

# **THE KING'S STANLEY AND LEONARD STANLEY WITH SELSLEY MAGAZINE**



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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday May 3rd

11.15am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
11.15am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley

### Sunday May 10th

8.30am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
10.30am	Morning Worship	All Saints, Selsley

### Sunday May 17th

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S

### Sunday May 24th

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
11.15am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S

### Sunday 31st May

9.30am	Team Service	St Nicholas, Standish
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### **Midweek Services**

Tues 10 am	Morning Prayer	St George's, K/S
Weds 10 am		
1st & 3rd week	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
2nd & 4th week	Lay led	



[www.stroudwaterchurches.org.uk](http://www.stroudwaterchurches.org.uk) includes lots of useful information about the Team, including our clergy, churches, contact details, enquiry forms for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, groups, calendar and the newsletter.

To keep up to date and for more details of services email [officestroudwater@gmail.com](mailto:officestroudwater@gmail.com) to receive a weekly pew sheet.

A reminder also that if you can't get to church, the service at St Mary's, Frampton on Severn is live streamed on their facebook page. Daily prayer at 9am and 9pm is usually live streamed on Stroudwater Team Facebook page on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## **KING'S STANLEY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES**

The Church in the Village Hall Sundays 10.30am

<u>Sunday May 3rd</u>	Communion Service	Rev David Sutcliffe
<u>Sunday May 10th</u>	Morning Service	Rev Robert Draycott
<u>Sunday May 17th</u>	All Age Worship	Rev David Sutcliffe
<u>Sunday May 24th</u>	Morning Worship	Rev John Taylor
<u>Sunday May 31st</u>	Morning Worship	Chris Woodhouse

Everyone is welcome to any of our services

For information please telephone 01453 827439 or 07745971991

### **STONEHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH ELM ROAD/PARK ROAD GL10 2DW**

Our weekly Sunday services are at 10.30am and you will receive a warm welcome. Refreshments are served afterwards to continue fellowship.

Our monthly Community Lunches are at 12.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May. Other Community Events: , May Fayre 9<sup>th</sup> May 12noon to 3pm, Afternoon Tea and Beetle Drive 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Everyone is Welcome!

We are a Fairtrade and Gold Award Eco-Church. Follow us on Facebook:  
Stonehouse Methodist Church [www.stonehousemethodist.church](http://www.stonehousemethodist.church)



### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026**

**10th to 16th May**

This year, Christian Aid is focusing on supporting mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, as they face urban poverty and the daily challenge of providing food for their children. Churches can take part in Christian Aid Week in a variety of ways, including collections, fundraising events, prayer, and raising awareness. See page 6. Further information is available at

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk>

## FROM THE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Why worship?

I know a man who is kinder than me, but doesn't come to worship. Why bother with gathering together, Sunday by Sunday, he asks me? Isn't it an obsolete pastime? Doesn't the Bible warn against phony worship: singing songs, fasting, and giving to charity so as to impress others rather than as genuine expressions of devotion?

When the above teaching was given, some people really did parade their spirituality as a show to others. They prayed on street corners to display their own holiness, or made great announcements to underscore their own generosity. But nowadays, religion is not cool. To be caught praying brings not a shred of kudos. To worship is seen as at best quaint and at worst hypocritical. And yet some of us still worship! Why?

There's a deep human instinct to do so. Watch a crowd at a football match and see how they sing, and shout, and raise their arms, and get taken up in something much bigger than themselves. Or consider how our society idolises celebrities. For many people it's true that if they don't worship God then they worship something else: money, power, fame or whatever.

But only God - who is within all, yet also beyond all - is worthy of worship. God doesn't need our praise; God could uphold the entire universe without a word from us! It's the other way round; we need God to make us complete. As we stand in silence before a magnificent view; as we sing our hearts out in the words of an ancient hymn; as we sing a pacy new worship song with a fizzing joy in our spirits, we go beyond ourselves, we transcend day-to-day realities and feel a profound sense of liberation.

So, yes, there are substitutes for God; the Bible calls them idols. But once we've met God in worship, nothing else can fully satisfy the human thirst for something beyond ourselves. He fills the God-shaped hole in our hearts and inspires the best version of ourselves. That doesn't make me any better than my friend; it only makes me better than I was without God.

Revd David Sutcliffe, Minister, King's Stanley Baptist Church

## NEWS FROM ST. SWITHUN'S

Hello everyone, April turned out to be quite a busy month with services and discussion groups for Lent coming to an end and leading into Holy Week with its focus on events that journeyed to the cross and beyond. Our Palm Sunday walk from King's Stanley playing field marked the beginning of Holy Week and with our palm crosses a little crowd of us braved cold winds, heard the story of the first Palm Sunday, sang hymns and enjoyed hot cross buns when we reached St. Swithun's church.

Through the week Stanley and Selsley churches worked together to have a series of services with some variety and included the centuries old service of Compline, another service involved gentle chanting, candlelight and quiet moments, at Selsley church there was a time to study paintings, hear Bible extracts and reflect on the work of Jesus and human reactions. St. Swithun's and St George's churches prepared a shared meal for Maundy Thursday. This event combined lamb casserole, fruit, Bible readings, prayers and a Communion. The intention was to recall the Last Supper and the outcome was a meal for twenty or so people that was a satisfying mix of the solemn and companionable. On Easter Sunday St. George's and St. Swithun's congregations celebrated together at a joyful service in King's Stanley church.

As Lent came to an end, so did the school term and the children and staff walked over to church for their Easter service, family members and friends came too. The service was lead by Head Teacher Mr Milner and deputy Mr Babbage who between them introduced items of story telling, poetry, singing and prayers. Some children are learning to play the piano and their music pieces were much enjoyed. The story of Easter and Resurrection of Jesus was dramatised by a group of children led by the Open the Book Team.

The Community Lunches of home made soup and cake have been well supported and as winter ends we shall change this to a fundraising two course meal during the summer, as we have done in previous years. These meals will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, cost £8 and you will need to book in advance via churchwardens or Pat Hearne. 'Pay as you are able' soup lunches will start up again in October and in a much warmer church!

And just to end with a reminder about our next fund raising event, it's another Big Quiz on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the date is already in your diaries, you will find details elsewhere in the magazine

That's all for now

Pat and Julia, churchwardens



**We're getting Quizzical Again!!**

**St Swithun's Church  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Doors open 7.00pm**



**Once again this aims to be a relaxed, enjoyable event so come along and test your knowledge. Our brilliant Quizmaster, Dave, is already busy thinking up the categories and questions.**

**Tickets £8.00 – Includes Ploughman's platter**

**Cheese kindly sponsored by Godsell's Cheese**

**Bring your own drinks & Cash for the Raffle!!**

**Maximum of 6 per team**

**Don't miss out book your team now for this popular event**

**To book or enquiries phone:**

**Maureen 01453 828972, Julia 01453 828372 or email [julia@michalb.co.uk](mailto:julia@michalb.co.uk)**



## ALL SAINTS SELSLEY

In mid May, the annual Christian Aid week occurs. Here at All Saints, this year, instead of having a door to door collection, we have decided to use the well known cooking skills of our ladies (and the occasional gentleman!) to dedicate the afternoon of Sunday 17 May to the humble cake. They are planning to make a wonderful selection, including gluten free and vegan, to go along with afternoon tea and coffee. Entry will be free but, In supporting such a well worth charity as Christian Aid, all money donated will be sent to the charity. The latter does so much to fight poverty and respond to humanitarian emergencies.

Please come, and bring your family, friends and neighbours so we can enjoy ourselves while helping a great cause.

As I write, we are still in the Easter period. We had successful services in the church during Holy Week. On Good Friday, about 20 of us made the traditional climb at the end of the appropriate but sombre morning service to the top of Selsley Common carrying a wooden cross and finishing by singing "There is a green hill far away" before returning to the church for coffee and Hot Cross Buns. The service on Easter Sunday, taken by the Rev Richard Bryant, was well attended.

The church had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers, a sensitively made model of Christ's tomb and with several explanatory large coloured posters fixed to tablets on the south wall telling the Easter story. I was particularly moved by the Rev Richard's highly relevant sermon with what turned out to be more poetry than prose. I impishly asked him afterwards where he had found the words. He quietly told me he had written them himself.\*

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Nigel Baldwin  
PCC Secretary

\* Richard's poem is on the next page.

# EASTER

Bright light.  
Brilliant, shining  
through the palest green of new leaves  
fresh as the dawn.

Then dark. So dark  
And cold  
A day emptied of life, of light  
A whispered dream, then silence.

Muddied earth  
scarred by hooves and boots and tyres.  
Hollow sockets from three dead trees.  
Empty hilltop quiet now, standing alone outside the wall.

Old the stone wall  
but older still the stone, the rock,  
gift from the past for the future.  
A bed for him, and bedrock to our pain.  
Sealed from the light, cold to the touch,  
The world, and God, divided by a door.  
Then, in this nothing-centred emptiness,  
a single tear, dew falling on the grass.

Fresh comes the water of life  
oozing, trickling, bubbling.  
Joyful servant of the earth  
and of earth's children.

The world stirs  
A child laughs. A bird sings.  
The wind whispers through the tree-tops.  
The earth remembers the Song of Spring.

And we hear  
the sound of breathing.  
Breathe out to death. Breathe in new life.  
Expire to inspire in a breath.

A new day, brightest of all days  
Suddenly so much to see, to share.  
So much to wonder at.  
So much to give our thanks for.

And all given in love  
with a little fire  
to burn away the old  
and make us new.



## NEWS FROM ST GEORGE'S

As I mentioned last month, on Palm Sunday we would Walk and Talk the Easter Story, from Kings Stanley Village Hall car park, to Leonard Stanley Church, stopping at various places on route. It was a rather cold morning but we had a good crowd, and the refreshments in Leonard Stanley Church were very welcome.

There were special services each day during Holy Week in our Cluster, each parish holding a different one, I'm sure the other Churches will report on theirs. At St George's we had a special Taize Service of music and candles. On Good Friday the choir had been practising hard and led the singing through The Passion of Christ. This was a very moving service and was well attended

We hosted the Easter Sunday Eucharist service, led by Revd. Brian Wollaston and Revd. Leah Collins. Again this service was very well attended, I do hope that you enjoyed the services you were able to attend.

Looking forward, on Sunday 3rd May after the 11.15am service we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting. This is a very short meeting which anyone living in the Parish is entitled to attend and vote. The main item of business is the election of the Churchwardens. Although there are two posts to fill, there is only one nomination so unless anyone else would like to offer their services in this important role, the meeting will not take long.

This is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is a more comprehensive meeting where the financial accounts are presented, and reports presented on the fabric and condition of the building. The Parochial Church Council is elected on a rolling basis, and this year we have two members who are standing down so we need to fill these vacancies. To both vote, and stand for one of the vacant positions, you will need to have your name on the Church Electoral Roll.

We know many of you value what St George's Church stands for in the village, be it not only as a place of worship or quiet reflection, but also a venue for 'life events', weddings, baptisms, funerals, or somewhere for the last resting place in the village of yourself or loved ones.

The fact that St George's is still here after hundreds of years, does not happen by chance or Government subsidy. It has relied on, and still relies on, the support of you the Parishioners.

You can show your support in a variety of ways, whether it be volunteering your time for one off tasks, or more regular support cleaning the interior, arranging flowers or cutting the grass. Financial support is always welcome, whether it be a one off donation or monthly giving through the Parish Giving Scheme. As you can imagine, it is a costly business to maintain this beautiful building and preserve it for future generations.

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Thank you  
Sue

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## CELEBRATION OF DENYS PHILLIPS' LIFE ON 1 APRIL

I just want to say a big thank you to all who attended the service in St Swithun's and who came to the village hall after. The church was packed as well as the hall and I kept thinking how Denys would have loved to have been there and to see how much he was liked and loved. It was a very special service and Rev Leah conducted it so well with grandchildren paying a brief tribute to their Grampy as well as myself giving a potted history of his life.

Over £500 was donated to the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton where Denys was so lovingly cared for and one of our granddaughters Eve Phillips ran her first half marathon in Gloucester for them as well and managed to get over £700 in donations too.

But most of all a great big thank you for Julia, Jan, Pat and their team for help setting up the village hall, flowers etc and to the people who donated sandwiches and made superb cakes. The village certainly came together and we the family appreciate everything that was done in memory of Denys. Again a great big thank you.

Chris

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## CLASSES FOR OVER 60's



### KING'S STANLEY VILLAGE HALL

DAY	TIME	CLASS
Monday	9.30 -10.20am	Dance Fitness
Monday	10.30 - 11.30am	Fitness Pilates
Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30am	Keep Fit
Tuesday	10.45 - 11.45am	Keep Fit
Wednesday	10.00 – 10.55am	Stretch and Mobility
Friday	9.20 - 10.20am	Fitness Pilates
Friday	10.30 - 11.30am	Fitness Pilates

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## LEONARD STANLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We met up on 13 April at our monthly meeting, with the view of learning the right way to plant a hanging basket but unfortunately the speaker did not turn up, even though she confirmed 3 weeks ago that she was coming. It was very disappointing especially as she had not let us know, however Maureen came up trumps and we enjoyed a quite unusual quiz of 20 questions. Afterwards we enjoyed our annual Easter Tea - the tables were laden with sandwiches, cakes, savouries etc and there was not much left over! Thank you to all who worked so hard laying out the food, washing up and general clearing up and of course eating it.

Our speaker for next month was from Allsorts who has now left the organisation and they are unable to send anyone else. Shame as we had a cheque of £100 to give to them, however this will be sent in the post. Members will be pleased to know that I have managed to book at short notice Paul Barnett who everyone enjoyed with his talk on Titanic in March.

Balance of money for our July outing to Bletchley Park of £21.50 is now due, so those who have not paid it could you please bring the remaining money to our May meeting. Also don't forget there will be a stall for home made cakes and plants, seed pkts etc - money from this will go towards a local charity.

Chris

### LEONARD STANLEY FILM CLUB

16th May at Leonard Stanley Village Hall

This month's film is about a soon to retire caretaker who convinces an American executive to help him steal a handful of diamonds from their employer - the London Diamond Corporation. Should be a good film and starring Michael Caine and Demi Moore.

Do come along for coffee at 9.30, chat and sit down and enjoy a film and leave the housework, garden etc for a few hours.!

### SELSLEY COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY WALK

15th May

Meet Bell 10 am, transfer to Coates for 10.20am start,  
park in road near village hall.

Walk 5 miles, 2.5 - 3 hrs.

Relatively flat

Any questions, please contact Bev Daniels - [danielsunited@gmail.com](mailto:danielsunited@gmail.com)

## DIARY PAGES

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (all term time only)			
Baby Massage	Mon 11.15am & 1.45pm	L/S Village Hall	beatrizblakeman@gmail.com
Brownies	Tues 6pm	K/S Village Hall	Anita Nelmes 823115
Sally Prout School of Dance	Fri 4—8.15pm	L/S Village Hall	Louise 07749554392
Selsley Beavers	Mon 6-7.15pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Steve Jackson 07747037467 thejackson5@tiscali.co.uk
Selsley Cubs	Tues 6pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Andy Wasley 07813 886189
Selsley Scouts	Thurs & Fri 7-8.45pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Steve Jackson 827962
Stanley's Cubs	Tues 6.30pm	L/S Scout Hut	Robbie Gardiner 07854218179 Stanleycubs@outlook.com
Supastrikers (pre school football)	Thurs 2-3pm Fri 1-4.30pm	K/S Village Hall	superstrikerscaz@gmail.com
Baby & Toddler Group	Weds 10 am	L/S Village Hall	Lily 07717795134

### SOCIAL/COFFEE CLUBS

Coffee Morning	1st Sat 10.15—12	L/S Village Hall (Social Club)	Pat Hearne 823728 pat.hearne@sky.com
Coffee Pot	1st & 3rd Tues 10am (not Jan)	St Swithun's Church, L/S	
Coffee Shop	Mon, Weds & Fri 9am—2pm	King's Stanley Sports Club	
Friendship Group	2nd Mon 2.15 pm	L/S Village Hall	Pat Hearne 823728
Knit & Knatter	Mon 9.45—12	King's Stanley Social Club	D.Harris 827622
Women's Fellowship	Tues 2.30pm (2nd & 4th Tues)	1, Church Rd, Leonard Stanley	Ann Vale 822435

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HEALTH & FITNESS			
Circuit Training	Mon 7pm	K/S Village Hall	Sam Smethan 07954018001
Dance Fitness	Mon 9.30 -10.20 am	K/S Village Hall	alisonholding@hotmail.com 07583633782 See page 13
Fitness Pilates	Mon 10.30 -11.30am Fri 9.20 -10.20am & 10.30—11.30am		
Keep Fit	Tues 9.30—10.30am &10.45—11.45am		
Stretch & Mobility	Weds 10—10.55am		
Short Mat Bowls	1st & 3rd Weds 7pm	K/s Village Hall	Martin Stockwell 762795
	Weds 9.30-12	L/S Scout Hut	Jim Morgan 822106
Slimming World	Thurs 9.30am	K/S Village Hall	Vicky Dunn 07973315324
Pilates	Thurs 7-8am	L/S Village Hall	Jeremy Bingham fitbing@hotmail.com
Tai Chi	Tues 7.30—8.30pm	K/S Village Hall	Joe Dymond 07814371463 Zuanshi.info@gmail.com
YOGA			
Yoga	Tues 9.30—10.30am Fri 9.30—11.30am Weds 8—9.15pm	L/S Village Hall L/S School	Carol Maguire 791484 0781434102 See page 15
Yoga	Mon 5.30—6.30pm	K/S Village Hall	Amy West 07472191278
Yoga Flow	Mon 9.30—10.30am Tues 6-7pm	L/S Village Hall	Juanitazoe@hotmail.com
Chair Yoga	Tues 11.15—12.15am	L/S Village Hall	Juanitazoe@hotmail.com
Joy of Yoga	Thurs 10am	Selsley Scout Hut	Amanda 753635
Kishori Yoga	Fri 10am	Selsley Scout Hut	Elles 07815552952
AND MORE...			
Five Valley's Dog Training	Mon, Weds & Fri 5 -8.15pm	L/S Village Hall	Julie Cull 07487710767
Selsley Gardening Club	1st Thurs 2-4pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Janet Buist janetbuist53@gmail.com 07746821338
Stonehouse History	2nd Weds	Park Junior School	Vicki Walker 826334
Stonehouse Rotary	Alt Weds 7pm	Stonehouse Court	derekrogers@btinternet.com
Wine Circle	Last Weds 7.30pm	L/S Village Hall	Phil Bischler 828206

MUSIC/DRAMA/FILM/ART			
Art Workshop	Thurs 9.30am (term time)	L/S Village Hall	Bailey Curtis 823375 baileycurtistextiles@gmail.com
Cotswold Area Music makers	Weds 7.30pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Karina & Kath Wyndow 750603 CotswoldAreaMusicMakers.org.uk
Film Club	3rd Sat 9.45am	L/S Village Hall	Chris Phillips 826510
Frome Valley Handbell Ringers	Tues 7.30pm	The Nursery, King's Stanley	Sue Page 826410
Stanley Players	Thurs 8pm	K/S Village Hall	Bill Parry 07774496913 Alan King 07594944245
Stanley Singers	Mon 7.30pm	Stonehouse Bethal Church	M.Donovan 759448
Stanley Strummers Ukelele Group	Usually the 2nd & 4th Mon 2pm	K/S Village Hall	Tony Pritchard tonygoruy@live.co.uk
Stonehouse Singing Group	Tues 11am-12	St Joseph's Church Hall Stonehouse	Sophie on 07913 665587 sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk
St Swithun's Bellringers	Thurs 7.30pm	Leonard Stanley Church	Richard Page 826410
Wycliffe Choral Society	Tues 7.30— 9.15pm Term time Sept-May	Wycliffe Preparatory School	Rosemary Robinson 297504



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Stroud District Ring & Ride	Voluntary Car Service	767771
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County Councillor for L/S & Frocester	Wendy.Thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07570931816
Friends of L/S School	Rob Burrows friendsofleonardstanleyschool@gmail.com	
K/S Cricket Club	Gavin Dean	07989990467
K/S Football	Roger Bassett	07970323663
K/S Sports Club	Sue Bassett	07929424510
K/S Village Hall	Suzy Field	07414742280
L/S Allotments	Ann Connett	826219
L/S Village Fair	Maggie Mukasa	822318
L/S Village Hall	Penny	07849 644324
Marling Close Trust	Pam Jenkinson Secretary@marlingtrust.org.uk	01453 701333
K/S Parish Council	Jenny Walkley Clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	
L/S Parish Council	Irene Litton clerk@leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk 822287	
K/S Playgroup	kingsstanleypg@gmail.com	
Neighbourhood Warden	Carol Novoth	754512/ 07970250343
Royal British legion	Ladies J.Edwards 825276 / Mens T.Baker	766734
Saxon Gate Resident's Committee	Rebecca Mason saxongatecommunityresidents@gmail.com	
Selsley Community Group	selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com	
Selsley Cricket Club	Susan Edwards	764745
Selsley Scout Group	Steve Jackson 827962	
Selsley Scout Hut bookings		
Stanleys Conservatives	Lucy Chubb	822827
The Stanleys Labour Party	steverobinson025@gmail.com 834270	
L/S Twinning Association	Delores Merrett	823578

## SELSLEY CRICKET CLUB Fixtures

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Selsley v Meysey Hampton	Away 1pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley Stones v Westonbirt	Away
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley v Aldsworth	Home
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley Stones v Stray Hounds	Home
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley v Sheepscombe	Away
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley Stones v Badminton	Away
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley v Andoversford	Home
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Selsley Stones v Duck @ Ewen	Home
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	Selsley v Commoners	Away 1.30pm

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## FROM THE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES sourced by Bill Henley

ACCIDENT—Mr W. C. Champion, commission agent, of King Stanley, was rabbit shooting with some friends a few days since, when, through an oversight, he got into range of a charge of shot intended for one of the victims. Several shots entered his arms, hands and legs, one arm and hand bleeding very freely. The wounds were attended to by Dr. Steadman, of Stonehouse, and Mr Champion is progressing favourably.

Stroud News and Gloucestershire Advertiser - Fri 21 October 1898

KING STANLEY - The King Stanley Parish Council has just completed the fencing and kerbing of one of the village greens at King Stanley. This appears to have given considerable dissatisfaction to owners of property near as it prevents carts with coal. etc.. approaching near the houses. It is also rumoured that the Rural District Council are not satisfied with the arrangement.

Stroud News and Gloucestershire Advertiser - Friday 27 July 1906

### KING STANLEY AN EXTRAORDINARY DEMONSTRATION

A singular demonstration was witnessed at King Stanley last night when an old-time custom was revived, resulting in a scene such as has probably never before been witnessed in the district. In former days the ducking stool, the stocks and other quaint devices were used for dealing with various offenders, and it seems that in the Stroud district, and probably elsewhere, a well-known custom prevails of bringing influence to bear upon "late" workmen by fetching them to work upon a ladder. It seems that at the local iron works one of the employees, who was recently married, has shown a disinclination to work and his fellows determined to bring him to a sense of his responsibilities by adopting the old-time method. Accordingly a few mornings ago some 20 or 30 apprentices left the works soon after 6 a.m. and proceeded to the tired man's residence with the intention of conveying him to the works upon a ladder or hand truck. But a timely warning was sent by a kind friend, and when the apprentices arrived at their destination they found their "quarry" missing. Having failed to accomplish their purpose in one way, the workmen held a council of war and decided upon another plan of operations which was put into effect last night. About 100 employees and apprentices met at the works at 7.30, having provided themselves with a dummy on a bier, dressed to represent the victim. A procession was then started, at the head being a bellman tolling his bell, followed by a mock clergyman. The bier, which was carried by workers, bore the epitaph, " A Type of British Workman." The route taken was through Selsley and Middleyard to King Stanley, and after parading several streets, the procession assembled on the green where the effigy was burned. The resident policeman was reinforced by Sergt. Hale and P.C. Garner, but their services were not required, there being no disorder. It is estimated that there were quite 1,000 persons in the procession, which included contingents from Stroud, Cainscross, Selsley, Stonehouse, Leonard Stanley and Frocester. All classes were represented, including farmers, builders, school students and choir mistresses, teachers, students, and even rate collectors. It was a well-dressed and well-behaved crowd and the demonstration was one which will not readily be forgotten.

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## GARDENING IN MAY

Hullo fellow gardeners! Summer will shortly be a-cumin in, Nature can't be cancelled or held back – so here's my usual May offering, We have had some quite dry days and winds, although that might not be apparent to many, but useful as the dry spell has been, it means keeping a sharp eye on any newly planted things which can begin to suffer from lack of water before one realises. However, as we all know only too well the weather will change and we could be complaining about too much rain!

Spring is rushing in upon us, but don't assume that frosts are over, and we must be vigilant about protecting against possible damage. It is better to be safe than sorry. Let's assume the best, and make our plans. Harden off any plants that have been in a snug greenhouse and move them to a cold-frame or sheltered position outside, as cold winds can damage tender leaves.

Runner beans grown under cover can go out now, weather permitting. I set out a bean plant to every other stick, and a seed to the rest, so ensuring succession. French beans can be sown outside, but protect with cloches or tunnels to bring them on before they rot in the ground. Give the plants plenty of room, they will do better as a result. Sweet corn is usually started in small pots under cover, but if the weather is suitable, can be sown directly. They need to be planted in blocks, not rows, as they are wind-pollinated, but it is not worth the effort if there are deer around, as they will do anything to get at sweetcorn. Keep sowing small rows of lettuce, so that they are continually coming along. Home-grown peas are just so delicious, it is worth making space for a few. I like Hurst Green Shaft, but there are lots of good peas about. It is a little early to put out tender veges. like marrows and courgettes, but go with your local conditions – having stuff in the greenhouse taking up space is not helpful!

You can plant up hanging baskets and patio pots under cover now, and garden centres have a good selection to choose from. If you want to encourage bees, choose single flowers, as these have the pollinating bits the bees want; to bees, double flowers are a waste of space! Don't panic at the first signs of greenfly on the roses – little birds may well notice them too and pick them off, and ladybird larvae will soon make a meal of them. Lily beetles are a menace, and make a nasty mess of the plants, eating their leaves and leaving their sticky droppings. Provado is effective, but you can catch them if you hold your hand under the leaf before alarming them, otherwise they fall to the ground and hide. Once caught, deal with them as you will. Codling moth traps can be hung in apple trees now, and plum moth traps are also available. Enjoy your gardening, May is a lovely time, and we all hope for good weather.

Lucy Chubb.

# SELSLEY GARDEN CLUB

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GCC aims to reduce accidents and casualties, improve air quality, promote cycling and walking and improve quality of life in our communities. Public support for change is vital, and we need to know views from all parts of the parish.

Please visit the KSPC website and take our quick questionnaire. It only takes a moment or two.

<https://www.kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/traffic-and-transport>

Follow the links to the questionnaire, or take part with pen and paper at The Bell Selsley, or Kings Stanley Sports Club.

## Thank you!





**The King's Stanley and Selsley Trust exists to help people in the parishes of St George's Kings Stanley and All Saints Selsley who are in need of financial help.**

The King's Stanley and Selsley Trust has been active in its present form since 2012. Previously it operated as the 'Church Charity', formed in 1596, later known as the 'Deacons Close Charity' and the 'Poor's Charity'. It had few funds until Deacons Close Kings Stanley was sold which released a considerable sum, that has been invested and brings in sufficient income for us now to make more substantial grants.

The original purpose of the Trust was to make grants to needy individuals and families who live in the parishes of St George's King's Stanley and All Saints Selsley. We have made numerous grants to individuals and charities in the parishes who need financial help. However, over the last few years we find that our grants to individuals have not matched our income. Therefore, we have been reaching out to other charities who are active in our parishes, and where they have helped people resident here, we make a contribution to the grants that they make, so that they are able to broaden their work. Recent examples are The Food Bank, The Door, P3 and Homestart.

We also make grants for specific items which help local organisations, such as Kings Stanley Primary School, Selsley Scout Group and Kings Stanley Brownies.

**Grants to individual applicants are always in strictest confidence. The Trustees make their decision without knowing the identity of the applicant (s) The identity of the applicant(s) is known only to our clerk and those dealing directly with payment of the grant.** Recently we have helped a family with mobility assistance for a disabled child, people whose domestic appliances break down, and help with building repairs. These are people who would find making ends meet impossible when an emergency arises, and there is no other source of funds. Generally grants to individuals are one-off rather than ongoing income support.

**Whilst grant applications are confidential, should you wish to discuss any of the activities of the trust with the chair of the trustees, please contact Lawrie Hall on 07891 231738.**

*If you work with a charity which helps people in our parishes, we would like to hear from you.*

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