

March 2025 Newsletter

Did you know?



February 15th was World Hippo Day, we missed it this year but hey not to worry, we'll be ready for 15th Feb 2026. A day to celebrate the majestic hippopotamus and a time to bring awareness to the threats that hippos face and encourage people to take action to save them.

Fun Hippo Facts

- Hippos can weigh up to 3600 kg, making them the third-largest land mammals after elephants and rhinos
- Hippos spend 16 hours of the day submerged in water
- Hippos have natural sun cream- they secrete an oily reddish-orange slime that protects their skin from ultraviolet rays and harmful bacteria
- Hippos can run at a speed of 19 – 30 miles per hour
- They can hold their breath for up to 5 minutes and can give birth and sleep underwater



Global Recycling Day - March 18, 2025



Global Recycling Day takes place on the 18th of March each year, spotlighting the vital importance of recycling for the health of our planet. It's a day to recognise recycling as an indispensable action to secure the future of the environment, urging individuals, communities, and businesses worldwide to think resourcefully about waste.

World Wildlife Day - March 3, 2025



World Wildlife Day takes place on the 3rd of March every year, serving as a global celebration of the beautiful and varied forms of animals and plants, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people. This day remains steadfast each year, emphasizing the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental, and social impacts.

Established by the United Nations, World Wildlife Day celebrates and raises awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. The day also focuses on the critical issues such as poaching, habitat destruction, and the steps that can be taken to protect endangered species around the globe. It's a call to action for individuals, organisations, and governments to work together in protecting and conserving the world's natural heritage.



We'd love you to share with us your images of wildlife in your garden, nearby woods and fields. Please send your photos to stalbans@gmail.com and we will add them to our next Eco News.

Join our **CHURCH GARDENING CLUB**

Come along and have some gardening fun. Meet new people, make new friends. If you are unable to join us perhaps you can help us by donating some of your unwanted gardening items.

We would like your help to make our grounds more insect and animal friendly so if you could donate any of the following, we will be very grateful. Just bring your donation along on 1st Saturday of the month between 10am -12pm, or contact us to arrange a pickup (see below)

Please donate your unwanted **Seeds, Plants or Bulbs**

We would love your unwanted **large plant pots** so we can put them around the grounds – please let us know if we need to collect them from you.

Leftover or unwanted bags of planting compost

Your unwanted garden tools and garden canes would come in very handy.

If you have an unused water butt, we can use it.

Do you have any unwanted planks of treated wood we can use to mend our raised planters and/or do you have the time and know how to help us fix them and/or make new ones.

Thank you in advance for your donations and we hope to see you at our Gardening Club very soon. Please get in touch with the Parish Office via email

stalbanofferton@gmail.com or telephone 0161 477 0456 – the parish office is open Monday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.

