



Little Aston

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Parish Council News

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ALL THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

This newsletter aims to bring you up to date with the work of your parish council - please look inside for news of events which have been going on near you. You can find out more by visiting the parish council website www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk which has seen steadily increasing visitor numbers over the past six months. It is expected that there will have been well over 50,000 visits this year. The amount of information which is available has also grown, and if you have ideas for how the website might be developed further, please contact the clerk.

Like any organisation, the parish council endeavours to ensure the smooth running of its operations. There are now six new policies to inform our practice, and these can be viewed on the website.

In September, parish councillors met with Marisha Place, who is Partnership Manager with Lichfield and District Police. We were keen to find out about measures to control anti-social behaviour, and she will return to lead a fuller discussion of this at our December meeting, including an explanation of how the 999 and 101 system works, plus information on work being undertaken to improve the service. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend the first fifteen minutes of any meeting.

It is clear that the quality of life in our communities is considerably enhanced by the work of volunteers. The parish council seeks to support these activities, and is keen to encourage organisations to apply for a community grant. Forms are now available from the parish office, and should be submitted no later than 23rd January.

If you would like to consider becoming a parish councillor, a vacancy exists to represent the Little Aston and Stonnall ward. Please contact the clerk by 31st December for further details. To apply, you will need to have been resident either in the parish or within three miles of its boundary for 12 months, or have occupied land or premises or had the parish as your principal place of work.

Please look inside for details of what has been happening in your village, and for events which are scheduled to take place over the Christmas period. The parish council would like to wish all those who live in the parish Seasons Greetings. The next issue of the parish newsletter will be available in June, and articles for inclusion should be submitted to the parish office 19th May.

Ice Busters

The County Council support local communities to help keep footways clear in the form of an initiative known as 'Ice Busters'. The County Council can provide a back-pack sprayer to the parish, and the parish then arrange for volunteers from the local community who are prepared to use the spray units to treat small amounts of footways for the benefit of all within the parish. It may be there is a small area that needs treating where the Village Shop is, or perhaps an area where there is a high number of senior citizens.

The spray units need to be filled with a brine solution which the County Council also provides, and can be collected from the Local Highway Depot with prior agreement. The volunteer needs to keep the spray unit and the brine solution in a safe place for when it is needed.

Good Samaritan clause

One of the misconceptions, often perpetuated by the media, is that we can be liable for the consequences of any voluntary acts on our part. During winter 2009/2010, advice was given on television and radio to householders not to clear the snow in front of their properties in case any passer-by

fell and then sued. In fact there is no liability in the normal way and the Lord Chief Justice is reported as saying that he had never come across a case where someone was sued in these circumstances.

Yet this belief may deter people from engaging in organised voluntary activities in the mistaken belief that they can be sued should anything go wrong. People who seek to do good in our society should not fear litigation as a result of their actions.

Please contact the parish office if you feel that you can support this initiative.

Shenstone Parish Council Accounting Statements for Financial Year 2015 to 2016

	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £
1. Balances brought forward	77205	93298
2 (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	126337	145000
3 (-) Total other receipts	17833	3684
4 (-) Staff costs	33771	33484
5 (-) Loan/Interest/capital repayments	0	0
6 (-) All other payments	94306	86486
7 (=) Balances carried forward	93298	122012
8 Total value of cash and short term investments	84534	112160
9 Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	78368	79012
10 Total borrowings	0	0

These accounts were audited and approved by Grant Thornton UK LLP on 30th September 2016 - No further details required.

Allotment Bonfire

Jubilee allotment holders and their families enjoying a bonfire celebration on November 4th. All plots are taken at the moment, but invitations from those who live in the parish and who would like to go on the waiting list are invited to contact the secretary Viv Tseemelis on 07804 929108.





LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE UPDATE

Little Aston Recreation Ground

It has been an interesting and eventful year at the Little Aston Recreation Ground and here is a summary of what has been happening.

Our small team of **Volunteer Gardeners** are a dedicated group who all give up their time to help keep the recreation ground looking at its best. We enjoy planning the landscape together and have watched it grow and mature over the years. Over 3,000 trees have been planted and there are both native trees and other specimens from around the world. It promises to be a remarkable sight for future generations as well as being a beautiful scene now throughout each of the seasons. We are very fortunate to be mentored and supported by the founder of a wonderful arboretum in Derbyshire who is also an RHS judge. He visits several times a year and has provided ongoing guidance and advice.

Last year our volunteers began planting a small wild flower meadow and they have added to the mix of flora this autumn. Although an experiment it has so far been very successful.

If you have green fingers – (or even if you don't!) – and a few hours to spare, then please let us know. All contact details are displayed on our new notice board at the entrance to the site.

As the landscape of the recreation ground matures, it is attracting a variety of local wildlife. With a grant from the Cory Environmental Trust and proceeds from 'Party in the Park', we are continuing to develop our wildlife educational area that encourages both children and adults to learn about the local habitat. We have designed and installed several very helpful information lecterns around the field that explain to visitors about the wildlife that

lives there. We have also joined a national wildlife and wild flora research and monitoring project known as The Living Record. This enables us to record and share sightings, for example, one of our very knowledgeable volunteers has logged over 100 species of wildflower. Night vision cameras capture the movement of hedgehogs, field mice, foxes and other wildlife. Two of our team have also taken on the responsibility of nurturing several baby hedgehogs that would not survive the forthcoming winter without their positive intervention.

In the autumn of this year we organised a **Wildlife Evening** that was very well attended by the local community. A number of wildlife experts attended and helped our own volunteers take groups of children and adults around the field to monitor bat activity, moth flight and the activity of other wildlife that have made the recreation ground their home.

'Party in the Park' was another resounding success and seems to get better every year. All 2,750 tickets were sold very quickly and everyone had a great time. The evening ended with a fantastic and surprise firework display. The team are now planning a repeat performance next July and the organisation of this major event began a few months ago.

Our **fitness trail** along with the outdoor gym equipment continue to be well used by many of our visitors. It is a fact that several local GPs have recommended these facilities to their patients to aid recovery.

We were nominated for the **Fields in Trust 'Best Park' (2016) award** and although we have not been shortlisted this year, we have had tremendous support from many of our visitors and also from our local MP, Christopher Pincher. He made time to visit us recently to talk with committee members, some of our volunteer gardeners and our part time groundsman. We gave Christopher a guided tour of the recreation

ground and he was very impressed with what we are trying to achieve.

Our visitor numbers continue to increase each year and a comment in the press that our recreation ground is "a magnet for the local community" is certainly true.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to all our committee members and other volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. It is their enthusiasm and commitment that helps us to maintain and nurture our wonderful green space here in Little Aston.

Phil Berry
Chairman
Little Aston Recreation Ground Association

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- Little Aston Table Tennis Club, Ron Leighton 0121 3536157
- Little Aston Pre-School Play Group, Tracey Davies 0795 0047172
- Little Aston Community Association, www.laca--org.co.uk
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- Little Aston Bowling Club, Rod Crowley 0121 3538238
- Little Aston Tennis Club, Richard Sochon 0121 3533226
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Referendum Result

On Thursday 17th November 2016 the result of the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan referendum votes cast were as follows: Cast in favour, 509 votes representing 88.7% of the vote, and not cast in favour 64 votes representing 11.1% of the vote. The turnout was 24.1% of the total electorate. This means the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan has been approved as more than half of those voting have voted in favour and Lichfield District Council will now formally adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. The turnout and result is very similar to the Neighbourhood Plan voting results elsewhere in the Lichfield District Council area and nationally. Following that final approval by Lichfield Council the Neighbourhood Plan will have to be used by Lichfield Council in future years to protect and improve the Shenstone village character and amenities, and shape where any future Shenstone village developments will go and what they will look like.

London Midland Rail Franchise

The new rail service franchise for Shenstone Station is still on course to start in October 2017. Only two bidders remain - London and West Midland Railway Ltd (a franchise led by Govia who currently own London Midland) and West Midland Trains Ltd (a franchise led by Abellio a Dutch company). Three recently announced government requirements for the bidders that could benefit users of Shenstone Station are:

1. Bidders must increase all peak time journeys to and from Birmingham from current levels.
2. Bidders must increase Sunday services from current levels so that they are similar to Saturday services.
3. Bidders must have a convincing plan to minimise staffing shortage disruption and leaf fall disruption.

In the meantime a new, modern external ticket machine has been installed at Shenstone Station from which you can pick up tickets purchased online.

Shenstone's History

Shenstone has a fascinating history, and there has been a suggestion that we should do more to gather and collect together

what information we have. There is, of course, a local history collection in Shenstone Community Library, but it is felt that we could also gather articles on the Shenstone area of the Parish Council website. If you would like to make a contribution to this collection, please email Keith Jones at solvac@btinternet.com

To give you a taste of what might be on offer, here's an extract from an article on Admiral Sir William Parker, who died one hundred and fifty years ago, on 13th November 1866. For the full text, please visit the Shenstone area on the parish council website.

Admiral Sir William Parker was known locally as a stellar celebrity of the early nineteenth century. His one-time home, Shenstone Lodge, now a school, can be glimpsed as you drive along the Birmingham Road towards Mere Green. His family were gentry and were descended from members who distinguished themselves through service to their country. When William was a boy his parents lived in Lichfield, close to the Cathedral. Later on in his life after he married, and returned to Staffordshire where he and his wife chose to settle in Shenstone.

William joined the navy in 1793 during the French Revolution, and he continued serving through the ensuing war against Napoleon. Between 1806 and 1810 he served mostly along the coasts of Spain and Portugal. In 1810 he took a long leave, and in June of that year married Frances Anne Biddulph, daughter of Sir Theophilus Biddulph of Biddulph Hall.

For the sum of £6,000 William Parker purchased Shenstone Lodge from the trustees of Colonel Dickenson, which was in the occupation of Sir Edward Paget. In 1815 he was created a **Companion Order of the Bath**. After eighteen years at sea and with a successful career behind him, Parker settled down in Shenstone to enjoy family life and the country pursuits of hunting shooting and taking care of his land. He was said to be a good neighbour and was well liked and respected by the villagers. He was generous and paid the doctor's fees of those who were ill and too poor to meet the cost. He donated money towards Shenstone School and was made a **Deputy-Lieutenant of Staffordshire**. Additionally, out of concern for those of his profession who were less privileged, he set up

a fund for sailors injured in battle.

After 15 years of living the life of a country gentleman (1827), he was persuaded to return to sea as **Senior Naval Officer** in the Aegean. He was given command of the Royal Yacht 'Prince Regent' in 1829 and promoted to **Rear Admiral** in 1830, after which he was sent to protect British interests and trade in Lisbon during the Portuguese civil war. He demonstrated tact and sure diplomatic skills which impressed the king and government. In recognition of his even-handedness and good judgement, and his ability to ensure that he got the right result for the Foreign Office, on his return to England he was appointed as one of the **Lords of the Admiralty**. In April 1835 he was promoted to **Rear Admiral**. The appointment of first and **Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to Queen Victoria** in 1844 was further acknowledgement of the value of his role.

He died in 1866 in Shenstone from bronchitis complications. Although renowned as the last of Nelson's (surviving) Captains, one contemporary of his said he was "also the first". He was buried in the grounds of St John the Baptist Church, Shenstone. There are three stained glass windows in the church dedicated to his memory. A grand marble monument to his memory was erected in Lichfield Cathedral, adjacent to the south door and within the military chapel. One of his colleagues, in admiration and respect for the way Admiral Parker had conducted himself said: *"He stood undisputedly first in his profession."* *Shenstone's Vicar, Rev. Essington simply said Admiral Parker was the "best of men"*.

Shenstone Community Library News

Six months ago, the Parish Newsletter carried a story of the precarious position of the library: would it be saved from closure or not? The good news is that the community initiative to maintain a library for the people of Shenstone and its hinterland has been successful. In August the steering group received word from Staffordshire County Council that not only had our bid been accepted but it was praised for its outstanding quality (a big thank you to Trevor Cooper for



his work on this). We had indeed done our homework and covered every area in detail! Since then, much has happened and we are very close to a formal community take-over and we, the village, are already running a voluntary staffed library.

Since the start of August there has been a great deal of activity as we worked towards fulfilling all the things that were necessary for a takeover. By far the most important matter was the training of our great team of volunteers. Many man-and-woman-hours have been spent shadowing qualified library staff and on a series of training days which were led by library staff. You have no idea how complicated it turns out to be to just 'do books'! Ian Burley of the library service has been a huge help and support to us all, providing answers, time, patience and goodwill, all delivered with a smile. We could not have achieved this without his support and that of his team.

So where are we up to and what else have we done in the past few months apart from training?

- A local architect has drawn up plans for the building changes necessary for installing a safe coffee shop area.

- A local interior designer has produced great visual interpretations of how the library might look in the future.

- A local lawyer has advised on the legal issues involved in taking over the new contract for the community-run library.

Without this support from the business community we would not have made the progress that we have. They have been terrific and we are very grateful to have had the benefit of their specialised skills and knowledge which have been given at no cost to the library funds.

- Rotas have been drawn up.

- Insurance to cover all eventualities has been put in place.

- A dedicated library bank account has been opened.

- A Charitable Status application has been lodged.

I wouldn't like to guess how many 'meeting hours' have been spent on all of the above!

What's next?

We are now trying to raise the funds to set up the Library's own coffee shop. This requires a big investment in good quality equipment. We aspire to a coffee shop which will attract a lot of customers and this will in turn provide the funds to run a successful and forward looking library. We aim to make the library better than in the past with a higher footfall. It was, after all, a lack of users which put it on the list for potential closure. It may be

that the hours are changed and services widened - we certainly hope so. To carry out any changes we need funds. There has been a grant from the Parish Council but this is insufficient to meet even half of the costs of the alterations needed to make a safe and usable space with the proper services. Hopefully this plea will reach lots of people and funds will start coming in.

By 2017 we hope to sign the legal paperwork and take full responsibility for the library. That contract will be initially for five years. Work on the changes will get underway if we have managed to raise the funds. The current steering group expect to be in a position to hand over the running of the library to a properly constituted management group. We have loved the task we set ourselves but it was always to save the library for the community to 'own' and care for in the future.

Gillean Yeo

On behalf of the Library Steering Group

Shenstone Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch is a locally driven initiative where members of the community join together, with the support of Staffordshire Police, to monitor vehicle speeds through our village. It was originally set up by then councillor Elizabeth Brown, who was concerned by traffic speeds through Shenstone, often by commuters using local roads as 'rat runs' during the rush hours. These are the very same times that children were walking to and from Greysbrooke School or the station.

Birmingham Road suffered similar speeding problems and thanks to local pressure the speed limit was reduced to 30mph.

Speedwatch volunteers receive appropriate training (no more than 2 hrs) and then monitor traffic at approved sites. Each session lasts for no more than an hour and is held at a time and day to suit the group. Their presence serves to remind drivers of the speed limit, but where a speed problem can be proved, then the Police themselves will monitor that site and can take action. Volunteers can only note the registration numbers and speed of vehicles.

If you are concerned about speeding in the village, why not consider becoming a volunteer? Currently we monitor traffic every four weeks or so, but with additional volunteers monitoring could be more frequent. This really does help to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village which hopefully will keep our children safe and give us all an

improved quality of life.

For further information contact Sue Walton 07799574558

Shenstone Village Festival



Shenstone Village Festival is an eagerly anticipated event, and the organisers are already working hard on the planning to make sure that 2017 will be the best ever! Many village organisations will be involved, and there will be plenty to see and do.

A peal of bells from St John's Church at 10am will announce the opening on Saturday 24th June. Both churches will exhibit floral displays exploring the theme of 'Countries of the World', and there will be an arts and crafts exhibition, a quilting exhibition, and china painters. Gardens will be open on both days. There will also be lots on offer to eat, with ploughman's lunches, cake stalls, and strawberry teas. Saturday afternoon will bring games and activities to the Glebe, and on Sunday afternoon there will be a car rally, starting at Trinity car park, and progressing around the village to the Glebe. The weekend will close with a festival 'Songs of Praise' with a united choir and orchestra.

Come and see Father Christmas at Shenstone Village Hall on Saturday 10th December from 2pm till 4pm. Refreshments, a bouncy castle and children's activities. All children receive a present from Father Christmas!

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Village Hall Booking Secretary Tresa Rock 01543 481504



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Best Kept Village Success for Stonnall!

It has been forty years since Stonnall last entered the Best Kept Village competition, and 2016 was to see a most exciting result. The competition is about everything in the village - the organisations, events, activities and the involvement of all ages. We were placed in a large village category and were very pleased, even amazed, at our success. We came second in our category. Our certificate is framed and hanging in the Youth and Community Hut.

We will be entering next year and have already started planning. Bulbs have been planted and new areas adopted. Thank you to all our helpers and supporters in 2016. Look out for the purple lollipops in 2017!

Stonnall Village Pound

About twenty years ago, following the example of a school in West Bromwich (now Sandwell) two local councillors (one of whom, John Mason, is sadly no longer with us) decided to have a 'Tidy Britain' campaign in the village.

Whilst removing odd pieces of litter from verges and hedgerows, we discovered a rubbish tip at the junction of Church Road and Church Lane. After further investigation it was revealed as the site of the old, 18th century pound or pinfold. Pounds or pinfolds were enclosed spaces where stray animals (often cattle) were kept. Both words are fine, but, having been brought up in West Bromwich, where there was a pound next to a public house called 'The Ring of Bells', the old joke was, "Where can you buy beer by the pound?" Because of that, it has always been the pound for me.

Together with a large group of people of all ages, from primary school to 80 years, we began to clear the site completely and then restore the building. As a matter of fact, an earlier attempt had been made by the local scouts, but it wasn't completed and the place quickly resumed the appearance of a rubbish tip. The hours of work, put in by the large group of people, mainly on Saturday mornings, were

totted up and match-funded by 'Awards for All', thereby helping to fund the restoration.

This was the start of the Conservation Society. People who lived nearby, such as the Harbers, not only joined in with a will, but also provided refreshments for the workers. A few problems about ownership arose along the way, but with help from the Council, these were solved to everyone's satisfaction.

Work began in 1998 and continued over the next two years, ready for the grand opening on its completion in 2000. The Town Crier was present, 18th century dress was encouraged, and there was dancing, a maypole and a variety of 18th century food laid on in the hut (Youth and Community Centre). There was even a commemorative poem written for the occasion!

Since then, members of the Conservation Society (LSCHS) have been researching archives and other records, and have now succeeded in gaining Grade 11 listed status for this piece of our heritage.

So there it stands, one of only about 200 such, listed, in England, a survival of an interesting aspect of rural life in the past and agricultural history in general, welcoming people to the village and offering a place to sit and rest on the bench, and to admire the surrounding countryside. It is well-used now, not by cattle but by people.

The restoration owes much to the help and encouragement of County and District Councils, as well as the Parish, and to the hours of work given by villagers. It is also an early example of a Heritage Initiative Project.

Shakespeare in the Shed

For anyone puzzled by the title, 'Shakespeare in the Shed' is the name coined by Mrs Parton, Head of St Peter's School, when we first performed, 'Twelfth Night' for the children. Since then, it seems to have stuck, and in fact we do mostly meet in the 'shed', i.e. the Youth and Community Centre.

My efforts to popularise the great man's works began, when, as a teacher, I wondered how to introduce him to a less than enthusiastic class. I wrote a sort of ballad to explain just who he was, when he lived, where, and how he spent his life, followed by a version of 'Twelfth Night', performed by the staff. This went down well and several years later, it appeared in one of Stonnall Players' revues, again successfully.

Since then, it was suggested that there were plenty more plays to convert and the group of players has now performed 'Romeo and Juliet', and 'A Comedy of Errors', in addition to 'Twelfth Night'. Performances have taken place at St Peter's School; in the Centre, as social occasions; and even on the Playing Field, as part of HRH The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations in June of this year.

There are now four plays available to be performed, as 'The Scottish Play' has joined the list and this will have been part of the entertainment at the November meeting of the Conservation Society.

Val Neale

Christmas in Stonnall

As always, in Stonnall, there is plenty happening during the Christmas season, and this year it all begins in November and continues into January.

On Wednesday 30th November, Coffee Club members are invited to a Christmas Lunch at St Peter's School. Last year it was like being at The Ritz, with beautifully laid tables, excellent food and pleasant piano music in the background, provided by the Music Teacher, Mr Chris Williams. I expect it will be something similar this year.

The following Wednesday, 7th December, is the day of the Coffee Club's own Annual Christmas Lunch, which again, is generally a delightful occasion. In the evening, as there is no Gardeners' Guild meeting, a Flower Demonstration, to be given by Anne Brown of 'Tiaras and Flowers', Shenstone, has been organised. This will take place in the Centre at

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7.30pm and is in support of the Alzheimers Society.

Between these two, there is an invitation for a group of local residents to entertain 'The Friday Friends' in Shenstone, on Friday 2nd December.

Stonnall Singers' Christmas Concert takes place in St Peter's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday, 10th December. Tickets cost £5, with the proceeds being divided between the Singers and the Church.

The following day, Sunday 11th, at 4pm in church, there is the Christingle Service, usually a great favourite with all age groups.

St Peter's School celebrates Christmas with not one, but two services in church on the morning of Thursday 15th December. This is because our church is no longer big enough to hold the whole school, especially with staff, children and parents. There will be the usual road closures to enable the school parties to walk to and from the church.

On Sunday 18th, the very popular Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in church at the new time of 4pm. Please note the time.

Last year, the Gardeners' Guild held a very successful dinner at Druids Heath Golf Club and this year they are repeating the experience, on Monday evening, 19th December. This means that the Annual Village Nativity Pageant will take place on Tuesday 20th, not the usual Monday evening, outside the Village Hall, as in 2015. This is an occasion for the whole village to hear the story of Christmas and even take part in it, as shepherds, kings, or townspeople, or merely as an audience.

Following the Pageant, drinks of hot punch are served, to warm people up on a cold winter's night. (We can't guarantee the cold winter's night, actually!). A collection will be taken, which is usually divided between St Giles' Hospice and the Brooke donkey charity, in honour of the donkey, which joins us on the road to Bethlehem, courtesy of Mrs Cooper, from the farm across the Chester Road.

Then Christmas is almost upon us and on Christmas Eve, 24th December, at 2pm in church, there is the Service of Hope and Remembrance. All are welcome, but especially those who have been recently bereaved. It is a time to remember them and be thankful. At 4pm there is the Crib Service, especially for children, but, again, everyone is welcome. Midnight Service of Holy Communion is at 11.30pm and we are being joined this year by people from Shenstone and St John's Church, while on the great day itself, the joint service will be held at 10am in St John's Church.

Then it's time to relax with friends and family and continue to enjoy the rest of the holiday period. If you happen to be in the Stonnall Players, however, you are then gearing up for the latest pantomime, 'Ali Baba', to be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12th to the 14th January, 2017, in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the end of the year.

Stonnall Time Capsule



As part of HRH The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, Stonnall residents decided to fill a time capsule which will be opened in 2106.

Contributions from the various organisations in the village have been carefully packed in acid free tissue and poly bags to hopefully preserve their longevity.

St. Peter's church donated an endorsed Bible and hymn book, together with other publications about the Queen's birthday. From St. Peter's School, there was a photograph of the reception class for September 2016, so possibly some of them may still be alive in 90 years time.

Copies of the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan and Design Statement were included along

with the Heritage book written by the Stonnall Conservation Society. Also the current electoral register and Google maps of the village layout.

The Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Beavers all contributed photographs, badges and write-ups about their organisations. The Stonnall Phoenix Junior football team featured on their photographs.

Stonnall W.I. who also celebrated 90 years in the village, contributed an antique W.I. china tea cup and saucer plus their badges over the years.

Copies of previous Parish Newsletters and St. Peter's Church magazines were also included. Councillor Val Neale wrote about the Stonnall Coffee Club and included several photographs.

Assorted posters and flyers used to celebrate both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and her 90th Birthday had to go in the time capsule. Julian Ward Davies of Stonnall History Group provided many photographs of old Stonnall, together with a video of the recent celebrations on the playing field.

In all, 33 packages went in to the time capsule, including some national results and news items. County Councillor David Smith contributed a write up about the current governance of the UK and future plans for Stonnall with the proposed country park.

The time capsule is to be buried on the playing field, adjacent to the brick plinth, celebrating the Fields in Trust status and Jubilee Walk. A slate plaque, stating when the capsule is to be opened, will be added to the plinth. Details of the contents and burial site will be maintained by the Conservation Society and the History Group.

Stonnall Players Present Ali Baba

Stonnall Players proudly present their comic version of Ali Baba. Expect fun and laughter, thrills and spills and a larger than life baddie with his inept crew of thieves. Will Ali Baba, his friends and two amorous camels be able to return the stolen jewels? And can Ali Baba



Stonnall Players

Present

Ali Baba



STONNALL VILLAGE HALL

MAIN STREET, STONNALL

JANUARY 12th, 13th & 14th 2017 7.30pm

ADULTS £7, CHILDREN £3, CONCS £5 (THURS ONLY)

FAMILY TICKET £18 (2 adults & up to 3 children)

TICKETS CALL OR TEXT: 07516 274 765

Email: stonnallplayers@gmail.com

<http://stonnallplayers.moonfruit.com>



also win the heart of his true love? Join us for this very traditional pantomime which will entertain young and old alike. We will be performing Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th January 2017 at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £7 adults, £5 concessions (Thursday only), £3

children and £18 family (for two adults and up to three children). To obtain your tickets call or text 07516 274 765 or email stonnallplayers@gmail.com or request them online at stonnallplayers.moonfruit.com

Stonnall Village Directory

- Stonnall Neighbourhood Watch, Bob and Jean Folks 01543 361731
- St. Peter's Church, Stonnall, Reverend Liz Chamberlain 01543 480286
- Friends of St. Peter's, Membership Secretary, Peter Richardson 01543 374541
- Village News, Councillor Val Neale 01543 374430
- Pre School, St. Peter's School Little Fishes, Mrs Wendy Holmes 07971 068705
- Stonnall Youth & Community Centre, Bookings, Peter Birley 01543 371266
- Stonnall Gardeners Guild, Chairman, Kevin Collins 01543 375186
- Stonnall Players, Sheila Pritchard, 01543 372583
- Stonnall Guides, Alison Peat 07918 662776
- Stonnall Brownie Guides, Melanie Langham 07936 362427
- Stonnall Rainbow Guides, Grace Michaelides 07951 839399
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