

Stowe Nine Churches Village Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Diary Dates

7 th Sept	Produce Show (No Coffee Morning)
10 th Sept	WI
13 th Sept	Race Night
14 th Sept	Open House for Village Design Statement
14 th Sept	'Ride +Stride'
15 th Sept	Roll in the hay!
20 th Sept	Table Tennis
25 th Sept	Churches lecture
29 th Sept	Harvest Festival
30 th Sept	Harvest Supper and Auction
1 st Oct	Plastic Challenge Update
5 th Oct	Coffee Morning
8 th Oct	WI
18 th Oct	Table Tennis
19 th Oct	Churchyard working party
23 rd Oct	Prisoner of War Camp lecture
1 st Nov	Village Quiz
15 th Nov	Table Tennis Tournament
21 st Nov	Country Houses lecture

PLASTIC CHALLENGE UPDATE

Tuesday October 1st

7.30pm

St James' Church, Upper Stowe

The pollution of the world by plastic is making the news almost daily and has now been found in snow at the poles.

Come along and hear what ideas were put forward at our last discussion and see if they worked!

Lindsey from the Plastic Free Refillable Shop at Flore

will be joining us.

Drinks and nibbles

Contact John Stanley 07850 341402

John.stanley@agrii.co.uk

ANNUAL ROLL IN THE HAY!

Sunday September 15th

2pm

St. James' Wildflower Meadow, Upper Stowe

Come and join us for a fun afternoon rolling up the hay

to allow next year's flowers to grow.

Refreshments, beer and wine

Contact John Stanley 07850 341402

John.stanley@agrii.co.uk

Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 7th September

2:30

The Old School Rooms, Church Stowe

Come and see the exhibits.

Join us for refreshments

Good news

For some time the village has been raising money to refurbish the School Rooms kitchen. Thanks to some recent fundraising and a very generous donation from a villager the amount required for the building work was finally reached this summer.

Wickes, as part of their community outreach programme, generously donated the kitchen appliances and housings and the refurbishment is now underway. Grateful thanks to Robert Bruce for doing the building work at no cost and the team of men who came together to put the kitchen units together. A great team effort by all concerned!

It is anticipated that the kitchen will be installed in time for the village Flower and Produce show.

Steve Henley

On behalf of the Old School Rooms Trustees

Race Night - Friday 13th September

At the Barn Restaurant, Upper Stowe for an 8pm start.

Tickets to be purchased in advance at a cost of £12.50 to include a fish and chip supper and your race programme.

There will be a bar available and all proceeds from the evening will go towards the Friends of St Michael's Appeal for the repair of the church tower at St Michael's.

Tickets available from Felicity Prior 07760 228128
Helen Kirby 07753 660834

Rock those Frocks Coffee morning

A really big thank you to all who supported the coffee morning by attendance, donations, or contributions of raffle prizes and cake. We raised £404 in total which was split between the kitchen refurbishment project and St Michael's Guild.

Fruit and Veg Stall

The produce stall has been well supported this year with all donations via the pink pot going towards general church funds. It will remain in place until the end of October half term so if anyone has an excess of fruit or vegetables or has plants to donate please put them on the stall near the School Rooms.

Donations should be placed in the pink pot which sits just inside the front porch of The Old School House next door.

Village Quiz

The next village quiz will take place at the Barn Restaurant on Friday 1st November at 7.30pm.

The ticket price is £12.50 to include a delicious ploughman supper and an evening of light - hearted challenge.

Get your team together and book a table, or join one of our part-teams and make new friends, by ringing

Felicity Prior 01327 340840 07760 228128
Angela Brodie 01327 340478 07864 608537
Helen Kirby 01327 349620 07753 660834



WI Corner

Following a break from regular meetings over the summer we reconvene on September 10th with a talk on The Social History of Fashion.

It is the Annual General Meeting in October where we will share a supper and then, in the lead up to Christmas, we will all learn how to create festive wreaths and decorations.

It is hoped we will also find time to visit a local chocolatier for a demonstration and sampling and take part in another glass workshop with Anna Conti before the year is out.

If anyone new to the village would like to see what the WI is all about please contact either Audrey Mason on 341146 or Jill Thomas on 341394 for details of the dates of the forthcoming meetings.



St Michael's Churchyard wildflower meadow **Autumn working party - Saturday 19th October.**

10.00 – 11.30am - Coffee at 11am

There's some tidying and weeding to do, planting bulbs, mowing and strimming - All are welcome to come and join us or to drop by for tea/coffee and a chat, please bring gloves and tools (and trimmers). Tea/coffee at 11.00am
Further info: Jan(jan@jadeenergy.co.uk) or Jo (jodickson@btinternet.com) 349094

A series of lectures on Churches, Prisoner of War Camps and Country Houses

All kindly hosted by Peter and Judy Ellwood at the Boathouse by the lake in Church Stowe.

Come and learn some interesting and amusing facts. Tickets are £15.00 per lecture or £40.00 for three. In aid of the restoration of our ancient church of St Michael's. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, 25th September, 2019 – 4.00-6.00 pm

Our county has many beautiful churches and John White will show us some of our more interesting churches. He will share with us his deep knowledge gained through his almost thirty years as Chairman and Secretary of the Historic Churches Trust. John is an excellent and delightful speaker.

Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 – 2.00-4.00 pm

Peter Stratton will give us an insight into the little-known German Prisoner-of-War camp at Eastcote. Over 4000 German prisoners were detained there, and now there's absolutely no sign of it. It's a fascinating story, well told by Peter.

Thursday, 21st November, 2019 – 2.00-4.00 pm

Neil Lyon will tell us about his research into the demise of some fine large houses in the county. He will share information about our beautiful county houses, and how many of them were saved from destruction between the two world wars. Neil has written a brilliant and compelling book on this subject.

Tickets available from Lady Ellwood, Wyndham House, Church Stowe, Northamptonshire, NN7 4SG. Cheques made payable to: *Friends of St Michael's*. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Telephone: 01327 349161 or catesby@dialstart.net.

The winning Bonus Ball Numbers July 2018 – June 2019 were:

Stowe IX Churches PCC Bonus Ball Competition

The PCC runs a weekly Bonus Ball Competition based on the Bonus Ball Number drawn each Saturday in the National Lottery. If your number comes up, you win £25!

There are still a few spare numbers if you do not have one and would like one. The cost is £5 per month so the annual subscription for the rest of the year from September 2019 until the end of June 2020 will be £50.

Please contact Helen Kirby (349620) or Maeve Taylor (349091) if you are interested.

7 th July	1	5 th Jan	6
14 th July	58	12 th Jan	26
21 st July	52	19 th Jan	45
28 th July	10	26 th Jan	45
4 th Aug	52	2 nd Feb	20
11 th Aug	57	9 th Feb	12
18 th Aug	11	16 th Feb	12
25 th Aug	48	23 rd Feb	57
1 st Sept	50	2 nd March	54
8 th Sept	48	9 th March	2
15 th Sept	44	16 th March	38
22 nd Sept	36	23 rd March	27
29 th Sept	27	30 th March	24
6 th Oct	5	6 th April	21
13 th Oct	38	13 th April	30
20 th Oct	49	20 th April	4
27 th Oct	56	27 th April	10
3 rd Nov	53	4 th May	41
10 th Nov	53	11 th May	24
17 th Nov	32	18 th May	3
24 th Nov	10	25 th May	24
1 st Dec	57	1 st June	42
8 th Dec	17	8 th June	43
15 th Dec	19	15 th June	29
22 nd Dec	31	22 nd June	11
29 th Dec	28	29 th June	27

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Parish Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 29th September at 6pm at St. Michael's Church, Church Stowe. Everyone is welcome

Stowe IX Churches Annual Table Tennis Tournament Friday 15th November

Registration at 7pm or beforehand at the school rooms

£1 to play

Our regular evenings are -Fridays:
September 20th and October 18th

Details Frances 07443 225824
07443 225824

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper and Auction will be on Monday 30th September at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at The Barn Restaurant in Upper Stowe. Tickets £12.50 for Adults/ Children under 12 free.

Available from Angela Brodie (340478) or any member of the P.C.C.

This is always a really enjoyable evening and everyone is very welcome. Proceeds go to our Churches



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The NHCT are holding the annual RIDE + STRIDE on Saturday 14th September 2019 10am to 6pm. Anyone can take part, either by cycling, walking or riding between Churches that are taking part; you can even be sponsored just to sit in Church! Any sponsorship money raised is divided between the NHCT and our Churches.

By opening our Churches for this event we are able to apply for grants to help with the upkeep of our Churches. Every year we support the Northamptonshire Historic Churches 'Ride and Stride' by opening our Churches. You are invited to join us at 2pm, meeting at the War Memorial and walk to Upper Stowe, join the Upper Stowe walkers at 2.15pm, then all walk to Litchborough, then back to Church Stowe.

Participants are invited for tea and cakes by The Lake afterwards.

Anyone wishing to cycle instead can plan their own routes.

Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available. If you would like to join us, please contact Angela Brodie on 340478 for more details.

COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee mornings take place on the first Saturday in the month in the Schoolrooms from 10.30am to 11.45am. Cakes, raffle, book stall, bring and buy. Catch up with friends and neighbours. Entrance is £1.

No coffee morning on the 7th September.

Keeping up with technology

If you are still receiving a paper copy of the newsletter perhaps you could consider changing to email. It saves on time, paper and printing costs. I only use your email address for the newsletter and do not pass it on to anyone else.

So please take a moment to send me your details: name, email address, and postal address.

Helen: hm_walker@btinternet.com

Village Design Statement

Before our "Village Design Statement" (VDS) is finally adopted by Daventry District Council (DDC) as a planning guideline, the Parish Council would like to ensure that all residents have a further opportunity to pose questions about the contents of the VDS and to raise any issues that might arise.

The Parish Council are therefore pleased to invite all residents to drop in to an "Open House" event between 10:30 and 12:30 on Saturday 14th September 2019 at The School Rooms, Church Stowe.

Members of the Parish Council will be on hand to answer questions and to explain how the VDS has been developed; tea and biscuits will be provided.

Copies of the VDS may be downloaded from the Parish Council website, whilst reference copies have also been placed within each of our two Parish Churches so that they may be easily referenced by all those not having an internet connection. Otherwise contact Cllr. Tony Teague on 07831 582824 to obtain a personal copy

It is expected that following the "Open House", DDC will allow a further period of consultation before formally adopting the VDS as a part of the local planning framework.

Edmund Arnold Charity/Arnold's Educational Foundation

The Trustees of the Charity can provide small cash grants to or on behalf of young people, under the age of 25 years, who are resident in the parish of Stowe IX Churches. The grants are for educational purposes.

For further information please contact the Clerk to the Trustees at
Messrs. Wilson Browne, 4 Grange Park Court,
Roman Way, Northampton, NN4 5EA -01604
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Or contact Jo Dickson 01327 349094

2019 Rose Show Results

Most points:

- 1st Anne Jelfs
- 2nd Jill Thomas
- 3rd Linda Hillyard

Best Rose Exhibit:

Linda Hillyard

Date for Your Diary – Christmas Pantomime

Every year St Michael's Guild pays for all the children in the parish aged 7 and above to attend the pantomime at The Derngate. This year the pantomime is Cinderella and tickets have been booked for December 27th at 5pm.

Village website- information from Christine Downton and Barry Prior

The village website - <http://stoweninechurches.org.uk/> has been rebuilt and refreshed. It's a hub for news and information about the village, and well worth a visit.

Content on the new site includes:

- the village newsletter
- an events calendar
- the 2000 year village timeline
- the wild flower churchyards
- a scrapbook of interesting historical information
- a notice board
- history of Stowe Nine Churches
- information about the Churches
- St Michael's restoration project
- things to see and do locally.

If you would like to add information to the website please use the 'Contact Us' form on the website. And finally a big thank you to Helen Walker for looking after the previous website over many years.

We plan to publish the next newsletter in November so if you have any news or views for inclusion please contact Helen before the end of October.

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