



Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter



The Great British Spring Clean



Following on from the success of last year's 'Clean for the Queen', **Keep Britain Tidy** is launching its biggest-ever litter campaign, the **Great British Spring Clean**, to encourage 500,000 people to get out and make sure their neighbourhood is one of which they can be proud.

Keep Britain Tidy is an organisation which was formed over 60 years ago by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and unfortunately is needed now even more than it was then. The Spring Clean is taking place over the weekend 3rd – 5th March. The campaign is being backed by charities such as the RSPCA, the Marine Conservation Society and Keep Wales Tidy and businesses including McDonald's, Greggs, Costa, Harrogate Spring Water and The Helping Hand Company.

Here in Stanton we'll be playing our part by having a **community litter** pick on:

Saturday 4th March 10 – 12



We'll meet at **138 Browns lane** to collect equipment and allocate areas. All equipment, including gloves and litter pickers (but sadly not the cape and mask!) is provided, and sturdy shoes or wellies are recommended as a lot of litter ends up in ditches and under hedges!

We'll meet for coffee and cake afterwards at 138 Browns Lane.

Please help us to keep our village litter free by volunteering your time – it's only a couple of hours! If you can help please contact Hilary on 07815 686388 or email hilarywhitby54@gmail.com, just so I can make sure we have enough equipment.

Livestock worrying

We're lucky to live in a rural community so it's very disappointing to hear reports of livestock worrying. David McLaren, who farms at Stanton Farm with his father, recently wrote to the Chairman of the Parish Council with reports of two incidents of sheep worrying by dogs. The sheep are grazed on the land between Browns lane and the golf course, which is crossed by two public footpaths.

David was witness to one of the incidents when a known Stanton resident allowed her dog to chase a ewe and attempt to bite its leg. The lady was apparently unconcerned, stating that the dog wouldn't have hurt the sheep. This really isn't the point – the sheep are heavily in lamb at the moment and any stress at this stage can lead to abortion.

David has also noticed that the flock has been unsettled, indicating high stress levels probably caused by dog worrying. This has also been noticed by another resident who also commented on the removal of 'Livestock warning signs' asking people to maintain control of their dogs when around livestock.

David and his father stopped grazing cattle on this field as a goodwill gesture towards residents using the footpaths, so are understandably disappointed that a small number of people choose to behave irresponsibly now that there are sheep grazing in the field. Could we please remind everyone to take extra care when walking with dogs in the vicinity of sheep, and remember:

- You are responsible for your dog's actions when around livestock. If you can't keep your dog under close control, then put it on a lead.
- Livestock worrying is a criminal offence, with the person in charge of the dog liable to fine of up to £1,000 if convicted.
- If a farmer finds a dog worrying their livestock and it cannot be brought under control, they are entitled to shoot it as a last resort.

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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 2017 will be March 8th, May 10th (also the Annual Parish meeting), July 12th, Sept 13th, Nov 8th. Meetings always take place in the Parish Church, but please look at the village noticeboards for times.

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The crack to the village sign on Thurlby Lane corner will be repaired.

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A resident has requested the reinstatement of the bus stop on the stretch of Melton Road approaching Laming Gap Lane. This request has been forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

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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.

'Streetlife' now 'Nextdoor'

Streetlife, a free social media platform used by several Stanton residents, has now changed to Nextdoor and the Streetlife website will cease to be operational.

Nextdoor, like Streetlife, uses the power of technology to build local communities.

Neighbours can use Nextdoor to exchange recommendations for local tradesmen, find lost pets, organise neighbourhood watch, publicise community events, and, above all, to get to know other people in their neighbourhood.

If you're already a member of Streetlife you will receive an invitation to move to Nextdoor. If you've not already joined, why not give it a go by visiting:
<https://nextdoor.co.uk/>

New Rector Appointed

A new Rector has now been appointed to the Benefice of Keyworth, Stanton and Bunny. We extend a warm welcome to **Revd Tom Meyrick**, at present Rector of Newbold de Verdun, Barlestone and Kirkby Mallory and Priest-in-Charge of Lecketon in the Diocese of Leicester. He will be responsible for All Saints Church, Stanton in addition to Keyworth and Bunny Parish Churches.

His installation takes place at:

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bunny

On

Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7.30pm

All parishioners are warmly invited. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church.

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Advance notice is given that Stanton Church is planning to participate in an "open" event over 22/23 July. Further details will follow in the next newsletter

Your Local Churches

Stanton on the Wolds

Parish Church

Revd Tom Meyrick

Contact details to be

confirmed

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



Rushcliffe Arena

The new Rushcliffe Arena opened in early January, offering a wide range of sporting facilities to residents of the borough. There are 2 swimming pools, a gym, indoor bowling rinks, sports hall, squash courts, snooker tables and a café. Contact details are:

Rushcliffe Arena

Rugby Road,

West Bridgford,

Nottingham,

NG2 7HY

Tel: 0115 981 4027

Rushcliffe Arena is now also the new home to Rushcliffe Borough Council. The council's offices for the past 34 years, in the landmark eight-storey Civic Centre overlooking the River Trent, have closed, saving £350,000 annually in running costs.

The telephone number for the **Borough Council offices** is:

0115 981 9911

Christmas Social

Stanton Parish Council invited all residents for a Christmas get together at the Golf Club on Monday 19th December. The event was attended by about 60 people who all enjoyed a catch up with old friends and hopefully made some new ones.

Feedback was very positive, so maybe more similar events would be welcome in the village.

Garage Reopens

The garage is under new ownership and has reopened, stocking a range of grocery essentials and newspapers. Regular newspaper orders will also be taken.

Opening times are:

7 -7 Weekdays, 8 - 6 Weekends.

Broadband in Stanton

The situation regarding the provision of high speed broadband in Stanton on the Wolds remains unclear. Our village is currently not included in the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, although many surrounding villages are. In seeking some clarification about broadband provision I had a look at the website <http://www.fibrebroadband.co.uk/> which explains the technical details in terms that I can understand. There are currently two potential fibre broadband providers in Stanton.

- Virgin media owns and operates one network along the Melton Road which it can use to deliver FTTP (Fibre To The Property) albeit at a significant cost, including the cost of excavations.
- Fibre To The Cabinet is owned by BT – you may have noticed the green box at the top of Willowbrook with 'Fibre broadband is here' stickers. However, from the cabinet, you are relying on a wire connection to your property, resulting in variable connection speeds.

We understand that the box at Normanton is undergoing fibre upgrade but there's no information as to when it will be completed. There has also been recent activity involving fibre installation on telegraph poles in the area. A local telecommunications expert has offered to keep an eye on the situation and will let us know of any developments.

Celebrations to mark the end of WW1

There will be national celebrations next year **2018**, on **November 11th**, to mark the **100th anniversary of the end of World War 1**. Parishes are being asked to participate and Stanton has registered an interest in joining the commemorations. We hope to have a bonfire and refreshments but further details will be posted next year.

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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