

Stoke Lodge and The Common Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition of the parish newsletter. The parish is now just over a year old and a lot has happened in this time. The Common Pavilion has undergone a major refurbishment and is now something to be proud of. The hardwood floor was the last job to be finished.

I would like to welcome L A Childcare to the Common Pavilion who are starting a pre-school class in June, They are also running a pre-school class starting in September. All information is on page 4.

Major kerb and pavement improvements have been completed in Shellmore Close thanks to councillor Brian Hopkins obtaining funding from Southern Brooks.

A 20 mph speed limit will shortly be introduced on all roads around our local schools as the safety of our children is of utmost importance. These roads are;

Holy Family Catholic Church

Amberley Road
Station Road
The Sherrings
Brookfield Road
Painswick Avenue
Chelford Grove
Fairford Crescent
Stokemead
Bibury Avenue
Burford Avenue

Stoke Lodge Primary School

Dyrham Parade
School Close
Bourton Close
Bourton Avenue

St Chads Patchway C of E School

Cranham Drive
Standish Avenue
Saxon Way
Staverton Close
Rudford Close
Shellmor Avenue
Highnam Close
Sandhurst Close
Maisemore Avenue
Shellmore Close

Patchway Community College

The Common
The Avenue
The Close

Dog Poo: the exercising of dogs on the Common field is always welcome to responsible owners who clear up behind their animals; for those who can't be bothered, this raises health issues for other users of the sports ground. Failure to clean up will result in fines being issued.

The Parish Council plan to refurbish badly worn pavements in the area. A survey will be undertaken and a priority list will be drawn up to repair some of these each year.

The Parish council is to contact First Bus to see if we can have "real time" bus signs for our bus shelters. I hope to have more news on this later in the year.

The Parish Council asked the 3 schools in our parish to take part in the design of our logo. The theme was to include all parts of the parish and the response was tremendous. The winning design is to appear on all of our letters and website. The judging was completed at the May parish meeting and the winner and runners up were chosen from all the entries; this was a very difficult decision due to the quality of designs provided by the pupils.

The winner was designed by Moya Samuels from St Chads C of E Primary School. Moya was presented with a book voucher by Chairman Andy Alsop.



Common Pavilion

The Common Pavilion is undergoing a complete overhaul with the hall floor receiving a complete makeover. Total Floor Care were chosen for this project based on recommendations and price. The floor was sanded and 4 coats of primer and top coat applied. The toilets and hallways have been painted to match the hall. This has really brought the Pavilion to life after years of neglect by the previous owners. The Pavilion is now something we can all be proud of and is available for hire during the evenings and weekends.

The Pavilion has a good sized kitchen and the main hall is ideal for children's parties and meetings. There is a good sized children's play park and a large sports field next to the Pavilion. There is ample parking for 20 cars and is away from busy roads.

Please contact Andy Alsop on 01454 616878 or 07470 358678 for all enquires for the Pavilion.

Contact the Clerk on 07546 375221 or stokelodgeandthecommonpc@gmail.com





Our latest meeting was held at the Baptist Church in Stoke Lodge on the 21 April 2016. The issues raised were as follows:

- There have been several attempted distraction break-ins in our area and 2 successful ones. On both occasions access was gained through UNLOCKED FRONT and REAR DOORS. Please make sure that you are not the next victim.
- There have also been a number of people cold calling and asking if they can remove rubbish etc and then asking for payment. Do not encourage them if you can help it. Councillor Tracey Ashe has been able to obtain a no cold calling sticker for each household which you will find inside this issue. Please use them on your front door. They stick on the inside. Also the council has purchased a number of No Cold Calling Signs to be fixed to the lamp posts in the parish. These will be fitted as soon as they arrive.
- At a meeting with the local police this week they reported a large number of shed and garage break-ins in the Patchway area. Tools and garden equipment have been targeted. We may be targeted next so please make sure you have good locks on all your outbuildings.

The watch team need a secretary so if you can spend a couple of hours 4 times a year then please contact Andy Alsop (Tel: 01454 616878).

The next meeting of the Neighborhood Watch is on 21 July at 7.30 at the Baptist Church.

Obituary

Councillor Shirley Giles. 1936-2016

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Shirley Giles who was elected to the new Parish of Stoke Lodge and the Common in May 2015; Shirley was diagnosed as having cancer not long after the elections. Shirley was a very committed councillor and long standing supporter of the Neighborhood Watch group. Shirley carried on and continued to take an active role in meetings and decision making and she will be sorely missed; she was also a member of Patchway Townswomen Guild and always took part in the various activities on offer.

Shirley moved into Stoke Lodge in the late 1960's where, together with husband Bob, settled and raised their family. Their children went to the local schools where Shirley was a member of the Parents Teachers Association. Shirley was also a governor at Stoke Lodge School. Whilst a very committed member of our council Shirley's top priority was always her family.



THE HUT

MONDAY

Afternoon Guild and Craft Club

Tel: Margaret Young 01454325011

Evening: Modern Dance -Mrs Taylor 01454 614184

TUESDAY

Evening Karate Club.

Andy Jenkins. 07710751490. 07714704196

WEDNESDAY

Evening Guild. (First Wednesday in month)

Tel. 01454 325011

THURSDAY

Evening karate Club. Mrs Taylor: 01454 614184

FRIDAY

Afternoon Pensioners Club. Tel 01454 325011

Casual bookings for family functions, meetings and club functions available. Flexible fees for regular bookings.

Tel Mrs Taylor: 01454 614184



The Pavilions, Stoke Lodge & The Common

New Pre-School Opening September 2016

Quality childcare for
2-4 year olds.

Flexible hours of care.

**Warm, welcoming and
friendly setting.**

Nursery education grant
available.

**Telephone to register
or call in to Little Pips
Stay & Play sessions
Mon, Wed & Fridays
10.00 am-12.00 am**



Qualified, experienced staff
who help the children learn
through play in a safe,
positive and stimulating
environment.

For further Information

Tel; Helen Taylor 0797 0872 677 or Tina 01454 633309
Part of LA Childcare Group



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New Stay and Play Sessions Opening Monday 13th June 16

Open Mon, Wed & Friday 10am-12.00am £3.00 per session

A new approach to Stay
and Play; prepare you and
your child for Pre-School

For children from 18 months

Organised activities, art
stories, music & free play

Drinks and snack bar

Warm, welcoming and
friendly setting

Free enrolment to
Little Apples for children
starting September 2016



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Working alongside
Little Pips Stay and Play
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