

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

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Stanningfield Village Hall Car Park

The development of the Village Hall car park is nearing completion ready for the Fete in early June. This is the last project in a three-year redevelopment plan which has seen the Hall completely re-vamped with Celotex insulation and state of the art external cladding, new high performance double glazed windows installed and external gazebo and decking facilities added to the garden area.

The car park has been extended to allow many more vehicles to be parked. At the same time the area fronting onto the wood at the rear of the Hall has been cleared of brambles and rubbish to allow a new grassed area to be created. We have also taken the opportunity to add three street lights along the edge of the car park which will make a fantastic difference when leaving at night.

As with all the projects carried out at the Hall and in the Parish over the last three years the majority of the monies raised, which now totals nearly £40,000 has come from grants, support from local bodies, donations, County and Borough Councillors' locality budgets, with most of the work associated with these projects being carried out by volunteers. In the case of monies raised for the car park and the work carried out, we have to say thank you to: -

Barry Colson – Who dug the dirt, cleared the bramble, laid, and rolled the stone and carted it all away, with all his time, labour and equipment being supplied for nothing. The money to fund this project came primarily from:

Stanningfield Community Association (SCA).

Terry Clements – who at the time was our County Councillor.

Sara Mildmay- White – our Borough Councillor.

Parish Speed Review

On 28th March, there was yet another accident involving 4 cars on the A134 in Bradfield Combust; the emergency services attended and it is believed one person suffered neck injuries and one car was written off. Just in February the Parish Council submitted a very considered paper to the County Council calling for a review of speed limits in the Parish and specifically to reduce the speed limit to 30mph through both the centre of Bradfield Combust and further along the Bury Road in Stanningfield. The Highways Engineer visited the Parish on 10th February and we now await a response from the County Council.

Congratulations to Our New Mayor

Our warmest congratulations go to our new The Worshipful The Mayor Terry Clements who will take up the post on the 18th May following the Mayor Making Ceremony in the Apex. Councillor Clements resides in our Parish at Stanningfield. Congratulations!

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 3rd June at 2.00pm– Stanningfield Village Fete. This is the biggest fund raiser in the Parish yearly calendar. So, make sure you are there to support and enjoy the many attractions. There will be the usual array of wonderful plants for sale at great prices, refreshments and prize draws, with lots of fun and games for the children. This year, there will be a Kids Karaoke and a special appearance by “Pedro the Pirate” a local childrens entertainer.

Saturday 24th June – Following on from the success of last year’s event. We will hold a BBQ and Quiz evening at the Village Hall starting at 6pm. This year we will hold a general quiz along with a special “**name that tune**” feature. Hot dogs and burgers will be available at very reasonable prices, and there will also be a bar. Tickets will be available at £5 each from David Staff or the Red House.

Saturday 15th July – Fun On The Green starts at 2.00pm and includes all the normal fun and games, bring a plate.

Sunday 9th September – Suffolk Churches Bike Ride event, followed by a BBQ and music at the Village Hall.
See “*The St Edmunds Way Magazine*” May issue for a full list of Church events.

Saturday 16th September – Dance at the Village Hall to live music; details and ticket prices to be confirmed during the summer.

Bingo Every first Friday in the Month – Come and join in. April saw nearly sixty people playing and of course the more people attending the bigger the prizes get.

The Ghost of Mr Dickens

As you will recall, back in January we were lucky enough to have The Untold Theatre Company present - The Ghosts of Mr. Dickens at the Village Hall; this was a great success with nearly seventy people in attendance. We would be interested in holding similar events, If anyone has any ideas or contacts, please let us know.

Playground Equipment

The equipment on the Green at Stanningfield is undergoing some running repairs to keep it in tip top condition, so please be patient if a part of it is cordoned off while work takes place.

Telephone Box

The Telephone Box is now the property of the Parish and as such needs to be used and maintained by us. Do you have any ideas for its use and are you prepared to help with its restoration? If so please contact Amanda Hinde on 01284828787.

Karen Soons

Congratulations to Karen, who has won the Local Election to become our new County Councillor. We look forward to working with Karen over the coming period. Karen takes over the role from Terry Clements, who as you will have seen earlier in this issue becomes Mayor.

Parish Council Up-date

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on Monday 22ND May at Stanningfield Village Hall and is also the Annual General Meeting. The meeting starts at 7pm.

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