



Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter

A New Bench for Stanton

The new bench outside the garage on the Browns Lane/ Melton Road corner has now been installed - at last, weary walkers and those waiting for a bus have a place to rest their legs. The 'Stanton Strollers' and Parish Councillors are pictured below, taking full advantage of the new facility.



This bench is a replacement for the old Silver Jubilee one which had been damaged beyond repair. The original plaque has been retained and you can see the inscription inset into the photo on the left.

The bench is on a concrete base and the new management team at the service station have installed attractive flower tubs, making it a welcoming place to sit for a while. Over the past few years this area had become something of an eyesore so it's really pleasing to see it looking so neat and cared for – thanks go to Byford Power for all their help in improving our community environment.

Thank you to Borough Councillor Rob Inglis for the photos.

Stanton to Enter Best Kept Village Competition

Well, at last we've taken the plunge! At the May meeting of the Parish Council, it was decided that we should enter the Best Kept Village Competition. We will be competing in the section for villages with a population between 300 and 700. As Stanton is such a long, spread out village with no well defined centre we're not sure how we'll get on, but as they say 'nothing ventured, nothing gained'. We do have some real positives – well kept gardens, lovely rural verges with a wealth of wild flowers, a beautiful little Parish church, and isn't the Thurlby Lane corner looking a picture this year?



On the negative side, we have a problem with litter thrown from passing cars and, although we try our best with regular community litter picks, it is simply too dangerous to remove litter from some areas of the Melton Road. However, the judges will apparently take into account issues that are out of our hands so fingers crossed!

Judging for the first round takes place between June 6th and 24th. Points are awarded to domestic, community and commercial enterprises and services as well for obvious community effort. A village is not judged for the number of facilities it has, but for evidence of pride and involvement.

Let's all make a little extra effort to make our village as attractive as we possibly can – if everyone picked up just one piece of litter it would make a big difference.

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They are available to meet constituents at any convenient time at their home or any suitable venue/location.

Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: Parish Council meetings in 2016 will be July 13, September 14 and November 9.

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At the Parish council meeting of 11th May, Councillor Mike Sheriston was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Richard Whitby as Vice Chairman

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Neighbourhood Watch is still in need of a new chairperson to front the meetings. Help will be available with the organisation. If you're interested please contact Brian Hunt on 0115 9148037.

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The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm. It was attended by Parish and Borough Councillors, but is open to all residents of Stanton Parish.

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Members of the public can raise items with the parish council at each meeting it holds during the Public Session at the end of the council agenda. The 'open' session is limited to 15 minutes.

Interactive Speed Sign

The interactive speed sign at the southern approach to the village on Melton Road has now been fully installed by Nottinghamshire County Council. Hopefully this, and other improvements to the 'village gateway' will lead to a reduction in speeding at this end of the village. The Parish Council would welcome feedback from residents to see if this actually is the case.

We will still continue to operate the **Community Road Safety Scheme** at suitable areas around the village. More volunteers are needed to operate this effectively, so please contact any member of the Parish Council if you'd like to help.

Stanton Strollers

The Stanton Strollers met in March to walk to the Salutation Inn. Our walkers ranged in age from 20 to 81 years and we had a fine dry day. We followed the footpath from Browns Lane to Stanton Church, skirting the golf course for a short while before using the path at the side of Furlong House to join Browns Lane again. From here we made our way along Thurlby Lane and with the kind permission of the landowner, we crossed over the fields to Widmerpool Lane. Here we joined the Bridleway that starts at the side of Wolds Barn. By following this down the hill we eventually came to Lings Lane and by turning right, soon came to the Salutation Inn for a well earned bar lunch. It was a very pleasant walk with beautiful views and enjoyed by all.

Martin Danielson.

Martin organised another excellent walk for the Stanton Strollers on Saturday 14th May. After meeting outside the garage on Melton Road for a photoshoot with the new bench, we set off along the bridle path opposite Browns Lane towards the A46. After crossing over the dual carriageway on the new bridge we picked up the bridleway once more to take us through the woods and on to Vimy Ridge, with spectacular views over the Vale of Belvoir.



We walked down the hill to cross over the canal and continued along the track before turning right onto a footpath across the fields. After a slightly worrying encounter with a very curious herd of cows we left the footpath and quickly reached the Neville Arms, where we enjoyed welcome refreshments.

It was pleasing to see that the walk was well attended with 11 walkers (and 3 dogs!). The weather was perfect, as was the ground underfoot. Many thanks go to Martin for his excellent organisation and planning.

Hilary Whitby

Summer Walk

To the Plough at Hickling. The date is yet to be decided, but please contact Martin if you're interested – his contact details are on the front page.

Your Local Churches

**Stanton on the Wolds
Parish Church**
Awaiting new appointment

**Catholic Church,
Willowbrook**

Fr. Michael Williams
01509 852147

Methodist Church

Rev. Simon Rose
0115 914 3794

Baptist Church

Rev. Elaine Blundell
0115 937 7247

United Reform Church

Rev. Chris Ford
0115 937 5086



Reverend Jim Wellington Retires

After nine years as rector of the Benefice of Keyworth, Bradmore and Bunny, Father Jim Wellington has retired. We thank him for all he has done for our Parish Church in Stanton and wish him well in his retirement. Until the appointment of a successor, services will continue to be held but please check details on the noticeboard outside the church. All enquiries should be addressed to the church wardens:

Margaret Healy: 0115 9148654

Tony Hill: 0115 9372049

**There will be 'cake and fizz'
after the 6pm service on
Sunday 12th June, in
celebration of the Queen's
birthday.**

Queen's Birthday Medals

At the May meeting of the Parish Council, it was decided to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by giving a commemorative medal to all those in the Parish aged 16 and under and 90 and over on 21st April 2016, the date of the Queen's birthday.



This attractive medal, pictured above, is produced by Tower Mint, exclusively for schools and councils. It is presented in a royal blue embossed card surround within a protective perspex case. If you are eligible for a free medal please complete the application form included with this newsletter. All applications are to be returned to the Parish Clerk by Wednesday 13th July please. Parish councillors will then organise distribution after this date.



Phoenix Garden Party

Date: Saturday, 30 July 2016
Time: 3-5 pm
Venue: 145 Browns Lane, Stanton-on-the-Wolds

A party to celebrate the host's, Teri Browett's, return to health after having surgery to remove breast and lymph node cancers. We are also hoping to raise money for The **Nottingham Hospital's Charity** and in particular the Gillies Ward.

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| ✦ Bring and Buy | ✦ Belly Dancers |
| ✦ Tombola | ✦ Books, dvds, plants |
| ✦ Hot and cold drinks | ✦ Games |

Donations welcome, please leave in the porch at 145 Browns Lane or happy to collect
Email teri.browett@gmail.com **Tel:** 0115 93754949

Please donate healthy Cakes/Biscuits – no sugar, wheat or dairy
There will be a prize for the best cakes.

The Flora of Stanton

As well as being our resident local historians, Alan and Val Hunt take a keen interest in the local flora and have a wealth of knowledge on the subject. They have completed a survey of wildflowers in our parish, as Alan relates below:

In August 2015, Teri Browett mentioned that she was interested in producing a flora of the parish. Although it was getting quite late in the season for most wild flowers to be in bloom it was decided to at least make a start in examining everything still in flower, leaf or with seed heads. In the following five weeks every lane, footpath and bridle way was walked and the plants found were identified. In addition, some wild areas not in cultivation were also scrutinised. To encourage possible interest in our local wild flowers we collected (mainly from gardens) seeds from 18 different species including bluebells, broom, cowslips, foxgloves, mallow, mullein, poppy, teasels and white bryony. These were offered for sale at the Stanton Village Social event on the 5th September 2015 and all monies went to the Parish Council Community Fund. By the end of September a provisional flora had been put together consisting of 153 species from 118 genera belonging to 52 families of plants. These figures have since been updated to 175 species, 134 genera and 60 families. In addition to a formal list based on families, genera and species it is planned to introduce associated codes for all species that relate to notes on the locations where they are found and on the frequency of occurrence. Apparently a survey by Rushcliffe Borough Council found and identified a species of wild orchid within our parish boundaries, but they have been unwilling to divulge the species concerned in case they are found and dug up!

Footpath News



How many of you have noticed the new plaques which have appeared on the way marking posts for the new footpath over the tunnel top?

These signify that the footpath is now part of the Notts Wolds Way, which is a long distance footpath of some 26 miles, developed by the Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Society. This route links Bunny and Cropwell Butler, taking in several villages, including Widmerpool, Keyworth, Normanton, Clipston and Stanton. David Brown, secretary of the NFPS, has told us:

'The route is wholly on existing public rights of way through an attractive part of South Nottinghamshire and includes several new paths or diversions which have yet to find their way onto even the latest OS maps. We have been successful in receiving a small grant from Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust to cover way-marking, some improvements to the route in the form of way-marker posts, a kissing gate, etc and also to fund a detailed information booklet.'

The route will be formally opened on Tuesday 23rd August in Bunny Village Hall at about 10am followed by a walk of the first stage from Bunny to Willoughby on the Wolds. If you are interested in joining this walk, you would be very welcome. David also says:

'We hope that members of your Parish will enjoy walking all or part of the route in the future.'

Byford Power

I'm sure residents will have welcomed the developments at the former Wolds Service Station on the Melton Road/Browns Lane corner, which has now been taken over by Byford Power. Over the past few years this area had become something of an eyesore, but the new management have made considerable improvements including new signage and attractive floral arrangements. They would like to express their gratitude for the support already received from the residents of Stanton-on-the-Wolds. Jo, from Byford Power Ltd writes:

'Not only do we sell fuel, which we try to be as competitive as we can, we also stock a selection of:

Groceries

Toiletries

Sandwiches

Snacks

Newspapers & Magazines. (Although we do not stock all papers and magazines, we do take orders)

Cigarettes

There is a comfortable indoor seating area with a Costa coffee machine.

We will, in the near future, be stocking a small selection of wines and beers.

If you are having your car washed at the hand car wash, located behind the shop, pop in for a coffee, while you wait.

If there is anything that our customers would like us to stock, then please ask Gary or Jo.'

We wish them every success and hope that the residents of Stanton will support a valuable local business.

Successful 'Clean for the Queen'

'Clean for the Queen' was a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday. We played our part in Stanton, with a community litter pick on Saturday 5th March. A total of 15 volunteers (11 on the day and 4 who litter picked on other days) cleared 16 bags of rubbish from the village.



As you can see from the photo, the volunteers went to great lengths to fish out rubbish from hedges and ditches. The litter comprised the usual fast food packaging, plastic bottles and cans but there were a few more memorable finds such as a pair of black lacy knickers! Empty Perrier water bottles indicated a higher class of litter lout and several vodka bottles were found on Stanton Lane!

A huge 'Thank you' to all who helped.

... but only a few days afterwards, the problem reappeared!



So our next **Community Litter Pick** is scheduled for 10 am on **Saturday 10th September** – hope you can join us!

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is a problem in many rural areas and Stanton is no exception, with a recent incident on Thurlby Lane being reported to Parish Councillors. Rushcliffe Borough Council's Streetwise department are responsible for cleaning up illegally dumped waste. Residents can report fly tipping either by phone: 0115 9819911

Or online at:

www.rushcliffe.gov.uk - click on Environment and Waste, then Streetwise, then Keeping Rushcliffe Clean.

Litter Facts

I make no apologies for continuing with the litter theme and here are some rather unsavoury facts about the financial and environmental costs of litter to our country:

- About 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped every day on the streets of the UK
- The RSPCA receives 7,000 calls per year about animals injured by litter
- Fly tipping incidents cost about £45 million per year to clear up
- It costs taxpayers almost £1 billion every year to clean up litter from our streets

How long does it take to biodegrade?

- Orange peel and banana skins up to 2 years
- Plastic bottle up to 450 years
- Cigarette butts up to 12 years
- Plastic bag 10-20 years

Register to Use Rugby Road Tip

I'm sure many residents make use of the local waste recycling centre on Rugby Road West Bridgford. However, from September of this year it will be necessary to register your vehicle with Nottinghamshire County Council before you can use this, or any other recycling site in Nottinghamshire. You can register online at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-centres/using-our-recycling-centres/register

If you are unable to do this, you can phone the customer service centre on 0300 500 80 80.

There are restrictions on the types of vehicles and trailers you can use at recycling centres so, if you have any doubts, it's probably best to check before you go to save a wasted journey.

Have your say: Do you have anything you want to see in the newsletter? Any ideas for future articles? Something you'd like to say? Please let us know. Our contact details are: hilarywhitby54@gmail.com or ricwhitby@gmail.com

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