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Community Awards 2009



Presentation of the Awards took place on Saturday 27th February 2010 at Studley Sports and Social Club.

It proved to be a very enjoyable evening by those who attended. £200 was raised in the charity raffle, a total £100 to go towards the Firefighters fund . Although the decision on closure has been put on the back burner it is important to remember that it is only a postponement and we must be ready to swing into action again when required. It was also decided that £100 should be sent to the Haiti Earthquake Disaster fund when the scale of the disaster became clear.

Thank you to all the local businesses, individuals and organisations who donated the prizes.

The village is extremely lucky to have such a network of organisations, families and individuals who give generously of their time and effort to the Community and make Studley a great place to live. The recipients of the awards this year are a great example of this.

The Silver Jubilee Shield

This was presented to Peter Smith. For as long as anyone can remember Pete Smith has organised the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day parade in Studley.

A few years ago the Studley Branch of the British Legion closed through lack of support. Pete was of course very upset by this but even worse for him was the removal of the Standard and because we had no British Legion Branch we were no longer allowed to use the Studley Standard at our Remembrance Day Parade.

Pete never gave up trying to reform the branch and finally 18 months ago he got enough names on a list to reform the Studley Branch of the British Legion and last November for the first time we all marched behind the Studley Standard once more. For the past two years Pete has been unable to walk in the parade himself but he is still instrumental in it's organisation and attends both services at our memorial and Village Hall. Pete is an unsung hero and the Parish Council are delighted that the work he does has been recognised.

The Millennium Shield

This was presented to Studley Sports and Social Club. The Club was formed when Entaco handed the facility over to the Parish Council as a gift to the village along with almost £80,000 of debt.

For more than 20 years a small band of volunteers from the village have kept the grounds and club house to the standard required by all the teams and sporting organisations who use the facilities.

It is no mean feat as most of the Committee spend every weekend all year round restoring, repairing, grass cutting, pitch marking and decorating - these are just a few of the tasks in addition to juggling the finances and keeping the Committees of the Tennis, Bowls and various football and cricket teams happy, often an impossible task.

The work done by the Committee is often overlooked and they have never really been given the recognition they deserve. It is hoped in future years with their continued dedication the Club will go from strength to strength.

The Golden Jubilee Youth Shield

This was presented to George Vale. He was diagnosed with cancer five and a half years ago at the age of eight. Mad about music systems and football George has not let his ongoing treatment stop his activities. He has had to curtail his football and no longer plays himself. Instead he concentrates his efforts in coaching the local Under 8 Team at BKL, always encouraging them whatever their abilities.

He has raised more than £20,000 over the last five years for Birmingham Children's Hospital where he receives his treatment by organising Disco's at several local schools, other events and parties. He has also raised money for the local Parish Church and families of the Firefighters who lost their lives at Atherstone under Stour.

He never complains and is always positive, an inspiration to all of us.

Studley Art Circle



2009 Exhibitions in Memory of Mr Harold Parker

On Saturday 24th October 2009 Studley Art Circle held their Annual Exhibition in the Parish Centre from 10.30am -3.30pm. We held it in memory of Harold Parker our founder member who died earlier in 2009.

It proved to be another very successful day as our visitors enjoyed viewing 174 works of art in a relaxed and happy atmosphere during the exhibition.

As a result we are delighted to report that we sent a cheque of £300.00 to the local Primrose Hospice.

All members of the Art Circle wish to convey a huge thank you for the support that you give and look forward to your company next October.

Flag Pole for Studley Village Hall

Thanks to the family of the late Jack Chambers who many of you in the village will know, a Flag Pole has been installed in the grounds of the village hall together with a memorial plaque to the memory of Mr Chambers.

The official opening will take place on Saturday 17th April at 1pm. Anyone who had connections or were taught by him is welcome to attend.





CALLING ALL RESIDENTS AND BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

The Parish Council would like to have a page of photographs of Studley Parish to be included on our website. We are always looking to make the site more interesting. Please email your photographs to dorothymitchell@btconnect.com or info@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk with your full name and short title of your photograph.

Jack Chambers

Was a legendary teacher at the old Studley National School, situated where Bruno's bakery now stands. He was one of the disciplinarians alongside Mr 'Bully' Evans. When that closed the school was transferred and opened as the Junior School in New Road and he became Deputy Head.

He was always interested in sport and was a life-long member of Studley Cricket Club, mainly remembered as a firm umpire and so respected that for many years he was President of the Club. There he used to have discussions with Dennis Morris owner of the Manor house and head of the BBC Light Programme. His judicial approach to life perhaps caused him to be elected a Magistrate and he served on the bench for about 20 years. After coming out of the services after the war he helped to found Studley British Legion where he was Treasurer. He was a member of Studley Parish Council and was Chairman the year when the previous Village Hall was opened by Mrs Florence Allen, of Threecrofts. He was also a member of Alcester Rural District Council up to its amalgamation with others to form Stratford on Avon DC in 1974.

In retirement, as well as following the progress of the Cricket Club, he loved to do the Daily Telegraph Crossword and spent hours playing scrabble with Basil Bridge a former Warwickshire County Cricket player who also helped the local Cricket Club. He was a well loved member of our Community.



New for 2010- STUDLEY TOTS.

STUDLEY TOTS meet every Wednesday, 09.15 – 11.15am at Studley Village Hall. Run by a voluntary group of mums, we welcome bumps, babes, toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents, grandparents and carers. We encourage grown-ups to chat whilst keeping little ones amused with toys and activities.

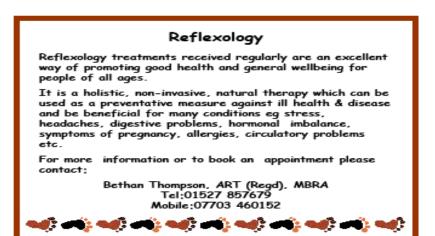
We have a fun and varied range of toys and activities for the children as well as a safe area for babies to play.

Snack time allows the little ones to sit together and enjoy a snack and drink whilst grown-ups get the opportunity to have a well deserved hot drink and biscuit! Song /story time nicely closes our session.

Come join us!

Emma, Helen, Jo, Karen and Tracey look forward to meeting you.

Any queries are welcomed, please contact- Helen Smith 07917 431143 or Jo Keen 07713 256718.



Flooding Problem in Studley

If you have had a problem in the past with flooding of your property or if you experience any problems in the future please telephone Severn Trent on: **0800 783 4444.**

It is very important to let them know to enable future work to be carried out to alleviate flooding issues.

STREET LIGHTING

From 1st April there will be a new telephone number to report faulty Street Lighting.

Residents can either call the Studley Parish Council Office on 01527 853204 or email info@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk

If no-one is there to answer your call, please leave a message.

If possible please have the Column number or location ready.

FUNDING FOR STUDLEY



Following a meeting with the Police attended by District Councillor Hazel Wright and Parish Councillor Clive Rickhards funding was allocated to Studley for Crime and Anti Social behaviour issues and Environmental Improvements.

£11,541 is available from the Basic Command Unit held by the Police and labelled Your Town-Your Choice and this money is to be allocated before 31st March 2010. This money is to be used in a variety of ways by the Police such as extra patrols in the designated dispersal zone covering the village centre until the end of March. Keeping people safe on the streets by enhancing road safety, looking at CCTV blind spot on High Street, Multi Agency visits to licensed premises with a history of problems plus other measures. Extra patrols are already being carried out.

The £10,000 received from the Home Office will be split in two ways £4,000 going to the Youth Club. They are hoping to appoint an Outreach Worker coupled with the re-launch of the Youth Club. Football/Netball project with a contribution from the Parish Council to be started in April for the young people.

£6,000 has been allocated for Environmental Enhancement which will be overseen by Studley Improvement Partnership and Action Studley. This money will be used for mending fencing, litter picking and trimming of bushes and trees etc. The are looking at all the public footpaths in the village with a view to tidying them up to enable better access especially the High Street to Redditch Road footpath. When all the work is complete a difference should be seen by everyone.

Litter Bins for Studley

For the last two years the Parish Council have had a number of litter bins / dog fouling bins on order from Stratford District Council. After some problems it looks as though in the next three months five new bins will be put in place in various areas around the village where they are required.

This year due to the adverse weather conditions we have experienced requests for Grit Bins on certain roads in the village. The Parish Council who can provide these bins has investigated some of the areas suggested, but we would stress that these bins due to their size can only be placed in areas where they do not obstruct the public footpaths and be aware that sometimes people can take the grit for their own private use.

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THANK YOU!!!

Studley Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Celebration Evening on Friday 11th December 2009 once again it was a huge success and so well supported by all the local organisations. We hope to see you again later this year on Friday 10th December 2010.



