



# AUGUST 2020



There was a benefice day of prayer on July 16<sup>th</sup>. During which, we had great pleasure in removing the closed sign from the door as the St Martin's Church Little Stukeley is now OPEN for private prayer. If you would like to pray in the church, please contact Camilla or Sally (contact details at back of magazine) and we will arrange for the church to be open for you.



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# August 2020 Magazine Cut-off Date

Cut-off date for the August 2020 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

## 9am Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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

### FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Jazz Afternoon CANCELLED	See Page 6
September	Yoga Classes Restarting	See Page 6
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Specer House Visit	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursford Christmas Spectacular CANCELLED	See Page 4

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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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# Stukeleys Parish Council Report

Coronavirus: Update

Meetings will continue remotely until further notice.

Proposal: To agree the date for the Annual Parish Meeting/ Assembly

Additional PC meeting 3 Aug 2020 – This is a provisional meeting set to accommodate the delayed audit, which has now been completed successfully and therefore not needed.

Cllr TC was registered to speak at DMP meeting on 22 Jun 20 re: Planning Consultation ref. 19/02611/FUL Land at 74 Owl End Great Stukeley, the result being 8 too 5 against the appeal.

Outline planning application for the phased development of up to 648 dwellings with associated public open space, services and other ancillary infrastructure with all matters reserved except for the means of access Site Address: Land North West Of Ermine Business Park Ermine Street Great Stukeley Reference: 20/00847/OUT, an extension by HDC provided till 17 Jul. summary of the St Johns Land application for members provided by Planning Advisor.

Bank Balances, Cashbook, Bank Reconciliation and Budget Reports for April and May 2020

Bank Balances as at 31 May 2020:

- Unity Trust Instant a/c: £40,691.09
- Unity Trust Current a/c: £286,316.49
- Nationwide a/c: 85,000

Note: The Chq payment to Poppy Appeal not cashed yet, outstanding (UT current acc).

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/20:

Cllr TC read the statements line by line, it was RESOLVED that PC approve Section 1 of AGAR Part 3.

Cllr TC read out the statement, it was RESOLVED that PC approve Section 2 of AGAR Part 3.

Internal Audit done on the day of the meeting – 6 Jul 20 via Zoom platform, Cllrs TC and TP joined this meeting. The report and signed AGAR now received and noted by full PC.

It was proposed and agreed to purchase two Outdoor Static Table Tennis Tables one for GSPF and one for LSPF to be delivered and installed in September 2020.

The Stukeleys Pocket Park Project. Three summary quotes for the overall landscape strategy plan suitable for planning purposes include: Footpath /circulation walk, Dog exercise zone, Basketball area, child’s kick around area, exercise points, table tennis zone, BBQ area and boundary enhancements were reviewed and agreed to award the contract to BCA Associates.

Council agreed that both Play Areas remain closed until the safe environment is provided. Cllr TP was arranging the deep clean of the Play Equipment, notices will be put in place when it is all done, and both Play Areas are opened.

The new Website launched <https://www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/>, the PC now meets the Website Accessibility Requirements, the statement is on the PC website, the PC thanked Cllr BP for arranging the new website works.

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# Community Coffee Morning

**In the current circumstances, we consider it safer to postpone restarting the coffee mornings until 2021. Please keep an eye out in the magazine as we will advertise again when we have a start date.**



## Jazz Afternoon



on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August,  
3 - 6 pm

At Little Stukeley Village Hall  
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Tickets £12 adults £6 children

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**CANCELLED**



A Church meeting in Little Stukeley has unfortunately decided to cancel our Jazz afternoon on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August due to the current Coronavirus situation.



Classes will be restarting  
in September  
At

Little Stukeley Village Hall

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## THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2020 - CANCELLED

We sadly heard from THURSFORD just after the beginning of July, and before their public announcement, that they had CANCELLED all performances of their CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR for 2020.

We had the option of rebooking for 2021. However, given the uncertainty of the situation I felt that it would make more sense to reimburse all those who have signed up and paid for our planned trip which was to have taken place on *Sunday 15th November 2020*.

I have already contacted THURSFORD as well as our coach company who have both agreed to refund my payments to them made in December 2019 and January 2020, respectively. Unfortunately, with the number of cancellations this may take a few weeks.

So please be patient and I will recontact you regarding your refunds. In the meantime, I need your input:

- 1) I would prefer direct bank transfer (BACS) to your UK account which will not incur any charges. All I will need from you is the following information:  
Your account name, bank sort code and your bank account number. alternatively:
- 2) If you would prefer you can arrange a mutually convenient time to come to my house to pick up your refund in cash.

To proceed with setting up the refund process could you please contact me either by mail or by email ONLY to avoid any mistakes.

Thank you all for your support for almost 20 years in running my Annual THURSFORD SPECTACULAR trip which gave me a lot of enjoyment. I could not have done this without you.

### STAY SAFE, STAY WELL

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### BAMBI II HAS GONE MISSING!

Hello,

I am Bambi II's ornamental mate and I live in the front garden of 11 Owl End with Mary Alleyne-James.

I woke up the other day and found that my mate-Bambi II- was missing. Since Bambi II is not Australian she has not gone "Walkabout" by herself and I am very upset and worried that something has happened to her.

If you have found Bambi II or know of her whereabouts, please could you kindly return her, no questions asked, as I am deeply depressed as I am missing my mate very much. This will also help the neighbourhood as I am keeping up the other ornaments all night long with my distress.

Thank you for your kindness.

**Bambi I**

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
11 Owl End. 01480 433 954

# Masks: Dictatorship in action or Being Sensible?



When I was a young man in 1966 the government of the day ran an extensive campaign to persuade people to wear seat belts, as that year they became compulsory for manufacturers to fit them. The arguments heard in the populist press (no internet then!) against the same were that “it was against my civil liberty” and even more important to some the “I do not want to get trapped by a seat belt in a burning car” argument. And yet much of the general public took it on board and accepted the need for seatbelt use. A minority still refused however, and it was felt in the public good to make the wearing of them compulsory and so it became law in January 1983 to wear one. To date the Dept of Transport estimates that in the last year the measure has saved over 2,000 lives a year and when it was first brought in (because cars were not so safe as a whole) it saved upwards of 8,000 lives a year.

Earlier than this in 1973 motorcycle helmets were made compulsory and have saved an estimated 1,600+ lives a year. That is 75,200 lives saved since its inception. I cannot remember when I last saw a motorcycle rider without one. It proves that the public are compliant when its seen to be in their interests to comply with the law.



AND YET we have the libertarians now starting to get on their latest Hobby Horse, the wearing of masks in the current pandemic. When do these people ever stop to think of the heartache, they cause by spreading the contagion, however innocently in the case of a asymptomatic person, to their loved ones or someone else's loved ones by their selfish attitude.

And as for these masks killing people by the excess inhaling of CO2.....Pleeeese get a grip. I have yet to see reports of a surgeon dying because they wore a mask for four hours or more during an operation; or of a patient similarly dying in the same way.

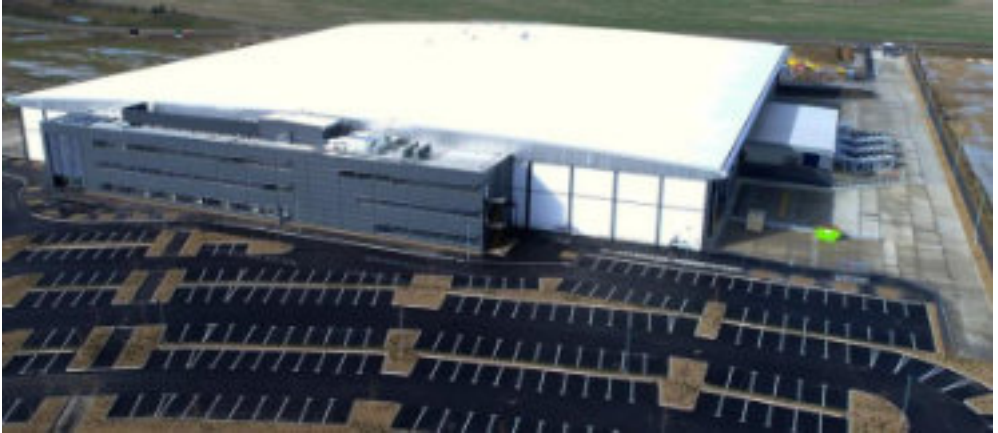
I stated the same on Face Book only predictably to become trolled by idiots one of whom pointed out around ten or so studies showing masks were ineffective. When I actually looked up these studies what did I find? Well three studies were more than twelve years old and masks have come on a long way since then. Several had studies that were carried out with less that 20 control subjects and in one case with just four control subjects and the others with numbers that showed such huge variances in the outcomes that they could not be taken seriously. AND none of the studies were peer reviewed. And yet these were being promulgated by persons stating that they were reasons beyond doubt as to why the wearing of masks is useless. Do not believe all you see on Face Book; most of it is just malicious rubbish.

Please wear a mask; it may not save you from inhaling the contagion BUT it will stop you passing it on when you cough or even breath the contagion out and by doing so possibly killing someone's loved one.

**Bob Hulstrom**

# Alconbury Weald firms AM Fresh UK and MM Flowers hit by outbreak of Coronavirus

This report was written by Julian Makey and published in the current issue of the Hunts Post. It is included here with permission.



Specialists from Public Health England are providing expert advice to major Alconbury Weald-based flower and fruit suppliers AM Fresh UK and MM Flowers after a coronavirus outbreak.

A total of 35 employees at the sister factories, which supply the leading supermarket chains, have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last four months, including 26 in recent weeks.

Nearly 1,000 full and part-time staff work at the plant on the former military base and people identified as close contacts of cases are self-isolating at home.

Amelia Cummins, health protection consultant for Public Health England East of England, said: “We are working closely with the organisations, local authority and NHS partners to provide public health advice and help stop the spread of the virus.

“Close workplace contacts have been identified and given self-isolation advice.”

She said: “Workplaces are following national guidance and ensure that anyone with symptoms self isolates for seven days, and their household members isolate for 14 days. Close contacts of confirmed cases are asked to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms, to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

“Employers have been asked to take certain measures to help reduce the spread of the virus, including ensuring staff can maintain two metre social distancing wherever possible, employees wash their hands more often than usual for 20 seconds with soap and water and frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly.”

A statement from the firm said: “AM FRESH UK and MM Flowers’ Alconbury site employs around 550 permanent colleagues and around 300 agency workers via one employment agency. The companies supply citrus, grapes and flowers to UK supermarkets.

“Since the onset of COVID-19, AM FRESH UK and MM Flowers have put the safety and wellbeing of their teams at the centre of their operations. This has included extensive hygiene practices as well as close monitoring of workers.

“In the last four months 35 people based at the site have tested positive for the virus. This includes 26 people who have tested positive in the last three weeks (since 29 June 2020). The last reported positive test within AM FRESH UK was on July 10 and within MM Flowers on July 18.”

The statement said: “Like many organisations, AM FRESH UK and MM Flowers have taken extensive steps to ensure the safety of their people and their continued operation providing fresh produce and cut flowers. Both businesses have adapted their processes in accordance with all government guidelines to create a COVID-19 secure site.

“Measures include social distancing, extensive hygiene practices (deep cleaning of high touch and high traffic areas including packing facilities of both businesses), one-way systems within welfare areas, staggered shifts, Perspex screens and face coverings as further mitigations against the risk of transmission.”

The firm added: “AM FRESH UK and MM Flowers are working in conjunction with Public Health England and local authorities to trace the source of these recent infections. As a further precautionary measure, and in consultation with Public Health England, everyone working at the Alconbury site will be tested for COVID-19. This is anticipated to commence shortly.

“Both companies continue to monitor the situation closely and will take any further necessary steps, in consultation with Public Health England, to protect both their teams and their continued operations.”

Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.

**How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:**

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

**1 - Watch out for scam messages**

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

**2 - Shopping online**

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

**3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support**

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

**NHS Test and Trace scams:**

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

**What you need to know:**

Contact tracers will **only call you from the number 0300 013 5000**. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

**The NHS Test and Trace service will never:**

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
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Saturday	Mens Breakfast (monthly)	8.30am

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*Alternating Sundays:*

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Men ages 12-18 lessons; Priesthood (males 18+) and  
Relief Society (Sisters, age 18+) lessons.

Schedule repeats, starting at 12.30pm with **Bishop** Michael Waters

All are welcome to come and worship with us!

***Weekday meetings:***

*Tuesday Nights: Youth meetings (ages 12 – 18), starting at 7.00pm*

*First Thursday, Sisters monthly meeting and activity, at 7.00pm*

*Sunday Evenings, every other Sunday – Young Single Adult meeting and activity*

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**Church services**

We're delighted to say that we are on the path to opening our churches and beginning services once again.

St Bartholomew's Church is open for individual prayer on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10.00 am – 4.00pm.

St Martin's Church is open for individual prayer by arrangement with the churchwardens. Things will be a bit different. In order to keep everyone safe we have to put certain measures in place at the moment. We're only using certain parts of the building. You are asked to sanitize your hands on entering and also on leaving the building. Please observe social distancing. If someone else is in church whom you'd like to speak with, please wait until you're both outside the building.

We are working on a plan to begin services again. Our plan has to take into account the needs of a number of different churches and the need for our ministers to keep their congregations safe. We'll post any updates on the Stukeleys Facebook page and the St Bartholomew's Facebook page (check it out). We expect there to be some services from September.

Meanwhile, every Sunday and Friday, there are acts of worship posted on the North Leightonstone website ([www.norleigh.org.uk](http://www.norleigh.org.uk)), and the North Leightonstone Facebook Group. Once a month, there is a live 'Zoom' evening prayer. Do drop in and join us – it has the advantage that you can be at Sunday worship in your pyjamas or drinking coffee!

This year is St Bartholomew's 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will have a special online service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, premiered at 9.30 am to celebrate this event. All our other plans are put on hold – but we're looking forward to celebrate 1001 in 2021.

Rev Fiona Brampton (01480 538726 [revfiona@norleigh.org.uk](mailto:revfiona@norleigh.org.uk)) and Rev Mandy Flaherty (01480 896541 [rector@norleigh.org.uk](mailto:rector@norleigh.org.uk)) are available for prayer or a chat (by phone or in the garden).

We are looking forward to welcoming you back into our church buildings shortly. Please bear with us as we plan to do this as safely as we can right across the benefice.

**Rev Fiona Brampton**

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