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Cut-off date for the March 2016 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
9am Friday 19th February 2016

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 1 st Feb	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sat 13 th Feb	Mens Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Wed 24 th Feb	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	GSVH
Fri 19 th Feb	Beetle Drive	6.45 pm	GSVH
Sat 20 th Feb	Casino Night	8.00 pm	GSVH
Mon 29 th Feb	Urban&Civic Public Exhibition	15.30-20.00	LSVH
Fri 4 th Mar	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning	10.30 pm	GSVH
Sun 20 th Mar	Lenten Lunch		St Bartholomews

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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

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday 1st February 2016 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall

Monday 7th March 2016 at 7:30pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall

No scheduled meeting was held in January 2016

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

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 News

Community Reach Fund

You can apply for up to £1000 from the Community Reach Fund to create positive activities for 0-19's and their families (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs or disabilities). There is no deadline as the fund is open all year round, so please contact your Youth and Community Coordinators (below) for an application form.
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Could you make a difference in 2016?

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched a campaign to urge anyone hoping to make a difference to the lives of others in 2016 to consider becoming a foster carer. Across the county there is currently particular need for more people to care for older children and teenagers and more carers who are able to offer a home to two or more children from the same family are also needed to help prevent brothers and sisters being separated while they are in care. We welcome enquiries from people aged 21 and over who have a spare room in their home and feel they have the time, commitment and skills needed to foster. To find out more, you can book a space at one of our forthcoming events, or request an information pack. Please call 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

New recycling video launched

Over the festive period, the Household Recycling Centres have been busy as residents have been bringing along old items - which have then either been recycled or are available in the centres' resale areas. For example, in the last couple of weeks the following have been left: a Clay pigeon trap, a marble clock, an aluminium drinks bar, two pairs of skis and a dining room table. To help residents know what can be taken to the centres, how they work and the help which is available, a new film has been launched and can be seen at www.recap.co.uk. The film - which sees the return of animated characters first seen in local waste education videos last year - explains how to make the best use of the centres in Cambridgeshire and help to reduce the amount of waste which goes to landfill. Currently the centres recycle 79 per cent of the materials which are taken there, reuse over 475 tonnes of good quality items, and have 22,400 visitors during an average week.

Be prepared for winter and beat the cold

Winter conditions can be seriously bad for our health, especially for those aged 65 or more, under 5 years old, and for people who have an ongoing health problem.

The cold weather can increase the risk of raising blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes.

People with chest conditions are at particular at risk of becoming ill during periods of cold and damp weather, ice, snow and high winds.

But there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter. Read below our simple tips about keeping warm and well.

Heat the home well: Heat the home to a minimum of 18°C (65°F), and make sure you are dressed appropriately for the weather. Above this and people may be wasting money; below this and there is a risk health. This will keep the home warm and may lower the bills

Get financial support: there are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to make the home more energy efficient, improve the heating, or help with bills.

Find out about Warm Homes Grants for vulnerable individuals and families

Eat well and have plenty of fluids: food and water are vital sources of energy; they help keep a person's body warm. People should make sure they and their family have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day.

Get a flu jab: certain groups can get free flu jabs to protect against seasonal flu, including the over 65s, pregnant women, people with a long term illness or if someone is the main carer of an elderly or disabled person. Free flu jabs are available from your GPs and some pharmacies.

Look after yourself and others: on cold days try to avoid going outside. If a person does need to venture out, they need to wrap up warm and take care on slippery surfaces. Look out for an older or vulnerable neighbour or relative during this winter to make sure they are safe and well.

For further local information on staying warm and well this winter, including grants call 0345 6500 280.

Clean for the Queen

In the run up to The Queen's 90th birthday on 21 April 2016, the Clean for the Queen aims to inspire a million people to take action and enjoy a few hours together litter-picking to make the places where we live more beautiful.

All of the litter charities across the country have come together in support of this campaign together with a growing range of companies, land managers and associations.

There will be 'Clean for The Queen' litter blitzes throughout the UK in January, February and March, and the most monumental of all litter clear-ups from **Friday 4 to Sunday 6 March 2016**.

They really want local community groups on board who can sign up to organise a clean-up through the 'Clean for The Queen' website. Lots more will be announced over the coming weeks, as the national campaign builds up a head of steam.

Let's Clean for The Queen.

For more information and to sign up go to www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

Email: adrian@cleanforthequeen.co.uk

#DanTheFraudster

Please could you pass on a warning to residents about fraudsters calling residents trying to get personal information and claiming they are from the County Council.

They have been ringing residents across the County and say they are calling about an accident and may claim they have had the information from the NHS.

They have gone by several names, including Daniel, but usually hang up when challenged.

Please help us stop anybody being tricked by Dan and his friends by sharing this alert.

Our advice to residents is always this: If someone says they are from the County Council, get their name and tell them you will call them back. Phone our General Enquiries line on 0345 045 5200 and ask to be put through to the named officer. • Be wary of all unsolicited calls. They might start by asking about 'your recent accident' or 'your recent fall' or 'your claim for PPI' or 'your computer problems'. They say it to everyone. They don't know you. • Don't ever give out any personal or financial information over the phone.

Farms for rent

Future farmers and entrepreneurs are being offered the exciting and life changing chance to start their own rural business in the Cambridgeshire countryside from October 2016
Cambridgeshire County Council's Farms Estate, the largest of its kind in England and Wales at over 33,000 acres, has four holdings looking for new tenants

The tenancies include:

■ Ransommoor II Farm, near March comprises a single block of fertile root growing land totalling 287 acres, including ranges of buildings and a modern 3 bedroom bungalow.

■ Plantation Farm, near Ramsey, totals 197 acres of fen soils with a range of buildings and a 3 bedroom bungalow.

■ Longfield Farm, on the edge of Cambridge, extends to 141 acres of combinable land with the option of a 3 bedroom farmhouse.

■ Stonebridge Farm, near March is a 7 acre holding offering an opportunity to create a range rural enterprises. These holdings provide a valuable opportunity for interested parties either to take their first steps on the farming ladder or to progress onto larger farms.

The Council is holding an open viewing day on 12 February, with business plans from applicants due by 4 March. Full details are available on the Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countyfarms

Unanimous agreement to keep streetlights on longer

Members of Highways and Community Infrastructure have agreed to support extending streetlights staying on until 2am instead of the planned midnight switch-off after hearing the results and proposals of a public survey. The Council is looking to follow the lead of more than 60 councils across the country, which have already turned off or dimmed street lights, which would have saved around £260,000 from an annual cost of over £1.4m a year.

Councillors also heard around nine councils, including Cambridge City Council, have come forward to offer to fund the lights staying on after the proposed switch off time.

This means the committee are recommending to Full Council:

To increase the current period of streetlight dimming (8pm or 10pm until 6am) to all times and turning off lighting not on main traffic routes between 2am and 6am where it is controlled by the Council's Central Management System;

The Council is not proposing to turn off lighting on main traffic routes, where CCTV cameras are present, where there are any statutory requirements or where they support the night time economy.

The Committee heard that the changed time means the Council would have to find an extra £98,000 from efficiencies.

St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch

Please note the date for the St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch in your diary for Sunday the 20th 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

St Martins Church 150 Club winners

The winners were:

£60 Tony Perry, £25 G M Field,
£10 Debbi Logan. £5 A Lorandean

Weekly Winners were:

J Freeman, S Day, H Price,
T Perry, P Scott, H Payne, S Dean,
W Wilson, G B Field, H Payne, A Owen,
J Wilcoxon, J Soinne, L Freeman, I Wilcoxon.

THE STUKELEY'S POPPY APPEAL 2015-16

COFFEE MORNING

Village Hall Great Stukeley
FRIDAY, 4th MARCH 2016

10.30am -12.00

Door Prize, Bring & Buy, Raffle
Cake Stall etc.

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LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

First of all, Happy New Year to you all, I hope all our villagers in both Great and Little Stukeley enjoyed the recent festivities and I wish you all well in your endeavours in 2016. The New Year celebrations in Little Stukeley Village Hall were a tremendous success with almost 60 friends and families seeing in the New Year, everyone had great fun and partied to the early hours, I'm sure there were a few sore heads the next day! I must say thank you to everyone that pitched-in by helping to run the bar and tidy up afterwards, it's your support that helps make these events run smoothly, I'd especially like to say thank you to Sally & Jenny Smith and Keith Winter for all of their help.

We continue to improve the facilities in the Hall, the Kitchen refurbishment is largely complete apart from some additional tiling, and we are adding to the recent sound system upgrade with a newly installed projection screen above the stage and a TV near to the bar. An aerial has been fitted as well as a Freeview box/Blu-ray/DVD player and I'll shortly be building the framework to suspend a projector for use with the aforementioned screen. Again, if you have any ideas for improvements to the Hall we'd be delighted to hear from you. If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events Peter Soinne (01480 437 584) would be pleased to hear from you and he'll talk you through the arrangements, we intend to show when the Hall is booked on our new Facebook page where we'll also keep you up-to-date with any news regarding the Hall. NB: no personal details will be shown on the Facebook page regarding bookings, only that the hall is booked on a particular date.

Next Events

Our calendar of events shown below will be added to and amended over the next few weeks and months and I look forward to reporting on our events; I'd be delighted to hear your suggestions or additional ideas for events in the Hall and none-the-less I look forward to seeing many of you at the Hall, don't forget we run a bar every Sunday 1:00 – 2:30PM, it's a great way to catch-up and meet friends, hopefully we'll see you there soon. Keith Winter will be pleased to arrange membership; you can contact him on 01480 450 656 or email him at keithwinter2@sky.com.

Saturday	20 th February Quiz Night (TBC) May Social Club Supper Night (TBC)
Sunday	3 rd July BBQ
Saturday	3 rd September Flower Show
Saturday	5 th November Bonfire and Fireworks November Social Club Supper Night (TBC)
Saturday	10 th December Christmas Dinner

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts for other events or if you'd like to help, you'd be very welcome.

David Robinson

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Ermine Street enhancements – public exhibitions to show plans

As part of the development of Alconbury Weald, Urban&Civic agreed to fund environmental enhancements along Ermine Street through the Stukeleys villages. The scheme aims to both provide a more rural setting for the road, and in turn deter cars from driving through the villages as a “quick rat run”. The work will be carried out in parallel with Highways England investment in the A14 at Spittals, which will improve the main route to Huntingdon and Cambridge.

Plans for these enhancements have been developed in partnership with the County and District Council Highways teams, and through a working group on traffic issues led by representatives from the Parish Council.

A series of public events have been organised by Urban&Civic and Stukeleys’ Parish Council to share the proposals before they are finalised, and to talk through the principles and process behind the planned work. The enhancements need to be in place before the 250th home is occupied at Alconbury Weald, which is likely to be in the first half of 2018.

The events will be held:

Little Stukeley Village Hall: Monday 29 February: 1530 – 2000

Great Stukeley Village Hall: Wednesday 2 March: 1500 – 2000

Alconbury Weald Club Building: Friday 4 March: 1500 – 2000

The Club building is the new building next to the Incubator building and this will be the first event the building hosts.

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships, for Urban&Civic, said: “From the earliest discussions with the Parish Council and local residents, we knew that as part of the development coming forward, we needed to develop transport plans which minimised the impact on the Stukeleys and led to real benefits for local residents. Some of those benefits will be in facilities coming forward on the site, but the Ermine Street enhancements we believe also provide a real opportunity to ensure and protect a more rural setting and identity for both villages. We look forward to testing the thinking and plans through these events.”

Michael Monk, Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Traffic Group, said: “For too long our community has suffered from the number and speed of vehicles passing through the heart of our villages. Previous attempts to deal with this have largely failed because of insufficient finance to do a proper job. This is our chance to do something effective. I hope as many people as possible will come to see the plans and comment on them.”

For further information, please contact Rebecca Britton on 01480 413 141 or email rbritton@urbanandcivic.com

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The Stukeleys WI Meeting 14th December 2015

Our Christmas party, the evening began with a bang, from the crackers, and a lovely meal which the members and their guests thoroughly enjoyed.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the Buckden Hand Bell Ringers who played some classical and show tunes, closing with some of everyone's favourite carols. The members were encouraged to join in and some of us even had a go with the bells.

Jan Sly, the new president thanked Nikki Sly and Sarah Toyne, on everyone's behalf for their work as president and secretary and gave them each a card, a plant and vouchers from the members. Jan also thanked Judith Wood, Freda Butter, Jennifer Liddell, Joan Gray and Margaret Helme.

The presentation of the competition cups came next: -

The Berrill Cup was won by Monica Brown for her Christmas Tree decoration of a clown.

The Juggins Points Cup which is competed for during the year and awarded to the member with the highest number of points:

Third – Judith Wood

Second – Monica Brown

First- Jan Sly

Henry Oldfield gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the guests and said how enjoyable the evening had been.

The evening closed with a glass of sherry and a piece of Christmas cake and the distribution of the Secret Santa gifts.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 13th January 2016, why not come along and join us, our speaker will be a representative from MAGPAS and the competition is something orange (MAGPAS colours).

Curtis bowl: Marlene Garner

Draw: Freda Butter

Roll Call: Your favourite traditional remedy.

Refreshments: Betty Aveling and Sue Clark

News From The Stukeley's WI – 14th January 2016

After singing Jerusalem, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Our speaker for the evening Ivor Sanderson, from Magpas gave a very entertaining and informative talk. We learned some interesting facts about the beginnings of Magpas and how the organisation has changed in how they work and the way in which their relationship with the emergency services has changed.

Magpas was our charity for 2015 and we presented Ivor with a cheque for £500 for the organisation which was raised through the monthly coffee mornings.

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on 11th February 2016.

Competition – make something from recyclable material a.y.o.w.

Reflections: BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL and Vincent's Christmas Wonderland
Tuesday 8th December 2015

Our visit to Vincent's Christmas Wonderland at the BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL on Tuesday 8th December 2015 was an outstanding success!

We set out from The Great Stukeley Village Hall just after 10am in a coach thoughtfully decorated by our driver, Nick Unwin, for the Festive Season. This was very much appreciated by my group. We arrived in good time and entered BRICK LANE just after mid day to a very warm and friendly welcome.

Once settled at our various tables, arranged cabaret-style, drinks were ordered and our delicious three course Christmas Lunch was served.

At 2.30pm the highly enjoyable CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND SHOW began including seasonal songs, comedy and slapstick humour. The really funny, risqué jokes just kept coming and many of my group were crying with laughter. Both Deanna and Neil Strange and the organizer and her husband were brought into the act by VINCENT HAYES much to the amusement of the audience! Three of the Raffle Prizes were won by members of my group which added to the enjoyment of our day at the MUSIC HALL.

Due to the time of year, traffic out of London was very heavy. We arrived back in Great Stukeley at 8.15pm thanks to the safe and careful driving of Nick Unwin.

The group were so impressed with the BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL SHOW they have requested that I try to arrange another show sometime in 2016. I will work on this to arrange a visit in October 2016 and will keep you posted.

Mary Alleyne-James

The BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL: *Vincent's THE BEST of BRITISH*
Tuesday 4th October 2016

After our hugely successful visit to the *BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SHOW* in December 2015 EVERYONE voted to return to Brick Lane in 2016. As promised I have found a truly wonderful show which will be held at Brick Lane on Tuesday 4th October 2016. This is a Matinee and a delicious Cream Tea will be served during the intermission.

We will depart from the Great Stukeley Village Hall PROMPTLY at 11.00am to attend Brick Lane's *THE BEST OF BRITISH SHOW* which celebrates British talent from the Golden Age of British television, stage and screen. The doors open at 1.15pm while the show starts at 2pm PROMPT.

If this new show holds interest, please let me know without delay as an early commitment is required by Brick Lane Music Hall. YOUR VERY EARLY RESPONSE to this invitation would be greatly appreciated.

Vincent's *THE BEST OF BRITISH* is a modern approach to the traditional music hall with singing comedy and slap-stick.

A delicious CREAM TEA is included in our cover price as is your coach journey to and from Brick Lane and a tip for our driver.

I am able to bring this to you at a price per person of £54.50 due to a very special arrangement with my coach company.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954



Bumbling Bobs Tips for Oldies No 1

A return to Kings Cross plus two journeys by tube for £20.15p!

“How is this possible” I hear you say when the full price return is £53.00p with tube travel. Now the £53.00p price assumes you want to leave before 09-00hrs and return at any time including during the rush `hour`, 16-30hrs to 19-00hrs.

Now us oldies don't like to arise too early and for definite the Memsahibs want an hour and a half or even two to get ready so let's say you can get to the station for the 09-01hrs train. Now that's an off peak train and the return fare then drops to £33-90p but of course you cannot return during the `rush hour` from Kings Cross; you have to wait until the 19-10hrs departure or get a train before 16-30hrs. That cuts down the Memsahibs shopping time.

BUT crafty Bumbling knows a way around this!

You just say to the ticket wallah that you wish to purchase a day return to Epsom in Surrey and you will be taking the 09-01hrs to Kings Cross. Now that ticket allows you to break your journey in London and gives you two tube rides as well. BUT the beauty of it is that you can return using ANY train at all. The price is £30-50p return. (Chaps this is where you have to explain to the dear lady you don't have to actually go to Epsom, doh!). Now buy this ticket using your `Senior` rail card and the price drops to the startling one of £20-15p! That's a brilliant saving of £13-90p over the normal off peak return and a massive £32-85p off a peak return ticket with tube and you get full flexibility on your return journey time.

That's a lot of G&T availability or indeed you could treat the Memsahib to half a bottle at the Champagne bar at St Pancras.

Mind you if she gets a taste for itYikes!

Bumbling Bob

PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS

Friday 17th June 2016

A most exciting and enjoyable evening awaits those who have already reserved to attend the PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUND STADIUM on Friday 17th June 2016.

The *RACEVIEW RESTAURANT* where we will be served our *SILVER PACKAGE*, three course dinner, offers delicious seasonal meals. As soon as I receive their menu for June 2016 I will share this with you. There will be a choice of four starters, eight main courses and six desserts. Twelve side orders (which are not included in your cover price) will also be available on the evening of our visit. This means that there will be something for everyone!

Our coach has now been booked and confirmed. We will all meet on Friday 17th June at 6.05pm in time for our prompt departure from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 6.15pm. Our arrival at the PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUND STADIUM is planned for 7pm.

Nearer to our visit the cover price, which includes dinner, and our coach journey there and back plus a tip for the driver will be confirmed. However, I expect the price to range from between £33.00 and £37.00 per person.

As I am still accepting reservations please give me an URGENT CALL if you would like to join in all the fun and excitement.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2016

BEST CHRISTMAS SHOW EVER!

This is to let you know that I am already thinking ahead to Thursford's Christmas Spectacular in November 2016.

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

My requested dates for 2016 are:

Sunday 20th	November 2016	<i>Preferred</i>
Sunday 27th	November 2016	<i>Alternative</i>

I am currently preparing my list for Thursford 2016.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

Stukeleys Heritage Group

Our last meeting of the year took place on 16th December and around 22 members attended. We looked back - and reminded ourselves that our Group has now been running for 5 years - and that in 2015 we had talks about the lost forests of Huntingdonshire, the streets of Huntingdon, the Hunts Cyclists Battalions of WWI, voices from the past and an outing to the Imperial War Museum in London as well as an informal visit to Alconbury Weald kindly hosted by Urban&Civic.

Fortified by mulled wine and mince pies (thank you, Mrs Monk), we divided into teams for a Christmas themed quiz, which was won by team "The Old Codgers", despite much huffing and puffing and protestations of not knowing any answers - so well done Margaret Helme, Elizabeth Cannon, Shirley Berrill and Sylvia Reynolds!

A suggestion came forward that the Group would enjoy another visit to Alconbury Weald this year to see the rapid progress being made on both the Enterprise Zone and the first housing area - the first primary school has now been built and is due to open in September. I will liaise with Rebecca Britton at U&C for an appropriate date in the summer. One of the matters we might discuss there could be the future plans for the old WW2 Watchtower which is a Listed Building.

We also need to think about a day outing - so suggestions please.

Our Treasurer, John Oldfield, reminded us that annual subscriptions are now due - they remain a modest £5.00. Please bring to the next meeting or pop through either my door (33 Church Road, Gt. Stukeley) or John's door (38 Church Road, Gt. Stukeley).

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 17th February at 7.30 pm in Great Stukeley Village Hall.

This will be a "Scanning" meeting as we had not had one for some time. We need to scan the Gill (Curtis) Brown collection of local photographs which she has kindly donated to the Group and please bring along any photos or documents we have not previously captured - I am particularly keen to archive relatively recent photos of our villages and people as these will form the bedrock of future history and heritage, so do please look through your albums and see if there are village scenes, events etc. which we are missing.

As I say above, we need to think about an annual outing, so if you could come up with some suggestions for the meeting, that would be a great help.

Michael Monk (Convenor)

T. 456634

michaelgmonk@hotmail.com

Email to the Editor

Martyn, I send this email in response to one recently published in the magazine.

As I am certain, most readers will know I was Clerk to the Council for some thirty-eight years. I have since my retirement kept my thoughts to myself because I felt it was prudent to do so. But, reading Ms Baldwinson's rantings of last month has 'stung' me into a response! I do appear to have been dragged into her obvious annoyance with 'Bumbling Bob' possibly by default. I feel that her comments of, by association, that I during my term as clerk, did not report fully the activities of the Council properly, indeed, possibly tried to conceal some items, to be not only ill informed but extremely offensive, if she has actual proof of my inefficiencies I would very much appreciate the evidence. My instructions at all times were to report all attendances and to précis all the important issues from each monthly meeting, it was well known that all full minutes and agendas were displayed in all Parish Notice Boards at least five working days prior to the next scheduled meeting, this was done without fail, the full minutes were also published on the Parish Website, these measures were strictly adhered to as it was Council Policy to keep all Parishioners, who were interested, well informed and wherever possible engaged in Parish Affairs.

I believe that ill-informed persons like Ms Baldwinson have very little appreciation of the very limited powers that a Parish Council actually has, it has been my opinion for many years, and I know it is similar to other serving and retired SPC members, the only real thing the Parish Council has some measure of control over, provision of 'local' services such as lighting, street maintenance (grass cutting) the provision of services such as salt in winter months (noted this is the second winter on the trot that the existing bins have not been replenished), with other local issues the Parish Council is virtually at the behest of the District on Planning Issues and the County on Highway matters, if either authority does not concur with the Parish view the higher authority normally prevails.

What has to be appreciated is that some of our elected (sadly only 25% of the population vote in local elections) have full time jobs and then give their leisure time freely in their efforts to serve their community, on the Parish Council. I have always been of the opinion that mistakes are made, who in our society can say they have never made one, but during my time many very good things were achieved by the Council Members that I served, these with not a great deal of thanks or appreciation, but when controversial decisions were made, criticisms were quick to ensue, but that is 'par for the course' and something that most Councillors have to accept.

The one issue to which the correspondent refers that I am in total agreement with, is the one of Michael Monk, he was indeed, as I said in the magazine when I retired, a well-informed Tower of strength to both the Council and in particular myself, he was always caring for the community and gave of his time (in the earlier days he had a full time high profile job with South Cambs DC) most generously to me in proofing minutes on many, many occasions, he is truly a very good and approachable 'village' Councillor, he will as you say be sadly missed when he does 'retire'. I am sure, as someone I consider to be a friend, won't mind me saying, that I have always thought and still do, the developers of RAF Alconbury as well as the MOD have an agenda for the area and despite all our protestations over many years, they are going ahead with it, the two new entrances (bitterly opposed by SPC) are an unfortunate indication of their intentions. I clearly remember our first meeting with Urban & Civic in which they clearly advised, they had huge plans for the area, they 'they would like to take the local communities with them' but please remember, 'our first responsibility is to our shareholders' (if Ms Baldwinson has a mind to check the relevant minutes, I think she will find it adequately minuted!!) I think that sums up their mind-set.

I would agree that upon my retirement I was replaced by a 'Full Time' professional Clerk (she does not have a full time professional occupation as well other than serving the Hemingford's in a similar capacity), whom I was involved in the selection thereof, I fully believe she is doing an excellent job for our communities, but please remember, she has one significant disadvantage, that is she does not live in the villages and thus relies on information supplied to her by her members to take any appropriate action necessary, she has been on the occasions I have contacted her very efficient in both her response and actions, I would not deem to fault her in any way.

In conclusion I would proffer, that in the entirety of my service to the Parish Council as a part time clerk, I believe I always gave of my best and at all times I sincerely acted in what I considered to be a professional manner befitting that of a public servant, in the process always serving the Council and my community to the best of my ability, and for you Ms Baldwinson to suggest otherwise is deeply offensive! I have undoubtedly made mistakes during that time, if she has any particular proof of any of my inefficiencies I would dearly like the evidence, otherwise a public apology would suffice.

Sorry to have taken up so much space, but I was 'needed' into the length of this response!!!

Michael J Newman
Clerk 1975--2014

The GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II
Thursday 19th May 2016

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PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2016

Our annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 6th August**, it has been well supported in the past and hope to see more of you this year (so make a note of the date in your diary).

So, 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 07835630559 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442. Judging for the best spring garden will take place during Mid-April (or earlier depending on the weather).

The Flower Show committee is looking for sponsors for the following sections: Plants & Flowers, Floral Arrangements and Photography. If you would like to help by sponsoring any of the sections for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 458089. The 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

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May	2.34"	59 mm		2003	18.32"	465 mm
Jun	1.14"	29 mm		2004	26.76"	680 mm
Jul	3.70"	94 mm		2005	18.73"	476 mm
Aug	2.44"	62 mm		2006	21.25"	540 mm
Sep	1.94"	49 mm		2007	25.21"	640 mm
Oct	2.50"	64 mm		2008	28.44"	722 mm
Nov	2.74"	70mm		2009	23.52"	597 mm
Dec	2.66"	68mm		2010	24.95"	634 mm
Total 2015	25.72"	653mm		2011	19.73"	501 mm
				2012	36.24"	920 mm
				2013	28.43"	722 mm
				2014	33.85"	860 mm
				2015	25.72"	653 mm

**BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE and SECRETS
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Tuesday 15th March 2016**

LAST FEW SEATS AVAILABLE: CALL SOON

On Tuesday 15th March 2016 we will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 08.15am PROMPT to arrive at the Royal Docks in time to pick-up our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Jeanie Carmichael.

A delicious BRUNCH/BREAKFAST will be served on the moored *Tereza Joanne* consisting of eggs (cooked to your order), bacon, sausages, tomatoes and mushrooms with toast, marmalade, orange juice and tea, coffee or hot chocolate. This visit to the *Tereza Joanne* returns by popular request by members of my group who have wanted to revisit since March 2013.

At 11.45am we rejoin our coach for a very informative tour of the East End exploring the stories behind some of the exhibits in Scotland Yard's *BLACK MUSEUM*. There will be a short walking tour to see The National Police Memorial and then we cross to Whitehall to visit the original site of the Old Scotland Yard which is being transformed into a luxury hotel with rooms priced up to £10,000 per night!

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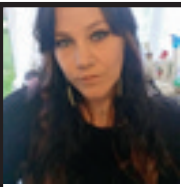
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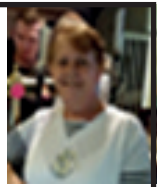
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Tuesdays		
9.30-10.20am	Pilates (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
7.30-9pm	Slimming World	Adrian Flintoft 07826 555255
Wednesdays		
10.30-12.00 last Wed	Community Coffee Morning	Jan Sly 450197
2-4pm 4 th Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
7.30-10pm 2 nd Wed	The Stukeleys Women's Institute	Jan Sly 450197
Thursdays		
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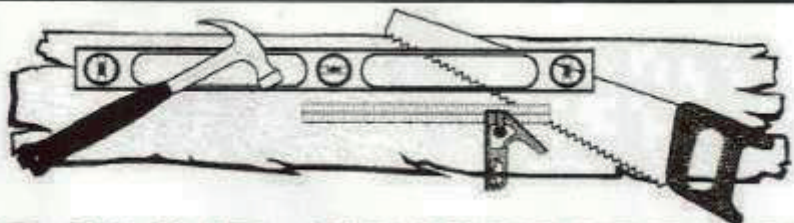
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Every Saturday	7.30 am	Pastor Doug's Prayer Meeting
Men's Breakfast		
Saturday 13 th February '16	9.00 am	All men welcome, come and bring a friend

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This month Grace Fellowship say goodbye to members and faithful workers Robert and Maame who are on their way to Dubai. While they were with us they lead the worship time for us. Maame joined us 3 years ago when she moved from London for her work and lived in Huntingdon, Robert joined just after her while serving here in the UK. In October 14 they were married. It has been a great pleasure knowing them and we wish them every blessing. It only goes to show that we never know how our lives will work out, who we may meet along the way. Maame's mother told her to find a bigger church so she could find a husband but Maame told her if God wants me to have a husband He will bring one where ever I am, Mum does not always know best, but God always knows where we are and those that are faithful and put their trust in him. It reminds me of the Story of Joseph the dreamer who was sold as a slave, taken to Egypt, put in prison for something he did not do. He told a fellow prisoner what his dream meant, a while later he was asked to show the king about his dream, as a result of his telling what the dream was about, Joseph became second to the king, and able to bring the whole family to Egypt and feed them. God sure knew where Joseph was, Joseph said so. Blessings

Pastor Pete.

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14th First Sunday of Lent	8.00 am Celebrant 9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton Family Service Janet Talbot		No Service
21st Second Sunday of Lent	9.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton	8.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
28/02/201 Third Sunday of Lent	9.00 am Leader	Morning Prayer Richard Turpin	9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton

March

6th Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		No Service
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