



# STONDON.NET NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2009



## CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Christmas celebrations start at the church on 12 - 13<sup>th</sup> December with the Christmas Tree Festival and visit by Father Christmas !

Santa's float will be coming through the village as usual on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – starting at Plum Tree Road at 4.30pm and finishing up at the Church at about 5.30. Santa's elves will be walking alongside with donation buckets for the Church and Keech Cottage. Listen out for the carols, and come out and wave at Santa Claus ! Then come up to the Church where there'll be a Santa walkabout, soup, mulled wine, hot dogs for the children and a children's activity. You can also go in to the Church to see the Christmas Tree Festival where local groups have decorated "Christmas Trees from Around the World." The Christmas Tree Festival is open from 3 pm on both Saturday and Sunday and there will be tea and mince pies available.

The rest of the calendar looks like this:

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December :	Carol Service at the Church 3 pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December :	Midnight Mass at All Saints, Shillington 11.30 pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December :	Christmas Day Family Service at the Church 11 am
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January :	Family Service at the Church 11 am
	Christingle Service at All Saints, Shillington 4pm

## The Stondon Times lives !!

We've had an email from Kelly Horne – long suffering Editor – with the latest news on the Stondon Times.

Here's what she said:

*I am pleased to say that the Stondon Times is set to continue, with a small edition in time for Christmas, and continuing with full editions from Spring 2010.*

*We have new arrangements for the production of the magazine, which will hopefully be of great benefit. The magazine is going to be produced by one village based company, rather than several individuals. The magazine will also be printed and collated 'in house' which will mean we can distribute the magazine within the correct time frame for each season, rather than it being held up for 5 weeks with an outsourced printing company. The magazine will probably be produced in full colour.*

*I will produce this next edition as usual, and start to hand over the editorial duties as of Spring 2010. I will remain associated with the magazine in an advisory capacity for as long as is necessary.*

*There will be new contact details to make note of, and as yet we have no copy dates for 2010. All the new details will be published in the pre Christmas edition.*

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Kelly Wallace Horne*

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## LATEST NEWS ON THE LDF

The Local Development Framework is going to affect planning matters in Central Beds for the next 20 years or so, and your last chance to comment on how it will affect Stondon will come in the New Year. Central Beds has decided that 400 new houses should be built in the 39 villages in the district.

Two of the possible sites in Stondon are for about 70 houses in the field behind The Bird in Hand and Station Road, and/or 20 houses on the Peckwith Estate behind the Jet garage.

Central Beds Council will agree their final proposals on January 7th, and there will then be the final public consultation before the plans are sent to a Government Inspector for final approval. Stondon Parish Council has decided to hold a public meeting for you to express your views on the proposals; it will be before their council meeting on January 27th. It will start at 7pm at the Village Hall, and all are very welcome to come and put their views.

You can find out more about the proposals on the dedicated website here:  
[www.talktocentralbedfordshire.co.uk](http://www.talktocentralbedfordshire.co.uk)

## Council News



### Parish Council

This month's PC meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** in the Jubilee Room at the Village Hall, Hillside Road. (Thru' the hall, onto the stage, and it's the room on the right)

You are welcome to listen to the council's discussions, and there is an open session at the beginning of each meeting where parishioners can raise issues concerning the village.

### Central Beds

Rita Drinkwater, one of our District councillors, has sent us her take on the latest news from Chicksands. You can read what she has to say [here](#).

## ALLOTMENTS



The campaign for allotments in the village is gathering pace. We now have 28 people registered who want one, and the response from the Parish Council has been encouraging so far.

All we have to do now is find a suitable plot of land, and persuade the owner to lease it to us. How hard can that be?!?!

The Allotment group has decided to hold a social evening at 8pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Mount Pleasant Golf Club when we'll have a jolly Xmas drink together.

If you'd like an allotment, if you'd like to ask a bit more about them, or if you'd just fancy a drink with some other gardeners, [we'd love you to come along too](#).

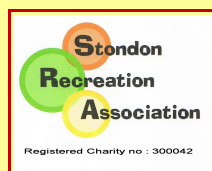
Hope to see you there.

Allotments in Stondon !

*A very Happy Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year*

*to you all from*

[www.Stondon.net](http://www.Stondon.net) and



*Many thanx to all of you who have attended our fund raising events during the year. You've helped us maintain and improve our playing fields. We'd love to see even more of you join in next year!!*

*If you have any suggestions for other things we can do, or if you want to tell us about your event, do not hesitate to contact us through [www.Stondon.net](http://www.Stondon.net)*

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