



December 2016

Laying the Wreaths on Remembrance Sunday 2016



Mrs Jocelyn Kerr laying the wreath at Little Stukeley War Memorial



Great Stukeley War Memorial



Mike Monk laid the wreath in Great Stukeley

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To everyone in the Stukeleys**



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FUTURE EVENTS

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| Mon 7 th Nov | Parish Council Meeting | 7.30 pm | GSVH |
| Sat 5 th Nov | Fireworks & Bonfire Night | 7.00 pm | LSVH |
| Sat 12 th Nov | Mens Breakfast | 9.00 am | Grace Fellowship |
| Wed 16 th Nov | Buster's Tales Part 2 | 7.30 pm | GSVH |
| Sat 19 th Nov | Social Club Supper Night | | LSVH |
| Sun 20 th Nov | Thursford Spectacular Trip | 9.45 pm | GSVH |
| Sun 27 th Nov | Quiz Night | | Stukeleys Hotel |

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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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WISHING OUR PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON
and ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR.

WE ARE GREATLY INDEBTED TO YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
ALL IN THE NEW YEAR

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October 2016

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The Stukeleys Parish Council 2017 Village Hall Booking for Meetings

Mon 6 Feb – GSVH - Mon 6 Mar – LSVH
Mon 3 Apr – GSVH - Mon 8 May – LSVH
Mon 5 Jun – GSVH - Mon 3 Jul – LSVH
Mon 4 Sep – GSVH - Mon 2 Oct – LSVH
Mon 6 Nov – GSVH - Mon 4 Dec – LSVH

THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council met on 7 Nov 16 at Great Stukeley Village Hall and the next scheduled meeting is on Mon 5 Dec 16 at Little Stukeley Village Hall. Please note that Council does not meet in January, therefore the 1st meeting in 2017 is scheduled on Mon 6 Feb 17 at GSVH, but please check the website and Notice Boards for the extraordinary meetings.

There are no more Vacancies on the Parish Council as the last Councillor Vacancy was now filled by co-option at November Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Council Meetings start with 15 MINUTE OPEN MEETING 7.15pm to 7.30pm.

Members of the council are available between 7.15pm and 7.30pm when members of the public can address the Council in an open surgery session. This part cannot be longer than 15 minutes so that the formal meeting is started promptly at 7.30pm. Please see the Agenda for further details.

Budget and precept for 2017/178 are going to be approved at December Parish Council meeting. St. Bartholomew streetlight column looks great now it is in place.

Please also note that spelling mistake which occurred in Councillors' email addresses in the last issue is now corrected.

Have a great festive season!

Applications discussed at 7 Nov 16 Parish Council meeting:

New Applications:

16/02262/REM Submission of reserved matters (appearance, layout, landscaping, scale and mass) in respect of the construction of cricket park, watchtower green area, the boulevard and SUDS drainage infrastructure (including underground storage crates) and all associated engineering and earth works, including ground remodelling, formal landscaping and ancillary works. Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley, received 28 Oct 16

Recommend Approval: Application is in line with the overall Alconbury Weald development plan.

16/01968/HHFUL proposed first floor extension to provide an additional bedroom and bathroom, 2 Moorfield Way Great Stukeley, extension for PC recommendations gained till 10 Nov 16

Recommend Approval: No concerns.

16/02246/HHFUL Proposed first floor and single story extensions to residential dwelling. 50 Low Road Little Stukeley Huntingdon PE28 4BA, *received 25 Oct 16*

Recommend Approval: No concerns.

16/02013/REM Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley. - Proposal: Application for approval of appearance, access, layout, landscape design and scale in respect of the construction of 200 dwellings, two pocket parks, a linear park, associate highways, landscape and ancillary works, received 10 Oct 16, extension received till 7 Nov 16.

Recommend Approval: Application is in line with the overall Alconbury Weald Development Plan.

Next scheduled meeting is Mon 5 Dec 2016 and 6 Feb 2017. Please check the website and Notice Boards for Extraordinary meetings.

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LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Bonfire and Fireworks on 5th November went really well, the weather held out and despite the recent cold turn, we had over 60 people attend the evening. As always, these events don't happen without planning and support of many others. I'd like to thank Terry Pinner for the use of his field and tractor to help set up, Graham Smith for the loan of his van and for providing firewood, and on that theme, Andrew Owen and his delightful sons for setting and looking after the bonfire. The delicious food was prepared and served by Paula Robinson and Angela Edmundson with assistance from Jill Hossack and Gloria Pike. Fireworks were set off by Mark Edmundson and Bryan Schofield, both of whom also helped set-up together with Keith Winter and a few friends. Moreover, I'd like to thank Sally Smith for collecting ticket money and to Phil Scott for procuring most of the fireworks. Finally, I'd like to thank all of the villagers and friends who supported this event.

You'll notice elsewhere in the magazine several flyers for upcoming events, they are listed below too. We will have had the Mexican Night by the time this is published, however we still have the annual Christmas dinner on 10th December and the New Years' Eve Celebrations on 31st December. **If you plan to go to the New Years' Eve celebrations please let Sally Smith know before 10th December, if there aren't sufficient numbers we would like to give people time to make other arrangements.**

Plans for the Burns Supper and the Summer Ball Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are progressing. You can reserve your Summer Ball tickets right now by paying a **non-refundable £10 deposit** to Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com) or you can pay in full, tickets are £45 each. We have booked the marquee and a local band, 'Easy Livin', catering will be finalised soon.

If you'd like to help with any of the events, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll put you in contact with the relevant person.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events Philippa Larke (07711 786505 or Plarke@hotmail.co.uk) would be pleased to hear from you and she'll talk you through the arrangements. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Little Stukeley Village Hall and you can message Philippa from there too.

Regular bookings for the Hall include:

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| Daisies Montessori School | Weekdays | 9am – 3pm | Anna Elcox 01480 414638 |
| Line Dancing | Tuesdays | 7:15pm - 9:15pm | Silvie World 01480 353970 |
| Caledonian Dancers | Wednesdays & Fridays | 8pm - 10pm | Isobel Brown 01487 831783 |
| Karate | Saturdays | 10am – 11am | Lance Ewington 01480 417137 |
| Social Club | Sundays | 1pm – 2:30pm | Keith Winter 01480 450 656 |

Next Events

Our calendar of events is shown below, watch out for updates. I'd be delighted to hear your ideas for any future events and I look forward to seeing you in the Hall. Don't forget we run our Social Club Bar every Sunday 1PM – 2:30PM, it's a great way to meet your neighbours and fellow villagers. For membership of the Social Club please speak to Keith Winter (01480 450 656 keithwinter2@sky.com) who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. Tickets for all events can be obtained from Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)

2016

Saturday 10th December Christmas Dinner
Saturday 31st Dec New Year's Eve Party

2017

Saturday 28th January Burns Supper
Saturday 20th May Summer Ball Diamond Jubilee Celebration

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

David Robinson

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**Please come and join Little Stukeley Carol Singers
All Welcome**

North side of the village

18.30, Tuesday 13th December meet at bottom of church way

South side of the village

18.30 Thursday 15th December meet at 16 Mill Road

Carol Singing donations will be split between The Alzheimer's Society and St Martins Church

Thank you

Camilla Payne

Thank You

to our lovely village volunteers who tidied the church yard up so well in Little Stukeley.

Today was a volunteer tidy church yard day
20 villagers came equipped with tools to play.
Hedge cutters and chainsaws made a busy sound
whilst rakes and wheelbarrows were all around
Amidst the damp morning, you could hear the banter
Two hours spent cutting, clearing and loading the tractor
Five trailers later and we had finished clearing the ground
ready for tea, bacon sandwich and a little sit down!

A job very well done - thank you to you all.

Picture shows some of the garden rubbish that we removed from St Martin's Church.

Camilla Payne



Little Stukeley Village Hall
Burns Night
January 28th 2017 - 7.30pm

**Good Food, Sharp Wit, and Scottish Dancing
to celebrate the life and works of Robbie Burns**

Welcome Cocktail on arrival

Traditional Haggis three course meal, with Vegetarian Option
Scottish Dancing provided by the Huntingdon Caledonian Society

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

Tickets £12.50 and contact Sally Smith (07500 220615)

Quiz Night
Little Stukeley Village Hall
on Saturday 11th March 7 pm
for a prompt start 7.30 pm
Supper and Bar
Tickets £10 from Jocelyn Kerr
Tel 453213 or jocelynkerr@icloud.com

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th Jan 2017

10.30 – 12.00

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

The Stukeleys WI will continue to hold community coffee mornings every last Wednesday of the month in 2017. The money raised will be shared with The Stukeleys WI and a fund to purchase something to benefit the community in celebration of our 100th year in 2018.

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

National Service Remembered

By Ivan Cannon

I was most likely the last National Serviceman from either Great or Little Stukeley. I was deferred because of my Apprenticeship to J. Hedges Stapp. By the time I got my 'call up' papers, June 1960, I was married with a baby daughter, Lucy. I was not looking forward to the experience. I got my travel warrant and went by green bus from Huntingdon to Cardington. I got off the bus at the gates to Cardington and went to the guard room. First mistake, I should have gone by train, so would have to wait there for the buses to arrive with rest 'of the rabble'. When they arrived and a 'little man' was shouting out names with their and bed number. We collected bedding and were shown how to make a bed pack, then to NAFFI to get a meal. All the RAF 'bods' went home and left us to our misery. Next morning all hell broke loose, we had to walk along a long bench to collect gear. We each got, one hat for the use of, boots, great coat, shirts, pants, gloves, shoes, loose collars, studs, kit bags which we had to stuff everything in. Back to hut and shown how to put it all away. It was Friday 3pm, so again all the RAF bods went home for the weekend. Luckily we had one or two boys who had been in the Cadets. They told us how to clean/polish boot, buttons and webbing etc. Then we had to get our 'Civvies' together ready to send home. We spent the next two weeks doing a bit of Square Bashing, and running about in our new sports kit. One activity was playing 'murder Ball' in one of the big 'Airship' hangers on the base. Imagine 140 lads, in two teams, trying to get the ball, 3ft diameter and very heavy, over to the other side first!! No wonder it was called Murder Ball!

Day 14 we put our kit together and marched (sort of) to Cardington's own Railway Station. Get on the VERY old steam train, with kit bags and food parcels and off we trundled at about 20mph. We stopped three times for 'Loo' and where we got drinks. We headed to Bridgenorth, Shropshire, which was a mystery to us all. We went through Severn Valley just as sun was setting, and up to Bridgenorth High Town. Busses and lorries waiting for us, we piled on and went to RAF Bridgenorth. At guard room, stopped near parade ground, where all hell broke loose again as names were called, kit bags found, given hut number and bed space. DON'T walk on parade ground, that was Holy of Holies!!! 'Last Post' was playing, STOP where you are, Stand to attention and face flag pole. The bus could have stopped close to the huts, but then we wouldn't have learnt about the 'Holy of Holies'.

In the huts, we were taught how to do bed packs. Sheet folded to the thickness of an old 3d piece. Blanket a mug wide, and one blanket wrapped

around the pack. The locker door was open showing all the shirt collars ironed and folded. Also on the top shelf were gloves, t-shirts and pants. Folded shirts and shoes/boots etc and uniform on coat hangers. Great coat at the back of the bed. The peaked hat on the top of the wardrobe, the peak had to overhang, the size of a 3d piece (that **** 3d piece again). All bed squares had to be polished, bed feet all in a line down the hut. An officer, would look down the line and if one was out of place would tip everything on the floor. WE THEN HAD TO DO IT ALL AGAIN. We had to stand, silently, at attention while this was going on. The O'C mob would walk out laughing. The hut Cpl told us it all had to be cleared up and sorted by 8am the next day. All sorted, at 4pm, don't touch the bed, sleep on the floor.

Next morning more 'B*** S***', get polished, get dressed, breakfast don't forget fighting irons(cutlery) and mug, back to hut. Cpl sitting on a bed, said O'C had been around, all OK. Change into working kit, was same as best as RAF was getting rid of N/S blues. Boots on last, buffing the outside. March (hmm) to square and go right around. Shouting by drill Cpl's, do this, do that, feet all move together. 'You tall twits to the left and little squirts to the right'. So now we know where to stand, back to hut for mug for morning tea. If you were last in line you had time for two sips if you were lucky. Back to hut, bull boots, run back to square. Left, right, back, side march all use left feet together. STOP you useless mob, he's got two left feet. Cpl get something and scratch his left boot cap with an 'L'. Make sure the boot is polished by morning, you'll never forget left again.

This continued for another nine weeks. We did get the hang of it in the end. We had one lad in our hut who could not clean boots for toffee. [We put him on window cleaning and 'rubbish pick up' duty. We all did what we were best at, and therefore had been made into a good team, which was the aim of our ten weeks Basic Training. Out Hut won 'Best Hut' for the Cpl.

One day we were called to the hanger and told to pick our jobs (what we wanted) and put them on our form. No one got what they wanted, surprise surprise!! We were assigned various jobs and bases, I got Honington, Suffolk, as a cook. NOT bad as close to home.

A day or so later we had our Pass Out Parade, my wife came, and then we were free for three weeks. Total Joy!!!

Overall, National Service was not too bad, and made Men out of Boys, who knew what discipline was, and how to behave.

Little Stukeley Village Hall 60th Anniversary Grand Ball



Celebrate the Diamond Anniversary in Style!



20th May 2017

Reception 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm
Carriages 12.30pm

*Black Tie / Formal Dress
3 Course Meal served in Marquee
Five Piece Live Band – Easy Livin’
(50’s & 60’s to current day)
Entertainment – Cash Bar*

Tables of 10 or Individual Places available
Tickets £45 per person

*** **£10 Deposit due on Booking, Pay March** ***

Contact Sally Smith on 07500 220615 / sallysmith101@aol.com



Invite Family and Friends and book a whole table



NEW! THURSFORD’S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2017 BEST CHRISTMAS SHOW EVER!

This is to let you know that I am already thinking ahead to Thursford’s Christmas Spectacular in November 2017.

Tickets are very much sought after and I apply in the first days of January...and hope to be very lucky and obtain seats.

My requested dates for 2017 are:

Sunday 19th November 2017 Preferred

Sunday 26th November 2017 Alternative

I am currently preparing my list for Thursford 2017. PLEASE CALL ME without delay if you would like your name(s) to be included on my list.

PLEASE BE AWARE that this trip fills up within a matter of days rather than weeks. It is strictly first come/first served so please call me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid disappointment since I have already received requests for reservations.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

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

This day trip to LONDON promises to be most enjoyable with lots of Christmas Cheer and a delicious carvery lunch at The Strand Palace Hotel.

- 08.15am Please plan your arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall. PLEASE NOTE that there is NO PARKING at the Village Hall.
- 08.30am PROMPT departure by Kiddles Coaches from the hall to London. PLEASE BE ON TIME as we have a 71-mile journey ahead.
- 10.30am Estimated time of arrival at the WESTFIELD MALL Stratford City for a Christmas Shopping Treat!
- 12.30pm PROMPT return to our coach to the very same point as our drop-off.
- 12.35pm Depart from the WESTFIELD MALL Stratford City. All your shopping can be stored on the coach-just ask our driver.
- 1.20pm We meet our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Jeanie Carmichael, very near to our lunch destination.
- 1.30pm Arrival at THE STRAND PALACE HOTEL in the heart of *Theatreland* in the West End. Here we will have a tasty two-course lunch (which is included in the price of the trip) in the Hotels' swish *Carvery and Grill* restaurant. Portions are not rationed here-you can have as much as you like-and return for more! Drinks are NOT included. PLEASE NOTE that there are THREE (3) dessert choices-*Chocolate Bavarioux* (layered mousse), *Vanilla Cheesecake* or *Fruit Salad with Cream*. PLEASE ADVISE ME of your choice at least FOURTEEN (14) DAYS before our trip date.
- 3.30pm We will depart on our coach from the same spot where we were earlier dropped-off.
- 3.35pm Our Sights & Lights Christmas tour begins. Few world cities are as beautiful as London at night. We will view all the major sights in the City and the West End plus some of London's secret treasures and new buildings.
- 5.15pm We finish the day at the South Bank Christmas Market where you can do some last minute shopping for *Stocking Fillers*, have some refreshments and make a comfort stop.
- 6.00pm PROMPT departure by our coach from the same spot where we were dropped off earlier.
- 8.00pm Approximate arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall-depending on traffic out of London.

If you have any questions regarding this exciting Festive trip please feel free to call me. Your support in signing up for our trip to the BIG CITY is very much appreciated.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tour Organizer
Tel 01480 433 954

NEW! PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS

Friday 10th February 2017

BLOW AWAY THOSE POST CHRISTMAS BLUES!

Our trip in June 2016 to the PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUND STADIUM was such a success that I have been asked to organize another visit. This will be on Friday 10th February 2017.

This promises to be a hugely enjoyable evening with delicious food, great company and wonderful race entertainment.

The price for this event will be £39.00 per person which includes a superb three-course Silver Package dinner in the RACEVIEW RESTAURANT. Also included is our coach journey to and from the Stadium, and a tip for our driver. However, please note the DRINKS are NOT included and a tip for restaurant service is at your discretion.

If you are interested in this enjoyable event, please let me know WITHOUT DELAY so that I can go ahead and confirm my booking.

Mary Alleyne-James

Event Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

THIS COUNTRY CALLED ENGLAND:

Includes a THAMES CRUISE from WINDSOR to RUNNYMEDE

Thursday 18th May 2017

PAYMENT DUE

Our journey to Kingston-on-Thames begins PROMPTLY at 08.30am from the Great Stukeley Village Hall on Thursday 18th May 2017. This event includes a *Blue Badge Holder Guide* whom we will meet on the outskirts of Kingston around 10.15am.

Our visit to the *Rose Theatre's cafe* for tea/coffee and biscuits is included in the price of the tours' cover charge. Our walking tour of Kingston will begin where the Saxon Kings of the newly united country of England were crowned, *All Saints Church*, where construction began in 1120. We will drive along the Thames to Windsor and, after time for individual lunches, we will catch our hired pleasure cruiser for our TWO-HOUR journey downstream travelling through two locks to Runnymede. Before our journey home, commencing around 5.45pm, we will visit the new artwork commemorating the *Magna Carta*. Our approximate time of arrival back in Great Stukeley is scheduled for 7.30pm depending on traffic.

PAYMENT IS DUE: PLEASE NOTE that FULL PAYMENT of £47.50 per person IN CASH ONLY for this most informative trip into our history MUST BE RECEIVED by me personally no later than 5.00pm on THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 2016. Please be considerate and call me first to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to drop-off your payment at my home.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954



Christmas Bazaar

10TH DECEMBER 12 - 4 PM

FATHER CHRISTMAS

CRAFT & GIFT STALLS

CHILDRENS GAMES

HOT PUNCH, CAKE & MINCE PIES

REFRESHMENTS & BACON BAPS

HOME MADE CAKES

TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, HAMPER

FREE ENTRY AND FREE PARKING

AT

MS THERAPY CENTRE

BRADBURY HOUSE, MAYFIELD ROAD,

HUNTINGDON PE29 1UL

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THE STUKELEYS WI Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016

The President, Jan Sly, welcomed 26 members to the meeting. 5 apologies for absence were received. Jan thanked Nita Charter for the Curtis Bowl and Jennifer Liddell for the draw prize. Jerusalem was sung. The minutes for the October meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and that Jan should sign them.

Matters arising: The Autumn Group Meeting at Alconbury had been an excellent evening – both speaker and musician had been very entertaining. Jan thanked all those who had offered their cars for the lift share.

Correspondence: various correspondence was read out and put on the news line for members to read. The 2016-17 Resolutions Shortlist as set out in WI Life will be voted on in January's Meeting.

Various boards were put out for Christmas Dinner, Parking Permits and Refreshments/Roll call. Sheila Stephenson reminded members to see her regarding their contributions for the 200 Club (Nita and Betty have both been 200 club winners recently).

Forthcoming events: Huntingdon Male Voice Choir at St Barts on Saturday 12th November – tickets £9. Community Coffee Morning at GSVH 10.30am on 30th November. Jan asked whether members wished to continue with the coffee mornings in 2017 and members voted unanimously in favour. There followed a discussion about how we could raise money for something that benefits the community to be presented during our birthday year 2018. It was agreed that half the money from the coffee mornings next year would go towards this community benefit fund and that we would have to ask what the community wanted us to buy for them.

Christmas Party: members were reminded the party is 14th December at 7 for 7.15pm prompt start. Set up at noon – various members agreed to help including Ann Render, Deanna Strange, Sarah Toyn. Secret Santa is set at £3 again (something tasteful) and Jan asked for volunteers to make table decorations: Jude Wood, Joan Gray, Freda Butter, Christine Haigs, Janet Talbot and Gwen Clements all volunteered. The draw is provided by the committee although other donations gratefully received. Christine Haigs offered to sell raffle tickets. Members should indicate with their Christmas dinner choice whether they would like sherry. It was agreed to offer a Christmas cake and a sponge cake. The entertainer is Sean Moyses – Banjo Man who will start at 8.30pm – Doris agreed to give the vote of thanks.

The President, Jan 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. There followed a Fish and Chip Supper.

When the meeting re-opened, 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. Two members said they would like to join the committee: Jill Sapsed and Zena Betts. They were nominated by Sarah Toyn and seconded by Jan Sly. There were no new nominations for President and members voted unanimously in favour of Jan Sly remaining as President. Jan closed the General Meeting. The November monthly meeting was then re-opened.

The competition was a napkin holder. 1st prize: Doris Sadler 2nd prize: Marlene Garner 3rd prize: Monica Brown and Jill Sapsed. The draw prize was won by Jill Sapsed.

The next meeting is the Christmas Party on 14th **December 2016 at 7pm** Curtis Bowl: Moira Eddington and Draw: Committee. Berrill Cup Competition: A Christmas Poem AYOW

Sarah Toyn

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

INVITES YOU TO A



CASINO NIGHT

On Saturday 3rd December 2016

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

8.00-11.30pm

Try your hand at the Blackjack, Texas Hold'em Poker or Roulette tables. Price includes casino chips and buffet. There will be a raffle but no bar, so bring your own drinks.

Tickets priced £20 are available from Carol Buttercase 458089, Helen or David Silsby 01480 459543 or Sarah Toyn 07961 358067

Dress code smart



Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club has moved to Ermine Street Church Academy, Swynford Road, Alconbury Weald PE28 4XG (second on the right after Little Stukeley).

Our sessions are on Mondays 6-10pm and Thursdays 6-10pm. All are welcome. Please contact coach Alex on 07961 192844 for more information.

Alconbury & Brampton Surgeries

Premises I am sure you will have noticed that we are progressing with our extension of the Surgery. We are hopeful that building works should be completed in the New Year with the rooms being available in February 2017. As our Practice list size grows we will be working to ensure we have capacity to sustain our current level of service for both our existing and the new patients anticipated.

Pharmacy: You may be aware that an application to open a Pharmacy in Alconbury Village has been ongoing in recent months. As a Practice we have opposed this on the grounds that a Pharmacy would not be able to provide any services to patients that are not already available at the Surgery itself. We are currently awaiting the outcome of an appeal hearing in relation to this application. We wish to reassure you that whatever the outcome, we will do our utmost to minimise any disruption to services provided to our patients.

Team Changes; In November we have Sharon Burnham joining our reception team at both Surgeries and in December GP Registrar Dr Jackson will be leaving us but Dr Hattle is returning from Maternity Leave. Dr Anyanwu is with us until April, Dr Kooverjee remains with us until May and Dr Jiwa will be at the Practice until August 2017. We also have Cambridge University Medical Students with us for 2 weeks in December. All trainees are supported by our existing GP team to ensure you continue to receive a positive experience at the Surgery.

Albram continues to work hard for the Practice raising monies and co-ordinating the drivers' service provided by patients for patients. This service is only possible through the efforts of a number of volunteers whom we would like to thank wholeheartedly. Should you have a spare hour or two each week and be available to support your patient group in this way then please make the reception team aware. Alternatively, please show your appreciation of all they do by supporting the ALBRAM Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase from either Surgery from 7th November.

Melanie Fowler
Practice Manager



Mr Pernickety Visits: The Mermaid, Ellington, Just off the A14

The pub is an early 1600`s building being timber framed and plastered to the front which originally jettied to the street, with a late 1600`s painted brick extension. There is also a part of a late 1300`s building incorporated into the later building. The pub name comes from the old ships' timbers used in its construction. The ancient beams of the building provide character and warmth to create a great atmosphere. In its more recent history WWII American bomber aircrew hammered nickels and dimes into the cracks of the beams as a token of good luck before embarking on their missions – hoping to retrieve them on their return, and buy a pint! The coins are still there as many did not return from their last mission.

The pub is a free house and with a Michelin starred chef at the helm its food is what you would expect; arty but delicious with just the right amount served.

Upon my arrival on a Thursday evening it was noted there was a great atmosphere with a fair number of locals standing at the bar drinking from a good selection of real cask ales. The pub also has an extensive listing of good wines by the glass on offer as well as a wonderful selection of gins; my own village Inn could take a lesson from this! To top it off you had 20 tapas to choose from and eat at the bar; excellent! There was also a real fire in the grate to warm yourself by. The front bar also had several tables and even at 18-30hrs some were occupied by early diners. There are further tables to eat from in the rear of the pub which I have to say would be better for a quiet romantic meal as the atmosphere would lend itself to such. Three of the tables allow you to look into the spotless kitchen through a glass partition to watch your food being prepared.

As it was a Thursday it was `Curry challenge` night and for £16 I had the following; East Indian charred mackerel, with spiced lentils & garlic yoghurt; Kerala rich beef curry, with fresh ginger& plum tomatoes and finally Thai Kale & Peanut Curry, with ginger, chilli, bok choy & soy all with breads and rice. I had Tiger beer at £2 a bottle. A full blown a la carte meal would cost around £40 per head, not cheap but worth it. In fact I would rather go here than the fabled Bridge Hotel.

Go, it's a delightful, mouth-watering experience!! I shall certainly return.

Service: 8 from 10 Drink: 9 from 10 Food: 10 from 10 Total 27 from 30

Mr Pernickety Visits: The Stukeleys Inn, Great Stukeley Village, Huntingdon

Formerly a farmhouse with piggery attached it is now a restaurant and inn. Built in the early 18thC and of red brick incorporating an earlier timber framed house on site. Internally fragments of timber framing are visible in the rear wall. There is an inglenook hearth sadly with a gas fire installed. The premises have been under new management for the last few months and some changes have been made to the interior furniture placements with soft furnishings added.

Upon my arrival last month it was noted that the establishment was `jaded` in its looks with one interior wall having peeling plaster work and the bar area having seen better days. There is a curious banquet seating arrangement near the bar with a two colour scheme which is reminiscent of what you would find in an Indian restaurants take away area. There was piped music playing from a national radio station.

The clientele at 19-00hrs was sparse with three at the bar and two more in the lower seating area. The barman Russell was well presented and had a good manner and obviously knew his job. The beers on offer were uninspiring being various kegs of dubious reputation plus Green King IPA and a guest ale. Neither of the cask ales was in tip top condition upon serving with the wines on offer best being left in the bottle! The atmosphere was totally lacking.

The food on offer was standard pub grub, steady but uninspiring although I have to note that there is a new chef in residence and I was told that he is looking to introduce a more eclectic and wider menu. I declined to eat.

By 20-00hrs the five original clientele had been swelled by several diners from the nearby air base. They seemed to be the core users of the pub as my enquiries elicited that the pub itself was not frequented by many villagers which is a shame. "Use it or lose it" comes to mind.

This establishment will be visited by Mr Pernickety again in the coming months to see if any further improvements have been made.

Service: 6 from 10 Drink: 6 from 10 Food: Not sampled.

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| Tuesdays | | |
| 9.30-10.20am | Pilates (term time only) | Zara Walters 07917 755512 |
| Wednesdays | | |
| 10.30-12.00 last Wed | Community Coffee Morning | Jan Sly 450197 |
| 2-4pm 4 th Wed | The Craft Club | Joan Gray 455773 |
| 7.30-10pm 2 nd Wed | The Stukeleys Women’s Institute | Jan Sly 450197 |
| Thursdays | | |
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| Fridays | | |
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| Saturdays | | |
| 9.15 10.15 | Jazzercise Dance Mixx Strength 45 | Dana Rowe 07760 824609 |
| 1-5pm | Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club All ages | Coach Alex 07961 192844 |
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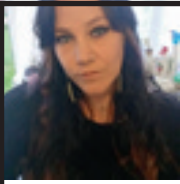
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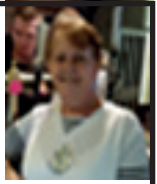
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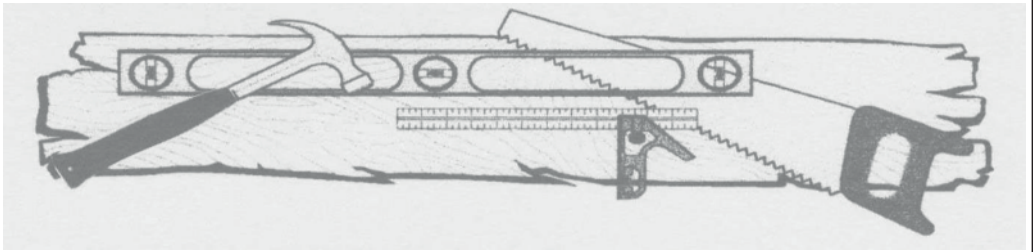
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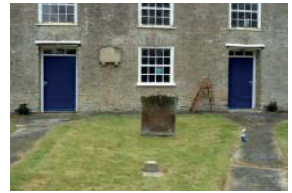
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| Saturday 10 th December | 9.00 am | Men's Breakfast All men welcome, come and bring a friend |
| | 9.00 am | Ladies' Breakfast and Fellowship. All Welcome |
| Monday 12 th December | 6.00 pm | Bethlehem Peace Candle with the Scouts |
| Sunday 25 th December | 11.00 am | Welcome to our Christmas Morning Service |

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| 11th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion | | |
| 18th | 9.00 am | Holy Communion | | No Service |
| 24th | 4.00 pm | Carol Service | 8.00am | No Service |
| | 11.00 pm | Midnight Mass | 4.30 pm | Carol & Christingle Service with Rev Andrew Milton |
| 25th | | | | No Service |

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| 1st | 9.00 am | Holy Communion | | No Service |
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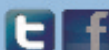
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