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# February 2017 Magazine Cut-off Date

Cut-off date for the February 2017 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

## 9am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**\*\*\*\* Please do not be late \*\*\*\***

### FUTURE EVENTS

No Parish Council Meeting in January

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Women's Fellowship Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Burns Night	7.30 pm	LSVH
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Peterborough Greyhounds	6.00 pm	GSVH
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	LSVH

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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

Parish Council met on 5 Dec 16 at Little Stukeley Village Hall and the next scheduled meeting is on Mon 6 Feb 17 at Great Stukeley Village Hall. Please note that Council does not meet in January but please check the website and Notice Boards for the extraordinary meetings. Parish Council Meetings start with 15 MINUTE OPEN MEETING 7.15pm to 7.30pm when members of the public can address the Council. This part cannot be longer than 15 minutes so that the formal meeting is started promptly at 7.30pm. Please see the Agenda for further details. Budget and precept for 2017/18 were approved at Dec Parish Council Meeting and Precept request is already submitted Huntingdonshire District Council. No new planning applications received up to 30 Nov 16.

One Planning consultation received after the Agenda was issued: 16/029494/HHFUL 18 Chestnut Grove Great Stukeley PE28 4AT Single storey rear extension. It was agreed to delegate powers to Planning Committee to respond to this Planning Consultation only.

Clerk received a phone call from HDC case officer Gavin Sylvester re: 16/01851/REM that Urban & Civic amended the proposals for the community park and HDC would like to consult PC on the amendments: 'Construction of new Community Park, to include; allotments, MUGA, NEAP, skate park, amenity open space, landscaping, carparking (revised drawings)'.

The main change is a reduction in car parking spaces to serve the park. PC previously approved the application. Drawings showing the revisions to the above proposal were circulated to full council. The main change is a reduction in car parking spaces from 30 to 22, albeit there is potential to expand the car park in the future, the applicant says. Other changes include the addition of a grass maze and alterations to pathways.

As Alconbury Weald was on the Agenda for Dec Parish Council meeting PC members discussed the amended proposals and agreed to approve them.

A consultation received re: Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: Wind Energy Developments, 21/11/16 to 16/01/17. Parish Council Members viewed the plans prior to the meeting and now working on the Parish Council response to HDC.

Rebecca Britton, Urban & Civic gave a presentation on Alconbury Weald: Proposed diversion and upgrade of FP11 across Grange Farm and planned works for the implementation of the foul water connection - which goes along the edge of the site north of the 2 villages.

Parish Council discussed the Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire: Final Recommendations. A full copy of the report is available on the website, [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) . An interactive map of final recommendations is available at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk). The Stukeleys Parish boundaries will remain as they are, but the HDC Ward will include Stukeley Meadows, which was confirmed by HDC Cllr Keith Barker.

Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling places and Polling Stations, consultation (consultation ends 6 Jan 17). The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has completed its review of electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council in September 2016 and

Huntingdonshire District Council in November 2016. As a result, HDC needs to carry out a review of some of its polling districts and polling arrangements in order to run elections for the new Divisions and Wards from May 2017.

As stated by HDC: A new polling district for Alconbury Weald be created to allow residents there to vote in their own local polling station. The polling place will be defined as the polling district of Alconbury Weald. The arrangements will be kept under review as the area continues to grow.

#### CHANGES AT ALCONBURY WEALD/THE STUKELEYS – REASON FOR REVIEW

Development at the Alconbury Weald is sited within the parish of The Stukeleys, encompassing Great Stukeley and Little Stukeley. Currently although there are no electors present it is predicted that by 31st March 2018 an estimated 250 properties will have been completed. Any electors who will be resident there will have to visit the Little Stukeley polling station in order to cast their vote. As Alconbury Weald is detached from the village of Little Stukeley it would not make it easy for the electors to vote there. It may be necessary to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) in the future to decide on future governance arrangements for the Alconbury Weald area and whether the area should become its own parish with designated boundaries. Irrespective of whether Alconbury Weald becomes its own parish or not, it will need to be adopted as a polling district now in order to allow electors to visit a polling station that is local to them.

**RECOMMENDATION** A new polling district of Alconbury Weald should be created. This polling district will be renamed should the area become parished and a future review will amend polling district boundaries if these are affected adversely by the CGR. Parish Council Members noted the Consultation.

Have a great festive season! Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all!

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## **The Stukeleys Parish Council** **2017 Village Hall Booking for Meetings**

**Mon 6 Feb – GSVH - Mon 6 Mar – LSVH**

**Mon 3 Apr – GSVH - Mon 8 May – LSVH**

**Mon 5 Jun – GSVH - Mon 3 Jul – LSVH**

**Mon 4 Sep – GSVH - Mon 2 Oct – LSVH**

**Mon 6 Nov – GSVH - Mon 4 Dec – LSVH**

## THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

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# *Little Stukeley Village Hall*

# *Burns Night*

*January 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 - 7.30pm*

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

**Welcome Cocktail on arrival**

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

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

**Tickets £12.50 each contact Sally Smith (07500 220615 or [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com))**

**Volunteers for Poetry Readings, Stories and Songs welcomed**



## **LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL**

By the time you read this we'll be heading towards the end of the year, and what a successful year of events we've had. We've had support from far and wide in both terms of making events happen and participation from many villagers together with their families and friends. I look forward to another great year and celebrating in style at the Diamond Jubilee Summer Ball in May.

I was not able to attend the last event again and Keith Winter has kindly provided a short report on the Christmas Dinner held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Once again people from the village and their friends enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner cooked by our resident chefs Gill and Gloria; thank you both for all the work you do to make these functions so enjoyable. Thanks also to those who helped set up and clear away and to Sally for running the bar. Entertainment was provided by the Upwood Ukulele band who were a huge success, with some novel interpretations of Christmas carols as well as very amusing topical songs, some of which were helped by enthusiastic audience participation much to the amusement of everyone else; a memorable night, one of the best.

You'll notice elsewhere in the magazine several flyers for upcoming events, they are listed below too in a provisional calendar for next year. We'll confirm the dates at the next committee meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and then publish those that are TBC in the next edition of the magazine in February 2017. If you have any matters that you would like to be discussed in the next committee meeting please drop me a line in email, text or call me, it would be nice to hear your views and comments.

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

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

## Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events David Robinson (07730312964 or [littlestukeleyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:littlestukeleyvillagehall@gmail.com)) would be pleased to hear from you and he'll talk you through the arrangements. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Little Stukeley Village Hall and you can message David from there too.

Regular bookings for the Hall include:

Daisies Montessori School	Weekdays	9am – 3pm	Anna Elcox 01480 414638
Line Dancing	Tuesdays	7:15pm - 9:15pm	Silvie World 01480 353970
Caledonian Dancers	Wednesdays & Fridays	8pm - 10pm	Isobel Brown 01487 831783
Yoga	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm	Jane Clark 07958 757076
Karate	Saturdays	10am – 11am	Lance Ewington 01480 417137
Social Club	Sundays	1pm – 2:30pm	Keith Winter 01480 450 656

## Next Events

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



Date	Event	Notes	Tickets
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns Supper	Date confirmed	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Quiz night	Church Event Date confirmed	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Ball Diamond Jubilee Celebration	Date confirmed	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
June	Ceilidh	Church Event TBC	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	BBQ and Rounders	TBC	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Wheel Barrow show	TBC	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Beer Festival & Live Jazz	Church Event TBC	
September	Family Bingo	Church Event TBC	
October	Harvest Supper	Church Event TBC	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire and Fireworks	TBC	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Social Club Supper Night	TBC	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	TBC	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Party	Date confirmed	Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email <a href="mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com">sallysmith101@aol.com</a> )

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas for other events or if you would like to get involved, you'd be very welcome and I'd be delighted to hear from you. In the meantime have a peaceful Christmas and successful new year.

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**NEW  
YEAR'S  
EVE**

Little Stukeley Village Hall

**NEW  
YEAR'S  
EVE**

**New Year's Eve Party 2016**

Saturday 31st December 2016 at 2000

Tickets (essential but no cost) from

Sally Smith Tel: 07500 220615

or email: [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)

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**Quiz Night**

**Little Stukeley Village Hall**

**On Saturday 11th March**

**7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.30 pm**

**Supper & Bar**

**Tickets £10 from Jocelyn Kerr**

**Tel 453213 or [jocelynkerr@icloud.com](mailto:jocelynkerr@icloud.com)**

# Little Stukeley Village Hall 60th Anniversary Grand Ball

 *Celebrate the Diamond Anniversary in Style!* 

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Reception 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm

Carriages 12.30pm

*Black Tie / Formal Dress*

*3 Course Meal served in Marquee*

*Five Piece Live Band – Easy Livin’*

*(50's & 60's to current day)*

*Entertainment - Cash Bar*

Tables of 10 or Individual Places available

Tickets £45 per person

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

Contact Sally Smith on 07500 220615 / [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)



*Invite Family and Friends and book a whole table*



## **Reflections: Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2016**

### **Thursford's 40 Glorious Years! Sunday 20th November 2016**

To celebrate their 40th Anniversary *Thursford* really put on their BEST SHOW EVER!

The rain as we left Great Stukeley did nothing to dampen the excitement among my largest group ever of fifty-seven (57) neighbours, friends and friends of friends who joined us. We arrived at *Thursford* just after 11.30am giving my group lots of time to have lunch, a snack, Christmas shop, visit the bar or just wander around soaking up the terrific and exciting Christmas atmosphere. *Santa's Magical Journey into Christmas* was as wonderful as ever with all their moving animals-Polar and Brown Bears, Rudolph with his reindeers and every conceivable Festive animal including my very favourite PENGUINS!

At 2pm Europe's largest Christmas Show burst into life with a cast of 125 performing a mix of dance, song, readings and humorous the past two years their comedian and compere has been the incredibly funny Paul Eastwoodian Essex boy, Paul started his career in 1994 working in the UK Holiday Parks and has gone from strength to strength. He has performed in some of the most beautiful locations in the world from Barbados...to Dagenham! As a very special treat celebrating their 40th Anniversary the audience experienced one of the dancers' most popular routines-*The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers!* A terrific treat!

We made excellent time and arrived back in Great Stukeley just after 7.20pm.

Our charity DONATION for 2016 was made to the THURSDAY CLUB in Alconbury. I sincerely thank everyone on this *Thursford Christmas Spectacular* trip for their much-appreciated generosity's £ 134.50 collected, together with Donations from the surplus of my trips in 2016 and a personal donation, has been sent to Mary Watkins who runs this incredible weekly club.

I have again been asked to organize another trip to *Thursford* for their 2017 *Christmas Spectacular*.

As usual *Thursford* has changed the rules once again this year and now no longer accept written bookings. I will need some time to sort out exactly how I can organize the tickets for this year's *Spectacular*.

I will keep you informed of my progress so please watch this space for an update.

## **THURSFORD GROUP DONATION 2016**

Just to let you know that I have sent a DONATION on behalf of the 2016 Thursford Group and all the other trips that I ran during the year to the THURSDAY CLUB in Alconbury.

The THURSDAY CLUB is run by Mrs. Mary Watkins. The THURSDAY CLUB provides a day of companionship, friendship and laughter for the frail, elderly and housebound in the Stukeleys, Alconbury and surrounding villages. For many of our neighbours this is THE ONLY TIME IN THE WEEK that they leave their homes and meet up with friends.

This Christmas DONATION of £400.00 includes the £134.50 generously donated by my 2016 Thursford Group and the remainder comes from my other trips in 2016 as well as my private donation.

I extend my sincere thanks to my 2016 Thursford Group for their generous contribution to a very deserving cause.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
Organizer  
Tel 01480 433 954

# PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS

*Friday 10th February 2017*

## PAYMENT DUE

We are off to the Dogs to have some fun on Friday 10th February 2017-helping to blow away those Christmas Blues!

We will meet that evening at the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 6.00pm for our 6.15pm PROMPT departure in our Kiddles Coach. We plan to arrive at *The Greyhound Stadium* by 7pm as we need to get seated at our tables for the first race which starts at 7.30pm.

The price for this visit is £39.00 per person including a three-course dinner (starter, main course and dessert) with tea or coffee. The cover price also includes your coach to and from Peterborough and the driver's tip. PLEASE REMEMBER that DRINKS are NOT included in your cover charge and restaurant tips are at your discretion.

Here are some of the most popular bets:

**TO WIN** This is a single bet requiring you to nominate the WINNING GREYHOUND

**TO PLACE** This is the simplest bet of all and requires you nominate the Greyhound which finishes EITHER first or second

**EACH WAY** This is a win bet and a place bet on the SAME Greyhound. If your selection wins you will receive one win dividend (from the WIN pool) and one place dividend (from the PLACE pool). If your selection comes second you receive only the PLACE dividend.

**PAYMENT IS DUE: PLEASE NOTE** that FULL PAYMENT of £39.00 per person IN CASH ONLY for this most enjoyable evening MUST BE RECEIVED by me personally NO LATER THAN 5pm on THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2017. Please be considerate and call me first to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to drop-off payment at my home.

As I go to press there are just a few places available so DO CALL ME SOON to avoid missing out on this fun event.

## THIS COUNTRY CALLED ENGLAND

*Thursday 18th May 2017*

This incredible day trip will start WHERE ENGLAND BEGAN at Kingston-upon-Thames. We will begin the day with morning coffee/tea and biscuits-included in the price of the tour!

Our *Blue Badge Holder Guide* will take us through Kingston to the grand old Church of *All Saints* to see the Coronation Stone where the first Saxon Kings of England were crowned. After returning to our coach we will follow the noble Thames past Henry VIII's *Hampton Court* through Thames Ditton to *Wraysbury* for our mini-*Magna Carta* pilgrimage to the ancient yew tree, *Ankerwyke*, where King

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John met the Barons to swear an oath and seal the *Magna Carta* in 1215. For atmosphere this knocks spots off the American memorial across the river!

After free time for lunch in Windsor we board our specially hired pleasure cruiser for a two h only the PLACE dividend. Our journey downstream. Here we travel through three locks to *Runnymede Meadows* passing the Queen's vast private parklands of *Windsor Castle* and *Edward The Confessor's Old Windsor*. After a very short walk across the fields we will be able to see the artwork that celebrates the 800-year anniversary of the signing of the *Magna Carta* before we head for home around 5.45pm.

There are VERY FEW tickets left for this very popular trip. If you would like to join us, PLEASE CALL ME WITHOUT DELAY to secure your place.

The cover price for this exciting trip into our past is just £ 47.50 per person.

## **NEW! The Brick Lane Music Hall: “A Royal Cockney Ding-Dong” Tuesday 12th September 2017**

Back by popular demand is this year's visit to attend Brick Lane Music Hall's ROYAL COCKNEY DING-DONG!

We will depart from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 10am sharp to arrive around 12.15pm just as the doors open. We will enjoy a delicious three-course lunch, served around 1pm, which is included in the price of this trip. The lunch, prepared on the premises, is of the highest standard and great value for money. A vegetarian option is available. This very funny show will commence at 2.30pm.

Included in this great value-for-money show:

The ROYAL COCKNEY DING-DONG SHOW with the traditional singing, comedy and slap-stick of an authentic Music Hall

A delicious three-course lunch

Your coach journey to and from Brick Lane by the Royal Dock in London

A tip for our driver.

I am able to bring in a price of £58.80 per person due to a very special arrangement with my coach company.

YOUR EARLY RESPONSE to this invitation would be greatly appreciated as BRICK LANE requires an early commitment

**Mary Alleyne-James**

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

# Wheelchairs

For short term loan in  
Great and Little Stukeley and nearby areas



## **Alconbury Thursday Club**

has a number of wheelchairs available for short term loan,  
in return a small donation would be appreciated

Contact

Gaynor Foley 01480 890551

Mary Watkin 01480 896950 or 07531 393402

# The Stukeleys Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

No one knows more about our community and how changes impact it than we do, the parishioners of The Stukeleys. Since 2011, the law (Localism Act 2011) has recognised that and gives us the power to develop a plan, a shared vision, for our neighbourhood that has the same weight in law as the Local Plan developed by Huntingdon District Council (HDC).

When planning officers consider planning applications, they will use our Neighbourhood Plan to assist in forming their recommendations and when HDC makes planning decisions, they will give the same regard to our Neighbourhood Plan as they do to the Local Plan and any other material consideration.

The Neighbourhood Plan is our opportunity to help shape the future of our Parish and gives us the weight of law behind our views.

There is also a direct financial benefit to our community from the implementation of a local plan. Each year, HDC pays out Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to Parish and Town Councils. This year, the first time CIL money has been paid to The Stukeleys, we received just over £18,000 as our proportion of CIL, all of which came from development at Alconbury Weald. Our share of CIL money levied in our parish is currently 15% and capped based on the number of electors in our parish, but with a Neighbourhood Plan in place, our share increases to 25% with no cap. If we already had a plan in place, our share of CIL money this year would have been around £30,000 rather than the £18,000 we received – a substantial difference for our community.

## Sounds good! How are we doing?

On 7 April 2016, The Stukeleys Parish Council wrote to HDC to give notice of our intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that will cover the whole of our parish. You can see a copy of that letter and a copy of the map referred to in the letter on the parish council website – [http://thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood\\_plan.php](http://thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood_plan.php).

On 2 June 2016, HDC confirmed approval of our application to have the entire parish designated for the Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of the officer's report recommending approval can also be found on the website.

## OK! Now what?

In July, the Parish Council created a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and agreed Terms of Reference for that group. A total of ten parishioners are part of the steering group with five of those parishioners also being parish councillors (a list of the group members can also be found on the website). The steering group has two stated purposes:

1. To oversee the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan so that it will progress through the Independent Examination and the community referendum that are required by law before it can be 'made' and become statutory planning policy.
2. To prepare a report for the Parish Council that contains a detailed list of all of the additional facilities, improvements and changes that are identified during the preparation of the Plan, but that can't be included because they fall outside of planning policy.



The steering group has committed itself to consult widely within our community and gather evidence to support the recommendations and decisions made by the steering group. The first actions for that group, which is now meeting regularly, are to put together a project timeline and create a budget forecast. Once that forecast is prepared, we are able to approach HDC for funding for the process of developing our Neighbourhood Plan.

A meeting scheduled with HDC for 14 December will have taken place by the time you read this and the next update will pass on what happened at that meeting.

Further meetings are planned with Urban & Civic – by far the developer with the biggest influence on our community – and with planning consultants who may be able to assist in the development of our plan. We'll provide an update on those meetings, too.

### **How can I help?**

Discussions with communities that are already working on Neighbourhood Plans and those that have completed them, show that there is an enormous amount of work to be done consulting with the community and other stakeholders, including landowners, businesses, and schools, reporting on those consultations and preparing the plan. In an ideal world, every person with an interest in our Neighbourhood Plan would have the opportunity and the desire to take part in the consultation and have their voice heard. In reality, only a small percentage of people take part in consultations.

As the work develops, we will distribute further information about the Neighbourhood Plan, hold public meetings to discuss what gets included in the plan, request feedback on proposed content and encourage contributions, discussion, and debate. This is your community and we encourage YOU to take part in those activities. If you can help with the workload, the steering group would love to hear from you email: np@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk), but at the very least you should make certain that your view about the future of our community is heard and becomes part of the process.

### **How will I get more information and updates?**

We'll publish updates in the Parish magazine, on the Parish Council websites and in other, specific publications. We'll also provide an opportunity for you to make your comments through the website. In short – watch this space!

## **Public Notice**

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## Mr Pernickety visits: The Three Horseshoes Great Stukeley

This pub is a monolith to the great `Watneys Red` style of pub building from the mid/ late 1960`s. I understand that a 16C pub was flattened to make way for it. Vandalism in the extreme!

The pub clearly needs a great deal of work to bring it up to today`s standards and I understand that works have been applied for but due to the complex ownership of the pub these works have been in limbo for several years. The fabric of the pub shows this only too well. The present manager of the pub, Victoria, has fought valiantly to get the works undertaken but a “could not give a damn” mentality by the lease holder has meant that she has not been able to bring forward the improvements needed. Even basic matters such as the outside lights which do not work and a roof in the back bar which leaks so badly it is out of use have not been taken care of. Shameful!

However the pub itself still had a lively atmosphere when I visited one Wednesday at 18-00hrs. The bar had around a dozen clientele at the time ranging right across the socio-economic spectrum. The beers on offer were a couple of good lagers, a bitter and a selection of good quality bottled ales at good prices. The landlady informed me that she would love to offer a good real ale but cannot do so as again promised improvements to the cellar by the lease holder had not come to fruition. It was the same story with the kitchen. As the pub cannot offer food the landlady welcomes `take away`s` to be delivered to the pub and provides the necessary cutlery, etc., at nil charge. A sensible compromise. Even with the drawbacks as noted above the bar was lively as was the banter going on. It is obviously a very welcoming pub. I passed a very pleasant 90 minutes and drank several bottled beers.

I hope for, not only for Victories sake, but also the villages sake, that the present leaseholder comes to his senses and improves the pub otherwise the Stukeleys will be in the position of having a single pub which is not a good situation. “Use it or lose it” once again comes to mind!

**Service 8 from 10**

**Drink 5 from 10**

**Total 13 from 20**

## **Mr Pernickety Visits: The Sandford House, George St, Huntingdon**

This pub has recently been fashioned out of two empty buildings by the JD Weatherspoon Chain. It was last used as a post office and an antiques mall with several owners. The Grade II listed building was once a large home belonging to coach builder Charles Sandford Wendover, hence `Sandford House`. The adjacent factory made carriages for Royalty and then custom-built car bodies, including 800 for Rolls Royce. There is a lot of history shown on the walls and the architecture of the building is evident where it has been left to `breath` and not been obscured with modern `refinements`.

Upon my arrival last week it was noted that the establishment was bursting at the seams. It was lively in atmosphere although its mainly open plan barn like appearance may not appeal to all. There are a few tables in the quieter upper floor area although these account for less than 15% of its available covers. It also has outside tables at the front and rear of the premises. The staff I encountered were both knowledgeable about the drinks and food and were polite and welcoming. The staff had kept the pub clean and tidy.

The clientele at 13-00hrs was predominantly over the age of forty but with a very mixed socio-economic back ground. Interestingly I would hazard a guess and say less than 20% of the clientele were just drinking with the vast majority eating.

There was a choice of 15 cask ales, 5 lagers, 4 ciders and many, many more in bottles and cans. The range of spirits and wines was also long and varied. The three cask ales sampled were excellent being kept in superb condition and at a price that could not be beaten locally. The food sampled was the curry of the day that was on offer as a special plus my companion had a chicken dish with an Italian twist. Both were of very good quality, hot and presented well and under £5! (Bear this in mind when you see the food score below, it's on a value for money as well as quality scale).

Would I visit the Sandford again? Yes but it's not a place to visit for a long nights drinking nor one where you would go for a romantic liaison. But it's functional and for lunch or perhaps an early doors starter for an evening it's brilliant value.

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<b>Tuesdays</b>		
9.30-10.20am	<b>Pilates</b> (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
10.30-12.00 last Wed	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	Jan Sly 450197
2-4pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
7.30-10pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	<b>The Stukeleys Women’s Institute</b>	Jan Sly 450197
<b>Thursdays</b>		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
5-7pm 7-10pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b> Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis	Coach Alex 07961 192844
<b>Fridays</b>		
2-4pm	Bridge	U3A
<b>Saturdays</b>		
9.15 10.15	<b>Jazzercise</b> Dance Mixx Strength 45	Dana Rowe 07760 824609
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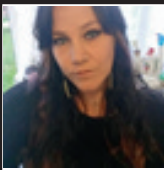
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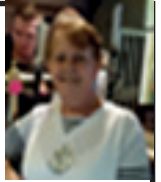
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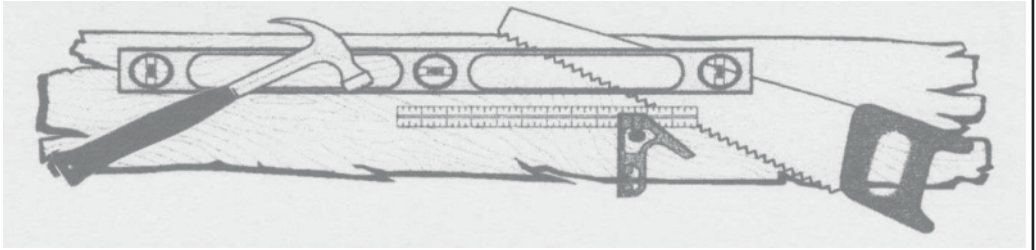
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We pray that everyone had a Merry Christmas. As the calendar turns over and a new year is upon us it is a great time to reflect on our lives and what we hope to accomplish in the next year. I would encourage you to make God a priority. Maybe you knew Him when you were younger and have drifted away or perhaps you have never taken the time to know Him personally at all. The new year is a perfect opportunity to either renew that relationship or to start a new one. Christmas is a time for us to remember the birth of the Savior but the new year is the time to come to know the Savior. I pray that you take this opportunity. God desires for you to know Him and He loves you. If you have questions or would like to know more please contact us at the numbers above or join us for worship on Sunday morning. We are praying for you and hope you have a great 2017.

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## February 2017

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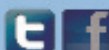
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