

# VIEWPOINT

**The Ruspidge & Soudley**

**Parish Newsletter**

**April 2020**



**JEFF STANFORD**

As many of you, particularly in Soudley, will already know, we recently lost Jeff Stanford, a pillar of our community in recent years. Jeff served the community in a variety of ways since he and his wife Helen moved into the Old Post Office in Soudley. Soon after they arrived, Jeff & Helen became active members of the Soudley Flower & Produce Show, winning awards for their cakes. Jeff then became a member of the Soudley Village Hall Committee, becoming Chair in April 2014 to 2018.

Jeff joined the council, by election in May 2011. He was elected Chairman in May, 2013 - completing three terms of office in this role until May, 2016. In all, he served for 8 years as a Parish Councillor.

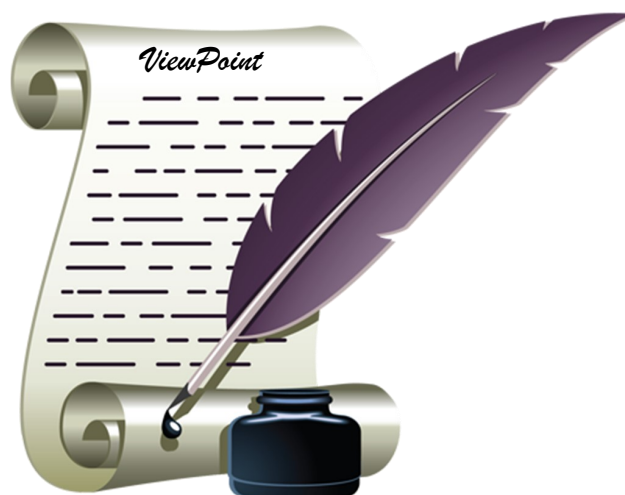
He also edited the Viewpoint, bringing useful information and local events to the community at large. – his first issue was in April, 2014, his last in – Dec, 2019. At times this proved to be an unenviable task but he always managed to produce an issue ready for publication and delivery to local residents. In December 2019, due to ill health, Jeff decided to give up the editorship of Viewpoint.

In addition to all this, Jeff was an accomplished wood turner. He produced many fine pieces of treen—especially pens, which he sold in various small outlets throughout the County.

Jeff's funeral was held on 10th March, at the Crematorium. The Crem was full to bursting with Jeff's family and many friends. Four members of the Parish Council attended to pay our respects to a much missed friend and colleague. Jeff's widow, Helen, delivered a moving and poignant eulogy which was much admired by those present. We all wish you well in the future Helen. Our thoughts go to Helen and Ben at this very sad time.

**A good man, who will be missed!**

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## REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Every Sunday</b>	Parish Eucharist	9.30am		St John's Cinderford
	Canine College	10am	to 12noon	Ruspidge Lower Hall
	Fitness Club	10am		Soudley Rec Ground
	Shaolin	6:30pm	to 8.30pm	
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	Art Club	10am	to 12noon	Soudley Village Hall
	Golden Oldies	2pm	to 4pm	Ruspidge Hall
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Tai Chi	2pm	to 3pm	Ruspidge Hall
	LVC Dance Fitness	7pm	to 8pm	Ruspidge Hall
	Line Dancing	3:30pm	to 4:30pm	Ruspidge Hall
<b>Every Thursday</b>	Walking for Health	2pm		Blakeney Surgery
	*Brownies	6pm	to 7:30pm	Ruspidge Hall
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b>	Craft Group	7pm	to 9pm	Ruspidge Lower Hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</b>	Book Club	7pm	to 8pm	Ruspidge Lower Hall
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday</b>	Ladies Group	7pm	to 9pm	Ruspidge Hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday</b>	Gardening Club	7:30pm	to 9pm	Ruspidge Hall
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>	Said Eucharist	10am		St Stephen's, Cinderford
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b>	Said Eucharist	10am		St John's Cinderford

\* School Term time only.

**Note. During the COVID-19 emergency, some or all of these activities may be restricted or cancelled.**

**It's SPRING - Things can only get Better!!**



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Citizen Advice Bureau	0300 330 9006
CAB Existing Clients	01594 823937
Dog/Street Warden	01594 810000
FOD District Council	01594 810000
Forestry Commission	03000 674800
FVAF	01594 822073
Highways	08000 514514
Health advice (NHS Direct)	111
Police	101
Report/updates on Power Cuts	105
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