

Ellastone Art & Craft Group



We are a small friendly group that meet on Tuesdays 1.30pm to 4pm at Ellastone Village Hall, much in line with school terms. The group is mostly artists, but welcomes other crafts. We are always open to new members. If interested please contact Lynn on 01335 418573 or 07958 363112

Ellastone Monday Club

Our first meeting of 2019 will be held on Monday 4th February, when the speakers will be Jim and Carol Murdock, talking about their passion for card games. They will outline some of the principles of games such as Cribbage, Bridge and Canasta, as well as introducing us to some games of Solitaire. We meet at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall and the admission of £2 includes tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket.

Please come along and join in this social afternoon as all new (and the regular) faces are very welcome.

Ellastone and Stanton's Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunch at Stanton Village Hall will be on Friday 15th March from 12 noon to 2.00pm. On the menu will be a choice of delicious home-made soups, followed by a home-made scone or cheese and biscuits.

Admission is £5.50 and the money raised will be in aid of the Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal and another good cause, yet to be decided. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Wootton Cricket Club



Wootton Cricket Club junior indoor cricket nets - starts at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre as from Sunday 27th January from 2.00pm to 3.00pm - for children from 6 years upwards at a cost of £3 per session. Please ring 01335 324466 for further details.

Ellastone Parish Hall - A Special Centenary



The Hall dates from 1910 and was given to the Parish by the local estate-owners including Colonel Bromley-Davenport, owner of Wootton Hall (donor of the land) It was the brainchild of Col. Bertram Heywood of Wootton Lodge (a member of the Heywood family of Doveleys). It was entrusted to them plus Mr A C Duncombe of Calwich and the Vicar, for the benefit of Ellastone, Stanton, Wootton, Ramsor and Calwich. As well as being a fine building (Col. Heywood was an architect by profession), it was also intended as a piece of social engineering.

At the opening ceremony, Col. Bromley-Davenport deplored the fact that "so many people in the present day were bent on migrating to the already overcrowded towns and leaving the peaceful and old-fashioned country ways behind to mix with the rushing life of the towns, where they were attracted by the many new-fangled ideas in vogue" - Why would people stay here if there was nowhere to meet and socialise?

But no sooner had people taken to the Hall than it was taken from them and used as a Hospital in WWI. This year there will be a special event for local people, to celebrate 100 years since the Hall was given back by the Red Cross, having treated 345 injured soldiers. While this will be a free event, it is intended to make a donation to the Red Cross. *Please note the date and time - Saturday 6th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm.*

As part of the event, there will be an exhibition of local photographs, and the Parish Hall Committee would be very grateful for any local historical pictures you may have - which can be scanned and given straight back.

Please e-mail louparlett@hotmail.com or call Lou on 01335 324653.

Parish Newsletter

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St Peter's Church Ellastone

St Mary's Church Stanton

3rd	9.15am	10.00am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
10th	10.45am	6.30pm
	Family Service	Evensong
17th	9.15am	9.15am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
24th	9.15am	9.15am
	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

Church Contacts:

Vicar – Rev Brian Leathers 01538 702469
Churchwardens-
Ellastone – Barbara Butler 01335 324859
Stanton – Ken Elias 01335 324496

Lent course



A bible study group meets in Ellastone every two weeks throughout the year, except for Lent when we run a short, 6 week course, meeting weekly. It is an informal gathering, with a theme for discussion, with tea and coffee and, even though it is Lent, maybe biscuits too!

This year we have decided to hold it during the day from 10.30am to 11.30am every Wednesday, starting on 6 March. There will be toys available for pre-school children, so that Mums or Dads can attend with their little ones too.

It is a great opportunity to get to know other villagers and maybe inspire some thought about various issues too.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along, even if you can only make one meeting.

It will be held at the home of Hilary Dowson, Church Lane Cottage, Ellastone (opposite the church).

Stanton Plant Stall

The Stanton Plant Stall has remained popular and well supported throughout the year. In total this little stall raised an amazing £295.21 in order to keep the village defibrillator "rescue ready". In addition, donations totalling £201.00 mean we have covered our support costs and have been able to build up a fund for when it is needed. Surplus monies are held in an account with the Community Heartbeat Trust. Some of this money will be used to purchase new pads for the defibrillator, as the "use by" date on the original ones is due to expire soon.

The defibrillator, I am pleased to say, has not been deployed in 2018. It is regularly checked and a monthly site report is sent to the Community Heartbeat Trust.

Thank you all for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jeannette Pike 01335 324046

Poppy Appeal 2018

The total collected for the house-to-house poppy appeal for 2018 was £519.01.

Thank you to everybody for their support.

Hilda Tideswell.

Norbury & Roston Women's Institute

We have a friendly, fun Women's Institute in Norbury that has been running for eighty plus years. We chat, listen to interesting speakers, eat, laugh, go on outings, sing, try out craft activities, entertain each other, make friends, support each other and generally enjoy ourselves!

Please feel welcome to come along to one of our monthly meetings and see if you would like to join us.

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Weather

November was very dry with only **36.6mm** of rain, most of which fell in the last four days of the month. The average daily max. of **10.4°C** was around what is expected for November, but there were only four sub-zero days. December however, saw very mild temperatures with a daily max. of **8.5°C** and only six days where the temperature fell below zero. Greater than average rainfall of **102.6mm** meant December saw some days of heavy prolonged rainfall. As I write this, the first snow of any significance has fallen, much to my dog's delight and temperatures have dropped back down to the seasonal norm. (DS)

St. Peter's Church Ellastone

The Church of England requires that every six years a new Church Electoral Roll must be prepared. This year it is necessary. Notification of this will be placed in the Church Porch. Anyone wishing to be included on the Roll will find the forms for inclusion at the rear of the Church and must return them by March 3rd. The prepared list will be posted in the Church porch for not less than 15 days prior to the Church AGM on 9th April.

Stanton Electoral Roll

The Church's Electoral Roll has to be renewed again this year. To be eligible to be on the Roll, you must have been Baptised, over 16 years of age and be a regular member of the Church. To this end, Electoral Roll forms are available, until the beginning of March, at the back of the Church for you to complete.

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 - by the 21st of the month please for inclusion in the next issue.

Contact us at:-

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Also available on-line at



www.ellastone.org

