

Stanton Village Hall Quiz Night

Many thanks to all of those who came along on the night and helped in any way. Also thanks to all those who gave prizes for the quiz and raffle as well as those who prepared and served the supper, and baked the cakes. Pat Hall was an excellent quiz-master (person) and altogether we made a profit of £257.83 Well done again.

Stanton Rainfall

The rain in Stanton in February and March this year was almost the same as in 2016, (74.5mm or 3 inches). The start of March was wet, and the 20th with 20mm was fairly notable.

Afternoon Club (Stanton)

The Afternoon Club will meet during May at 2:00pm on the 8th and the 22nd. All are welcome come along see what we do. There is even a cup of Tea waiting for you

Stanton Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday 25th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. This is the meeting where parishioners are invited to attend to take part. This will be followed by the annual general meeting.

Protect our Heritage (Stanton).

We live in a lovely village we need to look after it, so over the next few months we are putting forward suggestions to protect it

Grass Verges are not meant for Vehicles

Please
Keep them Off

Tarmac is the place for Tyres

Think, if you damage the verge who is going to put it right!

Ellastone Bowls Club

If you are free on Saturday 2nd May between 2pm and 4pm please join us at the above venue (just behind the Village Hall) for a taster session of Crown Green Bowls (flat shoes must be worn). There will be a raffle, tombola and refreshments are being served. For further details please phone Graham or Rose Dyche on 01335 324795. We look forward to seeing you weather permitting

Stanton Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunch on 31st March raised £319.20 which has been divided between the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the Mayfield and Ellastone Community First Responder Group. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event which includes monetary donations and donations of all the food and raffle prizes. Many thanks again ——— Stanton PCC

Stanton Basic Life Support Training

Around 40 people attended the Basic Life Support Training held in the Village Hall on March 8th.

Jill Bland of the Ellastone and Mayfield First responders gave clear and practical advice on how to cope with a Medical Emergency, especially living as we do in a rural community. She highlighted the need for us to exchange phone numbers with our closest neighbours as they can give us extra assistance, even before the First Responders can get to us. So if you don't already have it, ask your neighbour for their phone number today - they may be able to help you save a life. Also, everyone is urged to display the name or number of their property clearly in order to help the First Responders find you. Walking around the village it is noticeable how many properties are nameless or numberless. It might be obvious to us but the Emergency services can struggle to find us, especially in the dark or when it's foggy.

Stanton Bus Shelter Plant Stall

The Plant stall is off to a great start. In March £18 was raised towards the running and maintenance of the defibrillator. Please think about taking cuttings or splitting bulbs. Any plants or gardening related items are much appreciated. Small non-gardening items are also welcome, but please avoid leaving bulky items as they can quickly become unsightly.

	<u>St Peter's Church Ellastone</u>	<u>St Mary's Church Stanton</u>
7th	9:15am	9:15am
	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
14th	10:45am	6:30pm
	Family Service	Evensong
21st	9:15am	10:00am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
28th	6:30pm	9:15am
	Evensong	Holy Communion

Ellastone Church Opening

As in previous years Ellastone Church is now open for visitors during the day on Sundays, until the beginning of October.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Also, St. Peter's is joining in with this initiative by Archbishop Justin Welby. The hope is that people will pray as part of God's worldwide family for people or things that they are not always able to pray for in a regular Church Service. It has much to do with the state of the world and is aimed at playing a part in the renewal of nations and the transformation of communities.

The Church will be open additionally for this on Monday 29th May from 10.00am till 4.00pm.

NEWSRAC

May 2017

Ellastone Tennis Club

Last year Ellastone Tennis Club was given a new lease of life with a new surface and net, as well as new spectator seating. An informal competition was held and a trophy awarded to the overall winner. It is hoped this will be repeated this year and more players will become involved.

Please would existing members pay their annual subscriptions as soon as possible.

If you are interested in using the court and wish to become a club member, then this is a good time. There is an initial joining fee and then only an annual subscription. It is very reasonably priced as the court is administered by volunteers and all fees go towards the running of the club and maintenance of the site.

To those supporters of the Tennis Club who pay a smaller membership fee and do not play, we very much appreciate your valuable support in helping to maintain the court; thank you so much for your continued help.

New members

The initial joining fee is £20 per family (up to two adults and two other family members under 18 years of age) or £10 per individual

Annual Subscriptions - Existing and New Members

£25 per year for a family (up to two adults and two other family members under 18 years of age)

£10 per year for individual membership

Membership commences 1 April each year

For details or to apply visit Ellastonetc@gmail.com

Thank you

Ellastone Church would like to sincerely thank all those who assisted with the lovely display of flowers for Easter.

Thank you also to those who have offered to provide and arrange flowers :- Fortnights beginning April 30 Mrs M Goodall; May 14 Mrs N Barker and May 28 Mrs J Harker.

Christian Aid Week—May 14th to 20th

We do hope that you will be able to support this nationwide fund-raising activity by making a donation, either in the familiar red envelopes or by post or bank transfer (the details are on the envelopes).

As always the money is used to support poor and vulnerable communities around the world, irrespective of faith or political situation.

We would be pleased to have more deliverers and collectors of envelopes as we can't cover all areas. Please get in touch if you can help on 01335 324656 - Nick and Margaret Taylor.

Ellastone Monday Club

There is no May meeting due to the Bank Holiday but we meet on 5th June, when Rob Watkin will speak on the Ashbourne Festival. (Admission is £2, to include tea and biscuits).

Date for Your Diary

The 34th Ellastone Horticultural, Produce and Handicraft Show will be held on Sunday 27th August 2017.

Wootton WI

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday the 9th at 7.30pm in the Wootton Reading Room. There will be a talk on Pottery Homes by Vicky Scotcher.

The competition will be "An old postcard".

Ellastone Village Fete

The next meeting to plan for this summer's event on 15th July will be held on Wednesday May 3rd at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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Ellastone Parish Council

Our March meeting was attended by Councillor Philip Atkins, our representative on and the leader of Staffordshire County Council. He came at our request to discuss our ongoing concerns about speeding traffic and other road safety issues. Chairman Rob Watkin reminded him of the specific issues raised, the residents' petition and discussions with various officials over the last couple of years. Councillors and residents expressed their concerns over the number of speeding vehicles at various points in the village. Coun. Atkins did not disagree with the view of his officials that, in principle, Ellastone meets the criteria for a 30mph limit. However, it is apparent that there are more pressing cases on safety grounds and he outlined the pressures on funds, which meant that any improvements here, including establishing a 30mph zone would have to be locally funded. He encouraged the Parish Council it build up funds for this purpose - the process has begun by increasing our precept, but this yields only a modest amount of money.

Also on the Agenda was a planning application for the Duncombe Arms, which East Staffs. Borough Council has put out for consultation and there was a detailed discussion on this including local residents, the owner and Parish Councillors. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm.

Adam Bede Walk

The next time this popular walk takes place will be on Monday 29th May, and there will be two walks, both starting and finishing at the Church in Ellastone.

The morning walk starts at 11.00am and includes tea and sandwiches in church after the walk.

The afternoon walk starts at 2.00pm and finishes with tea and cake.

Bookings in advance only on 01335 324466.

The cost is £5 per head.

Ellastone Parish Hall

The next meeting of the Parish Hall Committee will be on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come along and join in the discussions about initiatives to take this important local facility forwards.