

# STONEYSTANTON PARISH NEWS

February 2019

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## Stoney Stanton Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year

and thank all those who participated over the Christmas period to making the village feel festive and inviting, especially the Yarn Bombers whose display was fantastic once again.

Thank-you also to all those who donated to the Christmas Raffle including Stoney Cove, Bluestone Haulage, Thomas Flavell's, Casa Bella, The Bluebell, Cove Cars, Shaws Barbers, Peking Chinese, Indian Lantern, The Bull,

The Post Office, The Community Library and The Star.

The raffle raised an amazing £500, thanks to all those who bought tickets and well done to Deb Roach for winning first prize.

The deadline for applications for the two Parish Councillor posts has now closed and we are pleased to report that there were 6 applicants.

An announcement will be made in the next newsletter when interviews have been held and the posts filled.

Did you get a copy of the Winter BDC Contact magazine through your door over the Christmas period? Many houses in the village appear to have been missed out and BDC would like to know details as they pay a third party to deliver these magazines. Please go online to [www.blaby.gov.uk/news-and-events/contact-magazine](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/news-and-events/contact-magazine) and register your non-delivery.



Community Transport for Blaby district operate using a wonderful team of volunteer drivers to help and support local people get out and about in the community. We will take people to Health Appointments, doctors, Dentists, shopping, visiting friends, day centres etc... We make a small charge for the service but do receive support from Leicestershire County Council.

We will be holding an event to promote our service and support the local community in the **Community Library in Stoney Stanton on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm.**

## NEW YEAR'S HONOUR FOR SPECIAL VILLAGER

It is with great pleasure that we are able to congratulate Mrs Rita Sheehan on her New Year's Honours award of the British Empire Medal (BEM) for Services to Children and the Community in Leicestershire.



Rita, or Mrs. Sheehan, as many of her playgroup members will remember her, has been involved in The Community Centre Playgroup for over 40 years. She started as an assistant when her 4<sup>th</sup> child was playgroup age and soon became manager. Rita has been inspiring the children of the village ever since. Many of the children who attend playgroup now are the next generation of the children she has mentored over the years.

She and her family have lived in the village for 56 years and Rita, and her husband Danny, are regular contributors to many village activities including previously being governor at Manorfield School for 10 years, yoga classes and a float in the carnival every year.



Rita received an award from Stoney Stanton Parish Council for outstanding service to the village in 2014. Here pictured with the then Chairman, Stephen Purser.

The nomination for her New Year's Honour Award was submitted two and half years ago by a villager with the support of her colleagues, daughter and others. When Rita received the letter through the post in early November 2018 she was convinced that it was a hoax.

Sworn to secrecy until the public announcement she then realised it was genuine!

Rita will receive her medal at a ceremony in Leicestershire in the coming months and has been invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace in June to celebrate the award.

When asked if she has any plans to retire, she commented "yes, every year, and then I just think I'll see the current group of children through to school and I'm still here!" and long may she continue.

## FROM THE OLD SCHOOL SURGERY

Dear Patient,

It is with great sadness that we are letting you know that Dr Rothwell has made the extremely difficult decision to retire from her post at The Old School Surgery. Dr Rothwell will continue to practice as a locum GP in the surrounding area. This will allow Dr Rothwell to have more quality time to enjoy a more flexible work life balance.

Dr Rothwell would like to express her thanks and gratitude at having had the privilege of looking after such pleasant patients over many years. She will greatly miss her patients and has many fond memories.

Dr Rothwell has thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone at The Old School Surgery and wishes both patients and staff all the very best for the future.

We know that you will all join us in thanking Dr Rothwell for the past 29 years she has spent at the practice and wish Dr Rothwell all the very best in her forthcoming work.

Dr Rothwell will be leaving us on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.



## FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30 - 10.30pm in the Village Hall.

Stoney Stanton Carnival Committee bring you our first Quiz Night. With questions suitable for all the family, this will be a fun night for adults and children alike.

Tickets are £15, and teams can be up to 6 people maximum.

Snacks will be provided but you need to bring your own refreshments (alcohol is allowed for over 18s).

Tickets on sale at Bibs Hardware, The Community Library, Sarah Martins Opticians and The Post Office from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Alternatively, email us at [stoneystantoncarnival@gmail.com](mailto:stoneystantoncarnival@gmail.com)

Proceeds go towards the carnival funds for the local community groups.



The knit and natter group which was started last year has been going well, and we have 12 – 15 attending regularly. We'd love to see any others who are interested in knitting or crocheting just for fun.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Community Library 7pm – 8pm, our meetings for the next couple of months will be – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

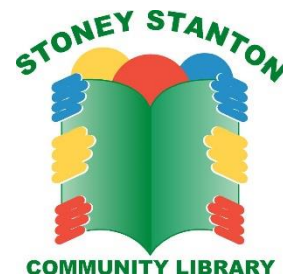
We charge £1.50 to cover costs and this always includes refreshments, more often than not there is home-made cake!

Why not come along for a visit and meet us all. Contact either – Marilyn 07851742439 [mal\\_langley@hotmail.com](mailto:mal_langley@hotmail.com) or Jacqui 07900882202 [jacquelinekimber@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinekimber@hotmail.com) for any further information.

## JIGSAW PUZZLES WANTED PLEASE

The Community Library have a large area inside for sales of second-hand books, DVDs and puzzles to raise much needed funds to maintain the library running costs. We are always happy to accept current paperbacks in good condition and are particularly looking for some more puzzles as the cold weather continues. Puzzles must be in excellent condition and complete please.

We charge 50p for paperback books, £1 for hardbacks, £1 each for DVDs and puzzles. Why not come and see what we have in stock?



**Don't Forget...** Keep up to date on the Parish Council website and facebook pages.

The next PC meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Community Library, all welcome, come and get involved in your Parish Council.

**LITTER LINE: 07891 249023.**