



Oyez

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Introduction:

The weather has been pretty grim recently, to say the least, but hopefully you'll find enough happening in the village over the coming months to brighten you up. As always, we're grateful for those within the village who organise the various events throughout the year, all of which helps to sustain and build the community spirit within West Stafford. Thank you and welcome to February's newsletter!

Recent Events:

Knightsford Parish Council (KPC) meeting : this was held on 14th January. The salient points from the meeting were:

There are concerns that the condition of the road surface at the West Knighton end of the West Stafford bypass has contributed to a number of collisions recently. KPC have reported this to Dorset Highways and we await the outcome.

KPC decided to object to the planning application to drill for oil at Waddock Cross. The application can be found on the Dorset Council website by searching on planning reference "P/VOC/2023/02762".

Subsequent to the meeting, there have been planning applications for:

The felling of a beech tree in Floyers Field (planning reference: P/TRT/2026/00379)

Further housing development on the land south of Warmwell Road, Crossways (WD/D/16/000378)

The next KPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th February.

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:

Thursday, 26th February - Village Hall Management Committee AGM: This will start at 7:00pm in the Village Hall, with all villagers welcome.

Film Nights in the Village Hall: The Wise Man Inn are hosting film nights in the Village Hall, including a pre-screen supper. Films will start at 7:00pm with the supper being served from 6:00pm. The films showing are:

- Friday 13th February - Fisherman's Friends (with Fish and Chips)
- Saturday, 21st February - Roman Holiday (Pizza)
- Friday, 27th February - No Country for Old Men (Tacos)
- Friday, 6th March - Withnail and I (Fish and Chips)

Tickets are £15 per person and must be pre-booked from the Wise Man.

Friday, 13th March, 7:30pm - Artsreach and West Stafford Village Hall presents "The Duke" by Shon Dale-Jones - "Funny, poignant and inventive, The Duke received The Scotsman's Fringe First Award when it premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2016 and was made into a radio play for BBC Radio 4 in 2018, achieving 'Pick of the Week". Weaving together the tragi-comic fate of a family heirloom, the quandary of a scriptwriter stretching his integrity and an unfolding disaster as thousands of children flee their homes, The Duke blends fantasy and reality in a playful, thought-provoking show that explores what truly matters in a world of crisis. Funny, powerful and gentle, don't miss it. Recommended 12+.

West Stafford Village Hall doors open at 7:00pm, with a licenced bar, food and raffle available. Tickets from jacque.walton@outlook.com or www.artsreach.com. The Facebook link for ticket information is <https://fb.me/e/6WgJQi5BQ>. Tickets are priced at £12.50 for adults, £6 for Under 18s.

Sunday, 15th March, Spring cleanup of Village Hall grounds: If you are able to help please join the team of volunteers at the Village Hall from 10:00am . Please bring your own gardening tools.

Saturday, 21st March, West Stafford Easter Market: Between 10:00am to 13:00pm, this will be held in the Village Hall with many Artisan stalls, and teas, cakes and breakfast rolls available on the day. Please contact gail.fenton@gmail.com if you can help or provide cakes or raffle / tombola prizes.

Saturday, 28th March - BDHA Spring Show: the annual Spring Show will be held in the Village Hall from 14:00pm. Always a cheerful show, the show schedule and entry forms are available from Ed Pryce, the Show Secretary at edpryce@gmail.com. Doors to view the entries will open at 14:00pm, with teas, cakes, produce and raffle available on the day. Prize-giving will be from 15:00pm.

You will need to be a paid-up member of the Society to exhibit in the show and we welcome and encourage new members. If you wish to join, please contact Adrian Edwards, the Membership Secretary at adrian-edwards@btconnect.com. It is £7.50 for the year, giving you access to the members monthly programme including both horticultural shows.

Other News:

Village Fete - change of date: This will now take place on Saturday 4th July, and not 11th July as previously reported.

Oyez distribution: Just a reminder, if you would prefer an email version of Oyez rather than a hard copy, please let me know at adrian-edwards@btconnect.com, including your address in your email. Many thanks.

St Andrew's Church news:

February's Church Services:

- **Sunday, 1st February** - Morning Prayer at **11:15am**
- **Sunday, 8th February** – Holy Communion at **9:00am**
- **Sunday, 15th February** – Matins at **11:15am**
- **Sunday, 22nd February** - Holy Communion at **9:00am**.

Coffee & Chat - Saturday, 14th February 10:00am to noon. all Welcome

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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