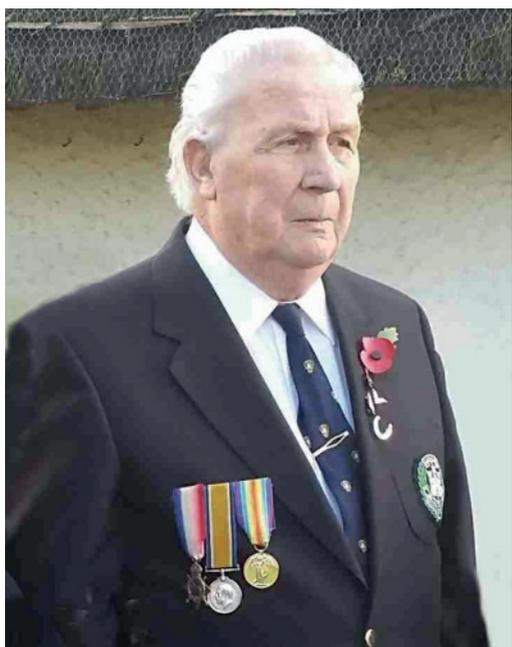




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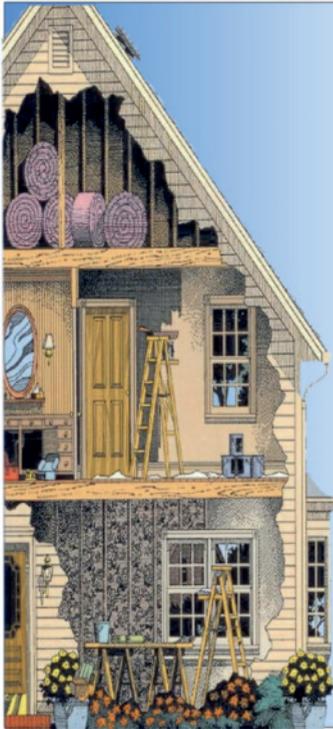
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The cut-off date for the March Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
9am Monday 16th February 2015

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 2 nd Feb	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Mon 9 th Feb	Public Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 11 th Feb	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Fr 13 th Feb	Beetle Drive	6.45 pm	GSVH
Sat 14 th Feb	Valentine's Disco	CANCELLED	
Wed 18 th Feb	Heritage Group Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Fri 6 th Mar	Fashion Show	7.00 pm	GSVH
Sat 7 th Mar	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	LSVH
Sun 22 nd Mar	St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch	TBA	GSVH
Tue 12 th May	Under the Bearskin & Royal Mews	8.15 am	GSVH
Sat 16 th May	Horse Racing Night	TBA	LSVH

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Please include your phone number in case of queries.

Space in the magazine is limited, so articles should be about 300 words. This is to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to contribute to the magazine. It would be helpful if you could submit articles sized to an A5 page in Word or PDF.

We reserve the right to refuse an article, cut its length or hold it over to a later issue without notice.

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

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the meeting held on the 5th January 2015

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Great Stukeley Village Hall on the 5th January 2015, 9 Parish Councillors, 2 County Councillors, 7 residents and the Parish Clerk were in attendance.

One resident, spoke on behalf of other residents in the four bungalows in Mill Road, Little Stukeley, she was very concerned about the proposed removal a street light in Mill Road, which would make the area very dark for the inhabitants some of whom were disabled and elderly. Councillor Stuart Bell felt that the Parish council was extreme disappointed with Balfour Beatty and their lack of contact and consultation with the Parish Council. However, he did feel that Balfour Beatty was constrained by the contract they had with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), but the Parish Council should insist that CCC should pay for this essential street light in this location. Balfour Beatty will not be upgrading the street lights in Ermine Street as Urban & Civic will be funding the upgrading of the street lights once the road changes have been completed, therefore it was felt that the money that should be saved from the work not undertaken in Ermine Street should be used to keep other street lights scheduled for removal in the village. County Councillor Sir Peter Brown will take up this issue with CCC. Councillor Sally Smith felt we must ensure that the "right" lights stay in the "right" places in the villages. The Chairman thanked residents for bringing this issue to the attention of the Parish Council.

Another resident was concerned about the provision of a central storage unit on the Stukeley Allotments, he felt the allotments were a community asset with a public open space incorporating a wood. He felt that the Parish Council must decide whether to provide a central storage unit or not, and if not, allow plot holders to have access to storage facilities such as their own individual storage units. County Councillor Sir Peter Brown reported there was little to report, except the CCC still need to finalize their budget. He is pursuing another issue with the Balfour Beatty/CCC contract raised by another resident. Plans for the A14 have been published today and have now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. It was felt that the current school catchment area was not appropriate, as some of our village school children were currently bussed pass the school in Stukeley Meadows into Huntingdon town. It was preferred that the villages should be in the catchment areas for Alconbury Church of England Primary School and the new Alconbury Weald Primary School. It was noted that Alconbury Weald Primary School is due to open in 2016 and will have capacity to be able to take children from the Stukeley. It was decided to respond to the CCC consultation on determined admissions arrangements for 2015-16 as follows, the Parish Council requires that both villages (Little and Great Stukeley) be included in the catchment area for Alconbury Church of England Primary School and not Huntingdon County Infants and Junior School. Also to note that with the Alconbury Weald Primary School due to open in September 2016, it would be appropriate for children from both villages to attend this local school.

Cllr Stuart Bell was concerned by the lack of consultation with Balfour Beatty and felt every resident was entitled to a view on the project even if they were not affected by the removal of any street lights. The Parish Council will send a Freedom of Information request for a copy of the contract between CCC and Balfour Beatty for the county street lighting replacement project. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty Living Places to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with how the CCC/Balfour Beatty project to replace CCC street lighting in Little and Great Stukeley has been carried out and to require that no further work be undertaken in Little and Great Stukeley, until leafleting to both villages has been completed and a public meeting on the issue held.

Cllr Karl Gasson informed the meeting British Telecom had instructed a contractor to remove the telephone box in Church Road, Great Stukeley, in 2008, and had believed it had been removed. The Councillor detailed the three options available to the Parish Council, to remove the box, adopt it for a £1 or sell to a third party. The implications of the possibility that it had been painted with lead paint was discussed. It was decided to instruct British Telecom to remove the telephone box, as it was in a poor location and did not form part of the character of the area

CCC Highways will be asked to provide a dropped kerb on the north side of Montagu Road and the Church Road junction in Great Stukeley, to improve accessibility for people with disabilities and small children. A resident had reported that there was a large pot hole in a bridleway from Little Stukeley to Alconbury (from Low Road) - Bridleway 13. Cllr Sally Smith to investigate and report if necessary. Footpath 1 is still to be investigated by Cllr Sally Smith. Cllr Philip Hobson reported that he was hoping that Footpath 9 and 24 were to be connected to Alconbury Weald.

Cllr Michael Monk advised the meeting that the Traffic Group need to meet soon and would like to invite interested residents to join a forum, once the design details were known. A scheme will need to be in place by the 200th house, therefore issues need to be considered very soon, as it takes time to move from design stage to agreement in any scheme.

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council:

1408285COND – Alconbury Weald - Discharge of condition 10 relating to 'Key Phase 1 Framework' and including the Design Code.

After a recommendation from the planning committee it was agreed that the following be the formal response from the Parish Council to the planning application:

Design code

The Parish Council commend the work carried out by Urban & Civic and David Lock Associates in preparing the Design Code and endorse it as an appropriate mechanism for achieving and maintaining a high quality of design throughout the development of KP1.

However; the Parish Council is concerned about the potential level of traffic that is likely to use the secondary access on the Ermine Street as a result of the road pattern shown on the regulatory plan; it is questioned if this is consistent with the provision of the Transport Assessment and commitments given at that time.

In addition, the Parish Council questions the application of site wide averages in parking provision as this is not meaningful on a site by site basis. The Parish Council is seeking confirmation of the parking provision for each dwelling type indicated in the design code.

Given that the design code is predicated on densities, dwelling types and associated parking the Parish Council is keen to ensure that the dwellings proposed are not subdivided as this has been shown to cause significant problems in relation to parking elsewhere in Huntingdon. It is therefore requested that permitted development rights for sub-divisions be removed at this early stage to avoid this issue (through the use of an Article 4 direction).

Indicative Sequencing Plan; no comment.

Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation; no comment.

School Site Plan; no comment.

Key Phase Transport Assessment; the Parish Council is concerned about the potential level of traffic that is likely to use the secondary access on the Ermine Street as a result of the road pattern shown on the regulatory plan; it is questioned if this is consistent with the provision of the Transport Assessment and commitments given at that time.

Key Phase Travel Plan & Mitigation Strategy; no comment.

Delivery Plan; The Parish Council is supportive of the timely delivery of key social infrastructure.

However it questions why off site environmental and traffic calming works to Ermine St within the Stukeleys is not shown on table 2 KP1 development triggers it is noted that the traffic calming in Stukeleys is to be completed by the 200th occupation. In addition, the Parish Council requests that Urban & Civic or HDC provide a condition / S106 trigger point table showing delivery of infrastructure and S106 against house occupations so that the parish can monitor delivery.

Site Wide Strategy Supplements

Code of Construction Practice; the Parish Council is supportive of the Code of Construction Practice for KP1 and is pleased to note that the Code of Construction practice appears to be have been effective in managing the impacts of the demolition.

Water Management; the Parish Council note that the drainage strategies have been approved by the Environment Agency and Anglian Water and as such expects that this will be sufficient to manage both foul and surface water flows within and out of the site.

Sustainability Statement; the Parish Council is supportive of the inclusion of sustainability measures within the development but would like to see more innovative sustainability measures included within the KP1 layout such as combined heat and power generation and /or district heating systems.

1401979REM – Alconbury Weald – Application for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of primary infrastructure (to support delivery of Primary School), comprising construction of new highways, new junction to Ermine Street, hard and soft landscaping, new electricity substation(s), gas governors, water pressure booster pump, foul and surface water drainage systems, foul water pumping station, utilities infrastructure, all associated earthworks, including ground re-modelling and ancillary works (advanced outside of a key phase).

After a recommendation from the planning committee it was agreed that the following be the formal response from the Parish Council to the planning application:

Whilst the Parish Council is aware of the time pressure to deliver the primary school it is considered that this application appears to subvert the tiered approach to design within the site and will set the design and status of this secondary Ermine Street access in advance of other KP1 approvals.

The Parish Council is supportive of the design quality and detailing shown on the submitted plans in relation to both the hard and soft landscaping details shown.

The Parish Council remains of the view that the road design adjacent to the school will be inadequate to cope with dropping off and collection traffic from the school. It is clear that, at least in the initial

years of opening, the school will be taking many/ most of its children from outside of Alconbury Weald and as such these trips are likely to be reliant on private cars. It is considered that the arrangement shown will cause disruption and congestion to other users of this access.

It was felt that Tim Slater's assistance with the complex Alconbury Weald planning applications was invaluable and very much appreciated by the Parish Council

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley
Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Great Stukeley

Please check the website and notice board for notification of any Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meetings to be held.

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

A full set of Minutes and other Parish Council information are available at www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/
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Cambridgeshire County Council End of World War 2 Commemoration Small Grant Fund 2015 Information and Guidance

Background

Next summer marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. On 8th May 1945 more than a million people took to the streets to celebrate VE Day, the end of the war and peace at last in Europe. In Britain, spontaneous street parties were organised and bunting and flags adorned shops and homes in towns and villages across the land. Huge crowds amassed in front of Buckingham Palace as King George VI and Winston Churchill greeted a nation full of joy and relief at the prospect of peace following six years of conflict and hardship. Later in the summer, having agreed in principle to unconditional surrender on 15 August (VJ Day), Japan formally surrendered on 2nd September finally signifying the end of World War II across the globe.

To commemorate this important anniversary, Cambridgeshire County Council has established the End of World War 2 Commemoration Small Grant Fund. We would like to assist and encourage local groups to design and deliver activities, projects and events within the community linked to and inspired by the 70th anniversary, wartime Britain and the 1940's era. It is an opportunity for Cambridgeshire residents to come together to remember the wartime effort, celebrate peace and reminisce, learn and reflect upon the 'unforgettable forties' whilst capturing some of the celebratory mood of the time. Events in Cambridgeshire are already being planned for the 70th anniversary. Cambridge City Council's Big Weekend will be commemorating the anniversary and South Cambridgeshire District Council is working with the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

Helping you to commemorate the 70th Anniversary

Whether it be a community tea dance, researching and sharing of stories of the time, a lindy hop event, raising morale through music or sport, a 'make do and mend' community craft project, creating a 'Victory' garden or simply giving your village fete a forties theme, we would like you to get involved and help Cambridgeshire to deliver a memorable summer of events and initiatives for 2015.

We want you to generate your own ideas, but here are a few themes and examples that may inspire your thinking:

- Community craft project or workshop focused on the 'Make do and mend' theme e.g. making group bunting, flags or upcycling old clothes and textiles
- 'Dig for Victory' – a gardening display or project for example allotment societies and holders coming together with other local groups such as youth centres or scout groups to cultivate produce. Use the Dig For Victory theme to create an initiative linked to healthy eating and reducing food waste
- Hold a 1940's fashion show
- Hold an event featuring dance, theatre or music of the time such as Lindy Hop, Big Band night or Village Tea Dance
- Organise a community event that explores living through the war, rationing, air raids... and/or allows people to share personal/family stories and accounts

Wartime related arts, education or learning projects that provide an opportunity for young or older people to come together or for local minority groups to share experiences and learning
Historical exhibitions of wartime and military memorabilia
Forties film screenings
A community project to explore your local wartime history making use of local archives
Food events re-creating forties fayre at local markets and community venues
Hold a sporting or club event with a wartime/forties theme
Re-create a VE Day (May 8) or VJ Day (15 Aug) celebration at your village carnival, fete or fair including activities to bring your community together such as decorating your village or a best dressed house competition
Organise a 1940's themed community or village tea party, picnic or street party (subject to gaining required permissions)
A memorial or remembrance event for example unveiling a plaque, memorial or commemorative flower display

Grant Criteria

Small grants will be awarded to local groups, clubs and organisations to support community activities, projects and events.

Events must take place in Cambridgeshire between 1st May 2015 and 30th September 2015.

Proposals must benefit local communities. The awards panel will assess applications against the following criteria:

- Community involvement/benefit
- Clear link to identified themes
- Partnership involvement e.g. working with other groups, businesses or partner organisations
- Creativity
- Focus on specific groups e.g. elderly, young people, low income
- Volunteer involvement and opportunities
- Legacy opportunities

Additional funding or support in kind to deliver your proposal will be expected.

Grant Details

Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500

The grants will be awarded in two rounds with applications to be received by **9th February** and **9th March** 2015 at the latest.

A small selection panel will make the final decision on awarding grants. All applicants will be notified within three weeks of the two application deadline dates.

A short illustrated report on the funded activity with full financial breakdown, participation figures and any pictures or films capturing the activity will be required after the event.

If successful, 80% of your award will be paid in advance of the event/activity. A final payment of 20% of the grant total will be paid on receipt of the final report.

Only one award can be made per event/activity.

The Cambridgeshire County Council logo must be used on all publicity materials in acknowledgement of the funding.

How to apply

Application forms available on request from ww2commemoration@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

All forms to be returned by email to ww2commemoration@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by post to WW2 Commemoration Small Grants, Supporting Business and Communities, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, CB23 6EA by 5pm at the latest on:

9th February (Round 1)

9th March (Round2)

FURTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

Link to some historical information available on BBC history pages for: [VE Day](#) & [VJ Day](#)

Some [images](#) of the 50th Anniversary VE Day celebrations from 1995.

The [RHS Teacher's Dig for Victory resource pack](#), contains some helpful information and ideas for using the 'Dig For Victory' theme.

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Little Stukeley Village Hall Functions 2015

The list of the functions planned for 2015 is below. The committee have attempted to provide an even spread of events over the year and to avoid clashes with functions organised by the church committee.

Sat 31st January

Sat 16th May

Sun 12th July

Sat 5th September

Sat 7th November

Sat 12th December

Curry Night.

Horse Racing Night (TBC).

BBQ and games afternoon.

Flower Show.

Bonfire & Fireworks

Christmas Dinner

The Curry Night is intended to be an informal evening and, if it is well supported, it is hoped that it (or something similar) will be repeated at regular intervals during the year. Do make a note in your diaries; we need your support for all of these events if they are to be a success. The first Curry night went well and we had over 30 Villagers and guests attend, we hope to run similar events if the appetite is there (sorry couldn't resist that pun). If there is an event or theme you would like to be considered for a future event please let David Robinson know of your thoughts. David is also trying to improve our LSVH communications to you and is actively compiling an email distribution list to inform you of events and any changes.

Please contact David at davidarobinson@clara.co.uk.

David Robinson

St Martin`s Church 150 Club Draw

The Winners

£60 - Heath Payne £25 - Mary Willetts £10 - J Owen £5 - Sophie Day

The Weekly £5 Winners were:

H Owen, C Shelton, C Wilson, N Smith, E Clarke, E Daw, A. Adams, B Field,
J Daw, D Hossack, A Lorandean, L Smith, S Day, A Newman. B Scholfield,
J Soinne W Wilson D Lumblev

Quiz Night
Little Stukeley Village Hall
In aid of St Martins Church
Saturday 7th March
7pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start
Tickets £10
From Jocelyn Kerr Tel 453213.
Supper and Bar

Thank You

A big thank you to the generous people of Little Stukeley who kindly donated when the carol singers entertained on the 16th and 18th of December. The proceeds will be shared equally between St Martin's Church and St Johns Hospice, Moggerhanger.

Sally Smith

The Passing of a Neighbour

Our friend and neighbour of 41 years, Ian Woolcott sadly passed away suddenly at the beginning of January. Born at R.A.F. Ely, weighing in at 13lb 11oz! He lived at Wyton until the family moved to Gt. Stukeley. He will be remembered by most villagers as the tall chap who walked about a lot! Be it in the village or to Huntingdon. Ian was a published poet who also liked a pint at the Three Horseshoes. Recently he could be seen walking in Godmanchester where he had moved to be near his sister and family.

Park View Neighbours



Hello and Happy 2015. My name is Nicki Sly and I'm the President of The Stukeleys Women's Institute.

The WI will be running the Community Coffee Mornings again this year on the last Wednesday of each month except December. We would love to see you there for a coffee, cake and a chance to catch up with friends and maybe make some new ones.

The WI run the event, but it is open to all!

This year we are splitting the money raised between The Stukeleys WI and MAGPAS.

Our first coffee morning is on the 28th January and we look forward to seeing you there.

We ask for a donation on the door and it is £1.50 for a tea/coffee and a slice of cake.

Look out for the adverts in future magazines.

If you are interested in coming along to the WI, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Great Stukeley Village Hall. For information please contact me on 07979 298145

Nicki Sly

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE

Valentine's Disco

Previously advertised for

14th February 2015

has now been cancelled.



The Stukeleys Heritage Group
Invites you to a lecture on
**The Lost Forests of
Huntingdonshire**

By Jason Peters

**Wednesday, 18th February at 7.30 pm
in Great Stukeley Village Hall**

ALL WELCOME

Jason is a born and bred local of Huntingdonshire, and he attended Hinchingsbrooke School. His research into the site of Sapley Park Farm, Huntingdonshire, which was farmed by his paternal grandfather and great uncle as Peters Bros. (1942-1977) and its relevance to the Royal Forest of Sapley inspired him to research the forest history of the whole County of Huntingdonshire mapping it in its entirety for the first time in recorded history, and to complete an advanced diploma course in Historic Environment as a mature student at Cambridge University, where his findings in rediscovering the lost forest history of the County were acknowledged by renown academics. I have heard Jason speak on this subject before and I think you will find it fascinating.....come and find out more about our historic landscape. Rediscover 800 years of lost history.

Michael Monk
Convenor

Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2015

Well Christmas has been and gone, and spring is showing signs of arriving. So it's down to business. Another show to organise to showcase the many wonderful things people produce for the show. Our annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 1st August**, it has been well supported in the past and I hope to see more of you this year (so make a note of the date in your diary).

Firstly we are seeking gardens to enter the **Best Spring Garden**. So anyone interested in entering please don't hesitate in getting in touch. Contact myself on 07594 382905 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442. Judging for the best spring garden will take place during April, so come on folks it's not all about tidiness on this one.

The Flower Show committee is looking for sponsors for the following sections: Vegetables, Plants & Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Arts & Crafts, Photography and Children under 16. If you would like to help by sponsoring any of the sections for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 01480 458089. This sponsorship can be made in your name, in the name of a business or in memory of someone special. We hope to hear from you.

Iain Shaw
Flower Show Chairman



Why?

Shortly before Christmas two of the stained glass windows at St Bartholomew's Church were broken by an unknown person!

Do you know who this person is? If so the Church Wardens would be glad to hear from you.

Could you help?

Great Stukeley Church is a lovely building, but it needs some help. I am trying to get together a band of helpers who would be willing to clean the church. At the moment members of the WI give the church a clean from time to time, but the building would benefit from a regular clean. I am trying to get a band of volunteers together so that we can do a monthly clean. My idea is that we fix a day – for example the last Wednesday of each month. The actual day and time will be sorted when we know who can do what. If we can get enough volunteers we could have a rota so that each person may not be needed every month.

If you are willing to help please get in touch with me, Ann Monk, on 01480 456634.

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

For kidz from 8- to 80+ {i.e. the young at heart}

“BEETLE” DRIVE with a FISH & CHIP SUPPER

In aid of St Bartholomew's Church Funds

A Beetle Drive with Fish & Chip Supper is planned for

Friday 13th February 2015 at 6.45pm

The fun will start promptly at 7.00pm so please don't be late
there will also, as usual, be a raffle



Come along and join us in the Great Stukeley Village Hall for a really great evening of fun and food.

Tickets at: Adults £10.00 & Children (under 16) £ 6.00

can be obtained from Mrs Nancie Raby Tel No 453269, Mrs Doris Turpin Tel No 456476 or any member of St Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council. (Latest date for tickets Wednesday 11th February)

You really shouldn't miss this fun evening! If in doubt ask anyone who's been to one of our previous 'Drives'; everyone who joined in said what a great event it was and certainly not one to be missed.

St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch

Please note the date for the St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch in your diary for Sunday the 22nd March when we shall enjoy the usual simple meal in the Village Hall commencing at Midday - details will follow in the March magazine
Tickets will be available next Month at Adults £10 and Children £6.00

THURSFORD GROUP DONATION 2014

The letter included in this month's Parish Magazine was sent to me by Dame Norma Major, Vice president of MENCAP-the voice of learning disability.

This thoughtful letter was in response to the DONATION of £200.00 to MENCAP sent in the name of the THURSFORD GROUP 2014.

The amount of £122.42 was collected on the day of our visit to THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR in mid-November 2014 and the donation includes other trips which I organized last year.

Mary Alleyne-James

DAME NORMA MAJOR DBE

28th November 2014

Dear Mary

It was very kind of you to think of Mencap, and I would like to thank all those from the Thursford Group who contributed to such a generous donation.

Mencap, is the UK's leading charity for those with learning disability - the most common form of handicap in the country. People with a learning disability have great difficulty understanding and managing their lives, and all too often they are not able to access the kind of help they need and deserve. Everything Mencap does is about supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers - from improving services and challenging prejudice as well as directly supporting thousands of people to live their lives as they choose. Advice and practical help is made possible across a whole range of issues which include teaching everyday skills, training for employment, providing secure and caring homes and by encouraging and enabling those with a learning disability to have a say in the decisions that affect their daily lives. Those who are often cut off from the community need help to socialise and engage in leisure activities and to enjoy a degree of independence that most of us take for granted.

I know I speak for all those involved with Huntingdon Mencap Society, when I say how grateful I am for your support which helps to change the lives of those with a learning disability for the better.

With best wishes,

*Yours ever
Norma*

Mrs Mary Alleyne-James
Oldfields
11 Owl End
Great Stakeley
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE28 4AQ

REFLECTIONS: Thames Christmas Cruise, Flying High on the London Eye, Christmas shopping at the historic Royal Greenwich Covered Market and at the Cologne Christ-Markt: Tuesday 9th December 2014.

The weather proved a lot warmer in the Stukeleys' than in the Big City on the day of our trip.

We departed at 11am in our C&G coach with our favourite driver, Peter Brown, and arrived at *The Royal Greenwich Covered Market*, London, around 1pm. Some of my 53 strong group lunched at the *Gourmet Burger Kitchen* while others lunched at various hotels and restaurants. We arrived at the O2 (Old Millenium Dome) a little early for our 4pm sharp sailing on *The London Rose*.

The cruiser has two decks and very wide windows for sight seeing which gave everyone a chance to enjoy the wonderful evening views of the Thames as well as a bar for drinks and snacks. The Skipper's son, Craig Campion, provided an amusing commentary which was greatly appreciated by my group. We had a wonderful experience on our 90 minute cruise seeing London from the water. The lights were incredible giving us our first feeling of Christmas and the cruise was the favourite of my group.

Flying High on the London Eye was a great experience especially seeing the sights lit up at night. We had a wonderfully clear evening-no fog, no mist and no rain! The trip in the capsule was smooth and silent and very comfortable.

Following our 30 minute flight on the London Eye we did some Christmas shopping at the *Christ-Markt* located adjacent to the *Eye*. Many of the group sampled the Bratwurst and other German and Polish snacks on sale at some of the 60 wooden chalets between the *London Eye* and the *Southbank Centre*.

Promptly at 7.30pm our coach arrived right on schedule and we arrived back in Great Stukeley at 9.10pm a little earlier than planned.

Sincere thanks are extended to our driver, Peter Brown, who did his usual job in great spirits and to the staff of the company who I used in London for organizing the cruise and the *London Eye*.

As I took care of the two shopping visits I was able to keep this at an exceptionally affordable £39.50 per person although I have seen similar trips advertised at as much as £60.00 per person.

Mary Alleyne-James

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2015

Sunday 15th or 22nd November 2015

My recorded letter to THURSFORD was posted on Friday 2nd January 2015 requesting 52 stall seats for this year's CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR. Included was my non-refundable deposit cheque for £52.00.

I have requested centre stalls which I very much hope will be made available to my group.

The dates that I am working with for 2015 are:

Sunday 15th November 2015 (Preferred)

Sunday 22nd November 2015 (Alternate)

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Bumbling Bob February 2015

Good day to you all and it's a day for reflection. A day when one of our village stalwarts reaches 80, Mr Mick Reynolds of Great Stukeley. Village hall committee member, village hall flower show organiser (well his Memsahib told him what to do!) player I am told in the village cricket and football teams, helped to organise the village fete, when we had one and Parish Councillor and Deputy Chairman for many a long year until the advent of laptops which he just cannot abide (he was a chalk and slate man!) made him decide to let the youngsters have a go. Mind you of course if you ask him his opinion nothings as good as it once was and in many ways he is probably right. Apart from that is his pint of Greene King IPA! Now I wondered aloud to myself that young Mick has always liked his tipples and I have been present on many an occasion when the glass was almost dry before it hit the lips. Do you know when Mick was born the village had less than a hundred houses in it, cars were only owned by one in twenty in the population, television had just started but only in London, radio announcers still wore evening dress to read the news, 90% of people rented houses, less than 3% of the population went abroad for a holiday and then almost exclusively to the Continent as it was called then. Oh and most importantly we still had policeman on the beat!

Mick will of course tell you about the old days and how good they were and in many ways he is right. How many of us now know who lives in our street apart from our immediate neighbours? Not many I am sure. How many of us have lived in the same place for more than 25 years, less and less of us and that does not help to build a community spirit. Who even bothers to go to the Parish Council meetings to find out what's going on in our own village? Not more than a handful per year unless there is a chance of a Gypsy encroachment and then we have dozens turning up. And yet we have the biggest development in the south on our doorstep and yet it seems none of us can be bothered to state a word about it at the right time and yet we will be all too ready to moan and carp about the decisions afterwards. Woe betide us all then. It's called democracy and yet no one seems to want to practice it save to give it lip service. I will give you an example: The Parish Council (I know you recall I was on it for many a long year) have been pressing the Local Education Authority to allow the children from the Stukeleys to go to an Infant and Junior school more local to the villages instead of having to be bussed past two schools to get to the authorities chosen school, Ambury J&I. The Parish Council asked for the children to go to Alconbury School. However once the plans became available for the brand spanking new school to be built on Alconbury Weald the Parish Council asked the Local Education Authority that the village children to be allowed to attend there.

Bear in mind the school has to be built BEFORE the 80% of the houses on the site so it is going to stand pretty empty for the first couple of years at least.

So at the January Parish Council Meeting as part of the planning agenda item the Alconbury Weald developers came along to show the Parish Council what the school is going to look like, where on the site it is to be built (about as close to the villages as you can get on the site) and to state the fact that the school will be a three form school from the start. All looks very impressive and questions were asked yet again about the village children attending it. And guess what? In the audience were two stout ladies from the Local Education Authority and they piped up and stated that they had given the matter great thought and `yes` they agreed that to pass two schools to get to Ambury J&I was lunacy and it will stop from September 2016. Wonderful, I thought, sense has prevailed; they are going to go to the Alconbury Weald brand spanking new school, hoorah! Not a chance in hell my readers. They then announce that the school is to be for the Alconbury Weald children only and the village children are to still be bussed BUT only to Alconbury so passing only one school and was that not a bright idea?! Well my mouth dropped open amid the futility of it all. So the massive improvement that the Local Education Authority is to make is the passing of only one school and not two. Yes there was consternation but the Parish Council was told it was done and that was that.

Now going back to my original point if we had a cohesive community in the villages and people were prepared to use their voices, pens and votes it may well not have been decided in that way. But the villages did not rise up BUT my fine readers there is still time. Use it or lose the opportunity.

Mind you lunacy goes the other way as well. My village spies tell me that the Parish Council is thinking of spending £`000`s of pounds constructing a `dog walk` within the Great Stukeley village playing field with all of the fencing off, signage and gating that will entail, not to state the obvious cost of the upkeep it is going to need going forward. Why, oh why, when we have all the open land around the village? When the Parish Council was pressed by the way it was estimated upwards of TEN pooches and their owners may well use it on a regular basis! Who says the Local Education Authority has the sole use of lunacy in its decision making!

May I state that another set of my village spies told me that the turn out for the Great Stukeley Village Carol service was superb and that the children who played Mary & Joseph did so splendidly? Well done to all who attended and of course those children.

Lastly may `Theo` rest well tonight in Pussy Heaven and know that his mum and dad miss him terribly. He was yet another victim of speeding through the village. I raise a small tincture in memory. Nuff said.

Bumbling Bob

The Great Stukeley FASHION SHOW
Friday 6th March 2015
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR AS LONG AS THEY LAST

The evening of our Great Stukeley FASHION SHOW is organized by LINCS FASHIONS on Friday 6th March 2015. Doors to the Village Hall will open at 7pm for a PROMPT 7.30pm start.

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Tickets for this very special event are SELLING EXTREMELY FAST. Please drop-off your CASH or a CHEQUE made out to the GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note that ALL NON-RESIDENTS of Great Stukeley are required to enclose a STAMPED SELF- ADDRESSED ENVELOPE with their order (53p for 2nd Class or 62p for 1st Class Mail).

Your help and understanding with this request is very much appreciated. DEADLINE for ticket purchases is NO LATER THAN 5pm on Thursday 26th February 2015 OR AS LONG AS TICKETS LAST.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are busy preparing for the FASHION SHOW to be held at The Great Stukeley Village Hall on Friday 6th March 2015. The start time will be 7pm for 7.30pm PROMPT.

We URGENTLY need RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS for this much looked forward to event.

If you received a Christmas gift which is not 'quite you' we would greatly appreciate your donating this for our FASHION SHOW which will bring much needed funds for YOUR Village Hall.

If you can help us in any way please feel free to call me WITHOUT DELAY. Either call first before making your drop-off at my home or I would be delighted to collect them from your home. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Tickets can be bought for our FASHION SHOW at £6.00 per person which includes a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE.

Mary Alleyne-James
Event Organizer for the Great Stukeley
Village Hall Committee
Tel 433 954

UNDER THE BEARSKIN and THE ROYAL MEWS: Tuesday 12th May 2015

On the day of our exciting UNDER THE BEARSKIN and THE ROYAL MEWS TRIP, 12th May 2015, we will depart PROMPTLY from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 8.15am on our Kiddles Coach.

We will pick-up our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Martin Harvey, after our 71 mile journey as we approach the *Westminster Central Hall* for our morning refreshments. Note that these have to be paid for on the day.

Our guided walking tour with Martin will begin around 11.15am where we stroll through an elegant slip of London. We will hear about the *Ghost of Cockpit Steps*, see *James Bond's Secret Service HQ* and we will meet *Brandy Nan*-as wide as she was tall and with rotten gout to boot! On *Birdcage Walk* we will learn the etiquette of the duel and on *Guard Change Day* we will watch the band march back to barracks.

We lunch together at the *Mad Hatter Hotel and Pub* in Stamford Street which is included in the cover price of this most interesting trip at £47.50 per person. Martin, our guide, will bring along his authentic Bearskin and Colour Sargent's tunic for you to try on-so do remember to bring along your camera. You will also receive useful tips on how to shine your boots and groom your Bearskin!.

The whole afternoon is devoted to THE ROYAL MEWS. PLEASE NOTE that eating and drinking are not permitted and that there ARE NO TOILETS in the ROYAL MEWS.

Our tour ends with time for shopping at The Royal Collections' Shop after which we will have a comfort stop and be able to purchase Afternoon Tea at the South Bank before starting our homeward journey around 5pm. Depending on traffic we expect to arrive back at The Great Stukeley Village Hall around 7.15pm.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tour Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

The Brick Lane Music Hall: Vincent's Christmas Wonderland

Tuesday 8th December 2015

On Tuesday 8th December 2015 we will be visiting *Vincent's Christmas Wonderland* which is the number one rated London attraction on Tripadvisor-The Brick Lane Music Hall.

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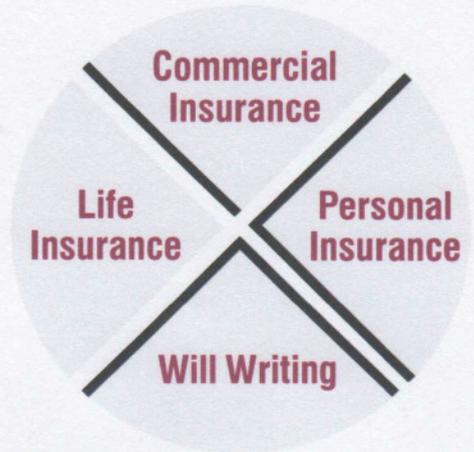
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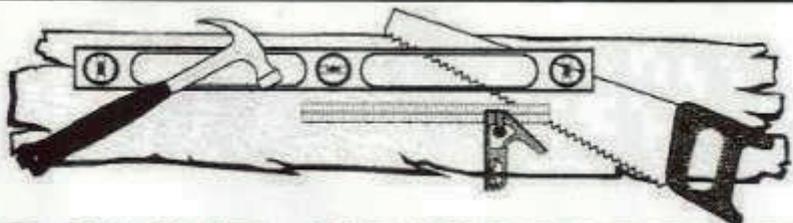
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In December we had the Bethlehem Peace Candle and I wish to thank all those who came along and enjoyed the evening. There were over 100 people, men, women and children, there. This month there will be a real treat for the whole family, with an old time lantern slide show using a lantern made around 1890? But now it has a light bulb instead of a candle. Most of the slides were hand painted around that time. We have been blessed with the loan of this by a collector of these very old lantern and slides. They would have been used for home and Chapel story telling. This really is worth seeing and there will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us for the evening of March 28th at 7 pm. The last time I saw one of these was about 1948 as a child growing up in Sussex. They will bring back memories of those days. Each slide is about 2x2 inches and how they painted them with so much detail all by hand is amazing.

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	9.30 am Leader	Family Service Richard Turpin		
15th Sunday Next before Lent	9.30 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Charles Dixon	8.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
18th Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm Celebrant	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes Rev'd Philip Swindells		
22nd First Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Leader	Morning Prayer Janet Talbot	9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton

March

1st Second Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Brian Hyder-Smith		No Service
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