

LEONARD STANLEY NEWS

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be left at 34 Dozule Close or email clerk@leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01453 822287 (there is an answerphone, if there is no reply please leave a message). Please make sure all items are handed in **before 5pm** on the **Friday before the next edition** is distributed. Space is allocated on a first come, first served basis, so to guarantee that your item is included, please send it in as early as possible. Thank You.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

After the wild and blustery weekend, we hope everyone is safe and that damage from Storm Darragh has been limited.

Whilst we had hoped to issue another Newsletter on 23rd December, due to printing deadlines and personal commitments of our team, this is the last Newsletter of 2024. We will return **on Monday, 13th January 2025**.

In the meantime, we're sharing some of the many seasonal themed events taking place in and around the village.

With very best wishes to all our contributors and readership for a happy and peaceful festive season and New Year.

Tuesday, 10th December @ 7 p.m. - Carols around the Brazier with Frampton Silver Band outside the church at the Gypsy Lane gate. If it's wet or very cold, it will be held in the church, where candles will be lit. Mince pies and Mulled wine will be served

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Come and enjoy a celebration of seasonal readings and music given by

Cadenza (a local capella choir) and
Ad Hoc (a local instrumental trio)

And join in yourselves to sing congregational carols at
St Swithun's Church, Leonard Stanley
on Wednesday December 11th at 6pm.

There will be mulled wine or fruit juice and mince pies on arrival and there will be a raffle at the interval. No entrance fee but donations to Church funds would be gratefully appreciated.

Friday 20th December @ 7 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight – carol service with alternative readings/poems and items from the Cluster Choir. Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 22nd December.

3 p.m. - Candlelit Carol Service All Saints, Selsley

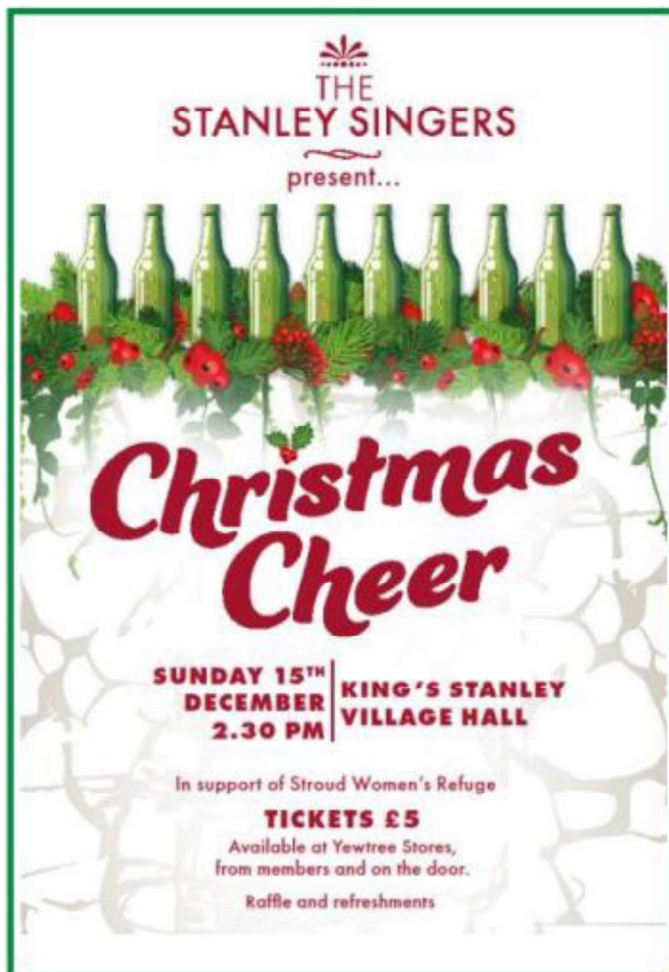
6 p.m. - Candlelit Carol Service St George's, K/S

Tuesday, 24th December – Christmas Eve Candlelit Holy Communion at 10 p.m.

Thanks to Lily Fulton's organisation, **THE ADVENT WINDOWS ARE BACK!!**

Get into the festive spirit and "Follow The Star" around the village to see if you can spot them all. The first window (below) lit up on 1st December by St Swithun's Church and the last will be by Godsells' vending machine.





LEONARD STANLEY FILM CLUB –Saturday, 21st December

Don't forget members that this is Film plus our annual Christmas celebratory lunch party. For this year, we are providing the food so no need to bring anything, apart from drink and make a small contribution. It's always a jolly occasion and a chance to sit and chat in a relaxed atmosphere so hope you will all be able to make it. The film is a romantic comedy about two girls from different countries who swap homes for the holidays. Their lives change unexpectedly when they meet and fall in love with two local men. Hope to see you then.

NEED HELP KEEPING THE CHILDREN BUSY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Families can register for **Gloucestershire County Council's winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)** now. Children eligible for free school meals can take part in the scheme, which provides free activities and food during the school holidays. This year, thanks to grant funding, GCC can extend to all children and young people through the Holiday Activities Programme. Find out more at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

RECYCLING AT CHRISTMAS

Wrapping Paper - Stroud District Council recycling teams are unable to take bin bags/carrier bags filled with wrapping paper. Please ensure recyclable wrapping paper is contained within your recycling box. Remove any tape, bows and ribbons from wrapping paper.

Synthetic, foil or glittery paper cannot be recycled and should not be placed in your recycling box

Any non-recyclable wrapping paper should be put in the grey general rubbish bin/beige sacks.

Christmas Cards - Please do not put **cards** in your **recycling** container if they contain any glitter, foil, plastics or embossing as they are not recyclable.

Christmas Trees –Longfield Community Hospice is offering home collections until 7th January for a voluntary donation. To arrange a collection visit Longfield's partner www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree and enter your postcode.