

LEONARD STANLEY NEWS

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Items can be left at 33 Dozule Close, or Kingston House, Church Road. Please make sure they are handed in by 5 pm on the Friday prior to the event, or earlier if you would like it repeated. Late items can be phoned to 826765 before 5 pm on Fridays. or e-mail dorothy.billiejean@talktalk.net in good time as the 'News' is prepared on Saturday. Village website – www.leonardstanley.org.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS:

Finlay Jack Towers on March 9th
Annie Rose Curtis on March 14th
Daniel Squire on March 14th
Rachel Allway on March 15th
Nathan Newport on March 16th
Clara Louise Crooks on March 17th
Jamie Duxbury on March 20th
Jacob Andrew on March 29th

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Diane Hilder who will be 21 years old on March 8th and

EXTRA SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ann Mills who will celebrate the BIG 70 on March 23rd

THANK YOU - The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank the organisers of the Arctic Supper for their generous contribution towards the heating of the Village Hall. We are now looking to fit more efficient central heating at a cost of £10/£15,000 and the donation of £465 will help a great deal. Thank you everyone.

BRYAN OAKHILL – the following email was received on 16th February from Rose Oakhill – "I am emailing you in relation to an email I have received from Mrs Rosemary Reeves (The Grey Cottage), ref an article in the Leonard Stanley News 15/2/2010. I am very touched to see that the land adjacent to the allotment in Leonard Stanley is being named Oakhill Field (what we nick named allotment field). Bryan was my father and I was his youngest child. I lived at Leaze Farm in the later years 1986-2004. I now live in Dorset but come to the farm and Leonard Stanley quite often (in fact I was only there last weekend). I have many a fond memory of the farm and the area. I am basically just emailing to thank you for the article and the naming of the field, it was quite unexpected and again very touching as it's been a year since his death, perhaps more so. Best wishes Rose Oakhill"

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - On March 3rd we will have a members' afternoon and on March 17th Yvonne Hobbs will speak to us, and Dora Clarke will be with us on March 31st. Meetings take place at 2.30 pm at 1 Church Road unless otherwise noted. For further information please phone Ann on 822435.

MONDAY CLUB – On March 8th Patrick Howell will talk about 'The Journey of a Lifetime' and March 15th will be another Social afternoon. On March 22nd Mike Merrett will relate his experiences during '40 Years as a Paramedic'. On March 29th we will have our Easter competition/display. Why not come along to the Village Hall from 2.00 til 4.00 pm and spend a couple of hours in congenial company and enjoy a cup of tea. New members are always welcome to these meetings. For more information, call Beat Lusty on 828025.

LEONARD STANLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – The next meeting on March 8th will be a talk by Bernice Boss on the History of Bristol Royal Infirmary and the competition will be My Favourite Poem. Please note that tickets are now on sale for the Group Meeting on Tuesday, April 20th at a cost of £3 each. There will not be a pub lunch this month as the W.I. will be hosting the Lent Lunch on Wednesday, March 17th in the Village Hall. Please come along and support us – we make super soup!! Visitors are

always welcome to our meetings, but if you would simply like to know more about us, please phone 822299 or 826765.

ARCTIC SAFARI SUPPER The safari committee: Andy and Leesa Cole, Lynn Craddock, Liz McNab-Jones, Maggi Mukasa, Sharon and Philip Taubenheim.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING ? If so, why not join the choir in St. Swithuns church who practice on Thursday evenings before the bell ringers get there. Interested ? phone Pat Hearne on 823728 for more details.

CRAFT MARKET

By popular request, our next Craft Market will be on :
SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH From 2 – 4 pm
In the VILLAGE HALL, LEONARD STANLEY
Call Heather Pass on 821998 to book a stall
Or for more information

LAND FOR GRAZING TO RENT The Trustees of the Welfare Trust (allotments) invite interested parties to submit sealed tenders for their bid to rent the field in Gypsy Lane above the allotments and now known as Oakhill. The tenancy will be on a grass keep arrangement with no sub letting by the successful applicant. The land has road side access, running water and is approx 2.75 acres. The period of let is from 1st April 2010 to 28th February 2011. Sealed bids with envelope marked TENDER to be sent to Mrs Jessica Taylor, 44 Seven Waters, Leonard Stanley, or Mr. Dave Camm, 10 Marsh Lane, Leonard Stanley to arrive no later than 25th March 2010. The trustees reserve the right not to accept the highest or any tender.

OPEN GARDENS LEONARD STANLEY SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2010

Would you like to open up your garden for others to enjoy?
We have 10 gardens already plus the allotments, but would love some more!
If so, please contact Jeremy Warner on 01453 825851 or email jeremycwarner@gmail.com
All proceeds to Village Hall Funds and Rotary Charities.

ALLOTMENTS – Now that the days are growing longer, have you ever thought of growing your own vegetables? If so, why not put your name on the waiting list. It is quite short at present, and we do get vacancies on the 93 plots in Gypsy Lane from time to time. Most are in good condition and are charged at £8.00 per year for a half plot. The trustees at the moment only allocate plots to current residents of Leonard Stanley. If you are interested, contact Dave Camm, 10 Marsh Lane, or phone 826909.

WHIST In the Leaze Room of the Village Hall. Next will be on Thursday, MARCH 18th from 2.00 - 4.00. Tel. 826765.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR LIFT SCHEME

Please note that the number to phone for lifts to the Stonehouse surgeries will be 822287. Irena Litton, the Parish Clerk, is now the co-ordinator. If you need a lift, please try to give as much notice as possible and avoid phoning after 9 pm. Patients are asked to offer £1 to the volunteer driver to help with petrol costs, and also pay for any car park charges incurred.

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch will be on Friday, March 19th. If you would like to join, phone Pat Hearne on 823728 to add your name.

DO YOU TAKE THE DAILY MAIL NEWSPAPER? Thank you for all the Daily Mail headers I have received. The scheme will continue until February 12th. If anybody would like me to collect any outstanding copies, please ring Maggi Mukasa on 822318 if you help.

LEONARD STANLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Fund raising DINNER and AUCTION to be held on FRIDAY, 26TH MARCH at Leonard Stanley School. Tickets are now available at £15 per head for a 3-course meal and include free entry into the raffle

The auction is being done by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auction House and we would welcome any donations towards this as early as possible so that a schedule can be prepared in advance. Late entries (but not too many!) will also be accepted. If you are interested please contact either Tim Smith (824490), Louise Wilson (826877) or Dolores Merrett (823578) to avoid disappointment or to find out more about the Twinning. Our friends from Dozule arrive on Friday, 30th April during the afternoon around 4.15 pm and return to Dozule during the morning of Monday, 3rd May. It is hoped as many as possible will be able to welcome them and children from our School will be able to make a presentation to them. If anyone would like to host, please contact either of those above.

Don't forget our **Celebration Dinner at Wycliffe College on Saturday, 1st May 2010** where it is hoped that as many past, present and future members of the Twinning will be able to attend. We would like to think that we can contact as many as possible, but this may prove to be impossible so, once again, please contact either of the names above.

As this is an Anniversary year, we shall be making a visit to Dozule from Saturday, 23rd October to Tuesday, 26th/Wednesday 27th October. Once again, if interested please let us know.

Finally, Leon Green is updating the photographic record of the first 25 years of the Twinning and would be pleased to receive any photos covering the last 15 years.

BOBBY BUS – Will be calling on March 2nd in day time and on March 15th on a late visit. Phone 07734 068276 to call the 'bus' or 0845 090 1234 if non-urgent. If urgent then dial 999.

SERVICES AT ST. SWITHUNS

March 7th 10 am Holy Communion
March 14th 10 am Mothering Sunday Family Service
March 21st 10 am Holy Communion
March 28th 6 pm Evening Service Palm Sunday
A Service is held on Wednesdays at 10.00 am

SERVICES AT ST. GEORGES

March 7th 8 am Holy Communion
March 21st 8 am Holy Communion
March 28th 10 am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
Midweek Service – Wednesdays 6.00 pm

STONEHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

March 7th
March 14th Mothering Sunday
March 21st
March 28th Palm Sunday
All services start at 10.30 am unless otherwise noted
S.F.C. (Junior Funday Church) Ages 3 – 16:
10.30 am – 11.45 am. Every Sunday morning. For lifts and more information please phone Ann on 822435

MORE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following refers to the second part of Stroud District Council's public consultation on how the district should be developed. It is proposing 7 alternative ways of dealing with where houses should be built and new jobs created. Some of the alternative options proposed could involve building within the village, and SDC's Strategic Housing Availability Assessment has identified several areas in the Parish that could be developed. The areas that have been identified in our Parish for potential development and the amount of proposed dwellings for these areas are : Grange Farm West – 29 (note this is in addition to the 29 dwellings that have permission at Grange Farm); Downton Road/Bath Road – 19; Adj School Bath Road – 373; Brimley – 145; Rear of Chapel House – 11; Mankley Road – 38. Please

note that although these areas have been identified, it does not mean that they will be built on – that is up to the CORE STRATEGY to decide, which we are now being asked to consult on. If you completed the questionnaire last year, then SDC should have contacted you (via email) inviting you to submit your comments. They are also holding several public exhibitions, our nearest is in **STONEHOUSE TOWN HALL on WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**. or see their website for a complete list.

The Parish Council will also be responding to the consultation, and the issue on how to respond will be discussed at our next meeting on Tuesday March 2nd at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please feel free to attend and make your views known to the Parish 'Councillors and/or you can of course email me at leonardstanley.parcishclerk@virgin.net

MOBILE LIBRARY – Will visit on Thursdays February 18th and March 4th and 18th from 2.40 -3.00 at the Village Hall, Marsh Road, and from 3.05 – 3.25 pm at the Old Post Office, Bath Road. Would some kind person please get me a copy of the schedule for the mobile library. Thank you

LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE FAIR JULY 17TH 2010

If anyone has exciting contacts, or any exciting ideas – please ring : Pat Hearne 823728; Bobby./Harvey Ireland 821674; Ann/Mark McTaggart 825563; Paul/Maggi Mukasa 822318. ALSO

PHOTOGRAPHS of Village Fairs of the past are requested so that we can make a display in the 'Village Hall on the afternoon of the Village Fair 2010. If you have any at all, either ancient or modern, may we please borrow them (or it) for our display which will be where the W.I. will be dispensing tea and cakes. If you can help, please phone Pat Hearne on 823728 – thank you.

SAVE OUR VILLAGE HALL PRESENTATION

by Jill and Robert Hutchings
**entitled TRANSITION FROM VILLAGE SCHOOL
TO VILLAGE HALL.**

Slides depicting the transformation
with Cheese and Wine on
MARCH 19TH - more details to follow.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS OF THE
RACE NIGHT on April 16th -
for details WATCH THIS SPACE!

For further details please phone 828972; 826765 or 823728.

The Quiz Night on February 19th raised £248 – thank you to all who supported this fun evening.

YOGA – Yoga classes starting in April in the Village Hall. Wednesday and Thursday evenings 8 – 9.30 pm £5 per session. Free 'taster' sessions. To book, and for further details, ring Carol Maguire on 791484.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS – phone 828972

WANTED – Does anyone in or around the village have a piece of ground that they would like to rent out for caravan parking?. Our drive is not big enough and most local parks are full at the moment. Please let us know a.s.a.p. Contact Adrienne or Paul on 821262.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – The police are concerned about the number of Quad bikes stolen since the beginning of the year. These have been stolen from isolated barns and farm premises mainly in the Cotswold area, although one was stolen from Frocester. Please be advised that thefts are on the increase and secure them as best you can. Should you spot suspicious people or vehicles around isolated barns and farms, please report them to the police on 999.

FOUND (not together) – in the Brimley area – a tweed/check gent's cap and a Yale-type front or .back door key. Can be claimed by phoning 826765

FUTURE ISSUES OF THE 'NEWS' WILL BE DATED – March 15th; 29th and April 17th then fortnightly as usual, .from May 10th Please get your items to me as early as possible to give time to prepare the copy. Hopefully the e mail situation will sort itself out !!