



Introduction: Hello everybody, my name is Izzy and I am really excited to be the new editor of Oyez. I can't wait to continue the newsletter that so many of us enjoy reading. I would like to say a huge thank you to Adrian who has been an incredible editor of Oyez for the past 10 years! I have always loved reading the newsletter and hope you continue to enjoy it too. I am looking forward to sharing village news, events and more with you in the months ahead. Welcome to July's newsletter!

Upcoming events...

- The annual village fete is only around the corner and is to be held on Saturday 4th of July from 11am to 3pm around the village hall. We are running Bric a Brac and book stalls, so all donations would be gratefully received by Sian Edwards, The Gardens, Rectory Lane or Gail Fenton, School Cottage, next door but one to the Wise Man. We are also looking for bottles of wine for our ever-popular Water or Wine stall. There will also be a Jolly Jars tombola for children so please start saving clean jars and fill them with sweets, lollies, toys or stationery, we are also running a used toy stall alongside it so please donate any good condition used toys too. Homemade cakes are also very welcome. So come along for great music by the "Flaming Cactus" band, Morris dancing, a dog show and a vintage car display. Could you help on the day? If so, please contact [Sian Edwards:07703 774375](mailto:Sian.Edwards:07703774375)
- Enjoy your Bank Holiday Sunday afternoon/evening with a BBQ at the Village Hall. Yes, you don't need to get up on Monday, so you can indulge in BBQ food and the bar; and if you have kids and grandkids, let them run up and down the grassy bank until exhausted. It will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday the 30th of August. Adults: £10, Kids: £5. To book tickets please contact Gail Fenton at: gail.fenton@gmail.com

Church news...



As a reminder there is a morning prayer every Tuesday at 9:45 – everyone is welcome!

The church is open daily for a private prayer and reflection from 10am to 4pm

Holy communion- If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive a Holy Communion at home then please contact:

[Revd Cora on 262421](mailto:Revd.Cora.on.262421) or revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

5th July – **Service at 10:30** – afterwards all are invited to St Georges at 11:45am for "welcome refreshments" for our new curate Connor.

12th July – 9am Holy Communion

19th July – 6:30pm Evensong

26th July – 9am Holy Communion

Coffee and Chat is open to everyone on Saturday 18th of July from 10am to noon. Hope to see some of you there.

Dates for your diary...

Saturday 4th July – Village fete

Saturday 22nd August – Quiz and BBQ in aid of Julias House

Sunday 30th August – Family BBQ

Saturday 26th September – Race night

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance and Roast

Friday 13th November 7:30 pm - Village Precept meeting

Saturday 5th December – Christmas market

Saturday 12th December – Christmas party

Can you help?

The village hall committee desperately needs volunteers who could help organise fund raising events. We need to raise £6000 a year just to keep the village hall open and events are a significant contribution to that. You don't have to be a member of the committee to help out 😊 .

Printing costs are always on our minds and need to be considered. Most of the village get a printed copy of the newsletter however if you are happy to switch to an email copy then please contact:

Major Haynes at major.haynes@icloud.com

Other Village news...

Many of us have heard that the Wise Man Pub has sadly closed. Thank you so much to Phil and his team who have played an important part in village life for the last 16 years. Phil has been a huge part of our community for many years, and we are very sad to see him go.

The Village Hall will be open for one evening per week for villagers and friends to meet up while the pub is closed – BYO (please bring glasses) from 6pm.

In the wake of the Wise Man closing, a sizeable group of villagers came together at the Village Hall to enjoy the sunshine and a drink. It was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening and so will be continued until further notice. Due to clubs meeting on different days of the week and because of various commitments, it is impossible to find a consistent evening of the week. As a result the VH social evenings will take place on the following dates from 6pm: Thu 02 Jul, Fri 10 Jul, Thu 16 Jul, Fri 24 Jul, Thu 30 Jul, Fri 07 Aug, Thu 13 Aug, Fri 21 Aug, Thu 27 Aug, Sun 31 Aug (Bank Holiday BBQ), Sat 05 Sep, Thu 10 Sep, Fri 18 Sep and Sat 26 Sep (Race Night).

Keep an eye on the VH notice board should there be any changes.

West Stafford fun fact...

Did you know that before Thomas Hardy became an author, he worked as a trainee architect and assisted in the design of Talbothays lodge and the cottages opposite in the village. It is thought that he designed Talbothays Lodge in around 1890!

Riddle of the month...

I would like to introduce “The riddle of the month”. Rack your brains and try and solve this month's riddle.

What runs but never walks, has a bed but never sleeps, and has a mouth but never speaks?

(Answer in next months Oyez)