



STUDLEY VOICE



Barley Mow Island in Studley

Autumn & Winter 2013



Chairman of Studley Parish Council

Councillor Mrs Susan Redman was elected Chairman of Studley Parish Council by her colleagues at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 7th May 2013.

Councillor Paul Beaman, the outgoing Chairman commented: “It is with pleasure that I hand the Chairmanship of Studley Parish Council over to Councillor Sue Redman. Not that I am happy to step down, but that I am pleased that the position has been taken on by such an experienced and hardworking councillor. Sue Redman is a past Chairman and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. With the challenges facing the Parish Council in the coming months it is reassuring to know that someone with Sue’s dedication to Studley is at the helm. May I wish her all the best and hope she will get much enjoyment out of her term of office as I did.”

Councillor Mrs Redman is a member of Studley Parish Council and previously served as Chairman of Studley Parish Council in 2009. She has been a Parish Council representative on the Sports & Social Club committee for the past 8 years.

Councillor Mrs Redman has always had an interest in national politics but her move into local government was driven by a desire to get involved with local issues in her community.

During her term as Chairman of Studley Parish Council she will take responsibility for updating the Parish Plan and together with her fellow Councillors will decide the way forward regarding the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, which will have an impact on housing and other strategies for Studley.

Councillor Mrs Redman emphasised that Studley Parish Council will continue to support the Studley Community Library, Studley Village Hall, Studley in Bloom, Studley Improvement Partnership, Studley Sports & Social Club and Studley British Legion, which are all voluntary organisations.

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Vice- Chairman of Studley Parish Council

Councillor Julian Ingram was elected to the position of Vice Chairman on the 7th May 2013 at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor Ingram is a co-opted member of Studley Parish Council. He has been a Parish Councillor since 2012. He decided to be a Parish Councillor as his passion was to get involved with issues in his community. He has a degree in Business & MSC Procurement. He has worked with various local authorities as an independent procurement consultant. Councillor Ingram is an expert in the field of Procurement Transformation and Function Development in both the private and public sectors and with his knowledge of Contract Regulations and Policies, budget and team management, Studley Parish Council is very fortunate to have Councillor Ingram as Vice Chairman.

His hobbies are hill walking, walking his dogs and despite his professional skills in his spare time he is the apprentice dog washer to his wife's Suzie busy dog grooming business. Councillor Ingram commented that Susie says "he never does it right when he is washing the dogs."



Studley Village Hall 10th Birthday Celebration

Dandy Comedy Duo from the Black Country with fish and chip supper was organised for the celebration. The evening kicked off with a speech by the Chairman of Studley Village Hall thanking all the volunteers for their contribution towards the building of the new village hall 10 years ago followed by Mrs. Barbara Beaman, one of the long standing volunteers of the Village Hall cutting the celebration cake.

The event was very well attended. Dandy kept everyone entertained by their Black Country humour and singing. One of the guests commented that she had never known a raffle draw could be so much fun. The Management of Studley Village Hall would like to thank everyone for making the evening a success.



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The dog warden can only take action against offenders if they know who they are. We need your help.

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And There's Another Thing

These are the words that frequently accompany my interchanges with local residents in my role as a County Councillor. The discussion about nuisance parking can easily morph in to a reminder about the cracks in the pavement.

However it is mostly through concerns expressed in this way that I begin the sometimes tortuous process of trying to get something done about them.

The problems raised range from the removal of a dead sheep from a field to a bent lamp standard, from a school admission problem to a pothole.

Of course one sometimes has to explain that the County doesn't deal with something and point them in another direction and sometimes warn that in the context of the 'cuts' there might be difficulties ahead.

It's easy to think of a County Councillor as some kind of Ombudsman simply fielding complaints but of course the reality is that a good deal of our time is spent in meetings. There are Scrutiny committees that we regularly serve on – in my case, Children's Services. In addition we might serve on a group convened for a particular purpose. I am shortly to be part of a Select Committee on the future of Children's Centres.

I find that people get very confused about whom they should contact about various problems.

It is the County who deal with most highway, traffic and parking matters. The same authority deals with Social Care, Children's Services and Education matters. However it must be realised that takeovers by private organisations and Academies respectively leave Councillors sometimes 'at a distance' from influence.

In recent years I don't think it is fully appreciated what a disproportionate 'hit' local government has taken in relation to public expenditure cuts. It is also felt by Councillors from all parties that we are living in an increasingly centralised State.

As a result of the Local Government Association has launched a campaign entitled 'Rewiring Public Services'

The aim is to persuade central government, amongst other things, that people should be given a meaningful vote on a wide range of tax and spending decisions. In addition several government departments should be merged, outdated funding formulae should be scrapped in favour of a more needs based calculation and that ministerial powers over local democracy should be reduced.

With such a new deal for local government maybe more than one in three would vote locally and the frustrations I referred to earlier would be diminished. Oh brave new world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. A. Rickhards", written in a cursive style.

Clive Rickhards
County Coucillors- Studley Division



Studley Community Library Opening times

Closed Monday & Wednesday

10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday & Thursday

9:30am – 12:30pm

Friday & Saturday

Studley Voice

Tell us what you would like to read in Studley Voice which is published twice a year.

The next issue will be in Spring & Summer 2014. If you would like to contribute any articles; email Studley Parish Council.

Email: clerk@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Dates for Bulky Item Collection Services

5th October 2013

2nd November 2013

7th December 2013

No collection in January 2014

2nd February 2014

3rd March 2014

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

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The following roads in Studley will be closed for resurfacing by Warwickshire County Highways.

A435 Birmingham Road. Road closed to Northbound traffic & road closed from Barley Mow Island to Washford Bridge from Monday 9th September to Friday 13th September 2013.

A435 Alcester Road, Studley & Barley Mow Island to Castle Road will be closed on Sunday 15th September 2013.

Please follow diversion signs for all road closure. For further information please contact; Mr Kevin Nugent, Warwickshire County Council. Tel: 01926 738931.

Annual Parish Plan Exhibition

Saturday 21st September 13

10 am – 4 pm

Studley Village Hall

High Street

Studley

Warwickshire

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Tel No: 01527853204

Beginners Tai Chi Classes

8th October 2013

11:30am – 12:30pm

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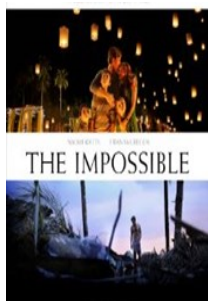
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STUDLEY CINEMA

Films from September to December 2013



Showing
21st September
Running Times
98 Mins



Showing
19th October
Running Times
113 Mins



Showing
16th November
Running Times
107 mins



Showing
21st December
Running Times
88 mins

Join the Studley Cinema Film Club.

Annual membership fee £5.00 which allows 4 family members to attend Film Showings at only £4.00 per show. (Must be 16 or over to be members) Film certification will apply.

Tickets can be purchased at the Village Hall from 2 pm – 5 pm Monday to Friday in advance to avoid disappointment. Showing time 7pm for 7:30pm

Tel No : 01527 853 204 Email : studleyvhall@btconnect.com

Studley Film Club reserves the right to change the schedule of programme, times, pricing and to refuse admission.

STUDLEY CINEMA

Films from January to April 2014



Extensions

Showing
18th January
Running Ties
93 mins



Showing
15th February
Running Ties
114 mins



Showing
15th March
Running Ties
91 mins



Showing
19th April
Running Ties
104 mins



Studley Christmas Celebration

Friday 6th December at 6:30pm

Studley Village Hall.

Please come along and support this very popular event.

Variety of craft Stalls

Food stalls

Refreshments

Santa Grotto

Christmas Carols.

Contact: Studley Parish Council to book your stall.

Tel no: 01527 853 204

Email: clerk@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Parachute Jump in aid of Studley First Responders



Pam Taylor-Hughes, proprietor of Studley Florist will be doing a tandem skydive at Sibson Parachuting Centre, Peterborough sometime in August or September depending on weather conditions in aid of Studley First Responders.

They will be skydiving from around 12,000 feet, after exiting from the aeroplane and shall free fall for about 50 seconds reaching speeds in excess of 120mph before deploying the parachute. The journey back to the ground will take approximately 7 minutes once the deployment of the parachute.

To sponsor Pam for her parachute jump, members of the public can call in to;

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It has been operating for nearly a year and has seen some 100 clients, mainly from Studley.
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The Ancient Art of Tai Chi and Chi Gong

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Tai Chi is characterised by its' slow, continuous, flowing movements done in a calm unhurried fashion, often called 'meditation in motion'. Dating back to the 12th century this Chinese Internal Martial Art is now practised around the world for health and wellbeing as well as its' martial aspect.

The slow, gentle, sometimes more stationery, Chi Gong is a type of traditional, therapeutic Chinese movement or exercise that can look very similar to Tai Chi. There are many different systems and some, like Ba Duan Jin (Eight Pieces of Brocade), date back nearly 1000 years. Chi can be translated as breath or energy and Gong as training or practice.

With a core principle of balance and harmony, both Tai Chi and Chi Gong are concerned with cultivating internal energy or Chi (Qi). The slow, calm, rhythmical movements can, in a gentle low impact way, bring mobility to our bodies as well as encourage the smooth flow of energy through the meridians, promoting health and wellbeing.

With 5 main styles of Tai Chi and many varied systems of Chi Gong there's 'something for everybody', and with such evocative names as Swimming Smiling Dragon, Cloud Hands and Golden Rooster Stands on One Leg, it truly is a joy to do. Which is just as well as some scientists now say it's the perfect exercise as we get older and one of the best ways to improve our balance.

As for health benefits, research is now suggesting that this form of movement may:

Increase General Mobility

Reduce Stress

Increase Muscle Strength

Improve Balance

Increase Flexibility

Reduce Arthritic Pain

Help with Blood Pressure Management

While students report:

Better Sleep

Improved Relaxation

Better Mobility

Improved Energy Levels

Improved Posture

Improved Joint Mobility

These slow, relaxed movements need no equipment or specialist clothing, no special diet or way of life, can be practiced just about anywhere and are suitable for people of all ages and ability.

An example of a good calming movement:

Feathers Down the Spine



Bring the arms, palms upwards, up the side of the body and up over our heads, by now our palms are facing downwards and we bring them down the front of the body. We can imagine that as we lift the arms upwards that we are ‘supporting the sky’ and as the hands come down the front of our bodies that our fingers are like feathers gently stroking our spine.

For further information, class details and so on contact:

Diane Newdick

Tel: 07530 306873

Email: dianenewdick@gmail.com



Studley Art Circle

The Art Circle will be holding their Annual Exhibition this year on Saturday 19 October 2013 from 10 am – 3pm at the Studley Parish Centre.

Paintings & Tapestries are by local artists in various medium including oils, watercolours, pastels, ink and acrylics most of which are for sale.

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Studley Village Hall

High Street

Thursday 3rd Oct & 19th December

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm & 4:30pm – 7:30pm

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STUDLEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Sunday, 10th November 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 pm



PROGRAMME

**Parade to assemble at Pool Road Car Park at 10 am. Stepping off at
10:30am**

**The parade will start marching to the War Memorial via Crooks Lane,
Tom Town Lane and New Road onto main Alcester Road.**

**11:00 am, Two Minutes Silence, followed by Laying of Wreathes and
Reading the Dedications at War Memorial**

**11:30 am approx, Parade makes its way up the High Street to the Village
Hall for
Remembrance Service.**



Remembrance Day in Britain

November is the time of the year when we wear a red poppy in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during wars.

The **eleventh hour** of the **eleventh day** of the **eleventh month** marks the signing of the Armistice on 11th November 1918 to signal the end of World War I.

At 11am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

Remembrance Day is on 11 November. It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as Armistice Day and was renamed Remembrance Day after the Second World War.

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy day, because it is traditional to wear an artificial poppy. The Royal British Legion, a charity dedicated to helping war veterans, sells them.

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November, which is usually the Sunday nearest to 11 November. Special services are held at war memorials and churches all over Britain.

A national ceremony takes place at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London. The National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall is a unique expression of national homage devoted to the remembrance of those who have given their lives in war. It was originally conceived as a commemoration of the war dead of the First World War but after the Second World War the scope of the ceremony was extended to focus on the nation's dead of both World Wars, and in 1980 it was widened once again to extend the remembrance to all who have suffered and died in conflict in the service of their country and all those who mourn them.

Ministers and certain other Ministers and the Mayor of London are invited to attend the ceremony, along with representatives of the Armed Forces, Merchant Air and Navy and Fishing Fleets, and members of faith communities. High Commissioners from Commonwealth countries also attend the ceremony and lay wreaths at the Cenotaph



The service at the Cenotaph is framed to ensure that no one is forgotten. A wreath laid by the Queen and the other tributes placed on the Cenotaph are dedicated to all who have suffered or died in war. Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers and certain other Ministers and the Mayor of London are invited to attend the ceremony and lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

The 'Last Post' is traditionally played to introduce the two-minute silence in Remembrance Day ceremonies. It is usually played on a bugle (in military life The Last Post marks the end of the day and the final farewell).

The sounding of 'reveille' (or more commonly The Rouse) ends the two minute silence, followed by the recitation of the Ode of Remembrance taken from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon (1869 – 1943).

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them***

The first two minute silence in London (11 November 1919) as reported in the Manchester Guardian, 12 November 1919 –

'The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect.

The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.

Someone took off his hat and with a nervous hesitancy, the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... the hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain...and the spirit of memory brooded over it all'.



Plants & War

During the First & Second World Wars many plants were used for medicine, camouflage and to help keep soldiers and the nation healthy. School children were given days off school to go and collect wild plants.

Sphagnum Moss

This amazing moss, which is found on peat moorland and bogs, was collected mainly during the First World War. Sphagnum moss was used as a wound dressing or bandage as it is very absorbent and has some antiseptic qualities.



Blackberries

During the First World War, children collected blackberries that were then made into juice rich in natural vitamin C for sending to soldiers at the battlefield to help keep them healthy.



Rosehips

In Second World War, the people of Britain were encouraged to gather wild-grown rose hips and to make vitamin C syrup for children and expectant mothers. This was because German submarines were sinking many commercial ships bringing citrus fruits from the tropics to the UK.



Nettles

The German Army used a fabric made from stinging nettles to make army uniforms during the First World War. During Second World War, nettles were used to make a dye for colouring camouflage netting.

Conkers

These were collected during the First World War to help make substance cordite. Cordite was like gunpowder and was used to propel shells.



Foxglove

During Second World War, County Herb Committees were set up to organise large scale collection and drying of foxglove leaves so that drugs which could no longer be imported could be made. A drug extracted from the dried leaves was and is still used to treat heart disorders, although the plant itself is extremely poisonous and should not be touched.



Wild plants are still strongly connected with remembering war and lives lost in war. The field poppy has become a symbol of remembrance.

During the First World War, there was a lot of heavy fighting in Flanders in Belgium, and as well as loss of life the whole area was destroyed, becoming like muddy wasteland. A Canadian doctor, John McCrae, was so moved by what he saw he wrote a poem called 'In Flanders Field'. In 1918, American teacher Moina Michael wrote another poem 'We shall keep the faith' in response to McCrae's, and promised to wear a poppy in remembrance of those who had died. She began selling red silk poppies, and thus the tradition of wearing a poppy began, with the first British Legion Poppy Day held in the UK in 1921.



HORTICULTURAL AWARDS 2013

Studley Parish Council would like to congratulate all the winners.

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Mrs Margaret Smith

Garden Frontages

Best Overall Garden

Mr S Jones

Best Elderly Garden

Mr & Mrs D Mutton

Best Commercial/Retail

The Bell

Arden Pet Supply



Studley Parish Council Awards

The following awards are to recognise the contribution made by individual and groups in Studley to the Community.

Studley Parish Council would like to congratulate all the winners

Youth Shield Award

Georgia Yearby

Millennium Shield Award

Studley Churches Together

Silver Jubilee Award

Trevor Rutter

Special Award

Life time contribution to Studley Community

Bill & Helen McCarthy

Are You Interested in Becoming a Parish Councillor?

A vacancy has arisen on Studley Parish Council. If you are interested in local issues and what is happening in Studley and wish to become a member of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Mrs Lesley Gailey for more details.

Tel: 01527 853204 or Email: clerk@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk



Artist Studley

Artist Studley, held their first exhibition in Studley Village Hall entitled 'Bourgeoning Dialogue'. The exhibition was held over 2 days in May with a private view on the Friday evening. The exhibition proved to be a great success and quite a large

number of paintings were sold during the exhibition.



Studley Allotments

Fancy growing your own produce? Studley Parish Council has plots available for lease. Please contact Studley Parish Council on 01525 853204 if you are interested in having an allotment plot.



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September 2013

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Police Crime Report for Studley 01/04/2013 to 30/06/2013

Burglary Dwelling

3 Incidents recorded. One opportunist burglary by two males who entered by an insecure rear door whilst the owner was outside at the front of their property, plus two attempted burglaries.

Burglary Other

6 Incidents recorded including one theft of lead with a male in custody. Two shed thefts and one attempted theft. This is up on the previous 3 months

Criminal Damage

8 incidents of damage reported including several domestic related, three vehicle related and two commercial premises. This is down on the previous 3 months

Theft from Motor Vehicle

3 incidents reported with owners leaving items of value in their vehicles. This is down on the previous three months.

Theft not Vehicle Related

8 incidents reported which includes a pushbike being taken and recovered the following day, bilking and the remaining being unattended mobile phones/wallets and purses. This is down on the previous three months.

Theft Shops and Stalls

4 incidents of theft reported. One from Co-op, two from Aldi, one from Tescos express and one from Costcutters. This is down on the previous 3 months

Rowdy/Nuisance

39 Incidents reported. Only five were Anti-Social Behaviour incidents. Eleven were involving vehicles, the remaining being drunks, and domestic Related. Two section 59 were issued following the incidents involving the vehicles. This is up on the previous 3 months

Robbery

No reported incidents. This is down on the previous 3 months .

Suspicious Incidents

19 reports of suspicious behaviour/circumstances. From members of the public calling about suspicious vehicles and persons. Some of the calls were involving persons doing legitimate work e.g. surveys. This is down on the previous 3 months.

HOW AWARE ARE YOU?

Do you know what crime is happening around you, are you aware of what types of crime are happening in neighbouring towns and villages and do you know what you can do to prevent crime happening to you?

Studley NHW attempts to keep you informed by encouraging the Police to issue the monthly SNT Newsletter, by keeping in touch with other NHW groups in the county and reporting on incidents raised by local residents. With the excellent support of the local PCSOs we can let you know about burglaries within hours of them being reported and how entry into the property was gained. We keep you informed of the latest scams and "urban myths"; these are false E mail scams encouraging people to alert their friends, the internet equivalent of chain letters.

Police Crime Prevention Officers will advise on security of your property. Crime prevention products, such as SMARTWATER are available at discounted prices.

This information is issued by E mail , it is a blind copy, no one in the group sees your E mail address, if you wish to be kept aware please forward your E mail address to jimbacon@blueyonder.co.uk

We are on Facebook; messages about local crime are also posted on www.facebook.com/studleynhw

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STUDLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

AUTUMN/WINTER 2013

We have been operational for nearly 18 months now and I am pleased to say that the venture is proving to be a good investment for the people of Studley.

The original core of volunteers has shown a real commitment to it and people have ceased volunteering only when health issues or leaving the area occurred. This dedicated team of volunteers are to be congratulated. Notwithstanding, we will always welcome anyone who wishes to join the team in the future.

The library provided a young man with work experience over the past six months. He was in his final year at school and has proved a very helpful addition to the team. He has stayed on as a volunteer until his college placement begins in September. We will certainly be willing to offer such an opportunity again to a like minded young person.

It is pleasing to see that people are using the facility and new ones are joining, now it is better known in the locality, **but we always welcome more!** The children's borrowing numbers have shown significant improvement and this is in no small part to the work Sue Werner has done with local schools in encouraging them to bring the children to the library and look at what is available and listen to stories read by some volunteers. Exciting things are in the pipeline to enhance the children's section and will, hopefully, come to fruition in the next few months.

Another event was held in June featuring a West Midland author talking about her work and the art of writing. Again this proved quite popular with those who attended. We are linking up with a poetry project running locally with schools and intend to put on an event to celebrate that next year. Any ideas for this sort of event in the future would be very welcome.

An application for funding to record reminiscences from people who worked in the needle industry and the retained fire service has been made and if successful, the archive will be stored in the library and available for reference by anyone who wishes to use it.

Please remember we have three computers that anyone can use for free and we have the facility to print/ photocopy (for a small charge).

On behalf of the volunteers, may I thank you all for your continued support.

Joan Wallin