

### Blockbusters Quiz

Ellastone Bowls Club and the Parish Hall committee invite you to take part in a Quiz with a difference - Blockbuster style with Ian Elkington as Question Master, on Friday March 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your own drinks - tea and cake will be served at half time. Raffle. £10 per table of 4. Ring Rose on 01335 324795 to book your table.

### Chuffers in Church

St Mary's Uttoxeter Fund Raisers present Chuffers in Church featuring "Railways Around World War II". Historical photographs from 1937 to 1945 of the LMS, LNER, GWR & SR from the Sutton Coldfield Railway Society's Moseley Collection, presented by Robin Mathams.

Time & Date: 7.30 pm Tuesday 12th March 2019

Venue: St Mary's Parish Church, Uttoxeter  
Refreshments included

Admission: Free - Donations welcomed!

### St. Peter's Church Electoral Roll

New Church Electoral Roll forms need to be completed this year, as the previous ones are no longer applicable. Anyone wishing to enrol should be over 16 and have been baptised.

The forms may be found on the table at the back of the Church, to be returned by March 3rd.



### Weather



January saw some unseasonably warm days with the mercury topping **8°C** on 10 separate days during the month, with a high temperature of **11.1°C** recorded on the 13<sup>th</sup> and only 36mm of precipitation falling.

The coldest day was on the last day of the month, when the thermometer dropped to a chilly **-6.1°C**, a reminder that winter is far from over!

Following a spring-like warm spell in late February, today (25th Feb) has seen an astonishing **17.9°C** recorded, with new monthly record highs being set in England and Wales, where temperatures in excess of **20°C** were seen! If this continues, locals will not need to worry about their summer holiday plans being ruined by BREXIT - we can all stay at home!

### Stanton Spring Fair



A Spring Fair will take place in the Gilbert Sheldon Village Hall in Stanton on Saturday 6th April from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

There will be stalls selling handmade items for the garden, Easter gifts, plants for sale, a raffle and homemade refreshments.

If you would like a stall, please contact Nicola Stubbing on 01335 324093

### Ellastone Church Bells

Ellastone will shortly have a bell-ringing band again! A group of 6-8 of us are currently learning to ring the church bells under expert tutelage via the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers. Our regular practice slot is Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00 pm - perhaps you have heard us? We are also ringing Wednesday afternoons with the bells tied (no noise), until we are more competent. Our target is to ring for the first time for the Easter Sunday service. We shall be recruiting for more ringers as we progress. The practice time is negotiable if an afternoon is unsuitable. If you are interested contact: [louparlett@hotmail.com](mailto:louparlett@hotmail.com) using bell ringing as the subject.

### Bingo with Fish and Chips

Eyes down prompt at 6.30pm for this popular event on Saturday April 13th in Ellastone Parish Hall, Tickets are again £8 with plenty of prizes to be won. Money raised will go towards the repairs to the South Roof at St Peter's Church, so we hope you will come and support us. Bring your own drinks please. Booking is with Hilda Tideswell 01335 324203, Rose Barker 01335 324466 or Barbara Butler 01335 324859.

### Ellastone Bowls Club



AGM Thursday 14th March in the clubhouse Church Lane, Ellastone at 7.30pm. All welcome.

## Parish Newsletter

### March 2019



### 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
31st	9.15am	9.15am
	Mothering Sunday Service	Holy Communion

### Church Contacts:

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

### A Special Centenary for the Parish Hall

A reminder that all readers of NEWSRAC are invited to our special free event on Saturday 6th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm, when we shall be celebrating 100 years since the Hall was handed back by the Red Cross after being a Hospital in WW1. As part of the special event, there will be an exhibition of local historical pictures and we would be very grateful for any you may have - which would be scanned and given straight back.

Please e-mail [louparlett@hotmail.com](mailto:louparlett@hotmail.com) or call Lou on 01335 324653. Thank you.

### Bridge over the Brook

How many times have you driven over the Tit Bridge to go to or from Ashbourne? How many times have you had to apply the brakes or take avoiding action? The bridge was built in the 1770's by the Spath and Hanging Bridge Turnpike Trust, to carry horse-drawn vehicles of all types over the brook. After nearly 250 years, it has done rather well hasn't it, although the traffic is a bit different.

A couple of centuries after its construction, in 1971, records show that the Parish Council in Ellastone first raised concerns with Staffordshire County Council over the high number of accidents at the Bridge. They wrote again in 1972 to ask for more warning signs. Ideas discussed since have included a by-pass for the bridge, alternating one-way traffic lights and even a suggestion that a legal approach speed of less than 60mph might be appropriate!

It will soon be 50 years since that first raising of the issue of the bridge with the County Council. These things take time!

### Ellastone Parish Council



Some residents will have noticed with regret the old red telephone box being removed from the Main Road. The Parish Council did look into acquiring it and adapting it for community use, as has been done so effectively elsewhere in the locality. However, as it was on private land, this was not possible. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

### Thanks to Newsrac Deliverers



The Editors would like to say, on behalf of our communities, how grateful we are to those who kindly deliver NEWSRAC door to door each month. We regularly publish a whole range of items, but in particular, thanks to our deliverers, the Churches and many other local organisations have the opportunity to publicise their events and hopefully make them more successful.

### Monday Club

Next meeting is on 4th March in Ellastone Parish Hall, 2.30 pm start. Admission of £2 includes tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket.

Our speaker is Lou Parlett, talking about Madagascar. Madagascar is the world's 4th biggest island and because of its isolation, most of its mammals, half of its birds and most plants exist nowhere else on earth. EVERYONE WELCOME!



### Monday 11th March "An introduction to Canasta"

At the Monday Club meeting held on 4th February, Jim & Carol Murdock gave us a talk on the history of card games and, following on from this, it was decided to hold an afternoon session to learn to play canasta. Anyone interested, whether they are beginners, former or current players please come along to Ellastone Parish Hall on Monday 11th March at 2.30pm and join in. Admission charges will depend on how much interest there is, as we need to cover Hall hire charges, so come along - the more the merrier.

If you are interested, but not able to attend please let us know by calling 324203.

### Ellastone Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Committee AGM will be on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm. We are fortunate that our committee meetings are currently very well attended, but new members are always welcome.

# NEWSRAC

## March 2019

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.

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