

THE STANTON STEAMER

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STANTON METHODIST CHURCH

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December Services

2nd	10-30am Morning Service	Revd, H. Wilkinson.
4th	10-00am Bumper Coffee Morning	Mrs J. Browne
9th	10-30am Morning Service	Mr D. Freeman
16th	10-30am Morning Service	Revd. H. Sorrell
16th	7-00pm Carol Service	
17th	7-30pm Mead Singers Concert	(£5 -00 Entry at Door)
19th	5-00pm Service at Ashmore	Mr S. Aspinall
23rd	10-30am Morning Service	Revd. D, Ely
24th	4-00pm Crib Service	All are Welcome Mr S. Aspinall
30th	10-30am Morning Service	Mr S. Aspinall.

We will be celebrating a special birthday this month, but with all the commercial side of Christmas this can be forgotten.

Jesus's arrival took many by quiet surprise, instead of being born in a palace, He was born in the most unlikely place, a humble dwelling outside of Bethlehem. In a manger in a stable.

The unassuming way Jesus entered the world was a prophecy organised by God.
He came gently in order to draw us to Himself with His offer of Peace with God a peace still available to anyone who believes the unexpected story of a Saviour born in a manger.

So as you get caught up with your preparations towards celebrating with family ,friends, or what ever way you celebrate, allow yourself a few minutes of quiet during this busy season to sit and listen for what God might ber sayin to you.

You are most welcome to join us for our events over this period.

4th December 10-00AM BUMPER COFFEE MORNING.

16th Decemvber 7-00pm. CAROL SERVICE.

17th December 7-30pm. MEAD SINGERS CONCERT £5 at door

4th December 4-00pm CRIB SERVICE

On behalf of Stanton Methodist Church we would wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Pat Taplin.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

'A choice lay ahead. The traveller could allow herself to be dragged towards Bethlehem this year, kicking and screaming through the tinsel-laden pressures of the expected route to Christmas. Already her local radio station had been announcing the countdown of the days even before the leaves had started to fall. Was the world getting more crazy, or was it just her?'

'Would she journey or not? All around her folk were expressing the desire to stay at home, lock the doors, put the phone off the hook and opt out of the pandemonium. After all, hadn't she 'been there, bought the T-shirt', year after year?

On the other hand, suppose she hadn't seen it all? Supposing God could surprise her? What if there was something at the destination more than shopping aisles and carols and mince pies?' (An extract from 'On the Way to Bethlehem' by Hilary McDowell 1998, p10)

As we step into the season of Advent, I wonder what your build up to Christmas is looking like? Sadly for most of us, all too often we feel a rather like the women in my extract. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it was full of hope and expectation?

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah that we hear in our Carol Services is full of hope and expectation. As to how the birth of Jesus that first Christmas did and can still change our Christmas today and our lives. This is how the Message Translation put it...

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep shadows— light! sunbursts of light!

You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy.

Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy!

The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

For a child has been born—for us! the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counsellor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.

His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

Now that's something to journey to Christmas for... to find the one who brings wholeness and peace, joy and celebration.

Isaiah prophesied that this child would grow up and bring good news to the poor, heal the sick and broken hearted, bring freedom to those in captivity, to comfort those who mourn and to bring joy into lives where there is sadness.

I hope you make the choice to journey to Christmas this year with the expectation and hope that you might discover the most precious gift of all... Jesus, and the gift of life and love that He brings.

Across the Benefice there are lots of Carol Services and Christmas Services, something hopefully to suit everyone...

our advertising is #Follow The Star. We look forward to seeing you and I hope and pray that this Advent as you journey towards Christmas you know the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ- child Jesus.

God Bless

Cathy Bladen (The Rector)

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY EFFORT!

The response to my request for help with the Poppy Tribute for the war memorial was amazing. I was inundated with offers to knit and crochet poppies for our special homage for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. For 6 months folk worked away quietly. Then a team of WI ladies took on the task of attaching the poppies to the netting and installing it on the memorial. A great deal of time and work went into it but it also became a labour of love and provided fun and companionship as it all came together. It has truly been a heart-warming community effort. My most grateful thanks are due to everyone who contributed in any way. One lady, who knitted poppies, sadly did not live to see them form part of the display. Another, who used to live in Stanton, sent her poppies from Surrey. I hope that everyone who took part has felt the same sense of pride that I did when it was finished. We wanted it to be a fitting tribute to those young men whose names appear on the Stanton memorial. As I stood there this morning at the Armistice Day Service, with the sun shining on the beautiful woollen poppy display, I felt that we had achieved our aim; thanks to you all.

Viv Cunningham

THANKS TO

Jean Aldous, Chris Barker, Jenny Bland, Lynda Bovington, Pauline Brooks, Mary Brown, Sue Carnegie, Shirley Casey, Ava Catton, Lynda Clarke, Val Coates, Rosemarie Croft, Alan Cunningham (RAF Honington), Gareth Cunningham, Sarah Doggett, Jackie Dorling, Vera Dowsett, Janet Dowsett, Valerie Edrich, Joyce Fuller, Belinda Grimwood, Mary Hackett, Doreen Harris (& friend), Phyllis Hazell, Teresa Holden, Margaret Howe, Daphne Jones, Colin Lamb, Virginia Lamboll, Pat Livingstone, Brenda Lucas, Celia Maddox, Violet Mann, Valerie Mariner, Ivy Mason, Hayley Maudlin-Moss, June Miller, Jean Morgan (dec.), Pauline Moss, Karen Musto, Stephanie Papworth, Christine Perkins, Sarah Perkins, Marion Pettitt, Pearl Rose, Karen Seeley, June Sexton, Jay Swales (& mum & auntie), Jean Taylor, Audrey Weller, Beverley Williamson, Doreen Harris (& friend), The Stanton Sewing Bee and other anonymous contributors.

Stanton Toddler Group

It is with regret we must cancel the planned meeting on 4th December due to low attendance recently and also the need for help in running the group.

We will have the next meeting on Tuesday 8th January 2019 Stanton Village Hall 9.30 until 11am. Tea Coffee and play for the children will be available as usual at a cost of £2 per family.

If you are new to the village, or want to meet with other mums, carers please do come along.

If you feel you can help in any way, either by setting up, making drinks, or help with play please get in touch with me Sue Willcox via the Stanton Toddler group Facebook page

NEWS FROM STANTON W.I.

It has been a busy and rather competitive month for our members.

A group of us enjoyed a Christmas Crafts Dabble Day at the W.I. headquarters. We spent the day making crafty Christmas items and came away with quite a collection to hang on our tree.

For our coffee shop morning we visited Emzos at Bacton which is one of our favourite places to go. Apart from the delicious coffee and scones, the shop is a delight to explore and Finbows yard across the road is full of interesting outlets.

We had been preparing for the Federation Autumn event for some time The co-operative cup competition took place there with an exciting competition to enhance a little black dress with accessories made purely from

recycled materials. We have many talented crafters amongst our members and for this competition Jackie made a fabulous hat from newspaper, plastic bottles and vegetable bags. Shirley made a beautiful necklace mainly from rolled up magazine pages and Val made an intricate clutch bag, again mainly from rolled up newspaper. Lynda modelled the dress and accessories with great style and although we weren't placed among the winners from 18 entries we were very proud of our entry.

Another enjoyable event has been a repeat visit to the Wattisfield potteries to paint our chosen pottery, this time, an even bigger group went, no doubt inspired by the lovely results we previously produced. Lunch there is pretty good too!

We are very proud that Ros has had her entry in the Lady Denman cup competition sent forward to the finals. Her entry is printed in this month's W.I. news for us all to enjoy.

Our centenary tree planting will be taking place at the end of November. We will be planting a mountain ash in the cemetery near to St Johns church, followed by refreshments. The hornbeam that we planted in Sid's Piece for our 90th anniversary is thriving. We have recently renovated the plaque and a lovely new one will be placed near our new tree. As always, visitors and new members are made very welcome at our meetings and events.

Maureen Johnson 250739

STANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wednesday 5th December 12.30 for 1 pm CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas Lunch in the Community Village Hall - doors open 12.30 pm in time for a welcome drink before the meal at 1 pm. Water will be provided during the meal but if you wish for wine then bring a bottle!

Raffle prizes welcome - wrapped if you can. Everyone enjoys our Megga Christmas Raffle so the more prizes the merrier! The Membership fee of £5 for 2019 can be paid before the lunch when the Programme for 2019 will be available.

The first 2019 meeting is a social/games afternoon at 2.15 on the 7th of January - our AGM is early February. **We need 3 new Committee Members for 2019, please let me know asap if you are interested in helping so you can be put forward.** These places **MUST** be filled in order to keep the Club running efficiently. As we only meet 12 times a year, helping doesn't have to be too time-consuming!

The Friendship Club wishes everyone a Happy Christmas.

Pip Bedford - Hon Secretary. Ring 251013 for info or a lift to any event

STANTON WOODLAND & WILDLIFE ACTION GROUP

Soon all the leaves will have fallen and the individual shapes and branch structure of the different species of tree will be revealed. The mighty oak, with its strong dark branches, and the more delicate, uplifting, ash.

Identifying the trees without leaves is quite a good test, on a winter walk, looking at colour and texture of bark, as you pass.

Autumn berries and nuts have been abundant this year. I found I was treading on the prickly cases of sweet chestnuts recently. This tree must have enjoyed the hot summer as the nuts were fat and like the ones you see roasted on stalls at Christmas. So after picking some up, leaving the green cases behind, I dried them and then cut into the inner (brain like) nut and found, by boiling them up and blending them, they made chestnut puree - delicious! It can be used for thickening and flavouring soups or to make stuffing for the Christmas turkey.

What weather do we have in store for this Christmas? Watch out for the waxwing invasion, if we get a cold spell. These beautiful birds fly from Scandinavia in flocks to feed on hawthorn and rowan berries, strangely often found in supermarket car parks.

Have a Happy Christmas; I hope you can find time for a walk round Sid's Piece and, maybe, come and see us for a New Year Work Party on Sunday 30th December (11am till 1pm) when we might raise a glass to a bountiful 2019!

Best wishes.

Mary Jane Toulson 259646

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STANTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.15PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD, STANTON

Come and join in this free event -

The 20-foot natural tree will be spectacularly lit up at 7pm after a Countdown followed by

Traditional carols around the tree accompanied by members of the Breckland Brass Band.

Mince Pies and mulled wine will be available in the Church Rooms after the Carols. Even Father Christmas could make an appearance for the children!

STANTON BOWLS CLUB

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

"THE ROCKIN REBEL"

IVAN BRADY

(ELVIS TRIBUTE ACT)

BAR 7PM MUSIC 7.45PM

Tickets £8 from Sylvia/David 01359 250713

Bring Your Own Nibbles

Order Tickets Early As Numbers May Have To Be Limited

Stan Co Co Tote

The October draw was made at "The Post Office" on Thursday November 1st at 09.25am

First Prize No. 234Mr Livingstone £100

Second Prize No. 266Mr P Palmer £40

Third prize No. 176Mrs P Bray £20

Thank you for your support. Good luck in the November draw.

If you are willing to help the Stan Co Co Trust in any way or wish to join the Tote please contact Ian Engall on 250132.

Just as little as £1 per month is all it costs to join the tote and help raise funds for needy causes in Stanton. First prize is £100.00. 2nd prize is £40.00 and third prize is £20.00 - every month

The Stan Co Co Tote is looking for a collector for Shepherds Grove Park.

Could you spare one hour per month to help out ?

Please contact Ian Engall on 251032 if you can help.

WW1 Beacon of Light – November 11th

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the WW1 Beacon of Light event a success.

The Morning Remembrance Service at 11am was very well attended and highlighted our fabulous poppy covered Memorial (co-ordinated by Viv Cunningham of the WI)

It was then a fabulous afternoon with around 250 -300 people attending the Village Hall, entertained by Honington Military Wives Choir, sustained by delicious soups and crumbles made by the members of the WI, educated by the fabulous History display by Blackbourne History Society, remembered by the Royal British Legion, enchanted by the WI scrap books and blown away by the quality of Stanton Primary School's on 'Letters home from the trenches' and a brilliant poppy collage from Stanton Primary School.

The icing on the cake was Callum Humphreys, part of RAF Honington Scout troop who passionately and very bravely stood up in front of the whole hall and read out a very moving poem and tribute to the fallen, followed by the last post being played and the lighting of the Beacon outside on the Recreation Ground. The finale was the Church bells ringing out.

So many people commented that they were really glad to have turned up!

So, a big thank you to -

- ◆ Honington Military Wives Choir
- ◆ The Royal British Legion – Stanton Branch
- ◆ Stanton WI
- ◆ Peter Palmer and the Blackbourne History Society
- ◆ The Village Hall committee for the use of the hall
- ◆ Peter Dunsdon – Last post player.
- ◆ Stanton Primary School and its head – Sue Chapman

And finally, the Working Party from Stanton Parish Council who have been working on the project for most of the year – a great effort by all.

October Quiz Night

Thank you to Peter Palmer for another excellent well attended Quiz held in October. To the Stanton Mountain Rescue Team for carrying off the Rose Bowl Trophy – once again – Congratulations! The quiz was started a number of years ago by the Friends of All Saints (now disbanded), who raised money for the fabric of All Saints Church to ensure that the building is well maintained. The money raised this year totalled £300 and was donated to the church fabric fund. Thank you too, Philly for the refreshments, the excellent raffle, and to Jim for the scoring. All told it was a great evening and I would urge you when it comes around again to swell the numbers of contented quizzers and bring a team. There is space for more and you will be made most welcome. Hope to see you there.
A Happy Quizzer

STANTON POST OFFICE

We have a huge range of
Christmas Cards,
and Wrapping Paper
Together with the usual
Newspapers, Cigarettes etc.
And our Friendly & Helpful Staff.

**We would like to wish
all our Customers
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**

**STANTON FC YOUTH
FUNDRAISING
CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT**

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM EYES DOWN AT 7.30PM

STANTON COCK

TICKETS 6 X 10 GAMES £15

3 X 10 GAMES £10

RAFFLE

GET OUT YOUR FESTIVE GEAR, PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED !!

STANTON FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

We would like to thank all who have attended our recent fundraising events. The turnout has been overwhelming and has supported the club tremendously. We will continue to hold events throughout next year.

Fixtures First Team

08/12/18 14:00 Stanton v Bacton Utd (home)

15/12/18 14:00 Stanton v Sporting 87 (away)

Fixtures U16s

02/12/18 10:30 Stanton v Abbey Saints (away)

09/12/18 10:30 Stanton v Stowupland Falcons U16 (home)

16/12/18 10:30 Stanton v Haughley United U16 (away)

100 Club

No 61 Kevin Bird £50

No 66 Tom Cross £30

No 29 Johnny Webber £20

Congratulations to our winners, numbers are still available for a chance to win up to £50

Upcoming Events

17th December. Christmas Bingo. Bring all your friends along

Next year's Fundraising Events towards future projects

20th January. Club Quiz at Stanton Cock Inn

16th February. Men's Dart Tournament at Stanton Cock Inn

Fireworks Event

The Parish Council want to extend their sincere thanks to a good number of residents who turned their hand to volunteer at the Fireworks Event on Saturday 3 November. Probably due to the cancellation of the Abbey Gardens Display in Bury St Edmunds, there was a significant increase in visitors to the event but we are pleased to report that the event went well. A debriefing will take place with the organising committee in early December so if you have any feedback it will be welcomed. Please email Stantonparishcouncil@gmail.com or call the Clerk on 01359 408759

Thank you to the many helpers who turned out over the two days it took to set up and clear away – the pyrotechnics team, bonfire builders, setting up team, ticket sellers, gate entry and traffic control helpers, stewards, St John Ambulance, litter pickers and organisers, BBQ and coffee. This is an event for which Stanton can be proud. This event could not have happened without the hard work of a lot of people, none of which received any payment for their services so all monies raised will be going back into the village to improve facilities for residents.

We hope to see you next year!

Well Done Stanton Surgery

John & Ivy Mason would like to Congratulate Stanton Surgery on the magnificent job they did on Controlling the traffic recently at the entrance to the Community Centre car park, when they used the centre for giving the FLU jabs.

This would not have been necessary if the hedge to 5 The Walks, had been kept at the correct height of 3ft from the ground, and cars could have seen what was coming up the road from the street!!! Are the Borough Council going to wait until someone is seriously hurt or even killed before they do something about this ?

From the minutes of the September Parish Council meeting in the November Steamer there was an explanation that as the hedge mentioned had been in place for ten years without complaint the Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority had no powers to take any enforcement action against the current owners. Ed.

Stanton Village Hall Booking Clerk Needed

A vacancy has arisen for the post of Booking Secretary for
Stanton Village Hall.

The primary function of the post is to manage the booking system for all of the Village Hall areas. The applicant will need to be well organised and computer literate and confident in dealing with customers and cleaning staff both in person and by email and phone.

The hours are flexible but will entail some evening/weekend work to ensure private hirers comply with the hall hiring conditions.

For further information contact: stantonvillagehall@btconnect.com

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 11 October 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: J Mann, B Brown, B Smithson, J Miller, J Frizzell, A Kemp, S Willcox, B Brown, L Morris.

Also Present: CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.

Apologies for absence accepted: N Chapman (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice Chairman). In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Council nominated Cllr B Smithson to chair the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 13 September 2018 were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Brown.

Public Forum: No members of the Public were present.

Cllr Miller said that she had been asked to bring the matter of the telephone box in George Hill before the PC. Cllr Miller said that it had been suggested it be moved to the Village Hall Car Park (as apparently Walsham have done) or another suggestion, a site adjacent to the Clock Tower. It was suggested that the matter be carried forward to the November agenda and the Clerk to make some enquiries with Walsham.

Report from:

S C Cllr J Spicer referred to item 11c on the Agenda relating to the Grundle Trash screen agreement and reminded Councillors that when the County agreed to undertake work five years ago it was on the understanding that the Parish Council would ultimately take responsibility for the future maintenance. Councillors reported that the Agreement they had received was complicated and required further consideration. It was agreed that the Chairman (who has been the main liaison for this project) would be asked to contact Steven Halls from Suffolk County Council to arrange a site meeting and subsequent discussion of the agreement in order to understand better what the requirements were. CCllr Spicer understood that some ditch clearance work has been completed in Wyken Road although there was still

some work to be done.

In relation to the A143 report asking for a reduction in the speed limit, she has asked that the County Council are in a position to advise of the cost of the same before the Parish Council's November budget meeting so that the Council can decide whether they have sufficient reserves to allocate to the project. Planning issues relating to the Rose and Crown are being chased through planning officer Britta Heidecke. There are outstanding issues around the entrance, access to the houses behind the old public house itself and a crossing point.

Hedge row cutting is now back on the Agenda for the County Council and she will be working to ensure that the relevant hedgerows in the Village which are causing the issues are cut back. Clerk to provide a list of the relevant areas to CCllr Spicer.

School transport continues to be an issue as parents applying for places now for 2019 will be affected by the new policy that students will only get transport to the nearest school. There will be charges for the families that want to send their children to a school other than their nearest. CCllr is liaising with Thurston Community College who is likely to be affected by the changes to see if there are any alternative solutions.

There has been no progress on the planning application for the Old School. CCllr Spicer will enquire with SCC as to what is happening as the site is looking very neglected.

B Cllr J Thorndyke reported that West Suffolk Council is shaping its Housing Strategy, a vision that could see it take on a greater role in delivering new homes as well as placing further emphasis on bringing existing empty homes back into use and where it can, helping adapt homes to people's changing needs. Councils are being encouraged to take this opportunity to respond to this consultation to ensure they are developing priorities that are focused on the right areas.

The consultation is taking place from 9 October to 20 November 2018 and the online survey can be found at the following link:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housingstrategy.

Council staff have now identified the owner of a neglected house in Bury Lane and are working with them to bring the house back up to an acceptable standard

Clerk's Report: There were no queries with report enclosed with agenda.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Report from Village Hall Management Committee. Due to being unwell the Chairman was unable to be present to give a report

Matters for discussion:

WW1BOL working group Cllr Smithson reported that a final meeting has taken place and the schedule of events is now available for publication to the web site and notice boards. Members of the WI will be providing soups and crumbles for a donation to the Royal British Legion. Artwork and scrap books will be on display in the Village Hall on the day. The Beacon has arrived and will be on site to be lit at 7pm in line with the rest of the Country.

Cllr Brown reported that the Christmas tree and Carols Project is complete. Delivery has been taken of the tree lights and the pipe installed

in the Churchyard ready for the tree to be erected. There are some ancillary costs relating to the electricity for the lights and refreshments. Cllr Frizzell proposed an ancillary budget of up to £250 which was seconded by Cllr Morris and approved.

The quotes for fencing provision at the Allotments were discussed. However due to some inconsistencies in fence height, the Clerk was instructed to refer back to the relevant companies for further details and deferred the matter to the November meeting.

The purchase of a Notice Board for George Hill was discussed and a design agreed on. Clerk to obtain a quote for the preferred board and defer the matter to the November meeting.

Statutory Business/Governance – None

Accounts

The accounts were approved by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Mann
The Budget Meeting was set for Thursday 22 November 2018. Clerk to book the Terry Bray room.

Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

Play Area Inspection Reports – Noted. Clerk will arrange to meet with PI Inspector to establish exact location of issues raised.

Active Community Awards. After discussion it was agreed that the time frame was too short to prepare a case for this year and there was an opportunity to start to build a case for 2019.

Stanton Grundle Trash Screen/NFM Structure Agency Agreement – as per public forum

Planning Applications:

New Applications received –

DC/18/1925/HH, Householder Planning Application - Oak cart lodge and office, Briar Cottage Bury Lane Stanton IP31 2DF

RESPONSE The planned lodge and office is situated outside the conservation area. It will be professionally installed as an oak framed building and will mainly be behind an area of mature trees and will have little effect on the outlook of adjacent properties. There are no objections

Correspondence

Mr S re George Hill telephone kiosk. Noted – Clerk has responded

Mrs M re Old Bury Road hedge and school children. Noted – Clerk has responded.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55pm

Next ordinary Parish Council meeting December 13th.