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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NEW STANTON WALKING GROUP**
- **SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE FOR HISTORICAL CHURCHES TRUST**

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Do You Know about The United Kingdom Constitution ?

The United Kingdom is often said to be a country without a written constitution. This is not strictly true. Although there is no single codifying document, such as the United States or France have, more than half of the British constitution is written down, mainly in statutes and case law. Other aspects of the constitution are found in non-binding conventions, parliamentary rules, and the royal prerogative. These various sources make it difficult to pinpoint specifics of the constitution, but on the other hand allow for the constitution to be easily amended, giving it a flexible nature. Traditionally, the UK constitution is said to be founded on two principles: the doctrine of parliamentary supremacy and the rule of law.

Parliamentary Supremacy

Parliament is the supreme law-making body. This means that it has complete sovereignty to make or unmake any law that it wishes to. This contrasts with other jurisdictions, such as the United States, whose laws may often be challenged as being unconstitutional. Consequently, Parliament is not bound or subject to any other

government or state authority, including the courts. This position has now changed, however, following the United Kingdom's accession to the European Union in 1972, and EU law now takes precedence over that of the UK where there is a conflict between the two.

The Rule of Law

Although the concept of the rule of law differs from one jurisdiction to the next, it basically means that the law is above every citizen and is applied to every citizen equally. Although no precise definition of 'the rule of law' exists, certain elements are seen as essential, such as that laws should be published, or that the judiciary should be independent. Of particular importance in the concept of the rule of law is that the government itself should be restrained in its governance and government officials held accountable for their actions. Of course, dictatorships or military juntas may look upon the rule of law in a different light.

Constitutional Monarchy and the Royal Prerogative

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy, meaning that it has

a monarch as head of state. Nowadays, the monarch's role is largely ceremonial and reserved to duties such as the State Opening of Parliament. The day-to-day running of the country is left to the prime minister and the heads of the various ministries of state. Nevertheless, the monarch does retain some powers, known as the royal prerogative, which are generally exercised upon the advice of the prime minister or other ministers. One of the most important of these is the power to appoint or dismiss prime ministers. The last time this particular power was used was in 1974 when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed Harold Wilson as prime minister even though he did not command a majority in the House of Commons. The appointment was made upon advice from the Privy Council. Other powers under the royal prerogative include the power to make war and peace, the power to issue passports, and the power to appoint bishops and archbishops of the Church of England.



STANTON VILLAGE HALL

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Summer Social on July 18th. We raised a total profit of £348 for the hall thanks to the generosity in baking cakes, donating raffle prizes and coming along on the day. Special appreciation goes to Colin and Catherine from the pub for their work on the day and for their generous donation to the funds. Also to the Knight family who kept the children busy with the

obstacle course, to Julian and helper from the North Shropshire Hunt who brought puppies, to all the committee and others who offered their help on the day and to Tesco's of Shrewsbury who donated the fruit hamper and discounts on many purchases.

It was a good day enjoyed by all and lovely to see the Village Hall buzzing!

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SERVICES

6 Sept 9.30 am Songs of Praise led by Mrs Barbara Holt
 13 Sept 9.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Tim Carter
 20 Sept 9.30 am Morning Prayer led by Mrs Barbara Holt
 27 Sept No Service at Stanton. Joint Service for the three churches at Shawbury at 11.00 am led by Rev David Humphries.



FLOWER ROTA

13 September—Beverley Orme - Volunteers needed for all other dates.

The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride will this year take place on 12 September. The sponsorship is divided between the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and the riders local church. If anyone would like to take part on behalf of Stanton Church they should contact Vanessa Shuker (on 10939 250186) for a sponsor form as soon as possible.

Rev David Humphries will be retiring as vicar of Stanton, Shawbury and Moreton Corbet on 30 September. He has requested no presents so there will not be a formal collection. However, if anyone wishes to send him a donation to mark the 19 years he has been vicar here, they should send it direct to Rev David Humphries at The New Vicarage, Shawbury, Shropshire.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Natalie Cauchi 01939 251005 -
 Booking Officer if Sue not available
 Beverley Orme 01939 250878
 Barbara Fisher 01939 251075
 Jane Fildes 01939 251187
 Mary Page 01939 251166
 Sue Young 01939 250194 -
 Chairperson & Booking Officer

FUTURE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd September and 1st October — NEIGHBOURHOOD NATTER MORNING - 1030—12 noon— Please come and join us at this informal coffee morning in a relaxed atmosphere and catch up with friends and neighbours and meet new ones. All are welcome.

Saturday 28th Nov - CHRISTMAS THEMED QUIZ NIGHT with Licensed Bar and Food— More details in later editions, please try and save the date in your diaries after the success of the Summer Social.

Summer Social - Thanks to all who helped and attended an amazing £348 was raised for the village hall.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Don't forget if you have any family get-togethers, parties or special interest activities coming up, the village hall is a great place to hold it.

For availability and further details please contact the booking officer.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS / HELPERS

If you have some time to spare and would like to become involved in organising village activities, events etc then your help would be gratefully appreciated. New faces on the committee would be a great asset but if you only wish to spend a limited amount of time helping out it would still be enormously helpful. Please contact any of the existing committee members for more information.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Please refer to the Parish Council website for details

www.stantonparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2015.

NEW STANTON WALKING GROUP !!!!!!!!!

A new local walking group has just started up from the Stanton pub on a fortnightly basis, and has been already a great success. The next event is at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8th September and will be fortnightly thereafter. We are currently exploring walks of about 1.5 hrs and of medium exertion. A comfortable pair of walking shoes is recommended along with a light waterproof. The emphasis is on a leisurely pace along with a chance for a chat. If you would like to come along please feel free. We have been known to pop into the pub for a quick drink afterwards. More information please contact Chris Floyd on 01939 250196 or floydies@talktalk.net.

SLOW TRAVEL:SHROPSHIRE WALKS — Marie Krefit

The above book will be available early in 2016, anyone wishing to contribute could contact Marie at marie@goodasgoldws.co.uk for further details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & RURAL WATCH

The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is due to take place on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Stanton Arms. All welcome.

CRIMESTOPPERS - 0300 555111

Call in information anonymously to this independent charity if you have seen or heard something about a crime, but don't know what to do, or scared to come forward — your information can make a difference.

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