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**Congratulations to
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On 8th August 2018**

Left: Billie and Buster Evans on their Wedding Day. **Right:** Billie and Buster 65 years later
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September 2018 Magazine Cut-off Date

Cut-off date for the September 2018 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

9am Saturday 18th August 2018

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FUTURE EVENTS

August	No Parish Council Meeting		
Mon 27 th Aug	Jazz & Beer Festival	3.00-6.00 pm	LSVH
Wed 29 th Aug	Community Coffee Morning	10.00-12.00 pm	GSVH
Sun 2 nd Sep	Tea Dance	3.00-6.00 pm	GSVH
Wed 19 th Sep	Heritage Group Annual Outing		GSVH
Wed 12 th Sep	WI Meeting		GSVH

* ESCA= Ermine Street Church Academy

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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.

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There are 2 Vacancies on the Parish Council.

Parish Council are looking to get a new Neighbourhood Plan Group together. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding is being considered and the Parish Council has agreed to go ahead and contribute towards Village Halls refurbishment processes now as the applications and quotes by both Village Hall have been received and reviewed. There are other projects which can be funded using CIL money, which are under Parish Council's consideration.

SMY Football Club will play again on the playing field during 2018/19 season. Allotments are looking good despite the dry season. There are barely any vacant plots left now. Regarding the Community Funded advertising, explanatory text was submitted to the magazine but was not included, only a draft policy was published.

Clerk attended training run by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils which included General Data Protection Regulation.

Please note that the full set of Parish Council Minutes is displayed on the Notice Boards in both villages and on the Parish Council Website. A hard copy of the Minutes can be obtained either at the Parish Council Meeting or can be requested from the Ramune Mimiene, Clerk; Martyn Fox, the Editor of this newsletter.

Note: List of Parish Council Meeting days is set below (please note Parish Council do not usually meet in January and August, but please be aware that there might be an extraordinary PC Meetings during these periods).

The Stukeleys Parish Council 2018 Venues for Council Meetings

The open session starts at 7.15pm and the Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm

No meeting in August - Mon 3 Sep – GSVH - Mon 1 Oct – LSVH

Mon 5 Nov – Ermine Street Church Academy - Mon 3 Dec - LSVH

Please check the website and Notice Boards for Extraordinary meetings.

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GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL – REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity	Organiser
Mondays		
7-10pm	Bridge	Barry Ward 382105
Tuesdays		
9.30-10.20am	Pilates (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
7-9pm	Dog Training	Sue Elliott 07760 750223
Wednesdays		
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)	
Fridays		
9.30-12.00pm	Pilates/Yoga	Helen Decker 07980 940366
1.30-3.30pm	Bridge	Joan Lawford 52464
Saturdays		
9.00 10.15	Jazzercise Dance Mixx Strength 45	Dana Rowe 07760 824609
To book GSVH please call 07934 853646		
The activities in bold welcome new members		

Community Funded Advertising

What is the Parish Council's definition of an advertisement?

The Oxford Dictionaries (www.oxforddictionaries.com) defines an advertisement as 'a notice or announcement in a public medium promoting a product, service, or event' and the Parish Council will rely on this definition in determining what is, in its sole opinion, an advertisement.

In keeping with that definition, an advertisement will have any of the following identifying features, which the Parish Council may review from time to time:

Publication of information about an event is requested ahead of an event.

Includes a price for the service, product or event to be advertised.

Includes contact details for readers to purchase tickets, obtain quotes, estimates or pricing, or obtain further information.

Contains information that in the opinion of the Parish Council is intended to have a commercial objective.

The Parish Council may from time to time at its sole discretion delegate the decision making in this regard to its editor.

What is Community Funded Advertising?

The Stukeleys Parish Council may agree to permit advertising in the parish magazine at no cost to the advertiser. Such advertisements are not free; they are paid for, in the form of printing costs and the like, by the Parish Council using precept monies contributed by parishioners through their council tax payments. They are, therefore, properly referred to as 'community funded advertising.'

Who decides which advertisers qualify?

The Parish Council, advised as necessary by the parish magazine committee, will make a final decision as to whether an advertiser qualifies for community funded advertising. In each case, the request from an existing or

potential advertiser for community funded advertising will be an agenda item at the next available parish council meeting and will be subject to the usual rules for voting at parish council meetings. A decision made by the Parish Council will not be reviewed for at least six months except where the requirements for reconsidering a matter contained in the Council's standing orders apply.

Existing or potential advertisers requesting community funded advertising may make representation in writing to the parish clerk for consideration by the Parish Council and may attend the open meeting ahead of any Parish Council meeting to make verbal representation within the requirements of the Council's standing orders.

What will the Parish Council consider?

Individuals and organisations requesting community funded advertising must provide the Parish Council with evidence that they meet the following requirements:

1. Benefit the community in The Stukeleys Parish by its activities.
2. Be not-for-profit. Any surplus generated must be used for the purposes stated by the organisers and not benefit the organisers, members, owners or employees of the organisation.
3. Give to the Parish Council and annually review a written statement of purpose.
4. Give to the Parish Council at least annually a written account of its finances.
5. Have reserves that are, in the opinion of the Parish Council, no greater than that proportional to the stated purpose.
6. Give to the Parish Council and annually review a written statement that it is compliant with taxation and all other legislated requirements.

Where existing or potential advertisers requesting community funded advertising fail to provide the information required above, the Parish Council will not authorise community funded advertising.

Who should pay for advertising?

As has been demonstrated clearly over the past few weeks, as a community we are very willing to support the cost of advertising in the parish magazine for advertisers who benefit our community and who do not personally profit from the activity. But there is a risk that commercial advertisers might take advantage of our generosity and get free advertising that they should pay for. In fact, over the years, parishioners have complained that some advertisers are not paying when they should.

The Parish Council has found it very difficult to answer those complaints successfully because we don't have a policy that we can apply fairly to everyone who asks for free advertising. With a policy in place, we'll be able to assess every request equally and decide fairly who should have their advertising paid for by parishioners.

The Parish Council was asked to consult with parishioners before it adopts the proposed policy and we agreed to do that. A copy of the draft policy can be found below, and we ask you to read it and let us know what changes you recommend. Every comment we receive will be taken into account.

Please send comments to the Clerk – clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk or in writing to Ms Ramune Mimiene, Clerk to the Parish Council, 24 Manchester Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4QF.

Please ensure we have your response by 31 August so that we can consider it in time for the Parish Council meeting on 3 September at Great Stukeley village hall (there's no planned meeting in August).

Also, if you think the Council has entirely the wrong end of the stick with this (or any other) issue, we have two places available to co-opt new parish councillors onto the Council. You would be very welcome to send your request to be co-opted to the Clerk and help us do better in the future.



Congratulations to Billie and Buster Evans of Park View, Great Stukeley

Married for 65 years on 8 August 2018, they have lived in Great Stukeley for 33 years which is over half their married life!

From Chris and Judith, Mandy and Stuart and all the family

Congratulations also to Buster Evans

In June 2018 he passed the ROSPA advanced driving test, gaining a silver. That is an amazing achievement for any age, but he is 89 years young!!

His whole family are very proud of him including his wife, Billie who has to sit next to him in the car most of the time!



Thank You

We wish to thank Family & Friends for all their cards and good wishes on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Mick & Sylvia Reynolds

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL
FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

Tea Dance Sunday 2nd September 3-6pm (see advert)

1940s Event Friday 7th December 7.30pm

Jazz and Beer Festival

at Little Stukeley Village Hall,

on Monday 27th August 3-6 pm,

in aid of St Martins Church and St Bartholomew's Church.

Tickets £10 from Jocelyn, jocelynkerr@icloud.com

Harvest Supper

on Saturday 7th October 7 - 7.30 pm

at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

Tickets £12 from Jocelyn, jocelynkerr@icloud.com



To Alfie Turner, Congratulations on
your 18th Birthday, 5th June 2018

Love & Best Wishes From

Mum, Dad, Sisters Abi & Racheal,
Nan & Grandad, Nan Joe, Steven,
Rachel, Johny, Nephew Caden,
Neice Kia Rose, Dugon & Barry

Love you lots

xxx



A Despicable Act

Who in this lovely village of ours can go to such depths to carry out such a despicable act of thieving new laid turf from a grave in St Bartholomew's Churchyard over the weekend of 7th July.

Have they no conscience or thought of the distress caused to the families of the deceased. Hardened criminals have more respect for the dead than this sort of behaviour. It's not wanted in this village! Whoever you are I hope this is on your conscience for the rest of your life.

From one of the villagers who cares.

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th August

10.30 – 12.00

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

(and every last Wednesday until November)

**The money raised will be shared between The Stukeleys
WI and St Bartholomews Church.**

**Do come and join us. Any donations for the bring and buy
stall will be gratefully received.**

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL
INVITES YOU TO A



On Sunday 2nd September 2018 3-6pm

At Great Stukeley Village Hall
Owl End Great Stukeley PE28 4AQ

Step by Step Ballroom will lead the dances and give a demonstration. So why not come and join us for a twirl round the dance floor and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake.

Tickets priced £5 are available from Carol Buttercase 458089 or Helen and David Silsby 459543 or Sarah Toyn 07961 358067

Margaret Nancy Helme

28.3.1936 – 30.6.2018

Eulogy

1. Indomitable - fearless, brave, strong-minded and resolute. Margaret was the true epitome of the phrase "A woman of indomitable spirit".
2. Margaret had no other path to follow than one that would test her grit and determination - she was born into farming - her love of the land and the countryside was at the heart of everything she valued and lived for.
3. It began on 28th March 1936 at Sloeman's Farm, Whitewebbs Road, Enfield. She was the second of three daughters and a son to William and Christina Helm (without an e on the end), who had each moved to Hertfordshire with their respective families from their native Scotland in the depression years of the 1920's, to make a better living. Margaret grew up alongside her sisters Elizabeth and Christeen and brother Hunter; she attended St Johns C of E School at Clay Hill, Chase Side School and Enfield County Grammar School for Girls. She walked and cycled to school in all weathers and worked on the mixed farm, both before and after school and helped with the family milk round.
4. Margaret grew up during the war and recalled seeing their haystacks burning in the fields after being hit by an incendiary bomb and of a landmine coming down in their top field. In their teens Margaret and Elizabeth shared a horse – first a Welsh cobb and then a racehorse, Mystic Pomme, which wouldn't jump and shied at everything! Never one to be deterred, and despite being thrown off on a number of occasions, Margaret spent many happy hours riding in the numerous tracks and lanes around Theobalds Park and Whitewebbs Wood and occasionally hunting with the Enfield Chase Foxhounds.
5. Margaret left school at 16 to work on the family farm, tending to the cattle, pigs and poultry and had her own egg round. She played hockey for Cheshunt Ladies 1st team, was a member of the Young Farmers Club. In the mid to late 50s, she went youth hosteling with friends on their push bikes; on one occasion cycling from Stratford on Avon back to Sloeman's in a day – a mere 92 miles! True grit.
6. The story now of Margaret Helme (with an E) An incredible coincidence...? Maybe not exactly fate... from what Margaret told me, she was rather intrigued that a newly arrived Lancastrian 'Helme' family (with an E) had moved into a farm on the Ridgeway, near Enfield - local sources informed they had some handsome bachelor sons - so maybe it was happily inevitable that Margaret Helm and Peter Helme would meet. Margaret gained an 'E' in February 1958 and following their marriage, the couple moved up to

Lancashire to work with Peter's father at Eskham House Farm, near Pilling, living close by in a tied cottage. Their eldest son, Peter Hunter was born in April 1959. In 1960, they gained the tenancy of School Farm, Eagland Hill, which they eventually bought. Andrew, Sheila and Jeffrey were born there, and the family enjoyed eleven happy years making many friends in the local area.

7. Margaret and Peter however were both keen to return to the sunnier (and drier) south and on 2nd October 1971, the family moved to Waterloo Farm. In time and through lots of hard work, they nurtured the land and turned the neglected and dilapidated buildings into a well-kept and well run mixed arable and beef farm. In 1981 they bought 54 acres of grazing land, complete with ridge and furrow, and avenues of trees, at Stukeley Park.

8. Margaret thrived on hard work - so as well as working on the farm alongside Peter, she went to other farms picking potatoes in the autumn and plucking turkeys in the run up to Christmas each year. One of her claims to fame was that she was runner up in the World Turkey Plucking Contest in 1986! After Peter's death in 1991, Margaret continued with much of the day to day farming at Waterloo right up until 2001, when the land was let to the Sewell family.

9. Everyone here today will know that Margaret was a worker, the harder the better, she defined herself by what she could 'do' - from her childhood at Sloeman's through to the last few months of her life she desperately needed to feel she was working. Even during her recent illness, she was determined to pull up those wretched weeds and pick the strawberries in her beloved garden - she also kept an eagle eye on the rain gauge to ensure it was emptied! It was hard stopping Margaret when she had a 'mission' - those of you who have been in one of her many walks will know she had little time for dilly dallying and forged ahead at every opportunity.

10. Whilst her children were growing up she knitted, sewed (and darned!) many of their clothes. She also cooked and baked and was famous for her roast potatoes and fruit crumbles (and there would be several here that would say her banoffee pies were a triumph too). Peter and Margaret loved hosting New year parties for friends and relatives at Waterloo throughout the 70's and 80s, and hosted family cross country runs in the 1990s and well into the millennium years. The more people the merrier - and as the family expanded and strapping grandchildren needed to be catered for, Margaret's roast dinners became legendary - indeed the amount of hot food Margaret could generate from one little oven was a marvel!

11. Indomitable - even in the little leisure time she had, Margaret could not sit still! In 1987 she walked across Morecambe Bay with Cedric Robinson, Chief Guide, to raise money for Leukaemia Research; in the 1990s she walked the Milford trail in New Zealand, hiked in the Austrian Alps and ventured into the depths of the Grand Canyon. For several years in the noughties, she cycled 26 miles around the London Parks with her

sister Christeen, again to raise money for Leukaemia. In 2006 she walked the 15-mile circuit of the Parish of Brampton to raise money for the Church Room. Gifts of subscriptions for the National Trust and English Heritage proved a challenge for Margaret, and she liked a challenge - they resulted in her travelling many miles to visit as many properties as she possibly could before her memberships expired!

12. Even in later years Margaret remained fearless in many respects. She thought nothing of driving solo from one end of the country to the other to visit Cape Wrath, the north western tip of Scotland. She also visited Ardvreck castle on Loch Assynt, a Neilson stronghold (from whom Margaret's mother was descended) in the 15th century). Needless to say, Margaret was very proud of her Scottish heritage and of her uncle, Sir Alexander Knox Helm, a British Diplomat and the last Governor General of the Sudan, who did much work on researching her father's family tree which has been traced back to 1601 (and Helme with an e!).

13. Throughout her life Margaret was an active member of many local organisations including, amongst others, the Brampton Historical Society, the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Huntingdonshire Wildlife Trust and the Stockmen's Club, reflecting her love of the countryside and all things rural. She was an advisory member to Huntingdon YFC and was a member of the Stukeleys WI for many years. She also helped the Stukeleys Parish Council in their tree planting project in advance of the Alconbury Weald development on the former airbase.

14. Margaret was not one to make great displays of emotion to those closest to her, she was far too grounded to do this. But it was obvious to many through more subtle means that she was fiercely proud of her children and her grandchildren (the newspaper clipping you'd be shown, the photo, the card that was kept up long after the event) she took enormous pleasure in the achievements of her clan. Her greatest joy seemed to be in the laughter of her grandchildren, and we would like to think that this was one of the final sounds she could hear outside in the garden in her final days.

15. No-one, Margaret included, could quite believe it when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just over four months ago, but her words at the time were that she had had a good life and wanted to quietly fade away, staying at home if at all possible.

16. Courageous, proud and strong willed until the very end, she had her wish. Margaret's family have taken great comfort from the fact that, with their support, she was able to be where she wanted to be - on the farm she had made her life, her loved ones near.

17. Margaret Nancy Helme - A woman of indomitable spirit.

Margaret's family greatly appreciated the many cards, letters and messages of condolence and support received during her illness and following her death and wish to thank the many people who attended her funeral.

Welcome
Apologies

Jan Sly welcomed 19 members and 4 guests to our Monthly Meeting
Ann Monk, Shirley Berrill, Jude Wood, Sheila Stephenson, Monica Brown, Christine Goodliff, Joan Gray, Nicki Sly, Gwen Clements, Sue Clark, Betty Aveling, Christine Haigs and Doris Sadler.

Thanks

Curtis Bowl	Jan Sly
Draw Prize	Jan Sly
Refreshments	Deanna Strange and Terry Smith

Jerusalem was sung

Minutes of last Meeting

were read, agreed and signed

Matters Arising

- a) The Group Meeting at Hartford Church was well attended and thanks to our ladies who made fairy cakes for the occasion. We were not successful in the competition but came away with quite a few raffle prizes.
- b) Zena Betts attended the meeting at Ramsey.
- c) Nita and Eric Charter have agreed to continue to run the coffee mornings through to March next year. Nicki Sly has said she would be willing to coordinate these mornings with help and support. Sue Jones offered to help.
- d) Payment was due tonight for the August outing – see Zena and Jill.
- e) Jan reminded that Walden Road was closed from 2.30pm on Thursday 2nd to 9.00am Tuesday 21st August.
- f) The Stukeleys' recipe book, that had been sent to Jan by Tony Twigden's daughter, was on display.

Correspondence

- a) Walking Netball sessions, turn up and play each Friday at One Leisure Huntingdon - £3 p/p – no booking needed.
- b) Bretton Belles are organising a Tai Chi session on Monday 10th September 1 to 2.30pm at the Rugby Club, Bretton. £3 p/p including refreshments
- c) East Anglia Air Ambulance has offered basic lifesaving courses for groups of 10 – 20 per session. Details with Jill Sapsed.
- d) Tickets are still available for the outing to 'A Christmas Carol' at the Old Vic Theatre £35 p/p – non-members welcome – on Wednesday 12th December – contact WI centre.
- e) 2 members of our WI have been invited to attend the Centenary Mosaic Unveiling at Walden Road on Saturday 13th October at 2pm – closing date 10th September.

Our Speaker was Eve Bacon who walked in dressed as Queen Victoria. She showed us lots of outfits like Victoria would have worn and passed round many items of beautiful clothing for us to look at – including a replica crown and pieces of Victorian jewellery. A vote of thanks was given by Zena Betts.

AOB

Last Sunday in July (29th) the Heritage Group is organising Songs of Praise at St Bart's Church

There will be no monthly meeting in August

Jan asked us all to think about joining the committee – nominations by the November meeting

Gt Stukeley Flower Show on 4th August – cream teas available – all welcome

Beer and Jazz Festival at LSVH on Monday 27th August 3-6pm - £10 p/p in aid of St Martin's and St Bart's churches

Coffee Morning

Will be Wednesday 25th July Birthday Chocolates Were handed out by Jan

Competition

A Tudor Headdress There were no entries

Draw

Was won by Sarah Toyn

Roll Call

Your Favourite Queen

Next monthly meeting

Wednesday 12th September Speaker Alan Gray – You cannot be serious

Curtis Bowl

Zena Betts Draw Zena Betts

Roll Call

A tennis player you admire Competition A tennis court – any medium - AYOW

Refreshments

Jean Brooker and Ann Monk

With no further business, Jan closed the meeting at 9.55pm and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The Stukeleys Heritage Group

22 members and friends attended our meeting on 18th July to hear Hazel Perry give us an insight into the importance of the Flag Fen Bronze Age site on the outskirts of Peterborough.

Excavations on the site revealed details of a wooden platform and post alignment that stretch for nearly a kilometre across the fen. These were built up between 1350 and 950BC and are of great national and international significance. Due to the waterlogged nature of the fens, this unique monument has been remarkably preserved. Hazel also showed us how the "Flag Fen Basin" (named after the wild iris growing there) included not just this site but also Must Farm which has revealed some of the most extraordinary Late Bronze Age finds, including textile, wooden artifacts and metalwork anywhere in Europe.

A number of members suggested after Hazel's talk that we might run a mini-outing one afternoon to visit Flag Fen and ask Hazel to guide us around the site followed perhaps by afternoon tea in the Visitor Centre. The Flag Fen Archaeology Park says this would give us the opportunity to explore how the prehistoric people of the fen lived over 3000 years ago, wander through a Bronze Age village, sit within the reconstructed roundhouses, and stand where our ancestors once stood by the ritual causeway.

As the Archaeology Park closes for the winter at the end of September, we will be looking for a date in the Spring when it reopens, so please look out for this next year.

Annual Outing - to Bury St. Edmunds

If you have booked a seat for this trip, please remember we leave Great Stukeley Village Hall at 9.30 am on Wednesday 19th September.

Michael Monk

Convenor

456634 / 0776 137 2224

The Way We Were

Due to the generosity of one of our residents, the Heritage Group now has an original copy of the Hunts Post - dated 17th May 1956. It includes the following item:

"GREAT STUKELEY

May Queen - May Day celebrations were held on Ascension Day in the village by school-children. Arrangements were organised by Miss R. Smith (headmistress) and Mrs Branson. The May Queen - Patricia Lovell - was crowned by Sally Thompson, and she also had three attendants - Carol Parker, Pauline Haynes and Carol Hilliard. The children joined in a varied programme of Maypole dancing, country dancing, singing and recitations to the music of a percussion band. Sally Thompson gave a piano-accordion. A competition for the best decorated garland was judged by Mrs. H. Thackray and Mrs. Luke and prizes were won by Pauline Haynes, Phillip Baker and Kevan Hobbs. Trevor Waldock and Robert Robinson were awarded consolation prizes and all other children received a small prize. A collection was for the children's outing to Hunstanton."

On behalf of the Stukeleys Heritage Group

(Look out for more news of Huntingdonshire in 1956 in future editions of the magazine!)

REFLECTIONS: ALLERTON CASTLE - Tuesday 24th April 2018

Our visit on Tuesday 26th April 2018 gave all 26(TWENTY-SIX) of our guests a delightful look into the past at the incredible *ALLERTON CASTLE*.

Our 9am departure from the Great Stukeley Village Hall gave us ample time to meet our pre-booked 1pm arrival at the Castle. Thanks to our excellent driver Jan Goody and Barrie James we were able to organize a pre-arranged stop for brunch at the *Wellingtons' Bistro* in Tickhill which was very well received by our guests.

We were welcomed on our arrival at *ALLERTON CASTLE* by Janet Cook who organizes these visits on behalf of the *Ralph Foundation for Historic Preservation & Education*. Janet had most thoughtfully brought out of retirement one of her excellent Professional Guides, Sheila, who I had requested just to accommodate our visit. Sheila was joined by Jane, another very well informed Professional Castle Guide. Our first stop was a Sherry Reception, in the Great Hall with its extraordinary 70-foot-high hammer beam ceiling with richly carved oak paneling. Here, we were treated to a very interesting potted history of *ALLERTON CASTLE* from 1066. We then broke up into two groups- for the Ground Floor tour. After tea we swapped over guides for the afternoon visit to the more "private" rooms and bedrooms on the first floor.

We were treated to a magnificent AFTERNOON TEA served in their stunning ballroom with its ornate vaulted ceiling. There was a superb spread with delicious sandwiches – egg, salmon, cheese & cucumber - followed by scones with cream, butter and jam and an enticing selection of cakes.

The tours of both the ground and first floors were very interesting as *ALLERTON CASTLE* is England's grandest and most gothic revival stately home and is steeped in English history. The Castle was built by Lord Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton - a monument to his position as Premier Baron of England. The Castle went through a succession of owners and was acquired by Dr. Gerald Rolfe an American businessman in 1983 who has painstakingly renovated the Castle to the highest standards filled with original furniture and old masters of appropriate age, splendour and scale.

After a very full day we returned safely back to Great Stukeley at 8 pm.

HIDDEN LONDON & THE REGENT'S CANAL - Tuesday 11th September 2018

On Tuesday 11th September 2018 prepare yourself for a VERY SPECIAL day trip which includes a cruise on the *REGENT'S CANAL* and some gentle walking in the *SMITHFIELD* area of London. PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DEPARTURE TIME of 08.00AM PROMPT from the Great Stukeley Village Hall. Our meeting up time has been brought forward to 07.50am due to our 83(eighty-three) mile trip to London and the A14 and A1 problems so we can meet up with our experienced *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Sean Kelleher, at the *Museum of London* at just before 10.30am.

After a welcome morning coffee break at the *Museum of London* we will begin our "gentle" discovery walking tour at 11.15am. We start at the *ALDERGATE* making our way to the *NEWGATE* via a maze of narrow streets and bygone alleyways surrounding the "smoothfield" now known as *SMITHFIELD*. During this part of the trip we will visit London's first hospital and the famous meat market and be informed about the raucous *Bart Bartholomew Fair* and the grisly public executions. We will walk beneath a Tudor gatehouse into the yard of London's oldest

Parish Church, *St. Bartholomew-the Great* (1123) and into the gardens and the little museum at *Charterhouse* open for the VERY FIRST TIME since 1384!

After our break for lunch (not included in the tour price) we will embark on a super 50(fifty) minute narrow boat trip on *REGENT'S CANAL* through *London Zoo* to *Camden Lock*. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WITHOUT DELAY if you are interested in this trip as I have a few tickets left at £49.90 per person.

MURDER AT THE HALL: The Brick Lane Music Hall - Tuesday 23rd October 2018

A delicious THREE COURSE-MEAL IS INCLUDED in the cover price of our next *Brick Lane Music Hall* visit scheduled for *Tuesday 23rd October 2018*. This exciting "who done it" murder mystery is an entirely new production entitled *MURDER AT THE HALL*.

We will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 09.45am for 10.00 PROMPT on Tuesday 23rd October 2018. This will give us adequate time to arrive safely at around noon for admittance when the venue opens at 12.15pm. If you require a vegetarian meal, PLEASE LET ME KNOW at the time of booking so that I can reserve your meal.

I am able to bring in a great VALUE FOR MONEY cover price of just £69.95 per person due to a very special arrangement with my coach company. This very competitive price INCLUDES the "who done it" show with all the humour we have come to expect and enjoy at BRICK LANE, the THREE COURSE-MEAL, the coach journey to and from Brick Lane and a tip for our driver.

This very special arrangement is STRICTLY LIMITED to just FOURTEEN (14) people. This means that the FIRST FOURTEEN reservations I receive will be part of this super show.

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I wanted to let you know in good time that the Christmas Charity Donation this year will be in aid of *ALBRAM*. Alconbury-based *ALBRAM* is the Patients' Group organizing transportation for the ill and elderly who require hospital and doctor's appointments at their Alconbury and Brampton surgeries. *ALBRAM* also raises money for surgery equipment, the purchase of high-backed chairs, blood pressure monitors & spirometers and pays for cardiac investigations to reduce hospital visits and patient transportation. NONE of which are funded by the NHS.

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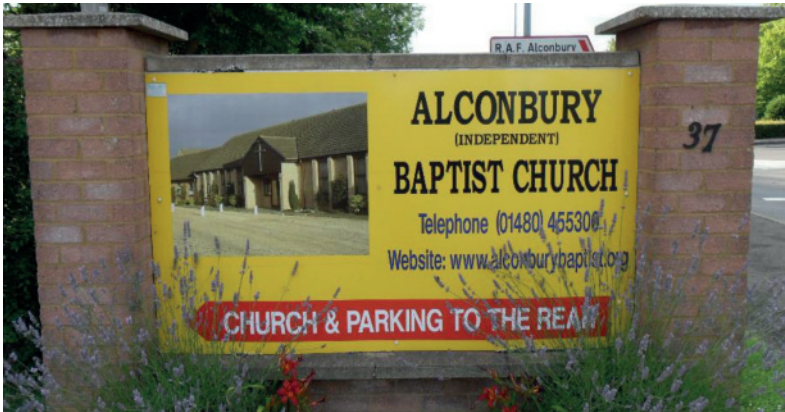
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