the objectors live, are physically separate from the rest of the village.'***

Concerns were also raised about the speed of traffic on the existing 40mph limit through the village. Quoting from the report:

***'As a result of these concerns the scope of the proposed scheme is to be extended to include an upgrade of the speed limit signing through Stanton and of the gateways at the start of the 40mph speed limit.'***

As part of the gateway improvements, one interactive speed indicator sign will be provided. The parish council, who have campaigned for months for such a sign, have asked for it to be sited on the approach road into the village from the direction of Widmerpool. Coun. John Cottee, the village representative on the County Council, has met with Highway officials to determine the actual placing of the sign. The current policy of the County is to provide only a single sign in a parish. If a second is required the parish council would have to meet the £8,600 cost for it.

## Community Road Safety Scheme

A further two volunteers have been trained and the team have been out on several occasions over the past couple of months. Two sections of Melton Road and Browns Lane have been covered and drivers certainly slow down when faced with the array of interactive signs. The police speed camera van has also been very visible in recent weeks, with a significant number of speeding fines issued.



What a difference it would make if all traffic on the Melton Road went past at this speed!

We're still looking for **more volunteers** to help deliver the Community Road Safety scheme. You'll get full training – it only takes about 1 hour - and will always have the support of at least one other volunteer so you won't be on your own! Please contact any member of the Parish Council if you'd like to help.

## Rushcliffe Survey

Have your say about life in Rushcliffe and the services offered by **Rushcliffe Borough Council**. Go to

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/residentssurvey2015](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/residentssurvey2015) to complete the survey or see their website - [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk) for further details.

The closing date is Friday 4 December 2015.

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### Your Borough Councillors are:

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

## Stanton Litter Pick

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September was a beautiful day – wall to wall sunshine. However what we picked up from the footpaths, verges and ditches in the village was not quite as lovely!



The picture above shows the 16 bags of rubbish which were removed by the 12 volunteers on the day. This isn't as much as our previous litter pick six months earlier, but still quite an accumulation of discarded rubbish which is not just an eyesore but a danger to wildlife.

We managed to clear litter from almost all the village and volunteers enjoyed coffee and cakes afterwards.

However, on walking along Browns Lane only a few weeks later, it was disappointing to see yet more litter.

Unfortunately some people think it's perfectly acceptable to throw their takeaway wrappers and other rubbish out of the car window.



Other than continuing with our litter picks I'm not sure what else we can do. Any printable suggestions would be very welcome!

Another litter pick will be organised in the spring, details in the next newsletter.

## Newsbits from the Parish Council

**DATES:** Meetings dates for the parish council for 2016 will be January 13, March 9, May 11 (which will also be the parish meeting), July 13, September 14 and November 9.

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**NEWSLETTER:** The parish council have agreed a budget of £250 per annum to meet the cost of producing its newsletter to appear four times a year. It will be printed in colour.

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**PUBLIC:** 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 actual council agenda. The 'open' session is limited to 15 minutes.

## Stanton on the Wolds Parish Church

Christmas services at All Saints  
Parish Church:

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**

**Carol service followed by mince  
pies and wine**

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**Christmas Eve 11.30pm**

**Midnight Mass**



## 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



## Stanton Strollers Inaugural Walk

The STANTON STROLLERS held their first walk recently and though the forecast was rain, the weather was kind and it remained dry for those who joined in. We wanted to include a little used footpath that had, until recently, become overgrown and difficult to follow in places.

N.C.C. had, at our request, done a great job of upgrading the signage and footbridge; and judging by the feedback the walk was enjoyed by all. If you would like details of forthcoming walks, and have not already done so, please register your interest with me

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**Martin Danielson**

*There's a map and details of the walk on the last page of the newsletter.*

## Fancy blowing away the Christmas and New Year excesses?

**The next walk** will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.** Starting at Browns Lane, walking the new footpaths along the tunnel and beside the railway to join with the bridleway then behind the BGS, along Platt Lane to Normanton on the Wolds and The Plough for lunch. This will have to be booked so please contact Martin if you want to join in. He can then give all details as to the start time, meeting point etc.

## Garage to reopen

The garage on Melton Road at the corner of Browns Lane is due to reopen by 1<sup>st</sup> December at the latest. The new leaseholder is Phil Dwyer who plans to sell fuel at competitive prices and stock a range of local produce in the shop.

Local businesses are a vital part of a thriving community so let's all support them as much as we can.

# All Saints Parish Church – a centre for the community?

As a village, we're very restricted by the lack of a village centre or community facility. The following article suggests a possible way forward:

All Saints Parish Church has been at the centre of the village since the 13th century. The ancient footpaths radiated out to the boundaries of the parish through agricultural land. Now the parish of Stanton on the Wolds is bounded by busy roads and modern housing but that does not mean that this lovely Church cannot still be a focal point of the community.

At times the Church has fallen into disrepair but been revitalised by benefactors over the years. Now the fabric and grave yard are kept in good order by a dedicated band of volunteers and people who give generously so that the Christian Ministry is able to continue.



We would like the Church to be used for other community purposes but this is restricted by the lack of toilet and catering facilities. Our financial resources are stretched in maintaining current services and repairs to the building. They cannot cover the cost of providing additional facilities.

The initiative by the Parish Council to assess how much support residents would give to the extended use of the building and, crucially, how improvements would

be funded, is welcome.

Working together we could again make All Saints Church a focal point of Stanton on the Wolds.

**Tony Hill**

**Margaret Healy**

**Church Wardens**

## What are your thoughts on this?

- Would you like to see the church used as a community facility?
- Maybe you're not in any way religious but would you like to preserve and extend the use of a Grade 2 listed historic building?
- How can we achieve this?
- What groups might use it?
- Do you have any skills that might be of use – grant sourcing, building, planning law, architecture or design?

*Please contact any member of the Parish Council or the Church Wardens with your views and suggestions, whether for or against extending the use of the church in this way.*

## John Vincent Brooks

**18.11.1924 – 4.10.2015**

Many Stanton residents will have been saddened to hear of the death of John Brooks of Bank Farm. John and his family moved to Bank Farm in 1978, making them some of the village's longest standing residents.

John had a passion for agricultural markets and he was a regular at the Melton sales but he took every opportunity to visit other markets, even when on family holidays! His other passion was rare breeds and it was lovely to see unusual breeds such as Highland cattle in the fields around Bank Farm.

John was well known for his stories about his farming experiences, particularly as a boy growing up in the family farm in Widmerpool. His memories were a real insight into life in this area in the 1930's and 40's when farm horses were unloaded from the station at Widmerpool and pigs were driven along the Melton Road!

John's funeral at Widmerpool Church was a celebration of his life, with moving but often humorous contributions by family members. His coffin exited the church to the very appropriate theme tune from All Creatures Great and Small. We mourn the loss of a true gentleman and village character and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

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*We're hoping to include some of John's tales about his early life in Stanton and Widmerpool in future newsletters. However, we know there are other long standing residents who also have interesting stories about their life in the village. We'd love to hear from you so please contact the editorial team (details on the last page)*

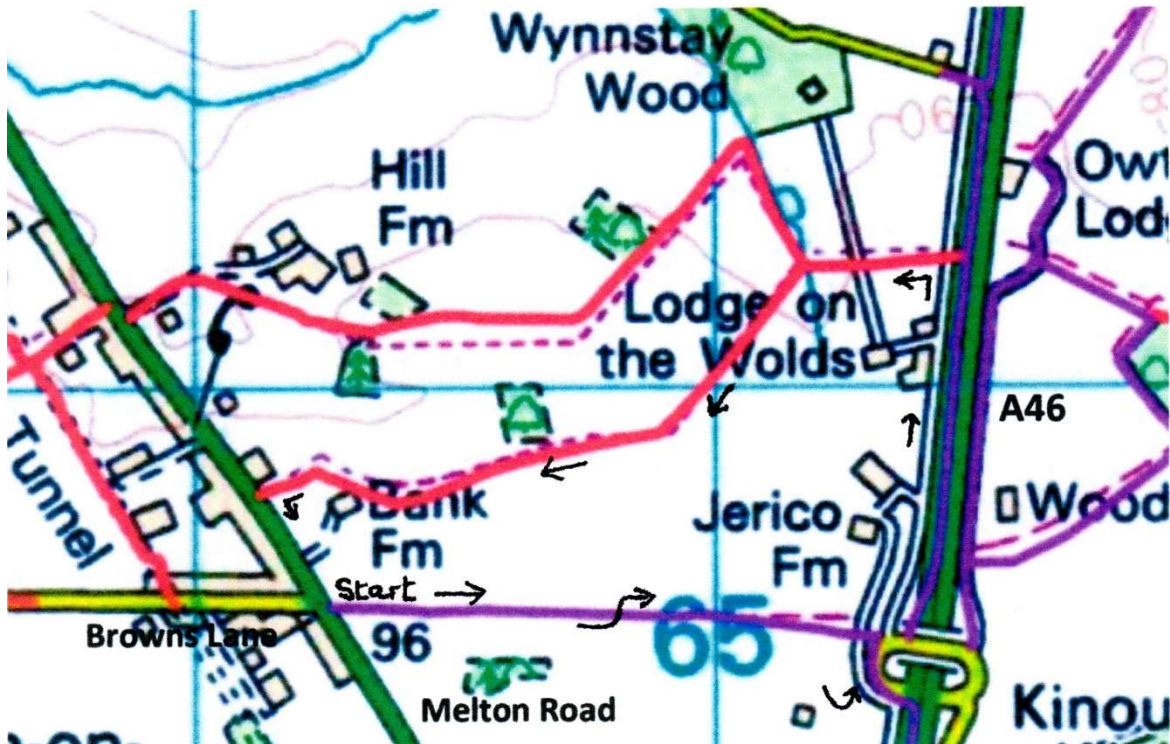
## Have your say:

Do you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter? Any ideas for future articles? Please let us know. Our contact details are: [hilarywhitby54@gmail.com](mailto:hilarywhitby54@gmail.com) or [ricwhitby@gmail.com](mailto:ricwhitby@gmail.com)

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# Stanton Strollers Walk 1

Following Bridleways 9 and 10 and Footpath 8



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## THE WALK.....approx 2 miles

- Starting from the Petrol Station at the top of Browns Lane, cross over the main road (A606) and join the bridleway opposite.
- Follow this, until the small 5 bar wooden gate, go through and in a short way come to the silver gate on the left.
- Go through this gate and turn right so that you are travelling in the same direction as you were before (due east) but now the hedge will be on your right, continue through the fields and exit on the approach road to 'Jerico Farm'.
- Turn Right and follow this to the overpass at the side of the A46 and then head North up the bridleway so that the A46 is on your right.
- Follow this bridleway past Jerico and the metal recycling, through a gate, until you reach the footpath on the left. Head for the gap in the conifers and then make for the R.H. corner of the field.
- Cross over a footbridge and take the stile ahead to the RH corner of the next field where you will cross another footbridge. The yellow fingerpost indicates two paths. Take the left hand one, up through the next 2 fields (keeping the hedge on your right).
- As you exit at the top of the rise, look towards the 'old silos' and follow the yellow marker posts through the new tree plantation.
- Head towards the left hand corner of the next field where you will find a "kissing gate", pass through and look to you right for the next kissing gate. From here on you follow your way through a number of kissing gates, keeping the silos on your left, till you come back to the A606.

**We hope you've enjoyed reading this bumper Christmas edition of the Stanton Village Newsletter. We'd love to hear what you think so please send your comments to Hilary or Richard Whitby, or to Mike Elliott, Clerk to the Parish Council – all contact details are on the front page.**

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

