

# **OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

## **Chairman's Report**

I would like to start my first Chairman's report by thanking Richard Whittaker for all his work as Chairman of Old Stratford Parish Council. He has steered the Parish Council through some difficult situations over the past few years and has achieved much during this time. I would personally like to thank him for all the support he gave me during the time I was the Council's Vice Chairman. Finally I would like to wish him and his wife success in their move from Passenham to pastures new and their retirement.

I took over as Chairman in May this Year, I am pleased that we (Old Stratford) now has its own conservation area, this will maintain the character of the main street scene through the centre of Old Stratford.

The new development on the Blackhorse field has now started and work is progressing at a rate of knots, the Parish Council been asked by the District Council for street names for the new estate. In response the Council put forward Blackhorse Drive, Ratcliffe Close named after a stalwart of the village Mrs V Ratcliffe and finally Blenheim as it was a Blenheim Bomber that crashed landed on the A5 not far from this site during the second world war (and name put forward by the school) The Parish Council believe that these names have been accepted (a total of six street names were originally requested but argued against). This also means that Village allotments are getting even closer.

Regarding the village pub 'The Swan'. I would like to congratulate all those villagers who put in a great deal of time and effort in trying to secure its future. It now appears to have been sold and

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the new owners intentions are to upgrade and improve it and to keep it a Public house and a B&B.

Problems with public transport, the bus service has become somewhat disjointed since the changes to Route 89/90 and 90A, parishioners were told that the service would be better when it is provided by Stagecoach . Unfortunately I think it has changed not for the better but just the opposite; as a regular bus user I feel that when the contract is up for renewal we need to make serious representations to the County Council and Stagecoach.

The village stores, an on-going saga, we all now know that the cost of relocating utilities running parallel with the pavement is a major prohibiting factor to getting the parking layby installed, personally I feel that the number of bollards installed was somewhat overkill and it would probably have been better with just half the number, but it has improved the situation with regards to the safety of pedestrians and some of the delivery problems have been overcome. Our District council has been assisting the owners of the shop in any way it can, with regards to loss in trade. I just think that it is unfortunate that when the shop was built in its historic location and when horse and canal travel was the norm, its location in modernity has become very difficult with the installation of the traffic lights and double yellow lines makes for all the problems it faces today. I would like to thank those residents who have worked tirelessly with the Parish Council to try and bring this to a satisfactory conclusion; I feel that the work is still incomplete.

The volume and speeding traffic has been a problem for many years and unfortunately I cannot see, for the moment, any satisfactory conclusion to this issue. The Parish Council continue to monitor speeding traffic counts and they are remarkably high, this is no more so than in Passenham Lane. Even after several serious accidents, traffic still travels through this quiet hamlet well in excess of the speed limit. The Police have carried out their own traffic survey and confirm the Parish Council findings. Recently the Road

Policing Unit carried out a number of one hour visits at different times of the day in the 30mph zone, which produced one speeding ticket (in excess of 40mph) and a few verbal warnings.

Other traffic issues are that vehicles are still using the 'No Entry' end of Deanshanger Road through the village to avoid the Old Stratford roundabout. The Parish Council are considering several systems to try and relieve the problem as the occasional Police visits have had little effect.

Finally I would like to invite any Parishioner who is interest in the day to day running of our village to please come along to any of our Parish Council meetings held from 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of the month.

We also have an unexpected vacancy on the council since the elections in May, which can be filled by co-option after 30 days (unless the electorate call for an election) see the noticeboard for details .

Additionally if your are interested in answering the call of The Police and Crime Commissioner to become a Warranted Special Constable please contact :

<https://northantspolicespecials.co.uk/>.

Tony Pateman Chairman

**Old Stratford Parish Council**

**Will be holding its annual  
Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying ceremony on 8th November at  
11am at the Memorial Hall**

**Everyone is welcome**

## OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman:

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### Vice Chairman:

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### Council:

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### Clerk:

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**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)**

**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.oldstratford.org.uk](http://www.oldstratford.org.uk)**

**Alternatively reports can be made via the County  
Councils Street Doctor on 0300 1261000  
or online at  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://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

**11 November**

**9 December**

**13 January 2016**

**10 February**

**09 March**

**13 April**

**11 May**

**08 June**

**13 July**

### **District Councillors Surgery**

(Between 11:00 — 12:00) Saturdays at the Memorial Hall on the following dates:

**24 October**

**21 November**

**19 December**

**23 January 2015**

**20 February**

**19 March**

**23 April**

**21 May**

**18 June**

**23 July**

**17 September**

**22 October**

**19 November**

No appointment necessary if you need my support, but a courtesy call on subject would be appreciated if research is required

Cllr Stephen Mold  
07976244170

## **Old Stratford Community Hall News:**

### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

We are holding our annual Fireworks Display at the Community Hall. on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. 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 our very popular band, BBQ, hot and cold drinks, a bar, many tasty morsel and fun activities for the children. 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.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON TEAS**

It's lovely to see our 'regulars' at each monthly meeting, but we'd be happy to see more of you! We meet on the **last Friday of every month (except December), 2pm – 4pm in the Memorial Hall**. Everyone is welcome to attend and you don't have to be a resident of Old Stratford. We have hot drinks, sandwiches and cakes to tempt you, as well as a monthly raffle with all money raised for the year donated to a charity chosen by the group. It's a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and if you haven't been before, come along - we promise a warm welcome.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Another date for your diary is **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Invitations are being prepared and will be delivered soon. If you are new to the village or have never been 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.