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Spring & Summer 2014

Studley 2013 Events Round up

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 6th May. Various Community Groups were invited to the meeting to update the Parish Council and the residents of Studley on their projects. The outgoing Chairman of Studley Parish Council, Cllr P Beaman read out his report on activities of the Parish Council in the last 12 months. Cllr Mrs S Redman was voted in as Chairman for Studley Parish Council for 2013/2014. Cllr Julian Ingram was voted Vice- Chairman.

Studley Village Hall 10th Birthday Celebration



Dandy Comedy Duo from the Black Country together with fish & chips supper was organised for the celebration. The evening kicked off with a speech by the Chairman of Studley Village Hall, Paul Beaman, 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.

Studley Festival & Fun Day

The Studley Sports & Social Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Studley Festival & Fun Day. The Redditch Navy Cadet Band officially opened the Festival. The sun shone which brought a large crowd out to join in the festival. It was a time for residents to catch up with their neighbours and friends and also enjoy the various stalls, fun fair and pig roast.

Annual Parish Plan Exhibition

The Parish Plan Exhibition was held on the 21st September at the Village Hall. A good number of residents attended the exhibition and Councillors were on hand to answer some of the questions that they have regarding the Parish Plan. The Parish Council is in the process of formulating the Parish Plan. For those who do not know what is a Parish Plan, it is a document setting out how we the residents, want to see the area develop over the next few years

Studley Parish Council Chairman's Awards Evening

The Annual Awards Evening took place at Studley Sports & Social Club on the 28th September 2013. The usual Horticultural & individual achievements awards were presented by Studley Parish Council Chairman Cllr Mrs Susan Redman. A special Award for Life time Contribution to Studley Community was presented to Bill & Helen McCarthy.

Stand up Bingo; raffle and auction of items took place to raise funds for the restoration of Studley War Memorial. Mr Des Crowe & Mr Gordon Noke presented a cheque on behalf of Studley Flower Festival to Cllr Mrs Susan Redman for the restoration fund. Due everyone generosity a total of £1001.00 was raised during the evening proceedings.



Cllr Mrs Maureen Rickhards, (right) the artist, presenting her painting to the winning bidder
Mrs Christine Dver



Left to right; Mr Alan Cale, Cllr Mrs S Redman & Mr Gerald Goodman awards winners of the Horticultural Category



Studley Flower Festival

Studley Flower Festival was one again held at the Sports & Social Club. There were many entries of flower arrangements and fruit & vegetable all hoping to win best in show. For the budding bakers of Studley a great variety of cakes and pastries were tasted

by the judges to determine the winning entry. All flower arrangements, vegetables, fruits, cakes and pastries were auctioned off after the judging to benefit various local charities. See you on 30th August 2014 Flower Show. Start time 1 pm

Remembrance Parade

The annual Remembrance Sunday parade took place on Sunday 10th November. Representatives of Studley Royal British Legion, Parish Council and other community groups led the



march from Pool Road Car Park, via Crooks Lane, Toms Town Lane and New Road to the War Memorial for the wreathlaying ceremony and a brief service of remembrance. A two minute silence was observed at 11am. Refreshments were served at the Methodist Church after the service.



Studley Parish Council Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was officially opened by Vice-Chairman Cllr Julian Ingram. Mr Kevin Ward, Town Crier read out an announcement by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the passing of Nelson Mandela and a minutes silence was observed. St. Mary's Catholic Church choir entertained everyone at the fayre with a medley of Christmas Carols. The children were dressed in Victorian attire to mark the

school's 100 year's anniversary. There were a variety of food, craft & game stalls on offer. Santa was in his Grotto which was

which was decorated by his chief elf Mrs Diane Clarke (who always does such a brilliant job). A total amount of £450.07 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets. This has been shared between the Restoration of Studley War Memorial and DEC Philippine Typhoon Fund which were the 2 chosen charities of the Chairman of Studley Parish Council.





Come and meet your Parish Councillors

From the 1st April 2014 residents of Studley can meet with a member of their Parish Council prior to the Council meeting at 6:30pm to discuss any concerns. This service will be available on the first Tuesday of each month.

On Monday & Tuesday from 10 am -12 pm Parish Councillors will usually be available in the Village Hall foyer. So come on down if you would like to meet your Councillors and to discuss any matters concerns that you may have.

If you would like local news updates between the publications of The Voice please send us your email address. Your details will be kept confidential.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014- 2015

Members of the public are very welcome to attend any of the Council's meetings which are held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall, at 7.30pm on the following dates:-

Tuesday 1st April & 15th April

Tuesday 6th May & 20st May

Tuesday 3th June & 17th June

Tuesday 1st July & 15th July

Tuesday 5th August & 19th August

Tuesday 2nd September & 16th September

Tuesday 7th October & 21st October

Tuesday 4th November & 18th November

Tuesday 2nd December & 16th December

Tuesday 6th January & 20th January

Tuesday 3th February & 17th February

Tuesday 3th March & 17th March

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Frequently Asked Questions About Your Parish Council

What is a Parish Council?

It is a statutory local authority set up under the Local Government Act 1972. It operates in the area of a defined civil parish or group of parishes. In Studley there are three types of local authority - the County Council, the District Council and the Parish Council. A Parish Council has exactly the same powers as a Town Council - it is simply that the council has decided to take on the title 'parish' as more appropriate.

Who is on the council?

The council is made up of councillors elected by the electorate of the parish. Every year the Parish Council elects a Councillor to be the Chairman (called the Chairman of Studley Parish Council). The council has 2 paid part time officers who organise meetings and help to carry out the council's decisions. These are the Parish Clerk and the Assistant Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk & Assistant do not vote or make decisions; that is the role of the councillors.

What powers do Studley Parish Council have?

The Council have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open space, allotments, play areas, street lighting, cemetery, dog bins, litter, grass and hedge cutting in various areas in Studley. Last year a part-time Parish Warden was appointed for the policing of dog fouling in the area. They also have the power to raise money through the council tax.

The following additional services are provided by Studley Parish Council through the precept (Budget)

- Christmas lights
- Bulky waste collection
- Services of Lengthsman to carry out any ancillary maintenance in the village (subject to funds being available)

To whom are they accountable?

The electors of the parish. Elections to parish councils are held every four years. The council's accounts are subject to scrutiny by the District Auditor. The Standards Board for England can investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by individual councillors.

How often does Studley Parish Council meet?

The Parish Council meet twice a month at Studley Village Hall at 7:30pm (The first & third Tuesday of the month) Agenda of all Parish Council meeting are published on the Parish website and the notice board outside the Village Hall 5 days prior to Parish Council Meeting.

Can I attend meetings of the council?

Yes, all meetings of the council and its committees must be open to the general public and the press, except in exceptional circumstances.

Can I speak at the meeting?

You cannot speak while the normal business of the meeting is being conducted. However, it is good practice (which nearly all councils follow) to allow some time at the meeting when members of the public may address the council on an issue that concerns them. Members of the public can speak for 3 minutes during Public Forum on any subject that concerns them. No decision can be given by Council during Public Forum, but issues raised can be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Can I see the minutes of council meetings and other papers?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may see and have a copy of the 'recorded' information held by the council (unless it is classed as exempt information in the Act). This includes reports, minutes, correspondence following meeting held. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting are published on the website on the second Tuesday of the month. Copies of minutes are available at the Parish Council office.

How do I find out what has been agreed at Parish Council Meetings?

The minutes are published on the website. Minutes are not published until approval (as true record of the particular meeting)

How do I contact the Parish Council?

By phone: 01527 853 204

Email: clerk@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Can I visit the Parish Council office?

Yes. The opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10am-1pm. Closed on Wednesday.

Address: Studley Parish Council, Studley Village Hall, High Street,

Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7HJ

How do I find out who the Councillors are?

All Councillors details are published on the website, notice boards outside the Village Hall and in the foyer of the Village Hall.

How do people get elected to the council?

Elections are held every four years and will usually coincide with a District Council election. Details of when elections are held can be found through local newspaper, Parish website. A Public Notice of a forthcoming election will be placed on noticeboards.

Sometimes the number of people who put their names forward for election equals or is less than the number of seats on the council. In these circumstances there is not a poll on Election Day and the people nominated are deemed elected. If the number deemed elected is less than the number of seats on the council, then the council is required to co-opt people onto the council to fill the vacancies.

If a seat on the council becomes vacant between normal elections then a special procedure has to be followed which can lead to an election or, more usually, the co-option of a new councillor. It is good practice for a council to advertise widely in the parish if it is seeking to make a co-option.

Do councillors have to declare any financial or other personal interests they have in a matter under discussion by the council?

Yes. All councillors have to abide by a Code of Conduct which sets out which interests have to be declared. They also have to enter relevant financial and other interests in a special Register that is open to inspection by members of the public. The council's Clerk has a copy of the Code of Conduct and the Register or it can be inspected at the District Council's offices.

What do I do if I have a complaint against the council?

First of all speak informally to the Clerk or Chairman to see if there is an easy way of resolving the matter. Failing that, write formally to the council (send the letter to the Clerk). Ask for a copy of the council's complaints procedure. The council will consider your complaint at its next meeting.

What powers do Parish Councils have with respect to planning applications?

Parish Councils are consulted by the relevant Planning Authority (which could be the District/Borough Council, the National Park Authority or the County Council) on all planning applications. Any views expressed by the Parish Council will be taken into account by the Planning Authority before a decision is made, providing the points made are relevant to the determination of a planning application. The final decision is made by the Planning

Authority, not the Parish Council.

What are the other Councils in Studley?

The next tier above the Parish Council is the Stratford District Council which covers a much wider area, and above that comes Warwickshire County Council.

What is a Parish?

The Parish is an area with defined boundary, both in civil (administrative) and ecclesiastical (religious) terms. Studley Parish Council is the local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the Parish. It is the level of government closest to the Community and is invariably the first place residents will go to with concerns or ideas.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 6:30pm Council Chamber Studley Village Hall

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Residents will have the opportunity to hear what Studley Parish Council has achieved during the past year and plans for the coming year. There will be news updates from voluntary groups in the Parish.



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STUDLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY By Joan Wallin

This facility will be two years old in April and it is pleasing to note that use is gradually improving as time passes. The core of volunteers who originally came forward and took on the challenge is still mainly intact and their enthusiasm and commitment is to be congratulated. We are **always** happy to welcome new volunteers and urge anyone who thinks they can help to call in any time the library is open and talk to the volunteers about joining in. It is not necessary to commit to every week but to keep in touch with developments we suggest you do attend at least once a month.

We have run two more 'Author Evenings' since the last article and they have proved quite successful. The one scheduled for February 28th attracted a large number of audience and the talk had to be held in the main hall to accommodate everyone. We hope people enjoy meeting and listening to the authors who come to talk about their work and enjoy the light hearted social quiz after the main event. We are always open to suggestion for future events. Tickets for 'Author Evenings' are always available at the library and the price includes a glass of wine/ beer/ soft drink and nibbles.

Now for the exciting news!! As you can see, from the photo, we have been able to make the children's section much more appealing and 'child friendly' with the addition of new shelving, courtesy of a developer in the village who nominated the library to receive some money. They were made to our requirements by lain Ward of Sundale Joinery from the village. The children appear to like them and the feedback from everyone has been very positive. Efforts to engage the children are still going on via connection with local schools and particular thanks go to Sue Werner for the hard work she has put in.

A flyer went out to all the homes in Studley last week, reminding people of the library and the many services on offer. We look forward to helping local people utilise this facility.



Have You Heard About the Arden Community Forum?

The Arden Community Forum is a local informal meeting for residents to come along to which offers you a straightforward way to raise your views and concerns about things that matter to you. The Arden Community Forum meets at least 4 times a year, usually on a Thursday evening, at venues chosen by people who attend. All the meetings start with a half hour **Open Session from 6.30pm** with the Forum meeting starting at 7.00pm. During this time you can drop in to chat to officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, your local Councillors and Council Officers and join us for a cup of tea whilst browsing our information stands.

Forums are often "themed" around issues that have been raised by residents and we have covered a variety of topics including Crime Prevention, Public Health, Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance Response times to name just a few.

At the meetings, the **Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team** give an update on the priorities that were agreed at the previous meeting and you are given the opportunity to vote on the new priorities for the following 3 months for your area.

There is a "You Said, We Did!" update that tells you what we have done about all the issues you raised last time.

There is a **Have Your Say** session where you can raise any issues of concern and you can suggest topics for discussion at future meetings.

County, District & Parish/Town Councillors and representatives from NHS Warwickshire, VASA (Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon), come to the meetings to keep you updated on any new developments that may be of interest or concern to you.

You can also vote for the policing priorities from the comfort of your own armchair. Online voting goes "live" for the 2 weeks prior to the Forum meeting and all votes cast on-line are added to those taken on the evening.

The dates for 2014-2015 are as follows although some of the venues are yet to be confirmed

- 13 March from 6.30pm Studley Centre
- 26 June from 6.30pm Henley Memorial Hall
- 12 September from 6.30pm Tanworth Village Hall
- 12 December from 6.30pm tbc
- 13 March from 6.30pm Bearley Village Hall

The Arden Locality includes the parishes of: Beaudesert, Henley In Arden, Tanworth In Arden, Ullenhall, Wootton Wawen, Coughton, Mappleborough Green, Morton Bagot, Oldberrow, Sambourne, Spernall, **Studley**, Bearley, Claverdon, Langley, Preston Bagot, Snitterfield, Wolverton

If you are interested to know more or how you can get involved, please call Lizzie Price on 07557 565782



Remember to pick it up!!

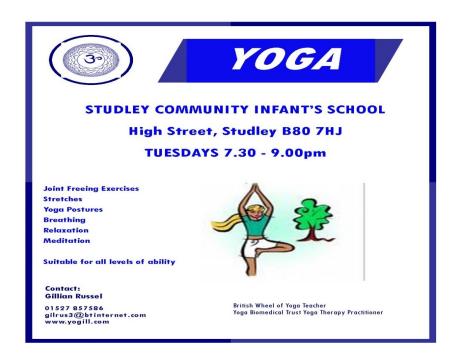
When you are out and about with your dog please remember to clean up after your dog poos. Your dog can't pick it up in spite of what you see in the picture.



Studley Parish Council Village Award

Judging will take place in July for the Village Awards for Best Kept Gardens. There are a number of categories so we encourage all residents to beautify their gardens.

Your garden could be the winning garden.



DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND STUDLEY VILLAGE HALL WELCOMES BACK BLACK COUNTRY COMEDY DUO DANDY



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Studley Village Hall

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Everyone had such a good time last year they

request for a return performance.

Book early to avoid disappointment

Studley Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) drop in service is available in Studley Village Hall on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday morning of the month 10 am – 1pm.

It has been operating for over a year and has seen more than 100 clients, mainly from Studley.

Typical issues cover Housing, Benefits, Debt, Consumer or Relationship issues. If client's problem cannot be sorted at the initial meeting with the Gateway Adviser, then appointments are made at Alcester or Stratford. All sessions are free of charge.



Commemoration of WW1

This year marks the start of the commemoration of the 1st World War. Here are some facts that that we may have forgotten or not known.

- World War 1 began on July 28, 1914 and lasted until November 11, 1918. Differences in foreign policies were to blame, although the immediate cause was the assassination of Austria's Archduke Ferdinand.
- The two main sides were the Allies, which included France, Great
 Britain and Russia; and Germany and Austria-Hungary. In total, 30
 countries were involved in the conflict. Italy, once part of the Triple
 Alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary, fought on the side of the
 Allies.
- Soldiers fought largely in trenches during the war, and thousands suffered from stress, known as shell-shock. The British and French trenches were often squalid, whereas the German trenches were almost luxurious in comparison, with bunks and decent cooking facilities
- By the end of WW1, over 9 million soldiers had been killed, and another 21 million wounded. Over a million soldiers were killed in the infamous Battle of the Somme alone, including about 30,000 in just one day.
- Around 11 percent of the population of France was killed or wounded during the war. About 116,000 Americans were killed, even though the US was only in the war for about 7 months.
- During World War 1, dogs were used to carry messages in capsules attached to their body. Dogs also carried and placed telegraph wires in important areas.
- Sergeant Stubby (1917 4th April, 1926), was the most decorated war dog of World War 1 and the only dog to be promoted to sergeant through combat. America's first war dog, Stubby served for 18 months and participated in seventeen battles in the trenches in France.
- Pigeons were also used during the war. About 500,000 pigeons were regularly dropped into enemy lines by parachute, and then sent back with messages.

- On Christmas Eve, 1914, both sides declared an unofficial truce and sung Christmas carols to each other. A football match was played in no-man's land (the area between the German and British) trenches, and German and British soldiers exchanged food and souvenirs. The following Christmas, sentries on both sides had orders to shoot any soldier who did this.
- Cannons and artillery were often extremely loud. In 1917, the explosives used to destroy a bridge in France could be be heard over 130 miles away in London.
- Many new weapons were invented or first used during World War 1. Big Bertha was one of the most famous; it was a 48 ton gun capable of firing a shell over 9 miles. It took 200 men
- several hours to assemble the gun.
- Tanks were so called because of early attempts to disguise them as water tanks. They were also known as male and female tanks; male tanks had cannons and female tanks had machine guns.
- Winston Churchill, who was also First Lord Admiralty, had the initial concept for inventing the tank.



Soldiers fighting in trenches



Sergeant Stubby (1917 – 4th April 1926)

WW1 Timeline

This World War 1 timeline covers all the key WW1 dates all the way from the start to the end of the war.

1914

- 28 June: Franz Ferdinand (Archduke of Austria) is assassinated in Sarajevo.
- 28 July: Austria declares war with Serbia
- 1 August: Germany declares war on Russia
- 3 August: Germany declares war with France. On the same day the country's armed forces invade Belgium.
- 4 August: Britain declares war with Germany
- 7 August: The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) arrives in France
- Two weeks later they are defeated by the German Army at the Battle of the Frontier.
- 18 October: The first Battle of Ypres begins
- 29 October: Trench warfare is beginning to dominate across the Western Front. Turkey enters the war on the German side.

1915

- 25 April: Allied forces land in Gallipoli (Turkey)
- 23 May: Italy declares war on Germany and Austria enters the war on the side of the Allies.
- 5 August: Germany captures Warsaw (the Polish capital) from Russian forces.
- 19 December: The Allies begin their evacuation of Gallipoli. The campaign is a disaster and more than 44,000 Allied soldiers are killed.

1916

- 27 January: Britain introduces military conscription
- 1 July: The Battle of the Somme begins. In just 4 months the British suffered around 420,000 casualties the French had 200,000 but the Germans suffered the most coming away with 500,000 casualties.
- 7 December: David Lloyd George becomes the new Prime Minister of Britain.

1917

- 6 April: The United States enter the conflict by declaring war on Germany
- 16 April: A major French offensive on the Western Front is unsuccessful
- 6 November: Britain launches a major offensive on the Western Front and their forces begin to make some progress. Later that month British tanks are victorious at the Battle of Cambrai.
- 5 December: Germany and Russia sign armistice agreement.
- 9 December: British troops capture Jerusalem from Turkish forces.

1918

- 3 March: The treaty of Brest-Litovsk is signed which officially brings an end to the war between Russia and Germany
- 21 March: German forces make a breakthrough on the Somme.
- 9 April: A German offensive begins at Flanders.
- 8 August: A crucial Allied advance is successful.
- 4 October: Germany asks the Allies to sign an armistice agreement.
- 30 October: Turkey surrenders by signing the Armistice of Mudros.
- 3 November: Austria- Hungary makes peace.
- 9 November: Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicates and Germany is declared a republic.
- 11 November; Germany sign armistice agreement and the First World War is officially ended. Fighting on the Western front ceases at 11am.



This is one of the many poems written by soldiers that were stuck in trenches during battle. This poem was regarded as one of the most moving pieces.

It was written by John William Streets who was killed before he could see his poems published.

He was missing for 10 month before his body was found on the battlefield of the Somme on 1st May 1017

A Soldier's Cemetery

Behind that long and lonely trenched line To which men come and go, where brave men die, There is a yet unmarked and unknown shrine, A broken plot, a soldier's cemetery.

There lie the flower of youth, the men who scorn'd To live (so died) when languished Liberty: Across their graves flowerless and unadorned Still scream the shells of each artillery.

When war shall cease this lonely unknown spot Of many a pilgrimage will be the end, And flowers will shine in this now barren plot And fame upon it through the years descend: But many a heart upon each simple cross Will hang the grief, the memory of its loss.





If any residents of Studley whose ancestors have left them stories of the great war and would like to share them with the Community, please send them in to Parish Council via email or post as we would like to publish them in the Autumn/Winter 2014 Voice.

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ested in having an allotment plot.

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STUDLEY FESTIVAL AND FUN DAY

This year the Festival will be held on Saturday 5th July on the Studley Sports and Social Club Sports field in Eldorado Close beginning at 12 noon and continuing through to the evening.

There will be many more stalls, stands and exhibitions than previously plus the Pig Roast, Bouncy Castle and Fun Fair. There will be a fancy dress competition for children. Bookings are now taken for anyone who would like to have a stall. The Club Bar will be open all day. For more details of fancy dress competition and booking a space at the festival please contact

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Studley Parish Council Chairman's Awards Evening All welcome on

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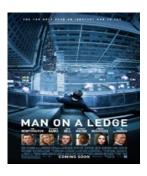
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Join the Studley Cinema Film Club.

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

There will be no Film Club during the months of June & July



Dates for Collection

5th April 2014

3rd May 2014

7th June 2014

5th July 2014

2nd August 2014

6th September 2014

4th October 2014

1st November 2014

6th December 2014

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Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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Studley Village Hall High Street

Tuesday 29 April, Thursday 3rd July & Thursday 14th August Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm & 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Donated blood is used to save the lives of sick and injured patients every day. It helps not only in accident and emergency situations, but also patients undergoing surgery and receiving treatment for cancer and blood diseases, such as leukaemia



A History of St. George



St George's Day 23rd April



Who was St George? Did he really slay the Dragon? Why is he such a popular Saint, celebrated in so many Countries, and by so many Races, Religions and Organisations?

The celebration of St George's Day is currently fairly low key in England and much more celebrated elsewhere. However, the Society of St George is clearly succeeding in their efforts to revive St. George's Day as the day on which to celebrate being English! There are many legends in many cultures about St. George, but they all have a common theme; he must have been an outstanding character in his lifetime for his reputation to survive for almost 1,700 years!

Who was he?

Most authorities seem to agree that he was born in Cappadocia in what is now Turkey in about the year AD 280. His father Gerontios was a Greek from Cappadocia, an officer in the Roman Army and a favourite of Emperor Diocletian. His mother Polychronia was a Greek native from Lydda. They were Christians and brought up their son in their faith.

At the age of 17 George enlisted into the Cavalry of the Roman Army and very quickly established a reputation amongst his peers for his virtuous behaviour, physical strength, valour and military

bearing. He was also admired for his handsome good looks. He quickly achieved the rank of Millenary, an officer's rank equivalent to a full Colonel, and was in charge of a regiment of 1,000 men, also becoming a favourite of the Emperor.

Due to the increasing influence of Christianity and in order to promote the Roman way of life and Pagan religion, Diocletian issued an edict in the year AD 302 that every Christian soldier in the army should be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods.

George objected, and with the courage of his faith approached his Emperor and ruler. Diocletian was upset, not wanting to lose his best tribune and the son of his once best official, Gerontios. However, George loudly renounced the Emperor's edict, in front of his fellow soldiers and tribunes, confirming his faith in Christianity and declaring his worship of Jesus Christ. After hearing this, Diocletian attempted to convert George, even offering gifts of land, money and slaves if he made a sacrifice to the Roman gods; he made many offers, but George would not accept them.

Recognizing the futility of his efforts and insisting on upholding his edict, Diocletian was left with no choice but to have George executed. Before the execution George prepared himself and gave his wealth to the poor. After various torture sessions, including laceration on a wheel of swords during which he was resuscitated three times, George was executed by decapitation before Nicomedia's city wall. The date was April 23rd AD 303. Upon witnessing his suffering, Diocletian's Empress, Alexandra and Athanasius, a pagan priest, revealed that they too were Christians and so they joined George in martyrdom. George's body was returned to Lydda for burial, where Christians soon came to honour him as a martyr.

Why is he such a popular Saint

Stories of St. George's courage soon spread and his reputation grew very quickly. He became known in Russia and the Ukraine as the Trophy Bearer and his remains are said to be buried in the church that bears his name in Lydda. However, his head was carried to Rome, where it was preserved in the Church that is also dedicated to him.

St George was beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and is recognised in the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox Churches. He has been revered in the Ukraine since Volodymyr, the Great the Prince of the Kyivan Empire, established Christianity in AD 988. The Romanesque Monastic order in Prague established St. George's Church in the Castle in the year AD 920 and in the year AD 1119 the Cathedral of St George was founded in Novgorod.

When Richard I was campaigning in Palestine in AD 1191-92 he put the army under the "protection" of St George. His reputation for virtue and chivalrous conduct became the spiritual inspiration of the Crusaders and by this time the pennant or flag with a red cross on a white or silver background became prominent as a means of recognition by English Knights. It was also worn on breastplates.

In the year AD 1348 King Edward III established the Order of the Garter, which is the most senior and oldest British Order of Chivalry. The patron saint of the Order is St George. The insignia of the Order have developed over the centuries, starting with a garter and badge depicting St George and the Dragon. A collar was added in the sixteenth century, and the star and broad riband in the seventeenth century. The Order, consisting of the King and twenty-five knights, honours those who have held public office, or who have contributed in a particular way to national life or who have served the Sovereign personally. From the eighteenth century to 1946 the appointments to the Order were made on advice from the government. Today, the Order has returned to its original function as a mark of Royal favour. The number of Knights is limited to 24. plus Royal knights. For much of it history, the Garter was limited to the aristocracy, but today the knights are from varied backgrounds. If there are vacancies in the Order, appointments are announced on St George's Day.

In AD 1415 St. George became the Patron Saint of England when English Soldiers under Henry V won the battle of Agincourt.

In more recent times, St George was chosen as the patron saint of Scouting, because of the ideals he represents and it is interesting to note that he is also the Patron Saint of Barcelona in Catalonia, Aragon, Russia, Bavaria, Beirut, Portugal, Lithuania and Hungary, to name but a few. Virtually every country in Europe and the Commonwealth has a church dedicated to St. George.

During World War 2 King George VI established the George Cross for outstanding acts of Civilian Valour and one of the earliest recipients was the entire population of the Island of Malta, for its outstanding courage in the face of constant bombardment by the Italian and German Air Force.

In Barcelona, it is traditional to give a book as a token of St. George's Day, whilst in Russia and the Ukraine the day is celebrated with Spring Festivals and Picnics to celebrate the end of winter. In the world of Scouting, it is the first day for camping.

Did he really slay the Dragon?

The legend itself was probably brought back from the east to England during the Crusades and told as a romantic tale. The eastern orthodox depictions of George slaying a dragon often include a maiden looking on from a distance. The dragon is thought to represent Satan and the maid possibly the wife of Diocletian – Alexandra.

Most importantly of all - St George stands for the strength to face adversity in order to defend the innocent and the triumph of good over evil, through courage.

Sources:
The Royal Society of St George
Britannia History
Wikipedia: The life of St George
The official website of The British Monarchy



St George's Day Celebration

Come and join the Coffee Break for a 'Street Party'

at the Village Hall

Afternoon Tea

23 April 2014

3pm - 5 pm

£6.50

Admission by tickets only



The bluebell (Hyacinthoides non-scripta)

This vibrant blue flower probably needs no introduction. Its narrow tube-like flowers with up-rolled tips are a sure sign that spring has arrived. From April onwards, many woodlands, hedgerows and some grassland across parts of the UK will be carpeted in a blue haze.

It is said that the bluebell was dedicated to England's patron saint, St George and that it blooms on St Georges Day or "bluebell day" when people would wear blue but much of this association has been lost.

In a Plantlife survey the bluebell was overwhelmingly voted for as the nation's favourite flower, revealing the strong love most people have for this plant. The UK has around 50% of the world's population making our bluebell woodlands internationally important.

Although still common in Britain, bluebells are threatened locally by habitat destruction, collection from the wild, and from the escape of the Spanish bluebell from gardens and subsequent cross-breeding and loss of true native populations. The latter is a particular concern - during our last bluebell survey around one in six bluebells found in broadleaved

Bluebells are now protected from illegal commercial harvesting, which has provided them with a safeguard, but losses from habitat destruction remain.

woodland was a Spanish rather than native

Photograph by Beth Newman-Plantlife ©

Bringing a 'Vibrant Glow' to Studley Businesses

A unique and inspiring business network has launched in Studley, assisting local businesses to forge valuable connections and to develop long lasting, profitable relationships. Meetings are a fusion of Business Generation, Business Development and Personal Growth, carefully formatted to meet the needs and wants of businesses owners.

Businesses meet on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month in the warm, friendly atmosphere and surroundings of Studley Castle.

The Vibrant Network is a new approach to business networking and is all about putting people first. It encourages business people to share in best practice, to educate and inspire one another to develop and succeed.

Studley is one of many groups across the Midlands and beyond, and membership of Vibrant provides passport to groups across the UK.

If you would like to find out more about the Vibrant Network, contact Lynn Ward, Group Leader for Studley and Alcester, on 078 2806 2805. You can also visit the Vibrant website at www.thevibrantnetwork.co.uk and follow us on the Vibrant Warwickshire Facebook page.



Historical English Events on 23 April

1343	St. George's Night Uprising
1348	1st English order of knighthood founded (Order of Garter).
1597	William Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor is first
	performed with Queen Elizabeth I of England in attendance.
1616	Netherlands buys De Briel/Vlissingen/Fort Rammekens from
	England.
1661	English king Charles II crowned in London.
1662	Connecticut chartered as an English colony.
1705	Richard Steele's "Tender Husband" premieres in London.
1795	William Hastings acquitted in England of high treason.
1838	English steamship "Great Western" crossing Atlantic docks in
	New York City, USA.
1867	Queen Victoria & Napoleon III turn down plans for a channel
	tunnel.
1881	Gilbert & Sullivan's opera "Patience" produced in London.
1908	Denmark, Germany, England, France, Netherlands & Sweden
	signs North Sea accord.
1918	Dover Patrol overthrows Germany U-boat in East Sea.
1924	British Empire Exhibition opens at Wembley.
1925	1st London performance of operetta "Fasquita" staged.
1932	Shakespeare Memorial Theatre opens at Stratford-upon-Avon
1942	Luftwaffe bombs Exeter

1943	British & US offensive directed at Tunis/Bizerta
1959	1st heliport in Britain opens in London
1968	1st decimal coins issued in Britain (5 & 10 pence)
1975	Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land," premieres in London
1979	Fighting in London between the Anti-Nazi League and the
	Metropolitan Police's Special Patrol Group results in the death of
	protester Blair Peach.



Shakespeare's Birth

The baptismal register of the Holy Trinity parish church, in Stratford shows the following entry for April 26, 1564: Gulielmus filius Johannes Shakespeare. The actual date of Shakespeare's birth is not known, but, traditionally, April 23, St George's Day, has been Shakespeare's accepted birthday, and a house on Henley Street in Stratford, owned by William's father, John, is accepted as Shakespeare's birth place. However, the reality is that no one really knows when the great dramatist was born. According to *The Book of Common Prayer*, it was required that a child be baptized on the nearest Sunday or holy day following the birth, unless the parents had a legitimate excuse. As Dennis Kay proposes in his book *Shakespeare*:

If Shakespeare was indeed born on Sunday, April 23, the next feast day would have been St. Mark's Day on Tuesday the twenty-fifth. There might well have been some cause, both reasonable and great -- or perhaps, as has been suggested, St. Mark's Day was still held to be unlucky, as it had been before the Reformation, when altars and crucifixes used to be draped in black cloth, and when some claimed to see in the churchyard the spirits of those doomed to die in that year. . . .but that does not help to explain the christening on the twenty-sixth (54).

No doubt Shakespeare's true birthday will remain a mystery forever. But the assumption that the Bard was born on the same day of the month that he died lends an exciting esoteric highlight to the otherwise mundane details of Shakespeare's life.



STUDLEY ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES (SANS)

Studley Neighbourhood Watch

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Spring 2014

THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF STUDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

WILL BE HELD ON THE 9TH OF JULY

AT 7:30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

Please support your Association

COMMUNICATING WITH THE POLICE

In an emergency dial 999

To report a crime or serious incident (non-emergency) dial 101 Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team: 01789 444816 or 07919164826

To contact PS Bob Shaw (Team Sergeant) Voice Mail 10542 To contact PC Ted Doxey (Beat Manager) Voice Mail 11742

To contact PCSO Gary Johnson Voicemail 16111 To contact PCSO Tristan Jelfs Voicemail 16065

Email: alcesternorth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

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Call **Crimestoppers** anonymously with information about crime on **0800** 555 111

(Crimestoppers is a Charity who will pass on information to the police without revealing any details of the caller. You may also receive a reward)

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 a <u>weekly update</u> (see below) and <u>monthly SNT</u>

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

This is the Police weekly update and prompt, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact the Alcester Police NORTH Safer Neighbourhood Team. Thank you to those that have contacted us this week.

- 1. Damage. Allen Close, Studley. Rear window of car smashed by brick. Overnight 1st & 2nd March.
- 2. Damage. Allendale Crescent, Studley. House window smashed by brick. 2:20 am, 2nd March
- 3. Suspicious Persons. The Dale, Wootton Wawen. 2 males disturbed in rear gardens.
- 4. Theft. Tesco Express, Studley. 'Asian Male' stole meat. 6.30pm 1st March
- 5. Theft. Haye Lane, Mappleborough Green. 2 solid oak gates stolen. Early hours of 1st March.
- 6. Theft. Alderhanger Lane, Beoley. Theft of heating fuel. Overnight 27th & 28th February
- 7. Theft. Springbrook Lane, Earlswood. Theft from building site. Overnight 27th & 28th February.
- 8. Suspicious Vehicle. Springbrook Lane, Earlswood. Suspect Range Rover / Jeep seen on building site. 8.45pm 27th Feb.
- 9. Theft. Earlswood Common. Theft from motor vehicle. Offender disturbed and made off in white van. 11.30pm 26th February.
- 10. Theft. Chapel lane, Ullenhall. Theft of heating fuel. Overnight 25th & 26th February.
- 11. Theft. Green Lane, Studley. Theft of items from garden shed. Between 23rd & 25th February.
- 12. Damage. Rose Avenue, Henley. Car scratched down one side. Approx 6.30pm 24th February.
- 13. Suspicious Persons. Earlswood Common. 2 Persons seen on CCTV to look at vehicles. Overnight 23rd & 24th February.
- 14. Suspicious Persons. Earlswood Common. 2 Persons seen on CCTV to look at vehicles. Overnight 23rd & 24th February.
- 15. Damage. Rose Avenue, Henley. Car scratched. Afternoon of the 23rd February.

Incident 13 is a very good example of someone checking their CCTV footage even though, nothing had apparently occurred on their property. As you appreciate many of the crimes on our area are committed overnight, and with the increase of CCTV systems on dwellings and businesses, footage of these criminals checking out cars and buildings must be caught on camera. If you do have a CCTV system that records footage - perhaps when possible you can look back to see what has been occurring. If you spot anything let us know.

Studley Christmas Lights Campaign

If anyone interested to donate to the Studley Christmas lights;

Email: val_blundell@hotmail.co.uk
 Find us on facebook
https:www.facebook.comgroups/749033488457384
Donation cheques to be made payable to
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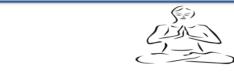
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Diary of Events

13th April Easter Bingo Bottle
17th May Enjoy a pie & pint
watching FA Cup final.
30th May Domino Knockout
Competition
5th July Studley Festival
Projector in the Function room for
England's World Cup matches
Regular features, Quiz night every
second Thursday & Karaoke
1st Saturday of the month

