

Stanton Village Hall Maintenance

Unfortunately the Village Hall failed to pass the electrical Safety Testing that was commissioned this year. As a result new lighting circuits had to be installed and the emergency lighting had to be upgraded. The work has now been completed and an Electrical Safety certificate has been issued. As there will be no summer fete this year, the Chairperson applied for a grant from the County Council Community support fund and was fortunate to receive a contribution of £500 from Philip Atkins (our local county councillor) to help pay for the work. The remainder was funded from the emergency maintenance fund held by the Village Hall Committee. The committee welcome any offers of help and suggestions for future fund-raising. Please contact Jean Irvin on 01335324190.

Ashbourne Field Club

The Field Club meet on the first Monday of each month in St John’s Hall, Ashbourne at 7:30 from October until April. The first meeting of the Autumn/Winter season will be a talk by Debbie Aston of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust - “What Trees Have Done for Us”. The objectives of the Field Club are to “study all aspects of natural history including Geology, in the Ashbourne and surrounding area. It will also study the effect of Men, both past and present on the ecology of the area.” That may sound a bit dry but be assured we fulfil these aims while having an interesting time among friends. Visitors are very welcome, entry £3. If you like what you see, the Membership is £15 for a year, due in October. Monthly meetings for Members are free.

Afternoon Club (Stanton)

Will meet on Mondays 11th and 25th September at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We are a small, friendly group and will give a warm welcome to all new Members. We do all kinds of handicrafts, occasionally indoor games or scrabble, but we always have a cup of tea and a chat. Please come along on September 11th to find out more about us.

Harvest Festival

The Ellastone and Stanton Harvest Supper will take place on Friday October 6th at 7:30pm in Ellastone Parish Hall. The main course will be provided by Upper Crust Caterers with desserts courtesy of the ladies of Stanton. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £8 per head and are available from:- Christine Elias in Stanton (01335 324496), Nancy Barker in Wootton (01335 324392) and Barbara Butler in Ellastone (01335 324859). Please book early to help with pre-ordering the food. All are welcome. (Any donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.)

Thank you

Ellastone Church wishes to thank those who have kindly offered to donate flowers in September: 3rd and 10th Mrs R Barker ; 17th and 24th Mrs J Jennings.

Ellastone Autumn Fair

Stallholders—don’t leave it too late. There are still some tables available at the Ellastone Autumn Fair on November 11th. The Fair will open at 10.30 and wrap up at 1.00pm. Light refreshments will be available. Prices are £10 for a single or £15 for a double table. Please contact Nick or Margaret Taylor on 01335 324656 to book a table, or for more information. Do please come to the Autumn Fair and support both St. Peter’s Church and Mayfield and Ellastone First Responders. (Please note- we will observe a one minute’s silence at 11am to remember the fallen from both World Wars and other conflicts.)

Wootton WI

The next meeting will be on a Saturday - the 16th of September and it will be an outing to Cromford with a horse-drawn boat trip on the canal. Members are asked to be at Cromford for 10.45 am.

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	<u>St Peter’s Church Ellastone</u>	<u>St Mary’s Church Stanton</u>
3rd	9:15am	9:15am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
10th	10:45am	6:30pm
	Family Service	Evensong
17th	9:15am	10:00am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
24th	6:30pm	9:15am
	Songs of Praise	Holy Communion

Details of services at Alton, Bradley, Denstone and Mayfield are on Church notice boards . Alternatively visit the Weaver Group of Churches Web-site at <http://weavergroup.co.uk>

NEWSRAC

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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 in the community.

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By 21st September please for inclusion in the October edition.

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Resident Priest:

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Churchwardens:

Barbara Butler (Ellastone) 01335 324859

Ken Elias (Stanton) 01335 324496

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**Quiz Night—Friday 13 October –7:30
At Stanton Village Hall**

Teams of up to six people, or make up a team on the night.

Admission is £6 per person includes (Light Supper)

Bring your own drink —There will be a Raffle

In aid of the Village Hall Fund

For Tickets or further information please contact Cynthia tel 01335324430, email cynthialees75@gmail.com

Recreational/Sporting Activities

It is easy to forget how fortunate we are in having excellent recreational and sporting activities available here.

We have a flourishing Cricket Club in Wootton; similarly Crown Green Bowls and Tennis in Ellastone, not forgetting Billiards and Snooker and, for the younger members of the community, a children's play area.

Other sports no longer take place here. There used to be football. Could someone possibly contribute an article about Ellastone FC ? Is there perhaps some written record? Apart from a 1952 team photo in the Reading Room, the only one to have come to light is in the Parish Hall minute book, which notes the Football Club social evenings as being a bit too lively for the liking of the committee.

A seriously long time ago, there were recreational activities here. One is recorded in a document in the Heritage Display in Ellastone Church. It dates from 1642, when the vicar was hauled before the courts in Stafford for his Catholic activities.

Charges laid against Mr Hill, the Vicar of Ellastone:

Number 6 on the list reads:-

"That hee usually frequents the company of popish recusants, both in the alehouse and bowling ally, and bowles butty with them, losing such protestant money as bet on his side.

Ellastone Village Fete

This year's event in July saw a good attendance in weather which was not ideal, but a huge improvement on last year, when a morning deluge left the gardens of Lychgate House waterlogged and un-usable.

A profit of over a thousand pounds was made after expenses, which will be of great benefit to the Church and the Parish Hall. The committee wishes to thank all those who came along on the day, anyone who helped in any way with the various activities and, especially, Gillian and Michael Key for opening their lovely garden for everyone.

Ellastone Monday Club

The Ellastone Monday Club meets in the Parish Hall on the first Monday of the month (including Bank Holidays) at 2.30pm. The club has been running now for over ten years. In the beginning it was for the over-60s, but now anyone is welcome to come to our get-together and listen to our speaker.

There is a charge of £2 per session, which enables us to give a small donation to charity speakers and also to buy in the occasional professional speaker.

The next meeting is on Monday 4th September and John Murcott from the Air Ambulance will be giving us a talk about this important charitable organisation, that so many of us like to support.

Please come along—we would love to see you!

Songs of Praise

The annual Ellastone Church Songs of Praise Service, when the congregation get to pick the hymns, will be held on Sunday 24th September at 6.30pm.

Apart from Christmas Services, this will be our last evening Service until next April.

Do join us for some great hymns and, if you would like your favourite hymn to be sung, please let me know and we will try to make sure it is included.

Please phone Barbara on 01335 324859.

Ellastone Parish Council

The next meeting of Ellastone Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room.

There will be an opportunity to meet our new PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Craig Carroll, who has been invited to the meeting.

Ellastone Parish Hall

The committee met last month and reviewed a number of outstanding issues and recent changes which have been made. Various improvements for the building and facilities are being considered in relation to usefulness and affordability (once the immediate priority has been dealt with, which is to fix a couple of leaks in the roof).