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Kaiya-Rose Turner

Happy 1st Birthday on 28th March 2016. See Page 5



**Bob meets Race Bob
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Cut-off date for the May 2016 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

9am Friday 18th April 2016

****** Please do not be late ******

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 4 th Apr	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Mon 4 th Apr	WI Spring Group Meeting	7.15 pm	GSVH
Sat 9 th Apr	Mens Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Wed 13 th Apr	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Wed 20 th Apr	Stukeleys Heritage Group Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Wed 27 th Apr	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	GSVH
Sat 14 th May	Italian Theme & Race Night Supper	TBA	LSVH

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Please include your phone number in case of queries.

Space in the magazine is limited, so articles should be about 300 words. This is to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to contribute to the magazine. It would be helpful if you could submit articles sized to an A5 page in Word or PDF.

We reserve the right to refuse an article, cut its length or hold it over to a later issue without notice.

Please Note: This magazine is published by Martyn Fox with administrative and financial support from The Stukeleys Parish Council. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Parish Council

A charge is made to advertise in this magazine. All enquiries should be directed to Martyn Fox (Tel: 01480 432633) or Carole Pollock, the Clerk of the Parish Council (Tel: 01480 464817).

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Your Stukeleys Parish Magazine

Needs



You!

Contributions of all sorts needed

Please send in anything you feel may be of interest
Anything considered.

Advertisers also needed. The rates are very reasonable and help to fund the printing of the Magazine so it can be distributed free of charge to every household in the Parish.

Send articles or enquiries to martyn@stukeleymag.co.uk

Please make sure you send items promptly before the cut-off date for the issue in which you wish it to appear.



**A gift for every child
in our parish.**

On 21st April, Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II will
celebrate her 90th birthday.



To mark this historic event, The Stukeleys Parish Council has agreed to give each child 18 years or younger a commemorative coin. To qualify, recipients must be no older than 18 and permanently resident in our parish on 21st April 2016. If you would like a commemorative coin for your child, please email the Parish Clerk (clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk) with 'QE2 coin' in the subject line, tell us how many qualifying children you would like coins for, their ages and your contact details. Do not send any other information.

Happy 1st Birthday



Kaiya-Rose Turner

With Love and Best Wishes

From

**Mum, Dad, Nan, Granddad,
Great Nans Joanna & Betty
Great Uncles John & Stephen**

Great Granddad John, Auntie Abigail & Uncle Alfie

Sweet Flowers A Poem by Philip Hobson

Some sweet little blue flowers appear in Spring,
I don't know who put them here,
Delightful, modest, unassuming,
Extra pretty and dear,
Like them, someone who once lived here,
Lifted one's heart just by existing,
I am just me, she said,
I don't claim to be other,
But that, dear Lord, was quite enough,
To break one's heart
When, she, like them, of life,

The Stukeleys Parish

Council News

The **Parish Council Meeting** was held on the 7th March at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

Due to the current extremely low values of scrap materials, the Parish Council will not receive any rebates from WEEE recycling collections of electrical waste at the present time. However, as the collections provide a service to the village community and benefits the environment the Parish Council have asked WEEE to arrange another collection event in May/Juneso please look out for posters advertising the collection date.

The Parish Council continues to report to CCC Highways highway faults and repairs in the village, but please remember parishioners can report faults directly by calling **0845 0455212** or via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults

Additional play bark has been laid under the play equipment at Little Stukeley Playing Fields.

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council:

- i** **26 Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 16/00117/HHFUL** – Demolish single storey side extension and form side two storey extension.
After discussion it was agreed to make no observations for or against.
- ii** **24 Low Road, Little Stukeley – 16/00125/HHFUL** – Construction of new garage structure with alterations to driveway.
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend refusal as the planned development would have an adverse effect on the street scene. The Stukeleys Parish Council recommended that the planned garage be moved back away from the front boundary.
- iii** **24 Low Road, Little Stukeley – 16/00124/HHFUL** – Two storey extension to existing dwelling including living area, downstairs WC, store room, bedroom and ensuite.
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend approval as the extension would improve the property and the street scene.
- iv** **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 16/00262/NMA** – Application for non-material amendment to approval of reserved matters (outside of a key phase) for primary infrastructure to support the delivery of the primary school (KP1-01)
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to make no observations for or against.
- v** **17 Beech Avenue, Great Stukeley – 16/00250/TREE** – Beech tree: crown lift the tree to 5 metres.
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend approval.
- vi** **8 Beech Avenue, Great Stukeley – 16/00251/TREE** – Large mature beech; low branches infringe on the road and driveway, and low lateral branches now infringe on the front of the house, blocking light from the front windows. Proposed work is to crown lift the tree to 4 metres to improve access beneath, and to reduce lateral branches close to the house by approx. 3 metres, up to a height of approx. 6 metres.
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend approval.
- vii** **18 Chestnut Grove, Great Stukeley – 16/00268/TREE** – Fell a Horse Chestnut due to ill health. Crown lift and reduce end weight of a Horse Chestnut T2. T3 Beech tree: removal of the central stem.
After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend approval.

- viii **67 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley – 16/00254/HHFUL** – New access to side of house to enable future occupants access to rear part of garden to be used as paddock land..
 After discussion the Parish Council agreed to recommend refusal as the proposed new access would be lead onto an already busy road and result in road safety issues. The access was unnecessary as there was an adequate access to the paddock between the eastern boundary of the property and the garage.

If you wish to go on the waiting list for an allotment plot (half or full) please contact the Carole Pollock, Parish Clerk on clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday 4th April 2016 at 7:30pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall

Monday 9th May 2016 at 7:30pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall

Please check the website and notice board for notification of any Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meetings to be held.

A full set of Minutes and other Parish Council information are available at www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/

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HAVE YOUR SAY

All Parish Councillors should be present at **Open Surgeries** which start at **7:15pm to 7:30pm** (prior to Parish Council Meetings) where parishioners are invited to attend to **express their support, views or concerns on issues affecting the Parish**. As the Open Surgery only runs from 7:15pm to 7:30pm, if a parishioners wished to discuss items in more detail please contact a Parish Councillor and a further meeting can be arranged.

The Parish Council Meeting then should start promptly at 7:30pm, **only items on the agenda** can be discussed and raised during the **public participation session**, and each speaker is limited to 3 minutes speaking time unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to write to Parish Council/Parish Clerk on issues if they wish to give more details than the 3 minute slot allows.

If wish to speak at an Open Surgery Session and/or the Public Participation Session please let the Chairman of the meeting or Parish Clerk know at the meeting.

Anglian Water – Pollution Watch

Anglian Water are planning to launch a new campaign called “Pollution Watch”. It is all about ensuring we **Spot, Report and Stop** sewage pollution incidents as quickly as possible and minimise the impact to the environment.

A key part of our business is to return used water from homes and businesses safely back into the environment. This is no small operation and requires a huge number of assets, including over 76,000km of sewer pipes - that's enough to go around the world twice! We work hard to ensure that these operate effectively at all times. However, very occasionally sewage escapes from the system causing a pollution incident. Pollution can kill fish and other aquatic life and also affect the use of water and land for agricultural, business, community purposes.

Escapes from the sewage system are commonly caused by the build-up of fats, oils and greases, sanitary waste and wipes; all of which cause blockages and reduce the flow of sewage through the network.

There are many tell-tale signs that pollution has entered a river or a stream. These include:

- sewage solids
- toilet debris such as toilet paper, condoms and sanitary products
- soap suds or a milky-looking discharge in the water
- grey coloured water
- a noticeable sewage smell

Our Love Every Drop strategy, which puts water at the heart of a whole new way of living, includes a business goal of No Pollutions. We're investing millions in pollution prevention through continually maintaining and improving our asset base and enhancing our understanding of its performance. This includes £5.5 million of network maintenance; analysis to predict potential sewer blockages; enhanced maintenance at pumping stations; increasing the number of staff on pollution control and working with river-users to help us identify and report problems quickly.

We are working hard to minimise pollution incidents from our assets, and we'd really like your help to look after rivers and waterways too. By calling our Pollution Hotline on **03457 145 145** and informing us about potential sewage pollution issues, we can respond sooner meaning we have the best opportunity to minimise any environmental impact.

To support this, we plan to launch the “**Pollution Watch**” campaign to raise awareness of sewage pollution, the causes of it, and what to do if you spot it. We aim to work at parish level with local communities to help understand the sewerage network and its performance and what to do if you spot a problem.

To launch the campaign, we are running a project across our region to work together on the following areas:

- to explore the general level of understanding of the sewerage network and its function within your area
- to identify the likely locations of discharges from the network within your area
- to discuss the wording for signs at these locations
- to consider ways of working together to spread the word

We aim to have a programme of activity over the next 5 years to work with more and more parish councils across our region.

Huntingdonshire Beekeepers (HBKA) - Honey Bee Swarm Collection Contacts 2016

You may be aware that each year HBKA volunteers make themselves available to advise our local communities should a honey bee swarm be found. We try as far as possible to capture and remove the swarms to a new 'home' so that they are not lost to our environment. Sometimes this is not possible but we do our best to at least advise the land or building owner on the best way forward.

This year there is a list that shows beekeepers in your locality who are willing to pick up swarms when that is possible subject to an assessment of the risks involved to all concerned. We collect at no cost but a donation to our association funds is always welcomed.

The list is also published on our web site - www.huntsbka.org.uk . The contact for the Stukeleys is Mike Tuke on 01480457068

It should be noted that we can only collect honey bees. Wasps, hornets and bumble bees are all outside our levels of ability and competence and need referring to pest controllers.

As an aside and a little bit of PR! I hope you might take time during the summer and visit our Apiary and its viewing gallery in Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. We open the hives on Sunday afternoons from April to September weather permitting from 2 -3pm so you can see inside from the bee free safety of the gallery.

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By using Planet Aid UK’s clothing bank in your area you support some of the poorest people in the world

Planet Aid UK is happy to inform you that, in agreement with Huntingdonshire District Council, we have installed a clothing bank at your local village hall. Please place any unwanted clothes or shoes into the bank, and our drivers will call regularly to empty it.

All profits from our clothes collection are donated to development work in India or Africa, either directly, via Humana People to People, or through our charity partner DAPP UK (Development Aid from People to People UK - Charity reg: 1118290).

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THURSFORD GROUP DONATION 2015

I am delighted to share with you a letter from Richard Turpin Church Warden and Vice-Chairman of the Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church in Great Stukeley.

This most thoughtful letter was in response to the £400.00 donation to the Church in December 2015. The amount of £102.20 was collected on our visit to the THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR in mid-November 2015 while the remainder includes surpluses from my other trips in 2015 as well as a small private donation.

Mary Alleyne-James

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22 February 2016

Dear Mary,

Firstly an apology that it has taken so long to respond but you may not be surprised to know that, having been quite poorly shortly after Christmas, I have got seriously behind in a whole number of areas and have to phase my catching up on all routine matters in line with how well I feel.

Nonetheless I felt it my personal duty to respond so may I on behalf of the St Bartholomew's PCC, albeit rather belatedly, express my sincere thanks for the very kind donation of £400 you gave us from your various activities which you may be sure will be put to good use.

Indeed the PCC the week before last decided that the most appropriate use would be towards the cost of a new Churchyard lamp-post which we are erecting at the gate in conjunction with the Parish Council. This new lamp will serve both the Church and Village at large as it will, to a degree, offset the lighting on Church Road which was reduced by removal of the Council Lamp from outside the gate.

Again, on behalf of St Bartholomew's I offer my grateful thanks for your support.

*Yours faithfully,
Richard Turpin*

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Quiz Night

Great fun was had by all at our last Hall event which was ably run by Pete, Gayle and their winning team from last year. Some of the rounds were very challenging and both ends of the leader board got quite close with John Burns' Team eventually becoming the winners on the night, well done to them. Following the traditional coin toss Matt Day has agreed to run next year's event, watch out for the date in future magazines, I'm sure it will be yet another fun evening. On a serious note though, the event raised a significant sum for St Martin's Church, thank you for your generosity in making the night a tremendous success and raising much needed funds for our church. As always there are many that make these nights work and thank yous must go out to Camilla, Jocelyn, Sue and the team for organizing the night, to Sally for running the bar and to Gillian for running the raffle and to all of you that came along to make the night so much fun.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events Peter Soinne (01480 437 584) would be pleased to hear from you and he'll talk you through the arrangements.

Next Events

Our calendar of events is shown below, watch out for updates. I'd be delighted to hear your ideas for any future events and I look forward to seeing you in the Hall. Don't forget we run our Social Club Bar every Sunday 1PM – 2:30PM, it's a great way to meet your neighbours and fellow villagers. For membership of the Social Club please speak to Keith Winter (01480 450 656 05 keithwinter2@sky.com) who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Saturday	14 th May Social Club Supper Night — Italian theme & Race Night
Sunday	3 rd July BBQ and Rounders
Saturday	3 rd September Flower Show
Saturday	5 th Bonfire and Fireworks
Saturday	19 th November Social Club Supper Night
Saturday	10 th December Christmas Dinner

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas for other events or if you would like to get involved, you'd be very welcome and I'd be delighted to hear from you.

David Robinson

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THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL: Vincent's THE BEST of BRITISH *Tuesday 4th October 2016*

On the day of our visit to THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL we will depart by coach PROMPTLY at 11.00am from the Great Stukeley Village Hall. This will enable us to arrive in Silvertown, by the Royal Docks next to City Airport, in good time for the doors opening at 1.15pm as the superb BEST of BRITISH show begins at 2pm.

This very special show is designed to support the Queens' 90th Birthday Celebrations by showcasing British Talent from Television, Stage and Screen. DO PLAN ON JOINING US for this special event. A delicious *home made* three course cream tea will be served during the intermission with everything prepared fresh on the premises. Sandwiches, pastries, cakes and yummy scones will all be part of this wonderful feast!

The venue for the BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL was built between 1861 and 1862. After finding £1 million to convert the building Vincent Hayes moved his show into North Woolwich Road in 2006. Vincent hopes that his present Silvertown site will be his third and final stop. I have been able to negotiate a very special price with the coach company and am delighted to offer this wonderful NEW show at £54.50 per person. This includes your coach trip to and from London, a tip for the driver, the show and a delicious three course cream tea.

PLEASE CALL ME SOON to reserve your seat(s) for THE BEST of BRITISH.

Mary Alleyne-James
Organizer
Tel 01480 433 954

THE GREAT STUKELEY SUMMER FASHION SHOW II

Thursday 19th May 2016

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE. FOR AS LONG AS THEY LAST!

The evening of our Great Stukeley SUMMER FASHION SHOW II is organized by LINC'S FASHIONS on Thursday 19th May 2016. Doors will be open at 7pm for a PROMPT 7.30pm start.

We will be selling ladies' SUMMER fashion at HALF PRICE OR LESS! All items must be sold and paid for on the night. LINC'S FASHIONS is a very successful business owned and operated by Gill and Adrian Asher from Lincolnshire.

ALL SIZES WILL BE CATERED FOR...and on the night SUMMER fashion from a host of British brands will be offered for sale. Among the brands which will be shown by our three (3) very own Fashion Models will be: *Austin Reed, British Home Stores, Coast, Country Casuals, Dorothy Perkins, Kaliko, Marks & Spencer, Phase Eight, Wallis and The White Stuff...* to name but a few!

The cover charge at only £7.00 per person includes your attendance at the show and a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE. Tickets for this very special event are SELLING FAST. Please drop off your cash or CHEQUE made out to the GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE that all nonresidents of Great Stukeley must enclose a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE with their order for either 1st or 2nd class mail. Your help and understanding with this request is greatly appreciated. DEADLINE for ticket purchases FOR YOUR SUMMER FASHION SHOW is NO LATER THAN 5PM on Thursday 12th May 2016-OR FOR AS LONG AS TICKETS LAST!

Mary Alleyne-James

Event Organizer

11 Owl End

GREAT STUKELEY

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The Great Stukeley FASHION SHOW II
Thursday 19th May 2016
RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are very busy preparing for the GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II which will be held at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on Thursday 19th May 2016.

The start time will be 7.00pm for 7.30pm PROMPT.

WE MOST URGENTLY need "suitable" RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS for this much looked forward to evening event. If you have received a Festive or Birthday gift which is not quite "you". We would appreciate your donating this for our upcoming FASHION SHOW II which will help to bring in much needed funds for OUR Village Hall.

If you can help us in any way, PLEASE FEEL FREE to call me WITHOUT DELAY. Either call first before making your drop-off at my home or I would be delighted to collect your DONATION which is needed BEFORE the event. I very much look forward to hearing from you. All profit will be donated to the Village Hall to be used for improvement to the Great Stukeley Village Hall CAR PARK.

Tickets, FOR AS LONG AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE, can be bought for this exciting FASHION SHOW at £7.00 per person which includes a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE (or orange juice or water).

Mary Alleyne-James
Event Organizer
11 Owl End, GREAT STUKELEY
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THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2016
Sunday 20th November 2016
THE VERY BEST CHRISTMAS SHOW....EVER!

I finally received confirmation from THURSFORD on 9th March 2016 regarding our 2016 visit.

I was getting quite worried about their very late response this year. During my holiday in January I was sending emails back and forth and even had to make an international phone call to sort out a hitch which had occurred.

Luckily everything is now GO for this year's visit:

2pm Performance SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2016

This is my preferred REQUEST as the weekend afternoons are the most popular times to visit the Spectacular. I was also delighted that I was able to secure DE LUXE seating-with seats in rows D/E/F and H-which run from the 4th through the 8th rows from the stage. This superb allocation will give everyone attending terrific viewing this year.

Please WATCH THIS SPACE for the cover price and further details in a future issue of The Stukeleys' Magazine.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

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LONDON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING, CARVERY CLUB LUNCH
And CHRISTMAS LIGHTS and SIGHTS
Tuesday 6th December 2016

The WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY MALL is East London's enormous shopping centre. Crowds descend on this amazing shopping Mall for variety and bargains as well as Applecelebrity concerts and a glimpse of the Olympic Park.

This wonderful and exciting Mall opened on the 13th September 2011 with a total retail floor area of 1.8 million square feet. It is one of the largest in Europe and the third largest Mall in the United Kingdom.

During our CHRISTMAS visit to London on Tuesday 6th December 2016 we will be able to visit this Mall as part of our Festive visit. On this very special trip you will be dropped off and picked-up right in front of the Mall-and your coach offers you plenty of space for all your Christmas Shopping!

Following our time at the Mall we will board our coach for our trip to the STRAND PALACE HOTEL to enjoy a tasty two-course meal in their swish CARVERY. This legendary London hotel has a fascinating history dating back to 1907 when permission was granted for a *grand* hotel in the prominent Westminster thoroughfare of The Strand.

After our CARVERY meal we will take a trip through Central London to see the fabulous CHRISTMAS LIGHT displays and SIGHTS with our Blue Badge Holder Guide-Jeannie Carmichael. We will then have a limited visit to the SOUTH BANK CHRISTMAS MARKET before departing for home at 6pm.

This wonderful CHRISTMAS TRIP TO LONDON with shopping and sightseeing is offered at the very competitive price of £45.50 per person which includes the Carvery lunch, our Coach and tips for our Blue Badge Holder Guide and our driver.

A number of people have already reserved places on the coach so PLEASE CALL SOON if you would like to join us.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS

Friday 17th June 2016

PAYMENT DUE

Word has just arrived from PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS concerning our trip on Friday 17th June 2016. Our reservation has been confirmed and the cover price per person including the coach journey to the Stadium and back to Great Stukeley and a tip for the driver is £37.00. Also included for our evening visit will be entry to the Stadium, a Race Programme and your three course dinner (starter, main, dessert) with tea or coffee.

We will meet that evening at 6pm for a PROMPT 6.15pm departure on our coach from the Great Stukeley Village Hall. PLEASE NOTE that there is NO PARKING at the Hall.

Our dinner will be served in the RACEVIEW RESTAURANT. Please remember that your DRINKS are NOT included and tips are at your discretion.

Betting can be made directly from your table. Here are a few handier tips:

FORECAST	This bet requires two greyhounds to finish first and second, in the correct order.
REVERSE FORECAST	This is effectively two bets, requiring our selected greyhounds to finish first and second in either order.
TRIO	The bet requires you to nominate the THREE (3) greyhounds to finish first, second and third in the correct order.

PAYMENT DUE: Please note that FULL PAYMENT of £37.00 per person in CASH ONLY for this fun evening must be RECEIVED by me personally NO LATER THAN 5pm on THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2016.

Please be MOST THOUGHTFUL and call me first to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to drop-off your payment at my home.

Mary Alleyne-James
Event Organizer
Tel 01480 433 954

Alconbury & Brampton Surgeries

Premises: In response to proposed developments in the local community we are progressing with our plans to extend and add 3 further rooms to the Surgery to accommodate the initial residents of the development at Alconbury Weald. We hope to begin building works soon with completion by the end of the year. We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to our existing patients and services throughout.

CQC: We were recently visited by the CQC and the outcome of this was that your Surgery has been given a rating of 'Good'. There were some areas for improvement identified and we have already implemented procedures in response to CQC recommendations to meet their specified standards. In addition, we were rated as outstanding in our responsiveness to patients with long term conditions, and in our care of those patients most vulnerable. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those patients who took time to feedback to the CQC either in advance of or during the recent inspection. Your comments were well received and your support of the practice invaluable.

Team Changes: In the latter part of 2015 Alison Prytherch joined us as a receptionist at Brampton and Dr Alina Grynik joined the GP team 2 days a week at Alconbury. In April 2016 Dr McCarthy will be leaving us and we will be joined by Dr Ahmad for 4 months and Dr Kooverjee until May 2017. We also continue our active role as trainers of Cambridge University Medical Students who are with us for 2-4 weeks each placement. All trainees are supported by our existing GP team to ensure you continue to receive a positive experience at the Surgery.

Albram: continues to work hard for the Practice raising monies and co-ordinating the drivers' service provided by patients for patients. This service is only possible through the efforts of a number of volunteers whom we would like to thank wholeheartedly. Should you have a spare hour or two each week and be available to support your patient group in this way then please make the reception team aware so that we can put you in touch with our patient transport coordinators.

This year Albram's AGM will be on Wednesday 29th June at Brampton Church Hall at 8.00pm. We will be joined by a representative from Age UK who will be able to update us on services and support locally available. We will provide an update for patients on recent developments at the Practice and look forward to the opportunity to gather patient feedback over refreshments.

Melanie Fowler
Practice Manager

Thank you For the 007 Casino Night

May I, through the Stukeleys Parish Magazine, thank everyone involved with organising and running the 007 Casino Night.

The Great Stukeley Village Hall looked lovely and they all worked very hard to make sure we all had a good evening.

It was a great success.

Thank you to all who worked so hard.

Marion

Great Stukeley

St Bartholomew' Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The St Bartholomew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Church at 7:30pm on Tuesday 12th April 2016. The first part of this meeting, to elect the Churchwardens, is open to anyone on the Stukeleys Parish Electoral Roll. Voting at the remainder of the meeting is only open to those already on the St Bartholomew's 'Church Electoral Roll' but all are welcome to stay and hear important matters relating to the future of the Parish Church

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I don't always do as I'm told, as many of you know, but when my doctor told me I had to give up many of my activities and take things easy I took notice. One of the things I have had to give up is the post of Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Stukeleys, and connected with that the organising of the Coffee Morning so the one which took place on 4th March was the last I shall do but at least I went out on a high. It was an enjoyable and successful morning in the Village Hall, we raised £380.33 this was slightly down on last year but still an excellent amount. I must once more thank the excellent band of helpers I have had over the years that I have organised it, those people who made generous donations and those members of the public who supported the event.

The Royal British Legion will be looking for a replacement Poppy Appeal Organiser in The Stukeleys for the 2016-17 campaign, if you are interested in finding out what it entails contact me and I will give you the information.

To date the 2015-16 appeal in the Stukeleys stands at £3459.97

Sue Parkin,
Poppy Appeal Organiser, The Stukeleys
Tel. 01480 454085

The Stukeleys Heritage Group

Fifteen members attended our meeting on 17th February, which was focussed on scanning new material to place on our website. Thanks to Donald Cook and Elizabeth Cannon for their contributions, and we took the opportunity to scan the Gill (Curtis) Brown collection. Our Treasurer, John Oldfield received annual subscriptions (if there are any other due you can contribute either at one of our meetings or putting it through John's door at 38 Church Road, Great Stukeley - just £5.00 a year).

With your help we have now sufficient funds to develop further our website and John and Nichola Oldfield and I are in touch with a consultant to help us with this task.

Our next meeting will be:

7.30 pm Wednesday 20th April at Great Stukeley Village Hall

when our own Buster Evans will be talking about his experiences in the RAF 1950-59. Buster has a number of stories to relate - "some amusing, some sad, some risqué.....". It promises to be an interesting evening!

Looking further ahead, we will be having a tour of the new developments on Alconbury Weald on 15th June and then the popular choice for our annual trip is to visit the historic city of Norwich on 17th August. More about these later on. We can also look forward to Nichola Oldfield giving her talk on the drainage of the Fens, "In the footsteps of Vermuyden".

Michael Monk,
Convenor.



The Stukeleys WI Spring Group Meeting
4th April 2016 at 7.15pm
Venue: Great Stukeley Village Hall

Twice yearly, our group of 5 WIs has a group meeting and it is The Stukeleys' turn to host it. Our meeting on 4th April 2016 will have a 1940s theme. The speaker is Rita Smith from Abbey Talks who will talk to us about "The way we were in the 1940s". She will come dressed in 1940s style and will bring various toys and artefacts to illustrate her talk. Glamorous Vintage Singer Claire Louise will then entertain us with 1940s songs to round off the evening.

Any Ladies who are not members of the WI are most welcome to attend this meeting.

The cost of the evening is £3 and includes tea/coffee and cake. Please let **Jan Sly 450197** know if you would like to come.

Eight charities will share Hunts10k profits

Eight charities helping to make peoples' lives better in Huntingdonshire will share profits from this year's Hunts 10k event.

Now in its seventh year, the annual Fathers' Day event on Sunday June 19 at Alconbury Weald, Little Stukeley, organised by the Hunts 10k Charitable Trust, has handed out over £60k in the last six years.

Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN), Woodland Lodge, Cornerstone pregnancy counselling service, Alconbury Thursday Club, The Upside Down Club, Godmanchester Rovers, Huntingdon Youth Theatre and SERV will all get cash support for projects which promote health and wellbeing for people of all ages.

Race Director Bob Hulstrom said: "Hunts 10k Charitable Trust aims to get people of all ages active and raise money to support projects improving the quality of life for people in and around Huntingdonshire. This year we are supporting more good causes than ever before.

"Everyone who enters the Hunts10k, 3k or 1k Fun Run will be contributing towards the profits we can give away. Why not make 2016 the year you start your race medal collection?"

"An incredible 900 runners - from beginners to veterans - entered the races in 2015 and helped us to raise a record-breaking £14k. This year we want to top these achievements to help even more people."

The Hunts10k Charitable Trust has joined forces this year with fund raisers Team Bex, founded by local police officer Rebecca Griffiths, who is battling cancer. There are medals for all finishers in all races and prizes for individual, team and school results and a Spectator Village too.

The 1k Fun Run is open to anyone aged five and over. 3k runners must be aged seven or over and you must be 15 or over to enter the 10k. All runners aged 11 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

To enter the 10k, 3k or 1k Fun Run, go to www.hunts10k.org.uk. You can also follow the Race Director on Twitter @RaceBobHunts10k and join the conversation at Facebook/Hunts10k.

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 27th April 2016

10.30 – 12.00

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

(and every last Wednesday

25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 31 Aug, 28

Sept, 26 Oct & 30 Nov)

The Stukeleys WI are holding a community coffee morning every last Wednesday of the month to raise money for Young Carers Huntingdon and The Stukeleys WI.

Do come and join us. Children are welcome – we have a kids' corner to keep them amused.

Bumbling Bob April 2016



Thus the dawn broke on the 25th of February and with it great joy leaping through my veins for here was the morn of the Flying Scotsman passing though Huntingdon. Yes, this was the morn that I was to cast a solitary figure against the skyline atop a parapet on a lonely farmland bridge whilst the steam age monster passed below me in all its splendour, hissing steam and belching smoke, roaring along at top speed on its nonstop journey from Kings Cross to York. So with great joy in my heart and camera in hand I left my humble abode to journey to the point from whence I was to see the goliath of my childhood pass by.

Opps such is the content of dreams!

As I approached the out of the way farm land bridge spanning the Great Eastern Railway tracks I spied in the distance a car; oh bugger I thought, I will have to share the moment. This was ok, I reasoned, as there would be plenty of room for the two or three of us to look on in awe. But no, a great gloom descended upon me when I continued onwards towards my goal only to see a convergence of humanity having done the same. Yes, my dear readers, I was to be just one of many of my fellow villagers who had also awoke with joy in their hearts. My momentary grief at the realisation I was to share my epiphany with so many was however but fleeting as I reached my goal and immediately was hailed by several in the thronging multitude and was gently chided for my obvious tardiness as some of the gallant watchers had been in place for over an hour or more. Indeed one happy couple, for I assume they were so by their closeness of action, had transported themselves to the spot using a tractor with a hydraulic lift, upon which they had fitted a pallet, and where from even as I approached, they being balanced precariously some ten foot or more above the parapet on their mobile platform, gave me greetings.

I was at once caught up in the general bonhomie of the occasion and my sadness at not being alone to witness the spectacle quickly ebbed away. All ages and both genders were present and much banter was had as to when the goliath would approach, what the eyes in the sky were for (as two helicopters were seen to be hovering above the tracks), who saw The Flying Scotsman on its initial unannounced passing the day before and who was old enough to have seen the engine in action before the last world war; Mr Michael Newman of Little Stukeley wining that accolade! The atmosphere of the occasion was lifted even further when Mrs Silsby of Great Stukeley produced Union Jack flags on poles which she and her friend waved vigorously on the great engines approach.

And what a sight it was when the magnificent beast finally rounded the bend and thundered towards us, all steam and smoke and blowing its whistle. Great pride burst from one's chest at seeing such a magnificent piece of British Engineering go thundering past belaying its eighty odd years of age. A great cheer arose from the assembly and as it passed beneath us a great scramble ensued to make the other parapet to watch it go on its way North; and as it did so we were treated to the sight of a Virgin East Coast Mainline train coming South blowing its air horns for all its worth in salute to the old girl of the tracks; a marvellous juxtaposition of power, age and spectacle as they passed each other. And then it was over and we all checked our tablets, cameras and mobile phones to make sure we had captured the moment. But there was also

sadness! Yes the self-same previously mentioned Mr Michael Newman had given the task of taking a pictorial record of the occasion to Mrs Margaret Newman by way of her camera. Yet when the film was investigated it was found that Mrs Newman, to her great shame, had managed not to take any pictures of the engine but a wonderful picture of the water tender and another of the first carriage!! Oh the gnashing of teeth in the Newman household can only be imagined. So if you have any pictures of the Flying Scotsman passing through Great Stukeley can you consider giving a copy to Mr Newman to console him for his great loss? Emails to the editor in the first instance please.

On another subject I went along to the exhibition to see what the Ermine Street re configuration in regards to traffic movement was going to be, this being paid for by Urban & Civic, the builders of Alconbury Weald.

Sadly, I have to state that I was very, very disappointed that despite all the hype to the contrary the proposed alterations to the road lay out will do nothing to impede the speed of the traffic nor reduce the number of vehicles going through the Stukeleys in the coming years. A great opportunity that has been I fear lost. The reasoning I was given for such minor alterations was that the County Council Highways department would not agree to greater impediments as the road is still in their mind an `A` road as it was in its heyday and as such can cope with the traffic flow.

Humph, they do not live here!

Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2015
Saturday 1st August
At
Great Stukeley Village Hall
Doors open at 2:30pm

Spring is in the air and colour is appearing everywhere, we are all hoping for some warm sunshine. Days are getting longer so more time spent in the garden! Our annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 6th August**, it has been well supported in the past and hope to see more of you this year (especially you allotment holders!). The flower show committee have had the first meeting of the year and decided on the schedule this year, which will be with you before May arrives.

Now calling on all you keen gardeners out there! We are seeking entries for **Best Spring Garden**, which will be judged **mid-April** and **Best Kept Garden, Best Hanging Basket** and **Best Container**, which will be judged in **Mid-July**. So anyone interested in entering please don't hesitate in getting in touch. Contact myself on 07835630559 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442.

The Flower Show committee is seeking just two more sponsors for the show this year so, if you would like to help by sponsoring the last remaining sections for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 458089.

Iain Shaw
Great Stukeley Flower Show Chairman

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10.30-12.00 last Wed	Community Coffee Morning	Jan Sly 450197
2-4pm 4 th Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
7.30-10pm 2 nd Wed	The Stukeleys Women's Institute	Jan Sly 450197
Thursdays		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
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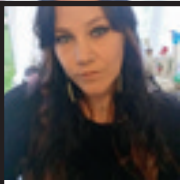
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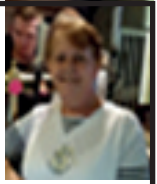
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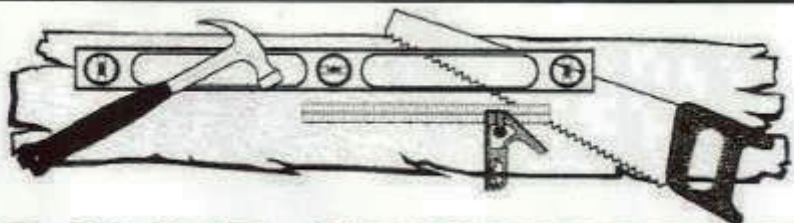
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Easter now has come and gone, I trust you all had a great time over the 4 days' break. How many of us stopped to think about the reason for Easter, yes most of us will remember the pictures of the cross with Jesus on it but will we remember that it was to pay the price for our sin, if we do were we reminded that we still had to ask to be forgiven? With that in mind have we thought how the Lord's Prayer said Father forgive me as I forgive others, we often say this prayer without thinking of what this means. Have you or do you still hold a grudge with someone, stop and think how Jesus forgave so many people in His 3 years of ministry and those that took His life even those that chose a murderer to be set free rather than save Him from the Cross. The heaviest thing to carry through life is a grudge, it will always weigh heavy. What or who do you need to forgive?

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