

STATHERN STAR

November - December 2025



LIGHT UP STATHERN

(more details on page 5)

Village Events

Events and classes in the village can be found online via the Parish Council website, Community Events Page or by clicking the Village [Calendar](#).

If you have anything you would like to include in the Star or require a PDF version, please email; Stathernstar@gmail.com

November

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	Time
Sun 2 nd	Family service followed by refreshments	St Guthlac's Church	10:30 am
Tue 4 th	Gardening Club – 50 Top Tips for Growing Vegetables with Simon Smith	WMI	7:30 pm
Sat 8 th	WI/WMI Supper and Quiz	WMI	7:00 pm for 7:30 pm
Sun 9 th	Remembrance Service with light refreshments. Collection for the Royal British Legion.	St Guthlac's Church War Memorial Inst	10:15 am 10:45 am
Tue 11 th	Parish Council Meeting	WMI	7:00 pm
Fri 14 th	Christmas Makers Market	WMI	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Tue 18 th	WI AGM/The Bee-keeping year with Tom Baker	WMI	7:00 pm
Thu 20 th	Crafternoon	WMI	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Tue 25 th	WMI AGM	WMI	5:30 pm
Fri 28 th	Stathern Lunch Club	WMI	12:45 pm for 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sun 30 th	Holy Communion followed by refreshments	St Guthlac's Church	10:30 am

December

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME	Time
Tue 2 nd	Gardening Club Christmas Dinner	WMI	7:00 pm for 7:30 pm
Sat 6 th	Harby & Hose British Legion Christmas Dinner	TBC	6:00 pm for 6:30 pm
Sun 7 th	Christingle Family Service	St Guthlac's Church	4:00 pm
Tue 9 th	Parish Council Meeting	WMI	7:00 pm
Sat 13 th	Christmas Concert	TBC	TBC
Sun 14 th	Holy Communion followed by refreshments	St Guthlac's Church	10:30 am
Tue 16 th	WI Christmas Fun Night, Potluck Supper	WMI	7:30 pm

Thu 18 th	Crafternoon	WMI	
Fri 19 th	Festive Afternoon Tea with a classic film	WMI	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sun 21 st	Christmas candlelit carol service with Vale Choir	St Guthlac's Church	4:00 pm
Wed 24 th	Christmas Eve – Crib Service especially for children	St Guthlac's Church	2:30 pm
Thu 25 th	Christmas Day – short family service with carols and Holy Communion	St Guthlac's Church	10:00 am



Stathern W.I. & the WMI present

QUIZ & SUPPER NIGHT

**SATURDAY
8TH NOV 2025**

7 for 7.30pm

WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
Village Hall, 19 Main Street, Stathern

A light-hearted quiz, general knowledge questions for all abilities. Sausage, mash & home-made mushy peas supper with licensed bar. Individuals, couples and teams of up to 6 people. 'Top Team' prizes to be won!

A joint fundraising event between the WMI and Stathern W.I.

£15pp
inc supper

Tickets from
Alison Shelton
07801 970883

Residents raise regular concerns about parking, traffic and speeding in the village. Whilst the Parish Council has no direct power to address these issues, we are taking action and advocating where we can. As well as organising the Community Speed Watch (CSW) in the village for priority locations, we are:

- ❖ Encouraging Davidson's, MBC & LCC to progress the traffic calming proposals for Mill Hill as a condition of their planning permission.
- ❖ Have applied to have Mill Hill recorded as a location of Community Concern following feedback from the CSW and subsequent police camera van activity.
- ❖ Have requested the LCC's support with signage and possible redesignation of Moor Lane following its resurfacing.
- ❖ Have written to the school to remind them to encourage parents to park responsibly and to also use the visitor spaces on the Paddocks development as agreed.
- ❖ Have written to the garage to ask that they remind customers to park responsibly.



Christmas Lights Competition 2025

Help to spread some Christmas cheer throughout the village with your twinkling lights and decorations - big or small. Cover the whole roof, house and garden or just a window or front door with a festive feast for the eye or a tiny twinkle – all will be much appreciated by those who stroll by in the crisp December air.

Free Entry

Simply decorate your house/windows/garden and light up by Sunday 21st December to be listed on the Viewing Sheet.

Viewing Sheet

This will list all the entries to view by street name, and will be available from midday on Mon 22nd December from Alison on 07801 970883 or alisonshelton999@gmail.com, the Stathern Chat Village WhatsApp group or www.Facebook.com/groups/StathernCommunityGroups

Village-wide Vote for your 3 favourite displays

Children's votes are welcome! One vote per person - excluding your own entry. Voters must have seen the displays in person. Take a stroll around the village with your Viewing Sheet and pick your 1st, 2nd and 3rd favourite displays. If you spot a display not listed, you can still vote for it - just send a photo with its address! Then drop your completed Viewing Sheet into the WMI Village Hall post box or message Alison with your top 3 selection by midnight on 31st December.

Previous Winners

2020 & 2023 Folville House, 13 Main Street

2021, 2022 & 2024 3 Red Lion Street (pictured)



And the 2025 winner will be announced in the New Year with a doorstep presentation of the SIXTH annual, engraved Trophy, chocolates and Fizz. No pressure on the previous winners!!!

Village Group Updates

Stathern War Memorial Institute

As another year rolls to a close in our beautiful village, The Little Hall with a Big Heart continues to offer a range of sociable things to do.



Get inspired – pull out and keep the Stathern Star's WMI classes page, but check the online booking calendar for the latest information. www.HallBookingOnline.com/stathern You can also see hall availability and make a provisional booking if you would like to hire the hall and help to contribute to our running costs.

The WMI's 2025 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 25th November 2025, 5.30pm at the WMI

Please join us as we present our annual report and accounts and to learn more about our plans for the future. Refreshments are available. All welcome!

Stathern Lunch Clubs and Afternoon Teas with a Classic Film

Our monthly social events continue 'Feeding friendships old and new'. Advance booking and payment are essential, with priority given to Stathern residents for the lunches. For the first time in two years, we have raised our prices due to increasing food costs, but our guests have told us they still view it as great value for money. If you or someone you know might enjoy coming along, please contact Alison Shelton on 07801 970883 to book a place.

- **Next Lunch Club is Friday, 28th November, 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.**
Cost £9 for a delicious three-course lunch and tea or coffee.
- **Next Afternoon Tea with a Classic Film is the Festive one! Friday 19th December 1:30 pm for 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.**
Just £5 for tasty sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee and a classic film.

WI and WMI Quiz & Supper Night – Saturday 8th November – 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm

Not to be missed - a fun evening's entertainment is in store. Do come and enjoy a tasty sausage, mash and homemade mushy peas supper and a

light-hearted quiz of general knowledge questions for all abilities - with a licensed bar. 'Top Team' prizes to be won! Individuals, couples and teams of up to 6 people are welcome – tickets are selling fast. A joint fundraising event between the WMI and Stathern WI. Tickets £15.00 each including supper, available from Alison Shelton on 07801 970883.

Christmas Makers Market – Friday 14th November 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

It'll soon be upon us, heralding the festive season, our fifth fabulously festive Christmas market and our busiest one yet for stalls. Local crafts including jewellery, ceramics, candles, soaps, interiors, art, knitwear, sewn gifts, cake toppers, Christmas cards and more and a bar offering mulled wine, wine & beer and soft drinks and nibbles. Catch up with friends, shop local and raise a glass together. Big thanks to Davidsons Homes for their kind donation in support of the event for a second year! Free entry for browsers and shoppers; sellers' tables now sold out. Contact Alison Shelton on 07801 970883 for more information.

Memorial plaque lettering restoration and roof maintenance

We are delighted to say that the professional lettering restoration work on the WMI's facade memorial plaques and foundation stone has now taken place. The faded lettering was restored using War Memorials Trust advice - hand-painted using a fine detail brush with an oil-based enamel paint, chosen for durability and long-term weather resistance, with a clay bar used to avoid paint bleeding. Big thanks to Joan Bray's monthly Crafternoon group, who have once more decorated the WMI porch pillars with their beautiful red knitted poppies in readiness for the village Remembrance Services on Sunday 9th November at St Guthlac's Church and the War Memorial Institute. We have also recently had to replace fillets of cement, just under the roof tiles on the front right of the gable end, as they had started to crumble.

Planning Application progress

The neighbour consultation date has now passed, and the statutory consultees' comments can be seen on the application's documents tab. The determination deadline for deciding the outcome of the planning application is 27th October; however, Melton Borough Council's planning department is extremely short-staffed, so it may be later than that.

<https://pa.melton.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T1WNSUKOLII00>

Next steps for the WMI Refurbishment

We have met with four local builders to talk through the plans, and all have suggested various constructive ways to help mitigate the impact of the works on the WMI's hirers and users, and on the busy Main Street. If the planning application is approved, the next stage will be to appoint an architect to produce the Building Regulations drawings. These will incorporate our decisions on heating, flooring and the kitchen layout etc following visits to other local halls and discussions with providers. Once the Building Regulations drawings are approved, the builders will provide quotations from them and we will have a target for fundraising! And then last, but certainly not least, whilst we can appoint our builder, their availability and our raising and coordinating sufficient funds to pay them in a timely manner is the next mountain to scale.

WMI Refurbishment Update Group (RUG)

We have set up a WMI Refurbishment Update Group (RUG) newsletter so that interested residents can receive details and updates on our 2025 planning application and refurbishment plans. All recipients are blind-copied (Bcc) for privacy. If you or anyone you know would like to join the RUG, contact Alison on the details below.

Stathern May Ball - Saturday 9th May 2026, The Chequers Inn @ Woolsthorpe

Our next Ball will be held, once more, at the beautiful Chequers Inn at Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir. The evening's tickets will include a welcome drink and a delicious 3 course meal, live band and a fabulous live auction 'in the room only' with acclaimed auctioneer, Al Fryer. Raffle tickets will again be available to buy online in the months leading up to the event. Return coach transport from Eastwell and Stathern is included in the price.

From our first two Balls in 2023 and 2024, we donated over £2,500 to Grantham Food Bank and The Bowelbabe Fund, in addition to raising funds to support the WMI's building improvements work. We would like to support another good cause in 2026, so please get in touch to recommend a good cause for us to consider.

Tickets for this annually sold-out event cost £80 each. Tables of 10, or tickets for individuals/couples, can be reserved by emailing the Ball Team at WMLevents@gmail.com or contacting Alison Shelton on 07801 970883. We will coordinate menu choices and transport requirements in the spring. Thank you in anticipation of your support, and we look forward to partying with you again!

For more information about the WMI, please see the Notice Board and posters outside the hall, visit www.HallBookingOnline.com/stathern or www.facebook.com/StathernWMI or contact Alison Shelton, WMI Chair & Trustee, on WMIquerry@gmail.com or 07801 970883.

Stathern 'War Memorial Institute' - Registered Charity number 519063

The logo for the Stathern Gardening Club is a rectangular box with a decorative border that resembles a ribbon or scroll. The text "Stathern Gardening Club" is centered within the box.

Stathern Gardening Club

The meeting of the Stathern Gardening Club for October took place in the War Memorial Institute because of the renovations going on at The Plough Inn, our previous meeting place. We also changed the date to the first Tuesday of the month, and neither change appeared to discourage members from turning up. We had an excellent talk from Steffie Shields about photographing gardens and plants. Called Bloomin' Lovely, the photos shown by Steffie were a wonderful view of her gardening life and experience. We learnt a lot about photography as well.

Our November meeting is again on the first Tuesday in November, at 7:30 pm in the WMI. Our speaker is Simon Smith, with 50 top tips for growing vegetables. Our regular competition for the Flower of the Month is the Last Rose of Summer. Hope to see you there.

On 2nd December we are holding our annual Christmas Dinner in the WMI, with the changed start time of 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joan Peberdy as soon as possible but before 3rd November.

The logo for St. Guthlac's Church is a rectangular box with a decorative border that resembles a ribbon or scroll. The text "St. Guthlac's Church" is centered within the box.

St. Guthlac's Church

If you need a priest for baptisms, weddings, or funerals, please contact the Revd. Paul Towns, Tel: 01664 431 445 Email: PRTownes@outlook.com

For any other enquiries, please contact: Mary Briant, Tel: 01949 869 448 M: 07773 164 662 Email: marybriant@aol.com

St Guthlac's Church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 10.00am – 4.00pm and often longer. Various leaflets are available, including the history of this medieval church. All are welcome.

St Guthlac's November and December Services

Please note the changed times of some of the services for the run-up to Christmas. Evening services are now at 4:00 pm for the winter months, including our traditional candle-lit Carol Service on Sunday 21st December with the Vale Choir.

The Stathern WW1 and WW2 Remembrance Services – Sunday 9th November

Our Remembrance Services take the same form as in previous years, starting at the church at 10.15am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Institute at 10.45am. The address theme this year will be “The red poppy” and the wreath will be laid by a member of the Booth family. The collection will be for the Royal British Legion.

Our Harvest Festival charity was to ShelterBox (international disaster relief)

We thank all the children and parents from Stathern School for all their Harvest food gifts, which were displayed in the church for our Thanksgiving Service. These were taken to the Grantham Foodbank.

The collection at the service and the raffle collection at the Harvest Lunch in the WMI has been sent to the international disaster relief charity ShelterBox.

The total raised, including a contribution from the PCC was £300, thank you to all who contributed to this good cause.

Church chancel repairs and a tragic surprise discovery

Work started on the major internal repairs to the south wall of the chancel at the end of September. Scaffolding was erected and enclosed in polythene to attempt to keep most of the dust out of the rest of the church. All the plaster has been stripped off and the wall cracks examined. On recommendation from the church architect, to try to stop the movement of the chancel walls, various holes were drilled, inserted with rods with nuts at

STATHERN WMI VILLAGE HALL INVITES YOU TO

CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET & SOCIAL

Local crafts including jewellery, candles, soaps, interiors,
art, flowers, gifts and more!

Let's all catch up, shop local and drink
together.

FRIDAY, 14th NOV 2025 • 17:30 - 20:30

STATHERN WMI, 19 MAIN STREET,
STATHERN, LE14 4HW



Mulled wine/wine, beer, hot & cold
soft drinks, mince pies & sweet treats



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for their generous support

each end and grouted up. A major crack was stitched with concrete lintels and other devices used in an attempt to stop the wall and plaster cracking further. The wall will then be coated in new lime plaster with an embedded steel mesh for strength. At the time of writing, the work was still proceeding.

When the workmen removed the old plaster, a small brass wall plaque to the Revd. Robert Pratt (died 1946) was temporarily removed. The workmen found a small box containing his ashes in a niche behind the plaque. No-one currently alive knew that it had been deposited there. It will be replaced with the plaque when the work is complete. The tragedy is that the Revd. Pratt was Instituted to the parish by the bishop on 11th May 1946 and he died just over 3 months later on 19th August, aged 60. Nellie Dyer, writing in her memoirs, said that he had caught scarlet fever the previous January and that he was a grand man.

New life for our embroidered church kneelers

These days, when people attend church, they rarely use kneelers. In the 1980s, 24 villagers each made an embroidered kneeler for the church, with all the patterns being different. Now, many of these have some deterioration due to a moth infestation, and the PCC wants to save the main face of each kneeler as a record of the work done for the benefit of the church. It is hoped that a group can take on the restoration of the embroidered patterns, join them together, and make a spectacular tapestry which can hang in the church or WML.

The PCC invites interest in a proposed contract

The Parochial Church Council wishes to place a contract with a firm or person (preferably local) who can check and clear the church gutters, downpipes and hoppers on an annual basis and who holds public liability insurance. Some ladder-work will be involved - the church has commercial ladders. If you would like to receive more details or can recommend anyone, please contact Roger Hawkins, email: rbhawkins@btinternet.com



Stathern Women's Institute.

As most people will know by now, The Plough (that was) is undergoing some drastic renovation and restructuring and as such we are no longer

able to use this as a venue for our meetings. We must, however, thank Martin for his continued support in allowing us to use the back room for several years.

Moving forward, we will now be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday each month in the Stathern War Memorial Institute. Otherwise, all will remain the same, with our hostesses each month bringing a prepared supper. All we ask is that you bring your own refreshments and glasses. Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

A last-minute change of venue in September when we welcomed Jane Bailey JP, who gave us a talk on the Role of the Magistrate. Big thank you to Mary Briant, who kindly opened the Church allowing us to use this for our meeting. All worked well with our hostesses, Jean, Trish and Jackie, presenting the perfect buffet in the confines of the Church.

Also in September, we sadly said farewell to Eleanor Saywell. Eleanor was a WI member for many years, a lovely, enchanting lady with a sharp wit and mischievous sense of humour. Several members paid their respects in a very full St. Guthlac's.

On October 8th, we enjoyed a meal out at Bellinis in Melton Mowbray, 25 members enjoyed a super night out, enjoying the beautiful food and each other's company.

On the 8th of November, we are having a joint fundraising event with the WMI, which involves a quiz and sausage and mash supper. Supper will be served first, and then we will have the quiz, with a halftime break for trips to the bar! Last year's event was extremely successful, and we would hope the same for this year. So, please buy your tickets if you haven't already done so and have your team ready!

Tuesday, the 18th November, we have a change of speaker. We are pleased to bring you Tom Baker, who is going to give us a talk on 'The Bee Keeping Year'. As we also have our AGM that night, we will begin promptly at 7:30 pm with the AGM, immediately followed by our speaker. Supper will then be served as usual; don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses.

Stathern 'War Memorial Institute' Village Hall

Regular Classes (September October August 2025 edition)

For up to date information about classes running, please visit:
www.hallbookingonline.com/stathern



If it's your first time at a class, please contact the class leader for an initial chat.

MONDAYS	Belvoir Dance Academy	4:45pm-7:15pm	Lessons in ballet, tap, modern and acro gymnastics for children from age 2 upwards. Come along for a free trial class. Term time only. Contact Clare on 07786 545113.
	Pilates	7:30pm-8:30pm	Friendly class for adults of all ages using controlled movements to develop flexibility, balance, posture, and core strength without stressing your joints. Contact Alice on 07756 686682.
	Line dancing	9:30am-10:30am	Learn how to line dance in a fun and friendly class. Term time only. Contact Amy on 07974 883282.
	Tai Chi	11:00am-12:00pm	Low-impact exercise method involving slow movements and is known as meditation in motion, tai chi is an ancient Chinese tradition based in martial arts that is now a very popular form of exercise. Term time only. Contact Amy on 07974 883282.
WEDNESDAYS	Art Class	10:00am-12:00pm	A friendly relaxed group with coffee/tea provided. Everyone is encouraged to develop their individual ideas, although guidance is available. Contact Erica on 07805 206976.
	Belvoir Dance Academy	4:00pm-8.45pm	See Monday.

THURSDAYS	Chair Pilates	9:30am-10:15am	A gentle 45 mins class, standing and using chairs for support and focussing on finding your flow with mindful movement, building core strength and balance and improving flexibility. Contact Alice on 07756 686682.
	Craftroom	1:00pm-3:30pm	All crafters are welcome on the third Thursday of the month - among the activities done by people are knitting, crocheting, beading and painting with an occasional project for the afternoon e.g. crochet necklaces and decorating the WMI with poppies for the November celebrations. Contact Joan Bray on 07749 867850.
	Belvoir Dance Academy	5:00pm-6:30pm	See Monday.
	Hatha Yoga	7:00pm-8:30pm	Suitable for everyone to try, especially if you wish to improve your flexibility and balance in a calming relaxed class. Contact Erica on 07805 206976.
FRIDAYS	Pilates	9:00am-10:00am	See Monday.
	Playgroup	10:30am-11:45am	Come and play every Friday. Babies to school age welcome. Coffee, tea, juice, biscuits and plenty of toys provided. Term time only. Contact Toni on 07789 916265.
	Lunch Club	12:30pm for 1:00pm-3:00pm	'Feeding friendships old and new' - and you don't have to wash up afterwards! Last Friday of the month, alternating with Afternoon Teas. Contact Alison on 07801 970883.
	Afternoon Tea & Classic Film	1:30pm for 2:00pm-5:00pm	Tasty sandwiches, savouries, cakes and tea in the interval of a great film. Last Friday of the month, alternating with Lunch Club. Contact Alison on 07801 970883.
SATURDAYS	Belvoir Dance Academy	8:45am-4:30pm	See Monday.

FRIENDS OF STATHERN SCHOOL

NORDIC PINE
Christmas
TREES

5ft - £45

6ft - £50

7ft - £55

8ft - £65

Local delivery
- £5

Delivery/ Collection dates:
29th/ 30th Nov. or 6th/ 7th Dec.

Collection from:
Westbury, Hose Lane,
Long Clawson, LE14 4NQ

To reserve your tree text 07790630833/ 07501282929,
alternatively email FOSS@stathern.leics.sch.uk



It costs around **£740,000** to run our hospice services for one year.



All profits that are generated through sales from our charity shops help to support the amazing services and care provided at your local day hospice.



REMEMBER US FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING REQUIREMENTS!

Please consider shopping preloved this festive season from one of your local Dove Cottage charity shops. All our shops have a great range of festive cards & wrap, stocking fillers, toys, jigsaws, books and more - perfect for gifting!

The last day of trading for all of our shops before Christmas is **Tuesday 23rd Dec, re-opening on Monday 5th Jan.**



Dove Cottage shops opening hours:

Stathern (Canal Lane, LE14 4EX)

Monday - Saturday: 10.30-4.30

Bottesford (Market St, NG13 0BW)

Monday - Saturday: 9.00-4.00

Cotgrave (Main Street, NG12 3HQ)

Monday - Saturday 9.00-4.00

Asfordby (9 Bradgate Lane, LE14 3YD)

Monday - Friday: 9.30-4.30

Saturday: 10.00-4.00



Enjoy a hot drink whilst visiting our Stathern shop!

'Cups & Go' Coffee trailer now serving a selection of hot and cold drinks & snacks from Dove Cottage Stathern Shop car park.

(Serving every Weds - Sat, 10.30 - 2.30pm - follow FB for updates to opening times)



Stathern Neighbourhood Watch.



STATHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME is dedicated to improving community safety through the exchange of information relating to criminal and antisocial behaviour.

STATHERN NHW CO-ORDINATOR volunteer role is carried out by John Barlow.

I would encourage all residents to join the email alert service (email nhwstathern@gmail.com). Alerts raised by the Police are forwarded by email to residents included on the NHW register. The Area Police Commander and Beat Team send out regular briefings on Police activities and local incidents.

Any new residents, please contact me by email.

It is worth noting that the Facebook group "Belvoir Vale Watch" has local Neighbourhood Watch content.

If you spot any suspicious or unusual activity, make a note of the vehicle type/registration and report as necessary. It is better to report than not report.

Please provide any non-urgent issues to the Police on 101 or by reporting online via the Leicestershire Police website (Search "Report a crime").

Lunch Clubs & Afternoon Teas On the last Friday of every month at Stathern WMI Village Hall WhatsApp groups for advance notice of menus and films Booking required, priority booking for Stathern residents Contact Alison Shelton on 07801 970 883 for more details		
	Lunch Clubs £9 Delicious starter, main, dessert, tea & coffee Doors Open 12.30 for 1 - 3pm 28 th Nov 2025; 30 th January, 27 th March, 29 th May, 31 st July, 25 th September 2026	
	Afternoon Teas £5 2 - 5pm sandwiches, cake & tea in the interval Festive Tea 19 th December 2025; 27 th February, 24 th April, 26 th June, 28 th August, 30 th Oct 2026	

The Stathern Community Heritage Engagement Programme

The October and November Community Archaeological Dig in Coombs Meadow

By the time this article is read, the community dig will be well under way and it is hoped that many from the village will try their hand at excavating the area where it is believed Colonel Hacker's house, Hall, or farmstead stood. At the start of the dig, a wall foundation and lots of rubble were found, but is it part of a home, or an outbuilding, and what artefacts are there to help us identify it?

The Field Detectives are keeping a weekly diary of the dig called Mr Mole's Dig Diary, which can be found here: **Current | The Field Detectives**

There is still time to investigate on Sundays from 9:30 am-3:00 pm, dependent on weather and progress. There will be updates on Stathern Chat. Later in the year, the Field Detectives will hold another meeting in the church to explain what they have found. We are so grateful for their commitment, enthusiasm and knowledge, which they are so willing to share with us.

Two lectern-type Information Panels for Stathern

Parish Council and Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust permissions have been granted for two information lecterns to be erected, one next to the Parish Council notice board on Main Street and the other in Coombs Meadow. The former is a brief historical account of Stathern, and the latter is in two parts, which introduces the Nature Reserve to visitors and tells the story of the regicide Colonel Francis Hacker and his residence close by.

The lecterns have been ordered and will be erected as soon as they have been delivered. The cost is covered by the Heritage Lottery Fund grant for community engagement, which was an obligation forming part of the church tower restoration grant.

New addition to our Stathern Heritage website

The latest addition to our stathernheritage.com website contains, under the section 'Places', details of the Stathern Church Chantry, the Chantry priest's house and the Dovecote. The house and dovecote were on the site where some Chapel Lane buildings now are. The website contains a photograph of the preserved and now hidden dovecot, and a view of a tiny medieval window, both of which are likely to be from the original medieval buildings.

Pop-up Christmas Café

Saturday 13th December

11.00am to 12.30 pm

in the front garden of
4 Blacksmith End



Also

Mulled wine

Cakes to buy

*Collection of pre-ordered
Christmas bakes*

For a list of cakes to
pre-order contact
Sally Fagan on
fagan@dircon.co.uk
or 07967 699614



All proceeds will go towards church repairs

Whats on in Eastwell

AFTERNOON TEA – Every 3rd Tuesday of the month 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Everyone welcome – come and chat over a coffee, biscuits and cake £2.00

18th November, 16th December.

THE WELL COMMUNITY PUB – Everyone welcome, with a wide variety of beers and wines.

Doors open 6:30 pm

14th November, 28th November, 19th December.

YOGA CLASS – Tuesdays 10:00 am

Embodied gentle flow with Donna Navarro (60 mins £10.00)

A slower, more gentle flow class with a focus on connection to somatic awareness and cultivating compassion for the self. Particularly suitable for those with joint issues, chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia. The only requirement is that you are able to get up and down from the floor without support.

Please visit www.donnavarroyoga.com to book or email donnavarroyoga@gmail.com with any questions.

MARK HARRISON – We are delighted to announce that Mark Harrison is returning to Live@Eastwell, Saturday 1st November. Doors open 7:00 pm Entry £15.00

Book your tickets via <https://wegottickets.com/event/668236> or via Live.Eastwell@gmail.com



New Pilates Class

Eastwell Village Hall
Thursdays 18.00-19.00 £8

✉ ALICETRANFIELD@HOTMAIL.COM

☎ 07756 686682

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CONTACT NUMBERS

Baby and Toddler Playgroup	Toni	07789 916265
Belvoir Dance Academy	Clare Calder	07786 545113
BelvoirCare	Martin Fagan	07724 026520 events@belvoircare.com
Belvoir Vale Bowls Club		01664 434490 07804 773521
Belvoir Vale Tennis Club	Linda White	01664 822993
Dog Wardens		860138 861341
Eastwell History Group	John Wood	01949 861836
FLAG (farmland local archaeological group)	Tony Connolly	01476 870072
FOSS		foss@stathern.leics.sch.uk
Harby Brownies/Girl Guides	Aimee Schofield	860723 harbyguides@gmail.com
Harby Harlequins	Paul Steward	860112
	Sally Fagan	860167
Long Clawson Cubs & Scouts		See Facebook Page
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator		nhwstathern@gmail.com
Royal British Legion	Graham Shipman	860874
Speedwatch		
St Guthlac's Church	Mary Briant	869448
St Guthlac's Church Bellsingers	Roger Hawkins	860215
Stathern Gardening Club	Kate Jordan	860230
Stathern Parish Council Allotments		07883 864267
Stathern Primary School		860316
Stathern Recreation Association	Daniel Swain	869690
Stathern Star Editor		stathernstar@gmail.com
Stilton Striders Running Club		stiltonstriders@yahoo.co.uk
The Vale Choir	Richard Hedley	861747
Vale of Belvoir Ramblers		01949 836042 vbrambles@gmail.com
Vale Medical Patient Participation Group		info@valeppg.uk
Village Library (Tel Kiosk)	Sally Fagan	860167 fagan@dircon.co.uk
War Memorial Institute	Alison Shelton	07801 970883 wmiquery@gmail.com
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You're invited!

STATHERN MAY BALL

SAT 9 MAY 2026 . TICKETS £80
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MEAL, LIVE BAND, DANCING, LIVE AUCTION
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Village facilities

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Now open 7 days a week offering confectionery, snacks, soft drinks, grocery, fruit and veg, fresh meat, dairy products, fresh food on the go, frozen food, vegetables & desserts, medicines, pet food, household & cleaning products, stamps, alcohol, tobacco and e-cigs etc., and a takeaway curry service.

Monday to Saturday 8:30am to 9:00pm

Sunday 8:30am to 5:00pm

Tel: 01949 860180 or 07545 197106

Mobile Library Service

The library van visits the village on the second Thursday of the month on Harby Lane between 12:10pm to 12:40pm.

Local Services

A K Gray Site Services

Transporting and sales service

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Plant & Machinery Sales

Transport of goods up to 3500kg

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Tel: 07719 437092/07815 723193

Email akgray.siteservices@outlook.com

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Suppliers of all household coal, charcoal and kindling.

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Tel:07894 352517

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Stathern Village Hall (WMI)

Monday 7:30pm-8:30pm

Friday 9:00am – 10:00am

£8 per class

Limited spaces, bring your own mat.

Online classes - Weds 8:00 - 9:00; and

Saturday 8:30am - 9:30am

(£5 for those doing online deals).

Weekly pre-booking

For more info call Alice on 07756 686682

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Individual, family or couples counselling.

Experience in issues including relationships,

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£8 per class

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Email:-deb.beevers@gmail.com

Telephone:- 01949 869167 /07976315912

THE OLD READING ROOM

If you have family and friends looking for a place to stay locally, please check out our AirBnB listing: The Old Reading Room's Cosy Cottage Annex, 15 Church Lane, Stathern
Website Link: airbnb.com/h/oldreadingroom

Contact: Rosalyn on 07754517721

Arts and Crafts

ART CLASS

Wednesday 10:00am - 12noon

Stathern Village Hall

£6 incl. tea/coffee and biscuits!

Beginners welcome- just drop in

Contact Erica on 07805 206976

CRAFTERNOON

If you knit, sew, do beading, create tapestries, make your own clothes etc or just fancy trying a new craft then come along to the monthly Crafternoon sessions. Contact

Joan Bray on 860602 or

joan.bray62@gmail.com.

Monthly Social Sessions

LUNCH CLUB

Bi-monthly on the last Friday from 12:45 – 3:00pm. Home-cooked three-course meals at the WMI bi - monthly - just £9.

Contact Alison Shelton on 07801 970883

AFTERNOON TEA and Classic Film

Bi-monthly on the last Friday at 2pm until 5pm. Enjoy sandwiches, cake and cups of tea and coffee. £5

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WMI REFURBISHMENT UPDATE GROUP

Sign up to our WMI 'RUG' newsletter group for updates on progress, and to share comments & ideas as we go through the planning and refurbishment process.

(All recipients are blind copied BCC for privacy)

Please get in touch to be added:
Alison Shelton, WMI Chair & Trustee
wmiquery@gmail.com
07801 970883





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FOR A 4 COURSE MEAL FOLLOWED BY
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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GRAHAM SHIPMAN 07837 975491

Stathern War Memorial Institute

19 Main Street, Stathern, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 4HW



2025 AGM

to be held on

Tuesday
25th November 2025
5pm for 5.30pm

at

Stathern
'War Memorial Institute'
Village Hall

All are welcome to join us
Refreshments available

For further information, please contact
Alison Shelton, Chair & Trustee
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