

# STRETTON-ON-FOSSE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

April 2017

COUNCILLORS: Isobel Hazelwood (Chairman) 661816; Penny White (Vice-Chair) 663811; Keith Finlay 661157; Chris Long-Leather 663863 ; Peter Balchin 664149 Parish Clerk Sue Finlay 661157

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Jo Barker 077489 68712

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Christopher Saint 01608 662290 (until 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

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### What's on in Stretton?

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm at the Village Hall Stretton May Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May County Council elections, voting in committee room, Village Hall

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Village Hall, Stretton Film Club is showing A United Kingdom (cert 12)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Village Hall, Parish Council AGM, APA and Ordinary Meeting, 7pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Village Hall Cream Teas (3.30-5pm)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, by Village Hall, Stretton's very own Picnic in the Park (details TBA)

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### The village website and the parish council email list.

If you have access to the internet check out our website [www.strettononfosse.com](http://www.strettononfosse.com) which is there for you, the locals, and for visitors. Use it to find out what is happening in the village, send us your information to upload before and after events, news, photos.... If you have material for the website please contact us via the website or Izzi: [ihazelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:ihazelwood@hotmail.com)/ tel 661816; or Chris: [chris.longleather@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.longleather@btinternet.com) / tel: 663863

**Are you new to the village?** If you have email send your address (and actual address so that we don't deliver paper copies as well) to [ihazelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:ihazelwood@hotmail.com). Information about what is on in the village, the newsletter (which appears about 4 times a year) and other matters of general interest will be sent to you. Your email address will not be available to anyone else. Or phone Izzi if you want a paper copy of information because you have no internet (Tel: 661816)

**Is anyone interested in updating the website** once a week/fortnight with photos, upcoming events etc? We can't pay but it shouldn't be too onerous. It would need to be someone with an interest in and knowledge of the village and who lives here. If you could help please email [ihazelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:ihazelwood@hotmail.com)

**Neighbourhood Watch** – if you would like to join this please send an email to Penny White ([pwhite@white.star.co.uk](mailto:pwhite@white.star.co.uk)) or phone her on 663811. The local police have started a new alert system if you have email: to get Community Messages via the Police click on the link and follow the instructions. <http://warwickshire.police.uk/register>

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### Stretton has a Facebook account!

Become a Facebook Friend of Stretton-on-Fosse Online! We have an account so that Strettonites and friends can use it for comments about the village and events, advertise events, sell or re-cycle or ask to buy items, lost and found, start conversations about what interests you about the village, suggestions for the village hall and parish council, fund-raising, post photos etc.

## Parish Council News

- **The Portabello Crossroads** safety improvements: there has been a change of plan and Warwickshire Highways are now installing traffic lights since the previous plan (staggered side-roads etc) became too difficult to implement. The work is due to start soon,
  - **Harolds Orchard:** still no sign of when the 5 new houses may be built, however the roadway of Harolds Orchard has now been adopted by Warwickshire County Highways (it was the responsibility of Warwickshire Rural Association) and (subject to any objections) the footpath running across the field behind the area where the new houses will be, is being diverted a matter of a couple of metres to accommodate the houses. A map is on the notice board at the bus stop. Two hopeful signs that something may happen sometime soon?
  - **The Pitstop site:** it is currently owned by someone who wants to put a prestige car sales business on the site but on 12<sup>th</sup> April the Stratford district councillors refused permission to change this site from a café to a car business. The parish council had met with his agent before this and negotiated a landscaping scheme to largely screen the currently very ugly site from the road and the houses nearby. We do not know what will happen to the site now. Watch this space!
  - **Power cuts:** If there is a power cut you can now **dial 105** to get through to the correct power company to report the cut. Remember the power company may well not know that there is a problem until phoned.
  - **Chris Saint:** who has represented us for many years is retiring as County Councillor on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The parish council would like to thank him for all the work he has done for the parish.
  - **We have a second notice board made by Stuart Green (thank you, Stuart!)** installed on the 3-corner piece by the entrance to the village. There is a bench there in a sorry state of repair. If it can be repaired, would anyone use it where it is now or could it be put somewhere more suitable in the village? Your comments please!
  - **Parish Council Information:** On the website you will find the minutes of the last but one meeting of the parish council and the annual accounts. The minutes of the last meeting are only passed as correct at the next meeting so only appear in draft form and are liable to correction. Look under the parish council section.
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### Stretton Biodiversity Group

The Stretton Biodiversity Group aims to support the conservation of nature in our village, and foster a growing interest in the natural world. We help to monitor and improve key local habitats and species, including maintaining native wild flower patches around the village and the Spinney alongside the gated road. These in turn are helping to support native wildlife - from bees to bats and hedgehogs to hawk moths. We also organise community events, talks by experts and visits to interesting habitats.

**We have hedgehogs again in the village!** Please watch out for them on the road, especially near the crossroads by the bus stop.

Forthcoming events:

Tree Walk / Treasure Hunt - Sunday 28th May (NB this date may change, to be confirmed)

Pond Dipping - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10am, more details to follow

Moth Trapping - 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July, details to follow

Everyone welcome at any events, no expertise necessary! Contact Dave Passingham Tel: 661816.

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**The next Parish Council meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the village hall committee room. NB CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME. Agenda will be on the notice board and on the website. All welcome**

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## Village Hall News

### Stretton May Day Celebrations

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2pm start.** Maypole dancing; Crowning of May Queen; Parade around village followed by teas, cake and stalls in hall afterwards. Traditional children's races on field. Donations for stalls (tombola items, jam jars filled with goodies, wine bottles – empty or full, scones and cakes) appreciated. Can be left in box at bus stop or phone Gail on 01608 430075.

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### Stretton Film Club

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Stretton Films at the Village Hall, are pleased to present, A United Kingdom (cert12A). The film celebrates the inspiring real-life romance of Seretse Khama, King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948 in the face of fierce opposition.

Adults £3.50, children £2.50. Doors open at 7:00pm, the film will show 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available before and after the film. You are welcome to bring other drinks.

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### Cream Teas

**In the Village Hall** (in aid of Stretton Church): Sundays 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30-5pm

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**Bridge Afternoon** on 1<sup>st</sup> April – thanks to Rod and Jill Case for running the afternoon in aid of funds for the village hall. A profit of approximately £270 was made.

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### Egg sales:

With the success of milk sales from the village hall fridge, eggs from both chickens and ducks are now for sale. Chicken eggs at £1.30 for 6 and duck eggs for £1.50 for 6. The eggs are at the moment all produced in the village by the community project but if demand grows we will supplement this by getting eggs from Mabel's Dairy who supply the milk. we would appreciate the return of the egg boxes please.

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### Stretton Greenfingers:

Membership £10. Contact Chris on 663863 or [chris.longleather@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.longleather@btinternet.com). We hold 2 talks and arrange a number of garden visits as well as the Annual Show (**9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**).

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** plant swap or purchase at Marianne's opposite the Plough.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** visit to Ampney Brook House

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Village Walk and Tea

**Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** Rousham Gardens

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### Regular events at the village hall

**Toddlers: Fridays - 10.30 – 12.00 Contact – Lucy Cox 01608 663755**

**Learn to Dance: Mondays 7.30 to 9. Contact Silhouette Dancing (Meg) 07859 261 078 email [info@silhouette-dance.co.uk](mailto:info@silhouette-dance.co.uk) [www.silhouette-dance.co.uk](http://www.silhouette-dance.co.uk)**

**Line Dancing: Wednesdays, 7 - 8pm. Contact Caroline Green on 01386 870068**

**Exercise Classes: A choice of exercise classes in your village hall!**

**Thursdays - 9.00-10am - Circuit Training, suitable for all levels of fitness for an entire body workout. ( Cardio, resistance & core work)**

**Thursdays - 10.00 - 11am- Functional Pilates- Improve your posture, core strength/stability & flexibility. All classes £6.50 pay as you go. Block booking discount available. For more information, [www.julietrobbins.com](http://www.julietrobbins.com) or contact Juliet Robbins- 07899966303, email - [get\\_fit@julietrobbins.com](mailto:get_fit@julietrobbins.com)**

**Aikido classes: Sundays 4.30-6pm, contact Vince Sensei on 07738 837904 or [julia.hunter-anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:julia.hunter-anderson@hotmail.com)**

**Tai Chi: Mondays 11-12, contact Vince or Julia as above**

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**Committee:** Lucy Cox and Paul Robinson - Joint Chairs, Naomi Dalton - Treasurer, Becky Morgan – Bookings Secretary (01608 661348), Izzi Hazelwood – Secretary. Other committee members are: Geri Hunting, Anna Pike, Jayne Potter, Rod Case, Andy Giles, Steph Fahey and representatives of each of the regular bookings in the hall

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the Committee Room. All welcome. Date of future meeting will be on the website

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#### Useful phone numbers and email addresses:

Warwickshire County Council - 01926 410410; [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

Stratford District Council - 01789 267575; [www.stratford-dc.gov.uk](http://www.stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Highways Customer Services – 01926 412515

Information on fly-tipping, waste and re-cycling – 01789 260616

Shipston Library – 0300 555 8171 (open: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30-12.30; Tues, Thurs 13.30-17.30)

Trading Standards – Business advice line – 01926 414044

Consumer advice line – 08454 040506

Shipston Police (non-emergency) – 101 or 01789 444670 or Shipston Library

Ubus – 01789 264491 Abandoned Car Clear – 0800 1699900

Back and 4<sup>th</sup> Transport – 01789 471595 Shipston Leisure Centre – 01608 662354

Water – Severn Trent – 0800 7834444 Electricity – Western Power – 08003281111/105 for power cuts

Neighbourhood Watch – Penny White 01608 663811