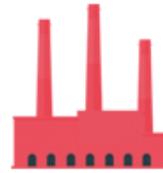


Newsletter

SUMMER 2018



Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick
PARISH COUNCIL

New Memorial Garden

I'm pleased to announce that our new Memorial Garden on Park Crescent was opened by Mrs Vicky Gladstone our retired Clerk of over ten years as a tribute to her Service to the Parish.

It was Vicky who entered a competition with Tesco and we were awarded funds to build a Memorial

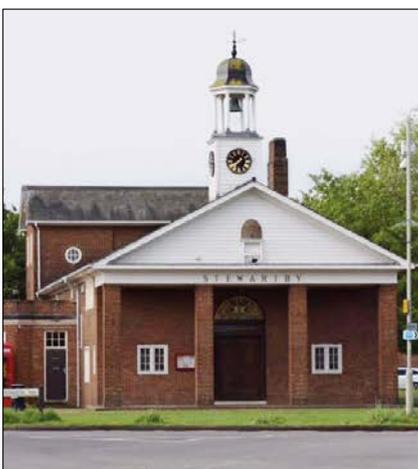
Garden for the Village. The Parish hope you will enjoy the tranquillity the Garden offers. Residents have asked will it be a cemetery and the answer is no!! Its somewhere for you to go and show respect to family and friends.

The Parish will allow you to donate benches, a plaque or the planting of

trees. To arrange this please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

The Parish are aware there is extra planting to do and it's hoped to do this in the autumn. I hope you enjoy your time there, we believe it's been well laid out.

Cllr. John Symonds
Council Chair



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Chairman's REPORT



John Symonds
Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick
Parish Council Chair

We had Covanta telling us there will be less lorry movements and toxic ash will be moved in sealed Lorries (no answer given to where it then goes)

Said ash is stored and dampened by water to stop a dust cloud forming however water will then be stored in a settlement tank then recycled back in to the plant

Covanta failed to mention should we have heavy rain fall the settlement tanks could overflow with possible runoffs into the lake

So who is to blame? For what its worth I blame the E.A because without the said permit Covanta cannot run and with the E.A working off figures given by Covanta what chance do we have!!!

I said I blame E.A , why you may ask? Well because they have not listened to residents' Concerns regarding toxic fumes and lorry movements yet in the same breath they agree there will be fumes but are within safe guidelines (well any fumes are too much)

They claim Lorry movements are not their problem either, but that's not down to them it's a planning and highways issue

So with BACI's help we all live to fight another day so watch this space

Current Building on Persimmons Site

Persimmons are well into phase 2/3 of their building plan with them now building up to the end of Pillenge Rd, the remaining will go up to the railway line into Central Beds

However part of this scheme is to build a play area and bowls club but the complaints I read on how long it's taken worry me

Please try and understand we have had a lot of bad weather since the ground work started and they have now caught up and they hope all to be ready by the end of July,

however the football and cricket pitches will not be ready till next year. The parish are hoping this area will be fenced off to allow the grass to grow (still awaiting on Persimmons landscape department to get back to us) I'm also sorry for the residents who have had to deal with dust and I fully understand your concerns (only if we had rain)

Website

Thanks go to Cllr Melville in getting this up and running with information on the Parish and links to the Village Hall and lots more I believe in time this will be a useful tool in getting information out to residents quicker.

www.stewartbykparishcouncil.gov.uk

Noticeboards

We have 5 notice boards in our Parish some information can be found in these so please take a look when passing. They are located by the Village Hall, The Green, Stewartby Way, Hansons Reach, Manor Road, Kempston Hardwick

Parish Councillors

Concern has been raised by councillors that at times some residents go direct to our Ward Cllr Tim Hill, that's fine you are entitled to do that however your first port of call should be to your Parish Council via our Clerk Tracey Young. We will then process the enquiry for the council to deal with and get back to you asap, Contact details can be found on the back page.

On the subject of Parish Councillors, we are still looking for anyone interested in being a councillor to contact the Clerk. It's a great way of being part of the community and help pave its future.

I hope you have found this information of interest after all, my Councillors and I are here to serve you and the community.

Cllr John Symonds

VILLAGE HALL WORKS

After some months of upheaval and at times frustration Stewartby Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees can now announce that apart from some minor details the work to make the building structurally sound and fitting of the new windows and doors has finally been completed. All that remains is for the Village hall to be re-decorated which hopefully will

be over the coming months

SPC/Trustees would like to thank all those involved for their patience, understanding and hard work during the last few months and again apologies to those who, due to past disruption(s) were inconvenienced by having their bookings changed to other venues

Cllr David Plater

NEW SPORTS PAVILLION AND GROUND

The work on the pavilion and the sports field is coming to an end and will soon be usable. The last thing as I understand it is the tarmacking of the path and the car park areas.

This has been a long process but will be of benefit to the village once completed. There will be 2 full sized football pitches which are apparently up to Wembley standard! We also have 6 cricket squares which will be made available for use. The pavilion will be shared between these two sports (Football and Cricket) and the Bowls Club which will have one end as their changing room areas. This will replace the building that was there before which had been there since 1960.

The Bowls club will be very happy with their new home when they are able to get into it as they have been playing games away all this season.

There is a path to walk on round the outside of the sports pitches with a spur going off towards the gate to the club. This will mean that people going in the club will not get wet feet going towards the club in their posh shoes.

We are waiting to see who will be running the building and grounds but we will keep you posted on this. We hope to bring you pictures in the next newsletter

Cllr. Sally Law



Covanta

I'm sure by now residents both new and old to Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick are concerned with the outcome regarding Covanta

As one resident put on Facebook after our meeting of the 21st June at the Village Hall, why was it not better supported?

Well just under 100 residents came across the Vale and yes some were turned away with the reason they had children with them and under health & safety were not allowed in, Sorry!!!

The meeting again raised concerns, none of which were answered by Covanta and most of it was heard before so I will try and outline Covanta's case:

To work Covanta will require rubbish, alot of it for it to run at a profit will mean up to 350 lorry movements we the Parish / Borough believe a day, that's in and out. Covanta say less than 200 per day will be needed (that's still 200 to many)

Other concerns discussed related to Toxic Partials' coming from the stack around 2%. Again Covanta thought this was no concern to worry about and they said it would be no more than the pollution from the Lorries delivering the rubbish

So correct me if I'm wrong but would that make 4% of toxins' going into the air?

Another point raised was the Bottom Ash, this is what's left when your rubbish has been burnt, again this is toxic and to stop the dust spreading it will be kept in a silo and damped down with water. Covanta assured us that water used for this will be recycled from outside overflow tanks. Concern what happens if we have heavy rain and these tanks overflow... no worry any

overflow would be little and this will run into the Lake maybe? No answer given.

Other lorry movements leaving the site will be sealed Lorries taking away the Bottom Ash. Question to Covanta where are you sending it to?

These were some of the question and answers given by Covanta as I said we have heard it all before

Now for the E.A their response to a number of questions could not be answered by them due to them facing a legal challenge from BACI and I wish them good luck and the Raines family from Marston Mortainne who have been fighting this since day one (Good Luck)

So where do we stand with the E.A? I believe it's they who are responsible for allowing the permit in the first place

How you may say...? Because they used figures supplied by Covanta, refused to listen to other concerns from residents and showed a lack of understanding with quotes like

"We only gave the permit on said figures supplied by Covanta"

"Lorry movements are not in their brief. This is down to Borough Highways and Planning" (who have opposed it from day 1) and regards residents concerns about Toxic waste they said " it was under the permitted amount"

So as I said if any blame was to be levelled then it stops at E.A doors I just hope that the Courts rule against it

I would at this stage thank BACI for their fight the Residents of Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick and the Vale we can only hope that common sense prevails

COMMUNITY POLICE ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS

Our local Police team headed by PC Norris spent a few hours on a sunny Saturday afternoon engaging with local residents on Greenlakes Rise in Kempston Hardwick. They were on hand to offer crime prevention advice and deliver on the local policing commitment to show an increased Police presence in the community. The event was a great success with local Children particularly having enjoyed it. It seems they even managed to recruit some new younger officers.

Cllr. Lee Melville



As we go to print we have just learnt that the Government planning inspectorate has refused the appeal of the car sales operation at Chimney Corner. We believe this is great news as many local residents objected to its operation without planning permission. We now await it to cease operation or enforcement action been taken.

Local youngsters put Stewartby Taekwondo club on the nations martial arts map

For a new club, only a year old, Stewartby Taekwondo have made a name for themselves in the taekwondo world very quickly. Despite not attending many competitions, they are already well known wherever they go, for the results they get and for their brilliant teamwork and attitude.

When they first joined competition life, many of the students had never competed before, meaning it was a new and scary experience for them, given their young age, the youngest first-time competitor was only five years old. But, they went to Bristol on 4th March, determined to get the best results possible with a small team, and they did exactly that. Stewartby Taekwondo took eleven players, most being white belts, to Bristol, returning with five gold medals, six silvers – three of which were against their own players – and one bronze, an amazing turn out considering the competition they went up against and their lack of experience in competitions.

On 28th April, most of these

students along with a sprinkle of new faces attended their second competition in Manchester, at the English Open with teams attending from across the world. This included teams from Japan, Iceland, Italy and Spain to name just a few. There were over 700 competitors in total. Again, going as a team of eleven, with an age range of 5 years to 17 years, they managed to do even better than before, earning eight gold medals, five silvers and two bronzes. The eight lucky competitors who won gold also won the title of English Open Champions!

But, not only did they receive medals and trophies alike, at the end of the two-day competition they also won a team trophy, coming fourth place out of fifty-four teams. The team are not stopping there though. They already have another three competition dates booked into their diaries after the head coach has received personal invitations to attend and both coaches within the club are confident that the team success will be repeated again.



Stewartby station launched into action

The art is up, the flowers are in bloom, and the ribbon has been cut. The wait is over as the Stewartby station has been adopted and the Friends of Stewartby Station launched. The joint venture of the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership and Kimberley Sixth Form College has led to a final project launch, which took place on 13th July.

The Friends of Stewartby Station has brought together a team of Kimberley College students with the aim of bringing vibrancy and individualism to Stewartby station. Generous funding from the MVCRP has allowed the team to create breath-taking artwork and graphic design, to accompany the newly built waiting shelter for the Bedford-bound platform. The station's fencing has had a fresh coat of paint, giving it a vibrant touch that travellers will

be greeted with on their way. A commemorative plaque was also installed to thank the project's many benefactors.

We have also worked with the Forest of Marston Vale Trust to provide plants and greenery for the display, illustrating the natural beauty of the wildlife in the area that they call home. Harry Foster-Smith, one of the Kimberley College staff members supervising the project, holds the belief that "anything that's well-looked-after has a positive influence". In keeping with this attitude, the college has created a railway maintenance team, consisting of student volunteers who will be periodically maintaining the shelter and its surroundings.

Kimberley College's role in the project has been co-ordinated by Sasi Valaiyapathi (Head Girl)

and Martin Teh (Head Boy), two "exceptional young adults" who have worked diligently and "taken immediate ownership" to involve students in the project.

The project launch saw project managers Stephen Sleight and Richard Cousins give speeches honouring the team's work; after Kimberley College's Head Girl cut the ribbon to open the new shelter, the team celebrated with some well-deserved tea and cake. We are proud as a growing community to have unveiled a place that will be appreciated by travellers for many years to come.

We would be delighted to involve members of the local community in the Friends of Stewartby Station. Please contact Stephen Sleight, MVCRP Officer – tel. 01234 832645, e-mail stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk

By Zara Tahir



New Speed Zones



It has been approved to introduce new speed zones in some areas of the Parish as proposed by Borough Councillor Tim Hill.

The Crescent will become a 20mph zone

Manor Road, Kempston Hardwick will become a 30mph zone.

Regular speedwatch sessions will be held to ensure compliance and enforcement of these new zones.

Cllr. Lee Melville

New neighbourhood watch scheme



Following the success of the scheme launched last year in Greenlakes Rise, Kempston Hardwick had an increase in Vehicle crime and residential burglary, the Parish decided to try and encourage the residents of Stewartby to sign up to NHW. Such schemes are proven to reduce such crimes and offer residents a way to be kept informed in real time of any issues in the area. Signing up the scheme also automatically connects you to Beds alert, the online communication tool of Beds Police and other agencies. In some cases you will also receive discount from some insurers on your home insurance. If you have not already signed up, it's easy using the web address below.

www.bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk

Cllr. Lee Melville

STEWARTBY VILLAGE HALL HAS A VACANCY FOR

Part Time Bookings & Accounts Clerk

Closing date

Friday
3rd Aug 2018

The Village Hall Trustees seek a reliable and efficient clerk to manage the hall bookings, payments, administration and accounts.

Must have good interpersonal skills and some accounting experience.

Flexible hours and job share may be considered.

Competitive rates of pay and expenses as working from home.

For more details please send your CV to John Symonds – Parish Council Chair
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