

Ellastone Church Summer Opening

This year's summer opening on Sundays commences on the 5th of May. Visitors are most welcome to come in and maybe spend some quality time in the silence. How good it was to hear the bells rung on the evening of Maundy Thursday, 18th April, with Ellastone joining in the national/international act of solidarity and support following the fire at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris. Thank you so much to our bell-ringers.

St. Peter's Ellastone does not have that much in common with Notre-Dame (certainly not 13 million visitors a year), but it does have 855 years of history. Notre-Dame was founded in 1163 and that is the same year as the earliest record of the Church in Ellastone. (The Pope probably did not visit here to lay the foundation stone!)

Why not come and have a look at the various historical and heritage items on display, which give an insight into the long history of our Parish Church?

Ellastone Bingo with Fish and Chips

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who came to our Bingo evening when, after costs, we raised a magnificent and very welcome £731.90 for church funds. Thanks to Ed, our caller, and to all those who helped in any way, e.g. setting up, donating prizes, selling tickets and clearing up afterwards, I am very grateful for their help. Barbara

Ellastone Church Flowers



The Church would welcome more volunteers to donate and display altar flowers, as we have some gaps on the rota. This is on display in the Church porch, so anyone can look to see if a particular date might be suitable, perhaps to remember someone or just as a gift (By tradition, there are no flowers in the Church during Lent and Advent.) The coming month - Mrs N Barker May 5th and 12th and Mrs M Goodall May 19th and 26th.

Easter Flowers - The flowers in church for Easter were beautiful. Many thanks to those who donated them and to those who helped decorate the church. Thank you. Barbara.

Prudential Ride London



On August 4th I'm going to be cycling the 100-mile Prudential Ride London event, and I'm hoping to raise £500 for Christian Aid. This is a huge cycling event when the roads will be closed to traffic, and thousands of cyclists will be following much of the route taken by the world's best cyclists in 2012 for the Olympic Games. So, we will start at the Olympic Park in East London, head south into Surrey and loop around, climbing the biggest hills they could find, before returning to London to finish on The Mall. I'm really looking forward to this challenge, and hope to raise a good total to support the poorest and most vulnerable people on the planet. Do please support me. You can give online at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nick-Taylor-Ellastone

Or just let me know and I'll add your name to my paper sponsorship form (yes, they still exist!). Note that giving online does incur a cost where 5p in the pound goes to Just Giving (a commercial operation). The paper option isn't like that of course. Many thanks. Nick Taylor Tel. 324656

Ellastone Running Club

Meets at the following times each week outside Ellastone Parish Hall:

Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 9.00 am
Saturday 9.00 am

We have a Whatsapp group where runners can arrange their own runs and to check if anyone else is going to turn up! If you would like to join (free) just drop me (Duncan Sadler) an e-mail: ultrarunning.miles@gmail.com or ring/text on 07850 210524.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability - you don't have to be the next Mo Farah. Just pop along to the next run and try us out. We never leave anybody behind!

Parish Newsletter

May 2019



St Peter's Church Ellastone

St Mary's Church Stanton

5th	9.15am	10.00am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
12th	10.45am	6.30pm
	Family Service	Evensong
19th	9.15am	9.15am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
26th	6.30pm	9.15am
	Evensong	Holy Communion

Church Contacts:

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

Ellastone Parish Hall

Our special event this month, commemorating 100 years since the Hall was handed back by the Red Cross after being used as a hospital in WW1 was a great success and received a lot of positive coverage in the local press. The 100 or so people who came enjoyed the exhibits and refreshments, and made generous donations for the Hall and the Red Cross. On their behalf thanks go to the committee members and others who worked hard to make the event happen. Thank you also to our distinguished actors – Nurse Julie Sadler and Colonel Edward and Lady Rose Barker.

The visitors were also complimentary on the programme of renovation and upgrading of the Hall, which is now well advanced. Again, committee members have worked hard to organise roofers, floorers, electricians, plumber, carpenter, decorator etc. and even managed to organise BT for the Broadband installation, which is proving popular for an increasing number of events.

Work on the kitchen upgrade is part-done with more planned, thanks to a generous donation from residents in Lower Ellastone from their fund-raising.

If you wish to book the Hall, please call Jane on 01335 324750, or e-mail wain620@btinternet.com

Wootton Cricket Club



This year's outdoor junior cricket practices have begun at the Wootton Cricket Ground on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm.

All abilities are welcome – from 6 to 14 years. The cost is £3 per session.

Weather

March saw a high of 16°C on both the 20th and 29th and a low of -2 °C on the 29th. The first half of the month was very wet, whilst the second half was virtually rain free and total rainfall was 114.80mm. Easter has seen some beautiful summer-like weather, but the garden is now looking a little parched.

Ellastone Bowls Club – Open Day Sat 4th May

We would like to invite you to come along to the club in Church Lane between 2pm and 4pm, to learn about how the game of bowls is played. Members will be on hand to tutor anyone who would like to learn - with tea and biscuits. We don't play in any leagues, but have friendly games with teams in and around the area on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. All we ask is that you wear flat shoes.

Ellastone Monday Club

There will be no meeting on Monday 6th May due to the Bank Holiday.

At our meeting on 3rd June, the speaker will be James Gallimore: "People of Wootton's Past". The Gallimores were Blacksmiths in Wootton for generations (up to 1905).



James' great-grandmother was of the Walker family, who were wheelwrights, carpenters and coffin makers at the Lane Farm, Wootton. Accounts books of both families are now held by the Staffordshire Record Office within a Gallimore archive, which contains other material that may be of interest to anyone interested in Ellastone or in particular, Wootton history. James has researched his family history extensively, he says that there are stories to tell – e.g. of the circumstances of the suicide of Samuel Gallimore in 1750 and how he is linked to the early history of the Shire Horse, or of Jacques Rousseau observing Mr. Gallimore the blacksmith at work in the 1760s!

More details in the June edition of NEWSRAC.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is May 12th to 18th this year, and we would like to deliver the familiar red envelopes again to as many homes as possible. Please give generously, ticking the Gift Aid option too, if you are a tax-payer. To find out more about what happens to the money, look online - a search for 'CAWeek.org' will get you straight there.

As always, we would be very pleased to have some help, so if you can spare a few hours in that week then please get in touch. Thanks.

Nick & Margaret Taylor Tel. 324656

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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.

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www.ellastone.org

