

The Stanton Monday Club

The Monday Club will meet during February and March on the 13th and 27th of each month. Please come along everyone is welcome. You can have a cup of tea and see what we do.

Coffee Morning Stanton

There will be no Stanton Village Hall Coffee Morning during February and March this year, but it will resume once the weather gets better.

Stanton Rainfall

The year ended with a total of 904mm(35.5 ins), slightly wetter than 2015 (33.7 ins). December and October were the driest months, with January (122mm) and June (129 mm) the wettest.

Stanton Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet during March on the first Thursday, the second of March at 7:30pm.

Stanton Plant Stall

A sum of £7.63 was collected from the honesty box on the Stanton Plant Stall in December 2016. Many thanks to those keeping things going over the winter! The money raised will go towards the running and upkeep of the new defibrillator. Jeannette Pike.

Hospital Beds Protest

Just over a hundred years ago local people were very unhappy at the situation regarding hospital beds - but it was different then. At the end of 1914, Ellastone Red Cross Hospital was set up in the Parish Hall, with 14 beds to treat injured Servicemen, who were to be transferred from the North Stafford Hospital at Hartshill. However, by the following March, no patients had arrived to occupy the beds, as there was at the time some over-provision of hospital beds, even though there was a war on and the country had no money. (How times change!) The reason that the local people protested was that if the beds weren't going to be occupied, then they wanted their Hall back to use. (In April 1915, some patients were found and the hospital in Ellastone went on to treat 345 injured Servicemen.) A booklet telling the story of Ellastone Hospital in words and pictures is available in the Parish Hall for a £2 donation to the Royal British Legion.

Stanton Village Hall Constitution

The Chairperson of the Committee is concerned that the constitution of the Village Hall is out of date. It lists various organisations, that no longer exist, who should have representatives on the committee. It is proposed that the relevant paragraph be changed to read:-

3.1 Except as hereinafter in this paragraph provided, the committee should consist of up to 8 elected members, representative members of permanent organisations, and may include not more than 3 co-opted members.

*3.2 representative members shall be invited from each of the following organisations:-
Stanton Parochial Council—1 Member
Stanton Parish Council—1 Member
East Staffordshire Borough Council—1 Member
And from any other permanent organisation existing in the village for at least 12 months.*

Representative members shall ordinarily be appointed not more than 1 month before the AGM, provided that an organisation failing to appoint a representative before such meeting shall make the appointment as soon as practicable thereafter. Each organisation shall notify to the secretary of the committee the name of its representative. If you have any comments or would like to see the constitution, please get in touch with Jean Irvin on 01335 324190

Basic Life Support Training for Stanton Residents

Now that the public access defibrillator is in place inside the village phone box, arrangements have been made for Jill Bland - Heartstart Co-ordinator with Mayfield and Ellastone Community First Responders to provide us with training on "basic life support in a remote community setting. This will include hints, advice and a demonstration, including an introduction to the new defibrillator. This event will take place on Wednesday 8th March 2017 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Gilbert Sheldon Village Hall, Stanton. The training is free of charge but a voluntary contribution of £1 per person is proposed to cover the cost of hall hire and refreshments. A donation will be made on the night to the First Responders. Enquiries to Jeannette Pike tel. 01335 324046.

Parish Newsletter February & March 2017

	<u>St Peter's Church Ellastone</u>	<u>St Mary's Church Stanton</u>
Feb		
5th	9:15 am	9:15 am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
12th	10.45 am	6:30 pm
	Family Service	Evensong
19th	9:15 am	10:00 am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
26th	9:15 am	9:15 am
	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
March		
5th	9:15 am	9:15 am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
12th	10.45 am	6:30 pm
	Family Service	Evensong
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Details of Services at Alton, Bradley, Denstone and Mayfield are displayed on Church notice boards. Alternatively visit the Weaver Group of Churches Web-site at <http://weavergroup.co.uk>

Ellastone Church Carol Service

Thanks to all who attended our Carol Service. As usual, the non gift-aided money in our collection (this year £55) was donated to Mayfield and Ellastone First Responders.

New Church Service Time—Ellastone

On the second Sunday of the month we have a simple, non-traditional Service and just a reminder that this is now arranged for 10.45 instead of 11.00am.

Thank-you

Grateful thanks to those ladies who have recently volunteered to help with keeping St Peter's Church clean - and also to those who have been volunteering for quite a few years. However, we still need help in February, April, August, September and November. If you can help, please contact Barbara on 01335 324859.

Bingo with Fish and Chips

BINGO will soon be here again !!

The first session of 2017 will be on Saturday 18th March at 6.30pm in Ellastone Parish Hall. Please make a note of the date and let Pam Shouksmith know (01335 324094) if you will be coming, so she can order the food. We are lucky to have such an accommodating chippy - special requirements? Nothing is too much trouble for them at Ashbourne Market Place Fish and Chips. If you are unable to come, we would be grateful to receive any gifts for Bingo/Raffle Prizes. This event is a great (and needed) fund-raiser for our lovely Church.

"A Long Way From Ellastone"

Due to shortage of space last month, when we referred to the annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, it was not possible to include a reference to this wonderfully researched and beautifully produced book telling the stories of each of the local men who gave their lives in the Great War. It is available from the Church for £4.

QUIZ NIGHT

AT THE TAVERN , DENSTONE

Monday Nights at 8.30pm.

In aid of Mayfield and Ellastone First Responders

Ellastone Monday Club

The Monday Club will meet on 6th February at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Ann Moorhouse from the Guide Dogs Association will be talking about her work. Admission is £1.50.

For the March meeting on the 6th, the speaker will be Chris Washington, who will talk about the Beginnings of the Potteries from 1650 to 1810.

Wootton WI

The New Year began with a demonstration by Dorothy Adams of canapes and nibbles. Dorothy showed how easily these tasty bites could be made and how quickly they could be devoured - delicious!

Plans were made for the annual Birthday Party. This will be on Tuesday 14th February at the Okeover Arms. Please arrive at 12 noon for the meal to start at 12.30pm.

Ellastone Garden Party

All are welcome at a meeting in the Ellastone Reading Room at 7.30pm on 8th February for the purpose of planning this year's event.

Ellastone Parish Hall

The Parish Hall's AGM will be on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm, when a number of initiatives to take the Hall forward will be discussed. New people who would like to join the committee and bring their ideas will be particularly welcome.

Ellastone Parish Council

At the December meeting, the Council, along with 10 members of the public, were given a preview of possible development plans for the Duncombe Arms.

The Council can only form a view once plans are submitted and published for consultation by East Staffs BC. Once this happens, they would be considered at a regular Council meeting if the timing is right, or, in view of the level of interest, at a special meeting of the Council.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday 22nd March.

NEWSRAC FEBRUARY & MARCH 2017

This newsletter is available free to homes in Northwood, Ellastone, Wootton, Stanton, Ramshorn and Calwich. Contributions and news about events and local organisations are welcome from anyone

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Due to unusual circumstances it is not possible to produce a NEWSRAC for the beginning of March. Therefore this edition covers two months. Apologies if anyone is inconvenienced by this.

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