

# Endon with Stanley Spring Newsletter 2018 Parish Council



## LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

SMDC's Draft Local Plan can be found on their website at [www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan). The public consultation period closes at 5pm on Wednesday 11th April and in June, the draft plan and all the comments made on it go to the Inspector - who considers the plan's 'soundness'. He or she will hold Hearing sessions in the Autumn.

Endon has one allocation for housing - the Dollisfield site - and this has been amended slightly to have 22 houses suggested here. Highways officers have confirmed to SMDC that they would be happy with the corner plot as a site entrance. They had previously stated that they had no problems with the proposed entrance from part way down Brookfield Avenue.

The government is preparing a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which could mean that some amendments could be required to the Plan, but this is unknown as yet.



## ENDON WITHOUT A VILLAGE HALL!!

This could be the outcome if no one comes forward to join the committee to help to run this valuable village asset.

The last two appeals a couple of years ago produced no positive responses.

The members of the committee are all volunteers who meet several times a year to see to any maintenance issues and arrange fund raising events. Some members have been actively involved since the hall was rescued from near dereliction in the 1990s. They are now very senior citizens who feel they would like some backup and be able, in due course, to hand over responsibilities with easy minds.

The next committee meeting is on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm in the hall's rear room and all are welcome.

**Michael Grey, Chairman**

## ENDON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

2017 was the Society's 70th anniversary. The first ever production was "Night Must Fall" in Endon High School hall but in 1949 they moved to the Village Hall - then the Parish Room in Station Road with a production of the Agatha Christie classic - now called - "And Then There Were None". That play opened with a performance by a very young Alan Williamson - now a village legend.

Despite dwindling numbers of acting members (and some of us past our sell by date) the Society still performs two plays each year in May and November. We would gladly welcome any aspiring actors, actresses, set builders, directors or anyone just wanting to expand their social life and help in any way. Many societies have ceased performing locally, more recently Longsdon and Biddulph. I am told that when the North Staffs Drama Association was formed (to which we are affiliated) 44 groups were members and there are now only eight.

The range of plays we perform is limited by the acting members we have and the size of the stage but regular patrons will know that Endon has tried to produce a wide variety of plays whenever possible.

From Wednesday to Saturday May 16th to 19th at 7.30pm - we are performing "Ghost Writer" - a very slick comedy by David Tristram. Tickets can be reserved by ringing June on 503269 or Mike on 503593. We also have a website - [endondramaticsociety.wix.com/endondramaticsociety](http://endondramaticsociety.wix.com/endondramaticsociety). Do ring June or Mike or check out the website for further information - I can assure you of a warm welcome: hopefully drama will continue in Endon for another 70 years.

**Mike Buckley, EDS Chairman**

## SPEEDING ON CLAY LAKE

A discussion meeting was held on February 2nd with Parish Councillors, local residents and County Cllr K Flunder (Highways).

Residents highlighted the excessive traffic speed witnessed on a daily basis and the vulnerability of pupils crossing the road at the Edge Lane junction. Since visibility did not allow for the installation of a crossing further suggestions for traffic calming methods were made.

Discussions then proceeded to formally request the lowering of the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph throughout the length of Clay Lake. The PC will inform residents regarding the outcome of this request.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE

After careful consideration the Parish Council has decided not to enter this year's competition. Despite much publicity in this newsletter, notice boards and posters around the village, only one resident volunteered to help organise our entry into the competition. It would appear therefore that there is little support from the village for an entry.

## WELL DRESSING

The Festival takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend of May 26th to 28th and the Queen chosen for the 174th Endon Well Dressing is Candice Virani who attends Endon Hall Primary School.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that the Parish Council announces the passing of former clerk Mrs Barbara Plant and former councillor Geoff Sargeant. A minute's silence was held in respect at the March meeting of the Council.

## MARATHON MAN

Nicholas Smith of Hillside Avenue, Endon will be running the London Marathon, in April, on behalf of Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Matthew Hollinshead. Matthew was a pupil at Endon High School and was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma in August 2016, he passed away April 2017 aged 16. With support and help his family and friends are learning to carry on with life but never forgetting Matthew.

Nick is hoping to raise as much money as possible for the charity and if you would like to donate please go to:

**[uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NickSmith60](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NickSmith60)**

## WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

The Parish Council is meeting with local organisations and interested parties to discuss plans to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War 1. We welcome suggestions and support from all residents on how we should mark this historic event. Please contact our clerk if you wish to be involved in any way.

## PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council has increased the precept by £600 to £28600. This amounts to an extra 44p per year for those in Band D property. This has been necessary as £1400 funding for lengthsman's costs for maintenance and upkeep has been withdrawn by Staffordshire County Council. Monies to maintain present standards will need to be met from PC funds.

If any local society or organisation wishes to to publicise their activities in the newsletter please email **[editorendonnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorendonnews@gmail.com)**. If you wish to publicise a business please contact the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to advise you.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All residents are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings which are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel. Feel free to voice relevant issues and concerns during the public forum which takes place at 7pm. 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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