



Oyez

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Village Website: www.west-stafford.com



Introduction: You will see above that this is the 91st edition of Oyez, since Bill Painter, Major and I relaunched the village newsletter back in 2016. Since then it's been my pleasure to report on the numerous village activities, highlighting what a thriving and engaged community we have here in West Stafford. However, I am having to step back as Editor of the newsletter and I'm, therefore, looking for someone to hand-over the "editorial reins" to. If you think that person is you, then please contact me either at adrian-edwards@btconnect.com or on 07889 486276 and I'll fill you in with what the role entails.

Thank you everyone for all your inputs and help over the past 10 years and I'm sure the newsletter will continue to inform you of all the various activities across the village for many years to come. Welcome to April's newsletter!

Recent Events:

Knightsford Parish Council (KPC) meeting : the most recent meeting of the KPC was held on 11th March, details of which were reported in March's newsletter. The next KPC meeting will be on Wednesday, 13th May.

A reminder that your three West Stafford Parish Councillors, representing West Stafford on the Knightsford Parish Council are:

- Monty Woolley (mob: 07867 009112, email: montywoolley@hotmail.com)
- John Chittenden (mob: 07887 916149, email: jchittenden@btinternet.com)
- Adrian Edwards (mob: 07889 486276, email: adrian-edwards@btconnect.com)

Future Events:

Village Events 2026: You will have seen a flyer through your door, promoting a series of events during the year, some of which have already been included in previous newsletters. Further details for future events will be provided as they become available:

Friday, 24th April - Quiz Night

Saturday, 16th May - Spring Table Sale

Saturday, 20th June - Barn Dance

Saturday, 4th July - Village Fete

Sunday, 30th August - Family BBQ

Saturday, 26th September - Race Night

Sunday, 8th November - Remembrance & Roast

Saturday, 5th December - Christmas Market

Saturday, 12th December - Christmas Party

Friday, 24th April - West Stafford Craft Group: The Craft Group are holding an open morning between **10:00am and 12:00** in the Village Hall, where you will be able to purchase items that have been made by Group members, whilst enjoying tea / coffee and cake. The group will be making a donation to Weldmar Hospice Care from the profits from the morning and they look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, 8th May - West Stafford Parish Meeting: All are welcome to this meeting in the Village Hall starting at 19:00pm, which include reports from the KPC and the various village clubs and societies on activities over the past year.

Other News:

Village Fete - 4th July: The village fete is getting closer and it's time to part with any items you can spare for the various stalls. Jim Chamberlain will be coming door-to-door round the village in early May with his (t)rusty wheelbarrow, to collect any donations of wine or any other bottles you can spare for the "Water or Wine" stall. He's also after any items that can be used on the Tombola stall or raffle (unwanted Christmas gifts welcome!) Look out for a flyer at the beginning of May with the collection date for your road. If you can't wait (!), donations can be left outside his front door at Summer Place, Rectory Lane, at any time.

St Andrew's Church news:

April's Church Services:

Friday, 3rd April - The Good Friday Walk begins from St George's Church (after a short 13:00pm service) and will follow the usual route along the riverbank to Lower Bockhampton (or skirting fields if muddy). Arrival at St Andrew's Church is expected to be about 15:00pm for "Reflections and Refreshments (Hot Cross Buns)". refreshments at 3:00pm. Families and dogs welcome!

Sunday, 5th April - a joyful Easter Day service for all the family - to include chocolate!

Sunday, 12th April - Holy Communion at **9:00am**

Sunday, 19th April - Evensong at **18:30pm**

Sunday, 26th April - Holy Communion at **9:00am**

Home Communion: If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Cora Yarrien on 262421 or email revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer: is every Tuesday at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Private Prayer & Reflection: the church is open every day from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

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