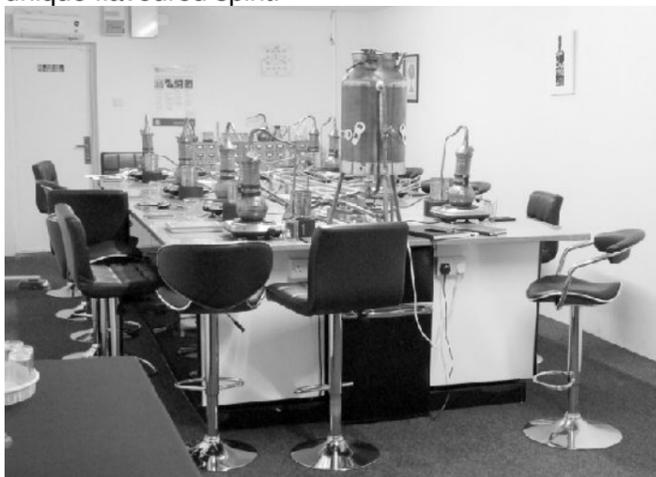


where customers can design their own gin using botanicals provided by the company or from their own personal stock and take home a bottle of their own unique flavoured spirit.



The Parish Council congratulate them on 'a massive win' in the Retail, Leisure, Culture and Tourism section of the Staffordshire Business Awards. Nelson's Gin can be bought at Marchington Community Shop or Majestic Wine in Uttoxeter or sampled at the Bramshall Inn. Completely different, Mac groundwork contractors are a local company who specialize in all aspects of groundwork they are tarmac specialists to both the private and commercial sector. They also work closely with playground equipment providers for the council, with 15 years dedicated commitment to the playground industry and are now recognized as one of the largest playground installers in the u.k.



Lanes are different again. With a head office in Leeds the village site is part of a national network providing 24/7 responses to drainage emergencies with removal, rehabilitation and renewal, as well as consultancy and waste management services. The Business Village is full but Steven Hughes recognises the need for small business units and is considering some additional log cabin style units to cater for local demand.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Mathew Ellis, the Police and Crime Commissioner says "Empowering residents, businesses and partners across Staffordshire to help create an even

safer environment where people are supported and united in their ambition to live safe and enjoyable lives'.

A new coordinator is needed in the Parish. S/he should be prepared to:

- Contact every individual household in their chosen scheme area to invite and support them to become members.
- Act as a key point of contact to receive and cascade information between scheme members, other local coordinators and partners, where relevant.
- Manage scheme administration, ensuring scheme and membership information is registered in line with local policy and kept up to date.
- Signpost members with community safety issues to the most appropriate organisation.
- Encourage reporting of suspicious and/or criminal incidents to the police.
- Promote personal responsibility for community safety by encouraging members to improve home and personal security.
- Promote neighbourliness by encouraging members to share crime reduction information and keep an eye on each other's homes and possessions, giving special consideration to vulnerable neighbours.
- Support police and other agencies to identify local issues and solve problems where there are community concerns.

Please let the parish clerk know if you are interested.

Speedwatch

Due to a lack of volunteers the Speedwatch Scheme has folded. During the time that speeds were monitored in the village speeding was reduced

Dementia

An independent study has shown that older people, especially those in popular rural locations, face additional physical isolation and limited services for Dementia.

"Rural people often have issues getting to their local G.P. surgeries as well as post diagnosis support and less availability of paid carers."

It is especially important to provide a "sign post" system to access services that are provided. Dementia describes different brain disorders and are progressive and severe. Alzheimers is the most common, causing memory loss, confusion and problems with speech and understanding. There is no cure.

Could you help a loved one or neighbour with any of the mentioned problems. Perhaps a lift to a local G.P. surgery or a helping hand with household chores. Your patience and time is all that is needed.

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Village Fete.

The annual Stowe by Chartley summer fete was opened in bright sunshine by Mr. Johnson of Chartley Hall. (Right) A good crowd took advantage of the fine weather to spend money at the variety of stalls and events. The ice cream and drinks went down well.



Right. A careful examination of resources was needed to maximise the benefits. A Parish Clerk in the making perhaps!?

Left. Chartley Chucks gave one young visitor the chance to hold a tiny chick



The Florence Brass Band entertained visitors



Above. Amerton Farm Wildlife Rescue Centre laid on ferret racing. One young punter picked the winner and got a gold medal to prove it (Left)

Elections.



Cllr. Len Bloomer had to stand down from the County Council due to ill health. He served this Parish well since 2001 and has regularly attended Parish Council meetings. We wish him well in his retirement.



Congratulations to his replacement Cllr. John Francis. For many years Cllr. Francis was Chairman of Berkswich Parish Council.

Cllr. Francis will continue to provide the financial help that Cllr. Bloomer provided for community projects although his total fund has been reduced to £7,500. As the CEO of the Community Council said at the Parish Meeting the County Council will have no government funding from 2020. Like all County Councils Staffordshire is cutting back and looking to Parish Councils for help in providing services.

New Clerk

Our thanks go to Mrs. Deborah Brumwell for her 7 years of service to the Parish Council. Deborah is leaving us to spend more time with her family. Cllr. Meddings said 'We wish Deborah well in her future endeavors'.



We welcome the return of John Blount as clerk to the Council. John previously served the community from 1993 to 2008.

Civic Amenity Skip

In spite of the extra cost the Council is still providing skips on three occasions this year. One was on the 1st April then there will be a skip on the Village Hall Car Park from 10am to 11am on 22nd July and on 14th October.



Eagle Sweet Peas.



Derek Heathcote at Chelsea Flower Show and (Right) with his glorious blooms at home in Stowe by Chartley Parish

The last time that this award winning nursery appeared in this Newsletter was 2009. Since then the business, now 30 years old, has gone from strength to strength. For the last 14 years Eagle Sweet Peas have appeared at the Chelsea Flower Show winning 10 Gold Awards. Owner Derek Heathcote has now been granted a Royal Warrant for the supply of sweet pea seeds. Even though Derek has been providing sweet pea seeds for the Royal gardens for 11 years the process of actually getting the Royal Warrant involved a large amount of documentation and took two attempts. Even then it took nearly a year for the formal process to be completed. The final notification arrived on 1st April! We are delighted for Eagle Nursery and hope that our earlier publicity helped!

Amerton Farm.

As a family we only took over at Amerton Farm, a year ago and we have tried hard to make our visitor experience more exciting but, as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day... We have updated the tea room and called it Finney's and our latest project, Billy's Farm Barn, is now in use. Many customers have now



experienced our unique wooden play area themed on the local village of Stowe by Chartley, and Billy's Farm Barn will officially be opened when the outside area is completed on the 21st July.



It is not soft play it is wooden structure and is often described as old fashioned rough and tumble play, we have Granny Shaw's black & white thatch cottage we have the Church, Farm house, the Cock Inn with its own fireman's pole to escape. A large Grain Store the old Village School, The Village Farm Shop and the Village Hall. The Village Hall doubles up as a cyber room for the older children and the Church forms part of a baby sensory area and toddler area. In the outside area we will have animals and a tractor and trailer ride around the fields once completed in July.

Our continuing development in the next few weeks include a new food hall with a butcher shop, a coffee and milkshake bar, a dog groomers, a new craft corner and craft demonstrations. We are also hoping to develop the farm yard with new units looking to bring in a florist and micro brewery and country clothing. It costs a great deal to make these improvements, but we know we must improve our customer's experience and live up to our motto 'A great day out for everyone'.

To ensure we provide quality in the Staffordshire Countryside we take care to source and buy locally where possible, we employ over 50 staff from the surrounding areas and as a family business we always aim to support local businesses to sustain the local economy. The railway had their annual steam gala on the weekend of the 24th/25th June when Isabel & Jenny along with three visiting engines made their way around the track at Amerton for everyone to enjoy. We are also have several other tenants on

site which include the British Wildlife Rescue Centre who take in and look after injured animals, Amerton Bakery who are well known for their delights, Amerton Pottery with their paint a pot studio and Amerton Cakes who cater for all occasions. Our talented Blacksmith is based in the old farm yard and also sculpture classes which are also available for general public to participate in. If you are looking for a garden shed then Brookside Garden buildings will be sure to be able to meet your needs and for those special moments Tokens of Love in the craft centre will create special memories in the form of a 3D casting. We have a large range of reclaimed furniture created by a local craftsman for sale and a number of local crafts people displaying their products for sale in the craft centre. So if you are short of a gift or a card then pay us a visit. Thank you again for your support over the past few months and the Directors and staff at Amerton Farm look forward to seeing you down on the farm very soon. Eunice Finney.

Grindley Business Village.

The Parish Council has long been a supporter of rural businesses. Cllr. Mrs. Finney has been a particular champion so the Council is delighted that it is enjoying success with more than 7 businesses employing hundreds of people. Rural businesses on the site include event organising, equipment hire, freight, storage, wedding cars, groundworks, drains and gin distilling. Developer Steven Hughes points to the big advantages of the site; good access, a green environment 100MByte data line and ease of parking and manoeuvring. Stafford Borough Council planners have been very helpful in shaping the development, says Steven.



From the village Nelson's Gin not only supply their smooth and sophisticated gin but also run classes