

Onecote Observer

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Notes from the Editor

Window Boxes & Tubs

Wanted volunteers to empty the tubs and window boxes in the village when the flowers are past their best.

This is probably likely to be sometime in October

Please call Diane on 01538 304594 if you can help

Do You Have Website Building & Maintenance Experience?

The Village Hall Committee are struggling to find experience in website design and maintenance. The website would benefit from being more dynamic.

Perhaps you know or have a teenager in the family with some knowledge and keen to have a great entry on their CV or University personal statement?

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who could help looking after the Hall website. A volunteer to take on the whole project would be fantastic but if that is too much commitment perhaps, they would be able to train up a member of the committee.

Diary Dates

3 October @19:30

Bingo in the Village Hall

6 October @20:00

Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall

8 October @19:30

Harvest Celebration in Onecote Chapel

13 October @19:30

Pembrokeshire Murders in the Village Hall

21 October @19:30

St. Lukes Quiz Night in the Village Hall.

28 October @18:30

Comedy Night in the Village Hall

31 October @19:30

Onecote Parish Council Meeting

5 November @15:00

All Saints Service at St. Leonards

2 December @19:00

Music Night in St. Lukes

Onecote Village Hall Trust & Staffordshire Moorlands Community Lottery

The Onecote Village Hall Trust has enrolled with the Staffordshire Moorlands Community Lottery.

This is a collaborative lottery which supports local causes. How does it work?

You buy a ticket through the webpage set up for the village hall trust within the Moorlands Lottery website.

50% of your ticket cost goes to the cause you purchase through, 10% goes to causes the Moorlands Lottery wants to support and the remaining 40% funds the lottery.

Please buy your tickets by clicking on the following link: <https://www.staffsmoorlandscommunitylottery.co.uk/support/onecote-village-hall-trust>

Thank you OVHT.

WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Help give our fundraising a boost
- Win up to £25,000

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Letter Received From Previous Villager

It's delightful when we hear from previous members of our community particularly when they share past experiences and colour on local history. Richard Sutcliffe who used to live in Fields Farmhouse and now living in Kent shares the following reflection on a recent story to hit the press:

News of the Beast of Smallthorne has filtered down to us in darkest Kent and when I read about it I recalled my encounter with the Beast of Onecote many years ago. It prompted me to write to the daily paper that was covering the Smallthorne sighting as follows

" My experience of big cats in Staffordshire is all too real.

In the late nineties I was accustomed to walk up the lane every evening from our house in Onecote, near Leek, to the last street light in the village, by the neighbouring farmer's gate. One night a cat the size of a Labrador came loping through that gate, ran past me, almost close enough to touch, and disappeared up the lane. I particularly remember its soft tread and long, sinuous tail

I disclosed the incident to the farmer and to another in the village and can assure you that I was taken very seriously; incidents of destroyed livestock in the Moorlands were well known.

Months later my wife returned early from her morning dog walk looking grey; she couldn't quite understand what she had seen jumping over a stone wall but it was sufficient to send her home in a hurry."

We lived in Fields Farmhouse in those days and it was Graham Riley's gate to which I referred and both he and John Stone seemed to find my experience credible!

Richard Sutcliffe

ONECOTE VILLAGE HALL BINGO

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER – DOORS OPEN 6.45PM EYES DOWN 7.30PM. WE HAVE PLENTY OF QUALITY GROCERIES ON OFFER.



IN ADDITION, ON AVERAGE WE PAY OUT OVER £100 EACH MONTH IN CASH PRIZES. COME ALONG FOR A GOOD FUN SOCIAL NIGHT. NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS MADE WELCOME AND WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH THE NIGHT.

FURTHERMORE OUR LUCKY 7 GAME HAS ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND WILL AMOUNT TO OVER £120 IN EITHER SAINSBURYS OR MORRISONS SHOPPING VOUCHERS. GET A FULL HOUSE ON ONE PARTICULAR GAME AND IF THE WINNING NUMBER HAS A 7 IN, YOU GET THE VOUCHER PLUS THE USUAL FULL HOUSE GROCERY PRIZE. SO WELL WORTH WINNING!!

FREE REFRESHMENTS AT THE INTERVAL.

ONECOTE COMEDY NIGHT



Onecote Village Hall Presents a night of comedy.

Saturday 28th October, doors open 6.30pm food served 7pm. Tickets £20 to include pie/peas or vegetarian option, trifle or apple pie

3 top class comedians will be performing to make this a night of fun and laughter. This has now become our annual event and each year it turns out to be a cracking night.

FULLY STOCKED BAR ON THE NIGHT

FOR ENQUIRIES OR TICKETS CALL GRAHAM OR JULIE

RILEY 07966743324 / 07530159182

(Profits go to Onecote Village Hall Trust Reg charity no 1064709)

MUSIC NIGHT

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7PM

ONECOTE PRESENTS A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA WITH ASHBOURNE TOWN SILVER BAND.

START YOUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES WITH A SELECTION OF LIVE MUSIC INCLUDING A FEW CHRISTMAS CAROLS.



THE NIGHT WILL BE HOSTED IN ST LUKES CHURCH ONECOTE WITH ALL THE CHRISTMAS TREES PRESENT AND LIT FROM THE TREE FESTIVAL THE WEEKEND PRIOR.

THE CHURCH WILL BE ADORNED WITH CANDLES TO CREATE A RELAXING AND MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE.

TICKETS £10 EACH TO INCLUDE FINGER FOOD AT THE INTERVAL. THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET AND SAMPLE WINE/MULLED WINE/ BEER IF DESIRED.

THIS PROMISES TO BE A VERY POPULAR NIGHT SO PLEASE CALL JULIE/GRAHAM RILEY TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS. 01538 304402/07530159182

(ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO ST LUKES CHURCH ONECOTE)

Onecote Indoor Short Mat Bowling Restarting!

Short mat indoor bowling will restart on Friday 6th October at 8.00pm until 10.00pm in the Village Hall.

£3.00 per person

If you are interested in joining, please call Ian Cantrill on 01538 387187



Fun Day Out



Saturday –
Sunday
11am-4pm



Picnic with the alpacas!

Bring a picnic and enjoy the alpacas being free in the field around you!

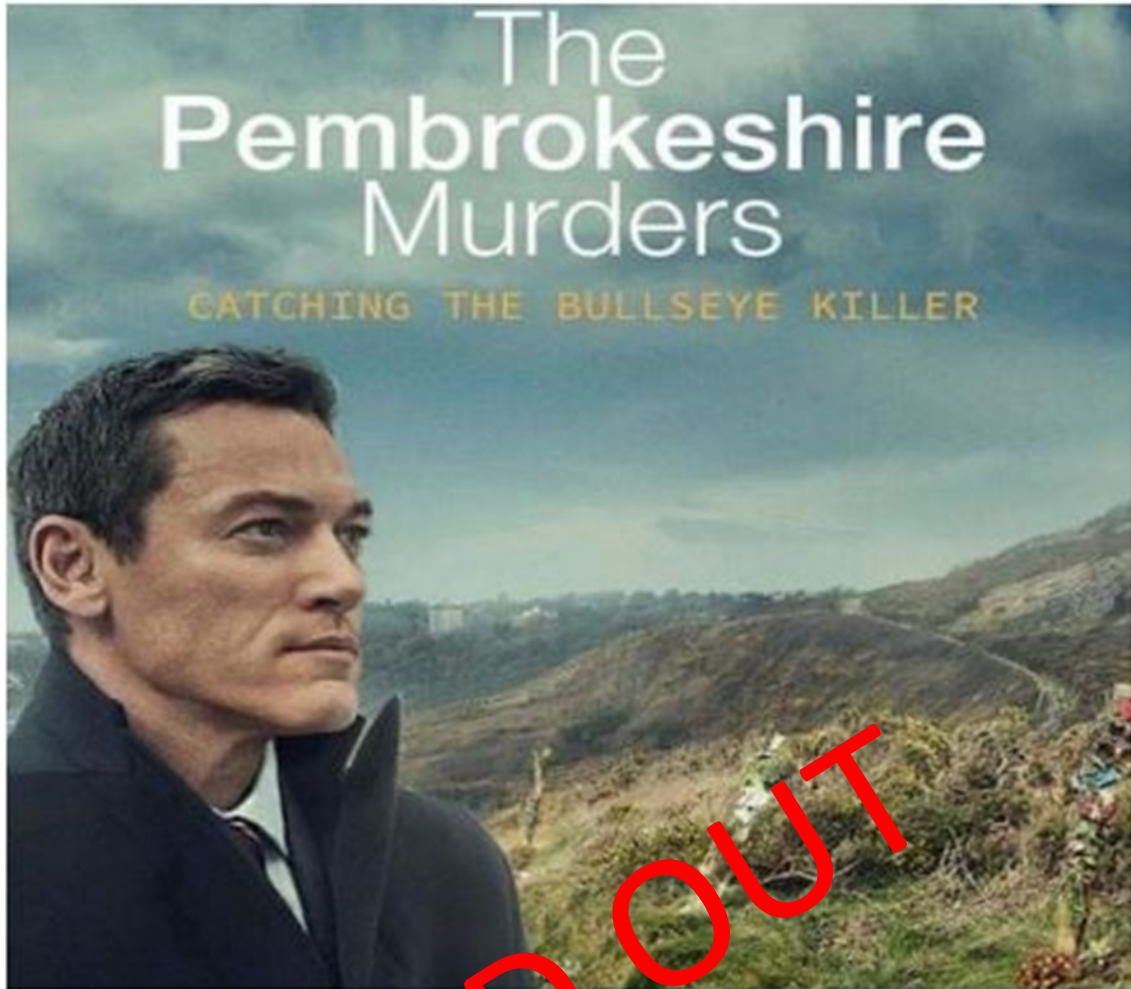
- £3 per person
- Under 12s FREE

Our Alpacas Albi, Starbuck, Kalou, Stridor, Max, Jinx, Zorro, Uthred, Jax and the notorious Hatchi cannot wait to meet you!

For more information please visit:
www.oakmoorfarm.com
Oak Moor Farm, Parsons Lane,
Grindon, ST13 7RH



Follow us on Instagram to check what our alpacas are up to.
@Oak Moor Farm



Retired Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Wilkins, will outline the cold case review he conducted in solving these previously undetected "Pembroke Murders" as featured on ITV and on ITVX.

AN UNMISSABLE EVENING.

Refreshments provided.

7:30pm Friday 13th, October 2023.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

Onecote Village Hall

Licensed bar.

ST13 7RG

Admission £10 per person. All proceeds to Onecote Village Hall Trust. Reg Charity 1064708

For further information or tickets please call

Nicky Bailey—01538 304355

Diane Jagger—01538 304 594

From Jean Tickell on behalf of St Luke's Church

"I sought the Lord and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" Psalm 34.4

As I write this the weather has thankfully taken a turn for the better in time for when the children return to school!!

I'm afraid I cannot comment on our Harvest Festival because as I write these notes it is still to happen.

On October 21st we are holding a quiz in the Village Hall, this will be at 7.30pm and Mr Richard Crithlow has again agreed to organise it for us. There will be refreshments in the interval and all the money raised will go to the church. Do try and join us as these occasions are always a bit of fun.

It is with great joy that I can announce that we have our new red altar frontal. I think most of you will remember that the mice made a meal of the previous one last December. It was with great relief that Mrs Roweena Lovatt agreed to make us a new one as a gift to St Lukes. Mrs Lovatt is known by many as a designer at Lux Lux mill and her needle craft is really wonderful, Mrs Lovatt is aunt to our own Julie Riley. Many thanks go to Mrs Lovatt.

Moving forward a little to 5th November, our All Saints Day and Commemoration of the departed will be held as a joint service at St Leonards at 3pm, please let us know of any names you would like mentioned in the service.

Below are the winners of our last few 100 Club Draws

July

1. John and David Mellor
2. Victoria Tickell
3. June Walker

August

1. Debbie and Luke Vardy
2. Lesley Cantrill
3. Mary Swancott

Best wishes to everyone,
Jean.

Onecote Chapel

Onecote Chapel (regular services 1st & 3rd Sunday's @ 11.00a.m.)

We hope you had a great summer and that the harvest is safely gathered in.

We would like to invite you to celebrate Harvest Sunday

8th October @ 7.30pm @ Onecote Chapel.



Onecote Parish Council Notice

Notice of next Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council Meeting is on the 31st October 2023 at 19:30 in the Onecote Village Hall.

Village Hall Library

The Village Hall library is open so please come and explore the shelves. There is something for everyone. We are operating an "on request opening" so please call me or one of the village hall committee members who will be delighted to open up. My contact numbers are 01538 308273 and 07554 659000.

There is a good selection of books on offer for only 50p!

Happy reading.

Mick Bentley

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Village defibrillator

can be found in the cabinet outside the Village Hall

