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March's Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th at 7.30pm in the Lounge of Ettington Community Centre.

For Ettington Community Centre bookings & enquiries, contact Gema Batchelor on 07975 682775 or email bookings@ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk
The management committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre lounge.
www.ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk

Saturday 15th March
Village Breakfast
8.15-10am
Ettington C.Centre
In aid of Pre-School

The **mobile library** will be at the Chequers on Wednesday 13th March between 9.30-9.50am and at the Church on Fridays 1st and 22nd March between 3.20-3.40pm. The County Library also offers a home delivery service to those who are unable to use a branch or mobile library. The service is primarily for the elderly or infirm and uses volunteers to deliver the books each month. The contact phone number for any queries is 01926 851031. There is also a video about the service at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice.

There are various ways to keep up-to-date on community events. You can visit the village website (ettington.org), where you can view current and back issues of the newsletter, as well as keep updated on parish matters generally. You can 'Like' us on Facebook (Ettington & Fulready Village Newsletter) where each issue and regular updates are posted. You can email ettingtonnewsletter@gmail.com and request to receive issues automatically (note - this is not the email to use for items for inclusion in the newsletter or general enquiries).

**BINGO IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Friday 5th April

**Ettington Church Annual Parishioners' Meeting
& Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**
Sunday 7th April 11.45am in Church

BIG ETTINGTON SPRING CLEAN - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL
See inside for more details from Ettington Community Centre
Look out for further information in the next issue of the newsletter!

Deadline for items for inclusion in the **APRIL** issue:

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Contact Editor, Jane Evans on 01789 740446 or janealisonevans@gmail.com

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Letter from Revd John Horton.....

Church News March 2019

"Try Praying, it's easier than you think" is an arresting notice to have plastered across a large billboard. It is part of a current advertising campaign in the UK, the USA and Australia. It is wording that should challenge all of us!

Lent begins on 6th March, Ash Wednesday, and once again provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God. Too often our busy lifestyle sees God pushed to one side but in this season we are challenged to make every effort to ensure that God is once more placed where he should be - in the centre of our lives. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's words that he was "too busy to pray for less than two hours a day" are a challenge. Sadly our version can become, we are too busy to pray!

During the weeks of Lent there will be a number of things to help us focus more closely on God and our relationship with him. It is planned that there should be prayer stations in each of our six churches so do please take some time to go and look at them when you are in or near your church - you are welcome to visit those in the other parishes too! On Tuesday afternoons there will be a Lent Course from 2.30pm-4.00pm at Alderminster Vicarage called 'Living in Faith'. There will be tea and cake available and everyone is welcome to attend. At 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings there will be the Deanery Lent Services rotating around the different churches in the Shipston Deanery. We will be hosting the service at Alderminster on 19th March. Full details of the other services are in the 'Weekly Grapevine' and on our rotas. More for the body than the soul, there will be our usual Lent Lunches in support of the work of Christian Aid and these will be between 12.30pm-2.00pm on Wednesdays throughout Lent - again full details are in the Weekly Grapevine.

Without God, and without reflecting on the state of our lives, we become very dry and dull spiritually. We would not neglect our physical needs so readily - why do we do so with the Spiritual aspect of life? At a time of year when much will be awaking from winter hibernation why not use the run up to Easter as an opportunity to stir other parts of our lives too? Paul's words to the Ephesians might be an appropriate Lenten challenge to all of us, "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" - as we all realise that praying is easier than we think! Have a great Lent!

John

For enquiries regarding weddings, funerals and baptisms please contact either the Rector, Revd Sharon Goble on telephone 01608 682282 or email sharon.goble@btinternet.com or the Associate Minister, Revd John Horton on telephone 01789 459241 or email john.horton@stourdene.org. It would be appreciated if you could try to avoid contacting John on Fridays and Sharon on Saturdays. If you know anyone who is housebound, permanently or temporarily because of illness, and would like Holy Communion taking to them, please let Sharon or John know. For enquiries relating to Ettington Church, contact the Churchwarden, Mr Andrew Harvey, on telephone 01789 740840.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The February Ordinary meeting was attended by 5 Parish Councillors, the District Councillor, 2 Community Centre Management Committee (CCMC) representatives, the Clerk and 5 members of the public. The meeting received a verbal report on the planned fundraising activities of the Community Centre (CC) and a list of the proposed projects for which funds will be used. The Parish Councillors resolved that it would be in order for the CCMC to utilise the annual Parish Council (PC) grant towards any of the projects identified - these included gents toilet improvements, improved/safe access to the upper floor area, hot water system modifications, and upgraded CCTV equipment.

In response to a complaint made to the PC by an aggrieved CC user, Councillors agreed that it is not part of its remit to interfere with the running of the centre. However, as a Trustee, the PC is duty bound to ensure that the organisation employs best practice in carrying out its business and recommended that the CCMC should have a formal process in place to handle complaints in the future and thoroughly review its legal obligations in respect of CCTV coverage.

The District Councillor in her update reported that Stratford District Council's (SDC) Council Tax rise for 2019-20 will be 1.5% and that SDC has set aside a sum of £1M towards the compulsory purchase of Wellesbourne airfield. Elizabeth House will be having a £250K makeover to improve its income generation potential.

Topics which arose from the Open Forum related to the Banbury Road/Fosse Way crossroads and the threat of occupation of the playing fields/CC car park by 'travellers'. In response to a victim of the most recent collision at the crossroads, the PC resolved that a letter listing remedial options to alleviate the situation at our accident blackspot, with a request for action, be sent to Warwickshire Highways Department. The meeting noted, however, that at last year's Ettington traffic meeting, convened by our local MP, it was evident that budgetary constraints and prior claims by more infamous county blackspots would militate against imminent satisfaction. The PC and CCMC had visited the potential traveller hazard some years ago when the problem was rife and at that time decided to take no action. The PC would however ask the CCMC to add it to its next agenda to determine if, from their perspective, it merited reconsideration.

In respect of recent planning applications it was noted that Councillors had declined to call for an Extraordinary meeting before the deadline in order to make any comments. These were for the first property on the self-build site off Old Warwick Road and for PURE's renewal of its previously granted application for expansion. The meeting acknowledged without further comment the information from the White Horse site developer that, along with the existing No. 50 Banbury Road, the group of properties would be known (subject to SDC's approval) as "1-5 White Horse Gardens". The developer of the Ryepiece Orchard site agreed to attend the Parish Meeting in March to promote interest in the proposed Community Orchard on the site and seek volunteers to have input into planting selection and subsequent upkeep. The school headmaster will be approached to establish whether a school involvement would be of interest.

Councillors agreed to fund the initial purchase of litter picking equipment and high-vis attire as requested by the Rubbish Friends group with the proviso that the kit would be PC property and any funding donations from local businesses be assigned back to the PC to offset the outlay. The Youth Project Group reported that although it had discussed the possibility of CCTV coverage on the forthcoming skatepark, no decision had yet been made. The group is aware of the susceptibility to graffiti and unwanted infiltrators from further afield - a further matter arising from the Open Forum - but is of the belief that the construction material should be graffiti-proof (ie easily cleanable).

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm, Community Centre Lounge

Have Your Say
Ettington Parish Meeting - Saturday 23rd March 3pm
Refreshments will be available

Find out more on the Parish Notice Board or village website www.ettington.org.

A number of community groups have been invited to attend to update the Parish on their recent activities and future plans. There will be an opportunity to find out about the parish council. Invited attendees include:

Ettington Community Centre Ettington Brownies Youth Council
 Friends Meeting House GIFT Monday Club Gardening Club
 Allotment Group Ryepiece Barn Concerts Church
 Ettington Community First Responders

Ettington Community Centre – Regular Users					
MAIN HALL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Karate Club	1745 – 1845				
Keep Fit with Gilda	1900 – 2000				
Badminton	2015 – 2145				
Ladies Badminton		1930 - 2130			
Slimming World			0900 – 1130		
Zumba			1815 – 1915		
Fitsteps				1000 – 1100	
VeraFlow				1100 - 1200	
Puppy Training				1400 - 1500	
Fit Pilates (from 17/01/2019 onwards)				1830 - 1930	
Zumba					0930 – 1030
Flying Club (1 st & 3 rd Fri of month)					1100 – 1230
Cheeky Chimps (from 18/01/2019 onwards)					1315 - 1445
SMALL HALL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga	0930 – 1030				
Monday Club (1 st Mon of month)	1930 – 2130				
Brownies (Term time)		1815 - 1930			
Mosaics (Term time)			1430 – 1630		
Mosaics (Term time)			1930 – 2130		
Gardening Club (1 st Thu of month)				1930 - 2130	
LOUNGE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ECT Committee Meeting (1 st Tue of month)		1930 – 2200			
Ettington Parish Council (2 nd Wed of month)			1930 - 2130		

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



Events

If you were planning to keep one date in your diary free in March then you should definitely make it the 16th. Cancel all other plans because this is going to be a busy day in Ettington. In the morning you will be able to enjoy a hearty village breakfast in the Main Hall. If you've not attended one of these before it would be great to see you. They are fun, relaxed and friendly and they raise funds for various groups in the village. Then in the evening it's the FOES Race Night, also in the Main Hall. To coincide with Cheltenham Festival, it's horseracing fun right on the doorstep. This event raises money for the village school. Another date for the diary is the Big Ettington Spring Clean on 13th April. More details to follow in next newsletter but just a reminder to start saving all the stuff you were going to chuck out ready to sell at the Spring Clean. Look out for the posters around the village shortly. It might be a good way to supplement your summer holiday spends!! We also have two great film nights coming up in March. The Grinch for all the family to enjoy. Bo Rap isn't an official sing along but come on - we all know all the words right!!!

Other Community Centre News

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all villagers who have donated Christmas decorations to the Community Centre. And while we're at it, all those of you who have donated raffle prizes to various events. The Community Centre runs on revenue raised at events and bookings so raffles help us pay stuff like heating and rates. And we do like to make it look pretty at Christmas (last mention of Christmas until the next one - promise!!) And finally - the brand new Community Centre website has now been launched. This shows the usual calendar of events and gives details of all booking policies, terms and conditions so that you can find all this useful information in one place. We look forward to hearing what you think of the new website. Contact us on mail@ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk.



CHURCH NEWS

Ettington PCC: "We Exist to Make Christ Known"

GIFT (God is for Today)

The Benefice Youth Group takes place every other Thursday during term time in Ettington Church from 7-8.30pm and welcomes children from Year 6 to age 16. There's no need to book, just come along. It is free and refreshments are provided (there's a small tuck shop for those who want to purchase extras). March session dates are 14th and 28th. Contact Jo on 740890 or Steve on 740446 if you would like to find out more about GIFT.

Stourdene Weekly Grapevine & Prayer Guide

The Grapevine details services and events taking place in the Benefice each week, plus a prayer guide and comment from clergy on events in the media. You can sign up to receive it at '<http://www.stourdene.org/newsletters.php>'. Items for inclusion in the Grapevine can be emailed to John Horton on john.horton@stourdene.org or Colette Inman on admin@stourdene.org by the Thursday for inclusion that week.

Church Cleaning & Flower Rotas for March

Cleaning: w/c 4th March - Janet Brooks w/c 11th March - Liz Lyall
 w/c 18th March - Pat Beatty w/c 25th March - Jane Evans

Flowers: There will be no flowers in church during Lent.

STOURDENE BENEFICE SERVICES FOR MARCH

	Alderminster	Butlers Marston	Ettington	Halford	Newbold/Stour	The Pillertons
Sun 3 Mar <i>Sun.Nx.B.Lent</i>	10am Morning Worship	10am CW Comm.	8am BCP Comm. by Extension	10am CW Comm.	10am Morning Worship	8.30am BCP Comm.
Wed 6 Mar <i>Ash Wed</i>			6am CW Comm.		10am CW Comm.	
Sun 10 Mar <i>Lent 1</i>	10.30am CW Comm.	9am BCP Comm.	11.15am All Age Worship + Baptism	6pm Evensong followed by APCM	8am BCP Comm.	10am Morning Worship
Tue 12 Mar	7.30pm Deanery Lent Service in Ilmington (Rev Tom Moffatt)					
Sun 17 Mar <i>Lent 2</i>	9am BCP Comm.	7pm Evensong	10am CW Comm.	10am Morning Worship	11.15am All Age Worship	11.15am CW Comm.
Tue 19 Mar	7.30pm Deanery Lent Service in Alderminster (Rev John Horton)					
Sun 24 Mar <i>Lent 3</i>	11.15am Morning Worship followed by APCM	11.15am Family Service	10am Morning Worship	8.30am BCP Comm.	10am CW Comm. followed by APCM	4pm Evensong followed by APCM with cake
Tue 26 Mar	7.30pm Deanery Lent Service in Whatcote (Rev Chris Goble)					
Sun 31 Mar <i>Moth.Sunday</i>	10am Family Service	10.30am Family Service	11.15am Messy Mothering Sunday	5.30pm in V.Hall 6pm in Church Family Service	4pm Messy Mothering Sunday	10am Family Service

Ettington service rotas are published on social media and posted on the lychgate noticeboard.

Future Events/Services

- Bible Book Club will be on Monday 4th March at 1.30pm, when we will be discussing 'Judges'. Refreshments are provided and new members are very welcome. As the sessions only last about an hour, it's timed perfectly for school collection.
- The Benefice Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 6pm in Ettington Church.
- The PCC meets on Monday 11th March for the last time before its obligatory annual meetings (Annual Parishioners' Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting). These both take place on Sunday 7th April at 11.45am in the church, following the Benefice service to be held at 10am. See separate note re Church Electoral Roll.
- Throughout Lent there will be services in the Deanery on Tuesday evenings, to which everyone is invited to attend. These include guest speakers and move around the churches in the Shipston Deanery. There will also be a lent course running in Alderminster vicarage on Tuesday afternoons. Full details can be found on the lychgate noticeboard outside Ettington church.

- Lent wouldn't be complete without our Wednesday lunches. Ettington's lent lunch takes place between 12.30-2pm on Wednesday 13th March in the church. Again, details of all Benefice lunches can be found on the lychgate noticeboard.
- Every 6 years the Church of England requires that we prepare a brand new **Church Electoral Roll**. That time has arrived! Applications are welcomed from anyone wishing to become a member of Ettington Church. Being a member entitles you to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the Parishioners' meeting is open to all residents, whether on the Roll or not). It also entitles you to vote at the meeting and, by providing your details, helps us to keep in touch and offer support where appropriate. Application forms can be obtained from Jane Evans (740446), Andrew Harvey (740840) or in church. The deadline for applications is Saturday 23rd March (return to Jane or Andrew).
- Don't forget our next 'Messy' service. This will be 'Messy Mothering Sunday' on Sunday 31st March at 11.15am. There will be two 'Messy' services in April - the first on Palm Sunday (Messy Palms at 11.15am on Sunday 14th) and the second on Good Friday (Messy Good Friday at 10am on Friday 19th).
- Plans are underway for the concert in church on Saturday 27th April. The very talented singer/songwriter Ben Trickey from Atlanta, Georgia is coming to entertain us. Further details will be in next month's newsletter, including where to get your tickets.
- Ettington Church Fete will be held on Saturday 8th June from 2-4pm in the Churchyard. Pop the date in your diaries now so you don't double book.

UpDownSizing

What a fantastic turnout we had for UpDownSizing. The PCC's grateful thanks go to Kate Allen for her organisation of the event (and to all the helpers and donators) and to Ginny for entertaining us. The evening raised over £1000 for church funds.

VILLAGE NEWS

Monday Club

The March meeting will be held on Monday 4th in the small hall at the Community Centre at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Aileen Pearson, who will be talking about quilting and her passion for it. There will a display of some of her beautiful work. Visitors are most welcome at a charge of £3 to include refreshments. Future talks to be held will be Monday April 1st, John Parnell, the Hoop Guy, a history of Hula Hooping and Monday May 13th, Mitch Thompson, try your hand at a potter's wheel or just watch. For any information on the above please contact Jackie Collins on 01789 740192 or Pat Beatty on 01789 740664.

Race Night in aid of Ettington School (FOES)

Saturday 16th March from 7pm

Ettington Community Centre

ST PATRICK'S DAY THEME

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OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Wellesbourne and District Lions Club News March 2019

I hope you are all looking forward to the Spring. The Lions are busy preparing for 3 major fundraising events. First of all, in the run up to Easter, we will be involved in operation Giant Easter Egg!! We will once again be asking local shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses to host one of our amazing chocolate eggs and asking them to persuade all of you generous folk to part with £1 to be in with a chance to win one of them. If you feel able to host one of our eggs, then please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745. Secondly, we are pleased to announce a fantastic new joint venture, which we are hosting with our friends from Shakespeare Lions - 'Lions BFG and Family Festival' - a beer, food and gin festival on the evening of Friday 31st May and from midday on Saturday 1st June, at the newly refurbished Home Guard Club in Tiddington. There will be family entertainment on Saturday afternoon and a well-known local band will be playing on the Saturday Night. Please pencil this in your diaries and look out for updates as we get nearer the dates. The third event is the return of our 'Classic Funday' which we are holding on Sunday 8th September between 12 Noon and 4pm. There will be classic vehicles on display, children's go karts, family fun, food, drink and more. Entry is free for display vehicles and for all visitors!! There is even a free burger for all classic vehicle owners that register in advance!! New for this year is a 'Car Treasure Hunt' starting at 10am. The cost to enter is £20 per car. Please contact Lion Simon Oram on 01789 840704 for more information or for early registration. I would also like to invite you all to come to a 'Family Table Games Evening' which we are holding on Saturday 30th March from 6pm to 10pm at Wellesbourne Church Rooms. This is a fun event with games suitable for all ages. There will be refreshments available. Please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745 for more information. ALL WELCOME. Finally this month, I would like to let you know that unfortunately the defibrillator, which the Lions paid for and which was installed at Wellesbourne Co-op, was removed from the wall with the cash machine during the recent burglary. Fortunately the defibrillator is still in working order but the case it was housed in was destroyed. We are now sourcing a new case and we are hopeful that we can soon reinstate this vital life-saving equipment at a suitable location at the Southern end of the village.

Lion Andy Stokes

Neighbourhood Team Community Surgeries

The Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) cover Ettington and hold community surgeries in the Shipston area to which residents are invited to discuss any issues or concerns. The March surgeries will be from 2.30pm to 3.00pm on Thursdays 7th and 21st. Surgeries are held in the Shipston on Stour Council Offices/Police Station, West Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4HD. You are invited to go along to talk about any policing issues or concerns you may have. For more information call 01789 444670.

Kineton Farmer's Market

The Saturday farmer's markets have returned. These will be held on 9th March, 11th May, 13th July and 14th September from 10am-12 Noon.

Carers4Carers meets on Friday 22nd March from 10.30am to 12 Noon in Kineton Village Hall. Come and join us for coffee, biscuits and friendly chat. They will be no speaker this month, however Anita will be on hand to offer some TLC and relaxing treatments. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Jewellery and Watches Valuation Day - Tuesday 2nd April 2019 from 11am to 3pm, by appointment, at Ettington Park Hotel, Alderminster, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 8BU. Specialists from Bonhams jewellery and watch departments will be available by appointment to provide confidential valuations, free of charge, on any jewellery or watches that you may be considering selling. For any enquiries or to make an appointment please contact knowle@bonhams.com or call 01564 776151.

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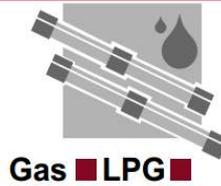
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Monday 4th March 1.30pm-2.30pm
Bible Book Club in Ettington Church

Monday 4th March 7.30pm
Monday Club meet in the Small Hall of the Community Centre

Wednesday 6th March 6pm
Ash Wednesday Service in Ettington Church

Thursday 7th March 7.30pm
Gardening Club meet in the Small Hall of the Community Centre

Wednesday 13th March 12.30pm-2pm
Ettington Lent Lunch in the Church

Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm
Ettington Parish Council meet in the Community Centre Lounge

Thursdays 14th & 28th March 7pm-8.30pm
GIFT meet in Ettington Church

Friday 15th March
Submission deadline for April Newsletter
(See front page for contact details)

Saturday 16th March 8.15-10am
Village Breakfast in aid of Pre-School in the Community Centre

Saturday 16th March 7pm
FOES Race Night in the Community Centre in aid of Ettington School

Saturday 23rd March 3pm
Ettington Parish Meeting in the Community Centre