STRETTON-ON-FOSSE VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

PARISH COUNCILLORS:  Isobel Hazelwood (Chairman) 661816; Penny White (Vice-Chair) 663811; Keith Finlay 661157; Chris Long-Leather 663863; Richard Eedle; Jon Holdback 663433; Parish Clerk Sue Finlay 661157

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Jo Barker 077489 68712

**------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------Stretton Share**

**What is it?**

Most of us have items in our house, garage and shed which we only use occasionally – pressure washer, camping equipment, wall-paper stripper etc. The idea of Stretton Share is to have a list of items, which we are willing to lend to others within the village. We will compile a list of what is available and who to contact to borrow. The list will be on the village website, on the notice-boards and can be sent to you by email. It will be updated regularly.

**How does it work?**

We are asking households who think they may be interested in lending or borrowing to fill in this form to join the scheme – no charge to become a member. You will then be given a list of the lenders and their contact details. You will contact the owner of the item directly to borrow it – and agree for how long. We are asking for a small donation (£1-£2) for smaller items and between £5 and £10 for larger items. The donations are to be paid to Stretton Share to be used for maintenance or repair of electrical and mechanical items. Put your donation in an envelope and drop it into the letterbox at the Village Hall.

**Disclaimer**

The borrower uses any item borrowed under Stretton Share at his/her own risk.

If you want the lists and other information on Stretton Share to be emailed to you then make sure you agree to this below (GDPR regulations). We will not use your email address for any purpose other than to inform about the project. If you are prepared to lend items, then we will need your phone number and/or email to pass on to the lender. Any general information will be sent out blind-copied to safeguard your anonymity. You can unsubscribe at any time.

**For additional details please see the village website**

**Next Village Get-Together** will be at the village hall on **Saturday 2nd April, 10 till 12.  Eco-Weigh** will be there as usual.  Real coffee, tea, cake, biscuits.

**Wildflowers:** You may have noticed that the far edge of the playing field, along the line of Cottage Farm Court gardens has been  cleared.  With the help of, and paid for by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, we have sown a long strip of wild-flower seed there.  There is a separate patch under the trees to the right of the far goalpost (sown with woodland wildflower seed), and a third area on the orchard section of the allotments.

**Pop-up table top plant and home produce sale for Shipston Home Nursing:**This year Stretton will be joining a number of other villages in the Shipston area in hosting a ‘pop up’ plant sale over the May Bank Holiday, Saturday April 30th to Monday May 2nd.

The table will be hosted by Geri Hunting outside her house - Thornfield - just opposite the bus shelter. Any donations of plants or other home produce gratefully received any time between now and the event. Please drop any offerings around to Geri or give her a call on 07968 338848 for her to collect from you.

For more details, watch out for the posters around the village.

**And a plea to just one or two dog-owners**: Pick up after your dog!  There are constant complaints that dog poo is left, particularly on the playing-field, and recently on Belcony.  This is such a disgusting (and dangerous), anti-social thing to still be doing in 2022.  The Parish Council is happy to pass on the names of anyone caught allowing their dogs to foul and Warwickshire County Council will not hesitate to prosecute.

**The Parish Council and Village Hall email list**

If you have broadband and would like to be kept up to date on what is happening in the village please join our email list. Emails are always sent out blind-copied (i.e. no-one sees anyone else’s email address) and you can come off the list any time. Contact Izzi Hazelwood on the Parish Council email address: strettononfossepc@btinternet.com. If you are on Facebook join the village FB page: Stretton-on-Fosse Online. Otherwise keep an eye on the notice board at the bus stop.

**Neighbourhood Watch** If you would like to join this please send an email to Penny White (pennycourthouse@gmail.com) or phone her on 663811. Any suspicious activity can be reported to Penny and/or the police (on 101 unless it is an emergency). Please don’t wait to report something like a suspicious car – phone 101 immediately.

**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.

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**The next Parish Council meeting** is on Wednesday 4th May at 7.15 in the village hall meeting 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**.**

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**Village Hall News**

To book the village hall please contact Sharon (Tel: 01608 663865 or via our website strettononfosse.com)

The Village Hall is happy to hire out tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery and sports equipment but we would expect a donation to the hall for the use. Please apply to Sharon (as above)

We also have a data projector, a screen, 2 x triple-display boards which can be hired from the parish council. Please apply to strettononfossepc@btinternet.com or phone the parish clerk.

**Stretton Greenfingers – Stretton’s Gardening Club**

Membership £10. Contact Chris on 663863 or chris.longleather@btinternet.com. We arrange a number of garden visits, put on the Annual Show in September (Saturday, 18th – keep the date!) and arrange 2 talks to which all are most welcome, members have free entry to talks, non-members – a small charge.

**Regular Events at the Village Hall**

**Toddlers**:  Fridays - 10.00 – 12.00  Contact – Holly:661191 or Liz: elizabetheverett@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

**Functional Pilates** Thursdays - 10.00 - 11am-   Improve your posture, core strength/stability & flexibility. For more information, [www.julietrobbins.com](http://www.julietrobbins.com/) or  contact Juliet Robbins- 07899966303

**Aikido** Mondays 7pm – Contact Vince on 07713 455154

**U3A Orchestra** 10 – 12.15 - Contact Christine on xinequilts@gmail.com or 01608 661578

**North Cotswold Brown Boys** Sunday evenings (times vary) – Contact Jon 01068 663433

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**Committee:** Lucy Cox and Paul Robinson(Joint Chairs), Janice Klein(Treasurer), Sharon Harcourt (Bookings Secretary 663865), Izzi Hazelwood (Secretary), Rod Case, Andy Giles, Becky Morgan.

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**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 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 –105 for power cuts

Neighbourhood Watch – Penny White (01608 663811)

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

Vale Animal Rescue – 01386 882288

RSPCA – 0300 123 4999