

LEONARD STANLEY NEWS

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SELSLEY GARDENING CLUB



The September speaker was booked long before we had even heard the word Covid so it was a happy coincidence that at our first meeting for 18 months, Margie Hoffnung gave us a talk on the British tradition of garden visiting. We all agreed that we had missed our usual Summer visits to some lovely gardens as well as our monthly meetings with friends at Selsley Gardening Club.

Our next speaker on **Thursday, 7th October** will be Reg Maule, who is giving us a talk on growing fruit in a small garden. Reg is often featured on Radio Gloucester and is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. We are always pleased to welcome new members/visitors to our meetings. Membership for the year is £5 and visitors will be charged £3 for the evening. Any queries please ring **Ann Mills** on **01453 350559**.



Murder & Surrender at Berkeley Castle

For the month of September only, Berkeley Castle is granting exclusive access to areas that are normally closed to the public: King Edward II's cell, where he was brutally murdered, and the Keep Garden where Berkeley Castle surrendered during the English Civil War. Learn what really happened to Edward and why and discover the fascinating history of Berkeley Castle during the War of the Roses.

SIOBHAN BAILLIE MP - CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2021



I am holding a competition to design this year's artwork for my Christmas cards. I will be sending these cards both locally and nationally, including to the Prime Minister and The Queen.

8 winning designs will be chosen and printed. All entrants will receive a card.

I would like my Christmas cards for this year to showcase local artists, community groups, local photographers, and designs from local schools. All entries must be on **A4 paper or card and can be landscape or portrait** – 3D entries will unfortunately not be suitable for printing purposes.

Entry deadline: 11th October 2021

Please include your full name, address, and age (if student) and whether you are applying as an artist, photographer, student, or constituent on the back of each entry.

All entries should be sent to my Constituency Office in Stroud:

54 Five Valleys Shopping Centre,
3 King Street,
Stroud,
GL5 3BS

I look forward to receiving your entries and I wish you all good luck!

Yours sincerely,

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VILLAGE VOICE:

This week's Village Voice is Irene Pearce who was nominated by Margaret Burt

Where were you born?

I was born in Newark.

When did you get married?

I got married in 1947 to Peter. We were married for 68 years. He was in the Army and wanted to emigrate to Australia but instead joined the Civil Service. The job entailed lots of travel so I visited and lived in lots of countries.

What was married life like?

For the first two years we lived in Woolsthorpe in Lincolnshire. During that time my two children were born. Married life was very busy. From 1949 to 1966 we were constantly travelling and living abroad. In 1949 we went to live in Singapore which we both enjoyed. It is a beautifully clean country. My children and I sailed on a troop ship which carried only women and children. It took six weeks to get there and most of that time the heat was unbearable. It took all day to travel through the Suez Canal which was a wonderful experience.

After that we returned to Lincolnshire for 6 months and then we went to Jordan and the Oman to work. Very soon after this my husband was promoted and we were sent to work in Aden in the Persian Gulf which to me felt like the gateway to hell. There was a second time in Singapore until Peter was stationed at the RAF station in Quedgeley.

When did you move to Leonard Stanley?

We found a house in Leonard Stanley and moved here in 1966. It was a convenient place to live as Peter was in Quedgeley.

What did you think of Leonard Stanley?

I thought the village was very quiet and peaceful. I quickly made friends with Ann Vale and Jill Hutchins who had recently moved into the village. There was no need to leave the village as Franklin's and Hadley's sold most essential items. Coal, milk and fish were all delivered to the village. Our house was just off The Street. We overlooked a piece of land next to the playing fields. It belonged to the church and was sold to a developer. Over the years we watched the houses in Woodlands being built. Before then the Savage family had been our neighbours.

What have you been involved in Leonard Stanley?

I spent many years in the WI. In those days, two people would take you to be introduced to the WI. If you liked it and they liked you it was possible to join. I have spent many happy hours in the WI playing skittles, attending lots of meetings and going on outings. For a while I was the Secretary. My husband Peter was a Parish Clerk for many years. We were involved with the building of the Social Club next door to the Village Hall. Lots of people were involved with this project. Peter was the Treasurer. We had a very good group of friends and we had lots of fun in the village.

What hobbies did you have?

I was very interested in gardening. I have quite a large garden and with two children both kept me busy. Many hours were spent walking our dog and I went to church regularly.

Where are your family now?

My daughter lives in Nice but has worked in Hong Kong and Bangladesh. My son is retired and lives in Sweden. His children live in America. I think as they both had a life travelling throughout childhood, they are both happy living abroad.

What is your favourite part of the village?

I am happiest at home. It is very peaceful.

ON THIS DAY: 21st September 1874:



Gustav Holst, music composer, arranger and teacher, was born at 4 Clarence Road, Cheltenham into a musical family. He began composing whilst still at school, and is best known for his work, *The Planets*, which was first heard at London's Queen's Hall on 29 September 1918. *The Planets* was largely composed during the Great War, although 'Mars: the Bringer of War' (which Holst wanted to sound 'terrifying') actually predates the conflict. Although never a physically healthy man, he enjoyed walking throughout his life, and when, at the age of 59, he had to choose between a potentially dangerous operation or a compromised lifestyle that would not allow for country rambles, he chose the former. Although the operation was successful, his heart was not up to the strain, and he died two days later, on 25th May 1934.