





## Including Alconbury

# FEBRUARY 2021



Owl End Flooding 23-24 December 2020 Thanks to Sally Brawn for the photos



# Let us transform the quality of your lawn!

# Aeration Scarification Overseeding & More

Greens up and thickens the lawn Removes weeds and minimises moss Completely safe for children and pets Locally owned and operated business

Regular personalised treatments

No contract - Direct Debit available





# FREE Lawn Analysis: 01767 651 639

www.greensleeves-uk.com · Email: hunts@greensleeves-uk.com

## March 2021 Magazine Cut-off Date Cut-off date for the March 2021 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is 9am Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 \*\*\*\* Please do not be late \*\*\*\*

#### FUTURE EVENTS

February 1<sup>st</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm

Stukeleys Parish Council Meeting Virtual Bingo Night at Stukeleys Hotel

**Every Sunday morning –9.30 am** a 'live' service which will also be recorded. You can join this service by Zoom, or find it on the website (www.norleigh.org.uk or North Leightonstone Benefice Facebook Group

**Every Friday lunchtime 12.00 noon** a recorded 'midday' service, which can be found on the website or the North Leightonstone Benefice Facebook Group.

Take a look at the Magazine website at www.stukeleysmag.co.uk Email to: Martyn at martyn@stukeleysmag.co.uk Post/drop in to: 7 Hill Close, Great Stukeley PE28 4AZ Tel: 01480 432633 Mob: 07710 171924

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:** This magazine is published by Martyn Fox with administrative and financial support from The Stukeleys' Parish Council. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Parish Council

A charge is made to advertise in this magazine. All enquiries should be directed to Martyn Fox (Tel: 01480 432633) or Ramune Mimiene, (Parish Clerk) Email: clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk

This Month			
Page 4:	Stukeleys Parish Council Report		
Page 5:	Dealing with Flooding		
Pages 6-7:	The Stukeleys Heritage Group		
Page 10:	Update from Alconbury Weald		
Page 11:	A Letter from Shannon Arthur		
Page 12:	Alert - Coronavirus Vaccination Scams		
Page 23:	Thank you to Terry & Teryle Pinner		

#### WANTED

Items for the Magazine. All things considered. Quizzes, Local Photos, Reviews, Reports on Local Events, Birthdays Etc.



# The Stukeleys Parish Council Update

The road improvement scheme has moved forward a stage, the scheme is now fully approved by all relevant parties and contractors have been appointed, work is expected to commence in the spring.

The pocket park project has also progressed, proposed layout plans and sketch details for the improvements to the open space have now been put together and a preliminary budget for the scheme to provide an initial idea of the costs involved. A pre app planning statement in draft form has now been submitted to Huntingdon District Council.

As agreed at previous SPC meeting, and at the request of the Stukeleys Heritage Group some work has been undertaken to tidy up the Romano-British burial grounds in Gt Stukeley by groundworks contractors instructed by the SPC.

The Alconbury/Buckworth First Responder Team have completed the Automated External Defibrillator 2 monthly Maintenance checks and reported they are both in full working condition.

RAF Alconbury have now completed the works to the new main entrance north of Little Stukeley, the roundabout entrance is now closed to traffic and used for pedestrians only.

Until further notice SPC meetings will continue to be held via ZOOM, anyone wishing to attend please contact <u>clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk</u>

The date of next meeting is Monday 1st of February at 7.15pm.

# Dealing with flooding.

It has been very wet in parts of the Stukeleys lately with some drains apparently unable to cope, resulting in flooding. I have recently been going through some records archived by the Research Group of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society (which carried out special study in and on Great Stukeley 50 years ago) They used a document which I thought might interest your readers. It gives an indication of what steps were taken over 350 years ago to keep drainage in the parish clear.

The following are excerpts from the records of fines by a manorial court in October 1662- *"the verdicts of the jury concerning their presentants"* 

The Torkingtons were lords of the manor of Great Stukeley at that time (there were at least three manors in the village). Damme Lane (*Dam Lane*) – was possibly once known as Dam Way - and probably followed the line of West View, at some time a Fitz John held land (Fitzjohn's Close) which seems to have been the land now occupied by the playing field. It would be interesting to know whether anyone knows where the New Pastures, Peacocks Close and Greenalls pond were.

A Bank of England currency converter suggest 1 shilling in 1662 might equate to about £90 now.

# **Richard Halliday**

## The Stukeleys Heritage Group

## The Oldest Man-made features in the Parish?

In Great Stukeley and adjacent to Ermine Street, the old Roman Road, lie two ancient Romano-British burial mounds, barrows, or tumuli. They are Scheduled Ancient Monuments protected by law as being of national importance. As part of a concentration of Roman barrows in East Anglia they provide an insight into the social and economic development of south east England in the early days of Roman occupation. These two barrows may well be the survivors of a larger group,

Much needed recent maintenance undertaken by the Parish Council has, through the removal of brambles and scrub, revealed them much more clearly and helps us appreciate them better.

The larger of the two lies on the north-west side of Ermine Street and largely within the Recreation Ground. The Schedule describes it as a substantial earthwork and exceptionally well-preserved.



The barrow on the Recreation Field. Parish Council clearing only just under way, it shows how overgrown the mounds had become, rendering them almost invisible through the undergrowth. Note how the fence breaks up the view of the feature.

The Schedule records:

"This earthwork is encircled by a large ditch, from which earth was dug and used in the construction of the mound. The conical mound has a flat platform top and stands to a height of approximately 2m from the bottom of the ditch. It covers an area approximately 23m in diameter. The south western edge of the mound and ditch have been cut by Ermine Street, although the deeper deposits of the ditch are thought to survive as a buried feature underneath the road and its verge. Elsewhere the ditch is visible as a depression of 0.5m deep with a maximum width of 3m at the bottom and approximately 6m at the top."

On the other side of Ermine Street where Hill Close ends, the other Roman barrow also remains a substantial earthwork and is also exceptionally well preserved.



The barrow at Ermine Street/Hill Close

The Schedule records:

"The conical mound has a flat platform top and stands to a height of 2m from the bottom of the ditch. It covers an area approximately 20m in diameter. The north eastern edge of the mound and the ditch, from which earth was dug and used in the construction of the mound, have been cut by Ermine Street, while the southern half of the ditch has been truncated by a modern housing development. Elsewhere the ditch survives as a slight depression with a maximum width of 1.5m at the bottom and 4m at the top."

It's unfortunate that the view of this monument is spoilt by the intrusion of an ugly brick gas service building (those pesky planners again!)

The Heritage Group thanks the Parish Council for the work which has been undertaken to improve the look of these important features. Would it not be even better if the intrusive fencing which cuts through and over these mounds could be relocated? We will be contacting Historic England and the County Council's Archaeologist to see what further help and guidance could be made available.

Michael Monk Convenor, The Stukeleys Heritage Group

# Alconbury Community Preschool

After a challenging 2020, the Alconbury Community Preschool look ahead to the coming year still aiming to provide a wonderful caring, safe learning environment for our children. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 brought news that schools were shut due to the increased threat from the COVID-19 pandemic, but early years settings remained open. We're delighted to still provide a service to keyworker children and those unable to make other arrangements for their children. Some staff were understandably unable to attend Preschool, but provided activities and videos shared with the children online.

Over the past few months, we've said some sad farewells and had new beginnings. We said goodbye to Georgina who official left us after a prolonged time away and Sandy moved onto a new career. Both served Preschool with outstanding commitment and devotion for the children. Sandy worked tirelessly during the first wave of the pandemic to action ever-changing guidance and keep the Preschool family connected in a stressful time. We will never forget their valuable contribution and wish them the very best for the future ahead. We said 'hello' to Louise (new manager), and Kelly (deputy), who joined the team at the end of 2020. We're looking forward to working together and building on the success of our previous leadership team.

In November 2020, grant monies received from the A14 Community Fund, a fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, paid for rubber crumb roadway project completion by Fenland Leisure Products (FLP) and accompanying road signs. It is a fantastic new space for vehicle play and teaching road safety.

We still have spaces for this & next academic year. If you wish to book ahead for when restrictions are eased, please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information about Preschool, please follow us on Facebook, phone 01480 896006, email: <a href="mailto:acpschool@live.co.uk">acpschool@live.co.uk</a>.

# Louise, Kelly, Marie, Claire, Donna



#### UPDATE FROM ALCONBURY WEALD

As we begin the new year in even more exceptional circumstances than the last, we continue to reflect on the remarkable resilience our new and neighbouring communities showed last year and all the ways we are adapting to life in lockdown.

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic and the Government restrictions to help reduce the spread of the virus, our construction partners have continued to bring forward the development and so we are pleased to have lots to look forward to in 2021. New community facilities coming forward this year include The Pavilion community centre and cricket pitch, The Glade "hub" which will sit at the heart of the first phase and include a Co-op, nursery, cycle hub and some flexible business space. Key Phase 1 extension is also starting to get going this year and will deliver the next 1,000 homes and the education hub with a new secondary school and special school. We are just putting the finishing touches to our next "Make|News" newsletter, which should hit the streets next week, and this provide some maps and plans for these, as well as provide an update on progress moving forward on the start of Phase 2 for Alconbury Weald, which will focus on part of Grange Farm and include the start of delivering the Country Park.

At the end of last year, we promised to keep you informed about our work with the Parish Council on the improved signage and traffic calming measures through the Stukeleys and the dates and times for those works once finalised. A Parish Council Working Group, the County Council Highways Safety team and Urban&Civic have been in discussion to find the right balance, to ensure new signage is positioned in the right place, with the right wording, and in keeping with the village environment. At the same time the Parish Council has progressed with Urban&Civic an amendment to the original design, where some of the existing speed cushions are replaced by raised tables that span the full width of the road.

With the initial works complete, and in time for the signs being installed, the group has also progressed a reduction of speed limits along the stretches from Huntingdon into the village. As part of these final works, Gateway Features will also be going in at the start and end of each village, along with additional signs that reflect the new speed limit changes. The Gateway Features will be both an important village asset in welcoming people and urging them to drive carefully, and a reminder of the speed limits as people pass through.

The works will be due to start mid-March, and on the current timetable, works will complete in Great Stukeley by the end of April and in Little Stukeley by mid-May. We know this has been a long haul to get to this point, but with the safety recommendations and all of the feedback received from the village, we hope that these additional measures will ensure that the scheme achieves its main aim, which is to give the village roads back to residents – prioritising their journeys; discouraging people from choosing it as a through route; and if they do, making sure they go slower and are respectful of the villages. Full details on the traffic calming measures will be set out in the newsletter and also available on our website at www.alconbury-weald.co.uk.

As ever if you have any questions about the development or want to talk to one of the team, please do contact me on the details below.

Email: Rbritton@urbanandcivic.com

Tel: 01480 413141





Hever Castle Moat Reflection

Anglesey Abbey's White Birch

CA Letter

There is no way I can send a thank you note to everyone who made my past five years in the United Kingdom delightful. I would if I could.

So, this is my feeble attempt to say I will remember all of you with gratitude.

I would say these words in person if I could. But the virus makes it impossible.

It is images from my travels Ileave with you, along with my prayers for better days ahead.

Shannon M. Arthur







Alert - Coronavirus Vaccination Scams

Dear subscriber,

As of 7 January 2021, Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

#### Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said:

"Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam."

#### How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination. **Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and you will not be asked for a payment.** 

#### The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to <u>report@phishing.gov.uk</u>. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting <u>www.actionfraud.police.uk</u>.

#### Message Sent By

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

# COVID-19 Know The Facts



Representative Office for Papua New Guinea

## COVID-19 spreads primarily from person to person



- Droplets released when someone sick sneezes or coughs can land on the mouths or noses of people nearby
- Close contact with someone sick like hugging or shaking hands



## COVID-19 mainly spreads from person to person But it can also be left on objects and surfaces...



So if you touch something contaminated and then touch your face or another's face, you might all fall ill.

## Reduce your risk of COVID-19



Clean your hands often

Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow – not your hands!



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

> Limit social gatherings and time spent in crowded places

Avoid close contact with someone who is sick

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces





## Happy New Year from all of us at Stukeley hotel.

Kathy, Rob, Claire and all the staff are hopeful that we can soon re-open and enjoy once again providing our hospitality to customers, guests and friends.

Meanwhile we are continuing with our Takeaway Fish & Chips on Friday evenings between 5pm & 7.30pm & Sunday roast from 12pm – 3pm. Delivery is available if you are unable to collect.



We also have a couple of events planned for you to join in with whilst we wait for some normality to re-appear!!

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January we will be hosting a Virtual Burns Supper. It will all take part on Zoom and the option of the traditional Haggis, neeps & tatties will be delivered to you at ½ time - £15.

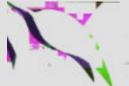
You can however join the evening without the food if you prefer -  $\pounds 5$ 

There will be a virtual Bingo night on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. This will be playing 4 games of Bingo with the option of Fish & Chips being delivered at ½ time - £14.40 Just Bingo - £5.00

Please email: <u>stukeleys@outlook.com</u> or call Kathy on 01480 462410 for further details or to book an event.







# GARDENADE

FOR ALL YOUR GARDENING NEEDS

# NO JOB TOO SMALL

ALL ASPECTS OF GARDEN MAINTENANCE COVERED FREE QUOTES COMPETATIVE PRICES

## CALL TODAY

07402 811594 - ADE ADEI01@LIVE.CO.UK



Contact details for a free no obligation quote. Tel: 07958 066746 stevenpowercarpentry@gmail.com

#### All aspects of carpentry and construction undertaken No job is too big or small.

Services include:

- Kitchen installations
- Conversions
- Wooden flooring
- Bespoke furniture
- Decking

- Doors
- Windows
- Roofing
- General building
- Stairs

Over 13 years' experience in the Construction Industry as a qualified Carpenter & Joiner.





GreenThum

AWN TREATMENT SERV

If you've been thinking about enjoying a great lawn this year – green, lush and weed-free, why not contact us today and let us bring your lawn to life.

We provide four seasonal treatments, as well as beneficial treatments to keep your lawn in tip-top condition - prices start from just £5\* per month.

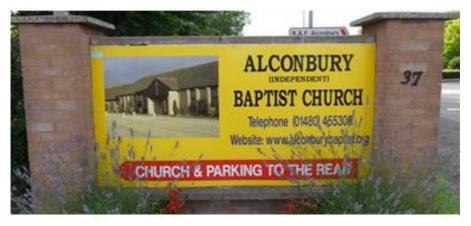


Ask us about our annual plans, which allows you to both spread the cost and save up to 25%.

Simply call: 01234 709345 or visit: greenthumb.co.uk

\*Based on a lawn size of 40m<sup>2</sup>





**Alconbury Independent Baptist Church** 

We are an international church who have a common salvation in a glorious redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ. The gospel is the message of saving grace from Almighty God to lost souls through Christ our precious Saviour. If you would like to find out more about Christ or require a Bible, please contact us on the information below!

	Morning Worship <i>urch</i> for 5-11years)	10:45am
Sunday	Evening Service (monthly)	6pm
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting	6.30pm



All are Welcome to any of these services!

Live broadcast on Sunday morning on YouTube or Facebook

We are located across the road from the old main gate of RAF Alconbury. 37 Ermine Street, Lt Stukeley, PE28 4BE.

If you have any questions or want to find out more about the Christian Faith. Please contact Pastor G Marley. Tel: 01480- 455300 email: <u>pastor@alconburybaptist.org</u>

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.... (Heb 12:2)

pastor@alconburybaptist.org

## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

#### ERMINE STREET, GREAT STUKELEY NEXT TO THE VILLAGE HALL

**Bishop**: Richard Malachowski Sunday Service Schedule

9.30am to 10.30am:	Sacrament Meeting
10.30am to 11.30am:	Children ages 3-11classes; Youth ages 12-18, Young Single Adult and Adult Sunday School <i>Alternating Sundays:</i> Children ages 3-11 classes; Young Women and Young Men ages 12-18 lessons; Priesthood (males 18+) and Relief Society (Sisters, age 18+) lessons.

Schedule repeats, starting at 12.30pm with Bishop Michael Waters

All are welcome to come and worship with us!

#### Weekday meetings:

Tuesday Nights: Youth meetings (ages 12 – 18), starting at 7.00pm

First Thursday, Sisters monthly meeting and activity, at 7.00pm

Sunday Evenings, every other Sunday – Young Single Adult meeting and activity

Come and see what we believe - try www.comeuntochrist.org

- **Believe:** Learn about the Savior, Jesus Christ, and how basic beliefs of His Restored Gospel can enrich lives
- *Belong:* Jesus can make you a better person. You can make us a better community. Come worship with us!
- *Become:* We are all trying to be better human beings. Explore ways to aid your personal and spiritual growth.



## **GRACE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

# GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 11 AM

The second Saturday of each month we host a men's fellowship breakfast. Please join us for a meal, discussion, and time of fellowship.

If there is any way we can help of if you need to speak to someone please call Pastor Eric Gren at 01832 293143 or email at <u>egren921@gmail.com</u>.





#### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S GREAT STUKELEY ST MARTIN'S LITTLE STUKELEY

#### **Church services for February 2021**

Due to the current national lockdown, there will be no in-person services during February. Church will be online.

**Every Sunday morning –9.30 am** a 'live' service which will also be recorded. You can join this service by Zoom, or find it on the website (www.norleigh.org.uk) or North Leightonstone Benefice Facebook Group

**Every Friday lunchtime 12.00 noon** a recorded 'midday' service, which can be found on the website or the North Leightonstone Benefice Facebook Group.

**Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>.** Details of the online services have not been finalised. Please contact Fiona if you would like to know these. It is also possible to receive a simple 'Ash Wednesday and Lent' bag, with some ideas for keeping these times at home, especially, but not only for those who don't have internet access. Please contact Fiona if you would like an 'Ash Wednesday' bag.

St Bartholomew's Church is open for individual prayer by arrangement. St Martin's Church is open for individual prayer by arrangement.

Rev Fiona Brampton (01480 538726 <u>revfiona@norleigh.org.uk</u>) and Rev Mandy Flaherty (01480 896541 <u>rector@norleigh.org.uk</u>) are available for prayer or a chat (by phone under the current regulations).

Rev Fiona Brampton Associate Priest, North Leightonstone Benefice 29 Church Road Great Stukeley 01480 538726 revfiona@norleigh.org.uk

Churchwardens

Great Stukeley	Harry Raby Diane McGoff	01480 453269 01480 456238
Little Stukeley	Camilla Payne Sally Smith	<u>camilla@uk.com</u> sallysmith101@aol.com

<u>www.norleigh.org.uk</u> (for information about the churches, and for livestreamed and recorded services).

## **Thank You to Terry & Teryle Pinner**

We would like to thank Terry and Teryle Pinner who kindly arranged for the stained-glass window at St Martin's Church to be illuminated during the dark hours over the Christmas period. It was lovely that everyone could see the majestical church shining in beauty.



- Forms
- Booklets
- Tickets
- . And so much more ....

23 Levellers Lane Ind Est, Eynesbury, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 2JL



AXA PPP and BUPA

Registered



With over 20 years experience working with local GP's, we're able to offer a range of the most relevant natural health and complementary therapies

### This includes treatment for:

back & neck pain • headaches • sports injuries foot problems • other musculoskeletal problems

T: 01480 455221 E: info@CentreForCompHealth.com W: CentreForCompHealth.com 6 Cambridge Road, Godmanchester PE29 2BW

