OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Can you help?

We currently have a two vacancies on the Parish Council, so if you are interested, please pop along to our next meeting and see if you would like to fill it, especially if you live in Oxfield Park Drive or Dickens Drive / Hall Close.

I will end with my usual plea; I would like to ask you all to come along to our monthly Parish Council meetings held on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall to participate in our meetings or just listen in.

Richard Whittaker. Chairman

Old Stratford Parish Council

Will be holding its annual Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying ceremony on 9th November at 11am at the Memorial Hall

Everyone is welcome

OCTOBER 2014

OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Update on Our Village Plan

Yes its been a long time since you filled in Parish Questionnaires, but due to new planning permissions and the delay in the District Wide Joint Core Strategy, completion was further delayed.

It is now being proof read and tidied up as I write this, ready for presentation to the Parish Council prior to publication..

We thank you all for your patience.

Village Plan Co-ordinator.

Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society Befriending Scheme for people living with dementia has now been operating throughout Northamptonshire since 2010. The scheme is so successful and so much in demand we are looking for more volunteers.

If interested please contact Mand Winslow & Dawn Porter the Befriending Managers on 01832 736676

Old Stratford Remembered Group

Will soon have a web site under the Milton Keynes heritage umbrella. Anyone interested should contact Paola on oldstratfford@hotmail.com

BRIDGE STORES

As a result of complaints by those using the footpath in Towcester Road just passed the corner shop, especially after the footway was resurfaced and the kerbs outside the shop were raised. The new grass verge alongside the re-laid path near the bench quickly became a muddy mess as cars and lorries mounted the verge to park off the road. The Parish Council with the shop have looked at a number of resolutions including a lay-by, widening the footpath, both dismissed by County Highways due to underground public utilities, or not wishing to encourage driving on the footway..

The only acceptable alternative to County Highways were the bollards that you see recently installed. Unfortunately that has meant that WHSmiths refused to deliver papers as they could no longer gain access outside the shop by mounting the verge and reversing back to offload. Parking on the road or in Deanshanger Road was apparently not an option so papers were missing from the shop for a short period. They are now delivered via Bridge Stores other shop in Milton Keynes. Bread, milk and other supplies have not been affected.

At the last District Councillors meeting in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 27th September comment was made by members of the public that the Parish Council had also allowed Royal Mail to remove the post office counter, when in truth, the franchise was sold back to the Post Office by the previous owner before the shop was sold.. Bridge Stores, with the support of Cllr Mary Clarke and the Parish Council, are still negotiating for its return. But being close to Stony Stratford, Deanshanger and Potterspury is being seen as problematical.

The only outstanding issue for the shop is commercial waste collection, as Waste Contractors cannot drive onto the verge to collect . Cllr Clarke and the shop are speaking to SNC

Derek Everett—Parish Clerk

Old Stratford Community Hall Request

Your Hall Needs You!!

As you may know, a committed group of volunteers are Trustees on the Hall Committee and have been running the Hall and organising events for this community for the last 14 years.

We desperately need new members on our committee and are appealing to anyone who would like to join us.

We only meet six times a year to discuss any issues related to the upkeep of the Hall, functions, hires and our regular groups such as Pre-School, Bowls, Badminton, Football and Karate and liaising with the Parish Council from time to time. The main events that we organise are the Fireworks Display in November, our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in December and our now popular monthly Senior Citizens' Afternoon Teas.

We would welcome any new members (over the age of 18) who would be required to become a Trustee of the Community Hall.

If you are interested, either speak to:
Lesley Peach on 01908 307461 or send us an email to oldstratfordcommunityhall2@hotmail.co.uk .

Please support us if you can spare a few hours a year – it isn't a lot of time but it means a huge amount to your community.

From the Old Stratford Community Hall Committee

WHALLEY'S APPRENTICING CHARITY
(Stony Stratford, Cosgrove and Old Stratford)

Applicants of 16 years and over, can claim up to
A maximum of £100 towards Books and Equipment
required for their chosen profession.

For more information or application form:
Please contact

Derek Everett the Parish Clerk on 01908 569053

Craft Club (Mondays 2 — 4.30pm in the Memorial Hall)

Also considering holding a **Christmas Bazaar** If anyone is interest please contact Paola on oldstaord@hotmail.com

A reminder that all highway issues, defective street lamps and other parish matters of concern can be reported direct to the Parish Clerk Derek Everett
On 01908 569053 or via the website on
www.oldstraford.org.uk

Alternatively reports can be made via the County Councils Street Doctor on 0300 1261000
or online at
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Other Diary Dates

Mobile Library Timetable (Use It or Lose It)
2nd Wednesday of each month between **13.00—14.00** at Deanshanger Road, Old Stratford near The Memorial Hall
12 November
10 December
14 January 2015
11 February
11 March
08 April
13 May
10 June
08 July

District Councillors Surgery
(Between 11:00 — 12:00) Saturdays at the Memorial Hall on the following dates:
25 October
22 November
20 December
17 January 2015
21 February
21 March
25 April
23 May
27 June
25 July
26 September
24 October
21 November
19 December

No appointment necessary if you need my support, but a courtesy call on subject would be appreciated if research is required
Cllr Mary Clarke
07747 75524
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Old Stratford Community Hall News:

FIREWORKS Saturday 1st November

We are holding our annual Fireworks Display on at the Community Hall. Gates open at 5.30pm and the event finishes at 7.30pm. Adults are £2; children under 16 are free. We will be offering you a fun evening with lots of activities for the children, our very popular band, BBQ, hot and cold drinks, a bar, sweets and popcorn, doughnuts and lots more. Please remember, for licensing reasons only alcohol purchased in our on-site bar can be consumed at the event. Come along, enjoy the evening and help support your local groups with their much-needed fundraising activities.

AFTERNOON TEAS

We have been delighted to see a few new faces at our Afternoon Teas. We meet on the **last Friday of every month 2pm – 4pm in the Memorial Hall.** (**except December),** Everyone is welcome and thank you to our volunteer helpers for all their baking!!

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Another date for your diary is **Saturday 13th December** for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Invitations are being prepared and will be delivered in the next few weeks. This is a lovely event where volunteers from the village and the Community Hall committee make and serve a four course Christmas Lunch, with singing from the Old Stratford Primary School Choir. If you are new to the village or have never been before and would like some more information, please contact Lesley Peach on 01908 307461 and we will send you an invitation. We welcome anyone over the age of 65, however if you have a partner who is under 65, they are very welcome to join you. Numbers are restricted due to the size of the Hall and how many we can cater for, so please reply to us promptly once you receive your invitation. We look forward to seeing you again this year.