STRETTON-ON-FOSSE VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

September 2021

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

**------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------Annual Produce Show is happening again! Saturday 18th September**

As usual we want your best vegetables and fruit, your baking and jams and chutneys. All the details for entry are on the notice board in the bus stop. If you are coming just to admire and have tea and cake, then the hall will be open from 2.15pm. There will be a raffle and the produce will be auctioned at the end of the afternoon. We will make it as Covid secure as we can. We hope to be able to have some of the tables for teas on the patio (with gazebos if needed) and we will make sure the hall is well aired.

**We would very much welcome any raffle prizes and offers to make cakes.** If you are making a cake, could you please let Izzi know asap(this email address will do, or a note into 11 The Green), because, every time, the tea and cake ‘staff’ are in a panic about whether there will be enough cake. Cakes and raffle prizes can be left with Izzi (11 The Green) or Lesley (Home Farm) or dropped into the hall before 12 on the Saturday. This will be the first village event in the hall for 18 months so please come along.

**Our Books in the Bus Stop**

As many as you know we have 3 plastic boxes of books to be borrowed by the village. We are trying to find a better way of displaying and keeping them, but that may take some time. In the meanwhile, can we please ask the following: you are welcome to take one or more books but please: only leave books you think have a general appeal (Fly-fishing in Northern Siberia or German Tank Movements in WW2 probably won’t do that…); don’t use the facility as a way of simply getting rid of all those books gathering dust – do take them to a charity shop; only leave a book if there is room in one of the boxes; if you want rid of other items (jigsaws, etc) either take them to a charity shop or advertise them on the village Facebook (Stretton-on-Fosse Online). It’s a great facility but also a seat in a bus stop!

**Dog Poo – again**

It is very frustrating for the Parish Council to have frequent complaints about dog poo being left on the playing field and on footpaths. Of course, we know that 99% of Stretton dog owners are careful but this is aimed at the 1%: PLEASE remember that dog poo can cause serious illness to children and animals.

**Events coming up at the village hall**:

Apart from the Annual Show on 18th September, we are planning the Stretton Food Fayre and Sustainability Show on Sunday 17th October; we are hoping to celebrate Halloween for the children (31st October) and on the weekend of 4/5th December to decorate the village for Christmas as we did last year. More information to follow!

**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 Tuesday 9 November 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