



# Oyez

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Village Website: [www.west-stafford.com](http://www.west-stafford.com)



**Introduction:** You'll see from the above that this is now the 75<sup>th</sup>

Edition of the village newsletter, which was re-launched back in 2016. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Oyez during that time. Occasionally though we find that we have insufficient content to warrant publishing a newsletter (as was the case in May), so if you do have anything you would like to see published, no matter how small, then please send it on to me and we would be delighted to include it. Welcome to June's newsletter!

## Recent Events:

**Village Parish Meeting:** This was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall, where reports were given by the various associations, committees and clubs within the village, in addition to ideas being put forward on how to spend the remaining Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money. The minutes of the meeting are on the noticeboard by the Village Hall, as well as being posted on the Village Website.

**Bockhampton & District Horticultural Society (BDHA):** Thank you to all who attended and helped with the BDHA Annual plant sale. It was a morning bathed in sunshine and it was a delight to see so many attend.

The BDHA also held an inaugural "open-garden" event on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May for people to visit gardens of local BDHA members. Approx. 30 members attended and the intention is to now make this a bigger event for next year's calendar.

## Future Events:

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June - Bockhampton & District Horticultural Society (BDHA) Summer Party:** The next BDHA event will be the BDHA members Summer Party on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 7.30pm. This event is only for fully paid-up members, however if you would like to attend and would like to join or have not had the opportunity to renew, then please contact Linda Kemp, the Membership Secretary, on 01305 753639 or [lindakemp6251@hotmail.com](mailto:lindakemp6251@hotmail.com). Full membership is still £7.50.

**Needle Felting Workshops – Dorset Falconry Park:** A reminder of the Needle Felting Workshops being held by Coralie ("Cogs") McGown at Dorset Falconry Park. The themed workshops are priced at £60, available for over 14-year-olds and include a sandwich for lunch, drinks and access to the Park. The remaining dates and themes are:

- Woodland animals – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June; Unicorns & Dragons – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July;
- Halloween – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October; Christmas – Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Additionally, there will be 3 x 3-hour sessions for 10–13-year-olds on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> August. These sessions are £40 and allows an adult entry to the Park (additional children from the same family are £30). Themes for these are to be agreed but will be of a cute / trendy nature. For more details including how to book, please contact Cogs on [cogs72@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:cogs72@btinternet.co.uk) or [07971 923396](tel:07971923396) or contact the Dorset Falconry Park at [enquiries@xtremefalconry.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@xtremefalconry.co.uk) or [01305 250710](tel:01305250710).

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July - West Stafford Summer Fete:** This will be held in the grounds of Talbothays Lodge, with the kind permission of Jeanne Mousley, running between 12 noon and 4:00pm. Music will be supplied by 'Milk & Two', with food and bar facilities provided by The Wise Man Inn. Also, there will be a dog show, face painting, blacksmiths, goat petting, games and more. We already have some volunteers to help run the Fete, but more are needed. If you could spare some time during the afternoon, then please contact Jacquie Walton on 07968 633834 or [jacquie.walton@outlook.com](mailto:jacquie.walton@outlook.com).

We need donations for raffle prizes, items that could be placed in a garden, food, hair products, sport items, goodies for hampers; plants and flowers for the plant stall; jams, chutneys, cakes, breads, craft, paintings, photos for the "Made in West Stafford" stall, plus items for the Tombola. All donations can be delivered to Jacquie at 2 Stafford Gardens or Sian Edwards at The Gardens, Rectory Lane, prior to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, then at Talbothays Lodge or the Village Hall on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Cakes etc. can be delivered on the day of the fete between 9:00am and 11.30am.

**Village Fete 6th July:** In addition to the items listed previous, we need donations of wine and/or other bottles for the “Wine or Water” stall and the raffle and the tombola. Jim Chamberlain will be coming round the village door to door to collect your donations – no pressure! He plans to visit Rectory Lane, Glebeland Close, and Floyers Field early evening on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, and the remainder of the village early evening on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. Alternatively, you can leave bottles at his front door any time (Summer Place, Rectory Lane). Jim also needs empty screw-top wine bottles, which again can be left at his front door, or collected if you email him ([jim.chamberlain10@outlook.com](mailto:jim.chamberlain10@outlook.com)).

## Other News

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The regulation 14 survey for the Neighbourhood Plan closed on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. All comments are being reviewed during May and June and any necessary alterations made. The whole plan will then be checked by the Steering Group prior to being put forward to Knightsford Parish Council in September.

**West Stafford Play Park:** Please see the following message from George Quinney on behalf of the play park community and the other children of West Safford:

“Thank you to everyone who helped out at the play park laying the wood chip, especially to Tim Pryce for collecting it in his truck. IT LOOKS AMAZING!”

## St Andrew’s Church news:

The work to the Church tower has been completed; the conservator will return to do a repair to the east-end of the roof.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June - Churchyard working party** from 10am to noon. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own gardening tools. All welcome.

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September – handbell ringing:** Save the date! There will be a magical performance of handbell ringing by the much sought after band “Clapper Chaos” on Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (doors open at 7pm). Their music arrangements of well-known pieces are unique as they arrange them themselves. They play a variety of music from classical to pop and Disney. Tickets will be on sale in The Wise Man Inn from July, priced at £10 each to include interval refreshments. This is an unusual event not to be missed! Net proceeds will support the ongoing work at the village church.

## June’s Services:

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

- **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Matins
- **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Holy Communion
- **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Matins
- **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Holy Communion
- **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June** – No service, though all welcome at St George’s at 09:45am

The next **Coffee & Chat** will be on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** from 10:00am to noon. All are welcome.

**Home Communion:** If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Cora Yarrien on 262421 or email [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com).

**Morning Prayer:** is every Tuesday at 9:30am. All are welcome.

**Private Prayer & Reflection:** the church is open every day from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

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