

# The Stutton Standard

Spring 2017

Edition no 8

## Blooming Marvellous!



Welcome to the eighth edition of the Stutton Standard. Spring has arrived and Stutton is looking fabulous. The hard work of all the volunteers planting hundreds of bulbs back in October has come to fruition with daffodils and tulips bursting to life around the village. You may also have noticed the Easter Bunny making an appearance on Easter Sunday when we hosted our annual Easter event. Despite the rain the turnout was fantastic. We now look forward to the summer fete on 24<sup>th</sup> June; more details will follow but please pencil the date in your calendar!



## Photo competition

### Calling all photographers!

Countryfile watch out! Stutton Social Committee is holding its first ever photo competition – All entries will be judged and winners will appear in a **Stutton Village Calendar!**

Photos need to have 'Stutton' as the theme but anything goes; people, pets, landmarks and landscapes; A panel of judges will then choose their favourite photo for each month, so get snapping!

Entries must be sent to [stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com) or posted through Paddock House's letterbox all clearly marked with your **name** and **address** by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**.

Winners will be announced in the Autumn Stutton Standard with calendars available to pre-order from September.

# The Great British Spring Clean in Stutton

On the weekend of the 4th and 5th March, Stutton villagers joined the 'Great British Spring Clean' a national campaign to clean up Britain! Around 30 volunteers of all ages checked in for litter picks – collecting dozens of bags full of rubbish (including over 100 dog poo bags!!) Amazing for the small area covered but it is surprising how much is hidden away in hedges and roadsides.



We plan on repeating the event later in the year – look out for Facebook posts and posters!



## Looking out for each other

Anybody who follows our Facebook or Twitter accounts may have noticed the increase in crime being reported around our neighbouring towns and villages.

Whilst mainly set up to organise local events and keep everybody updated of local news, the social committee are keen to ensure the safety of all our fellow residents and security of village properties.

If you would be interested in helping to set up a Neighbourhood Watch, No Cold Calling Zones or similar, please contact [Stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com) and we will put interested parties in touch. More eyes the better...



**Stutton**

**SUMMER Fete**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 11am to 5pm**

**Weedling Gate Field**

**5K/10K9**

**Run/Dog walk**

**Dog show**

**Food and drinks**

**Cake stall**

**Face painting**

**Bouncy castle**

**Traditional games**

**Jewellery stall**

**Pet supplies stall**

**Plus.... Performances from**

**Tadcaster Grammar School Big Band!**



# Update from the Parish Council

Welcome to this update from Stutton cum Hazlewood Parish Council aimed at highlighting some of the work the Council has been doing on your behalf.

As the first tier of local government the Parish Council has a duty to make sure that it spends your money wisely. Each year the Council collects a precept – a few pence of your Council Tax - to make sure that our community requirements are being met and local initiatives are agreed and funded locally. In 2016/7 the Parish Council has been busy...

The Parish Council contributed towards the cost of planting some of the bulbs you'll have seen popping up all over the village – a great initiative organised by the Stutton Social Committee to improve our environment. Similarly, the fantastic firework event last November benefited from a contribution from the Parish Council for your enjoyment. And there is an event being planned to commemorate the centenary of WW1 - including a Beacon for Stutton. If you're interested, please get involved.



Last year the Parish Council was contacted by Pauline Hogg who highlighted that we have important rare wild flowers growing on some specific verges in our Parish. So we have an ongoing project to provide proper, robust signage to highlight and protect these rare wild flowers – including orchids – which need specific maintenance to allow them to flourish. A special article has been written by Pauline who is passionate about preserving these important finds. She'll let you know where to find them and what you can do to help preserve them.



# Update from the Parish Council

Aside from the “conventional” community activity such as fixing the underpass lights, reviewing every planning application in our Parish, campaigning for additional buses to service the village, speed reduction initiatives and requesting dog walkers clear up after their pooches, the Parish Council also gets to deal with some of the more odd requests... Recently it was announced that the Red Phone Boxes are being taken out of commission and did we want to adopt ours? Overwhelmingly it was decided that we did – and now we'd like to ask YOU how you would like it to be used. Towton has a mini library and book exchange, other popular uses include housing village defibrillators – the Parish Council would like to invite your ideas.



For this and any other aspect affecting your community please get in touch with the Parish Council ([www.stuttonpc.org.uk](http://www.stuttonpc.org.uk)) – or even better come along to a meeting and hear what it's all about and contribute. Held every second Thursday of the Month in the Village Hall the next one is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**CANCER  
RESEARCH UK  
RACE FOR LIFE**

A group of Stutton ladies have signed up to complete Pretty Muddy, a 5k mud run in aid of cancer research. If any ladies would like to join the team please contact the social committee ([stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com)) or if you would like to donate please visit the fundraising page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/nadines-team-1>



## VERGING ON BEAUTIFUL

How many of you regularly walk or drive from Garnet Lane down Moor Lane over the A64 then past Jackdaw Quarry and round the bend towards Stutton? How many of you know that there is a stunning array of wild flowers on the verges either side of this stretch of road? Some of them are very rare. It is so easy to undertake a regular journey and not notice what is around you.

I have lived on Garnet Lane for 15 years and often walked this route without realising what jewels it held. It was only when walking with a botanist friend who marvelled at what she found that my eyes were opened and I have eagerly awaited the first flowers lifting their faces towards the sun every year since.



**Common Broomrape (l) and Bee orchid (r)**



**Common Broomrape**

You may think you don't know much about wild flowers but everyone has heard of orchids and these verges are home to at least 5 different orchid species in very significant numbers. One of the earliest to flower is Common Spotted Orchid in late May or early June and this is probably the best known and most widespread nationally. Also flowering from May onwards is Pyramidal Orchid; aptly named as its flowers form a purple pyramid which is unmistakable. The Twayblade is an orchid that is hard to find due to its insignificant green appearance, but is actually quite interesting just because it is odd. There were only a handful of these three years ago, and they have already disappeared due to neglect, but with some attention, I am convinced we can bring them back as the soil should still hold a viable seedbank.

Rarer Orchids we are lucky to have on our verges include Bee Orchid and Northern Marsh Orchid. Bee Orchid's flower actually looks like a bee tucked in below 3 lilac petals and, in my opinion, is the prettiest of them all. Whilst orchids are not common anywhere in the UK, in 2016 we counted 8 Northern Marsh, 9 Common Spotted, 50+ Bee and a massive 250+ Pyramidal Spikes. This makes our verges very important in Yorkshire for their flora diversity.

Another interesting plant found on the verges is called Common Broomrape and it is neither common nor anything to do with broom! It is a parasitic plant which grows on Red Clover and is unusual in that it is not green as it gets all its food from its host plant. It looks like a pale spike with pale purplish florets and grows about 6" tall.



**Pyramidal orchid**

If anyone would like me to meet them there to point out the various flowers, I would be happy to do so. Please email me at [paulinehogg8@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinehogg8@hotmail.com)



**Bee orchid**

Although fairly common down south, it is extremely rare this far north, and this area was the most significant site for it in Northern England last year, holding record numbers.

Sadly, before most of the Pyramidal orchids could get past the bud stage and into their glorious purple beauty, the verge was mown by person or persons unknown so we will have to hope that they flower again in 2017. With a great deal of help and advice from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Stutton Parish Council are implementing a management plan to improve the condition of the verges and thus ensure we have more chances to admire these beautiful flowers for many years to come.

So please do visit the verges during May-August and admire the profusion of wild flowers there. And please avoid parking on the verges during this time, picking the flowers and especially avoid any cutting between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>st</sup> September so that we may all be given the opportunity to enjoy these jewels of nature for their all-too-brief flowering season.

# Events 2017

Date	Event	Venue
20 May 2017	Go Karting	Tockwith Karting Meet at pub 16:15
3-11 June 4-8pm weekdays, 11am-4pm weekends	Art Exhibition	St Aidan,s Church
24 June 2017	Summer Fete	Weedling Gate field
23 September 2017	Dog Racing	Owlerton Stadium, Sheffield
4 November 2017	Bonfire Night	Weedling Gate field
10 December 2017	Christmas Fair	St Aidan's/Village

*For further details please come along to the social committee meetings, speak to a member of the committee or email the social committee either at the email address below or through Facebook.*

*Electronic copies of the Stutton Standard and notes from the social committee meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.*

## Diary of regular events

- *Stutton Strollers football team* – Tadcaster Grammar school, Tuesday evenings 8.30-9.30pm, 50 weeks a year. Cost is £4, or reduced rate of £3 if in education or over 60. Aimed at 35yrs + but 16yrs+ welcome with parent. (Contact Charlie 07528 968747 for more information)
- *Tap dancing* – Every second Tuesday of the month at 8:30pm (next session 2 May) Village Hall
- *Sing for fun (Ladies only)* – Every third Monday of the month 8-9:30pm St Aidan,s
- *Bridge club* – Every other Thursday
- *Mindfulness*- Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45pm (Sue - 07729 617471, 01937 831449 [www.littleyin.co.uk](http://www.littleyin.co.uk))
- Stutton Social Committee meetings – every third Thursday of the month 7pm, St Aidans

## Local links

Stutton Parish Council website – <http://www.stuttonpc.org.uk>

Facebook pages for Stutton Community – search ‘Stutton Village community

Twitter - @StuttonVillage’

## Contact details

Stutton social committee – [stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com)