

Endon with Stanley Autumn Newsletter 2023 Parish Council



Village Hall Renovation

Endon Village Hall has recently announced a renovation programme to bring the hall up to date and to instigate some much needed repairs and improvements to the roof, windows, toilets, kitchen and flooring. Work has already started and it is hoped to complete the work within the next twelve months. To help with the cost grant help will be sought but residents can also help by joining the Staffs Moorlands Community Lottery and choosing Endon Village Hall as their good cause. For each £1 weekly ticket bought 50p will go to the hall, 20p to the prize fund, 10p to other good causes and 20p to admin. This will bring in a regular income to the hall each week. You can only join by going online to StaffsMoorlandsCommunityLottery.co.uk and choosing Endon Village Hall Renovation as your good cause.

If you would like to help in any way in the renovation please contact Endon Village Hall Facebook page or phone 07890 711169.

New Parish Council

At the April Parish Council meeting Cllrs Harris, Sambrook, Carey and Shemilt retired.

Val Harris has given dedicated service since 2002 she was involved in the planning of the Hillswood playground together with two at Station Road.

John Sambrook joined the Council in 2006 and has served as both as Vice Chair and Chairman and has been instrumental in so many of our initiatives and projects.

We hope that Selena Carey is only taking a break from Council work as her support and enthusiasm are highly valued.

Phil Shemilt has decided to focus his attention on traffic speeding issues especially on Clay Lake.

We thank them for their unstinting dedication to our community and send our good wishes on your behalf.

On the new council we now have three District Cllrs and four new councillors who bring both expertise and experience. We welcome Philip Taylor, James Biddulph, Joy Majekodunmi and Kate Walker.

Suzanne Sillitoe was elected as Chair for the seventh year and District Cllr/Parish Cllr Christina Jebb was elected Vice Chair.

Station Platform

We have all been shocked at the unsightly safety railing, the rapid deterioration of the platform and the wildly overgrown track bed at Endon Station.

Members of the the Parish Council applied to SMDC Moorlands Partnership Board for a grant towards resurfacing the platform behind the Railway Tea Room. They were successful and work began in August. The PC owns the Tea Room building and the adjacent Parish Office but the platform is the property of Network Rail. Use of the platform is important to any business which is housed in the building giving essential disability and buggy access together with an emergency exit.

The parish council drew up the plans which outlined where a seating area could be installed thus extending capacity for the cafe. The grant was awarded in November 2022 but it has taken until July 2023 to obtain agreements and permission from Network Rail to resurface the platform, a project NWR were not prepared to consider themselves. Subsequently we have obtained further grant funding to reinstate original railway features and to replace the PVC windows and the door leading to the platform with authentic wooden designs. However this project will be put of hold for the time being whilst the front access steps are realigned. A wooden picket fence has been erected between the platform and the track bed. This would be removed should the line be reopened but needs to be in place as a safety feature since the station is currently unmanned. Watch this space.

Parking Buddies

The Parish Council were approached by Endon Hall Primary School to support their campaign for safer parking at the school entrance. They suggested a series of Parking Buddies would deter drivers who were parking both dangerously and illegally and as such were putting children's lives at risk. The Buddies are child-friendly cutout road safety signs and it has been proven that when these signs are placed near school entrances they allow for better and safer traffic management.

The PC agreed unanimously to fund this and the Buddies have been in place for a number of weeks. The Headteacher, Miss Lewis, has reported that the placement of the Buddies seems to be having the desired effect.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again there will be an open air ceremony on the Station Memorial Park on Sunday Nov 12th from 10.30 to 11.15am. This is a non religious event but is open to all regardless of faith. It is conducted using the standard British Legion format with contributions from residents and pupils attending Endon schools.

There will be complimentary oatcakes and hot drinks in the Village Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

On the Eleventh Hour on the Eleventh Day.

There will be short ceremony to lay wreaths on Saturday Nov 11th at 11am, at the War Memorial in St Luke's churchyard, after the Last Post has been sounded. All are welcome.

Endon WI

I expect readers will know of the Women's Institute, but probably many of you will know little about us. Maybe you've heard, 'all jam and Jerusalem' and here's the explanation. In world war 1 sugar was in short supply, so the Government gave the WI extra sugar to enable them to use large quantities of fruit to make jam for the troops. And Jerusalem simply because the WI owns the rights, so it can't be used as a national anthem, as was suggested.

Endon WI is over a hundred years old, with its history documented from the start, when the speakers told members how to skin a rabbit for its fur! And other similar topics, totally strange to life today! In our heyday, we had a huge membership with a waiting list. Sadly, today, our membership has taken a nose dive, largely due to Covid, and we struggle to keep going. We'd love new members. We meet at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Methodist chapel in Endon. Although small, we are a friendly group, enjoying an interesting speaker, or other entertainment, with a welcome cuppa.

We'd love to meet you. Why not come along, see what makes us tick. We'd love to see you. Give me a ring beforehand, 07860 620720, so we can welcome you on arrival.

Erica Martin, Secretary, Endon WI.

Antisocial Behaviour

Always report incidences of antisocial behaviour to the police by ringing 101, or 999 in an emergency. The incident will then be logged so that a pattern of behaviour can be established and action triggered. If incidences are not reported it is unlikely that any action will be taken.

Endon Choir

We have had a fantastic year culminating our very own sold-out Celebration Concert at Trinity Church in Leek as part of the Leek Arts Festival in May.

With membership now at well over 60 and a strong men's section we look forward to a new season. Practice will begin for our main event of the term, the Christmas Concert booked for Tuesday 5th of December in Endon Methodist Church. There will be lots of other things coming up too including a theatre trip to see "Sister Act" and a quiz night. To keep up to date follow us on Facebook or see local advertising. Better still why not join us? There are no auditions, no solos and no need to read music, it's just for fun. The first two sessions are free so just turn up - we meet every Tuesday 7-9pm in the Village Hall during term time. For more information call 07042 205540.

Help Our Canal

We would like to bring to your attention the Canals and River Trust's campaign entitled "Keep Canals Alive" to encourage central Government not to make the proposed reduction in funding over the period of 2027/37. The campaign includes encouraging everyone to contact their local MP to make the case for maintaining funding for our canals and rivers. This can be done through their easy to use website. In addition, the Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust does a lot of work on our local canal and annual membership is only £9.00. In addition, both Trusts are always looking for volunteers to assist in all manner of activities in our area, why not sign up -even if it is only for the odd session or two it all makes a difference to our local environment.

Dog Bins

This is a plea to dog owners to put dog poo bags inside the dog bins. If the bins are full please take the bags home to dispose of them.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE BINS. This is unsightly as well as a health hazard. The bins are emptied regularly but they do fill up in which case will dog owners please act responsibly and take the bags home.

Pelican Crossing

The Parish Council is pressing for an update on the crossing. It was Feb 9th when a petition was handed to Staffs CC requesting a crossing at St Luke's Academy. Since then officers from County Council have conducted a survey in the area but there has been no feedback.



The station platform has undergone some refurbishment: new tarmac surface, picket fence and hard standing for table and chairs.



ENDON HALL PARKING BUDDIES

So far they seem to have solved the dangerous parking problems near the school.



The litter bin from Kenley Avenue has been moved to Hillside Avenue. The Parish Council has always objected to its placement in Kenley Avenue as it was only a few yards away from a house entrance. The PC worked with SMDC to rectify the situation.



Grateful thanks to Andrew and Angela Stretch and Endon Scout Group for displaying the Poppies. A very fitting tribute to the work of Fred Goldstraw.

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.

Dec: 14, 28

Further details contact:
John Harris 01782 503484

ENDON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On alternate Thursdays 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.

December 7th: Christmas meal (members only)

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
fennsworlouis@btinternet.com
Classes suitable for all abilities.
Weekly newsletter. Whatsapp and Facebook groups. £10 per class

POLICE SURGERY

PCSO Sara Staples will be holding a surgery in the Parish Office (next to Railway Tearooms). They are private and confidential and no appointment is necessary.

Saturday Dec 16th

13.00 to 14.00

DECEMBER EVENTS



Ridgways Hearing Centre, Station Buildings, Endon.

ridgwayshearing@outlook.com

01782 622545 07581 087908

ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR Carol Concert

Tuesday, Dec 5th at 7.30

Endon Methodist Church

Further information: 07042 205540

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST CLUB

Monthly on Thursday in Village Hall
9.30 to 11.30am.

FREE community event open to all ages.

Pop in for a natter, a brew and a light breakfast or if you just want some company.

**Thursday Dec 21st,
9.30 to 11.30am have
breakfast with Santa**

METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Sunday, 17th Dec at 6pm
Community Carol Service

Sunday, 24th Dec at 4pm
Christingle Service for families

Sunday, 24th Dec at 11.30pm
Midnight Communion
(refreshments from 11pm)

Monday, 25th Dec at 10am
CHRISTMAS DAY service for families

Visit website:

www.urnorthstaffs.org.uk

St LUKE'S

DECEMBER 10th Sunday at 4.00pm
CAROLS at CONNECTIONS
St Luke's CE Academy, School hall

CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday
December 24th at 6.00pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
11.30pm Ecumenical
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at
Endon Methodist Church
(come at 11.00pm for mince pies!)

CHRISTMAS DAY
9.15am **HOLY COMMUNION**
at St Luke's

www.endonstlukes.org.uk

07517 653370

Parish Clerk: Dennis Boulton, 01782 503918, clerkatendon9@gmail.com.

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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