



DECEMBER 2014



Wreath laying at Great Stukeley Church with Marie Harrison, Richard Turpin, Mick Reynolds and Brooke Smith (Mick's Great Granddaughter)



Wreath laying at Little Stukeley Church with Alan Adams and Richard Turpin.

Alan Adams did his National Service in Singapore. His father Tom Adams served in the Bedfordshire Regiment in the Great War and was awarded the Belgian Decoration Militaire for Galantry.



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January 2015 Magazine Cut-off Date

The cut-off date for the January Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
9am Monday 13th December 2014

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 1 st Dec	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 10 th Dec	WI Christmas Party	7.00 pm	
Fri 12th Dec	CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE JANUARY 2015 MAGAZINE		
Sat 13 th Dec	Mens Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sat 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner	7.30 pm	LSVH
Sun 14 th Dec	Carol Service	6.30 pm	St Martin's Church
Fri 19 th Dec	A Carol Soirée	7.00 pm	8 Beech Avenue
Sat 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Dance	7 - 7.30 pm	GSVH
Tue 24 th Dec	Nativity Carol Service	4.00 pm	St Bartholomews
Sun 11 th Jan	Christingle Service	9.30 am	St Bartholomews
Wed 28 th Jan	WI Coffee Morning		

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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: Any articles or letters appearing in this Magazine are accepted in good faith and are purely the opinion of the Writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or Parish Council.

A charge is made to advertise in this magazine. All enquiries should be directed to Martyn

This Month

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the meeting held on the 3rd November 2014

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Great Stukeley Village Hall on the 3rd November 2014, 5 Parish Councillors, 1 County Councillor and the Parish Clerk attended.

One resident felt that the recent public meeting held by Urban & Civic was an excellent presentation of the Alconbury Weald development, he did however, have a number of observations. He was concerned about the effect of another entrance onto Ermine Street, although he understood why it had included on the plan, traffic must be minimized in the Stukeleys. He asked whether entrance use could be monitored and if the approach and turning counts exceed what was expected; could other measures be imposed. Cllr Michael Monk understood the issue and it has been raised with Urban & Civic. However, Tim Slater (Consultant) advised that the design code had not been submitted officially, so the Parish Council were not yet able to discuss and respond to the issue. Cllr Michael Monk felt the Parish Council should continue to ask HDC to note their continued disapproval of the access. The interim access should only be in use until the main building works are undertaken, then the Boulevard access will be used. The resident was also concerned that there should be more clarity with regards to the number of different styles of houses being built and efforts should be made to avoid a situation experienced in another local village, where some of the larger houses on a new development, were subdivided to provide more dwellings, which had an impact on parking and traffic. He also felt that the signage for Alconbury Weald was not adequate, more was needed. Urban & Civic are in discussion with the Highways Agency about additional signage, but it will take a few months before it can be scheduled.

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft advised that Cambridgeshire County Council are looking at ways of achieving more efficiency for less money.

Huntree Fencing have informed the Clerk that they would reset and concrete all the posts of the gates in the Playing Fields in Great Stukeley that do not close. The work is scheduled for mid-December. The Tree Warden advised the Council that of the two rows of trees in Ermine Street, one Oak was dead as well as possibly one or two flowering trees, she would identify what flowering trees need replacing, once the plants start shooting and would refer to the original plan.

The Council considered the implications of the proposed local government reorganisation upon the parish, Cllr Michael Monk is also looking at this issue for Cambridgeshire ACRE. Cllr Michael Monk felt it would be better to strength regional and district councils rather than have a Cambridgeshire Unitary Authority.

Two Councillors are attending Councillor training sessions in November and December, further training sessions will be available next year for other Councillors (new and experienced) to attend to ensure the Parish Council is able to provide a quality service to their electors.

The Parish Council was informed that Urban and Civic are broadly happy and ready to proceed with the application to upgrade Footpath 11 to a bridleway, now they have agreement about the route protecting the heritage assets at the end of Green Lane. They hope to have an application submitted by the end of November. The condition of Footpath 1 is to be inspected by a member of the Parish Council's Rights of Way Committee.

The 2014/15 budget forecast were reviewed and preliminary discussion was held concerning the 2015/16 budget and precept.

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council:

- **23 Church Road, Great Stukeley – 1401341FUL** – Single storey extension following removal of conservatory, removal of shed and replacement with a summerhouse, removal of gates and replacement. Internal alterations.

- . Internal alterations.
Following discussion, it was decided to recommend approval as the proposed building works would be an improvement to the existing property and did not adversely impact the historical building and setting of St Bartholomew's Church. It would secure the building as appropriate accommodation for the current century.
- **Alconbury Airfield, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley -1408220COND** – Condition information for 1201158OUT – C7, C8, C9, C17, C21 C27 and C28
The Parish Council responded as set out below:
 - C8- Site wide strategies
 - Estate management.
SPC noted the options put forward and seek commitment from UC that SPC would be involved in the implementation of the overall Estates Management Strategy and in particular the Land Trust to manage the open space around the south of the site.
 - Community facilities: HDC and UC are formally requested to provide a summary sheet setting out conditions and S106 triggers as an aide memoir for all parties.
 - Code of construction practice: SPC noted the approach proposed and expect that the monitoring and mitigation would be rigorously applied.
 - C9 Definition of Key Phase 1
 - SPC noted its continuing opposition to the second access due to its detrimental impacts on traffic through the Stukeleys.
 - SPC request assurances from HDC and UC that the access will be designed explicitly as a secondary access to phase 1 and that the internal site layout and road configuration supports this approach.
 - C17 Demolition method statement; SPC noted the approach proposed and expect that the monitoring and mitigation would be rigorously applied.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Monday 1st December 2014 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley
Please check the website and notice board for notification of any
Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meetings to be held.

Parish Councillors will be present at Open Surgeries at 7:15pm prior to Parish Council Meetings and parishioners are invited to attend to express their support, views or concerns on issues affecting the Parish.

A full set of Minutes and other Parish Council information are available at

www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/

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PLEASE NOTE

I will be away from 21st December 2014 until 4th January 2015 therefore the cut-off date for the January 2015 Magazine will be

Monday 13th December 2014.

This will also enable the Volunteers who deliver your Magazine to you to do so before Christmas and not between Christmas and the New Year.

**Best wishes to everyone in the Stukeleys.
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Martyn Fox**

WALTER REYNOLDS 1897 – 1980



Walter was born into a farming family in Essex but spent nearly all of his working life as a Stockman and Pigman in the old County of Huntingdonshire at various locations, such as Lolworth, Offord, Abbots Ripton, Brampton and Huntingdon.

After falsifying his age, he answered the call to serve King and Country in 1914 and fought in France as a frontline Infantry Soldier at the age of 16. He saw duty at the wars bloodiest battle, scaling the Ypres Salient, where, after being wounded, he refused a “Blighty” (home posting) when his real age was revealed. He soldiered on until finally being blown up and being buried alive during a fierce battle. He was rescued and taken

prisoner by the Germans and carried the wound scars on his hands for the rest of his life.

After a brave a brave fight against a number of crippling disabilities, Walter quietly succumbed to his last battle on 16th July 1980.

The British Legion Union Jack, which draped the coffin of 83 year old Walter Reynolds at his funeral service at the Cambridge Crematorium Chapel on 21st July 1980 was a reminder to the large congregation, that he had been one of the ever decreasing number of The First World War Veterans.



LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Dinner

The last event of 2014 will be the Christmas Dinner on Saturday 13th December, and Jenifer Thompson and Pat Hamilton will be entertaining us once more this year. Remember to book early for this, as numbers are limited and we have had to disappoint several people in the past because they were late booking.

Ring or email Sally Smith
(450356 or sallysmith101@aol.com)
-to book your places.

Events for 2015

Although the committee have discussed next year's events at the last meeting it is not too late to make suggestion for new events. We try to put on some different events each year, so if anyone has any ideas that they think might make an enjoyable evening please let anyone on the committee know so that it can be considered.

Finally, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Keith Winter
(Tel: 450656 email: keithwinter2@sky.com)

**The Carol Service in St. Martins Church Little Stukeley is on
Sunday 14th December at 6.30 pm**

THE STUKELEYS WI

Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2014

The President, Nicki Sly welcomed 29 members and two visitors to the meeting including WI Advisor Phyllis Brookes who had been invited to run the election at the General Meeting; 4 apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Billie Evans for taking care of the Curtis Bow, Draw Prize and refreshments and Jenny Thilo and Jennifer Liddell for volunteering to get the fish and chips. We sang Jerusalem. The minutes for the October meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and Nicki should sign them.

Matters arising: the Christmas Dinner board has been passed to Jan for anyone wishing to add their name, boards also went round for WI parking permits with minimum donation of £12, ideas for next year's charity and the church cleaning party for the Songs of Praise on 30th November. Secret Santa is to remain at £3 this year. The Coffee Mornings are doing well – Deanna confirmed that from May to September the total raised was £464.91 with £89.58 raised in October which will fall into next year's accounts. The 2015 programme is now complete as next October's speaker will be Deanna Strange who will give a demonstration on Cold Porcelain Flowers. Jenny Thilo gave a report on the Group Meeting held at Godmanchester in October. It featured an interesting talk on the history of Houghton Mill and an African Drumming Workshop which was very enjoyable.

Correspondence included the ACWW 28th Triennial Conference (details from Nicki), Festive Fayre & Arts display at Ramsey Community Centre on 6th December 10am-3pm and the Federation have also issued a Scrapbook Challenge for each WI to keep their own record of the Centenary Year.

Forthcoming events include the WI Jazz Evening on 15th November 8pm at the village hall and the Community Coffee Morning on 26th November. It was agreed that we would run the coffee mornings again next year, subject to a member volunteering to be responsible for their co-ordination. It was also suggested that local people who would like to sell their crafts could be given a table at the coffee mornings. Deanna will have a table of cold porcelain and Sue Stevens will have a chocolate stall in November.

The President, Nicki Sly, closed the monthly meeting and opened the General Meeting in which various By Laws were voted on and the Treasurer's, Committee and President's Annual Reports were given. The election of committee members was not contested as only seven members were standing. Members voted unanimously to vote the standing members onto the Committee. The President then stood down and Phyllis Brooks took over the meeting to run the election for President. Members were asked to vote for President out of the Committee Members in a closed ballot and the result was that Nicki Sly was elected President. There followed a Fish and Chip supper. Nicki Sly took back the meeting from Phyllis Brooks and closed it.

Nicki re-opened the November monthly meeting for Any Other Business. Nita Charter is running the February's Members' Meeting with Janet Talbot and asked for members to provide a primary school photo (age 5-11) with their name on the envelope by the January meeting at the latest. Joan Gray thanked all those who had knitted blankets for the premature babies in intensive care in Norwich. She had been amazed at the response and read out a thank you letter from the hospital. They have around 900-1000 poorly babies and still require blankets. They would also like snuggle squares which are small triangles – one for the baby and one for the mother which she keeps in her bra and swaps with the baby's each time she visits which helps in the bonding process. Mary Alleyne-James talked about the Fashion Show she is organising on Friday 6th March 2015 and explained to members how it will work. She is also running a trip on Tuesday 12th May 2015 "Under the Bearskin and Royal Mews" and urged anyone wishing to go to Thursford in 2015 to put their names down soon as this year's trip is on 16th November and most people re-book for the following year on the return journey.

The competition was a pretty plate. 1st prize: Jan Tilden 2nd prize: Gwen Clements 3rd prize: Joan Gray. The draw prize was won by Janet Talbot.

The next meeting is the Christmas Party on **10th December 2014 at 7pm**. Curtis Bowl: Ann Render and Draw: Committee. Berrill Cup Competition – AYOW.

Sarah Toyn

Letters to the Editor

Dear Martyn

I have just received the September edition of the Stukeleys magazine and I just wanted to let you know my thoughts on it.

Firstly, I am a young resident of Little Stukeley and I want our magazine to do our village justice and I feel that the magazine is not being presented as good as it should be. Firstly on page 7 (the Hampton Court Palace trip) may I point out that the lines are not even straight, there are random indents on the page, and random new lines where there does not need to be them. Personally all this shows to me is that the magazine is not being "proof read" carefully before it is printed. I mean would you want to read a magazine where the text is not even aligned on the page correctly? I think not.

Similarly, I disagree with your response to Aimee Robinson. I believe she was right in all that she was saying. Also whoever took the image, I understand you may have been trying to make a point, but you did not need to zoom in on it that much, it was a bit strange and hideous to look at to say the least. Yes, the young should be made aware of the issue of dog fouling but there was no need for you to place an image of dog excrement on the front page. Why couldn't you, like Aimee said, have placed it a few pages in. I brought up the issue of dog fouling in a Parish Council meeting where Sue Parkin was present and she and the rest of the council didn't want any more dog bins placed, in Little Stukeley, as they promptly told me couldn't afford to have them there. Yes, you have the right to express your opinion but if young people in the community have already expressed their opinion on this issue and it has been swept under the carpet then I do not see it fair for you complain about dog fouling when the subject has already been discussed. I have a dog myself and I am sick of seeing dog excrement down and around Low Road, but with no bin, what encourages anyone to pick it up?

As one young person in this village I don't want to see images like that on the front cover. Also if you want any help "proof reading" to make sure the magazine keeps up to its normally standard way of being presented then let me know, the images used could also be of a much higher quality and resolution and why is it only colour is allowed on the front page? Honestly this magazine needs bringing into the 21st century, so I will help if needed as I have a vast range of skills, being a Microsoft Office Master after all.

I hope my article will be printed in the magazine for December then maybe we can have one article less of trips, otherwise the magazine may as well be a trip filled magazine, and yes I know you need articles to put in the magazine but have you ever thought about contacting the local residents in Great and Little Stukeley and asking them about any issues, instead of making them come to you with an article? As many are elderly and are not able get to you themselves and many cannot keep up with the technological change within our society. Also whilst I am sure the trips are good to go on, do we really need constant advertising? The magazine may as well be a walking billboard for trips. Then once the trip has occurred those who went will know what happened, so I ask you what is the point of giving us a blow by blow, minute by minute account of what happened? When those who have been on the trip will know what happened? As those who may not be able to go could be saddened by this.

Similarly instead of it being a predominantly trip filled magazine why not address other issues like traffic calming. Especially in Little Stukeley where even when you are adjacent to Mill Road the

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Letters to the Editor continued:

thirty mile an hour sign cannot be seen as it is covered with overhanging trees. This issue was brought up by my mother at a Parish Council meeting as like the dog fouling issue was forgotten about and swept under the carpet. So there's an idea for the magazine if you want one.

To me this magazine seems to favour many members in the village and you do not see many other people being able to put their two penneth in do you?

Now you said you were perfectly entitled to express your opinion, well why not allow me and some of the other residents to express ours after all, all is fair in love and war.

Regards, Stacey Middleton

Sent 3/9/2014

Editor's reply:

Dear Stacey,

Thank you for your email. It's good to get comments from a younger Resident especially one from Little Stukeley as I don't receive many articles from there. Thank you also for pointing out the problem with Page 7. I have to hold my hands up. It was a bad oversight that would normally have been picked up. I can only apologise to you and all other Residents and agree that I should have picked it up. I will endeavour to make sure it doesn't happen again.

As you know I have replied to you by email and I feel that on most points we will have to agree to differ in our opinions. However there is one thing I think it may be helpful to a lot of people if I explained it and this is what I was asked to do when I took over the Editor's roll.

I was asked to take over the job as the previous Editor had moved away from the Village but was still putting together the magazine until the Parish Council could find another Resident to take over. I spoke to the previous Editor and she said, as the magazine only had 12 pages and some of those were recurring adverts, it only took about a couple of hours to put together each month. It actually took a bit longer and over the years it has grown to 32 pages and it now takes a lot longer. My instructions were to put together the magazine using the articles sent by Residents. It was not part of the job to be a Reporter or Journalist. It was meant to be basically a cut and paste job which in itself presents problems as people send in articles in many different formats, fonts, lengths etc. Then there are the people you mentioned who don't have a computer or anyone they can ask to help. My phone number and address are in the magazine every month and I am happy to help as I have done on many occasions. In fact there are several articles in the December magazine that have come in from people who don't use/have computers which have needed to be typed. Most of the articles that are sent by email need reformatting as they are usually sent as A4 and the magazine pages are A5. As you will know this can be awkward and time consuming as some people use the tab and some the spacebar and some an arbitrary use of both and various other ways of formatting.

You ask why there is colour only on the outside and the inside of the front and back cover. The reason for this is that it would cost 3 or 4 times as much to have it printed. I'm with you as I would like to have colour throughout but it would mean charging for the magazine or putting up the Parish Council's Precept to cover the extra cost which I feel would not be appreciated by the Stukeleys Council Tax payers. Thanks again for your email.

Perhaps you would like to write a regular article from the point of view younger Residents?

Regards, Martyn**Continued on next page.**

Letters to the Editor continued:

Dear Martyn,

May I add my views on the Bob's Bumbling/Pink Pub saga?

Firstly, I and my friends who have read Bob's missives over the months find his tongue in cheek humour brilliant. We look forward to them every month.

All I can say about the Pink Pub is, if you choose to paint a building a bright bubble gum pink that is possibly visible from space, then you must surely not be surprised by the comments it attracts.

Please feel man/lady enough to take it on the chin, and move on with life. A pink in a darker hue as befitting any Olde Worldy Village Pub/Hotel would only enhance its surroundings. I'm sorry, but, you painted it, now you have to live with the fallout.

Keep Bumbling Bob. We love you just the way you!

Regards,

Marion

Bumbling Bob Fan Club

Editor's reply:

Dear Marion,

Thanks for your letter. It's great to hear from a supporter of Bumbling Bob who takes his tongue in cheek comments in the way they are meant. In real life he is an award winning Charity organiser.

You will see that Bumbling Bob is back on Page 13.

Regards,

Martyn

Dear Martyn,

Please do not keep putting Bumbling Bob in the magazine. It is ridiculous now and has got out of hand. Put something in there about bonfires that people keep lighting in the village and dog poo! Both things that need to be addressed but no one does anything about.

Regards,

Mrs C Wilson

Editor's reply:

Dear Mrs Wilson,

Thank you for your letter. Most people I speak to like Bumbling Bob. As you can see there are a few who disagree with him but on the whole the majority find him amusing. As for the dog poo, there have been several comments in the magazine about it.

I can't say much about the bonfires being lit in the village because you don't say where and which village they are causing a problem. For either the January or February issue of the Magazine I will make a few inquiries and check what the rules about lighting bonfires are. From a personal point of view I have not had any problems with them in the ten years I have lived in Great Stukeley.

Regards,

Martyn

Little Stukeley Village Hall

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday 13th December at 19:30

Tickets £10.00 for Adults

from **Mrs Sally Smith Tel: 01480-450356**

or email: sallysmith101@aol.com



BUMBLING BOB

Number Six - December 2014

Good day to all of my readers, one hopes that you are all well? My last missive was in September 2014 so it has been a tad of a gap. So what's happened to keep Bumbling's quill off the page? Well the Politically Correct brigade that's what, ably supported by some influential members of the local hierarchy managed to get my ire top such a state that I could not bring myself to lay words to the page for fear it would flash burn behind the quill I was so outraged. The passage of time has allowed the embers to cool and my quill to stop spontaneously exploding. So "What's it all about?" I hear you state.

It's about the fact that I used the word 'GAY' in my last diatribe. So to begin with let's look at the word 'Gay'; 'Gay' in my dictionary means a) 'happy, friendly, smiling' and b) 'a colloquial term used in the press and in some circles of society as slang for a state of mind, dress or attitude in regard to those of a homosexual nature regardless of sex' and lastly c) 'a term often connected with the colour pink as this has been adopted as the colour of choice by the homosexual community to broadcast the fact of their homosexuality'.

In no case is the term defined as being insulting. Indeed many scholars and literary commentators deplore the use of the term 'Gay' in the connection with homosexuality as they feel it is denigrating to, and twists the meaning of, the original old English concept of the word. Now I do not happen to be one of those as I believe that the English language evolves through time and in fact it is sadly, at least in colloquial terms, being at present subsumed into the version of English spoken in the USA.

In the September article Bumbling Bob stated, and I quote, ".....thanks indeed, although it has to be said the round of drinks to them was somewhat heavy although the chappie behind the bar at the Gay pub did get a sweat on doling out the liquid...." and "....I am off to the gay pub with its vivid pink shade with dark glasses on to drink a tincture to my own health and then across the road to our other drinking establishment, the bikers pub, for another....".

In my mind, and in the mind of all sensible grown up people, these phrases are as they are stated. They are not in the case of "...the chappie behind the bar at the gay pub did get a sweat on..." a) insulting to the staff member of the said pub although the manager stated it was (????) and b) ".... the gay pub with its vivid pink shade..." was apparently a homophobic comment and an insult to the establishment concerned.

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Issue Date: 12/11/2014

Burglary warning following a spate of break-ins

POLICE are encouraging people to use the online interactive house to help protect their property following a series of burglaries across the county.

There have been a number of break-ins throughout Cambridgeshire in the past couple of weeks and police are encouraging people to be vigilant.

Detective Inspector Dave Steward said: "Burglars will look for any insecurities in your property so residents need to take steps to prevent themselves becoming a victim.

We have a great deal of crime prevention information on our website, including the interactive house, which we urge everyone to look at to get the best possible advice.

I would also urge anyone who sees anything unusual or suspicious in their neighbourhood, to call the police on 101

For more information on how to secure your home visit the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website

<http://www.cambs.police.uk/GetCloser/Burglary.asp>

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

The Stukeleys WI would like to thank all those who supported our Community Coffee Mornings this year. Since May (excluding 26th November) we have raised £554.49 to be split between The Stukeleys WI and the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke. By popular demand, we will be running them again next year on the last Wednesday of every month starting on **28th January 2015**.

We would also like to thank all those who came to our Jazz Evening on 15th November and enjoyed some great music from Three Plus One/Saxography quartet, with the unforgettable debut of the Bottle Orchestra. A good time was had by all. Your support is very much appreciated.



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Out and About by Bicycle

Though daylight hours shorten and weather turns cooler, I've recently had some very pleasant outings on my bike around the villages and further afield. In comparison to other places I've cycled, we're quite well provided with routes around The Stukeleys - but of course there's still issues that need attention. I've found that the trick is find practical paths and quieter roads, then you can really enjoy getting about. I thought I'd suggest some options so that you too can get out and about, and not only for exercise or recreation. I usually combine cycling for exercise with running an errand or doing some shopping - if it fits in a supermarket hand basket, then it'll fit in my back pannier!

For those of you familiar with websites etc. there are some good online maps that show off-road routes open to cycling (e.g. bridleways and cycle ways, not footpaths). The County Council holds the "definitive map" (which was on paper in Cambridge, last time I asked!) but there is an online version available at my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk, go to the "maps" tab then select "Public rights of way" under the "leisure and culture" section of map categories. This also shows footpaths, for those preferring a pedestrian pace. Though it's not as authoritative, there is a really good community-generated map at www.openstreetmap.org. It has a "layer" you can select that shows cycle routes, and height contours!

This map shows the National Cycle Route 12 that runs through the village, and beyond - to Lincolnshire and London. More locally, there are maps with suggested routes at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk search for "cycling" and follow the links. I particularly like to go to St. Ives, via Hartford and Houghton one way and the Hemingfords and Godmanchester to return; the river at Huntingdon is lovely on a sunny autumn morning, and stopping for coffee and cake on the way is a further attraction! A shorter option is from the Stukeleys to the racecourse, then returning via Hinchinbroke Park and Stukeley Meadows, again with the option of a stop at the cafe in the park. Also via the racecourse is a route to Grafham Water, via Brampton, Brampton Wood and Grafham. There's a great cycle path around Grafham Water that can be added, for the more energetic among us! If anyone would like to join me on an outing, please phone 01480 450434.

Happy cycling!

Paul Ryan

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Please do what you can to help make this true start to Christmas a resounding success and I look forward to seeing many of you at **4.00pm on the 24th**.

Richard Turpin
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Under the Bearskin and The Royal Mews - Tuesday 12th May 2015

On our privately conducted tour of *The Royal Mews* our well informed Blue Badge Holder Guide, Martin Harvey, will brief us on all aspects of the incredible collection of State Coaches, Carriages and the Royal fleet of limousines.

The *Gold State Coach* is normally housed in the former State Carriage House and is *the* most important and best known coach in the *Royal Mews*. It is often displayed with models of four horses and two Postillion riders. The horses wear the special red morocco harness used only for this coach. The superb *State Coach* was commissioned by George III in 1762 when he was 21 years old. It was brought to the Mews on 24th November 1762 where eight cream horses were harnessed and duly pulled it around. The next day the King travelled in the *State Coach* to the House of Lords for the State Opening of Parliament. Huge crowds turned out to see the new *State Coach* and all was well...except one of the door glasses and the door handle were broken!

The *Gold State Coach* weighs almost 4 tonnes, requires eight horses to draw it and never proceeds at other than walking speed. It was designed by William Chambers (1723-1796) and is gilded all over and the exterior has panels by the Florentine painter and engraver Giovanni Battista Cipriani (1727-1785). The body of the coach is supported by braces covered in morocco leather, ornamented with gilt buckles held by four Tritons, or sea gods. This truly exquisite coach will be on show when we visit the *Royal Mews* after lunch on the day of our tour-Tuesday 12th May, 2015.

Included in this wonderful day trip will be the coach to and from London, lunch at the *Mad Hatter Hotel*, viewing the *Guard Change* and our visit in the afternoon to the *Royal Mews*. The price per person is £47.50. Please call me without delay if you are interested in this trip.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tel: 01480 433 954

The Great Stukeley FASHION SHOW - Friday 6th March 2015

Time grows closer to the date of our FASHION SHOW arranged for Friday 6th March 2015. I would like to share with you more information on the fashion houses whose outfits, dresses and separates will be available on the evening of our show, worn by our three models and SOLD at HALF PRICE or LESS!

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- 10.45am Please plan your arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall. Please be aware that PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED at the Village Hall.
- 11.00am PROMPT departure by C&G Coaches from the Great Stukeley Village Hall. PLEASE BE ON TIME as we have a seventy-one mile journey ahead of us.
- 1.00pm Estimated arrival at the *Royal Greenwich Covered Market* where you will have time to Christmas Shop and have a bite to eat at the many restaurants and coffee shops, purchase a sandwich or bring your own packed lunch. You also may be able to squeeze in a FREE visit to the *National Maritime Museum* or the painted hall and Chapel of Wren's *Old Royal Naval College*. The admission to visit the beautifully restored *Cutty Sark* (£11.50 to £13.50 each) is NOT included in the price of this trip.
- 2.55pm We meet our coach at the same drop-off point where we were let off earlier in the day.
- 3.00pm PROMPT departure for the 02 pier (*Old Millenium Dome*).
- 3.30pm Arrival at the 02. Here we make our way to the boat departure pier where we will be met by a Representative who will be with us for our entire 90 minute cruise.
- 4.00pm Departure on the *London Rose* for our 90 minute cruise with a commentary by our Skipper, Craig Campion. From the water we will be able to see the beautiful Christmas Lights and Craig Campion will point out places of interest. A limited selection of bar snacks and hot and cold drinks will be available for purchase and the *London Rose* has toilets on board. Your tickets for the *London Eye* will be given to you as you disembark.
- 6.00pm Our 30 minute *London Eye* Flight begins. Twenty-eight people are permitted in each capsule.
- 6.30pm Disembark from the *London Eye*. The *Cologne Christ-Markt* is between the *London Eye* and the *Southbank Centre*. This is a German-style Christmas market of 60 wooden chalets with a range of fascinating gifts and food.
- 8.00pm Our coach will pick us up at Belvedere Road, where there is a coach drop-off/pick-up point, for our journey back to Great Stukeley.
- 10.00pm Our estimated time of arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall depending on evening traffic.
- Your support in signing-up for the Thames Christmas Cruise, Flying High on the London Eye, Christmas Shopping at the historic Royal Greenwich Market and the Cologne Christ-Markt is very much appreciated. I very much look forward to spending time with you on this exciting adventure.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please feel free to call me.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tour Organizer, Tel 01480 433 954

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - Great Stukeley Village Hall 20th December 2014 **RAFFLE DONATION APPEAL**

This year's CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE hosted by the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee will be held on Saturday 20th December 2014-7 for 7.30pm through midnight.

The Committee are very much looking forward to welcoming you to this much looked forward to annual event.

I am appealing for RAFFLE DONATIONS suitable for this event. Please give me a call as soon as possible if you can help us.

Tickets are now on sale and this is turning out to be a very popular event so please contact Carol Buttercase (01480 458 089) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The ticket price this year is just £20.00 per person and includes a delicious THREE COURSE MEAL and entertainment provided by local vocalist STEVE LAKE with a variety of music including Motown, Swing, Soul, Rock & Pop.

The dress code is BLACK & WHITE and please do not forget to BRING ALONG YOUR OWN DRINKS and GLASSES!

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Mary Alleyne-James
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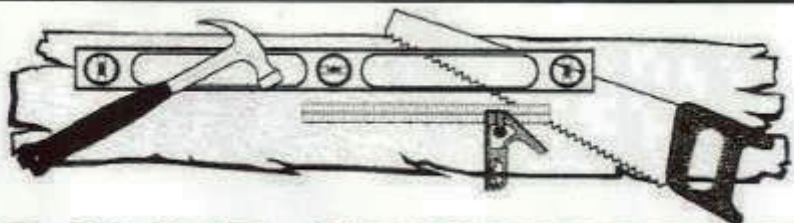
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Saturday 13 th December	9.00 am	Men’s Breakfast Fellowship All Men Welcome. Bring a friend or two!!
2 nd Sunday each Month	1.00 pm	Pot Luck Lunch at the Church after Morning Worship

Monday 15th December 6.00 pm – Bethlehem Peace Candle Hosted by Alconbury Base Scouting Packs

All Guides/ Scouts/ Cubs etc. welcome. Please Support these youngsters and see the Light that travels around the world to encourage Peace.

If there is any way in which we can help or any questions you need to ask please call Pete and Penny Bourne on 01480 432207 or 07887707940 / 07908093224 or email us at bourneagain38jer333di@gmail.com or pennyanne.bourne@gmail.com or phone David Stokes on 01480 891023 and we will do our very best to help. If you need help with transport to any of the meetings just call Pete or Penny as above.

Another year over and time to look back at how it worked out there would have been times of joy times of fun and times of heart ache. What will the New Year bring? Probably A mix of the same as before every year brings some of each I hope and pray that there will be more Joy and peace in 2015 than sadness. We can start it going in the right direction this month as we celebrate the coming of Christ. HE came to bring Peace and joy; however there will still be some sorrow as death comes to all of us it is part of life. But even there Jesus can help us deal with our morning and grief and help us to overcome the sadness, if we allow him to. As we come in to December I would like tell you about the Bethlehem Peace Candle that is coming to Grace Fellowship on the 15th of December 6pm and is organized through the Scouting movement, we are hoping for scouts from around the county to attend. The Candle starts it journey in Bethlehem where it is lit then travels from place to place by train and car, boat to its different stopping points and candles lit from it to spread the message of Peace. If you are able to join us on the Monday and be part of the process it would be really good to see you. Every blessing for the Christmas time may it be a time of peace and Joy.

Pastor Pete

CHURCH SERVICES



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
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**ST MARTIN'S
LITTLE STUKELEY**

December

7th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Second Sunday of Advent	Celebrant	Rev'd Clifford Owen		
14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion CW	6.30 pm	Christmas Carol Service
Third Sunday of Advent	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton	Leader	Rev'd Andrew Milton
	9.30 am	Family Service		
	Leader	Janet Talbot		
21st	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Celebrant	Rev'd Charles Dixon	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
24th	4.00 pm	Nativity Carol Service		
Christmas Eve	Leader	Richard Turpin		
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass		
	Celebrant	Rev'd Geoffrey Dobson		
25th	10.30 am	Holy Communion CW		
Christmas Day	Celebrant	Rev'd Philip Swindells		
28th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	9.00 am	Christingle Service
First Sunday of Christmas	Leader	Richard Turpin	Leader	Rev'd Andrew Milton
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January

4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Epiphany	Celebrant	Rev'd Clifford Owen		
Second Sunday of Christmas				

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And then of course we have the somewhat hysterical letter written anonymously to the editor which ranted and raved on about the fact that the writer felt that they could no longer go into their watering hole in the village, (let's call it the Pink Pub for fear of the manageress's wrath) because of the comments made in my article. What rot. Get a grip man! If you are homosexual by nature then either proclaim it loud and proud (I believe that's the correct phrase used in the Gay press) or continue to not do so and live your life quietly as you are no doubt doing. To say my article was an insult to you is just too funny for words.

Surely if I came up to you in public (and I won't because you have protected your identity by writing anonymously) and called you `Gay` would you then be insulted? Because by definition you should be proud to be called as much. I am known by many persons in my profession as `Blunt Ba..... Bob` and in one of our watering holes by the affectionate term of `Fingers Bob`. I do not get hysterical in either case nor do I take it as an insult. I stand for both as it describes my character, which was formed in convent schools by the way.

I could write reams about persons with homosexual tendencies; those of that persuasion who are both friends and clients. Many of these have been shown the article and see no problem with it. They have found a problem though with the reaction it has caused. They have rightly pointed out that the manageress of the Pink Pub has in fact insulted the Gay population by making it obvious that she objects to the term Gay being used in connection with her establishment as she obviously feels that she does not want to be associated in any way with that section of society and, if the writer of the anonymous letter is believed, by members of her clientele. So who is being offensive to whom I ask?

So dear readers there you have it. I was self-culled from your pages but I am back; well for this issue at least!

I will continue to speak my mind on all manner of topics and I hope fervently that the editor of this fine magazine is no longer put under the pressure he was to publish cringing apologies when none were needed. We pander far too much to the minority groups in our communities just because they shout the loudest. We, the silent majority, need to stand up and proclaim that we are just as important and should have our views listened to as well.

So I am now off for a tincture in the PINK PUB, assuming I am still allowed through the door and then off to the BIKERS pub for another. Oh and I notice Ben & Sarah made no complaint in regard to that phrase?! Funny old world eh!

And now as far as I am concerned the matter rests. Let there be no further correspondence on the matter.

I hope to be back in 2015 but it's up to the editor, and you my fine readers, to have that decision.

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas and remember: Gluttony IS one of the seven sins!

Bumbling Bob

Ps. I hope you like my self portrait on page 13.



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