

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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Parish News & Comment

Council Vacancies – Please consider joining your Council. The council and community need you! There will be no deadline for applications. Council is happy to receive applications until all seats are taken. Three vacancies remain to achieve a full council.

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Skatepark - A proposal has been put forward, by a parishioner, for the council to consider installing a skatepark in Ruspidge. The council resolved to research information before it determined the feasibility of the project.

Ruspidge S.106* money - The Wheelchair Friendly Roundabout age range 3 – 14 years and the Assault Course Unit 6 – 14 years was funded by S.106 money available to the parish council for use in Ruspidge. The post installation inspection has been completed and the new equipment is now in use.

Soudley S.106 money *- The council was pleased to support the renewal of the Soudley Village Hall kitchen from S.106 money available to the parish council for use in Soudley. This money will also help fund the installation of a suspended ceiling, which will substantially decrease the heating bills.

Viewpoint - As reported above, the editor has changed. The new editor is Chris Richardson—details below. Note new Viewpoint Email address **theeditor.viewpoint@gmail.com.** I hope that I can maintain the high standards set by Jeff. I would welcome contributions from any parishioners. If you would like future copies of Viewpoint sent to your semail address please go to www.rspc.org.uk Notices section and scroll down to Viewpoint where you can register, free of charge. You can also unsubscribe at any time.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - All Parishioners are urged to keep up to date with, and follow, Government advice.

Above all, Stay Safe!

In line with HM Government COVID-19 advice, all Parish Council meeting are cancelled until further notice.

All other activities of the Council will continue as normal.

*Note. Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. "Planning obligations are legal obligations entered into to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal." Put simply, in order to obtain planning consent, a developer may be obliged to provide funding to mitigate the impact of a proposed development. These funds are deposited with the Planning Authority and distributed to Parish/Town Councils for local projects. Strict conditions apply as to the use of such funds.



Ruspidge Memorial Hall

200 Club Winners

£30 Prize	£20 Prize	£15 Prize
<u>January</u>	Karen Jones,2	Paul Hopkins, 174
Mandy Day, 27	Phil Reynolds, 79	Mel Beckett, 181
<u>February</u>	Doreen Hampton, 18	Mike Endy, 106
Helen Jackson,187	Kath Browning, 19	Edward Beddis, 131
<u>March</u>	Brook Johnson, 111	A, R Hutchesson, 33
Milo Gardner,66	Nicky Herbert, 80	B L Williams, 157



The Hall Committee thanks all members, especially those who haven't won, for supporting the Hall. There will be a few numbers free, please contact Sally Graham on 781449, or email sallymg@live.co.uk if you want to join.



REGULAR EVENTS

Every Sunday	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	
Every Tuesday	Art Club	10am	to	12noon	Soudley Village Hall
	Golden Oldies	2pm	to	4pm	Ruspidge Hall
Every Wednesday	Tai Chi	2pm	to	3pm	Ruspidge Hall
	LVC Dance Fitness	7pm	to	8pm	Ruspidge Hall
	Line Dancing	3:30pm	to	4:30pm	Ruspidge Hall
Every Thursday	Walking for Health	2pm			Blakeney Surgery
	*Brownies	6pm	to	7:30pm	Ruspidge Hall
1 st Monday	Craft Group	7pm	to	9pm	Ruspidge Lower Hall
2 nd Monday	Book Club	7pm	to	8pm	Ruspidge Lower Hall
1 st Tuesday	Ladies Group	7pm	to	9pm	Ruspidge Hall
2 nd Wednesday	Gardening Club	7:30pm	to	9pm	Ruspidge Hall
1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Said Eucharist	10am			St Stephen's, Cinderford
5 th Wednesday	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
Shire Hall Reception	01452 425000
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