

The Stutton Standard

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Stutton Standard.

In this edition we have some Halloween History, some K9 and fitness fun, a fascinating 'moment in time' piece on the old Beech Tree including a wonderful poem, feedback from the open meeting and the first Social committee get together and a delicious recipe!

If you would like to contribute to the next edition please feel free to get in touch, the deadline for articles is Friday 20 November.

In the mean time I hope you enjoy the read, Emily

Trick or treat...

That time of year is upon us once again, will you be "Tricked" or will you be "Treating". Let's all make that big effort to make this year the "SCARIEST STUTTON" ever, carve those Pumpkins and show our local children the fun that can be had.

The children love the excitement and surely most parents do too so let's give our children a fun night. Stock up on the treats and decorate your doors!!

Liz Hartley



Pumpkin competition

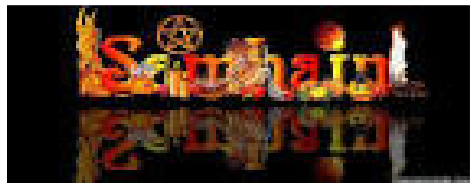
This year we would like to hold a pumpkin competition. No need to formally enter just put your masterpiece out between 5-7pm and it will be judged. Winners will be announced later at the Hare and Hounds and will be displayed on the notice board outside the pub. Good luck!



Hey Ho for Halloween!

It fascinates me how many of the ancient Greek, Roman, Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and Norse traditions were at the origin of celebrations we hold today - Halloween being one of them. Halloween falls midway between the autumnal equinox and winter solstice. The Celtic traditional festival was called 'Samhuinn' - Samhain in modern Irish - meaning 'summer's end.' It is a time of increasing darkness and the start of winter in the natural world. Some believe it marked the end of one traditional Celtic year and the beginning of the next. It marked the end of harvest - crops had to be gathered in and stored ready for the short cold days of winter. Whole herds could not be sustained through the winter so it was also the time for the slaughter of livestock and the preserving of meat. Spiritually, it was viewed as a period of time between the years when the veil between the present and past, the living and the dead was thin. It was a time to remember loved ones when the doors between the worlds swung open and spirits would visit. This time of transition was seen as one in which everyday normality was suspended and chaos reigned, giving the community a chance to rebel, carry out pranks, dress up, blacken faces and process through the streets carrying turnips carved into deaths' heads (pumpkins are an American import).

*Hey ho for Halloween,
When all the witches are to be seen;
Some in black, and some in green,
Hey ho for Halloween!
(Traditional)*



Some wore masks representing the spirits of the dead, they called at homes begging for gifts - to refuse their request would invite vengeance on the household (the origin of trick-or-treat). The event became known as Mischief Night in some areas.

The festival lasted for three days which have been Christianised as All Hallows Day on 31st October (the period after sunset being All Hallows Eve), All Saints Day on 1st November and All Souls Day on 2nd November.

The lighting of bonfires at Samhain was an important part of the celebration, effigies were burnt representing a way of parting with the ills and sadness of the year just past. Ireland's bonfire and firework night is still Halloween on 31st October, but in England it has moved to the 5th November coinciding with Guy Fawkes Night. In Scotland, Halloween bonfires were popular up until the first World War and in parts of Wales, families would gather round a fire in the hearth telling ghost stories.

After the chaos of the festival, the misrule would subside, the open door between the worlds would close and order would resume.

I'm looking forward to carving out pumpkins with my children (and eating the soup we make from them) this Halloween.

Chris Horton, Manor Road

Granny P's recipe corner – Perfect Parkin

I like many others grew up in a 'traditional home' where mum was a stay at home wife and mother. We had a family business, so life was very busy and growing up in a village our house was too. We always had people popping to see mum and dad, or our friends and family would pop by; so because of this we always had a pantry full of goodies which mum always made from scratch, whether that be a steak pie or a sherry trifle (and yes the pastry and sponge were made by her). Baking and creating amazing meals is something that has been passed from mother to daughter in our family for centuries, and yes I have been taught too, but as things have changed, I for one don't have the time to spend hours in the kitchen and bought pastry is just as good, just don't tell her I said that. However at certain times of the year I dust my piny off and create a floury mess in my kitchen to recreate some naughty but nice treats for everyone, so I would like to share mums amazing parkin as were coming up to Bonfire Night.

Ingredients

12oz medium oats
6oz self raising flour
2 teaspoons ground ginger
6oz salted butter
9 fluid oz golden syrup
2 fluid oz black treacle
2 eggs (beaten)
4 fluid oz milk
6oz soft brown sugar
8x10 square tin, lined with grease proof paper

Method

Melt in a pan the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter until the sugar dissolves (on a low heat, stirring to avoid burning). Take the pan off the heat and add the dry ingredients, flour, oats, ground ginger, give it all a good gentle stir (no beating). Then add the milk and eggs, make sure everything is combined then pour in to the lined tin and cook for 1 hour at gas 3, 160c.

Once it's cooked allow it to cool, slice it in to squares its up to you how big you make them. If you wrap them in grease proof paper and foil and put them in air tight tin they will keep for about 3 weeks, but take it from they won't last 3 hours before they've all gone! I hope you enjoy making these but I hope you enjoy eating them more.

If you have any family favourite and you would like to share them with us all, please email them to me at wrigglesworth291@btinternet.com

Lynsay Wigglesworth



Saturday 12th September 2015

Stutton 5K, 10K9 and Dog Show

Thanks to Everyone



Thanks to all who came and supported the Stutton Run and Dog Show 2015. We hoped you enjoyed it despite the rain! The day began with the third annual Stutton 5K and 10K dog walk and run.

The event was well supported by Kippax Harriers running club who supplied the first two runners home once again, as in 2014, together with our intrepid soaked dog walkers!

Well done to the village runners who turned out for both the 5K and 10K but we could do with the regular village runners to support the event next year. Get training for 2016!

2015 Results

Position	Name	10K Time	Name	5K Time
1	Ian Downham	44:54	Andrew Hirst	22:56
2	Craig Worley	45:58	James Hirst	23:37
3	Paul Hick	48:11	Derek Mould	24:04

Congratulations to Stuart Natkus who set a Lithuanian national record for the Sutton 10K run at his first attempt. In an attempt to emulate Borat, Stuart will attempt to improve his record next year—shaving time off by running in a mankini.....

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Stutt[🐶]n 10K9 Dog Show

Thanks to Everyone



Despite the rain, the Dog Show was well supported by the dogs and their owner/carers. Particularly popular were the Musical Mat competition followed by the ever popular and extremely competitive Egg and Spoon and Sack Races. It was only meant to be a fun event!

Special thanks to all who helped set up and helped on the day, to the cake makers, stall managers, our generous sponsors and, of course, to Kevin and his team at the Hare and Hounds for hosting the event.



You helped raise a fantastic £360 for the NSPCC! Thanks to all for your generosity and supporting your annual village event.

Well done!

Open meeting and Social committee summary

On the 7 September an open meeting was held at the Hare and Hounds to give an update on the St Aidan's situation and discuss ideas about how to use any remaining funds from the 'Save St Aidan's' fundraising events and enhance the community spirit.

A number of ideas were put forward including seasonal celebrations, music groups, flowers in the village, ideas for capturing local history, social media opportunities and support for the creation of a social committee to help organise/promote/support events and activities in the village. Volunteers were asked for and a number of people put themselves forward. Mike Grayson confirmed that he and his wife, Kathryn had bought St Aidan's church. The remaining funds from the 'St Aidan's appeal' will be transferred into a social committee account and will be used to support the village and events.

On the 24 September the social committee met for the first time to elect officers and set out some initial aims and objectives. In the coming months we will draft a constitution. If anybody would like to volunteer to become a member just let me know.

We decided to organise 3 events in the short term – The Halloween pumpkin competition, Bonfire night celebrations and Carols round the Christmas tree.

We are also looking at the possibility of erecting a notice board outside St Aidan's to add latest notes and posters.

For the time being, If you would like to see the action notes in full please get in touch and I can send you a copy.

Emily Tudball

Please check out and 'like' the new Facebook page created by Julie Chadwick. It will keep you up-to-date with all the latest goings on in the village. We are also looking at creating a website so everyone can access electronic copies of the Standard, minutes from the social committee meetings and all sorts of other information.



Meet the committee;

Chair – Nigel Hilton

Vice Chair – Graham Hunter

**Secretary – Emily Tudball /
Kathy Bird**

Treasurer – Sophie Hilton

PR – Julie Chadwick

Other members -

Lynsay Wrigglesworth

Paul Chadwick

**The next meeting will be held at
the Hare and Hounds on 15
October at 19:30, all welcome to
attend.**

A moment in time.....

Not many people know that the Beech Tree standing at the cross road is only about 26 nearly 27 years old. The original was knocked down in March 1989 after it was deemed dangerous, after the main trunk of the tree was rotting from disease. I'm sure many of the villages around at the time of demolition have lots of theories about what happened to the tree, one being it was hit by a run-away JCB stolen by youths from the quarry but we will never know the truth really. There was a fair bit of controversy about the tree being cut down as some thought it was possible the tree could have been saved and treated.

My father in law Dougie Wrigglesworth wrote a beautiful heart felt poem to commemorate the original Beech Tree and scribed it on a piece of the trunk and it has hung proudly on his wall for the past 26 years and I would like to share it with you all.



Lynsay Wrigglesworth

THE STUTTON BEECH

***The Stouton Beech how proud it had grown,
How long she'd been there no-one had known
Some said 600 years some said seven,
The man who planted her is long in heaven.***

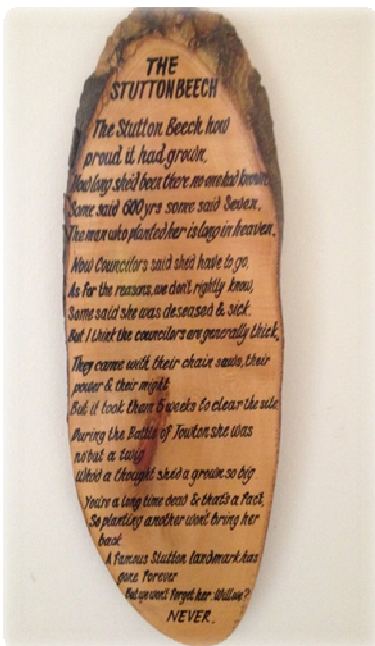
***Now councillors said she'd have to go,
As for the reason, we don't rightly know,
Some said she was diseased and sick,
But I think the councillors are generally thick.***

***They came with their chain saws, their power and
their might, But it took them 5 weeks to clear the site.
During the Battle of Towton she was no'but a twig
Who'd a thought she'd a grown so big.***

***You're a long time dead and that's a fact,
So planting another won't bring her back,
A famous Stouton landmark has gone forever,
But we won't forget her: Will we?***

NEVER

Dougie Wrigglesworth



Shooting day

On Sunday 27 September a group of 10 intrepid 'hunters' went out in search of prey – of the clay variety. This was the latest clay pigeon shoot organised by Mike Grayson.

We were a motley group with some experienced shots and some complete novices who had never shot a gun before. Mike and Paul brought along their guns (as licensed gun holders) and did a magnificent task of ensuring everyone's safety but also patiently coaching and guiding all those who were there. All had a fantastic time, and enjoyed the experience of shooting a shotgun, in a safe, pressure free environment.



We will be organising more shooting trips in the future so if you fancy joining in keep an eye out for the upcoming dates on the notice board in the pub or in the 'Standard' Paul Spurrier

Bridge and Darts at the Hare and Hounds – A new bridge club will start from the first Tuesday in November as well as a darts club on Wednesday evenings. All abilities most welcome from experienced payers to complete beginners.

BOKWA! – Classes at the village hall each Tuesday from 7pm till 8pm for the next 6 weeks, starting Tuesday, 13th October £5 per class Text (07801 436730) or email (emilia@merer.net) Emilia for more information

Diary of events

- *Sing for fun (Ladies only) – 19 October, 20:00-21:30 venue TBC please contact Michelle (07778299294) to register your interest*
- *Back to the future event – 21 October, tickets still available from the pub*
- *Go Karting – 24 October*
- *Halloween pumpkin competition – 31 October, 5-7pm*
- *Bonfire night display – 6 November*
- *Carols round the Christmas tree – 13 December (details to follow)*

Please pop into the Hare and Hounds for further details and to book places Quiz night at the Hare and Hounds every Sunday from 8:30

Local links

Stutton Parish Council website – <http://www.stuttonpc.org.uk/parish-council/>
Facebook pages for Stutton Community and Hare and Hounds

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