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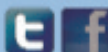
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The cut-off date for the February Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
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FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 7 th January	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Sat 12 th January	Men's Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sat 9 th February	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	LSVH
Fri 14 th February	Beetle Drive + Fish & Chip Supper	6.45 pm	GSVH
Tue 12 th March	Cable Car Capitol Trip	9.00 am	GSVH
Sat 23 rd March	Horse Racing Night	TBA	LSVH
Sat 11 th May	Medieval Dinner	TBA	LSVH
Sun 7 th July	BBQ & Rounders	TBA	LSVH
Sat 7 th September	Flower Show	TBA	LSVH

 **Don't forget to get your answers to the
Christmas Quiz to me by Friday 18th January** 

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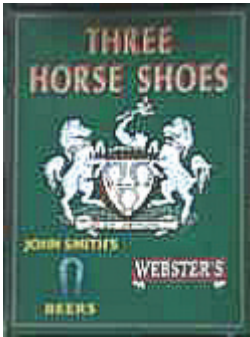
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Parish Council Meeting Report

Seven Councillors, the District & County Councillors, Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic and six members of the public attended the Council December meeting.

One area of public concern is the proposals by Savills to develop 'Washingley Farm Business Park' on a site next to the existing Ermine Street Park. It is very obvious that there is a great deal of concern in our two communities about these proposals as there most certainly is among Councillors. The Council have already made M/s Savills aware of their concerns in a very robust manner and to this end have invited that company to attend the Council meeting on 7th January to explain what their intentions are after holding the public exhibition to test public opinion and if they insist on continuing what possible mitigating measures will be put in place to negate the potentially serious impact on village life. There was still concern that Urban & Civic had not filed their retrospective planning application for the track across Grange Farm, Ms Britton on behalf of the company said that the application would be filed before Christmas and should be available on the HDC website, if not before Christmas, soon after. The issues with volume and speed of traffic in Green End were raised again with Ms Britton announcing that all the tenants, other than the wood working company had been given notice to vacate the site by 31st December 2012.

She was made aware of public opinion in that area and it was suggested that due to the narrow access to the site through a quiet country lane careful 'vetting' should take place in future of any possible replacement tenants and most certainly no more 'Courier' firms should not be allowed on site.

The Council have decided to apply for grant aid to refurbish the footpath 13 between Ermine Street and Beech Avenue including resurfacing, new hand rail and 'wiring' the steps to negate slippery conditions in wet times, these works amounting to approximately £3000, it is advised if the grant is obtained it will be necessary to close the path for the period of the work. Quotations and grant aid are also to be sought for the 'rabbit fencing' of the playing field.

It was announced that the provision of the Owl End allotments is now proceeding with an planning application soon to be made for a low cost single central building to service the site, it is also envisaged because of the narrow nature of the lane that an on-site turning area for all vehicles including any lorries that may be required to deliver compost and other materials to the site should be planned. Delays continue on the proposed diversion for footpath 11 at Grange Farm, these are because of delays caused by the County Archaeologists department; they have now been given to the end of the year to make firm proposals.

NB. The next Council meeting will now be at the village hall Low Road, Little Stukeley on Monday 7th January 2013 due to refurbishment work at the hall at Gt. Stukeley, similarly the February Council meeting will also be at Lt. Stukeley.

Michael. J. Newman, Clerk & RFO



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LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Social Club

I will take this opportunity to remind people that the Social Club is open to all residents of Little Stukeley and meets nearly every Sunday from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Membership for life costs the princely sum of £5! If you would like to join please give me a ring, send an email, or contact any member of the committee.

Events for 2013

For once the committee has managed to put together next year's function calendar before the start of the New Year; let's hope we can deliver the goods! The dates and events proposed are as follows:

1. March 23rd: Horse Racing night.
2. May 11th: Medieval Dinner (fancy dress- see below).
3. July 7th: BBQ and Rounders.
4. September 7th: Flower Show.
5. December 14th: Christmas Dinner (most likely, but TBC).

The Medieval Dinner is an attempt to produce something different; hence the fancy dress. The committee will be decorating the hall as much as we can, and we hope that people will enter into the spirit by coming in fancy dress of some description to add to the atmosphere. More details will be published in the parish magazine in the New Year. Meanwhile if anybody has any good ideas or feels like lending a helping hand, then please get in touch with me or one of the committee.

Happy New year to all.

Keith Winter (01480-450656)

(Email: keithwinter2@sky.com)

Quiz Night

Little Stukeley Village Hall

Saturday 9th February prompt 7pm start

Supper

Tickets £10 From Jocelyn Kerr

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REMEMBER THE ROUND ORANGE?



If you want to know more about the 'Round Orange' and how it explains the love of Jesus for everyone in the world do join us in our Special Family Service St Bartholomew's Church at 9:30am on Sunday 13th January & enjoy the **Christingle** Service which began in Germany in 1747 & was introduced to The Church of England by the Children's Society over 40 years ago.

St Bartholomew's Quiz Night

As many will know, because of the failure of the heating system, the Village Hall had to cease operating for December so the regretfully we were unable to hold the St Bartholomew's Quiz Night. Hopefully we will be able to find a slot later in the year for another attempt at what promised to be a really fun evening.

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

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A Beetle Drive with Fish & Chip Supper is planned for Friday 14th February 2013 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.

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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 13th January)

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 SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICES

We previously advised a Songs of Praise Service would be celebrated at St Bartholomew's whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the Month but since the last would have fallen on the 30th of December it was felt it was a bit too close to Christmas and we should have the next one in the Spring. Ironically the next 5th Sunday is Easter Day at which we shall celebrate Holy Communion so we will have a Songs of Praise in place of the normal Service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 24th March; watch out for more details nearer the time. Once again a Village Club/Activity will be invited to take the lead in choosing the Hymns so I have no doubt we can expect a good variety of popular tunes.

Richard Turpin

St Bartholomew's Churchwarden

Washingley Farm Business Park

The minimization of the impact of this latest development on the Stukeley Villages by the developer was the main takeaway from the public meeting at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on 27th November.

1. The daily traffic flow between 8 and 10am was given at 427 vehicles. However this fails to take account of:

- The regular traffic build-up through the Stukeleys when the A14 has been affected by an accident-an all too frequent occurrence-which results in the use of Ermine Street as a *rat run*. Traffic then stretches back from Skittles roundabout through to the end of Little Stukeley and can last in congestion for several hours.
- The increasing use of Ermine Street to avoid the congestion at the Spittles roundabout.
- The traffic which will emanate from the planned housing estate *directly opposite* the proposed Washingley Farm Business Park. With a planned 1,000 plus houses we can expect around 1,500 vehicles to leave the *one opening* in the same time frame.
- Traffic to and from the approved Alconbury development as no-one can seriously believe that all the jobs will be served from the 5,000 homes on the same development. Again there is only *one* planned entrance/exit ...and that empties onto Ermine Street.
- The planned 2,250 jobs will mean at least 1,500 cars entering Washingley Farm Business Park between 8 and 10am.

2. It is disingenuous to state that the traffic will be entering Washingley Farm Business Park will only come from the Huntingdon area.

- People from the adjacent Ermine Street Business Park come from the other side of Peterborough and use the Ermine Street *rat run* to avoid Skittles congestion.

3. To suggest that all the traffic problems will be addressed by the upgrade of the A14 is facetious. This has been in train for 20 years and is not a priority on any Governments' transport agenda-so any time soon is a figment of the imagination.

4. The laudable creation of *up to* 2,250 jobs sounds good-but is it?

- Very few, if any, jobs will flow to the Stukeleys largely due to the fact that many of the residents are elderly.
- There are no shops, no petrol stations and the Post Office closed our local Post Office. Except for the two pubs there is little economic benefit to the villages.
- As the Huntingdon District Council will siphon-off tax revenues from all three sites there will be no fiscal advantage to the villages. Has the HDC made the necessary provisions for the increase in hospital beds, doctors & dental surgeries, Police, Ambulance & Fire services as well as street cleaning and refuse collection needed to support these developments in this time of austerity for us all?

5. Suggesting that the development will be *phased* just means that we will be faced with a graduating problem: the overall impact will be the same.

The sad fact is that if all three planned developments go-ahead in their current form the Stukeleys' will end up grid locked.

The road system cannot absorb the current level of traffic. Factoring-in the additional traffic that these developments will create Ermine Street will be forced to carry at least another 6,000 vehicles in the 8 to 10am time slot.

In any form this is a development too far.

Dr.Barrie G James
Tel 433.954

Reflections: Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2012

Another most enjoyable visit to the 2012 Thursford Christmas Spectacular was experienced by my 50 strong group on Sunday 18th November 2012.

Our departure at 10am from the Great Stukeley Village Hall was on a very cold but brilliantly sunny winters' day. Last year was difficult for the Organizer. When the payment day arrived in June 2012 eleven people who had signed up let me down which required a lot of effort to ensure that we had a full house?

John, our delightful coach driver, made excellent time and we arrived just after 11.35am giving the group lots of time for a snack, Christmas shopping at the three heavily stocked shops, a drink at the bar or just wandering around enjoying the terrific Festive atmosphere.

Santa's Magical Journey into Christmas was a real hit. I very much enjoyed the moving polar bears, penguins, reindeer, snowmen, brown bears and my favourite, the busy Elf's toy work shop.

At 2pm Europe's biggest Christmas Show burst into life with a cast of over 140 performing a mix of dance, song, readings and humour. The 2012 show had all the glitz and glamour with a fun comedian, Paul Adams, and a juggler, Grant Goldie.

Christmas Eve, when the show ended, over 130,000 people from all over the country would have attended last years' Spectacular-a show in a small Norfolk village that rivals anything in the West End.

Sincere thanks are due to my dear friend Nikki Thrift-Sommers who helped me to secure the fantastically well positioned stall seats and to my group for their much appreciated support.

It has become increasingly difficult to obtain tickets and Thursford now levies a non-refundable £1.00 deposit (£50.00 for me) for each seat booked. An early January application and a lot of luck is required to get seats.

I will try to obtain tickets for the 2013 Thursford Christmas Spectacular so please watch this space.

If you are interested in joining my group for the 2013 Spectacular please let me know as soon as possible as I am beginning to collect names.

Mary Alleyne-James
Organiser Tel 433954

The Cable Car Capitol Trip: Tuesday 12th March 2013

On Tuesday 12th March 2013 we will meet our coach at 9.00am at the Great Stukeley Village Hall car park for a PROMPT departure at 9.15am.

There is much planned for our very busy day in London. Jeannie Carmichael, our specially requested Blue Badge Holder Guide, will meet us at the Gallions Reach DLR Station at around 12.15pm. Here Jeannie will take charge of our 53 strong group for the rest of our time spent in the Big Capital.

Brunch, a full English breakfast, will be served buffet-style on the *Tereza Joanne*, moored at the Royal Docks.

Our delicious buffet is included in the overall price of £ 39.00 per person. Our trip will include a sightseeing tour and TWO Cable Car flights – one in daylight and the other at dusk as sunset that day is scheduled for 6pm.

There will be a short stop at the Westfield Stratford City. This will be a one hour visit which can be used as a comfort stop with very limited time for shopping.

Before heading home a forty-five minute visit to the O2 Centre for refreshments is planned. Our estimated arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall, depending on the evening traffic out of London, is scheduled for between 9.45 and 10.15pm.

PLEASE BE REMINDED that full payment for this trip in CASH ONLY is to be received by me personally NO LATER THAN 5PM on TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2013. Please be thoughtful and call me first to arrange a mutually convenient time to drop-off your payment at my house.

Your PROMPT payment would be very much appreciated .If you miss the deadline your tickets may be offered to others on my waiting list.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tour Organizer Tel: 433.954

Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2013

This is to let you know that I am already thinking ahead to Thursford's Christmas Spectacular in November 2013.

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

My requested dates for 2013 are:

Sunday 17th November 2013 Preferred

Sunday 24th November 2013 Alternative

I am currently preparing my list for Thursford 2013. 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.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tel 433.954

Press Release

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Police launch 'Dear Santa' domestic abuse campaign

FOR MOST children in Cambridgeshire Christmas is a special time filled with joy and happiness. But for some it's a time to dread as they are forced to watch the abuse against their parent or guardians continue.

Today (Monday December 10) the force launches its 'Dear Santa' campaign to encourage victims to come forward, as part of the 31 day Christmas campaign.

Det Insp Alan Page said: "It's not just the victims of domestic abuse who suffer: for their children it is just as traumatic.

"Often at Christmas we see an increase in incidents of abuse and for the children living within those households it's a time to fear.

"Every child has the right to feel safe and happy and for some children all they will want this Christmas is for the hurt to stop.

"I would urge anyone who is a victim of abuse not to suffer in silence and take that first step towards seeking support.

"The force has a Domestic Abuse Investigations and Safeguarding Unit (DAISU) which investigates all domestic abuse crimes, meaning victims deal with specially trained officers."

As part of the campaign the force has issued a poster which features a letter to Santa from a child whose mother is a victim of domestic abuse.

The poster will be displayed at key locations, such as doctors' surgeries and hospitals. It will be supported by a radio campaign from a child's perspective.

Det Insp Page added: "The force is committed to reducing domestic abuse and providing support to victims and their families through our partner agencies.

"We hope that by highlighting the impact abuse has on children more victims will feel empowered to come forward."

For more information about the campaign visit – www.getclosertochristmas.org

Useful contact numbers:

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James Cox Double Diamond Anniversary



Every James Bond fan knows that diamonds are forever and with menswear and gifts shop James Cox celebrating their Double Diamond anniversary it seems that they could be thriving in Huntingdon High Street for all time.

Opening in the reign of Victoria and still thriving in the age of the internet four generations of the Cox family have known when to be adaptable and when to be consistent. Whilst the fashions on offer and the shop itself have changed significantly over the last 120 years, the quality of product and standard of service have remained as good as ever. At James Cox what is important hasn't changed since 1893.

James Cox has always been the complete outfitter from top to toe and from underwear to outerwear for all sizes and all ages of man. In the early decades clothing essential for warmth and protection was supplied to customers working on farms and in factories and living in colder houses than today. As numbers in these occupations declined and homes were heated clothing was increasingly bought for appearance and comfort. Now fashion and leisure are important considerations in any purchase.

Today's sought after casual brands such as Joules and Ben Sherman are complemented by the long established favourites of Gurteen trousers, Peter England shirts, Loake shoes, Gabicci knitwear, Jockey underwear, Viyella socks, Tootal pyjamas and Dents gloves and hats. The extensive range of menswear offered in this large shop means outfit packages such as suit, shirt and tie can often be put together for a set price to give great value. A quick special order service is available if the size or colour required is not in stock.

The Edwardian frockcoat worn daily by James Cox himself and seen in the earliest photograph of the shop 100 years ago is now a favourite style of wedding groups in the Formal Suit Hire Department. Measuring skills have been passed on from father to son and now reside in the capable hands of Graeme Cox. Huntingdonshire families have repeatedly trusted this reliable service whether hiring for an important function or purchasing a made-to-measure suit to last.

James Cox continues to change with the times and two years ago a Gift and Homeware Department was opened offering ideas for men and women. Managed by Sarah Cox an eclectic range includes painted wall tiles and clocks; lighted flower arrangements and lamps; jewellery and bags; exotic soaps and candles and much more. If such a department had existed in the 1930s then just briefly there could have been the proverbial bull in a china shop when a beast escaped from a nearby slaughter house and charged through the shop window.

For the Diamond Jubilee Sale in 1953 James' son Cyril Cox invested in 60 raincoats from a leading brand and displayed one in the window for £9.19s.6d. David Cox, aged 15, had only started work three months earlier and still recalls his terror at the sight of the long queue stretching down the street all morning. Queues are a frequent feature of James Cox sales so be sure to set off early for this very special event where you can now even buy an alarm clock.

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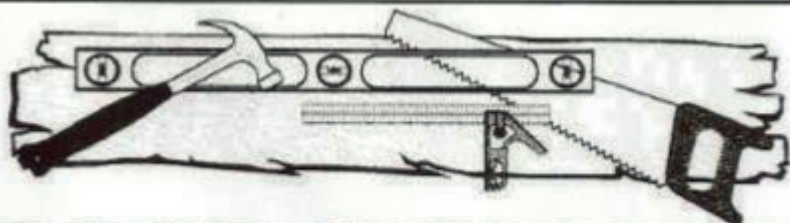
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Every Sunday	9.45 am	All age Sunday School	
	10.30 am	Payer Meeting	
	11.00 am	Worship Service	
	7.00 pm	Small Group Study at the Church	NOT SUN Jan. 13 2013
Every Monday	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting	
Every Thursday and Friday	7.30 am	Skype Prayer Group. Just Phone Pete and add your number, to join in.	
Saturday Jan. 12 th friend or two!!	9.00 am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship All Men Welcome. Bring a	
2 nd Sunday each Month	3.00 pm	Afternoon Worship at Great Gidding Baptist Church	

If there is any way in which we can help or any questions you need to ask please call Pete and Penny Bourne on 01480 432207 or 07887707940 / 07908093224 or email us at bourneagain38jer333di@gmail.com or penny.bourne@sky.com or phone David Stokes on 01480 891023 and we will do our very best to help. If you need help with transport to any of the meetings just call Pete or Penny as above. If you would like more information about Grace Fellowship visit our website, www.gracefellowshipbaptist.co.uk and please visit our Facebook Pages for Grace Fellowship and Great Gidding Baptist Church.

Happy New Year

As we move into 2013 I hope that you can look back to 2012 and say it was a good year for you and your family. If so give thanks for the blessings you had but stop for a moment and think of those that have been less fortunate than you were. If you were one of those that had a year that was not so good then I pray that 2013 will be better one for you. Each New Year we start with plans that we hope to realise, things like Weddings, Birthdays, that trip you always wanted to make or even a new birth, perhaps your first that may be a grandchild you always longed for. But, whatever your plans are, may they all work out the way you planned them too. For those that don't work out I pray the disappointment will not be too hard for you to bear! Whatever happens remember that if we can help you please call us on 01480 432207. It's my hope that 2013 will be a year we can all work together to bring joy and a better year than the one we have left behind. Finally may we at Grace Fellowship wish everyone a very Peaceful and Happy 2013 God bless you all.

Pete and Penny Bourne

CHURCH SERVICES



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
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January				
6th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Epiphany	Celebrant	Rev'd Philip Swindells		
13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Baptism of Christ	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton		
Second Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am	Christingle Service		
	Leader	Richard Turpin		
20th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Epiphany	Celebrant	Rev'd Philip Swindells	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
27th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Leader	Alan McGoff	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
February				
3rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Presentation of Christ	Celebrant	Rev'd Philip Swindells		
Second Sunday before Lent				
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