Supporting our Community

APT Helping our Community

During the last year APT held a Family Fun Day and a Christmas Fair and the income from both raffles has been donated to local groups. The Family Fun Day supported both ‘Memory Link’ a local organisation that supports carers and people with dementia and the Share & Repair café in the town received £75 each. Our Christmas fair raised £250 which we donated to ‘Teckles’ to support their work in providing for cats & dogs at their centre in Whitminster. These organisations are vital to Stonehouse and we are proud to support them. So when you attend a function that APT organises you can be sure that you are supporting your own community.

Dates for your Diary

- Family Craft Fun, Wednesday 20th February 9.30 to 12.30pm
- Messy Church, Thursday 28th February 3.30pm to 5pm. March 21st & April 11th. Douglas Morley Hall, Elm Rd,
- APT Annual General Meeting Thursday 4th April 7pm. Come & see what we have planned for the rest of the year.
- Easter Town Trail starts Monday 8th April.

Neighbourly Project

The Neighbourly Project has been running at APT for a year. The system allows local organisations to collect and give out food that would normally be thrown away by supermarkets. At APT we have been linked to Lidl in Dursley and Marks & Spencer in Cheltenham which gives us a wide selection of food. The food is collected and brought back to APT. We then post on our Facebook page and invite people to come and collect what they need. Without this system the supermarkets would waste so much food. Keep an eye on our facebook page to see what is available and while you are visiting APT if you need help with anything else we can refer you to the different organisations that support APT.
Coming Soon

Family Craft Fun
A craft morning will be held on Wednesday 20th February during Half-Term from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This will be for children over 3 years of age. This is a free activity but you will need to book your place as spaces will be limited. There will be four different activities for children to complete and items can be taken home after the session. Please make sure your child is not wearing their best clothes as there may be paint involved! A drink and biscuits will be provided for the children and tea/coffee available for the adults. Contact APT to book your place.

Easter Town Trail
Last year APT organised a town trail during the Easter Holidays. Everyone said how much fun they had trying to find all the pictures in the local shops, so we are going to do it again. This time the Easter pictures will be in different shops around the town and we will ask the Park Schools to put the entry sheets in the book bags again, with spare sheets available from APT. You will be given a week to complete your entries and then return the picture sheets to APT for the judging. Prizes will then be awarded to the winners. The Trail will start on Monday 8th of April with the sheets needing to be handed back into APT on Tuesday 16th April and the presentations taking place on Thursday 18th April. Good Luck.

Litter Wardens
The team of volunteers at APT are thinking of setting up a group of litter wardens on the Park Estate. The Town Council already run Town Litter picks every two months but we feel it would be good to have a number of people living on the Park Estate who are able to pick up the litter on the estate whenever they can. It may be that you can only collect from the area immediately outside your own house or perhaps an area of the Three Greens on the estate. APT will provide high vis jackets, litter pickers and other items that may be needed, and if there is too much litter for you to put in with your own rubbish collections then we can have it collected from APT. If you are interested in joining the Litter Wardens team contact APT and let us know.
STONEHOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Stonehouse Photography Group was founded at All Pulling Together (A.P.T), Park Parade, Stonehouse in 2017. The original aim of the group was to create a photographic project to capture all aspects of Stonehouse during a one year period. The project was name “Stonehouse in Pictures 2017”. In 2019 the group has a number of projects lined up, two of which could involve a large number of Stonehouse residents. The projects are as follows:

Stonehouse It’s Wildlife and Nature
The aim of this project is to create a photographic survey of the natural world within the Stonehouse boundary. This would be open to anyone in Stonehouse who would like to photograph the nature in their own garden, such as birds, butterflies, badgers, foxes, hedgehogs, squirrels, insects, fungi and wildflowers. In fact any aspect of the natural world. It could also involve photographing the areas around Stonehouse such as Doverow Hill, the Stroudwater Navigation, and anywhere else where nature appears. The photographic survey would be a great way to record the natural world around us in Stonehouse.

Stonehouse Community Groups
The aim of the Community Group Project is to photograph all of the community groups that exist within the town. This would create a record, for posterity of the people involved with each group and what groups there are in the town in 2019. The co-operation of everyone involved in a community group will be vital in ensuring that this project is not only interesting and fun but also successful. There would also be the possibility of this project being turned into a book as a way of recording Stonehouse in 2019.

If you are interested in contributing photos to “Stonehouse It’s wildlife and nature” or would like your group photographed for “Stonehouse Community Groups”, or would like to join the Stonehouse Photography Group, why not contact, Rick Jordan at r.jordan293@btinternet.com or by phone 822936 (evenings)

Join a local group
- APT Photographic group: Last Thursday of each month 7pm to 9pm.
- Crafty Stitchers: Every Tuesday 7pm to 9pm.
- Fair Shares: First Friday of each month, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All welcome
- Book Club: One Friday evening per month. Contact APT for dates.
### Something for everyone

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You must register your interest to participate in one of these courses due to limited spaces. Please contact APT for more information.

APT can help you write your CV, look for jobs, find the right advice for your needs as well as providing access to computers, the internet and a phone. Please check the window for more updates.

(Timetable subject to change). Tel: 01453 822705
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Baby and Toddler Group
(from 0 to pre-school age)
Tuesday & Friday morning
9.30am to 12 noon
(term time only)
Come and say hello, chat and play with your child in a friendly atmosphere
£1.00 per child, 50p for additional children
To include snack & refreshments
Held at Stonehouse Methodist Church, Park Road, Stonehouse

The Coin Buyers /
Collections
If you have unwanted old English / old foreign coins and tokens and want to sell them I can give a free valuation with no obligation to sell.
I will give good money depending on the age and condition of the coins whether they are from small or large collections.

I can pick up within Gloucestershire
Contact:
Rich
richrine@sky.com
01453 822091 or 07977352216
Nature Scavenger Hunt

Go for a walk and see if you can find the following items:

1. A snail shell.
2. An oak leaf.
3. A bird's feather.
4. A conker.
5. A spiders web.
6. A piece of moss.

Choose one of the items and make a drawing of it.
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We would like you to tell us if you think we are providing what is needed in our community. Is there something we can help you with or you would like to see added to our timetable. Contact us at APT by phone; Facebook; twitter or email, and we will do our best to help.

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