

STRETTON-ON-FOSSE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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What's on in Stretton?

Friday 6th October, Film in Village Hall 'The Zookeeper's Wife' (PG), 7 for 7.30

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th October, Village Hall and Playground tidy-up (more details below)

Tuesday 24th October, in Village Hall, Gardening (Greenfingers) Club speaker – all welcome

Tuesday 7th November, in Village Hall committee room, Village Hall committee meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 8th November, in Village Hall committee room Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

Sunday 12th November, in Village Hall Bio-diversity Group's Cream Teas and talk 3.30 till 5.30

The village website and the parish council email list.

If you have access to the internet check out our website 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 / tel 661816; or Chris: 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. 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)

A REPEATED REQUEST! 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

Neighbourhood Watch – if you would like to join this please send an email to Penny White (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>

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: The work on improving this is due to start in October. Fingers crossed...
 - **The Pitstop café site at Rowborough:** Permission has now been granted to develop the site as a 'prestige' car sales business. There are many strict conditions which the owner has to adhere to, to be allowed to start up there. The Parish Council and Stratford Planning Dept are trying to keep him to these conditions which are mainly more sympathetic landscaping. They can be viewed on the Planning website of Stratford District Council.
 - **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.
 - **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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The Village Playground

We have a great play area for the children in this village. In 1999 we managed to raise enough money to install all the wooden equipment and the fencing and bark surface. An outside body checks the safety of the playground for the parish council every year and it seems that all the wooden equipment is gradually coming to the end of its life. Over the next 2-3 years we will have to replace everything except the swings, large slide, horse and igloo and 2 picnic tables. This means we will have to raise a significant amount of money, as well as applying for grants.

First of all we need your views on what to replace the equipment with and approximately how much money we need to raise.... And then we have to start fund-raising! **To start things off we are asking children, parents, grandparents, everyone interested to complete a survey.** Details will be sent round on the parish council newsletter email list and on the village website, put through the doors of those with no email, and put on the notice-boards. Please return the survey by 1st November.

The Mobile Library

Some of you may not be aware that there is a Warwickshire mobile library service which visits the car park of the village hall at 10.10 till 10.30 every third Friday. The next visit is on 20th October, then 10th November, 1st December, 22nd December

Each mobile has:

- large and small print titles
- spoken word
- books for young children
- no fines or charges and free book requests
- information on the Internet
- local, library and County Council information screens

Access and comfort

- low entrance with two small steps
- ramp at the rear for wheelchair users

There is also a **Home Library Service**. This service delivers library books to people who can't get to the mobile library due to ill health or disability. We will distribute some leaflets and put additional information up on notice-boards or phone Izzi (661816) and she will bring you the information.

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.

Cream Teas: On **12th November** in the village hall we are holding our annual Cream Teas 3.30 – 5.30. We will be showing what the group has been doing and seeing this past year and we have a speaker – our very own Stretton Professor Owen Lewis whose talk is entitled: 'It's a jungle out there: travels of a tropical ecologist'.

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

Stretton-on-Fosse Honey: We still have a few jars of our honey for sale (apply to Stuart Potter at Marsden (opposite the village hall)).

Stretton-on-Fosse Apple Juice: We now have **freshly made apple juice**, made solely with apples from our village. It actually tastes of fresh apples – the cartons in supermarkets cannot compare! Nothing has been added to the pure juice and since it has been pasteurised it will keep for at least a year unopened. When open, keep in the fridge. If you would like to taste, ask Dave or Izzi at 11 The Green. The bottles are £2 each, £5 for 3 and can be picked up outside 11 The Green (opposite the bus stop) or from the milk fridge.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30 in the village hall committee room. Agenda will be on the notice board and on the website. All welcome. If you want the PC to discuss a matter please contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Finlay, beforehand.

Village Hall News

The Picnic in the Park aka Strettfest at the end of June raised about £1000 and thanks to Paul Dalton who works for Barclays Bank, the bank has given us a grant of £825. Many thanks to all who organised and helped on the evening.

Village Hall and Play Area Tidy-up: Saturday/Sunday 14/15 October. There are a number of tasks to be done in the play area - e.g. raking the bark where it has become bare, and the area round the hall needs to be cut back and de-weeded. On the Friday we will put up a list of jobs to be done so that you can do whichever of the tasks you want, whenever you want.

Hiring Equipment from the Village Hall: We are happy to hire out tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, sports equipment and a sound system but we would expect a donation to the hall for the use. Please apply to Becky Morgan.

Hirer's Rates for the Hall: We are in the process of revising our hiring contract and the hire rates so that hiring the hall for part of a day becomes more flexible. The new rates will be on the website shortly or available from Becky Morgan (Bookings Secretary).

Stretton Film Club: Friday 6th October - Stretton Films at the Village Hall, are pleased to present: **The Zookeeper's Wife** (PG) 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.

A New Book Swap – as an experiment to see if it will work – there is now a plastic box under or on the seat at the bus stop with books to swap. Just bring a book of yours which you want to donate and take another book. If it is popular we can find a better and more weather-proof way of displaying them. Have a look!

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.

Stretton Greenfingers: Membership £10. Contact Chris on 663863 or chris.longleather@btinternet.com. We hold 2 talks and arrange a number of garden visits as well as the Annual Show.

The winners of this year's Annual Show were: Annette Clayton for flowers, Jayne Potter for bakery and jams, Bob Field for fruit and vegetables and Bob Field again as the overall winner.

The next event is a **talk by Alison Ensor on Tuesday 24th October** at 8pm in the village hall on the subject of '**No Dig Gardening**'. All are most welcome, members have free entry, non-members -small charge.

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 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 or contact Juliet Robbins- 07899966303, email - get_fit@julietrobbins.com

Aikido classes: Sundays 4.30-6pm, contact Vince Sensei on 07738 837904 or julia.hunter-anderson@hotmail.com

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

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 7th November at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. All welcome. Date of future meetings will be on the website.

Useful phone numbers and email addresses:

Warwickshire County Council - 01926 410410; www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Stratford District Council - 01789 267575; 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 4th 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)

Emergency Committee – Izzi Hazelwood (661816), Keith Finlay (661157), Stuart and Jayne Potter (663671)