

**Accompanying this NEWSRAC is a revised list of Local Traders and also Ashbourne Retailer Information.**

**Ellastone Church Clock**

Some will have noticed that the clock on the Tower of the Church has stopped.



Whilst it seems symbolic in some ways – like it is awaiting a re-start plan from Downing Street, the actual reason is that while the Church is closed, the Insurance Company, as is common, requires the electricity to be turned off, and this has disabled the electric winder.

**Ellastone Parish Council**

As authorised in the current situation, the Council will be holding virtual meetings using “Zoom”. Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Meetings are, of course, open to members of the public, and anyone wishing to discuss an issue (and able to use the technology) should contact the Parish Clerk, Julie Sadler [js.ellastonepc@gmail.com](mailto:js.ellastonepc@gmail.com)

**Bingo Thank-you**

Back in March before everything changed, another of the very popular Bingo with Fish and Chips evenings was held in the Parish Hall. This provided some much-needed and appreciated funds for St. Peter’s Church. A big thank-you to our caller, Ed Barker and to all who helped in any way with the event – plus of course all those who attended.

**Please be Considerate**

At this difficult time please think of others and consider their well-being.

Staffordshire County Council have been trying to stop people having bonfires, due to calls to the Fire Brigade. Maybe this will have changed now with the rain. If you need a bonfire, please think about those who are not venturing further than their garden, and choose a day or time when they are not likely to be enjoying some fresh air. Some of course are able to take advantage of this lovely area and go for a daily walk – please don’t be in the 1% of dog owners who leave deposits or small plastic bags on footpaths, including in the Churchyard. Thank you.

**Ashbourne Food Bank:**

As part of an initiative in Ashbourne, Rev. Martin Soar has placed collection boxes for Ashbourne Food Bank in Mayfield, Ellastone Parish Hall porch and Stanton Church porch, which he empties regularly.



Stanton Village support

Residents in Stanton have donated £200, via the Stanton Village Hall Committee, to the Ashbourne Food Bank. It is hoped this small donation will go some way to help support local families who are currently depending on the Food Bank.

In response to a plea for more donations of tinned meals and toiletries, all funds raised on the Stanton Plant Stall during April, May and June will be used to purchase these items, which will then be sent to the Ashbourne Food Bank. Please be re-assured that the upkeep and “readiness” of the defibrillator will in no way be affected.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. J Pike

**PPE for Care Homes**

Also as part of an Ashbourne initiative, donations of old duvet covers, sheets and pillowcases are needed, to be made into PPE for local care homes. If you have any, they can be left at Lychgate House, Ellastone near the gate in the Church Car Park and they can be passed on to those who are able to stitch them.

I am also being a collection point for those wanting to sew PPE. Each bag contains 3 pieces of bedding and a pattern, that can be used if anyone wants to make them. It is very easy. Apart from the gowns, if you can make up a simple bag for the gowns to be put into and washed after use, then it makes a set. Pillowcases can be used for this too. Everything is in a plastic box by our top gate.

Finished items can be returned to the box, to be collected and distributed locally. Many thanks to all those who have already helped. Any queries:

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Many thanks, Gill Key

**Parish Newsletter**

**May 2020**



**How is the NEWSRAC Community Response Going?**

The Editors are pleased to report that all feedback received indicates that it is going very well. The rapid availability of the Volunteer network following the Government announcement was reassuring, and any fear that there might be more requests than volunteer availability has proved groundless.

Indeed, members of the community are encouraged to ask, if they need support or help with shopping, picking up prescribed medication etc. The organisers have found that it is best to have one person going to a destination on a particular day, rather than several people, so arrangements are in place to ensure that there is someone on duty to provide support every day. (Sundays for emergencies) It is very likely that this person would respond to your request.

The organisers are keen to find out if people in the community would benefit from any other type of help. Everyone is finding ways to cope in their own way – whether by having tasks on a particular day, taking up hobbies etc. or, if in doubt, phone a friend. As an example, however, there could be cases where someone is really missing family members, but is struggling to use the on-line technology to have a video call. If this is an issue, please tell someone and it may be possible to provide some help.

Please get in touch with a volunteer or, if you have an urgent issue, please contact Hilary Dowson on 324350 or Jill Bland on 324330.

*Thank you so much to them and all the volunteers. Eds.*

## From the Clergy

### Dear NEWSRAC Neighbours

Someone I know uses this framework for praying: **Please, Thank You, Help, & Wow!**  
I like that, and adapting it to this letter ...

**Thank you:** for the contributions to the Food Bank;  
**Please:** continue! Tinned meals & toiletries to the boxes. Can't have too much!  
**Help!** a prayer for those we're currently separated from - see below;  
**Wow!** ... for the NEWSRAC community networks of co-ordinators and volunteers in the villages.  
Wonderful!!



### FOR THOSE WE LOVE BUT CAN'T BE WITH

O Lord, I cannot see them,  
but I am still with them.

I cannot hold them,  
but I am here for them.

I cannot sit at table with them,  
but that time will come.

This day, Lord, be beside them;  
this day, Lord, take their hand and lead them;  
This day, Lord, take your place at their table,  
and be the bridge between us:  
for your death and rising spans all that separates.

With kind regards,  
Martin Soar

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If you have something you would like to discuss with the Clergy, or would like to be sent a Sunday Service on-line, please contact the Vicar

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## NEWSRAC Community Wordsearch



S H F E E D C S W E T S A G E  
T E O L O B N A N H T Q I C N  
M L N V E O M O L P S L R P R  
A R E O T E T O E W B O A E U  
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ADAMBEDE  
CALWICH  
DOVE  
DUNCOMBE  
ELLASTONE  
FLEETWOOD  
GILBERTSHELDON

HAYSCOPE  
HUGHBOURNE  
INIGOJONES  
NORTHWOOD  
RAMSHORN  
STANTON  
STMARYS  
STPETERS  
WEAVERHILLS  
WOOTTON



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## ABOUT NEWSRAC

The decision has been taken that it is necessary in the current situation to stop the house-to-house delivery of NEWSRAC, and alternative arrangements are being established. There will be maximum use of Notice Boards and also on-line platforms, such as

[www.ellastone.org](http://www.ellastone.org)

the Stanton Parish Council Facebook page and the Wootton WhatsApp Group. It will also be possible for anyone to receive their own electronic copy on an ongoing basis, on request to the editors of NEWSRAC –

[editors.newsrac@gmail.com](mailto:editors.newsrac@gmail.com)

It is anticipated that some people would still like a printed copy, and so it is proposed to have three distribution points where copies will be available:-

Ellastone Parish Hall porch, Stanton Church porch and the Wootton Phone Box. People who would like one can pick up a copy whilst taking exercise, or someone could collect it for them if they wish.

Contributions and news about events and local organisations are welcome from anyone in the community - by the 21st of May please for inclusion in a June issue.