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A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

2nd Isla Jago 3rd Elspeth Norris
7th Bradley Holder 10th Faith Walker
11th Lewis Holder

THEFT FROM GRAVES IN St. SWITHIN'S CHURCH YARD, LEONARD STANLEY....UPDATE

Unfortunately it appears that other graves have been targeted recently, in particular a reader contacted me as flowers which she had placed on her daughter's grave on Valentine's Day were stolen the following day. **If this has happened to anyone else, please could they contact their neighbourhood Watch &/or report it to the police on 101.** Please report any further suspicious behaviour in OUR churchyard by contacting Neighbourhood Watch or phoning 101.

ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH EASTER MEMORY TREE - A special way to remember your loved ones this Easter. We will be setting up a memory tree at St. Swithun's Church, Leonard Stanley & offering you the chance to purchase a lily & memory card to personalise in memory of a loved one. £5 for your lily & memory card (last date to order will be **Tuesday 16th April.**) For more information or to pre-order your lily, please contact Wendy Harvey (01453) 822310.

ADVANCE NOTICE There will be a **COFFEE MORNING & PLANT SALE** in Leonard Stanley Village Hall on **Saturday 4th May** starting at **10.00am.** Last year £1200 was given to assorted

charities, and we hope to raise a similar amount this year. All the money is given away as no expenses are taken. More details later. At the moment we are short of seed trays. If you have any spare we should be glad to receive them at Kingston House, Church Road, or contact us on 822299.

FROM LEONARD STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Many of you will be aware that a sum of money has been made available to Leonard Stanley Parish Council as a result of the development of Mankley Field (Saxon Gate) for the express purpose of enhancing recreational facilities in the village. The Council decided that this money should be utilised for a variety of projects, a number of which have already been completed or are currently underway. These are:

- A completely new suite of toilet facilities, new windows and other enhancements in the Village Hall
- Complete refurbishment of the tennis courts including new fencing & the option for the courts to be used for organised junior football training in the Winter months
- New and replacement play area equipment & new safety surfacing
- New high quality safety fencing adjoining the play area & a new picnic area in the same location
- Scrub clearance in parts of the recreation park in order to improve its appearance, provide a pleasant environment for relaxation & increase the usable surface area of the park

- Significant improvements to the Sports Pavilion.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village Hall Management Committee & the Football Club for their contributions to the Village Hall & Pavilion projects respectively, both of which will potentially be of great benefit to the whole community.

With regard to the Pavilion, the Council sees this as one element of a community hub, alongside the Village Hall & the Social Club. The Pavilion would be primarily for sporting activities &, in particular, to support the hugely successful youth & junior football club, the Leonard Stanley Sharks.

The Council now wishes to gather residents' views regarding potential future uses of this building & this information could be incorporated into bids for further funding in addition to the money which is already available. We therefore invite you to complete a questionnaire which has been set up for this purpose & which can be found on the Council's website at: www.leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk

LEONARD STANLEY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

This year our meetings will be held on the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of the month. Here is our programme up until Easter.

April. Wednesday 3rd Members
17th Rev. Graham Miles

We meet in Leonard Stanley Village Hall (Social Club) from **2.00pm** to **3.00pm**. EVERYONE WELCOME. For further information call Ann on 822435.

COFFEE MORNINGS. They will now be held on the **1st SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**, from **10.15am** to **12.00 noon**. They are held in the Social Club side of Leonard Stanley Village Hall. The next one will be held on **Saturday 6th April 2019**. Entry is **£2** for coffee & biscuits (including a drink refill). There will also be the usual book stall. EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME. Please come along & enjoy a cup of coffee & a chat with old & new friends. Money raised goes towards the Village Hall Refurbishment

Fund. Look forward to seeing you then.

LENT LUNCH on **Wednesday 10th April 2019**, at Leonard Stanley Village Hall, starting at **12.30pm**. Leonard Stanley W.I. will again be involved with a Lent Lunch in aid of the worthwhile charity Willow Trust. There will be various stalls & a Raffle, so do please come along & enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade soup & a roll, plus fruit & tea or coffee whilst meeting up with new & old friends. All for a suggested donation of **£4.00**. Look forward to seeing you on **10th April**.

LEONARD STANLEY FILM CLUB is on **Saturday 13th April 2019** at **Leonard Stanley Village Hall**, starting with coffee or tea as usual at **9.45am** for **£1**, followed by the showing of the film at **10.15am**. MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE - THE APRIL FILM WILL NOW BE ON **Saturday Morning 13th April** & not Saturday 20th due to the Easter holidays. The film depicts the life of a once healthy, active young man who at 21 receives an earth shattering diagnosis whilst at Cambridge University & who becomes a famous theoretical physicist. It is an extraordinary & uplifting story of one of the world's greatest minds & the film has won lots of awards, with Eddie Redmayne giving the performance of a lifetime.

LEONARD STANLEY WI MEETING on Monday 8th April 2019 at 2.15pm in Leonard Stanley Village Hall. Our meeting on **8th April** will be a talk about the work of 'Allsorts' a wonderful charity that supports children with additional needs & their families. The display for this month will be a favourite outing with children (with a photograph if possible). Visitors are very welcome.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES with the **COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICE** for the INDEPENDENCE TRUST. **Do you have time to spare & want to become more involved with your local community?** Why not pop along to our next meeting: **Thursday 4th April 2019** from **10.00am** to **11.30am** at the Independence Trust Offices, 1st Floor, The Cross, Parliament Street, Stroud, GL5 2HL. Or call **0345 863 8323** (press option 2) www.independencetrust.co.uk