

# Endon with Stanley Spring Newsletter 2019 Parish Council



## ENDON SCARECROWS TIME TRAVEL

Once again it is hoped that the village will be decorated with a splendid array of scarecrows. To celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Well Dressing the Endon Scarecrows will be travelling through time.

Use your imagination to create a magnificent scarecrow from any period in history, from ancient times through to the present day and beyond. Please join in the fun to make the competition as successful as it has been in previous years. Scarecrows will be on display in the Well Dressing and throughout the weekend. So enjoy following the trail map and go time travelling with the Scarecrows!



Entry forms and trail maps will be available in Endon Co-op from **Saturday 13th April**. The presentation to the winners will take place at the Well Dressing on Saturday, 25th May.

If you require any further information please contact Adele Ratcliffe, email: [adeleratcliffe@hotmail.com](mailto:adeleratcliffe@hotmail.com) or telephone 505353 or 07970 100865

## CLAY LAKE CROSSING

Extra government funding has enabled the County Council to put forward plans for a safer crossing point at the top of Clay Lake where school students cross. A survey will be carried out and plans put to cabinet on April 13th after which there will be full public consultation. Plans currently include a new preferred crossing point, with improved visibility, connecting with a new pavement to Edge Lane enhanced by traffic calming measures and dropped kerbs. Work has to be completed by April 2020. The Parish Council, schools and residents have been lobbying the County Council for some time to take action over speeding and the crossing point and it is pleasing to hear that at last something is happening.

## SPRING CLEAN

A litter pick is planned, as part of the Great British Spring Clean, for **Saturday 6th April**. Volunteers will meet at the Parish Office, near the Surgery in Station Road at 9.30am. If you would like to join in, please let Henry Jebb know so that enough equipment can be made available for all (tel: 01782 503615).

## FLOOD RISK

The Flood Action Group is seeking local people with or without skills – a hydrologist would be ideal, but an interest in our local community is the minimum required. We need people who can contribute their time to working on solutions to flooding problems in our community. And if you can record (perhaps on your mobile phones) how stormwater flows in a heavy downpour, we would be grateful if you would share the results with us. Please email [endonfloodag@gmail.com](mailto:endonfloodag@gmail.com), or call Henry Jebb on 01782 503615 if you can help.

## Are you concerned about road safety in Endon, Brown Edge, Stockton Brook and Stanley?

Every day in 2016, one person was seriously injured on the road in Stoke on Trent, and vehicles speeding was a significant factor in many of the accidents.

Community Speed Watch support the Police by monitoring the speed of vehicles and contribute to the improvement of road safety and this is needed in our area but volunteers are needed to make it happen.

A meeting is to be organised shortly to provide you with more information so if you are willing to get involved or want to know more, contact David Teasdale on 01782 502495.

## WELL DRESSING

The Festival takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend of May 25th to 27th and the Queen chosen for the 175th Endon Well Dressing is Maddison Hope Barnett who attends St Luke's CE Academy.

## THE POPPIES RETURN!

The World War 1 Project Group have stored over 500 Poppies from Fred Goldstraw's displays to commemorate the WW1 Armistice Centenary in November 2018.

During the Well Dressing Festival many of these poppies will reappear throughout the village in new installations to remind us that The Great War officially ended on June 28th, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

District and Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 2nd May. To be able to vote you must be registered, last date for this is Friday 12th April. If you are away at the time of the elections you may be able to vote by post or proxy. The deadline for receipt of postal vote applications is 5pm on Monday 15th April and for receipt of proxy vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday 24th April. Further information can be obtained from the SMDC website.

If you wish to stand for the Parish Council please contact our Parish Clerk who can supply you with the necessary information.

## IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council is always looking to improve facilities and the environment within the parish where it has the powers, and money, to do so. If residents see something that needs repairing or improving please let the Council know as it may be within our remit and therefore something could possibly be done.

## GEORGE FORMBY EVENING

On Friday 5th April at 7.30pm The Endonian Society will be hosting an evening of George Formby's songs and stories performed by John Walley, at the Village Hall. Tickets are £5 available from 01782 504340 or 01782 504413

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

The County Council has withdrawn its proposal to cease the funding of School Crossing Patrols throughout the county, which was due to come into effect in September. After fierce criticism of the proposal and opposition from schools and parish councils, and others, the County Council has decided that "now would not be the right time to implement such a proposal".

## PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council has increased the precept by £900 to £29500. This amounts to an extra 75p per year for those in Band D property. This will enable the council to address the additional expenses which are now being passed on to parish councils such as maintenance of our 18 miles of local footpaths.

## ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR

2019 sees the 10th anniversary of the choir's formation, and to celebrate there will be a special concert on Saturday, 15th June, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. They'll be showcasing many of the most popular pieces of music the choir has performed during the last 10 years. For tickets or information about joining the choir, please call Teresa on 07919 437276. They will also be singing, during the Well Dressing, in St Luke's Church.

## REFURBISHMENT

The Parish Council has recently replaced the missing and broken glass panels in the two bus shelters outside Endon High School. Also pillar boxes have now been repainted.

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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