

Endon with Stanley

Autumn/Winter

Newsletter 2022/3

Parish Council



Queen Elizabeth II

Her sad passing after a lifetime of dedicated service leads us to reflect on her outstanding contribution to the life of the nation. She was a constantly steadying influence in a fast changing world and we are fortunate to have witnessed her reign.

How lucky, therefore, we were to be blessed with perfect weather on Thursday June 2nd to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. Celebrations began in the afternoon with local hero Andrew Stretch parading through Endon proclaiming that a beacon would be lit at 9.45pm at Station Rd Memorial Park. Andrew made sure that everyone knew. We thank Leek Town Crier Bill Lomas for the loan of his second best regalia and distinctive bell to ensure that Andrew looked the part.

Endon Village Hall was the scene of an exhibition of Artwork created by our three schools in response to the Jubilee and we welcomed Cultural Zebra Food charity who created an African buffet which generated generous donations towards their work for those in need in the City of Stoke-on-Trent. We thank Endon Co-op for supporting this venture and also Chris Phillips for his donation.

The evening got off to a great start thanks to Endon Hall Jubilee Singers who got the audience in patriotic party mode. Rich Hazlewood, our compère, introduced an evening of first class entertainment with style and good humour inserting songs from the 70 year reign from his own repertoire. Our own Endon Community Choir and Stafford Military Wives gave their all with songs old and new encouraging some rousing audience participation. The 400 plus crowd were compelled to move to the beat of Leek U3A Drummers and Dancers and our piper and bugler lent some pomp and pageantry to the beacon lighting. Endon Well Dressing Retiring Queen Maddison Barnett commanded that the beacon be lit in honour of Her Majesty the Queen. The evening then concluded with a spectacular laser and firework show which wowed the neighbourhood.

This proved to be a truly Platinum event.

Canal Bins

The Canal and River Trust have informed us that the second litter/dog bin on our stretch of the canal has been installed at Post Lane. Last year the Parish Council promised to service this bin together with the one at Park Lane, which we already empty. We are so pleased to support this service.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again we will be holding our act of Remembrance in accordance with the recommendations of the British Legion. The Civil Ceremony will take place on the dedicated Station Road Memorial Ground at 10.30am on Sunday, November 13th.

This is a non religious ceremony which is entirely inclusive and welcomes everyone whatever their faith or if they have no faith. We have invited staff parents and pupils from our three schools and have welcomed their interest and support in music, poetry and song. If this Act of Remembrance is to carry forward with future generations then children and young people must be encouraged to connect with and participate in it.

We have chosen Peace as our theme in this time of horrific war. In doing so we welcome our Ukrainian guests and share their story in the devastation of their homeland and their journey towards peace and freedom in our community. To symbolise this the family will release a dove of peace, an act which will be matched by a representative of Endon to show unity and that we truly do Stand by Ukraine.

Keith Jarvis will again sound the last post and afterwards we invite everyone to come together in the Village Hall for complimentary oatcakes and hot drinks.

Ukrainian family

We are pleased to welcome a Ukrainian family to our parish. Anastasiia and Denys have travelled over 3,000 miles from Kharkiv, on the eastern border with Russia, to come and live in Endon.

They have lived through very challenging times since February and are glad to be safe at last. Yeva, their daughter, has received a warm welcome at St. Luke's School and settled in well.

On their journey they rescued an abandoned kitten. They are hoping to be able to collect her from quarantine soon.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and the welcome they have received.

Hillswood Trim Trail

Our newly resurfaced trim trail is not just a running track. The 300 metre trail is loved by young cyclists, skateboarders and those who like to skip and scoot. The refurbishment was undertaken in July using a granite based tarmac coating which ensured a robust, even finish for a variety of activities. The park is owned by Endon



with Stanley Parish Council who commissioned and planned the work with a grant of £6,750 from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Sporting Villages Programme.

This is the first stage in the Parish Council's

master plan to reclaim this tired park for families and children of all ages. In the Autumn the elderly will be benefiting from a series of Nordic Walking Sessions which will not only address fitness but assist in combating loneliness and isolation. Repairs will also be made to the play equipment by replacing the rotting supports with metal shoes which should prolong the life of the equipment. The PC would like to replace all the equipment with up-to-date play structures but the cost of £80,000+ is prohibitive at present.

Hillswood Jubilee Park is certainly 'a park of many parts'. It is a dog free area, in a beautiful natural setting and away from the traffic.

Caldon Canal

When daylight extends well into the evening, is there a more relaxing activity than taking a stroll along the tow path of the Caldon Canal as it meanders through Endon; maybe even taking the time to sit on one of the benches and admire the views or wildlife. The current peaceful/rural vistas might not lead you to think of a past industrial age but the signs of the canal's original purpose are still there to be seen.

The Caldon Canal was classed as a remainder waterway in 1968, meaning the British Waterways Board was not bound to maintain the canal to a navigable standard whilst not actually closing the waterway. In 1972 an agreement was reached between Stafford County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and the British Waterways Board to restore the canal resulting in it being reopened in September 1974. Thereafter it has taken on its new role as being part of the leisure industry, having been upgraded to Cruising Waterway status in 1983.

In the 1980s the Victoria Mill site and associated railway line was purchased for development by John Emery. He subsequently donated the small plot of land adjacent to Canal Bridge 27 to Endon Parish Council for use by local people and known now as the John Emery Land.

When walking along this part for the purposes of this article, I saw a heron who after a while, suddenly swooped into the canal and came out with its dinner.

Finally, I would recommend the website of the Caldon and Uttoxeter Canals Trust for further information.

Andrew Church

A fuller version of this article is on our website.

Antisocial Behaviour

Since before the pandemic all incidents of antisocial behaviour have been diligently reported to the police and also by residents. During this period PCSO Sara Staples has logged these incidents and followed them up with discussions with residents and ourselves. The resulting strategies have largely been successful. Unfortunately the situation has deteriorated during the summer months with large numbers of teenagers congregating on Station Rd Park and incidents of antisocial behaviour escalating.

The refurbished playground at Station Rd has always been designed for children under 12 years and the installation of new equipment reflects that. However the green space alongside the playground often attracts teenagers who use it responsibly sometimes coaching youngsters in football skills and the list of rules on the gate is abided by. Unfortunately a growing number have not and blatantly flaunt not only the rules but polite request from residents to tone down foul language and blaring music. The Parish Council Chairman has had meetings with senior officers from the Leek Policing Team and a further series of measures to combat ASB have been put into place.

Reluctantly the council have had to authorise a 5pm closure of Station Rd Park after further damage had been done. This move will be monitored and reviewed in due course. We have not invested funds in the park to close it but we hope residents will appreciate that we must take such steps to protect it from vandalism and misuse which spoils the facilities for those it is intended for. It is worth pointing out that the park is a War Memorial, placed in the care of the PC, and therefore deserves to be treated with respect. The PC would be failing in its duty of care if it did not take steps to protect this valuable village asset.

The cost of repairing and clearing up after vandalism is about £2000 per year and comes out of PC funds. The PC receives its funding from the council tax payers of the parish via the parish precept.

Staffordshire Moorlands Arts Grants

There is a residue of approximately £10,000 from the Support Staffordshire Jubilee Grant funding. Grants up to £500 can be applied for before the December 1st closing date. Funds from this pot can be used for arts activities up to and including summer 2023.

For further details about this and future local arts funding please contact Suzanne Sillitoe, Grants panel volunteer member, on 01782 503969

Support and Advice

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has put together a page with a number of links to local and national organisations who offer support, advice and in some cases financial and grants to help towards the cost of living:

staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/article/7300/Cost-of-living

Endon Events: November to January

ENDON PATHFINDERS

Morning walks, every other
Thursday

Meet 9.30am at Endon Methodist Church car park. Each walk is 3 to 5 miles long, pub lunch is optional.

NOV: 3, 17 DEC: 1, 15, 29

JAN: 12, 26 FEB: 9, 23

Further details contact:
John Harris 01782 503484



Ridgways Hearing Centre, Station Buildings, Endon.
ridgwayshearing@outlook.com
 01782 622545 07581 087908

WEEKLY ART CLASSES

Tuesday & Saturday
10.00-12.30

Stockton Brook Scout & Guide HQ

Tuesday Afternoons

Online via Zoom

2.00-4.30

Please contact Louise Adams at
fennsworkslouise@btinternet.com
 Classes suitable for all abilities.
 Weekly newsletter. Whatsapp and Facebook groups. £10 per class

ENDON WELL DRESSING: The next festival will be on 27/28/29 May 2023. The committee meet monthly throughout the year (see dates) and anyone interested in helping will be welcome at any of the meetings.

POLICE SURGERIES

PCSO Sara Staples will be holding surgeries in the Parish Office (next to Railway Tearooms) on:

Sun Nov 20th: 14.00 to 15.30

Sun Dec 11th: 10.00 to 11.30

Private and confidential and no appointment is necessary.

Regular Village Hall Events

Rainbows

Mon 4.45 to 6pm

Endon Community Choir

Tues 7pm

Brownies

Mon 6 to 7.30pm

Clubercise

Wed 6 to 7pm

Guides

Mon 7.30 to 9pm

Friendship Club(Alt weeks)

Thurs 2 to 4pm

Indoor Bowls

Tues 2 to 4pm

Boxercise

Fri 7.15 to 8.15pm

Online bookings: endonvillagehall.org.uk
Phone bookings: 07783 357454

ENDON ST. LUKE'S

Every Sunday: Morning worship at 9.15am with Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays of month.

Sundays: 11am Connections Community Church at St. Luke's Academy, supported by St. Luke's and Endon Methodist Church. 35 minutes followed by refreshments. Family friendly.

Wednesdays: Communion or Morning Worship at 9.15am alternating with Endon Methodist Church.

Barrie Jackson, licensed lay reader, mans the church office on Mon, Wed and Fri between 10.30am and 1.00pm. All enquires relating to weddings, baptisms and funerals should be directed to Barrie on 07517 653370

Information at www.endonstlukes.org.uk, Twitter, Facebook.

Christmas Services: 24th Dec - Family Service 6pm.(Tbc), Midnight HC 11.30pm (tbc), **25th Dec** - HC 9.15am

ENDON METHODIST

Sundays: Morning worship at 10am.

Mondays: Community Cafe 10.30am to 2pm. Light lunches, snacks, tea and coffee. The Chapel is open for quiet reflection and prayers.

Wednesday: Communion at 9.15am, alternating with Endon St. Luke's.

Thursdays: Fit as a Fiddle (Armchair exercises class) 10.30 to 11.15am. Details 01782 570489

Fridays: During term time, **Junior Club** (Yrs 1 to 6) 6 to 7pm, **Senior Club** (Yr 7 and 8) 7.30 to 8.30pm. Info from Jonny on 07598 580545.

Christmas Services: 24th Dec - Christingle 4pm (**23rd Dec** at 10am making Christingles), **24th Dec** - Midnight communion, 11pm, **25th Dec** - Brief service for all at 10am.

TOMKIN CHAPEL, TOMKIN LANE, STANLEY

1st and 3rd Sunday: Service at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Thursdays: Tea and Chat 10am to noon. Visit website www.urnorthstaffs.org.uk.

DIARY DATES

NOV

- Tu 1 Endon WI:** Methodist Church, 7.15pm. Museums with Peter Wilson.
- Th 3 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Craft session, making CD angels for Christmas.
- Sa 5 Christmas Fair:** Methodist Church, 10am to 1pm. Christmas gifts and snack lunch.
- Tu 8 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm, Public Forum to raise issues at 7.05pm.
- W 9 Well Dressing Meeting:** Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, come along and help the Festival
- F 11 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10am to 12pm. Informal meeting for carers.
- F 11 Wreath laying:** War Memorial, St Luke's Church, 11am. Short ceremony and Last Post.
- Su 13 Remembrance Ceremony:** Station Road Park, 10.30am. Free refreshments in Village Hall afterwards.
- Su 13 Morning Service:** Methodist Church, 10am
- Su 13 Remembrance Service:** St Luke's Church, 10.45am. Wreath laying at 11.30am.
- Su 13 Memorial Service:** St Luke's Church, 6.30pm. For those who have lost loved ones.
- Th 17 Friendship Club:** Trip to Webb's of Wychbold.
- F 25 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10am to 12pm. Informal meeting for carers.

DEC

- Th 1 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Musical entertainment and Christmas sale.
- Tu 6 Endon WI:** Christmas meal (arrangements tba)
- Tu 6 Endon Community Choir Christmas Concert:** Methodist Church 7pm. Tickets from 07826 554208.
- W 7 Well Dressing Meeting:** Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, come along and help the Festival
- Th 8 Friendship Club:** Christmas meal, members only.
- F 9 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10am to 12pm. Informal meeting for carers.
- Su 11 Toy services:** St Luke's Church 9.15am and 11.00am. For victims of domestic violence.
- Tu 13 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm, Public Forum to raise issues at 7.05pm
- Su 18 Community Carol Service:** Methodist Church 6.30pm.

JAN

- Tu 3 Endon WI:** Methodist Church , 7.15pm
- W 4 Well Dressing Meeting:** Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, come along and help the Festival.
- Th 5 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Social meeting with chat and quizzes.
- Tu 10 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm, Public Forum to raise issues at 7.05pm
- Th 19 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. LPAs, wills and estate planning explained.

If you wish to advertise a business or service in the Newsletter please email the editor at editorendonnews@gmail.com or contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Clerk is available in the Parish Office every **Monday and Tuesday from 8am to 2pm** to deal with residents' enquiries. He will be able to contact appropriate agencies and advise you on the correct actions to take and he has the authority to include relevant items on the next Parish Council meeting agenda.

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