



PARISH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

Sunday 1st March Lent 1

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 5th March

9.00 am Scramblers
12.30 pm Soup Lunches in Lent

Sunday 8th March Lent 2

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)
10.15 am Morning Worship

Thursday 12th March

12.30 pm Soup Lunches in Lent

Sunday 15th March Lent 3

10.15am Parish Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Thursday 19th March

9.00am Scramblers
12.30 pm Soup Lunches in Lent

Friday 20th March

2.30 pm Stanford School Mother's Day Service

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

10.15 Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 26th March

12.30 pm Soup Lunches in Lent

Sunday 29th March Lent 5

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Friday 3rd April

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 9th April

7.00pm Maundy Thursday
Supper and Holy Communion in Church

Friday 10th April

2.00pm Good Friday
Last Hour at the Cross

Sunday 12th April

9.00 am Easter Sunday
BCP Holy Communion at Stanford

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Nigel Archer	718163
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

Open House – Most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome.

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Wardens

St. Denys Kids 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time, when during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

Sustainable Stanford

The movement to reduce single-use packaging has been gaining pace, with multiple refills shops now open in our area (take your own clean tubs/bottles).

Going Green - Wantage,
Stay Grounded - Faringdon,
Sea Change - Kingston Bagpuize,
Wast0 - Witney,
Market Garden - Eynsham,
Waitrose - Abingdon.

Other shops and take aways are also becoming more used to customers bringing containers and asking for loose products. Several 'zero waste' businesses now offer a weekly delivery to Stanford (mostly delivered to a drop off point):

Scoop Zero Waste (for dried foods and SESI detergent refills). **Coleshill Organics** (for fresh locally grown veg etc). **Smart Greens** (for fresh local veg etc). Search online for more details.

Join the Facebook group 'Sustainable Stanford in the Vale' to keep up-to-date with local environmental developments or email

zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com.



**A big thank you from
Stanford Drama Group**

to everyone who supported our pantomime, *Cinders, The True Story* and helped to make it a success. We enjoyed performing for such appreciative audiences and hope that you all had a good time. There are lots of people and groups who made it all possible, so thank you to:

- The groups who gave up their hall bookings (you know who you are)
- Stanford Coffee Shop for selling the tickets
- The Co-op for displaying our notice board
- All those who contributed in sooooo... many different ways.

NOW ... have you ever been tempted to tread the boards? This is your opportunity to be part of a happy and enthusiastic band of performers, so do consider whether you might like to give it a try! If performing's not for you, would you like to contribute by painting scenery, building stage sets, making up our 'glamorous' actors or helping to spread the word through publicity. If so, please join us in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. If you would like to know more, please call Yvonne Child on 01367 710400. ***Go on, give it a try – who knows, you may just find you have a hidden talent!!!***

Derek Belcher – Thank You

On behalf of the family of Derek Belcher, we would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words and prayers from the Village.

**Stanford in the Vale
Short Mat Bowls Club**

We are looking for new players to join us

We are a friendly village club who are looking to recruit new players to come and join us. We meet every Monday evening 7.30 – 9.30pm. We play both social bowls and competition bowls so there is something for everyone. Membership is open to anyone from the age of 10 years. So, why don't you come along and have a go.

We are running taster sessions in March and April. For more information contact: Bridget Evans 01367 710607 or Gordon Willcox 01367 710239

**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 4th March
in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm
All welcome**

WHEELCHAIR LOAN

A reminder that the village wheelchair is available, for temporary loan, to any resident of Stanford in the Vale. Day trips out, temporary mobility problems, visitors with disabilities etc.

For more information phone 01367 710724

Scramblers Thursday 5th and 19th March

9.00-10.30

In the Church

All toddlers and carers welcome – Fun for all
Playing, crafts, singing, story and snack

Friday 6th March

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall**

All welcome and bring a friend

2.30-4.30pm

Stanford Art Group Monday 9th March

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

7.30-9.30

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meeting: **Tuesday 10th March 2020, 7:40pm**

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall, Small Hall

Visitors welcome (£3 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

AGE UK OXFORDSHIRE

**INFORMATION DROP-IN at
STANFORD COFFEE SHOP on**

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 10am - 12pm

Age UK has information and advice on a variety of groups, activities, services and organisations giving support and help. Don't miss the opportunity to meet

Anne who is our local information networker.

**FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2020**

In Faringdon Corn Exchange on Thursday 12th March at 2.30pm **Dr Lynda Ware** will talk about **Evidence Based Medicine**. A GP in Oxfordshire for many years, Dr Ware now works at Cochrane UK, an organisation in Oxford which aims to raise awareness and knowledge by producing high quality research which is made available to health care professionals. Refreshments are available after the talk. All members are welcome, but visitors are required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. Further information is available online at <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/> or by phoning the chairman Margaret Brown on 01367 615 385.

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Over 50's Keep Fit class Thursdays 10am-11am
Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£5 per session

Fairtrade Stall
Saturday 14th March 10am - 12 noon
St Denys' Church Fairtrade food, drink and
gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon

A GRAND JUMBLE SALE

On **Saturday 14th March 2020**

In **STANFORD IN THE VALE**

VILLAGE HALL

2pm to 4 pm

ADMISSION FREE

Come and pick up a bargain

Lots of new and nearly new Clothes

Bric-à-Brac - Books - DVDs - Toys - Games

Cake Stall - Bumper Raffle

Refreshments

Organised by **HATFORD PARISH COMMITTEE**

in aid of

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH PRESERVATION FUND,
HATFORD



Sunday 15th March

CHURCH - but not as you may know it!

Come and join us for an hour of crafts, discussion and
singing based on a Biblical theme, followed by
afternoon tea. For all the family!

4.00 -5.30pm In The Village Hall

“Talkative Strings“

Our first Music in the Vale concert in 2020 entitled
“**Talkative Strings**” is on **Sunday 15th March**
2020 in St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale at
3.00pm. The concert features **Anna Brigham** –
violin and Chris Terepin – **cello & viola da**
gamba performing duos by *Shaw, Morley,*
Jenkins, Mico, Ravel... Admission by programme
£12.00 from Stanford Coffee Shop, 5c High Street,
Stanford in the Vale, 07880 348436, by
reservation on 01367 718420, email
djpedderdpa@btinternet.com or at the door

STANFORD IN THE VALE W I

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

AGM

7.30pm - 9.30pm

at the **VILLAGE HALL**

Visitors welcome £4

REPAIR CAFÉ

On Saturday 21st March 2-4pm at the Coffee Shop

Chatterbox Small Village Hall

Every Thursday from 10 – 12 noon

All are welcome to call in for a drink, catch up with
friends or meet new ones. Occasional raffles, quizzes
and bring and buy.

Monthly Film Afternoon for Over 50's

Come and enjoy a cinema afternoon on **4th Monday of**
each month in the small Hall at Stanford in the vale
Village hall. **Starts at 2pm.** Tea and coffee plus cakes
and supplied with the film for **£3.50 per person.**

Next showing is on Monday 23rd March 2020

For information on the film showing you can call into
Chatterbox or phone Mandy on 07827 235 429

This event is organised by the Community Network
team at Age UK Oxfordshire.

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25th
in the Village hall at 7.30pm.

Dr Katherine Bradley (Former History Lecturer at
Oxford Brookes University and the Open University will
talk about:- Early Women Professional Gardeners,
including the founders of Waterperry. Refreshments
and a Raffle. Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00
entry fee. For more information contact Rosemary
Packer. Tel. 01367 710445

Gardening Tips for March: Protect new spring shoots
from slugs. Plant shallots, onion sets, early potatoes
and summer flowering bulbs.

__RHS Wisley__

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club will be visiting

Wisley by coach on Sunday 5th July

Depart : Village Hall Car Park 9a.m.

Depart Wisley 3.30.p.m.

Coach fare which includes entrance

Members £17.50

Non-members £19.50

To book please contact Rosemary Packer
01367 710445

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Churchyard Working Party

Can you spare an hour or two to help with a variety of jobs in the Churchyard on

Saturday 28 March

Just turn up any time from 9.30 am onwards.

Your contribution will be most welcome and it will help to keep the Churchyard in good order for the benefit of the whole village.

Margaret Grant.

Summer Festival

Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 2020

Future Events

Advance Notice/ Save the Date

Sunday 10th May

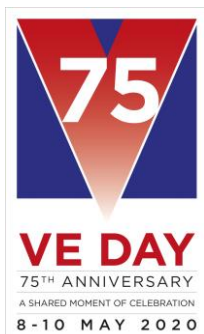
Giant Street Party for all

1 – 5pm on

Stanford Football Field

Organised by Stanford

Parish Council



All Villagers are invited to come together and join in this Giant Street Party event being organised on **Sunday 10th May 2020** as part of the main programme of events over the **VE DAY 75 weekend celebrations**. This is an opportunity for the Village to celebrate this unique event together. Bring your picnic to share with others or combine to bring sandwiches, cakes, crisps, nibbles or any other picnic food ideas.

Any offers of help with making teas, manning one of the activities or just helping on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Memories – Please can you to search your memories and photos, where appropriate, for memories of the events that occurred in your area and life on VE Day, Thursday, 8th May 1945. This is so that we can put up a display, which will include written and photographic memories from village residents, on what they can remember from that “momentous” day.

Please e mail to jmwarren302@gmail.com

CIRCUS!!

Theme - Fairies & Fantasy Big Top/ School Field

Wednesday 20th May

Doors Open 4pm for refreshments, side stalls and fun

Circus Starts 5.30pm

Tickets £8.50 each - child & adult

Group Ticket for 4 people (must include an adult) - £30.

All profits will go to Stanford in the Vale Primary School

More information on how to book tickets will follow

Stanford Pre-school News

We are planning something special to celebrate Pre-school's 50th birthday on **Saturday 16th May from 2 - 4.30pm!** There will be lots to do for families and we would love to hear from anyone who has been involved with the Pre-school over the years. If you have any Pre-school photos or any stories to share, please do get in touch. Please contact Nina on manager@stanfordpreschool.org.uk or call for a chat on 01367 718696.

The children that joined us in January are making friends and settling into their new routine very well – which is lovely to see!

The children have been very excited and keen to play on our new hanging bars, on the tree in the Pre-school garden! Using timers to help them determine when it's time to share and being encouraged to think about their own safety and risk assess themselves and those around them - It's proving to be a very positive addition to our outside space!

We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. The children have loved using the binoculars and have learnt about the different foods the birds eat - whilst filling up our various feeders. Inspired to draw the birds they have spotted has encouraged reflection and sparked conversation about colours, sizes and the names of the birds that have come to visit us.

Please note: The Pre-School operates a waiting list. We advise parents wishing to secure a place for their child to get their name down on the waiting list as soon as possible. Download a Pre-registration form from our website (www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk) or call into Pre-school and pick one up. If you wish to make an enquiry, please call us on 01367 718696.

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We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below.

Foundation

On Wednesday 22nd January, we held a celebration for Chinese New Year. We tasted a variety of Chinese foods and then invited our parents in to learn the story of the Zodiac. We also made some crafts including Chinese dragons and lanterns.

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been enjoying learning the story of the Rainbow Serpent and then writing our own versions based upon this.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have been busy learning how to write instructions. We wrote instructions for how to make a jam sandwich and then tried to follow somebody else's instructions to actually make it. Some of them didn't work well because people missed parts out - it was great fun.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about the rainforest. In DT we have been making wooden toys with moving parts. We have based them on rainforest animals such as toucans, jaguars and monkeys. In art we have been creating leaf pictures using wax crayons.

Year 4

In Year 4 we have also been busy writing our stories based on the legend of Beowulf but written from the viewpoint of Grendel - the monster. We have also been working on our Viking ship collages using different materials to create them.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been busy writing up our innovated stories based on the Norse myth of Baldur. In Art we have been creating Lego figures of ourselves because the designer of Lego is Danish.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have been chocolate tasting - dark, milk, crispy chocolate and Cadbury's ready for making our Mayan hot chocolate. The extra ingredient that we will add to it is spicy pepper for a kick and honey to make it sweet.

Thank you for reading our report.

Stanford Church Bells

2020 is the 50th anniversary of the current ring of church bells being installed in the tower of St. Denys' Church in Stanford in the Vale. The bells were dedicated in July 1970 and have been rung very regularly ever since.

The 8 bells had previously been in a church tower in Oxford, in the church of St. Peter in the East. That church was closed, and the former church now houses the library of St. Edmund Hall, one of the University Colleges at Oxford.

Bells are rung for various occasions and events. They are rung every Sunday morning before the Sunday morning church service begins but they are also rung for many other reasons including weddings.

In December, you might have heard bells ringing for a number of church services - including for the school carol service on 19th December and for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. You may also (if you were up late) have heard the bells ringing to mark the passing of the old year and beginning of the new year as a number of ringers collected in the tower to 'ring out the old and ring in the new'.

A number of other ringing events are likely to take place during 2020 - including 'Ringing Out for Peace' on 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Stanford Church Bell Ringers meet weekly on Tuesday evenings to practice.

Any ringers living in or visiting Stanford are always welcome to join any practice (at 7.30pm) or for service ringing (at 9.45am). We would also love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a ringer. It is suitable for almost anyone (from about age 10 and upwards).

The bells are all rung by hand, each bell being rung by one individual bell ringer. Ringing is a challenging sport, great fun and a service to the community. It is also a very social activity because you need to work with others to achieve a nicer sound (a single bell is a pretty boring sound).

It's also quite impressive to think that you can learn to ring a bell that weighs so much more than you. The largest bell at Stanford weighs just over 8 cwt (about 400kg); the smallest weighs just over 3cwt (about 150kg) and could easily be rung by a (experienced) 10-year old.

The largest bell measures just over 3 foot (95cm) across its 'mouth', the smallest measures 2 foot (or 61 cm).

To find out more please speak to any of the ringers or contact us via e-mail at StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com. We look forward to hearing from you.
Jackie O'Hagan

St. Denys' Handbell Ringers

Thank you to anyone who saw us playing handbell music during 2019 and who contributed to our fund raising.

This resulted in a total of £260 being handed to Oxfordshire MIND at the end of the year. This brings the total which we have passed to various charities to £9,184 in the years since the group was started in 1993.
Thank you!

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Management Committee – Still no one!!

The Horticultural Show in September will be the last one that John and Christine Smith will be organising, so we are looking for someone to work alongside them during this year with the view to taking over the organising.

It would be very sad if the show stopped because no one has come forward!
Contact : Joan Greenwood 710578

Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service

If you need transport for a medical appointment, please phone **MARJORIE GOODING 01367 710656**. As much notice as possible about any appointments, makes things easier.

More drivers are NEEDED

Would you be happy to take people to Faringdon, Wantage, Oxford, Swindon or Witney? We are needing more drivers!

To include items in April's newsletter please send to send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th March 2020.**
Late items cannot be accepted.