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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN/WINTER

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

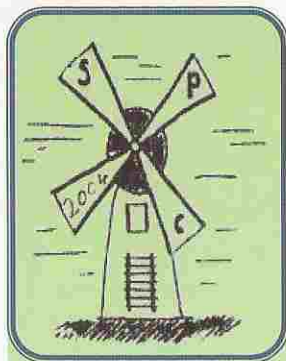
I would just like to say a big thank you to Paul Eden for all his hard work while serving as a Parish Councillor. It is sad to report that Paul feels that he cannot give the parishioners the full commitment that they deserve due to a change in his work patterns and personal circumstances and has decided to step down.

This has now left an opening for a parishioner to join us on the Parish Council. If you would like to know more about the role and responsibilities please contact the Parish Clerk, Neil Gulliver on 01527 757 190 or myself on 07970 782 690.

I do hope that you have now received your copy of St Michaels & All Angels' Church booklet '*The Care of Our Churchyard, a guide for family & friends*' It is important that our churchyard is maintained to a set standard. Some graves in St Michaels & All Angels Churchyard have kerbs, stones, trees and other decorations that fall outside these guidelines.

Whilst we are sympathetic to the wishes of families the PCC has a legal duty to fulfil its responsibilities by removing such items which are still in place on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018. This gives a year for families themselves to remove any item that falls outside the regulations and to ensure that graves are kept in a way that reflects the spirit of the rules for the benefit of all families and visitors

If you have not received your copy of the booklet, please contact The Rev. Wyn Benyon on 01527 832501 or Mrs Angela Kovecavic on 01527 861247. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy at St Michaels & All Angels' Church.



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There is a large amount of fly tipping happening in the area at the moment. Bromsgrove Council are responding quickly to any reports of fly tipping. In order to find the culprits, the farmers have had cameras installed in several locations throughout the Parish. All photographs will be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

Work on the Polymer Latex site is progressing well. If you have any questions regarding the development please contact the Parish Clerk, Neil Gulliver on 01527 757 190.

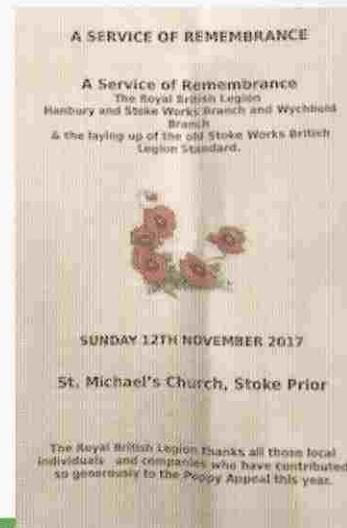
Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2018

Thank you.  
Cllr Peter Williams  
Chairman Stoke Parish Council

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Remembrance service today at St Michael's & all angels church was a moving experience  
Thank you Revd Wyn Benton



## CAROLS IN THE PARK

You are all invited to attend the Parish Council's 'Carols in the Park' event being held on Saturday 9 December 2017 starting at 5.00pm at Stoke Heath Recreation Area.



The carols will be conducted by the Revd Wyn Beynon

and will be followed by

free hot drinks and refreshments provided by the Parish Council.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Parish Council will again this year be running a competition for the best external Christmas lights in the Parish.

The display must obviously be Christmas related and in good taste.

A prize of a gift voucher towards the cost of a meal at a local hostelry will be given to the winner. There will be a prize for both the best display in Stoke Heath and Stoke Prior.



You do not need to register your entry as Parish Councillors will tour the parish on an unspecified date in December to choose the winners.

Winners will be announced in the Spring 2018 Newsletter.



Last Years Christmas Light Winners

## LOOK AFTER YOURSELF THIS WINTER

### Keeping Yourself Well in Winter

Maintain room temperatures at a minimum 18-21 degrees.  
 Keep active by moving around regularly, remove hazards that may cause a trip or fall.  
 Dress warmly, eat hot food and take warm drinks.  
 If you have health concerns, call your GP or 111.  
 Ensure you are stocked up on medication and food. Order prescriptions/groceries in advance or ask friends and relatives.

### Going outdoors

Tune into the local weather forecast before undertaking outdoor activities –  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast).  
 If you have to go out dress warmly to suit conditions.  
 Tell someone where you are going and what time to expect you back.  
 If you have a mobile phone, keep it with you at all times, keep it charged and ensure that emergency contact numbers are on speed dial.

### Winter Ailments

Get a FREE flu jab if you are over 65 or in a high risk group. Ask your GP or local pharmacist for details.  
 Find reliable health information online at NHS Choices [www.nhs.co.uk/staywell](http://www.nhs.co.uk/staywell)  
 Ensure you have stocks of medication and food.

### Have your home prepared

Contact Act on Energy for free, impartial household energy advice 0800 988 2881  
 Check your heating is working and get it serviced annually by a qualified Gas Safe engineer. [www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk).  
 Contact your local fire and rescue service for a FREE home safety check 0800 032 1155.  
 Get electric blankets tested, test smoke alarms and change their batteries regularly.  
 Make sure you can access to sufficient fuel supplies.  
 Always have a torch ready in case of emergencies.  
 Protect your pipes from freezing, draught proof windows and doors.

## CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS 2017

### Normal Collection Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Revised Collection Day

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

There are no more planned changes to collections throughout the festive season.

## SAFETY AT CHRISTMAS

If you go away anytime over Christmas make sure your home looks occupied and do not tempt the opportunist burglar. By taking the following advice you can prevent crime this Christmas.

- Keep those presents that Santa has dropped off early out of sight of inquisitive little ones but make sure they are kept in a safe place inside the house or leave with a friend.
- Do not put Christmas presents under the tree too early. Burglars have been known to break in and steal ready wrapped gifts from under the tree..
- If you go out to visit friends or family or know you will not be home until after it has gone dark leave the radio on and use the timer switch to make the lights come on.
- Your Christmas tree may look lovely with its bright lights, but don't leave the curtains open overnight for everyone to admire it. Burglars are attracted to twinkly lights too!
- Make sure all your doors, patio doors and windows are locked and secure, even when you are at home and make a special point of checking they are all locked before you go to bed at night. In 30% of all burglaries, the thieves don't even have to break in. They get in through unlocked doors and windows.
- If you are buying bicycles, ask the shop about post coding schemes for your bike. Most shops will also let you store the bikes with them until nearer to Christmas Day. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will also be able to advise about property marking.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash in the house.

**If someone offers you something at a tempting price,  
 ask yourself "Could it be stolen?".  
 By buying stolen property you are supporting  
 criminals and committing a crime yourself.**

## SALT KING 200

The Salt King 200 took place in the grounds at the Chateau Impney, on the 25th June 2017. It was an anniversary picnic for all, with live bands, Children's Activities and Displays. To celebrate 200 years of John Corbett.



Sue, Peter and I attended with a stall displaying the John Corbett Walk with lots of Photographs and Artefacts, although it was a wet start the day turned out very nice. It was a very busy day with lots of people coming to look and talk about John Corbett. It was very interesting talking to people that had relatives in the photos or who knew more about the artefacts.

In the afternoon we were joined by Jill and John who had spent the morning at St. Michaels church, meeting the groups that were walking the John Corbett trail from Stoke Prior to the Chateau Impney

Liz



Selection of Artefacts and Photo's that were on display.

For anyone wishing to view these, they are on display at the Parish Council office, Ryefields Road.

## OUTDOOR FILM SHOW 15TH JULY 2017



This summer the Stoke Parish Council put a free film night on, showing LaLa Land. There was a large turn out for this years event making it very successful, the weather was nice and dry, with meant people could come and enjoy a picnic before the film started.



## DROITWICH SALT FEST

We attended the Droitwich Salt Fest in Vines Park on the 9th & 10th September 2017. With the John Corbett Walk display and artefact, We had a lot of interest in the walk and heard many stories about the Salt Works. One girl in particular was very interested as she was doing her PHD Thesis on the Salt Trade.



## Volunteering Opportunities

Onside has a range of new and exciting volunteering opportunities in Worcestershire

Please have a look and get in touch if you are interested

### NEW Advocacy Project—Redditch

We are looking for volunteers to support people living in Redditch area helping them to manage their own lives & be as independent as possible, access services and have opportunities to be active in their wider community.

Day & times are flexible to provide support

### Mix Volunteers

Supporting Dan and the team at Mix cafe near our Worcester office; taking orders, serving customers, preparing food etc. We would especially like to hear from volunteers who would like to support people with learning difficulties.

Hours are 9.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday. On the job training will be provided.

### Reception volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to answer the phone and welcome visitors to our office in Worcester.

Our office hours are:

9am – 4pm - Monday to Thursday  
9am – 4pm Friday

Volunteers can do mornings or afternoons or all day to suit.

### Read and Ride Malvern & Shrub Hill

We are seeking a volunteer for our book shop at Shrub Hill Station Worcester, who can support two young men with learning difficulties to continue their placement at Onside's second hand bookshop. We also have opportunities at our Great Malvern Railway Station book shop. The volunteer's role is to check that they are okay and to identify any tasks they might do when the shop is quiet. Ideally, you may have some experience of supporting adults with learning difficulties.

Please contact the Volunteer Team on **01905 27525** if you are interested in any of these roles. We'll be happy to hear from you and to answer any questions you may have.

Onside Advocacy is a Worcestershire & Herefordshire based charity which supports local people disadvantaged by disability, mental ill-health, learning difficulties and age related issues. We make a difference to over 300 people every year, through our dedicated team of experienced staff and volunteers, trained and supported to work as advocates, mentors and peer support workers.



## FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will meet at 7.30pm at Avoncroft Arts Centre on the following dates over the next few Months in 2018:

Monday 8th January 2018  
Monday 5th February 2018  
Monday 5th March 2018  
Monday 9th April 2018  
Monday 14th May 2018

## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AND CONTACT DETAILS

The Parish Office based at 17B Ryefields Road is open to the public every Monday and Wednesday mornings between **10am and 1pm**.

Neil Gulliver, the Parish Clerk will be happy to try and help local residents with any issues which concern them.

You can also contact the Clerk outside office hours on

07927 311041

or leave a message at the office on

01527 757190

or email

[clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk).

If you want to meet the Clerk outside of the above hours, an appointment can be arranged to suit you.

Monthly surgeries no longer take place due to lack of demand.

As with the arrangements for meeting with the Clerk, if any local resident has a particular issue or problem that they wish to discuss with the Chairman or Vice Chairman or your local District Councillor, again please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the Stoke Prior area of the Parish. This vacancy will be filled by co-option so if you are interested in applying for this position please contact the Parish Clerk on 01527 757190 or email

[clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk)

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