STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS UPDATE May 2022

New councillor

Following our previous notice of a vacancy on the parish council, we are delighted to welcome Chantelle Dabek as a new councillor. Chantelle was co-opted onto the council at our April meeting.

As ever, you can contact any of your councillors, using the details in this newsletter, if there are local issues that you would like to raise. We are also always pleased to welcome parishioners to our monthly parish council meetings, where the agenda includes an opportunity to bring your concerns to us in person.

Play Area Swings

We are pleased to say that the play area swings are now repaired and back in action. The repairs included replacement of some of the timber posts. Given the safety aspects, a special play equipment grade had to be used to prevent the risk of the equipment failing under the stresses and strains of use. Unfortunately, there has a been a worldwide shortage of the particular timber needed and this led to the delay in the repairs.

A new basket swing has also been installed in the main play area and our recreation and leisure sub-committee will be looking at a program of further improvement through the year.

Skate park repairs

We have the same contractor engaged for the skate park repairs and this is our next priority now that the play area is fully functional again. We'll be pushing for the repairs to the skate park equipment to be done as soon as possible now that the play area work is complete.

Speed indicator devices

We have now started to download and review the speed data collected from our speed indicator devices. As well as displaying vehicle speed to road users, the devices also log the speed of vehicles travelling in both directions. The data for the last two months from the Church Green location shows that 95% of vehicles are respecting the 30mph speed limit. Unfortunately,

the remaining 5% of drivers are not behaving as responsibly and we have recorded speeds in both directions of up to 50mph.

Currently we are collecting speed data in 30minute intervals. In the future we will be looking at more targeted measurement campaigns, recording individual vehicle speeds, in order to identify the small minority who are driving without regard to others' safety. Multiple studies have shown that the risks to both pedestrians and drivers increase sharply with speed and keeping within the speed limit dramatically reduces the risks of an accident. As we learn more about the capabilities of the devices to monitor driver behaviour, we will be working with both our local Speed Watch group and the police to identify any persistent offenders.

Fence repairs

We are putting plans in place to repair the section of damaged fence on the western boundary of football field, adjacent to the Joyce's Road/Cottage Road footpath. The concrete posts supporting the fence are no longer serviceable and we are going to replace the entire section with a rigid mesh fence which will blend in with the retained sections. At the same time, we'll be installing a gate to the football field at the Cottage Road end of the fence.

QEII Field

We are continuing to liaise with the district council and our local district and county councillors to obtain planning permission for our new recreation field. We have some remaining issues to solve relating to ecology, the landscaping design and archaeology but we are pushing hard for a resolution so that we can move forward with delivering a much needed facility for the village. Once we have planning permission, we'll be providing some opportunities for residents to see our plans and contribute to our vision for providing the village with some improved facilities for sport, leisure and enjoyment.

Jubilee Celebrations –

We look forward to welcoming you all to the exciting village celebrations on **Sunday 5th June**. The afternoon programme and other information is underneath. Most attractions are **FREE** and extra any cake donations would be welcomed. Also, any additional help to set up and clear away things on the football field would be appreciated. We are meeting from 9am on the football field.

This is a 4-day celebration, and we would like to encourage people to have their own street party or get together with neighbours and friends on the Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Also, can you decorate your house to add to the celebrations in the village.

We just want everyone to have fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is a very unique occasion.

Kevin Middleton

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Library books to your door

If you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help!

Run by Oxfordshire County Council, the Home Library Service is completely free and delivers books and other library materials to hundreds of people across the county.

Friendly volunteers choose items you like and visit every three weeks to deliver and collect them.

The service is open to people who struggle to physically visit a library. It's also available on a short-term basis after illness or hospitalisation, and to people with caring responsibilities.

Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email <u>homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk</u> <u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice</u>

Design a Platinum Jubilee Souvenir plate competition

This is to put on display at the Village Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday June 5th Bring up to the Football Field from 12.30.

Winners receive a voucher from the <u>'Funky</u> <u>Teapot' in Grove Street, Wantage'</u> where you can decorate and keep a real plate.

3 Age Ranges -5 - 7 yrs, 8 - 9 yrs, 10 - 11 yrs On the back of each plate add: Name, Age, Address.



PPC News

An afternoon tea, a District Councillor, a couple of PPC Trustees and a Janet Warren were all we needed to show our appreciation to the many Villagers who volunteered to help others during the Covid Pandemic. PPC was proud and delighted to feed you and give you plaques of recognition! For those of you unable to join us that day, you will have an opportunity to receive your plaques at the summer festival.

PPC is also pleased to be supporting a range of activities around the Village to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This is something so unprecedented that it is highly unlikely anyone in this County will see such a milestone in their lifetime so keep your eyes open for the parties, dress up your house or street and take the opportunity to meet and laugh with old and new friends around the Village!

The PPC Trustees met around a meeting table for the first time in two years – what a pleasure it was to see the whole person and not just a head on a Zoom screen! While the business of PPC has continued throughout the Pandemic, it was nice to be a little more relaxed and able to 'chat'.

A part of our discussions revolved around the everincreasing demand for more allotments and we are doing our best with the Parish Council to identify where we might be able to provide some more plots. We are also aware of the difficulty in getting materials and supplies for some of the projects we are supporting but look forward to completion soon! Enjoy the Jubilee!

Caryl Oliver

Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale



Stanford in the Vale Queen's Jubilee <u>Celebrations</u> <u>'BIG JUBILEE LUNCH' AT THE</u> <u>FOOTBALL FIELD</u> <u>Sunday June 5th 2022</u> <u>12.30 – 5.00pm</u> <u>All welcome</u> <u>FREE entry</u>

Programme for the afternoon:

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12.30pm	Welcome and eat (Don't forget your				
	lunch)				
	Bring your chairs and picnic blankets				
	and relax with your family and friends.				
	Complimentary tea, coffee, squash and cakes				
	Football Club bar open				
	Bring your photos and mementos to				
	share with others around you				
2.00 pm	Playing of National Anthem – Raising				
	and lowering of flag				
	Toast to Her Majesty the Queen				
	Followed by mostly FREE activities				
	around the field				
	Caterpillar Competition heats –				
	family teams of 4 needed!!				
	Jubilee Bingo				
	Welly throwing competition				
	Bouncy Castles				
	Face Painting				
	 Bring your decorated plates to 				
	display – prizes for the best ones				
	 Circus Skills square 				
	Football Goals – beat the goalie				
	Knock down the Historic Royals				
	Competition				
	Highest Tower to hold a Queen				
	using Spaghetti and Marshmallows				
	Jubilee Quiz				
	Jubilee Colouring				
	Old Stanford – History Club Display				

From 3.00 pm,	Hog Roast / Vegetarian BBQ available (Cost £1.00)			
LIVE MUSIC	 3.00 pm Jae playing 4.00 pm Dirty Deeds playing 			
5.00pm	Final Score – round up of results – prize giving Do you need a lift to the football Club? Please ring Peter 01367 718224 Although WALKING is encouraged <u>NO DOGS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD</u>			

Caterpillar Racing



Get your teams of 4 to Feed the Caterpillar Track around the team and attempt to get from one side of the track to the other before your opponents do. You need to work together like the segments of a caterpillar to propel yourself forward and beat the other team.

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