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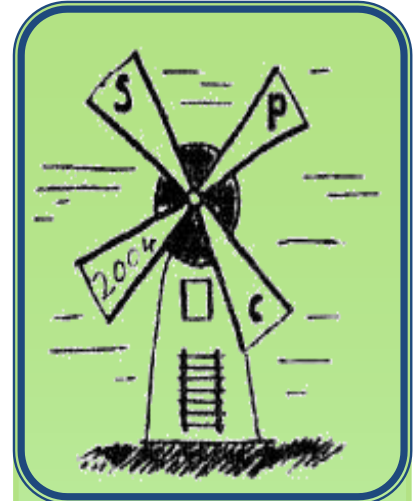
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Following the success of last years Film Evening I am delighted to be able to invite you all to our 2018 showing of the popular film 'The Greatest Showman' - Peter Williams



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Outdoor Film Night

**** *Featured Film* ****

The Greatest Showman

<http://www.foxmovies.com/movies/the-greatest-showman>

Saturday 1st September 2018

Film Starting Time: 8.30pm
Film length 1hr 45mins

Venue: Stoke Heath Recreation Ground (Hanbury Turn Junction)

*Parking available at:
Bromsgrove School and Avoncroft Arts Centre*

Please see pages 4 and 5 for more information

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from the Parish Clerk

So, what has happened since the last newsletter?

Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman – Peter Williams and John Ellis were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2018/19.

Assistant Clerk – I am very pleased to report that the Parish Council appointed Stan Petrovic as Assistant Clerk which means that we are able to open the Parish Office four mornings a week and provide a more comprehensive service to parishioners. Stan lives locally in Stoke Prior and is able to provide local knowledge to support me in our work for the community.

New Parish Councillor – I am also pleased to report that Penny Power was co-opted onto the Parish Council earlier this year and am sure that she will be a very welcome addition.

You will find pen pictures of Penny and Stan on the opposite page.

Defibrillator – As you are probably aware, the Parish Council have purchased and installed a defibrillator which is sited outside the Parish Office in Ryefields Road. I am now pleased to report that the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a second defibrillator which will be sited at the Avoncroft Arts Centre and will be accessible to all of those using the Centre, the Stoke Heath Recreation Area and Bromsgrove School. It is hoped that the new defibrillator will be in place before the end of the summer. Once that has been done, it is proposed to hold an Awareness Session to which any local resident can attend.

Tai Chi Classes at Stoke Heath – The Parish Council is pleased to again be supporting the Tai Chi classes at Stoke Heath Recreation Area. Classes are held every Saturday morning starting at 10.30am and are free to all residents, so go along and enjoy!



NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF

Penny Power, Councillor



I live in Stoke Heath with my partner Phil and have a daily commute to Solihull where I enjoy my job as Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive of Energy & Utility Skills, a company that works across the UK to ensure that the water and sewerage, electricity, gas, and waste management Industries have a resilient, skilled & sustainable workforce.

I moved to Stoke Heath 18 months ago from just a few miles away, from the village of Belbroughton. I used to be secretary of the Belbroughton History Society's Plaques Committee when I lived there and I am interested in promoting historical buildings and sites in the parish. I am also a past president of the Bromsgrove and Redditch Soroptimists.

By becoming a member of Stoke Parish Council I hope to increase my awareness of local issues and be more involved in the local community.

Stan Petrovic, Assistant Clerk



I retired after 40 years with my previous employer in April 2017 and joined Stoke Parish Council as Assistant Clerk in May 2018. My wife Rene and I have lived in Stoke Prior since 2010, Rene's father having lived in the village from 1980 until then, when we bought his house from him.

You may well have seen myself and Rene around the village as we walk our dog Ralph (he's the better looking one opposite) most days. In fact Ralph is probably better known than we are to many in Stoke Prior judging by the number of people who come up to us, greet him by name and give him a stroke!

Over the next few months I will be putting a lot of effort into updating and improving the Parish Website, and will also be responsible for pulling together the tri-yearly Council Newsletter. If any of you have any suggestions as to any extra content you feel would be worth including either on the Website or in the Newsletter then please let me know.

I'm usually in the Parish Office (round the side of the shop, next to Capelli) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings so if you are passing and would like to call in, whether to talk about any issues you may have, or just to have a chat about the Parish, I would be very pleased to see you

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SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER AT 8:30pm

*Stoke Parish Council would like to invite you to a
Film Night featuring*

The Greatest Showman

Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical filled with infectious showstopping performances that will bring you to your feet time and time again. Inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum (Jackman), the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle. This inspirational film also stars Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya.



The main thing is to make sure you bring a camping chair and loads of warm clothing. It is surprising how cold you can get when sat still - so blankets and sleeping bags make for a much more comfortable experience. In addition to this, you may like to bring a picnic, a bottle of wine, some nibbles and a hot flask can make all the difference.

FREE ADMISSION

For more information contact

Peter Williams (Parish Council Chairman) 07970 782 690

Neil Gulliver (Clerk) on 01527 757 190

PARISH WALK - AVONCROFT & St MICHAEL'S CHURCH

This Circular Walk, which features on the Parish Website has recently been reviewed and revised by the Parish Footpaths Warden, Chris Jewson, starts and finishes at Avoncroft Building Museum and includes St Michael's Church. Walk distance is 4¼ miles full walk or 3¼ miles shorter walk.

A Map of the Walk is included at Page 7 of this Newsletter.

This walk provides several unusual angles and it is worth bringing a camera. In summer shoes are adequate but boots are better in winter. There are now no stiles on the main path and just two stiles on the shorter alternative.

1. Avoncroft Buildings Museum – From car park turn right along Buntsford Hill. In order to stay off the road you can take the short footpath on the left hand side of the road by the security fence.

2. West Croft Farm – Turn right at footpath sign. Go across yard to gate. Keep to main track through a second gate and then keep to right of hedge/fence. Go through a third gate into a field and then diagonally left to a kissing gate in hedge by edge of museum grounds below the windmill. Follow fenced path and around the perimeter of Wild-flower Meadow, conserved by the Museum. Follow the chain link fence on your right as bears right, away from the meadow. Continue to footpath sign on Hanbury Road.

3. Ewe and Lamb – Turn left and left again on signposted and made-up bridleway. Continue straight ahead where it becomes unmade. Cross River Salwarpe and go up drive to Fish House Lane (Bridleway sign). Turn right and right again through gate in brick wall. (Footpath sign)

4. St Michael's Church – The present building dates back to the 12th century with a mixture of Gothic features, Early English, Decorated, Perpendicular and Victorian. Go through the churchyard past the War Memorial and through the lych-gate. Turn left into Hanbury Road.

5. Navigation Inn, Stoke Wharf - Continue to the canal bridge and picnic site on the left hand side over the bridge. Turn right along towpath (downstream). The towpath is not a public right-of-way but walkers are permitted to use it. There are refreshments at the café on the Metal Ores Ind. Estate, open weekdays and Saturday morning).

For shorter walk turn left – see next page

6. Stoke Works, Boat and Railway– For more details of the history see the guide on Walk A and Walk H (John Corbett Way). Plaques outside Corbett Business Park also tell the story of the Works. At this point you can pick up the route for Walk A to Upton Warren for a longer walk. Otherwise cross bridge and turn right along Shaw Lane, passing under two railway bridges (for a shop turn right into Ryefields Road).

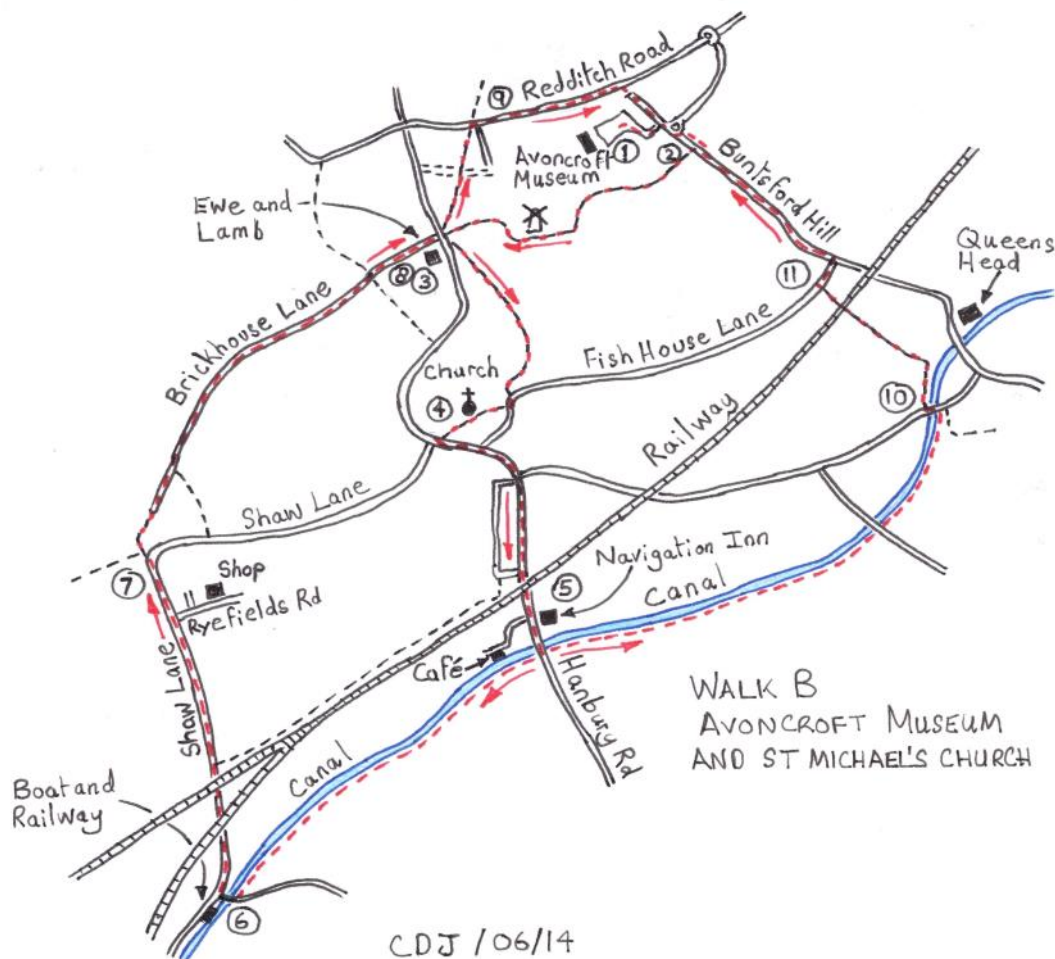
7. Shaw Lane – As the road bends to the right continue straight on by footpath sign. Cross the footbridge over the River Salwarpe. The path runs into Brickhouse Lane.

8. Ewe and Lamb – Cross Hanbury Road and go through gate opposite. Take left hand footpath through second gate towards cricket pavilion. Go round pitch and across school driveway. Follow enclosed path to the Redditch Road

9. Redditch Road – Cross road and turn right. Cross the road again to turn right into Buntsford Hill by the cottage to return to Avoncroft Museum

PARISH WALK (Continued)

MAP OF WALK



AVONCROFT MUSEUM OF BUILDINGS

Avoncroft Museum started as an emergency home for just one threatened Fifteenth century building from the town (the Merchants House). It now it houses a windmill, chain making works, pre-fab and numerous other buildings. There are often working demonstrations and special events. Open Tuesday to Sunday and weekends only in winter. Check www.avoncroft.org.uk for more information. There is also an Edwardian tearoom, picnic site and shop. Allow 2-3 hours for a visit.

SHORTER WALK FROM AVONCROFT (3¼ miles)

Follow walk to Point 5 – then turn left along towpath (upstream) to Stoke Top Lock (number 28)

10. Thompson's Bridge – Cross to opposite bank. Follow signposted path through four gates, alongside a paddock and into fenced path. Cross the railway into Fish House Lane. (F/P sign)

11. Fish House Lane – Turn right and then left up Buntsford Hill to return to the museum.

POLYMER LATEX to HENBROOK GARDENS



The Polymer Latex Site around January 2012. The red line shows the area that was bought initially by the One Property Group and later sold on to Barratt Homes for housing development



By October 2016 the Polymer Latex buildings and facilities had all been demolished and much of the site cleared, apart from many concrete building floors and various bases

POLYMER LATEX to HENBROOK GARDENS (Continued)



By November 2017 Barratt Homes had completely cleared most of the site and begun to prepare areas of it for building work that was scheduled to commence around mid-2018



This picture, taken in July 2018, shows a large depression in the centre of the building site where the canal basin of the old Salt Works may have been, that is gradually being filled in

POLYMER LATEX to HENBROOK GARDENS (Continued)



Building work on the first batch of houses commenced around early June 2018. This picture was taken at the end of July showing how the initial houses are beginning to take shape



Finally, a reminder of how the site will look when finished, as per the Barratt Homes plan provided to the Parish Council in July 2017

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 3 September 2018
Monday 1 October 2018
Monday 5 November 2018
Monday 3 December 2018

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the Stoke Prior part of the Parish. The vacancy will be filled by way of co-option so if you are interested in applying for this position please contact the Parish Clerk or Assistant Clerk on 01527 757190 or email clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk. Equally if you would like to have a chat with the Clerk or the Chairman about the role please contact the Clerk or Assistant Clerk and this can be arranged to suit you.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AND CONTACT DETAILS

The Parish Office based at 17B Ryefields Road, Stoke Prior is now usually open to the public on Monday to Thursday mornings between **10am and 1pm**. Neil Gulliver, the Parish Clerk or Stan Petrovic the Assistant Clerk will be happy to try and help local residents with any issues which concern them.

You can contact the Clerk outside office hours on 07927 311041, leave a message at the office on 01527 757190 or email clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk. If you want to meet the Clerk or Assistant Clerk outside of the above hours, an appointment can be arranged to suit you.

As you may be aware, monthly surgeries no longer take place due to lack of demand.

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

AND FINALLY . . .

As we constantly remind you, the Parish Council is there to support everyone who lives in the parish but we need your help to know what is going on out there and what you would like to see provided in the parish so please come to our monthly meetings or just call into the office and talk to myself or Stan Petrovic, the Assistant Clerk when issues arise. We cannot attempt to resolve problems and issues or provide the right services without your help.

CONTACTS

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Peter Williams (Chairman)	07970 782690	Planning (Chairman), Communications. CPRE and Worcestershire CALC representative
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