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Stonnall

Parish Council News

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ALL THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

St Peter's Church



St Peter's Church, Stonnall, stands on a hill overlooking the village. Of course all churches were built on hills originally, as places of refuge and as look-out posts in the days of tribal wars. Now the hill puts it at a slight disadvantage, for unless you're young and fit, walking isn't an option, especially as Church Road, in spite of the 30mph limit, is usually busy with speeding vehicles. In places where there is a pavement, it is narrow and usually overgrown with brambles and nettles.

How fortunate we are to have our Parish Church. It was completed in 1823 on land given by William Tennant, Lord of the Manor of Shenstone who donated £100 towards the cost of the building. Other donors were Sir Robert Peel and Mr Mellor of Little Aston Hall. In 1843 the chancel was added, paid for by Mr W. Leigh of Little Aston Hall, together with grants from the London Society.

For more than 170 years St Peter's has been the place of worship for the village, and recently, the venue for many village events, coffee mornings, concerts, special services for St Peter's School and so on. There is much of interest to be seen inside, including the altar screen, originally intended for Adelaide Cathedral, the font, and the many beautiful stained glass windows.

It is many years now since the church was last decorated-1982 to be precise-and the intention is to complete the much-needed redecoration, with the help of the "Friends of St

Peter's", as soon as possible. But before this can go ahead, the surrounds and supports of the windows need to be restored- an expensive business.

Just as all those years ago, donations are still needed. Many people contribute to funding in various ways, including by becoming members of the "Friends". We now look forward to seeing our lovely little church restored to its former glory, both inside and out.

The Hut

Stonnall Youth and Community Centre, affectionately known as "The Hut" has been a central part of our village life for some years. In these days of austerity providing support for The Hut has been difficult. The Parish Council continues to recognise the importance of this facility to the community and continues to provide grants towards its upkeep. The management committee have been active in securing extra funds to update the equipment and a new and improved heating system has been installed, new tables have been bought (which are easier to use and store), and the old plastic chairs have been replaced with more comfortable padded chairs. New soap dispensers and hand dryers have also been fitted in the toilets

Future plans include preservative treatment to the exterior of the building and the fitting of a permanent, large projector screen for the use of our many visiting speakers. The ultimate aim is to provide facilities for a village cinema. The Hut has been on lease to the Parish Council for quite some time. However the current sign does not reflect this. A new sign is to be put in its place. It's still the same old Hut but the sign is new.

The Hut is here for the whole community; please support it by using it.

Stonnall Time Capsule - Commemoration and Final Chapter



In June 2016, Stonnall village celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday on the Playing Field. As part of the celebrations Shenstone Parish Council kindly grant-funded a time capsule which was later filled and buried under the Fields in Trust plinth.

As well as all the historical and interesting information about the village, the residents, the community and the various organisations. Also contained within the capsule is an essay written by Sam Willis, a pupil at St. Peter's Primary School. The children of St. Peter's were given a challenge to write about someone in history and Sam chose to write about his great, great, great, great-grandfather, Samuel Meuse, who had been an RNLI boatman at Lowestoft.

On Sunday 24th September 2017, the organising committee and other villagers came together on the Playing Field, where the Reverend Liz Chamberlain led a short commemorative service to mark the 'Final Chapter'. The time capsule plaque has now been mounted on the plinth, for all to see the opening date. At the ceremony, Sam Willis was given a monetary prize in recognition of his efforts and hopefully he will still be in the village when the time capsule is opened on June 11th 2106. A count down calendar will be hung in various locations in the village.

Thanks go to all the people involved in all the celebrations and the completion of the time capsule project.

Desert Island Picks



DESERT ISLAND PICKS
with Stonnall Players
featuring
THE KING OF SPAIN'S TREASURE
By Geoff Bamber with arrangement by Lazy Bee Scripts

Lifeboats
Helping in aid of the RBC

STONNALL VILLAGE HALL
MAIN STREET, STONNALL
JANUARY 12th & 13th 2018 7.30pm
ADULTS £7, CHILDREN £3
FAMILY TICKET £18 (2 adults & up to 3 children)
TICKETS CALL OR TEXT: 07516 274 765
Email: stonnallplayers@gmail.com
Licensed bar 7pm – 10.30pm

Find us on Facebook

The Stonnall Players' show for the new year is 'Desert Island Picks', which might aptly be described as a pantomime plus, as it stars a bite-sized panto entitled 'The King of Spain's Treasure' by Lazy Bee's Geoff Bamber. This is a hilarious piratical adventure (very) loosely based on Treasure Island. However, in addition to this, we have a host of other entertainments that will take you to our very own desert island including skits, sketches, and, of course, some fabulous music. We are very excited about the changes and we hope you will like them too. Altogether, it promises to be a very entertaining show. Further changes for 2018 include performances on two nights only, Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th January, but with a licensed bar. So be sure to save the dates and book your tickets in advance. Tickets are available in December - call/text 07516 274 765 or email: stonnallplayers@gmail.com. Want to know more? Then look out for our brand new Facebook page which is coming soon. We shall look forward to seeing you then.

Christmas Festivities in Stonnall

Christmas festivities in the village begin even earlier than usual this year, as on 25th November, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, The Mint Theatre Society, a local group, is presenting a performance of 'A Christmas Carol', adapted from Charles Dickens' novel by Neil Bartlett. Tickets at £7 are available from ticketsthemint@hotmail.com Further

performances will take place in Aldridge Social Club on 1st and 2nd December.

After that, we're into December with Stonnall Singers' concert 'All on a Silent Night', in St Peter's Church on the 9th, followed by the Christingle Service on the 10th at 4pm.

On Wednesday 13th, Stonnall Coffee Club members will be enjoying the annual lunch at the Beverley Hotel in Walsall, enabling the dedicated group of volunteers to join in and relax, instead of doing all the work as they usually do.

The Gardeners Guild is visiting Druid's Heath Golf Club on the evening of Friday 15th, for their annual dinner, and, on Sunday 17th, the annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at 4pm, in church.

On Monday 18th, Stonnall Village Nativity Pageant will take place as usual, outside the Village Hall – an opportunity for everyone to hear the Christmas story and journey to the stable at Bethlehem, without leaving Stonnall. Look out for the posters with more details.

At 2pm on Christmas Eve there is the service of Hope and Remembrance in church and at 4pm the Crib Service. Midnight Communion begins at 11.30pm at St Peter's, a joint service, and on Christmas Day, there is another joint service in St John's, Shenstone, at 10am.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY AT SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL. Little Aston & Stonnall Wards

A vacancy has arisen for a Councillor at Shenstone Parish Council. We are looking to co-opt a new Councillor for the Little Aston and Stonnall Wards of the Parish of Shenstone.

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Please enclose a letter outlining your relevant experience and why you feel you would be suitable for this role.

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 - Have been disqualified under part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 or under the Audit Commission Act 1998
 - The closing dates for applications will be Friday Dec 1st 2017.

Little Aston Recreation Ground

One of our main projects this year has been to plan a sensory garden at the recreation ground. Our committee members have teamed up with local horticultural training centre manager Jonathan Ensell and garden designer Laura Houghton to draw up a plan of how the new space might look. In October park visitors and members of the local community were invited to the first consultation event held at the site, giving all interested parties the opportunity to express their views. It proved very successful and both the garden designer and LARGA committee members were then able to draw on various ideas suggested by the public. The next stage will involve establishing a detailed planting plan



*Phil Berry, Chairman, Little Aston Recreation Ground Association
LARGA committee members and the garden designers Jonathan Ensell and Laura Houghton.*

from all over the world and have now created a small but beautiful arboretum around the perimeter of the recreation ground. Some of the trees are quite rare specimens and will be a

wonderful legacy for future generations of visitors. We have also this year extended our wildflower area with further planting of both annual and perennial flower seed that should provide a beautiful and very colourful display next year.

To complete the horticultural year

we are planting a new 'winter corner' that is based upon a similar border at Anglesey Abbey in Cambridge that has a stunning winter garden now managed by the National Trust. Let's hope that our own work will look as good as it matures - providing a

beautiful vista for generations to come. In the meantime we are under-planting the new trees with 10,000 purple crocus to flower next spring. These bulbs were purchased from our local Rotary Club to assist with the global campaign to eliminate polio.

Our team of volunteer gardeners are a highly motivated group who deservedly take great pride in what has been achieved in recent years. We are of course also very grateful to Shenstone Parish Council for their support with general maintenance.

This year's 'Party in the Park' was another resounding success with ticket sales totalling 2,750. It was a wonderful evening that was enjoyed by so many members of the local community. All members of the team who plan and organise this unique event are to be congratulated for their efforts. It just gets better and more popular each year and the funds have enabled us to continue purchasing new playground and other equipment at the recreation ground.



Party in the Park LARGA.

before costing the exercise and then applying for grant funding.

Also this year we have focussed on further improvements to the general landscape. We have planted some very unusual trees whose origins are

Brian Harbon retires as our local PCSO

After serving our local villages for over ten years Brian has retired.

His duties included protecting and patrolling the communities of Stonnall, Shenstone, Little Aston, Wall and surrounding hamlets. His first posting was to Lichfield Police Station in December 2006. He soon settled in and became PCSO for our villages. He was proud to live in his local community and for his beat to be in our villages. Brian has lived in Stonnall for 26 years and has always



been active in the community. He has held many roles including Cub leader, church warden, and church youth group leader and trained as a Local Ordained Minister in the Lichfield Dioceses. Many of these roles were alongside his wife Carole.

When Carole started the Volunteer Gardeners group Brian also got involved helping plant flowerbeds and mowing and maintaining the grass verges. For the past two years Stonnall has been runner up in Staffordshire Best Kept Village. Both Brian and Carole along with Marjorie, Carole's Mother, are relocating to Lincolnshire to enjoy their retirement by the sea. We wish them well.

Little Aston Village Hall

coloured lighting for creating a party atmosphere / stage lighting. The Management Committee felt that a

Please contact David McGuffin littleastonvillagehall@live.co.uk for booking enquiries or other information.



Little Aston Village Hall was built in 1914 for the benefit of the residents of Little Aston and the surrounding area. Substantial improvements have been made over recent years and these have added considerably to the attractiveness of the hall to both regular users and occasional users. Typically, between four and five children's parties or family celebrations are taking place there every month and there are regular users every week-day morning, most afternoons and every week-day evening. However, the outdated appearance of the inside of the hall, the noise reverberation issues within the hall, the limitations of the lighting and the limited floor space were restricting the scope of the usage.

The stage was rarely used and its removal has created almost 25% more floor space. A second-hand folding stage has been purchased from a school and this will be stored within a small cupboard-like storage unit within the hall. The stage can be assembled in many different ways to suit what is needed for the particular occasion – a rectangular stage (the same size as previously), a catwalk, a platform for multiple speakers / instrumentalists or a small dais.

After many site meetings and discussions with different lighting suppliers and specialists the proposals from an independent lighting consultant were adopted. The installation uses discrete, dimmable and low energy LED luminaries and has created a warmer ambiance and an adequate level of lighting for most of the normal types of activity. In addition, higher intensity shadow free lighting for table tennis, craft work and other similar activities can be selected. There is also

noise reduction standard equivalent to that recommended for a school classroom should be achieved. If the normal 'notice-board' like fabric covered sound absorbing panels had been used, virtually all of the walls and ceiling would have had to have been covered in panels, something which would have destroyed the visual appearance of the hall. However, a spray applied coating with its own textured finish was identified which when applied to just the ceiling has achieved the classroom standard and the visual features of the ceiling have been enhanced.

A detailed specification was put together and put out to suitable contractors in November last year. The specification also included for the installation of thermal insulation and lining for the walls, for the thermal insulation of the ceiling and for all of the necessary electrical work. Also, numerous grant applications were made throughout the latter part of last year and the beginning of this year. A total of £62,000 of grant assistance was secured (which includes £1,000 from the Parish Council). This, plus another £20,000 of funds that have been accumulated by the Management Committee have enabled most of the work to be completed during the School Summer Holiday, the maple floor to be finished during the recent Half Term break and the enclosure for the stage to be installed by the time this article is published.

As a result of the upgrades, there are already a number of new regular bookings and there has been an increase in the number of enquiries for occasional usage.

Shenstone St John's Upper and Lower Cemetery Grounds Maintenance

Following a short consultation period testing voluntary interest in grounds maintenance, the Parish Council has tendered the St John's grounds maintenance work and we are pleased to announce that from the start of 2018 Lichfield District Council will be responsible for all grass cutting, weed control, shrub and tree maintenance as well as mole management. The Parish Council has enhanced the standards in the grounds maintenance specification following continuing public interest in the maintenance of the cemetery. The Council has had good experience of Lichfield Council grounds maintenance elsewhere in the Parish, and we also intend to hold a community grounds maintenance event at least once a year where voluntary work in specific areas not covered by the contract can be tackled.

Shenstone Remembrance Ceremony



On a crisp but beautiful morning, Shenstone witnessed the usual Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the cenotaph in the village. The service was very well attended with representatives of the Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Venture Scouts as well as many villagers.

A record twenty wreaths were laid this year including those from "The Railway", "The Plough", "The Fox & Hounds" and "Oddfellows".

Shenstone Community Library

Shenstone Community Library has now been run by volunteers for nine months and what a successful nine months it has been.



As part of the community take-over, several changes have been made to the interior of the library and there are more changes to come before the first year is completed. Many people from the local community will be aware of the lovely gallery and coffee shop positioned at the back of the building which leaves the impressive main library with its domed wooden roof as the focal point for books and a wide range of activities. Recent information from Staffordshire County Council shows that visits to the library have increased by 41% compared with the same period last year, and a total of 142 new members have been signed up during its first six months of operation as a community library. Our performance was described by our Staffordshire Libraries coordinator as "superb across the board" and the volunteers are quite happy to bask in that bit of praise.

The library has been able to increase the opening hours so that it now serves

the community five days a week instead of the previous three, though the late hours have been reduced a little because so few people borrowed books in the evening. The running cost of the extra hours is being funded from the profits made by the very popular coffee shop.

There are now over seventy volunteers who staff the library desk and coffee shop, run the regular children's activities, maintain the high quality social media presence and more. There is always a need for more helping hands in all areas of the library and home cake bakers. Seventy sounds a lot but the shifts are often quite short and reasonably flexible so the more the merrier!

Activities which have been held in the library have been many and varied. The Gallery in the coffee shop has hosted a range of exhibitions including King Edwards School's A level work; our local artist Dennis Harper's one man exhibition; local history displays - including Shenstone, Stonnall and the Roman remains at Wall, and more. The children's area is regularly in use for

Story Time, Baby Bounce and Rhyme and other events with authors and book related craft work. Drop in to the library if you would like your children or grandchildren to learn to love books – staff will be happy to help with information. A film projector has recently been installed and that should provide a range of interesting evening events.

The Coffee Shop has become a valued meeting place for a range of people from inside and outside the area. Visitors from out of the parish area include cyclists taking a break and people from Lichfield and Sutton also pop in. Regulars from Shenstone and Stonnall come in to meet friends; young mums and dads are frequent visitors because it is so child friendly, and the older members of the community enjoy a cuppa with friends. Word has spread about the quality of the service, the friendly atmosphere, the home baked goodies and quality coffee.

If you haven't visited the library already, now is the time to find out.



Shenstone Ladies Football Team

Shenstone Ladies are pleased to announce that we are back at the club after a lengthy spell away. We play on a Sunday afternoon at 2pm. The Ladies have started the league well, winning four league games and their first cup game, drawing two and losing two. Over the summer Shenstone Ladies managed to secure a grant and are going to continue fundraising.

Good news for any young girls interested is the start of a children's team. Would anyone interested please contact Alicia Mann on 07875 321609.



The ladies before their 6-1 win in the cup on Sunday with their Kit Sponsor A S Supplies.

Shenstone Tennis Club



You will see from the information below that the tennis club is seeking the help of the Lawn Tennis Association England who have earmarked £150 million over the next five years to improve tennis clubs. The Playing Fields Committee, the charity that looks after and runs the playing field on behalf of the villagers and surrounding areas, is looking to fundraise 50% of the funding required.

Exciting times for Shenstone Tennis Club as it has now become a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) venue. All members are now eligible for Wimbledon tickets. Join and become a member online for £30 per adult or £40 per family. This will give you access to the courts at any time <http://shenstonetennisclub.com> Please also like and share our Facebook page ShenstoneTennisClub and follow us on Twitter @ShenstoneTennisClub We are now applying for funding through the LTA to get floodlights and new court surfaces to create an all year round venue. The primary focus of this is to double the amount of children playing tennis as well as increase the number of adults who may currently only play infrequently. Through "This Girl Can" funding we have been running over 50s cardio-lite sessions on Thursdays, and they have proved so successful that the tennis club has been nominated for the

Community Impact Award. These sessions will continue into 2018.

With LTA initiatives such as TennisforKids and Tennis Tuesday it's been a great start for the coach Zoe Edwards. She has also been chosen to represent Staffordshire as the "She Rallies Ambassador" <http://sherallies.com>

Tennis coaching was also delivered in to Greysbrook Primary School during the summer and we hope to strengthen this link next year as well as with King Edwards V1.

Shenstone Playing Fields Committee and Country Club update.

It has been a while since the playing field and Country Club have updated Shenstone Community on what is happening within their community.

The Country Club has been managed by Adrian Mann and Jayne Askew since 2011. Ade and Jayne host several functions at the Country Club. This ranges from bands to football matches. Once a month the club hosts a 'Blues night'. It is typically the first Saturday in the month but can on the odd occasion be the second Saturday, dependant on availability. The 'Blues bands' are arranged by Mrs Nanette Allen, a former resident of Shenstone and Landlady of The Fox. With Nanette's contacts she is able to secure very experienced and talented musicians to perform. The nights are always extremely enjoyable and busy.

Once a fortnight on a Sunday the club is host to a 'Country and Western evening'. Members of the club have been interested in 'Country and Western' for over 20 years. Again another excellent night of entertainment and fun.

There is also a darts team and dominoes team that use the Club as their home venue. Darts play at home every other Wednesday and dominoes play most Thursday nights.

The playing fields committee would like to welcome back Shenstone Ladies Football team. The ladies play at the Club on a Sunday afternoon. Other football teams whose home-ground is Shenstone are Pathfinders men's team who play on a Saturday afternoon; two under 8s boys teams who play on a Sunday morning and one under 14s boys team on a Sunday afternoon just prior to the Ladies team kicking off. Ade and Jayne would like to welcome anyone from the Community to join them in enjoying the activities that the Club provides.

Events are advertised on the signboard at the bottom of the Country Club by the tennis courts and can be found on Facebook.

The Club function room is available to

hire for any occasion. If you wish to obtain any further information please contact Ade on 07875 321609.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY AT SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL. Shenstone Ward

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Introducing our new Parish Clerk

In August we welcomed Shirley O'Mara to the position of Parish Clerk. Shirley has been a resident of Shenstone for several years and brings to the role a strong background in administration as well as a very keen interest and enthusiasm for the community.

Shirley commented: "I was attracted to the role as soon as I saw it advertised but I must admit to not realising just how diverse it can be. It is a much bigger Ward than I realised and I've been really interested to find out how much goes on in both Little Aston and Stonnall, as well as in Shenstone which I thought I knew pretty well."

As well as Clerk, Shirley has also taken on the responsibility of Registrar of the Cemetery in Shenstone. A keen genealogist, she has already transferred all of St John's burial and cremation records (from 1943 to the present) on to computer making it much easier to find information.

New Parish Council

Open Times

The Parish Council Office is now open Tuesdays 8am to 5pm, Wednesdays 8am to 7pm and Thursdays 8am to 5pm (closed for lunch daily 12 noon to 1pm).

The office is closed on Fridays.

It is hoped that our late night Wednesday will offer residents who do not have the opportunity to pop in during the day the chance to do so with questions or concerns.

Appointments at other times are available by arrangement: Telephone 01543 481 947.

Parking Issues in Station Road/Admiral Parker Drive/New Road

As local residents of Station Road, Admiral Parker Drive and New Road, Shenstone, are aware, railway commuters are regularly parking their cars for entire days and sometimes for several days at a time. Cars are often left on the footpaths and in a manner

which restricts the normal safe passage of vehicles accessing these roads and preventing pedestrians from walking along these paths, often having to step from the pavement to the road itself.

In July we conducted a letter drop requesting residents' feedback on this matter. We received around 20 responses, many of which are requesting some action to reduce the impact the commuters are having on local residents, primarily their ability to either walk or drive safely within the vicinity of their homes.

Suggestions proposed to-date have varied but include Residents Parking Schemes, Parking Restrictions (full and part time), finding space for a local overspill car park, and in some cases suggesting no action.

The strategy to-date is to contact both Local and County Councillors along with Traffic Engineers from both authorities to gain the benefit of their knowledge and experience before reporting back to residents.

All 'proposals' will have both pros and cons and will no doubt cause discussion amongst those affected.

I ask that you are patient and allow this matter to be fully investigated in order that we can come to a suitable conclusion. A meeting will be held early in the New Year to brief residents of our findings and hopefully move forward.

Shenstone Village Hall

Just a very brief update to say that work starts on the village hall roof on November 20th.

Weather permitting the project is expected to take ten weeks. This is to rectify the damage caused by winter storms and Storm Doris in particular.

Lichfield District Council Proposals to Build on the Shenstone Green Belt

Contrary to the recommendations of the approved Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan, Lichfield Council proposes to allow the building of 50 houses on land at Millbrook Drive and the Shenstone Pumping Station as part of their Local Plan Allocations Strategy. When

consultation ended on 12 May 2017 Shenstone residents along with the Parish Council had submitted well over 200 objections to the two proposals, more than any other local community in the Lichfield Council area.

Since the 12th May the Parish Council along with all Shenstone residents have waited for a response to the consultation, and in December the Lichfield Council Cabinet will consider the response to consultation that their officers are recommending. There are grounds for very cautious optimism as in September a Scrutiny Committee of Lichfield officers stated that in respect of Shenstone "A further analysis of housing supply will be undertaken taking into account any potential windfalls to re-assess the need for a Green Belt release."

A 'windfall' that Lichfield Council will need to acknowledge since May 2017 when consultation closed is the decision of the Secretary of State in September to allow 750 homes to be built at Watery Lane north of Lichfield. The Parish Council will continue to work closely with the Save our Shenstone Greenbelt campaign and if required continuing in to the independent Planning Inspectors review of objections in 2018.

Planning Applications affecting Shenstone Parish Council residents

The Council has been active in supporting residents in objecting to planning applications that will detrimentally affect the community in Shenstone. Currently the Council has submitted an objection to the proposed exit on to Claypit Lane from the proposed 475 house Deanslade Farm development south of Lichfield. We are clear that the developer has not considered the increase in traffic volumes that will occur on Claypit Lane and Ashcroft Lane as vehicles from the development seek to avoid Wall Island congestion morning and night. We have asked for an alternative entrance arrangement to guide traffic on to the more appropriate A5127, and enhanced speed restrictions along Claypit Lane to discourage rat running.

Shenstone Parish Council

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Full Council Meetings Dates & Venues

Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.15pm- Stonnall Youth & Community Centre

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.15 pm- Little Aston Village Hall

Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.15pm- Shenstone Village Hall

Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.15pm- Stonnall Youth & Community Centre

Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7.15pm- Little Aston Village Hall

Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.15pm- Shenstone Village Hall