

Endon with Stanley Spring Newsletter 2023 Parish Council



Picnic in the Park

Station Rd Memorial Park will be the place to celebrate on **Sunday, May 7th from 2 - 5pm**. This is a free event run by the Parish Council with a PA system, and ongoing entertainment including brass band. **Contact 503969** to be sure of a space and let us know if you need tables and chairs.

Bring your own food to share with your friends. An ice cream van will be on site and the children's play area will be open. If you wish to add to the occasion by wearing fancy dress or decorating your table then you might win a prize. We hope the weather will be kind but we have booked the Village Hall just in case (and for toilet facilities). We hope to see you and family and friends at what is proving to be a popular community event.

500 Coronation Mugs

Our two splendid Primary Schools will receive a souvenir china Coronation Mug for each pupil gifted from the Parish Council. The bespoke mugs have been designed together with a local supplier with one side bearing a traditional image of the king and the other the new royal emblem.

Please contact our clerk if you know of any child, within the parish, of primary school age, who does not attend Endon Schools. We don't want to leave any child out.

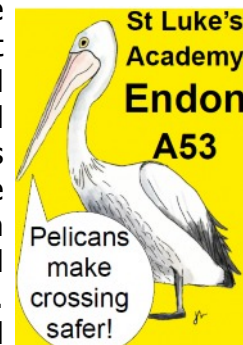


FRED GOLDSTRAW

Family and friends gathered at St Luke's Church to pay their last respects to Fred who died on February 15th. In the last few years he has put Endon on the map with his displays of poppies for Remembrance Day. Fred's work with Endon Scout Group is legendary; he was a genuine asset to Endon - a true stalwart who volunteered his efforts without thought of reward or recognition. His cheerful, infectious smile and laugh will long be remembered by those who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

Crossing at St Luke's Academy

After 5 years of advertising the school still doesn't have a permanent crossing warden. The school launched a petition which attracted 600 names. Parish Councillors helped to organise submitting the petition, requesting a pelican crossing, to Staffs County Council meeting on February 9th. Councillors, parents, and grandparents joined St Luke's pupils and staff to lobby the meeting. Thanks are due to Stanton's of Stoke who provided the mini bus and driver free of charge. This resulted in County Council Officers meeting, within weeks, at the school with parish councillors, school staff and pupils to begin a scoping exercise regarding the safety issues. This is a huge step forward in the campaign for safer crossing and the journey will be a long one but we remain hopeful.



Brownies, Rainbows, Bird Boxes and Saplings

On Sunday March 26th 36 Brownies, Rainbows, Leaders, parents and Parish Councillors planted 105 saplings at Hillswood Park. The trees, all native species, were ordered by the PC from the Woodland Trust. They are free to all community groups and are delivered with support canes and protectors. Well done everyone, your efforts will bear beautiful blossom.

Hillswood is rapidly becoming a notable wildlife corridor. The PC has been successful in obtaining a second grant from Staffs County Council to purchase some bird, bat and owl nesting boxes together with hedgehog homes and insect hotels, all were installed at Hillswood well before the nesting season. They are made from recycled wood and constructed at HMP Sudbury as part of a release programme.

Wildflower Meadows

The Parish Council have received a grant from Staffordshire County Council to cultivate a wildflower meadow on the A53 verge near Greenmeadow Grove. This means we can manage the site independently of the County grass cutting programme which operates inappropriately to the needs of delicate wildflowers. Our first stage is to hire a scarifier to prepare the ground before the seeds are sown. Please feel free to scatter any seeds you wish to grow both here and at Hillswood Jubilee Park. We hope you enjoy the results.

Endon Well Dressing 27th, 28th & 29th May

Our festival is back to its usual May Bank Holiday spot this year with lots of activities for all the family. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Luke's Church on Saturday at 1.30pm followed by a procession into the village. The blessing of the well will take place before the crowning of our new Queen, Miss Tegan Eve Tiffany Masterson. Tegan and her retinue will also attend a service at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

Traditional and modern dance displays will be taking place over the weekend with maypole dancing performed by local school children, morris and troupe dancing to name a few. A band night will be held on Saturday evening with a disco followed by a live band. Tickets are £10 and can be booked by phoning 07949 409519.

Sunday sees the return of the 5k fun run and our ever-popular pet show, watch the best tail wagger whilst enjoying a Pimms or two from the Pimms stall! A new family sports day and conker competition is also planned — fun for all ages! Sunday evening promises a night of music and singing with the Brass Band Recital followed by our Songs of Praise event.

Monday's programme presents more new events to our calendar from arm wrestling competitions to a celebration cake competition! Barlows Barrows will also be performing for your enjoyment. There are lots of other attractions to look forward to over the weekend both new and old including Muggeridge Fun Fair, Leek School of Dance display, classic car display, duck races, tossing the sheaf, The Circus Academy, The Unconventional Menagerie, the Picnic area, the list goes on! Our festival will finally be brought to an end this year with a bonfire and fireworks display.

Follow us on Facebook to keep abreast of all festival news and events.

www.facebook.com/EndonWellDressing

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/staffs has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Staffordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Endon Community Choir

2022 ended with a flurry of activity, with a Christmas Concert at the Methodist Church, and Community Carol singing which even made its way onto Radio 5 Live, followed by an interview on Radio Stoke. The choir has been welcoming many new members in recent months, and of course anyone else is welcome to come and join us at the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening 7-9pm during term times. We are currently learning new music for a Celebration Concert on the 9th May in Trinity Church, Leek, as part of "Leek Arts Festival" and hope to see many of our friends from Endon at the event. For tickets at £8 each please call Yvonne on 07826 554208

As always we look forward to singing in St Lukes Church on the Saturday afternoon of the Well Dressing and, are hoping to have a presence on the field earlier in the day. We are fortunate to have been selected as one of the local organisations to be supported by the Co-Op in 2023. This means everyone who shops at any Co-Op store can support the Choir. If you are not already a member or have a Co-Op card, it is quite straight forward to register by phone or online. Once registered you need to click on the community button and select Endon Community Choir. If you need help, consult a friend or family member! Then you simply need to use your card each time you shop, and the store will make a contribution to our funds. Thank You.

Pub News

Residents have expressed concern about the poor state of The Plough, particularly the outside. A Parish Council representative has had two meetings with the area business manager of Mitchell & Butler and the pub manager to discuss the issues. Some improvements are planned for the interior over the next few months followed by attention to the exterior. A survey of the mural has been commissioned and it is hoped that it can be restored to its former glory. The building is Grade 2 listed and therefore any refurbishment has to be done sympathetically. It was stressed that the building is an important landmark in Endon and needs to be kept in good order.

The Black Horse pub had a change of tenancy on March 6th with Gina Hulme Smith taking over the licence, and with her husband, Ian, she is planning to develop a community pub. We wish them success in their new venture.

Book Exchange

A few months ago the Parish Council was asked if The Stormtrooper in A Teacup team could set up a book exchange in the empty telephone box in the Village. The Council happily agreed to this and is pleased to note that the exchange is now up and running. Thanks to all concerned, especially Nunu, for instigating the project and seeing it through. Residents can now exchange their books whenever they wish.

The telephone box is on the corner of Brookside Avenue and Brook Lane. Happy reading everyone!

Endon Events: April to July 2023

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.

APR: 20 MAY: 4, 18

JUNE: 1, 15, 29 JUL: 13, 27

Further details contact:

John Harris 01782 503484

POLICE SURGERIES

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

They are private and confidential and no appointment is necessary. Dates will be published on the Parish Council Facebook page.



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 FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At each meeting there is entertainment, tea and cake and an opportunity to have a chat and meet with friends old and new. For more information call 01782 504266.

Regular Village Hall Events

Rainbows

Mon 4.45 to 6pm

Brownies

Mon 6 to 7.30pm

Endon Community Choir

Tues 7pm

Endon Little Learners

Wed 9.30 to 11.30am

Clubercise

Wed 6 to 7pm

Friendship Club(Alt weeks)

Thurs 2 to 4pm

Maddy Dance

Thurs 6.30 to 8.30pm

Boxercise

Fri 7.15 to 8.15pm

Endon Boardgames(Monthly)

Sat 10am to 2pm

Endon Community Boardgames

Selection of boardgames, some new, some old. Bring your own. Refreshments. Free event. Donations to cover hire of hall.

May 13, June 10, July 8.

Email: GAMEALOT@SDBN.CO.UK

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.

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.

Third Thursday of each month, **Bereavement Cafe**, support after a bereavement, see diary.

Second and fourth Friday of each month, **Carers' Cafe**, for carers and those they care for, see diary.

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.urcnorthstaffs.org.uk.

DIARY DATES

APR

- Th 20 Bereavement Cafe:** Methodist Church, 2 to 3.30pm.
- Th 27 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. "Can you hear me mother?"
- F 28 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.

MAY

- Su 7 Free Picnic in Park:** Station Road, 2 to 5pm. Bring your own food. Entertainment provided.
- M 8 Afternoon Tea:** Methodist Church, £10. Tickets from 07913 842377 or 01782 503411.
- Tu 9 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm. Public Forum to raise concerns at 7.05pm.
- Tu 9 Community Choir:** Trinity Church, Leek, 7pm. Celebration Concert. Tickets £8 from 07826 554208.
- Th 11 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Love and War.
- F 12 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.
- Sa 13 Quiz Night:** Village Hall, 7.30pm Tickets: 07986 791494.
- Th 18 Bereavement Cafe:** Methodist Church, 2 to 3.30pm.
- Th 25 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Keeping off the rocks.
- F 26 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.
- 27 -29 Well Dressing Weekend:** see article for further details.

Endon Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 13th May - Tickets call / text Diane on 07986 791494 or see www.endonvillagehall.org.uk/quiz for details.

Quizmaster: Graeme Cowles.

Pie & Pea Supper, bring your own bottle.

JUN

- Th 8 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Didn't we have a lovely time?
- F 9 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.
- Tu 13 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm. Public Forum to raise concerns at 7.05pm.
- Th 15 Bereavement Cafe:** Methodist Church, 2 to 3.30pm.
- Th 22 Friendship Club:** Village Hall, 2pm. Mystery trip and afternoon tea.
- F 23 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.

JUL

- Tu 11 Parish Council:** Methodist Church, 7pm. Public Forum to raise concerns at 7.05pm.
- F 14 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.
- Th 20 Bereavement Cafe:** Methodist Church, 2 to 3.30pm.
- F 28 Carers' Cafe:** Methodist Church, 10.30 to 12.00.

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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