

# LEONARD STANLEY NEWS

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**ELECTORAL REGISTRATION:** to help reduce admin pressures on Electoral Officers as well as the financial burden on taxpayers; Stroud District Council will be sending emails to urge residents to ensure their electoral registration details are up to date through the annual canvass. The annual canvass ensures that Stroud District Council can keep the electoral register up to date, identifying any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so. They would then be able to take part in any future elections.

The email should not be confused for a scam - all emails will be sent

from [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) with a subject line of **'Household Electoral Register Communication - Stroud District Council'**.

District Council Chief Executive, Kathy O'Leary said: "It's important that residents keep an eye out for an email or letter from Stroud District Council, so that we have the right details on the electoral register for every address in the district.

You must register to vote. If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear on the electoral register. For more information visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/elections](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/elections) or if you have any questions you can email [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk)  
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## FLEXIBLE PLASTIC RECYCLING:



Did you know that just 17% of local authorities collect this type of plastic for recycling. Research from WRAP suggests that flexible film accounted

for 290,000 tonnes of plastic packaging waste in 2019. Separate research from the Flexible Packaging Consortium revealed that some 215 billion pieces of flexible plastic packaging are placed on the UK market every year and that almost all of this material is sent to landfill or incineration.

Coop and Sainsbury are two of the supermarkets now rolling out a recycling system for all flexible plastics. Common household items can now be recycled, including crisp packets, food pouches, salad bags, biscuit and cake wrappers which 83% of local authorities don't accept for recycling.

Collected materials will then be processed and the pellets produced from the collected materials used to produce bin liners, construction materials and rigid plastic products such as buckets. Look out for the recycling points in your local stores.

## ON THIS DAY: 1690: The Battle of the Boyne

was fought in 1690 between the Catholic James II and the Protestant William III, who had overthrown James as King of England in 1688. A string of Irish Jacobite victories in the northern country were followed by a swift but indecisive loss on the Boyne River. Although the Battle of the Boyne is now commemorated on 12 July, in fact it took place on 1 July 1690. The shift in the date is due to the change from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In Ireland, the Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1752 and September 14 followed September 2. Many dates in the calendar were mapped into the new calendar without a correction. However, the Orange orders were suspicious of the Gregorian calendar and its papist connections and continued to march on the corrected date of July 12.

**VILLAGE VOICES:** Today's nominated Village Voice is **Margaret Burt** who lives in The Street.

***Where were you born?***

I was born on 2nd March 1922 in North Somerset. My father worked at a research station at Bristol University improving and making new varieties of plants and soft fruits.

***When did you get married?***

I got married to Michael Burt. Both our mothers knew each other and we had spent time together as they were good friends. Our friendship as youngsters blossomed into romance. We spent lots of time getting to know each other, spending time in Cheddar Gorge, and we eventually married in 1950 in a Quaker meeting house and went home for a simple reception.

***When did you move to Leonard Stanley?***

We moved to our house, Austin Canons, in The Street in 1977. The house was inherited from Michael's parents. His mother was Ruth Gregory who had been at school with my mother. My parents had moved to Stonehouse from Bristol. In 1966 my father died and my mother remained in their bungalow in Cotswold Green. My family helped us move into Leonard Stanley. At the time I was working in Wycliffe School. My husband died in 2009 and I was so well supported by friends, neighbours and my family. I have a son and two daughters.

***What was Leonard Stanley like when you first moved here and what have you been involved in?***

We settled into Leonard Stanley life very quickly. We thought the community was very friendly. I worked at Wycliffe School and joined the WI as a keen member quite soon after moving here. I was also a local Magistrate at Whitminster so I soon became friends with both colleagues and villagers. In The Street we had a grocery shop at La Mancha with a butchers shop next door. When the butchers shop closed it became a hairdresser so both shops were very handy for me.

There were lots of things taking place in the village. I remember Gordon White the vicar organising a Village Fair in 1979. It was a celebration of the visit of King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn. The King and queen were portrayed by Michael Bishop of Stroud and Anne Deacon of Frocester. They were both members of the Cotswold Players. There were many stalls, a procession and a Village Queen who gave a short speech supported by three maids of

honour. I was involved with the cake stall. The fair took place around the village but the area of the Church and The Street were the busiest of all. The school provided a Maypole performance. A tug of war competition took place and the church provided refreshments. Many people came from afar and a very generous amount of cash was raised which paid for the rehangings of the church bells. We had a good time and I still remember it well. The following year a similar fair was held to celebrate the setting up of the Twinning with Dozule a small town in Normandy. The Mayor of Dozule was the guest of honour and the town band played while marching round the village. Fairs went on in the same manner for a few years then moved to the playing fields where many activities took place including majorettes, produce competitions, children's races and an Art exhibition organised by Eric McGregor. Light lunches were served in the church and I was involved with the WI serving tea and cakes.

The church hosted Music in the Priory hosted by Jill and Robert Hutchins. They were very generous with their hospitality and provided overnight accommodation for the musicians and facilities in which to change between rehearsals and performance. The WI provided refreshments for the interval which I was involved in. I also helped run the Lent Lunches and McMillan coffee mornings which were run by the Monday Club.

***What have you done in your spare time?***

I was a magistrate from 1966 to 1987. Initially I started working in Whitminster but this court closed. I was involved mostly with domestic and juvenile cases which were always very interesting. There were always three magistrates and we had to discuss each case very carefully together before we reached a final verdict. I was also involved with delivering Meals in Wheels for over 40 years. It was good fun and eye opening at times. I am a Quaker and regularly go to Painswick meetings although more recently we have been having our meetings on Zoom. I joined the U3A and local history society. I am also a member of the Stroud Valleys Music Club. I spend as much time with my family as possible I have 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren

***What is your favourite part of the village?***

The area around the church is my favourite part of the village.