



Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

Stanton Commemorates VE75

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observing the social distancing rules, to raise a glass in commemoration of this memorable event. On Browns Lane, pictured above, there was a singalong of old favourites, led by the talented Chris Smellie on keyboard. The photo to the right shows the residents of Stanton Mews toasting the occasion.

Not quite the celebrations that had been planned, but Stanton residents did their best to make the most of it and commemorate VE75, the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe.

Bunting was displayed and people gathered on front drives and footpaths,



Houses on Stanton Lane were well decorated with flags and bunting as seen in the pictures left and below.

I'm sure there are Stanton residents with vivid memories of VE Day in 1945. If so, we'd love to hear from you so that we can compile a reminiscences section on the village website.



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Coronavirus impact on Local Government

The current Coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on the way in which our democratic process is able to operate, even down to Parish Council level. Stanton on the Wolds Annual Parish Meeting, due to take place on 13th May, has been postponed until May of next year. The Parish Council meeting, which should also have taken place on the same date, was cancelled and Richard Whitby will continue in the position of Chairman with the agreement of all councillors.

The Parish Clerk, Mike Elliott, has been in frequent consultation with NALC (Notts Association of Local Councils) and other advisory bodies to ensure that we are complying with all legal requirements, particularly regarding the accounting procedure. A virtual meeting of the Parish Council will therefore take place in June in order to accept the audited accounts. These will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: Meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: 30th June, 7th Sept, 11th Nov.

The parish council will break new ground for its next meeting, arranged for Tuesday June 30th. Because of the current coronavirus pandemic situation, the Government has ruled that councils cannot hold face-to-face meetings, and therefore the meeting in question will be held through the ZOOM on-line system and will start at 7pm. The only business on the agenda will be for members to accept the audited accounts for the 2019-2020 system.

Any member of the public can join to listen to the meeting – please contact the clerk Mike Elliott (details on front page)

Clerk's Office

The office is currently closed to visitors and the clerk is working there on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. His assistant works in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. If you need to contact the office, please use the email or phone number given on the front page of the newsletter. Please note that the clerk's workload has increased considerably since this crisis began as new ways of working have had to be approved and implemented. Response times to emails may therefore be a little slower and we ask for your patience and understanding at this time.

Verge Mowing

Notts County Council has reduced the frequency of grass cutting on roadside verges as a money saving measure, but also to allow the growth of wildflowers and encourage biodiversity. The council says that road safety will remain of paramount importance.

Water Tower Poplar Trees

Several residents expressed concern about the felling of the circle of poplar trees on the 'Water tower field'. The trees apparently were rotten - one had already fallen down in high winds – so the decision was made on the advice of experts that they should be felled on safety grounds. The owner of the land is aware of the significance of these trees and is proposing further tree planting on the site.

Residents' Concerns

A couple of issues have been flagged up by residents:

Pavement parking

All too frequently when walking around the village you come across examples of inconsiderate parking where the pavement is completely blocked, making it impassable to those with limited mobility either using sticks or mobility scooters or those pushing a pram. This forces pavement users into the road. Could residents please ensure that any visitors to their house, including tradesmen such as builders or gardeners, park in a considerate manner.

Trees and hedges

As houses are developed in the village, there seems to be a tendency to remove mature hedges and trees, even in bird nesting season. This has a detrimental impact on the appearance of our semi-rural village and the wildlife that thrives in mature gardens. Please consider making your garden more wildlife friendly by planting native trees, shrubs and wildflowers and not tidying your garden excessively.

Litter Pick

Unfortunately the March litter pick had to be cancelled but hopefully we'll be able to go ahead with the next one on:

Saturday 12th September 10.00 -12.00

Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Your Local Churches

Stanton on the Wolds

Parish Church

Revd Tom Meyrick

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Catholic Church,

Willowbrook

Fr. Michael Williams

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Methodist Church

Rev. Simon Rose

0115 914 3794

Baptist Church

Barbara J. Lister

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United Reform Church

Church Sec. Benita Boultyb

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All Saints Church

The church building is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but worship and services continue in different ways.

Father Tom says Morning and Evening Prayer each day and video services are also available to view.

For more information see the website:

<https://www.keyworthstantonbunnychurch.com/>

COVID-19 and scams

The current coronavirus crisis has mostly brought out the best in people and we've seen so many acts of neighbourliness and kindness. Unfortunately though, scammers are always willing to take advantage of the most vulnerable in our communities, and the Notts County Council Trading Standards team is aware of a range of opportunist activities relating to COVID-19 in Nottinghamshire.

Here are just some of the scams which are targeting Nottinghamshire communities:

- Unwanted callers asking for donations to help those in need during this time
- Individuals making contact out of the blue claiming to be from official organisations and asking for payment for the latest COVID-19 information and treatments which do not exist
- Calls and emails offering miracle cures
- Door-to-door visitors claiming to be from the British Red Cross offering testing
- Individuals offering to do shopping and not returning with the bank card and the groceries
- Emails posing as the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organisation (WHO)
- Emails claiming to be from HMRC offering a tax rebate due to the coronavirus
- Text messages claiming to be from GOV.UK requesting money for breaching stay at home regulations
- Fraudulent messages to parents entitled to free school meals requesting bank details.

As always, be vigilant, don't give out bank details or personal information and if in doubt ask a neighbour, friend or relative for advice. To keep updated on the latest scams, you can sign up to Notts County Council Trading Standards email alert:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/trading-standards/consumer-advice/scams>

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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