

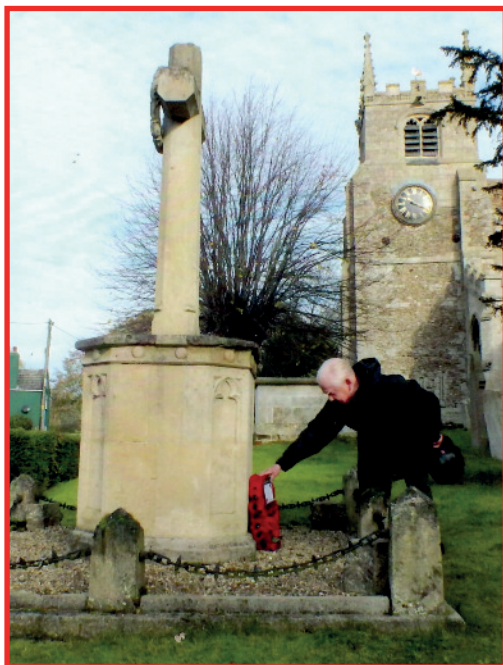


# DECEMBER 2015

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At St. Bartholomew's Church  
Great Stukeley



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At St. Martin's Church  
Little Stukeley

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Cut-off date for the January 2016 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is  
**9am Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

## FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brick Lane Music Hall Trip	9.45 am	GSVH
at 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner		LSVH
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Curry Night		LSVH
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Carol Soiree	7.00 pm	8 Beech Avenue
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Quiz		Stukeleys Hotel
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Christmas Get Together	7.30 pm	GSVH
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	New Year's Eve Party		LSVH
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016	Burns Supper	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am	GSVH

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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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# The Stukeleys Parish Council

## News

After the **Parish Council Open Surgery**, the **Parish Council Meeting** was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

During the **Public Participation Session** residents expressed concern over the lack of progress with the Ermine Street Enhancement Scheme, the volume of freight traffic that could be using the Alconbury Weald site if permission was granted to continue to use the site for freight storage to 2020 and various other comments were made on planning applications to be discussed later in the meeting.

The Parish Council discussed the Cambridgeshire Budget Challenge Consultation, and will express their grave concerns about the impact of these proposed budget cuts on essential services but understood the position the County Council face. Please see further information on the proposed budget cuts and how you take part in this consultation in the Cambridgeshire County Council News below.

The Parish Council also considered a response to the Huntingdonshire District Council Election Consultation and felt that it was best to keep the current system of 'elections by thirds' rather than a new system with elections every four years for the whole Council, as there was a risk that the Council could lose all its experienced and skilled Councillors in one go. Again see Huntingdon District Council News for further information and how you take part in this consultation.

The Open Spaces and Environment Working Party are to meet and discuss maintenance programmes within the villages. The Council to express to Urban & Civic their frustration with the slow progress with the Ermine Street enhancement scheme.

The Parish Council will request a response from Balfour Beatty to the Parish Council's email sent detailing all the problems highlighted during the recent site visit with Highways Warden Mick Reynolds and Joshua Cooke (Balfour Beatty).

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council:

- i **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 15/01117/REM** – Approval of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale in respect of the construction of 128 dwellings, pocket park, associated highways, landscaping and ancillary works.  
The Planning Group reported that the application appeared to be consistent with the higher order requirements from the outline and key phase conditions.
  - the design scale and appearance of the proposed homes appeared good.
  - the layout of the homes, their relationship to each other and the surrounding planned development appeared good.
  - landscaping and the green and hard landscaped 'context' for the built form was very good.Overall the standard of layout and design was considered to be very good; it set the design level for the development.  
It was agreed to recommend approval for the reasons above.



- ii **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 15/01847/REM** – Approval of appearance, layout, landscaping, scale and access in respect of the construction of 31,893sq.m of mixed B1(a), B1(b), B2 and ancillary B8 floor space and associated highways, drainage, landscaping and ancillary works.  
The Planning Group reported that although not high technology use it was hoped would be attracted from the Cambridge area, it was considered an appropriate operation for AW and was consistent with its planning permission and the designation of the site as an Enterprise Zone. The development was anticipated to employ up to 500 people in shifts.  
It was a large building (171m by 155m by 15m) but was set to one side of the AW site where its impact was less. It would, however, be visible from distant views, although this was considered acceptable in context of the permission.  
It was agreed to recommend approval for the reasons above.
- iii **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 15/01630/S73** – Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 1000739S73 to enable continued use of the site until 2020.  
The Planning Group reported that this application related to the whole of the AW site and seeks to extend the period over which the existing commercial and industrial uses could continue, as currently the condition would expire in Dec 2015; the application seeks to extend this to 2020. The continued use of the existing uses does not prejudice the ongoing development of AW.  
However, there was a perception within the villages that the existing temporary uses generate a large proportion of commercial traffic especially HCVs which access the AW site via Ermine Street. The extension of those uses for a further 5 years was therefore a matter of concern to local residents.  
It was **agreed** that the temporary permission extension be limited to 12 months only, to be reviewed on an annual basis so that the continuation of these uses extends no longer than absolutely necessary.
- iv **Land South of 10 and 12 West View, Great Stukeley – 15/01704/FUL** – Erection of a bungalow  
The Planning Group reported that it considered that this proposal would result in over-development on a cramped site, that it was out of context with the adjacent modest cottages and would have an overbearing impact on the public open space at West View.  
There were also strong concerns about the surface water drainage. There was a watercourse which flowed through the site which had caused flooding in the open space and in gardens in Church Close. The watercourse ran generally north-south from Ermine Street to the farmland beyond West View/Church Close. There were problems in a number of places along this culverted route. Chris Allen, Huntingdonshire District Council's Projects and Assets Manager would be aware of these issues and that some remedial works were undertaken in 2013. However, considerable public concern remains about the unresolved and continuing issues.  
It was agreed to recommend refusal for the reasons above and that this should include the comment on surface water drainage.
- v **15 Low Road, Little Stukeley – 15/01702/HHFUL** – Amend existing plan to incorporate a new full height porch and extension to the kitchen, existing approved 14/00465/FUL.  
The Planning Group reported that although this would make significant alterations to the appearance of the property it was considered that this would not have any adverse impact on neighbours nor on the street scene.  
It was agreed to recommend approval for the reasons above.

- vi **St Martins Church, Church Way, Little Stukeley - 15/01911/TRCA** - Beech tree- NE corner of church, end of branch growing into church and causing damage to brick work, advised by quinquennial inspection to prune branch back by 2 metres. Oak tree - on South boundary, new growth is causing nuisance to neighbouring property. Church committee are happy to prune tree subject to council's procedure. The Planning Group reported that it considered that these tree works were essential to protect the fabric of St Martin's Church (Grade 11\* Listed) and a neighbouring property and that there would be no significant adverse impact on the Conservation Area.  
It was agreed to recommend approval for the reasons above.

Cllr Michael Monk reported that the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October with Jason Ablewhite ( Leader of HDC), regarding the implications of the closure of the American base at RAF Alconbury, had been a very constructive meeting. Cllr Ablewhite advised that the Parish Council should write to the Dept. of Business, Innovation and Skills and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to request that representatives of the Parish Council be invited to future meetings on the closure of RAF Alconbury as HDC was not empowered to invite the Parish Council.

A Steering Group of Parish Councillors and residents will be set up to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the villages, Regular updates on the development of the Neighbourhood plan will be published in the Parish Magazine.

The meeting ended at 10:30pm

An extra- ordinary Parish Council meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at Little Stukeley Village Hall, and the following planning application was discussed.

- i **Land North of 13 Moorfield Way, Great Stukeley - 15/01753/FUL** — Proposed development of 4no dwellings with garages with ancillary works comprising of access roadway, drives and parking for visitors and hard and soft landscaping.  
After discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal for the following reasons:  
Unresolved drainage issues with 6 Ermine Street and the problem of surface water runoff from the site to Orchard Lea (Montagu Close) and 13 Moorfield Close. The Parish Council takes issue with the Design and Access Statement item 3.4, which proposes to allow as much natural drainage as possible across the site. The Parish Council considers that this would exacerbate the already existing land drainage issue.  
Overbearing nature of plot 4 in relation to 14 Montagu Close (two-storey building/bungalow).

## HAVE YOU SAY

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

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

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

### Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall

No scheduled meeting will be held in January 2016

Please check the website & notice board for notification of any  
Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings to be held.

A full set of Minutes and other Parish Council information are available at [www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/)

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## Useful Websites and Telephone Numbers

### Fix My Street

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### Abandoned cars

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### Fly tipping

01480 388640

### Pot holes in roads/other highways faults

0845 0455212

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults)

### Illegal signs/graffiti

0800 7832220

### Refuse and Recycling Helpline

0800 3896613

# Cambridgeshire County Council News

## **Tough choices for Cambridgeshire to meet £41 million savings**

This month Service Committees will look at proposals to meet the major financial challenge of £41 million savings this year and more than £100 million over the next five years. This follows cumulative savings of £218 million since 2009.

The scale of savings means that proposals will have an impact on all services, from how the Council looks after roads, manages libraries and cares for the most vulnerable. Councillors will be looking at initial proposals of how these savings may be achieved and, with officers, will be working to change or mitigate these options to reduce the impact on communities. Service Committees will comment on the proposals which will then go to the General Purpose Committee for consideration before the business plan is discussed by Full Council early next year.

For more information see our website:

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/373/tough\\_choices\\_for\\_cambridgeshire\\_to\\_meet\\_41\\_million\\_savings](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/373/tough_choices_for_cambridgeshire_to_meet_41_million_savings)

There is also a link on our website to have your say

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/challenge](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/challenge)

## **Loan Sharks**

A loan shark is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000. It may be tempting to borrow from rogue money lenders who won't ask questions about your financial situation. These people may call at your door or you may hear about them from others, and it might seem like an easy and quick way to borrow money. At first they will seem very friendly and trustworthy. They will charge you a huge rate of interest, meaning you have to pay back far more money than you borrowed and that you can afford. They often keep increasing the amount you owe and may ask for security on the debt such as your passport, bank card or driving licence.

Victims of loan sharks are not only charged astronomical rates of interest, but very often face violence, intimidation or blackmail if they fall behind with their payments. The average cost of borrowing from a loan shark is three times the price of the highest cost of legal credit. The highest interest rate the team have come across so far was 131,000% APR.

If you or someone you know is a victim contact Trading Standards Illegal Money Lending Team in strictest confidence, 0300 555 2222, [reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk](mailto:reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk) or text 'loan shark + your message' to 60003. For more information visit [www.gov.uk/stoploansharks](http://www.gov.uk/stoploansharks)

You don't have to give your name or sign an official statement if you don't want to.

## **Scams in our County**

We've unfortunately had reports of two particular types of scams that residents in our county are being targeted by – both claim to be from Cambridgeshire County Council.



In the first, someone is phoning residents claiming to be from Cambridgeshire County Council and asking about their recent fall. The person calling tries to engage the resident in conversation with the aim of finding out personal details.

If you ever receive a call from someone you don't know saying they work for us, get their name and tell them you will call them back. Phone our General Enquiries line 0345 045 5200 and ask to be put through to that named officer.

The second is a rogue trader scam from someone claiming to work for our Highways or Streetworks Team. They are approaching residents to say they are doing safety markings in the area and are offering their surplus thermoplastic paint to refresh any markings you may have (for example parish council owned recreation car parks) for a fee. Our officers would never do this. If you receive any approaches of this sort please decline the work, you can always check the authenticity of one of our officers by calling our telephone number above.

For further advice and guidance on scams and rogue traders please see our website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scams](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scams)

# Huntingdonshire Council News

## Whole Council Elections – Have Your Say

Huntingdonshire District Council is undergoing a review of its electoral arrangements. As part of this process it has launched a consultation on how often elections should be held to appoint its Councillors.

Currently the council holds 'elections by thirds', which means that elections are held for 17 or 18 seats each year, for three successive years out of four.

Under the Localism Act 2011, the council has the power to change its electoral arrangements to 'whole council elections', which would mean that all seats on the council would be elected at the same time, once every four years.

The Council would like your views on whether it should change to whole council elections every four years, starting in May 2018, or retain the existing system of 'elections by thirds'.

The full council will further consider this issue at a meeting in December when a final decision will be made.

The consultation period runs until 4 December 2015. You can reply by completing the online survey at [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

### Waste Collections December 2015

Christmas often means we all have more waste to dispose of and we are fortunate to be able to recycle the majority of the waste that is produced during this time, including your wrapping paper, sweet tins, plastic packaging from new toys and any leftovers from your dinner within the blue and green bins.

Some households have a green bin for their recycling waste – please ensure that only the green bin with the recycling logo on the front is used for your dry recycling.

Revised collection dates for the Christmas period are shown below. Download your collection calendar from [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins).

Day	Revised Day of Collection
Monday 21 December	Monday 21 December
Tuesday 22 December	Tuesday 22 December
Wednesday 23 December	Wednesday 23 December
Thursday 24 December	Thursday 24 December
Friday 25 December	Tuesday 29 December
Monday 28 December	Wednesday 30 December
Tuesday 29 December	Thursday 31 December
Wednesday 30 December	Saturday 2 January
Thursday 31 December	Monday 4 January
Friday 1 January	Tuesday 5 January
Monday 4 January	Wednesday 6 January

Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 7 January
Wednesday 6 January	Friday 8 January
Thursday 7 January	Saturday 9 January
Friday 8 January	Monday 11 January
Monday 11 January	Tuesday 12 January
Tuesday 12 January	Wednesday 13 January
Wednesday 13 January	Thursday 14 January
Thursday 14 January	Friday 15 January
Friday 15 January	Saturday 16 January

Why not display the complete list of materials that can be recycled so all your guests know what goes where. **Visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin) for more information**

Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop your tree to the size of your bin.

The **Household Recycling Centre's** are only closed from 1pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Find out more at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste)

**During the first two weeks of December residents will be delivered a waste information pack. The information pack includes everything you need to know about your waste collections.**

**The pack will contain –**

**Recycling and Refuse Guide**

**Three wheeled bin stickers showing what can be put into each bin**

**Bank holiday collection dates up to the end of August 2016**

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## Competition Winner

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The winner of our Competition to win two tickets to see  
Neighbourhood Watch at the Commemoration Hall.



*Little Stukeley Village Hall*



## Burns Supper

An evening of good company, food and entertainment to  
celebrate the life of Robbie Burns, the Bard of Ayrshire

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 7.30pm**

**Traditional Haggis three course meal, with Vegetarian Option, and a  
welcome Cocktail**

**Dress Code: Scottish / Black Tie / Smart with something Tartan**

**Tickets £12.50 each**

**Ring or email Sally Smith (450356 or sallysmith101@aol.com)**

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# LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

It's been a quiet period this last month or so however, it's always great to see so much support for our Village Hall and we'd be delighted to consider any other suggestions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the LSVH committee to share your ideas. As an example of new ideas, Philippa Larke is in the process of setting-up an LSVH Facebook page where we hope to share news and information on bookings, which the latter can be arranged by contacting Peter Soinnie on 01480 437584.

## **Bonfire Night**

Over 50 Villagers attended the Bonfire and Fireworks Night on 7<sup>th</sup> November 15, it was a tremendous success and I'd like to thank several people, without which, the evening wouldn't have been the great success it was. Building the bonfire is always an important part of the tradition and this year we were helped by Andrew Owen and his 3 sons who are always a real pleasure, additionally help from Bryan Schofield, Terry Pinner Peter Soinnie and Mark Edmondson made for a great fire which was tended by Andrew throughout the evening. Delicious autumn food was prepared and served by Paula Robinson and Angela Edmondson, and the fantastic fireworks provided by Phil Scott were a huge delight to the crowd and were ably set-off by Phil and Mark. Thanks to Sally Smith for her admin support in co-ordinating tickets and collecting money.

I must add additional thanks to Mark, Angela and Paula who helped clear up the following day and to Terry for the kind use of his field.

## **Christmas Dinner**

We have a fantastic singer Grace Williams, for our Christmas Dinner you can see her here: <https://vimeo.com/vintagejazzsinger>. She has a lovely voice, and will sing both Jazz and Christmas songs in 2 sets over the evening. Tickets are on sale and available from Sally Smith **Tel: 01480 450 356 or email: [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)** for this year's Christmas Dinner which will be held on 12 Dec 7PM for 7:30PM. As usual we'll hold a raffle in aid of St Martin's Church, if you'd like to donate a prize please contact Elaine Daw on 01480 456167

## **Christmas Craft Fayre and Curry Night**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel these events. Perhaps we'll have another go next year.

## **New Year's Eve Party**

We had encouraging interest for this family event and to make it a roaring success we need more support, so far we have 27 people commit to the evening please let me or Sally Smith know if you intend to be there to celebrate the New Year at the Hall. We'll run a licensed bar on the night starting at 8PM and BYO food and snacks. Tickets are for numbers only there will be no cost to attend.

## **Burns Supper**

After the fun of the New Year we'll start off with a Celebration of Robbie Burns, see the flyer for more details, I'm sure Matt Day would be delighted to hear from you.

## **Next Events**

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Party
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	16 Burns Supper

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL  
COMMITTEE CORDIALLY  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR



**A Christmas get together**  
**On Friday 18th December at**  
**7.30pm**  
**At Great Stukeley Village Hall**

**Come and join us for some music, mulled wine, mince pies and convivial company. There is no charge but a donation may be made on the door. There will be a raffle.**

**To book your free place, please contact Carol Buttercase 01480 458089 or Jan Sly 01480 450197**

## CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE UPON US



### St Bartholomew's Nativity Carol Service

A last prompt for participation in our traditional Nativity Carol Service for which we rely on getting sufficient children to join the 'cast'. This year's service will, as usual, be held at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. May I ask any "Mum" (or Dad) to **please contact Kirstie Haves** on **07941 837994** to let us know if you wish to take a part and we can then hopefully set off the Christmas season together in this wonderful traditional way.

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 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Richard Turpin Vice  
Chairman of the PCC

### A Carol Soirée



Do come along and join us for a Carol  
Soirée at 8 Beech Avenue, Great  
Stukeley

**on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 7:00pm**



By kind permission of Mrs Janet Talbot

Come and enjoy a mince pie, a glass of cheer and sing some traditional Carols

Tickets priced at only £5.00 are available from

Mrs Janet Talbot 455042 or Mrs Doris Turpin 456476

All proceeds are for St Bartholomew's Church Funds



REMEMBER THE ROUND ORANGE?



### St Bartholomew's Christingle Service

If you want to know more about the 'Round Orange' and how it explains the love of Jesus for everyone in the world do join us in our Special Family Service at St Bartholomew's Church at 9:00am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January and enjoy the **Christingle** Service which began in Germany in 1747 and was introduced to The Church of England by the Children's Society over 40 years ago.

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO A

# **007** CASINO NIGHT

**On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
At Great Stukeley Village Hall  
8.00-11.30pm**

**Try your hand at the Blackjack or Roulette tables and then have a boogie. Price includes casino chips, nibbles and disco. There will be a raffle but no bar, so bring your own drinks.**

**Tickets priced £12 are available from Carol Buttercase 458089, Jan Sly 450197 or Sarah Toyn 07961 358067**

**Dress code smart – black tie optional**



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## **Quiz Night**

**Saturday 20 th February 7pm for a prompt start 7.30 pm  
in aid of St Martins Church ,  
held in Lt Stukeley Village Hall .  
Tickets £10 , supper, Bar and Raffle .  
Tickets from Jocelyn on tel 453213**



## NEW COOKER AT GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee would like to thank the Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show for their generous donation enabling the purchase of a dual fuel commercial oven for the village hall. The Committee would also like to thank the team of volunteers from both villages who helped install the oven and in particular Grahame Bundy and Barry Nunley. We very much appreciate your tireless efforts and the time it took to carry out the installation.

**Sarah Toyn**  
**Chair GSVHC**

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### **A Neighbourhood Plan for The Stukeleys**

The Parish Council has resolved to try to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan to cover all of the Parish, including Alconbury Weald and RAF Alconbury. This has not been done lightly as there is much work involved but there are considerable advantages to be had. A Neighbourhood Plan could help our local community have more control over any potential development or changes to existing proposals at Alconbury Weald, RAF Alconbury and land adjacent to Ermine Business Park. It would also significantly increase the proportion of funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new developments which could be secured for projects within the Parish rather than being spent elsewhere.

A Neighbourhood Plan helps set out the community's vision for its area over ten, fifteen or twenty years. Once agreed it would have the same legal status as the District Council's Local Plan so decisions on planning applications would have to take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration. The Parish Council initiates the process but works with the community to develop policies and proposals. Agreement by residents has to be secured through a referendum before the plan can be passed.

A first formal step will be local consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Area by the parish council and Huntingdonshire District Council. One meeting has taken place between the Parish Council and the planning officers at the District Council to explore the process and any grants which may be available to help.

To progress matters, the Parish Council is setting up a Steering Group, the core of which will be its Planning Committee but will also include a number of other Parish Councillors plus two residents who have expressed an interest in helping. **If you would like to help or find out more, please contact me!**

**Michael Monk**  
**Chairman, Planning Committee, Stukeleys Parish Council**



## GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL – REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity	Organiser
<b>Mondays</b>		
7-10pm	Bridge	Joan Gray 455773
5-7pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b>	Coach Alex 07961 192844
7-10pm	Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis	
<b>Tuesdays</b>		
9.30-10.20am	<b>Pilates</b> (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
7.30-9pm	<b>Slimming World</b>	Adrian Flintoft 07826 555255
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
10.30-12.00 last Wed	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	Jan Sly 450197
2-4pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
7.30-10pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	<b>The Stukeleys Women's Institute</b>	Jan Sly 450197
<b>Thursdays</b>		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
5-7pm 7-10pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b> Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis	Coach Alex 07961 192844
<b>Fridays</b>		
2-4pm	Bridge	
<b>Saturdays</b>		
9.15 10.15	<b>Jazzercise</b> Dance Mixx Strength 45	Dana Rowe 07760 824609
1-5pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b> All ages (subject to other hall bookings – next session Jan 2016)	Coach Alex 07961 192844
<b>To book GSVH please call Hilma on 454058</b> <b>(please leave a message and she will return your call)</b> <b>The activities in bold welcome new members</b>		

## **Bungling Bumbling Bob**

Is it me but I get the feeling that Bumbling Bobs monthly spiel seems to be becoming more and more personal attacks, albeit a lot of them shielded in innuendo. Bob is forever running down the Stukeleys Parish Council having resigned with others a while back, surely for the sake of the Parish he ought to still be there showing us all how it should be done. These attacks to my mind are at best getting boring and at worse bordering on being vindictive.

His quotation of 'people in glass houses should not throw stones' aptly reminded me of something from his time on the Parish Council and again over fencing in the playing field, a subject he seems to have taken a holier than thou attitude over and I am sure has been conveniently forgotten. Suffice to say the Parish Council ended up paying out twice to get the job done and in no small part down to good old Bungling himself.

**Ian Parris**

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### **The Stukeleys Heritage Group Our trip to the Imperial War Museum**

This took place on a very wet Trafalgar Day (21st October) which unfortunately meant a much longer journey down with congested roads as a result of earlier accidents. Fortunately, our driver Tim knew a few short-cuts to avoid some of the worst hold-ups. He also managed by a very quick reaction to avoid an accident in Central London when a white van man cut right across our path.

The IWM at Southwark was well worth the visit, especially the WW1 Gallery, and I found the WW2 Home Front gallery also very interesting. I know several of our group made it up to the top floor to see the medals collection.

My one disappointment was the space allocated for refreshments, which was heavily oversubscribed even at mid-week and out of school holiday periods. I have written to the IWM making this point.

May I thank all of you who came on the trip for your good natured attitude to the delay in our journey and for the pleasant camaraderie throughout. It was really pleasing to see a full coach!

### **The December Meeting is Wednesday 16th at 7.30 pm in Great Stukeley Village Hall**

We will be reviewing the past year, enjoying mince pies and mulled wine and there will be a Christmas Stukeleys Quiz!

I have also received some additional photographs and newspaper cuttings from Gill (Curtis) Brown who was brought up in the village but now lives in Norfolk. Gill has kindly given this material for the Group to keep. Some of the collection members may have seen, but other items I think are new to us. They will all be on display at the meeting for you to look over.

**Michael Monk  
Convenor.**



## The Bumbling's Reply to Mr Michael Monk and his diatribe on behalf of the Stukeleys Parish Council (SPC) in the November issue

You would have all read the centre pages of last month's magazine in which Councillor Monk attributes me with motives such as, quote, "...BB is conducting a one-man vitriolic vendetta against your Parish Council. I'm not sure what the purpose is but must assume that it is an ego-boosting trip to show how clever and amusing BB is and how things have gone to pieces since he stood down from the Parish Council".

How far from the truth is that comment. The SPC is a public body dealing with the public's money, just as in the same way the Government spends our taxes. Is it not right that someone holds the SPC to account or do we just let them run riot with our money and stay silent and do nothing? People behaving in that way in the extreme allowed Nazism and Fascism to flourish unchecked; in a much smaller way those of us that are old enough remember what happened to Liverpool in the 1970's and early 1980's when Derek Hatton was not opposed and ran riot. The members of the SPC do not have a God given right to work in a sanctum nor have they the right to be above criticism. I agree that everyone makes mistakes BUT the matters I have reported upon have shown that far from learning they go on to make the same mistakes again. I have reported upon nothing but the facts sprinkled with my own interpretations when those facts are not clear and indeed added upon occasion my own view. The SPC cannot adopt the roles of Saints.

I DO NOT LIE and never have done in my articles. If the SPC do not like honest reporting that's just tough. Mr Monk ( acting as spokesperson for the SPC) makes certain remarks so let's look at those and the facts behind them.

*"the Vice Chair even suggested that the editor had to pass all articles and letters to be published to him and then to the Parish Council first so that they could decide if they were to be published." No. Wrong. The Vice-Chairman suggested the BB column (not all articles) should be sent to the Parish Council for information so that a response could be made in the same edition of the magazine.*

The comments above were indeed stated by the Vice Chair and I stand by them. The SPC Clerk knew I was taking copious contemporaneously made notes and at one point stated that she was uncertain who was taking the minutes of the meeting? Mr Monk was not taking notes.

*"Freedom of Information requests. Interesting that this includes the saga of fencing at Great Stukeley Playing Field, determined while BB was a councillor. FOI requests are a sledgehammer approach to matters which in a small rural community should be settled by friendly exchanges.*

*I have asked the Clerk to keep a record of how much additional paid time is being spent on this so that we can all be aware of the cost to residents."*

Now here we have what is called reverse threats. If I ask for information which lawfully I am entitled to then I am a naughty boy and should be shown to be so. Well Mr Monk if the information had been freely given I would not have asked for the same. And to put matters straight the SPC have REFUSED to give me the information as they state it's freely available on the website, which it is not. How coy they are. A term comes to mind inclusive of the words `smoke and fire`.

*"Guillotining Parish meetings? - no - that is less democratic. I sat alongside BB all the time he was a councillor including in Mr Pinner's excellent chairmanship and do not recall matters being guillotined as suggested by BB".*

Well I recall many a time when Mr Pinner would look at his watch and state something along the lines ....that he was sure the local pub could do with some business ...and the meetings wind up fairly quickly after that.

*"Even the County and District Councillors were appalled at the length of the agenda" Really? I have never heard this and I cannot believe that either of our two County Councillors or our District Councillor would be so discourteous about another councils business".*

As I stated Mr Monk, I DO NOT LIE. Perhaps you should have asked County Councillor Sir Peter Brown and District Councillor Keith Baker whether they stated as I reported instead of making much of your own assumptions. And in the same way you report that two SPC Councillors stated my reason for not standing at the last election was "that there was too much for the Parish Council to have to deal with". Partly correct. What I actually stated was "I am very busy in my business and with the Alconbury development there will be too much work in the Parish Council for me to have to deal with as well and it would not be fair for me to stand and not do a proper job". It is never good practice to publish hearsay which is why I do not do it. It can land you with ridicule if you are not careful.

Lastly I note that a Parish Councillor from Little Stukeley HAS resigned and I for one will not cry tears over it. The SPC is far too small to have threats of political correctness hovering over it all the time. Let's call a spade a spade and have done with it. I hear Mr Pinner is looking to take up the post. Well good luck to him. A rather splendid replacement I feel and one who is not afraid to speak his mind. Vote Pinner!!

So there you have it. A Bumbling riposte. I personally hope not to have to revisit this matter as its getting boring now SPC. Just do your job and do it well and you will have Nil criticism levelled at you.

May I also point out that I have saved the SPC around £3,000 in costs in the last month but that is not mentioned?! Nuff said.

## Operation Hunter tackles burglary \*\*\* with image \*\*\*



### Targeting burglars, protecting the vulnerable

Residents are urged to:

\*Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when they are inside the house. Always check and lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door.

\*Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.

\*Never leave items such as keys, bags, presents and money on show through a window.

\*Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.

\*Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.

\*Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.

\*Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.

\*A visible intruder alarm box can prove to be one of the biggest deterrents to an opportunist burglar, so consider installing a DIY or supplier installed system.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).



## Stay well this winter

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4 million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy – get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Look after others – check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- Be prepared – get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- Choose the right service – your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

For help with finding local NHS services visit

<http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

**Facebook post:** Using A&E when you don't need to costs the local NHS over £4million a year; that's £87 per person, per visit. There are lots of other NHS services you can use instead. Visit

<http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/> for more information.

### **Tweets:**

The local NHS @cambspboroccg found 1 in 4 people visited A&E when they could have used another service. Find the right service at:

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Each trip to A&E costs the NHS £87. @cambspboroccg is encouraging residents to choose the right NHS service

[www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk](http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk)

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# THE STUKELEYS WI Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The President, Nicki Sly, welcomed 35 members to the meeting and 3 visitors including Phyllis Brooks who had been invited to run the election for President at the General Meeting. 2 apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Nita Charter for the Curtis Bowl and Ruby Papworth for the draw prize. We sang Jerusalem.

The minutes for the October meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and that Nicki should sign them.

Matters arising: The Stukeleys WI is hosting the Spring Group Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm. It was proposed that we have a 1940s theme with a speaker on "The way we were in the 1940s" and a singer(s) to entertain us with songs from the 40s. The competitions could be to make jam biscuits using a 1940s recipe and to dress in the style of the 1940s. No other ideas were put forward so the 1940s proposal was put to a vote For: 28 Against 0 Abstentions 7. The Group Officers' Meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Various boards were put out for Christmas Dinner, Parking Permits and Charity ideas. Members were reminded about Secret Santa for the Party next month and Nicki asked for volunteers to make table decorations. Six people volunteered: Jude Wood, Freda Butter, Jennifer Liddell, Joan Gray, Margaret Helme and Kath Simpson. Sheila Stephenson asked if anyone else wanted to take part in the 200 club and explained to new members what it was about.

Correspondence: various correspondence was read out including 2015-16 Resolution Shortlist and a letter from the Bretton Belles inviting 3 members to their Christmas Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 for a craft session and lunch.

Forthcoming events: Community Coffee Morning at GSVH 10.30am on 25<sup>th</sup> November where Sue Stevens will have a chocolate stall.

Any Other Business: Sheila Stephenson read out a moving poem about Remembrance Day. Nicki asked if any more members wanted to join the committee but no-one came forward.

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 six 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 and the result was that Jan Sly and Kath Simpson were elected as Joint Presidents. There followed a Fish and Chip supper. Nicki Sly took back the meeting from Phyllis Brooks, thanked her for all her help in running the election and closed the General Meeting. The November monthly meeting was then re-opened.

The competition was a small decorative ornament. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Nita Charter 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Jennifer Liddell 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Doris Sadler. The draw prize was won by Marlene Garner.

The next meeting is the Christmas Party on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7pm** Curtis Bowl: Ann Monk and Draw: Committee. Berrill Cup Competition: A Christmas Tree Decoration.

**Sarah Toyn**

# ODE TO AUTUMN LEAVES

By Janet Talbot

'Tis two months into Autumn and I am forlorn  
My beech leaves have fallen all over my lawn  
The fact that they're there, there is no concealing  
But after 3 weeks, my lawn mower's reeling!  
These tumbling leaves have been blown willy-nilly  
And picking them up has driven me silly!  
Fifty bags to the tip have already been taken  
But more leaves from the tree had the nerve to be shaken!  
I'm not sure if ever this battle I'll win  
But next year to the beech tree a notice I'll pin:  
'Oyez, oyez, all you leaves on this tree  
Please fall in one pile, to please forlorn me.  
Don't fall to the left, don't fall to the right,  
And please, Mr North Wind, consider my plight!'



Little Stukeley Village Hall



## New Year's Eve Party

Thursday 31st December 2015 at 2000

Tickets (no cost) from

**Mrs Sally Smith Tel: 01480 450 356**

or email: [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)



**BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE and SECRETS of  
SCOTLAND YARD and the BLACK MUSEUM  
Tuesday 15th March 2016  
PAYMENT DUE**

SCOTLAND YARD is on the move! During the change in headquarters some of the contents of Room 101-known as *THE BLACK MUSEUM* are on display to the public for the very first time in an exhibition at the Museum of London.

This museum was conceived in 1874 by Inspector Neame to give practical instruction for detecting and preventing crime. Neame together with PC Randall, were both permanently appointed to the Prisoner's Property Store and gathered *sufficient* material on both old and new crimes to open the officially sanctioned Museum in late 1875.

DO JOIN US for this fascinating day starting in the East End with a delicious *BRUNCH BREAKFAST* on the *TEREZA JOANNE* moored permanently at the Royal Docks. This is a lovely venue with great views surrounded by the *Long Good Friday* country!

PAYMENT DUE: PLEASE NOTE that FULL PAYMENT of £48.50 per person which includes your *BRUNCH BREAKFAST*, coach trip to and from London, a tour of crime spots in the East End of London, your visit to the *BLACK MUSEUM* and tips for both your *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, who will be with us for the whole day, and your coach driver.

Your payment is due IN CASH ONLY which MUST BE RECEIVED by me personally NO LATER THAN 5PM on THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2015.

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

**Mary Alleyne-James  
Tour Organizer  
Tel 01480 433 954**

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**The GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II Thursday 19th May 2016**

JOIN us on Thursday 19th May 2016 for our exciting FASHION SHOW evening to be held at the Great Stukeley Village Hall.

Our three local Models will be showing every day fashion from the leading High Street stores including *Austin Reed, Country Casuals, M&S, Next, Phase 8 and Wallis* among others.

Doors will open at 7pm and our FASHION SHOW will begin at 7.30pm prompt. The attractive cover charge is an affordable £7.00 per person so please bring along your family, neighbours and friends.

A glass of wine or an Orange Juice will be offered to all who attend.

For a fun, hassle-free evening with opportunities for great bargains PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US at the Great Stukeley Village Hall.

**Mary Alleyne-James  
Event Organizer  
Tel:01480 433 954**



Little Stukeley Village Hall



**Christmas Dinner**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7PM for 7:30PM

Tickets £12

Includes food and entertainment

From Mrs Sally Smith Tel: 01480 450 356

or email: [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)



**Community  
Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 27 Jan 2016**

**10.30 – 12.00**

**At Great Stukeley Village Hall**

(and every last Wednesday 24 Feb, 30 Mar, 27 Apr, 25 May, 29 June, 27  
July, 31 Aug, 28 Sept, 26 Oct & 30 Nov)

**The Stukeleys WI are holding a community coffee morning every last Wednesday of the month to raise money for their chosen charity and The Stukeleys WI.**

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

# Update from Alconbury Weald

Progress continues on the development at Alconbury Weald, where Breheny have been working hard to put in place the power, water and digital connections needed for the first phase of housing, as well as the internal roads and the new residential access onto Ermine Street.

This work will enable Hopkins Homes to start on site before Christmas to build the first 128 homes, with the new access due to be open for the selling of the first homes in the Summer of 2016. Following on from discussions through the Ermine Street Traffic Group, Urban&Civic have been working with local authority partners to take forward options for the £1m of street enhancements which will make Ermine Street feel more like the village road it is, and minimise traffic through the village from the new development. Following further discussions in December, it is anticipated the proposed designs will be consulted on with the 2 villages in early 2016.

Morgan Sindall are also working hard on the Weald's first Primary School, with the hope that the main structure will be up by the end of January. The building will be completed in time to open its doors in September 2016. You can find out more about the new school through its website at [www.ermstca.org](http://www.ermstca.org).

Meanwhile on the Enterprise Zone, Stukeleys' Parish Councillors joined other local dignitaries, stakeholders and contractors for the topping out ceremony to mark the completion of the external façade of the new Club building at Alconbury Enterprise Campus. Designed by AHMM, the architects who created the award-winning Incubator, the Club sits further along the tree-lined boulevard at the threshold between the residential and commercial zones at Alconbury Weald.

The three-storey building will provide a café, gym, meeting rooms and event space for businesses and residents on the growing site and in the wider area. It will also provide a new base for the expanding Urban&Civic team, acting as the Campus HQ for events and visitors from Spring 2016. The Club ceremony also marked the end of the first phase of infrastructure work which has seen over £20m spent on demolition and remediation work, and new power, water and digital connections going in to prepare the ground for the next phase of over 800,000 sq ft of commercial space. The investment included £5m from the Government's Building Foundations for Growth fund, secured in partnership with Huntingdonshire District Council and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership.

Specialist contractor Professional Demolition and Remediation (ProDem) and Breheny have carried out most of the site preparation work to date and, using specialist equipment, have ensured that in excess of 98% of all materials generated on site have been recycled and reused. Over 7000 tonnes of recycled concrete from taxiways and hard standing have already been used in the infrastructure work, saving 31.5 tonnes of CO2 and hundreds of lorry movements locally to bring in materials.

Now that work is completed Urban&Civic are busy working with a number of businesses to design buildings for them to move onto the site. The first of these has gone into planning, and should see MMUK on site by August 2016.

With so many contractors on site and new businesses bringing job opportunities, Urban&Civic have been working with partners to develop a jobs and skills service to help local people into work. The service - called EDGE - was officially launched at a Westminster reception hosted by Huntingdonshire MP Jonathan Djanogly on 9 November.

EDGE was set up with local public and private sector partners to support the creation of over 8,000 potential jobs from the delivery and development of Alconbury Weald. Working with local businesses, training providers, jobseekers and schools, EDGE is helping to improve the transition between education and industry, address core skills gaps, improve employer engagement in skills development and ensure relevant and effective training.

Operating from its town centre premises in Huntingdon, as well as from partner locations, the EDGE service provides a myriad of support including:

- Identifying and supporting the recruitment needs of local businesses
- Looking at their needs in the future: developing relevant training and bespoke apprenticeship schemes, and working with schools to prepare the next generation
- Raising economic awareness of students and providing information and advice on potential career opportunities in growth sectors
- Working with education providers to ensure young people leave school with basic 'work-ready' skills
- Providing practical support for jobseekers, such as CV writing and job applications, interview practice and careers advice.
- Facilitating joint events, business seminars and careers fairs.

To find out more about EDGE call the team on 01480 435 654 or e-mail [info@sharpperskills.co.uk](mailto:info@sharpperskills.co.uk).

Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic, said:

"We always wanted to ensure that the development of Alconbury Weald – both the Enterprise Zone and the wider residential development – maximised the opportunities for people locally: whether through the new facilities developing on site or opportunities with our contractors or businesses relocating to the area. The great thing about EDGE, is that it works for both businesses looking to relocate to the site, and to help local people and businesses to benefit from the potential that this multi-million-pound investment brings to the area."

Anybody wanting to come up and see the progress and have a tour of the site should get in touch with the team on 01480 413141 or by emailing [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com).

Lastly, we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and fulfilling 2016 and look forward to catching up at future meetings and events.

**Rebecca Britton**





**THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL:  
Vincent's Christmas Wonderland  
*Tuesday 8th December 2015*  
"BRITAIN'S FRIENDLIEST VENUE"**

Today you are visiting the **NUMBER ONE** rated London attraction by *Tripadvisor* on Tuesday 8th December 2015 with a show start time of 2.30pm.

Please note that parking is **NOT ALLOWED** at the Great Stukeley Village Hall.

**Our day's programme:**

- 09.45 am** Please plan your arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall
- 10.00am** **PROMPT** departure by Kiddles Coach from the Great Stukeley Village Hall
- 12.00pm** Estimated time of arrival at the **BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL**
- 12.15pm** Admission to **BRICK LANE**, North Woolwich Road. You will be advised of your table number on the day.
- 1.00pm** A three course Christmas Lunch will be served. Your lunch, which is included in the price of your trip, is prepared on the premises and is of the highest standard. A vegetarian option is offered. Please advise your server on the day if you require this option.
- 2.30pm** Before the show begins raffle tickets will be sold. The fun starts on stage with Vincent and his guests.
- 4.30/**
- 4.45pm** The show concludes and we reboard our coach outside
- 7.30pm** Scheduled arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall- depending on traffic.

**THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL** has a licensed bar. **ALL DRINKS TO BE SETTLED PERSONALLY ON THE DAY.**

Vincent Hayes opened **THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL** in 1992 in the former Truman's Brewery building in Brick Lane-from whence the show takes its name. **THE MUSIC HALL** finally settled in Silvertown by the Royal Docks, next to City Airport.

Wishing you a truly wonderful day at **THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL.**I greatly appreciate your support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Mary Alleyne-James  
Trip Organizer  
Tel 01480 433 954

## PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS - Friday 17th June 2016

***Let's Have Some Fun Together!***

LET'S GO TO THE DOGS! On Friday 17th June 2016 I am offering the opportunity to visit the Peterborough Greyhound Stadium.

We will meet that evening at 6.30pm at the Stadium which is situated at Fengate in Peterborough. To keep costs down we are offering this really fun visit on a Friday night which is less expensive than a Saturday evening.

The excellent *SILVER PACKAGE* three course meal in the Stadium's *RACEVIEW RESTAURANT* will cost between £20 and £24 per person. Drinks are not included and tips are at your discretion.

The races will run between 7.30pm and 10.30pm and betting can be made directly from your table in the *RACEVIEW RESTAURANT*.

If this really enjoyable evening holds interest, I would appreciate hearing from you **WITHOUT DELAY** so that I can go ahead and confirm my bookings.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
**Event Organizer**  
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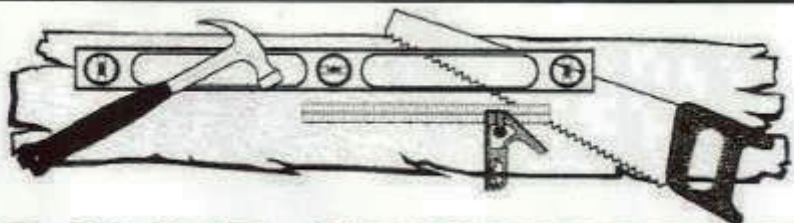
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                                     3.00 pm      Afternoon Worship at  
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Every Wednesday              7.00 pm      Prayer Meeting

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December      9.00 am All men welcome, come and bring a friend

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December      6.00 pm Bethlehem Peace Light

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December      11.00 am Carol Service

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December      11.00 am      Christmas Day Service followed by lunch.  
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Once again the scouts are having the peace candle of light. You are all welcome to come and share in it on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm for about an hour.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some of our members as they are called to serve elsewhere. It is always sad when this happens but that is part of roll of an International Church. We give thanks for the time they serve the Church here while away from Home. We will miss Robert and Maame. They met here 3 years ago and have been married for 1 year. We never know what will happen next. Just keeps happening.

As we start the new year may it be a great one for you all. God Bless everyone.

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### December

6th Second Sunday of Advent	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>
13th Third Sunday of Advent	<b>8.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton	<b>6.00 pm</b> Leader	Carol Service Rev'd Andrew Milton
	<b>9.00 am</b> Leader	Family Service Alan McGoff		
20th Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton	8.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
24th <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b> Leader	Nativity Carol Service Richard Turpin		<b>No Service</b>
	<b>11.30 pm</b> Celebrant	Midnight Mass Rev'd Geoffrey Dobson		
25th <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Philip Swindells		<b>No Service</b>
27th Second Sunday of Christmas	<b>9.00 am</b> Leader	Morning Prayer Janet Talbot	9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton

### January

3rd Second Sunday of Christmas <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>
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