

# Endon with Stanley Spring Newsletter 2017 Parish Council



## PHONE MAST

Vodafone, in conjunction with O2, have sent a consultation document containing a proposal for a mobile phone mast to be situated on the verge between the Plough and Hallwater. The proposed mast will be 17.5 metres tall (57 ft). A number of residents attended the public forum at the last Parish Council meeting and put forward their objections to the mast. It was accepted that there was a need to improve the signal in Endon, there being a number of dead spots, but that the proposed site was inappropriate as it would impinge dramatically on the visual amenity. It was pointed out that EE and Three users would not benefit but the Vodafone network is used to transmit data for the smart meters which are currently being rolled out across the country. Various other sites within the village had been considered but had been rejected either because they would not give the necessary coverage or because the landowner did not give permission.

The Parish Council has written to Clarke Telecom, the agents (copy of letter on PC website), detailing the objections and asking

for the site to be discounted and to search for other sites which would not impact detrimentally on the landscape. It should be stressed that at the time of writing (March 8th) no formal planning application has been received and when, and if, an application is made the PC will pass on their observations to SMDC Planning who will make a decision. The Parish Council was pleased to see so many residents at the meeting and it is hoped that more will be able to attend in the future, not just when controversial issues arise, as the Council would welcome more feedback from the community on all matters. Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church.

If you are suffering from a poor mobile signal you may be able to improve matters by making use of your wifi. All four networks (EE, Vodafone, O2 and Three) have methods by which this can be achieved but if you are using a virtual network such as Virgin, Talktalk, Asda, Tesco, Giffgaff etc it may not be possible. There are, of course, WhatsApp and Viber but these depend on both parties having access to them.

## FLOOD ACTION GROUP

With Stage One – the study of the Village Brook and its catchment – almost complete, the Flood Action Group hosted an evening to explore Natural Flood Management. Such measures might help alleviate flooding in the village. About 40 residents and landowners saw a preview of Andy Clark's film, 'High Water Common Ground', about communities across the country using natural flood

management to 'slow the flow'. Alex Nicholson who is carrying out the study of the Village Brook catchment also gave residents a preview of his findings, which are expected to be available in full in April.

Action Group leaflets have been delivered to every house in the parish, but if you want another copy or would like to find out more about the group's work contact a member or email [endonfloodag@gmail.com](mailto:endonfloodag@gmail.com)

## SCARECROW COMPETITION

Once again a splendid array of scarecrows will decorate the village in the run up to the Well Dressing. Due to its popularity people are keen to make this an annual event. The theme this year will be movie magic - so Lights, Camera, Action! Get ready to use your imagination and creativity to depict the Magic of the Movies - from the glamour of the Hollywood greats to present day blockbusters.

Enjoy following the Scarecrow trail map to see the big screen brought to life in Endon and Stanley.

Entry forms will be available weekend 8/9th April from the Co-op and judging will take place during the week prior to the Well Dressing, with the presentation of awards made during the Well Dressing weekend.

## THE REPAIR SHOP

If you have beloved and interesting possessions which need restoring or repairing you might be interested in a new BBC2 show, The Repair Shop. A team of experts, covering all trades, are on hand to return items to their original condition and show the results in the programme. Items belonging to the community, such as broken vanes, sun dials etc can also be submitted for consideration. If you have something which you'd love to have repaired contact [repair@ricochet.co.uk](mailto:repair@ricochet.co.uk) or call on **01273 224800**.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE

After careful consideration the Parish Council has decided not to enter this year's competition. A number of local organisations were invited to a meeting to gauge what level of support the Council could call upon, because, in order to make the event a success, as many local residents as possible would need to be involved. Sadly, for various reasons, it was clear that the level of support was not available. It is hoped that we may be able to enter next year, but only if there is sufficient interest from the community. If any residents are interested in forming a group to be responsible for a BKV entry in 2018 then please inform the Parish Clerk so that plans can be set in motion.

## Well Dressing

The Festival takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend of May 27th to 29th and the Queen chosen for the 173rd Endon Well Dressing is eight year old Matilda Ann Thursfield, a pupil at St. Luke's Primary School, and daughter of Sarah and Guy Thursfield.

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

In March the choir will be singing away from home. On 25 March we have been invited to sing in Lichfield Cathedral with other choirs. We will be singing "Ahoy" and a Mass setting by John Rutter. Audience tickets are available for this. The week after, on 1 April, we are taking part in a choir showcase in Nuneaton. Both events are keeping us very busy rehearsing and each repertoire presents its own challenges. However both events are exciting and we anticipate them with pleasure.

*Teresa Booth*

## LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

SMDC are recommending updated figures for housing and employment land requirements for the district. They are suggesting an annual requirement of 320 homes and a need for 27 hectares of industrial land. The new Local Plan is now unlikely to be adopted before the end of 2018 and will run until 2031. SMDC will have to ensure a rolling five year supply of housing land is available throughout this period.

There has been a backlog of providing affordable housing and SMDC say this needs to be cleared.

Once the figures are agreed, revised site allocations will be drawn up ready to go out to public consultation from June.

## CARERS' AWARD

Residents are being asked to nominate 'caring champions' for an award. The Staffordshire County Council Dignity in Care Awards are given to those who ensure people in care are treated with dignity and respect. Categories include learning, creativity, young dignity champion and overall carer. Closing date for nominations is Friday, May 26th. Forms are available at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/dignityincare](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/dignityincare), by emailing [dignity@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:dignity@staffordshire.gov.uk), or **01785 355795**.

## Geoff Perkin

Geoff died in January, he was a parish councillor for over 30 years and Chairman from 1981 to 1983. In addition he was involved in many other community organisations such as Well Dressing and Endonians. He took a leading part in fundraising and practical work to bring the Village Hall back from a state of near dereliction to its present condition. His professional life as a blacksmith brought him wide appreciation and recognition of his skill and craftsmanship. His local knowledge was immense and he put it to good use to save public money and find effective solutions to many village problems.

## Alan Morris

Alan died in February, he was Chairman of the Parish Council in 2001/2 and served as a councillor for many years. After standing down as councillor he regularly attended monthly meetings as a member of the public and put forward concise suggestions as to how local difficulties could be resolved. He was principal of the Land Agents practice, E Heaton & Sons (1770) of Endon, which involved management of substantial agricultural estates owned by peers of the realm. The depths of his professional expertise and his understanding of underlying causes of many of our local problems led to their prompt resolution. *AW*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All residents are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings which are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7p.m. in the Methodist Chapel. Feel free to voice relevant issues and concerns during the public forum which takes place around 7.30 p.m. Alternatively please raise concerns on local issues with our **Parish Clerk, Dennis Boulton, on 01782 503918** or email [clerkatendon9@gmail.com](mailto:clerkatendon9@gmail.com). Our clerk is able to contact the appropriate agencies and he has the expertise to advise you on the correct course to take and the authority to include relevant items on the next Parish Council meeting agenda.

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