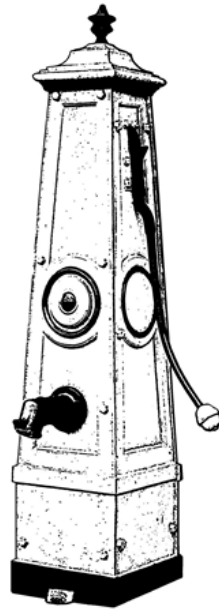


STRETTON IN RUTLAND WELCOME PACK



April 2018

Every effort is made for the information contained in the booklet to be accurate. However, we know from experience that it rapidly falls out of date. If you notice inaccuracies, or wish to provide feedback, or even just let us know that you have downloaded a copy, please email the keeper Mrs Jill Lessey djlessey16@gmail.com

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Welcome

Welcome to Stretton. We hope your life here is a happy one. This leaflet has been prepared by many members of the village including members of the Parish Council and members of the Friends of St Nicholas' Church.

We hope you find the information helpful. The residents of Stretton village are like the houses, each with their own character - some have been here for many years whilst many are new to the village.

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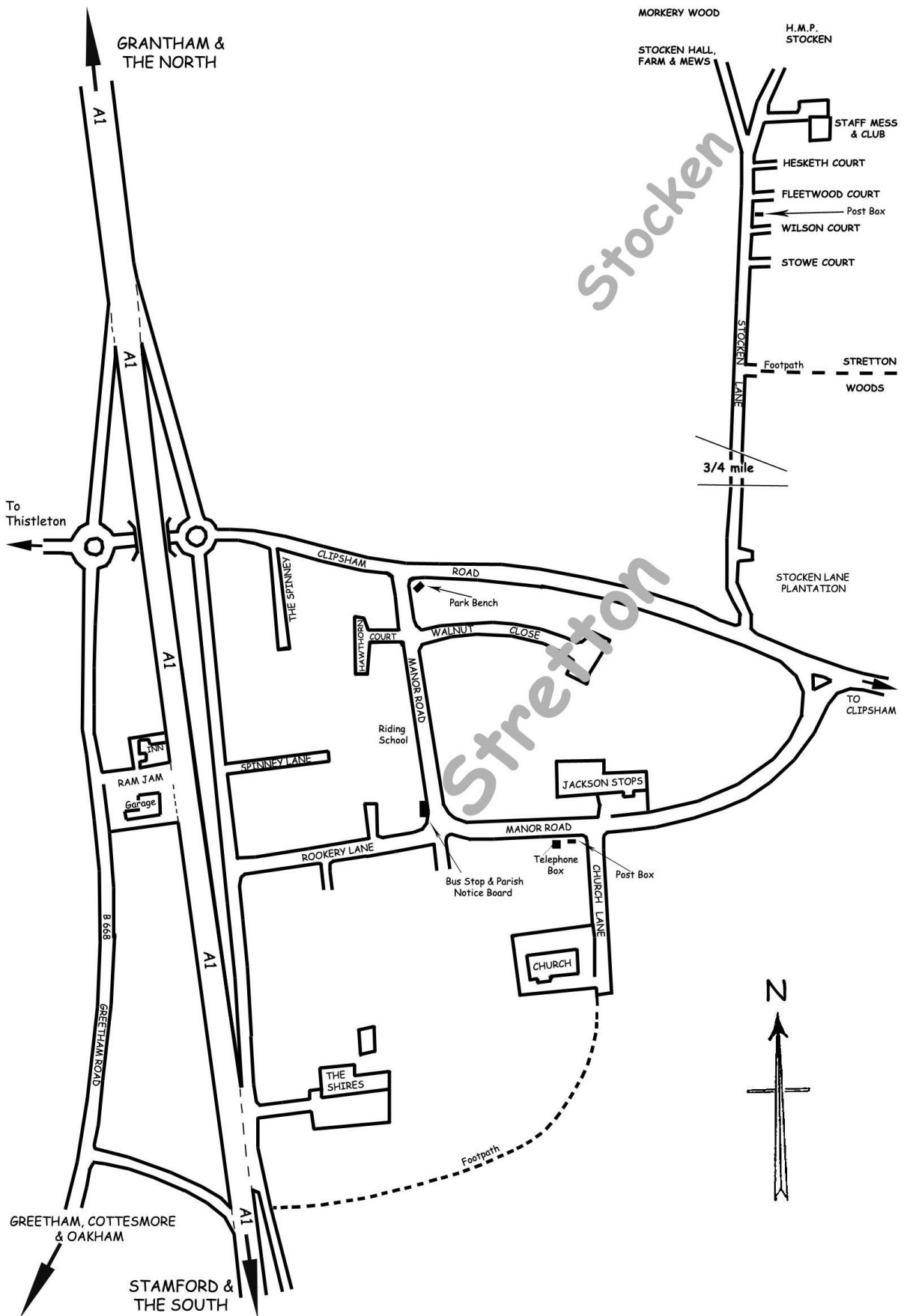
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For more and for the latest information, visit our village website at

www.strettonvillage.co.uk

There is also a Facebook page at:

Stretton in Rutland



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Local Information and Telephone Numbers

(All numbers local code 01780 unless given)

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Located in red telephone box – opposite Jackson Stops

Member of Parliament

Alan Duncan: Local Office (01664) 563232; fax (01664) 510710
Westminster Secretary (0207) 2195204

Rutland County Council (01572) 722577

Ward Councillor Nick Begy

Stretton Parish Council. Full Parish Council details of members and minutes are published on the village website. Minutes are also posted on the noticeboard at the bus shelter.

Churches

Church of England: St Nicholas, Stretton

Churchwarden: Jonathon Pattison

Roman Catholic: St Joseph's, The Presbytery, Station Road, Oakham. (01572) 722239

Police Community Team

Sgt 1847 Darren Richardson
PC 1742 Laurie Appleton (Beat Bobby)
PCSO 6115 Lauren Orgill

Leave a voicemail for any of these officers by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message. When prompted, key in the appropriate identification number.

Oakham Police

Enquiries: 01572 758415 - Opening hours: 10am to 4 pm Monday - Friday

Neighbourhood Watch John McCarthy

9 Walnut Close, Stretton. Tel: 01780 410617 (Mob: 07497 625489)

e-mail taffsuemccarthy@yahoo.co.uk

Health Service - Hospitals

Grantham & District (01476) 565232 A and E open 8am to 6.30 pm

Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham (01572) 722552

Minor injuries unit 8.30 - 5 weekdays.

Peterborough City Hospital, Edith Cavell Campus, Bretton Gate PE3 9GZ
(A and E 24 hours) 01733 678000

Stamford & Rutland, Ryhall Road, PE9 1UA 01733 678000
(Minor injuries ;9 am -5 pm weekdays)

Doctors

Castle Bytham: The Rural Medical Practice 410205

Empingham: Medical Centre 460202 (Emergencies & Enquiries)

Emergency Services

Water	Severn Trent	0800 7834444
	Anglian Water	08457 145145

<u>Electricity</u>	Emergencies	0800 0568090
	Customer Services	0800 0963080

Local Services

Adult Education

Casterton Community College 752303

Rutland College (01572) 722863

Age Concern

Representative: Jill Lessey 410533

Buses

Bus Shelter is on corner of Rookery lane and Manor Road

Callconnect Booking & Helpline 08452638153

Carpenter/joiner John Smith Market Overton 0572756747

Chimney Sweeps

Glo-More - Peter – 767379

Craig Goves 07803 127437. www.meadoeschimneysweep.co.uk

Community Centre, Greetham –

Clubroom, hall, outdoor tennis court, badminton. (All available for private hire).
Football, cricket, outdoor and indoor bowls. Meetings, special parties, wedding
receptions etc.

For further details contact Julie Richardson (01572) 813425

Domestic appliance repair

C J Healey – 01572 812226

Hairdresser: Jenni Penfold

3 Westgate Oakham LE15 6 B H 016572 868956

Electricians

John Elson (01778) 342129

Lidbetter & Hicks 01572 722204 or 07711794817

Garages

Greetham Garage (Julian Cardew). Tel: 01780 411456

Garden Centre

Rasell's Nursery Little Bytham 01780 410345
Barnsdale Gardens Exton 01572 813200

Garment Alterations

Carole Bulbick 01780751728 (Gt Casterton)

Heating

Rutland Oil Fired Boiler Service 01572 767437

IT Support

Bill Crowe MBCS(Stamford) networking/ graphic design /software
Development / IT for home & business .tel 07766833076
Web www.bcit.co.uk

Markets

Oakham - Wednesday and Saturday (Market Square)

Stamford - Friday (Broad Street/Ironmonger Street)
Saturday (Red Lion Square)

Melton Mowbray Tues/Sat

Grantham Sat

Oundle Thurs

Mobile Library

Stretton Bus Shelter alternate Mondays 3.20-3.40pm

Newspapers

Delivered by Greetham Village Shop (01572) 812336

Nursery Schools

Railway Children Day Nursery – Creeton 410055

Great Wood Farm Early years Centre – Boothby Pagnell. Tel: 01476 585584

Local Newspapers

The Rutland Times, The Stamford and Rutland Mercury

Plumber

Case Plumbing & Heating, Tony Case 01572 756512

Key Edge – Mark Towle – 07738 381798 24 hr response line – 0800 043 5333

Post Office Oakham

In newsagents on Main Street, Oakham.

Parcels only can be collected from the main sorting office in Market Square

Pubs/Bar Food

The Jackson Stops, Manor Road – 410237

The Olive Branch, Clipsham - 410355

Rutland Logs

James Bodily 01780 410777

Recycling Facilities

Civic Amenity Site on far side of Cottesmore.

For Permit required phone 01572 722577

Refuse - Garden and Bulk

4 ½ miles along B668 towards Oakham (as above).

Refuse Collection

Biweekly cycle: First week black wheelie bin, alternate weeks green & grey;

Green bins require annual payment. (£35/yr). 01572 758488

Schedule advised by Rutland County Council Booklet

Riding School

Stretton Riding School, Manor Road 410323

Shops

20, Main Street, Greetham

Village Shop / Post Office/ newspaper deliveries: Tel: 01572 812336

DAILY PAPERS DELIVERED;

MILK Mon, Wed & Fri

POST OFFICE OPEN Mon_Fri 9.00am-12.30pm

Stretton Service station and Spar. Access via B668, next to Ram Jam Inn

Open 06.30 to 21.30 daily

Cottesmore General Store (with post office)

Tree Surgeon

Lee Overton 01780 411470 (mob: 07834594291)

Window Cleaners

Wayne Pure H20 411333

Chris 07914925790

Paul 07545757889

Stretton is a Conservation Area

Since June 2000, Stretton has been a Conservation Area. This means that, before carrying out any work on your property, (including satellite dishes or tree work) you need to contact Rutland County Council. For information and advice, phone David Trubshaw (Conservation Officer) on 01572 758268.



Local Interest

Barnsdale Gardens (the late Geoff Hamilton's TV gardens) (01572) 813200

Grimsby Fresh Fish Rasell's Nursery Car Park 3.30 on Tuesday's

Herb Nursery Thistleton (01572) 767658

Horse Events Burghley Horse Trials (early September)

Outdoor Concerts Burghley House, Grimsthorpe Castle, Belton

Outdoor Shakespeare Stamford Shakespeare Company, Tolethorpe Hall

Rutland County Museum Catmos Street, Oakham (01572) 723654

Rutland Railway Museum Ashwell Road, Cottesmore (01572) 813203

Rutland Water **Normanton** Fishing Lodge, Cycling, Normanton Museum
Whitwell Sailing, windsurfing, 'Rutland Belle' boat-trips,
cycling
Sykes Lane Butterfly Centre, 'Bugtopia',
Tourist Information (01572 653026)
Egleton Bird Sanctuary, Nature Reserve

Topiary Walk Yew Tree Avenue, Clipsham

Stretton Lakes
Holiday Accommodation, Camping ground and course fishing lakes

Walks Footpaths through Stretton.
George Henry Wood (popular dog walking both inside
and outside the fence)
Bluebell Woods between Barnsdale and Whitwell

Wymondham Tea Rooms and Shops 07879 621534. Crafts, Topiary trees, Melinda designs and much more. (B676 between Melton and Colsterworth)



Our Neighbourhood Watch (NW) coordinator is John McCarthy, 9 Walnut Close, Stretton.

Tel: 01780 410617 (Mob: 07497 625489);

E-mail: taffsuemccarthy@yahoo.co.uk

John writes:

Neighbourhood Watch is about local people working together to create safe, attractive and friendly places to live. Places where crime is less likely to happen and people are less likely to turn to anti-social behaviour. It is about you looking out for your neighbours and them looking out for you. It is about making sure that no one feels alone, scared or vulnerable in the place where they live.

Each Neighbourhood Watch scheme is different, as it depends on the area and what the people living there want and need. All over the country communities face different challenges and different levels of crime. We, the residents of Stretton, Stocken and Stretton Woods possess a specialised knowledge of the area which even our local Police Community Support officers and our local Police find hard to achieve. A police officer might not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger but your neighbour might. It is this kind of awareness and willingness to help that is the basis of Stretton's Neighbourhood Watch. By letting the police (or Sue and me) know of anything suspicious you see or hear, you are helping to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur.

For those villagers new to the Parish may I suggest you download the Rutland NW App. This free app provides users with instant access to the latest crime prevention alerts, advice and statistics. It also features a wealth of other useful contact numbers, web addresses, social media links, local news feeds and more. You can get it from the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store, just type in Rutland Neighbourhood Watch and download it onto I-phone or I-Pad. There are no adverts, no pop-ups and it is full of really useful "stuff". It really is very good. In addition, pass your e-mail address to us (in confidence) and we will add you to the list of villagers currently on our database who receive alerts local to our Parish area. It does not commit you to anything and we will not inundate you with unnecessary messages.

Call 999 when a crime is happening, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Call 101 to contact the police in non-emergency circumstances such as reporting an incident that has already occurred, giving the police information about crime in your area and making general police enquiries.

101 calls are answered by an automated system which will transfer you. Calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from both mobile phones and land lines.

A Thousand Years of Stretton

You will already be aware that the main A1 trunk road runs due north and south just to the west of Stretton. Both the name and existence of Stretton are derived from this road, known by the Romans as 'Ermine Street' and later as the 'Great North Road'. Saxon settlers founded their 'street-town' close to the important Roman road, near the end of the first millennium. It is interesting that at least a dozen other 'Strettons' in England are also found on Roman roads. In some early documents the village is named as 'Stretton-on-the-Street', and two kings, Edward I and Edward II, stayed here briefly on their journeys to Scotland.

At the time of the Domesday Book, Stretton was owned by Countess Judith, niece of William the Conqueror. It later belonged to King Henry V's brother, the Duke of Gloucester, who reduced the villagers' taxes! In the 15th century some lands here were donated to Browne's Hospital, Stamford, which continued to collect local rents for 400 years. For hundreds of years, villagers grazed animals and cultivated their strips of land in the 'Open Field' system. The medieval 'ridge and furrow' beside the western roundabout has only recently been ploughed out, and at times curved soil-marks or crop-marks still show evidence of the former strips. By the 17th century some fields had been enclosed, reputedly destroying 'twelve ancient farms' and dispossessing tenants. Earthworks of these earlier homesteads can be seen to the south of the church. The decline of individual farms has continued to this day, with only one working farm remaining within the village.

Lords of the Manor of Stretton have included Lord Harington of Exton; the Horsman family, who fought for Parliament in the Civil War; Lord Aveland of Normanton, who donated the village school, and Major Fleetwood-Hesketh, who lived at Stocken Hall from 1907 until the Second World War. Stretton then changed from an estate village, with rents payable to the bailiff of Stocken Hall, to a community of homeowners. The village school closed in 1957, and children now travel by bus to nearby schools. With the building of Walnut Close and other new homes, the village has continued to expand. No longer is farming the dominant occupation. With the development of local military bases, Stocken Hall Prison, and a wide range of other employment opportunities, Stretton today boasts a thriving, lively community of all ages and interests.

There is a tale that the Jackson Stops was formerly called the White Horse Inn. At one time it was put up for sale using the Jackson Stops estate agents. The story goes that the pub was up for sale for so long that when it was sold, the locals asked that it retain the name Jackson Stops. The name has stuck and we are very fortunate that the Jackson Stops has a great reputation as a country inn in Rutland and beyond.



The Jackson Stops Country Inn

The village pump opposite the Jackson Stops was manufactured c.1830. It is now classed as a Grade II listed building. Another pump is situated on the Clipsham Road opposite the Manor Road junction. However, for safety reasons, the pump was encased by stone. Adjacent to the 'listed building pump' is a red telephone kiosk.



In 1989 British Telecom wished to remove the telephone kiosk and replace it with a new model. The village, strongly supported by the then Rutland District Council, successfully argued that the kiosk was 'in the curtilage of a listed building.'

The telephone kiosk, a Type K6 designed in 1935 by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, was subsequently listed in its own right on 22 February, 1990.

In 2017, the kiosk was formally adopted by the parish and adapted to house a defibrillator

Across on the western side of the A1 from Stretton lies the now derelict Ram Jam Inn. It was famously frequented by Highwayman Dick Turpin in the 18th century and it was supposedly one of his confidence tricks the led to the name. Geno Washington also took the name for his Ram Jam Band when the group used to overnight there when travelling north. The Ram Jam is currently under planning consideration to develop it as a small retail park (Spring 2018).

Stocken Hall

Stocken Hall, on the outskirts of Stretton parish, was built in the reign of James I by John Brown, and remained in that family until the death of the 25-year old heir, Samuel Brown, in 1707. The estate of Stretton and Stocken (or 'Stocking') was then purchased by the Heathcote family of Normanton, who improved the Hall with a new Georgian facade, but never lived there. Stocken Hall was let to various tenants, one of whom was General Thomas Grosvenor, who married Elizabeth Heathcote in 1797. As master of the Cottesmore Hunt he kept the hounds and stud at Stocken, breeding Wellington's famous horse, 'Copenhagen'. Grosvenor's own favourite horse, 'Black Butcher', died beneath him on the Stone Ride leading to the Hall. It is commemorated by a stone which still stands, bearing a much eroded tribute composed by Grosvenor himself:

*Within old Morcary Wood you hear the sound
Of Lowther's voice encouraging the hounds.
Pass ye not heedless by this pile of stones
For underneath lie honest Butcher's bones.
Black was his colour yet [his] nature fair,
Where ere the hounds went Butcher would be there.
'Tis graven to be a tribute to his worth,
Better hunter ne'er stretched leathern girth.*

Later tenants of Stocken Hall included Lord Francis Cecil and his wife Edith, whose initials still appear in the stained glass of a door. In 1907 the whole estate was sold to Major Fleetwood Hesketh, who lived in the Hall with his family until the Second World War. This period is vividly described by his son, Peter Fleetwood Hesketh (see *Rutland Record 15*, available from Oakham Museum). As Lord of the Manor, Major Hesketh played an active role in village life and employed many villagers on his estate. Sadly, Stocken Hall became derelict after being requisitioned during the war, although a new prison development grew up around it. Rexhaven Limited, the developers have completed their restoration of the Hall. It is now a fully inhabitable historic building.



HMP Stocken

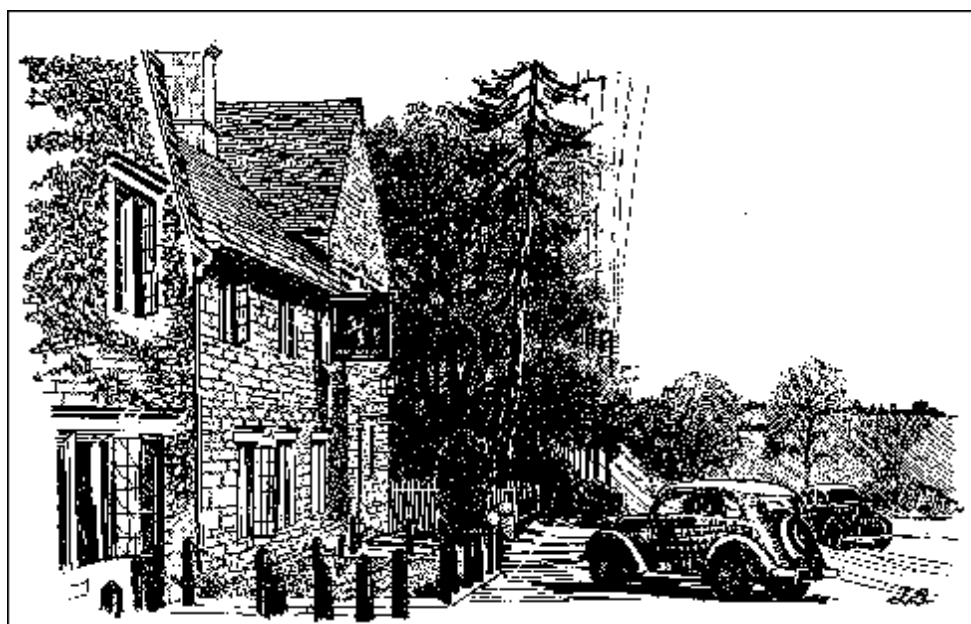
The prison was built as a Young Offenders' Institution but opened in 1985 as a Category C Adult Male Training Prison for 300 prisoners. Over a number of years three additional wings have been added creating a total of 1000 spaces.

As a training prison all prisoners are expected to work. This ranges from the usual domestic work to Vocational Training Courses, a Constructional Industries Course, 3 industrial workshops and a range of educational subjects including literacy and numeracy.



In the unusual event of an escape, the local residents are informed by way of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and kept fully informed.

The prison welcomes volunteers for the prison visiting scheme and the WRVS who organise teas for the visitors. New people are always needed - if interested; please contact Jill Maxon, telephone 485331.



An old sketch of The Ram Jam inn.

The Friends of St Nicholas' Church

Village churches are the most impressive features of the English rural landscape. They link us with previous generations, offering a picturesque setting for community events from weddings to carol services. Stretton is fortunate to have an ancient Norman church with a fascinating history.

One 17th century rector, Jeremiah Whitaker, regularly preached before Parliament during the Civil War. In the last century the near-derelict church was restored by the efforts of another famous rector, who wrote popular novels under the pseudonym, 'Cuthbert Bede'.

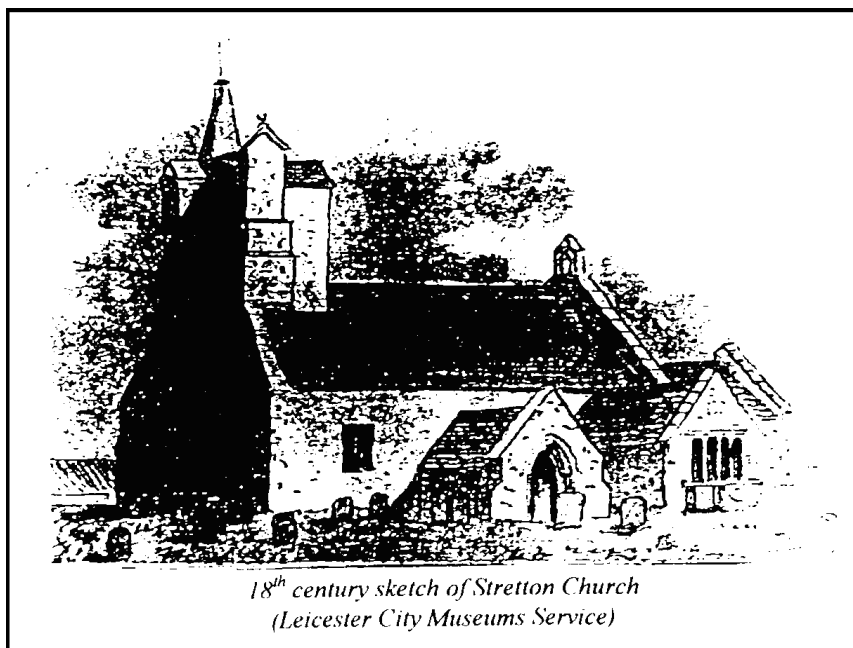
In a tiny parish such as Stretton, the village church faces many difficulties. In 1995 **The Friends of St Nicholas** was set up to help maintain the church building, and prevent it falling into disrepair and possible disuse. Since then, several thousand pounds have been raised. Urgent repairs listed by the Church Architect have been carried out, collapsed churchyard walls have been rebuilt and a water supply has been connected.

The parish church belongs to the whole village, which would be much poorer if it were ever to be closed down. Even if you are not an active member of the Church of England, your support is crucial in preserving this essential feature of our community. Please consider joining **The Friends of St Nicholas** which has become a registered charity. You will be very welcome at all meetings and events, although there is no obligation to play an active part if you prefer simply to subscribe to this good cause.

There is an annual subscription of £10.00 .

For more information about **The Friends of St Nicholas**, please contact:

Peter Ransome Jones Hon Secretary The Friends Of St Nicholas Tel 01780 410946



*18th century sketch of Stretton Church
(Leicester City Museums Service)*