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Stonnall

Parish Council News

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ALL THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Meet your new Councillors

Following the resignation of six Councillors at the May Election, the Parish Council widely advertised to co-opt replacements as soon as possible.

Earlier this month, thirteen candidates were interviewed and from a strong field the following applicants were successful.

Offering a wide variety of skills and experience, the rest of the Parish Council warmly welcome the new members to the Committee.



Emma Scothern of
Shenstone Wood End



Christopher Callow
of Shenstone



Stuart Harrison
of Little Aston



Ruth Graham
of Stonnall



Dino D'Ambrosio
of Stonnall



Simon Fisher
of Shenstone

Youth Opportunities at Shenstone Library

If you are over 16, opportunities for work experience and Duke of Edinburgh Award placements are available at Shenstone Community Library.

If you are interested, please contact shenstone.community.library@gmail.com

Stonnall &Lynn Playing Field Association



Shenstone Parish Council very generously agreed to fund our new fencing around the car parking area on Stonnall playing field.

The old concrete posts and rails had been there for nearly five decades. Over time a few of the metal rails had been replaced but more and more of them have become bent and also degraded badly.

The new fencing now matches the rest of the fenced area on the playing field, and enhances our wonderful community facility.

Shenstone Environmental Group

There's a new group in Shenstone - the Shenstone Environment Group – and we're hoping to involve as many of you as possible in our activities.

The group is based at Shenstone Community Library and it is building on several environmental initiatives which have been held in the previous years. You'll be aware of the Bee Friendly Award, a seed bomb making activity with children, and a visit from our local bee keepers and the Bee Friendly marker for their gardeners. Also, there is our seed bank and wildflower garden.

This year we have developed a recycling centre – and collected over 300 bras for



Storyteller "Maria Credalli"

distribution to Africa. In addition, we've collected over 200 pairs of glasses, also destined for third world countries. You can also bring your stamps, printer cartridges and blister packs from used medication. We plan to extend this range – watch this space!

We also planned a range of activities – sunflower seed planting in April – followed by two storyteller walks to celebrate our green spaces. Similarly popular events have been 'Bikes and Trikes' repairs in the library garden which took place in June to offer free advice for cycle repairs, and we are holding our first repair cafe in conjunction with Transition Lichfield.

You will know that we have an Art gallery in our coffee shop, and in August we are putting on a display of art and for the first time to include poems, under the theme 'Our World in Trouble'. Do come along and have a look.

We are collecting contact details of those who would like to be involved in events in the future please register your interest by email to:
Shenstone.community.library@gmail.com

Coronation Crafts



Shenstone Mothers & Toddlers Group received a Community Grant earlier this year to purchase some craft supplies for the



children.

They were put to good use in May when they made Coronation crowns & decorations and had fun in the process.

Friends of Shenstone Tower



After the grand opening last October the tower has established itself as a popular historic monument in the Parish. We are fast approaching our 1000th visitor and all but a handful have made it onto the roof to enjoy the spectacular views.

We would like to thank the PC for the grant made towards the completion of the internal exhibition which will feature the historical, religious and social history of the village from the early Saxon period up until the completion of the new church in the 1850s. The first of the display boards which feature Peter the bell ringer telling the story of the tower are set to be installed over the next week or so and the three boards completed are the first of ten further ones set over the five floors of the tower. The Parish Council money has paid the bulk of the costs for these.

Lammas Land



As we go to press the new 'All access' path on the Lammas Land has been started. Work should be completed in four days and the new path will provide a circular route down the Drift Road off Millbrook Drive (road side parking available), along Jubilee Walk to Calder Coppice, and the Information Board, via the Shining Stone and back to the start of Jubilee Walk.

Happy to be Bee Friendly



The Parish Council are very pleased to announce that Shenstone is officially a Bee Friendly Parish.

The following press release relayed the great news and the Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the participants in the many different events that took place over the course of 2022 which enabled us to qualify for the award.

"A further eight winners to the Bee Friendly network, were revealed on World Bee Day in early June.

The Bee Friendly winners for 2023 are:

- **Boyton Place, Suffolk**
- **Elmstead Woods Station Garden Club, Kent**
- **Frome, Somerset**
- **Haydon Bridge, Northumberland**
- **Ingatestone Station, Essex**
- **Thames Ditton, Surrey**
- **Shenstone Parish, Staffordshire**
- **Wivenhoe, Essex**

Each winner was carefully selected for their pollinator-protecting efforts. From creating lavender beds on a station platform to sowing

wildflowers within a church cemetery; from encouraging businesses to display floral hanging baskets to organising community tree planting; and from supporting guerrilla gardening to installing bug and bird boxes, the towns and groups not only showed their commitment to creating habitats for bees and myriad wildlife, but also engaged their community with child-friendly activities such as seed bomb making and bee ID trails.

In addition to Bee Friendly status, all of the winners receive a Bee Friendly Award, designed by Steve Chapman, plus wildflower seeds to distribute and the opportunity to enter for an additional Bee Friendly prize in the form of £300 to commission a commemorative piece of bee-themed artwork."

Shire Oak Quarry

JPE Ltd, Managers of the quarry, have committed to even more noise/dust monitoring on a daily basis so as to reduce any impact on local residents in the Stonnall area especially at times when weather conditions are very challenging.

An extra £30,000 of investment is allocated this year for dust and noise prevention and hopefully the benefits will be seen in the coming months. This money has been spent on the provision of a second tractor and water bowser that will double capacity so that in hot and windy periods, up to 130,000 litres of water from the quarry's lagoon can be sprayed to dampen down dust.

In addition, significant earth moving works have commenced to build a very high bund and create a wide buffer zone where the screening and crusher machines will be moved to so as to further mitigate any noise issues facing the village.

Representatives of JPE are looking to attend the Stonnallbury event on the 15th July 2023 on the 'Stonnall Campaign About Roads' (SCAR) exhibition stand and will be delighted to have a chat about the quarry workings and also the progress being made to return the quarry back to its natural state.

If anyone has any queries relating to the Quarry, please contact Parish Councillors: Phil Whitehouse, Mick Cox or Gail Nicholls who sit on the Shire Oak Liaison Group – contact details are on page 11.

Little Aston Recreation Ground

The Little Aston Recreation Ground Association (LARGA) holds its 10th Party in the Park, or 'Littleastonbury' on Saturday 8th July with Monkey Business, Vision of Elvis, the Faithettes and headliners, Majesty QUEEN performing to another sell-out 3,000 strong ticketed audience.

The funds raised will all go towards the constant maintenance and improvement schedule of this multi-award winning park.

However, because the site has matured over the 15 years since its re-development, the management committee which runs this charity facility, are struggling to keep up with the general gardening work and more volunteers are desperately needed for a few hours on Mondays and/or Thursdays to carry out light work such as weeding, strimming and pruning to keep this much loved amenity up to the standard it has reached.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact the Chairman of LARGA; David Salter on 07956 142215.

Coronation Celebrations

The Parish Council was pleased to support several Coronation parties across Shenstone, Stonnall & Little Aston.

Stonnall Community Centre showed the whole ceremony on its big TV screen with many residents joining together to watch.

Elsewhere, street parties brought together young & old to mark this great occasion. A great time was had by all as you can see.







Full Parish Council Meetings 2023

All meetings start at 7.15pm

Tues 13th June at Little Aston Village Hall
Tues 11th July at Shenstone Community Library
Tues 12th September at Stonnall Community Centre
Tues 10th October at Little Aston Village Hall
Tues 14th November at Shenstone Community Library
Tues 12th December at Stonnall Community Centre

Meeting of Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee 2023

All meetings start at 5.30pm

Tuesday Sept 26th
Tuesday Nov 28th

Meeting of Neighbourhood Planning & Property Committee 2023

All meetings start at 5.30pm

Tuesday July 25th
Tuesday October 24th
Tuesday December 19th

Shenstone Tennis Club open day



On March 25th the ribbon was cut to officially launch the new tennis courts at Shenstone Tennis Club open day.

After some excellent fund raising efforts, and assisted by a Parish Council Community Grant, the Courts look superb, with free coaching on the day and new members welcomed.

Shenstone Playing Fields Committee Renewed

Following the annual general meeting on the 6th June, a new, broad representation of playing field users has been elected onto the committee. The new committee members are very keen to completely upgrade the existing children's play equipment and play area protection and will immediately commence work on both a new design and securing financial support. The use of the football pitch for both youngsters and adults has grown considerably since the Covid lockdown period providing the much-needed income for the maintenance of the pitches and the changing facilities. The Shenstone Country Club as well as providing another important income stream for the committee also continues to provide an attractive and important food and drink offer to playing field users and the wider community.



Heat from the aquifer water below Shenstone and Stonnall

Following the successful completion of a government funded feasibility study showing the potential of extracting heat from the aquifer below our feet, the Parish Council has recently approached South Staffordshire Water and Lichfield District Council to consider applying for further funding from Government to develop a more detailed business case.

The Parish Council has a two-village working group steering the project; please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to join in developing this initiative.

There will be further public consultation following receipt of responses from South Staffs Water and the District Council.

Neighbourhood Plan Renewals for Shenstone Little Aston and Stonnall

Our three Neighbourhood Plans, important in protecting the quality of our village's character and amenity, are over eight years old and now need to be updated. Lichfield District Council in May announced a second delay to the renewal of their statutory Local Plan which sets the detailed context for village communities in completing or renewing a Neighbourhood Plan. This delays our ability to complete an updating of our Neighbourhood Plans.

The renewal of the three village Neighbourhood Plans will be important to testing public opinion on measures to manage traffic volumes and velocities in the three villages as there is real and continuing concern about negative traffic impacts in each village. The Parish Council has just received data on our village street traffic flows from the County Council and we will be analysing this data, adding to it and making relevant recommendations as part of the Neighbourhood Plan update.

Thanks go to all the residents who have indicated to the Parish Clerk their interest in taking part in the three Neighbourhood Plan renewals which we now believe will commence in the spring of 2024.

However the Parish Council are to discuss with the District Council the possibility of starting preparation sooner than this.



VOLUNTEER DAY

Sat 16th Sept 1.30-4.00pm

Do you have some free time & want to make a difference in your community? Not sure what opportunities there are available?

Shenstone Community Library, supported by Shenstone Parish Council, is holding a recruitment event for Community Organisations across the Parish who are looking to recruit new volunteers. Groups attending include the children's uniformed groups (scouts, guides, etc), The Lammas Land Committee, Friends of Shenstone Tower, the Library team, Stonnall Playing Fields and many more.

Do come along for a chatrefreshments included.

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU



SCAR –

Your Villagers Need You!

Stonnall Campaign About Roads (SCAR) was formed in 2005 in response to a proposal by Walsall Council to build a bypass in Stonnall's Greenbelt which would have had an adverse effect on our communities. SCAR enlisted the help of our Local/District/County Councillors and MP, had a long and well-run campaign and thankfully Walsall Council stopped their plans for the bypass.

Since then, SCAR, over the past twelve years, and in conjunction with County Councillor David Smith, has also been part of the process for various traffic surveys to be commissioned and have consulted on various roads and junctions that were deemed dangerous in the surrounding area. We have been involved in trying to reduce the movements of HGV's through local roads and lanes, improving road signage, and improvements to The Shire Oak junction.

SCAR is a Company Limited by Guarantee with a Board Of Directors that oversees the running of the company. Also, a Campaign Committee meets several times per year and is responsible for running campaigns. All members are volunteers and SCAR is not politically affiliated or associated in any way. We have over 500 members, but we are always looking for more people to join and support campaigns. People power really makes a difference.



Recently it has been suggested that SCAR take part in a project to gather information and campaign for improvements to a number of junctions that cross the Chester Road.

Many of you will be aware of several recent incidents / accidents that have occurred at Gravelly Lane/Chester Road and Lazy Hill/Chester Road. Traffic is fast flowing on the Chester Road and vehicles attempting to cross the junctions could be a factor leading to increased accidents.

SCAR is in the process of setting up a team to lead a campaign to gather more information and present this to Staffordshire County Council to see if something can be done to make these junctions safer. As the junctions located across The Chester Road are the responsibility of Walsall Council, we have the support of our County, Local and Parish Councillors to assist us where possible. We aim to highlight the danger of these junctions and work with Staffordshire County Council to make any changes to the area under their control should they agree to our findings. Through our connections with the County Council we also will hope to persuade Walsall Council to look afresh at these junctions on the side that are in their territory.

We need your help! -

The importance of gathering information is paramount and the impact it will have for our campaign will be significant. The police authority only record serious accidents / incidents and fatalities; however many less minor incidents are not recorded by the Police, so we will be talking to the Police about this.

It's exactly this type of accident information that will support our campaign to suggest changes.

Our ask is that should you witness or unfortunately be involved in an incident / accident at either of these junctions that you report it to SCAR Contact | Mysite (stonnall-scar.co.uk) and provide contact information, details of the incident, and any photographs.

SCAR will also be attending Stonnallbury on the 15th July on Stonnall playing field, please come along and speak to us on stand 18 with your concerns and experiences and sign our petition to say that you agree that something should be done about the junctions outlined above.

STONNALLBURY 2023

COUNTRY AND WESTERN THEME

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AMUSEMENTS



FOOD



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SATURDAY 15TH JULY
WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM 2-11PM

ADULTS £2



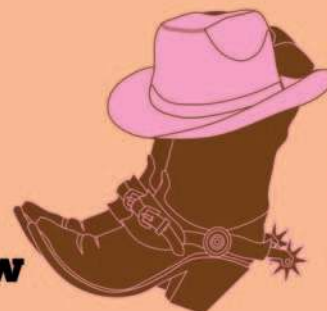
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UNDER 16S FREE



Including: Scruffs Dog Show



Entrance is £2 per dog , enter via Scruffs Dog Show
2023 Facebook Group.



**FURTHER DETAILS FOUND ON STONNALLBURY 2023 &
SCRUFFS DOG SHOW 2023 FACEBOOK PAGES**

After the success of last years' Jubilee event on Stonnall playing field, Stonnallbury was born. With grant funding of £2000 from Shenstone Parish Council, and donations from both our district and county councillors to help kickstart the event. The committee have been working hard to bring the first Stonnallbury to the village, let's hope it's the first of many and the weather is kind on 15th July.

Shenstone Parish Council

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