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Village Website: www.west-stafford.com



Introduction: It's been a few months since the last newsletter, so we hope you've all had a very enjoyable summer and have been able to take advantage of the glorious weather we've been having. One of the reasons why we've not published a newsletter of late is because we've not received much content. So if you do have anything you'd like to see in Oyez in future, then please send inputs to either myself or Major (our contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter). All inputs would be gratefully received. Welcome to August's Oyez!

Recent Events:

Knightsford Parish Council (KPC): The KPC met on Wednesday, 2nd July. Minutes of the meeting have been posted in the notice board, adjacent to the Village Hall. There are a couple of planning applications you may be interested in and can be found at <https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/> and then searching for application references "P/TRC/2025/04355" (regarding the Village Green) and "P/TRC/2025/03804" (regarding Stafford Farm).

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)

Saturday, 16th August – BDHA Summer Show: The BDHA hosted their Annual Summer Show in West Stafford Village Hall from 14:00pm, with the staging for entries taking place between 08:30am and 10:00am.

The show opened for viewing from 2:00pm with homemade cakes, teas and a raffle, followed by prize giving at 3:00pm.

Would you like to become a member of the BDHA, membership is just £10 for the rest of this year and for the whole of 2026? If so, please contact myself at adrian-edwards@btconnect.com.

Future Events:

Saturday, 30th August - Village BBQ: This will be held by the West Stafford Village Hall, starting 4:00pm. Tickets are £10 adults and £5 for children, with under 5's free. There will be a licenced bar and raffle, with each ticket providing 1 entry into the raffle.

Friday, 14th November - West Stafford Parish Meeting: A date for your diary, the next Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 14th November, starting at 7:30pm, all are welcome. This will be the Precept meeting, with further details to follow.

The agenda for the meeting will be put on the village website and on the notice board by the Village Hall in good time for the meeting.

Other news:

Update on the Knightsford Neighbourhood Plan: A vote was taken on the Plan on 24th July, with a majority vote accepting it. The Plan will now be adopted by Dorset Council for future planning of development around the Parish villages of West Stafford, West Knighton, Tingleton and Woodsford. It has taken a few years to get to this point, so a huge "thank you" to Sandy Tubby, Kaye and John Chittenden and Philip Postelthwaite from West Stafford, as well as the other members of the steering group from the three other Parish villages.

Working Party required: If you have a couple of hours to spare between 10:00am and 12:00 on **7th September** the Village Hall Committee are looking for a working party to help trim the trees / hedges around the Village Hall car park perimeter and on the main road boundary where the hedges / shrubs overhang the road. If you are able to help, then please contact Jim Chamberlain on 07771 818185 or jim.chamberlain@outlook.com.

Village Defibrillator: You may have noticed that the telephone box housing the defib has had a major refurbishment. A big “thank you” to the villagers who helped out; Richard Foxell, Monty Woolley, Malcolm and Jen Scarff, Crown Paints for donating the red paint, Monty for the gold paint and Richard Foxell for the Defib signs.

Michaela Bates - Fund-raising Walk: Please see the note below from Michaela:

“I have undertaken a fundraiser every year possible since being diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2015. In earlier years I have completed walks or runs for causes such as Cancer Research or MacMillan but last year and this I am raising funds for the Brain Tumour charity. Full details of the challenge can be found on my website at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/michaela-bates-8>.

Some people prefer to give cash, so I am happy to accept cash in an envelope though my door at 3 The Barn, Glebeland Close. Money will be added to the Just Giving site as an offline donation. Also please let me know if you would like your name shown alongside the donation (the amount can remain anonymous) and also any message you would like to add to the page. Thank you”

We all wish you the best of luck, Michaela, with your fund-raising efforts.

Julia’s House Fund-raising: Further to their sky-diving exploits earlier this year, Sian Edwards and Jacquie Walton are taking on a further fund-raising challenge for Julia’s House Hospice. This time they’ll be trekking the Saghro Mountains in Morocco in November this year. One of the fund-raising events they are planning is a car boot sale at the beginning of September. If you have any sellable items you would like to donate, then please contact Jacquie or Sian at jacquie.walton@outlook.com or sian_edwards@btconnect.com respectively.

St Andrew’s Church news:

Nick Assirati has, for some years, locked the church (on a rota basis) at the end of the day. Without those on the rota, visitors would be denied the opportunity to see inside our lovely village church; the Church Committee & Revd Cora give HUGE thanks to Nick, and others on the rota. Nick is now leaving the rota so if anyone wishes to replace him then please contact Kaye Kerridge at kaye.kerridge@gmail.com.

August’s Church Services:

Coffee will be from 10:45am, with services starting 11:15am.

- **Sunday, 3rd August** - Matins
- **Sunday, 10th August** – Holy Communion
- **Sunday, 17th August** – Matins
- **Sunday, 27th August** – Holy Communion
- **Sunday, 31st August** - No Service as 5th Sunday - all welcome at St George’s Church, Fordington for Holy Communion at 9:45am

There is no Coffee and Chat in August

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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