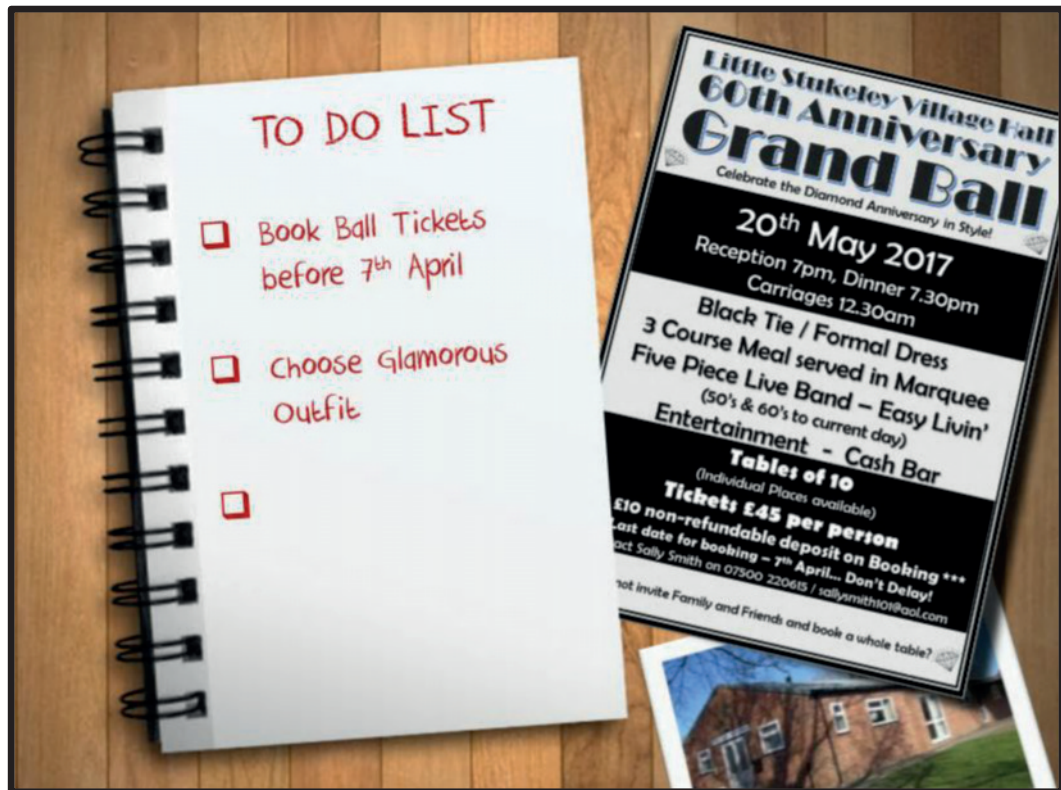




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9am Friday 10th March 2017

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Fri 3 rd Mar	Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	10.30-12pm	GSVH
Mon 6 th Mar	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 8 th Mar	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sat 11 th Mar	Men's & Ladies Fellowship Breakfasts	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sat 11 th Mar	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	LSVH
Wed 29 th Mar	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	GSVH
Sat 20 th May	60 th Anniversary Grand Ball	7.30 pm	LSVH

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Please include your phone number in case of queries.

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

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

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Brampton, Cambs

Please note **new email addresses** for The Stukeleys Parish Councillors.

The Stukeleys Parish Council met on Monday 6 February 17 at Great Stukeley Village Hall and had a very productive meeting. Grounds maintenance, Magazine and Personnel Committees set the days for the meetings to take place before the next Parish Council Meeting. These committees are going to bring their recommendations to the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6 March 17.

Please note that Parish Council Meetings start with 15 MINUTES OPEN MEETING 7.15pm to 7.30pm.

Members of the council are available between 7.15pm and 7.30pm when members of the public can address the Council in an open surgery session. 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.

Alconbury Weald and Planning

Rebecca Britton, Urban & Civic re: Application on Parcel 4 was read. Rebecca Britton will be coming to 6 March 17 Parish Council Meeting to provide a briefing note on Parcel 4 Planning Consultation.

Planning consultation on Parcel 4 is now received and Parish Council comments need to be submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council by 17 March 17

16/02013/REM - Amendments to Redrow Homes application for development at Alconbury Weald, <http://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/> - received from Case officer 18 Jan 17, due back to HDC 7 February 17.

Recommend Approval: Application is in line with the overall Alconbury Weald development plan. Road trenching was also discussed at the meeting, R Britton, Urban & Civic, will be working with contractors to restore verges to the previous state.

There is also going to be a meeting with Hunts Ramblers, Urban & Civic and Parish Councillors re: proposed diversion and upgrade of footpath 11, - site meeting is set week commencing 27 February 17.

Outstanding matters: 16/02493/FUL Change of use from vacant land (previously A3 restaurant) to open self-storage facility (B8) - PC recommended approval but requested that 'Subject to planning conditions being imposed so the developer and the successors must maintain the external appearance of the site and containers may not be stacked higher than 2'.

Please note that the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting is on Mon 6 March 2017 at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

List of Parish Council Meeting days is set below:

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

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

Please check the website and Notice Boards for Extraordinary meetings.

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**Great Stukeley 45th Anniversary Flower,
Garden & Craft Show
Saturday 5th August 2017
At Great Stukeley village hall**

Well March is upon us now, and the committee will of had their first meeting of the year, to decide on the schedule for this year's anniversary show.

Which should be with you before the end of April. We also have the pleasure of welcoming Grahame Bundy back on to the committee.

So, firstly we are seeking gardens to enter the **Best Spring Garden** competition entry is free. 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). So, come on folks it's not all about tidiness on this one.

So make a note in your diary as it would be nice to see as many off you out there to enter, it's a fun and exciting community event and we are lucky to have a thriving show

**Iain Shaw
Chairman Great Stukely Flower Show**

THANK YOU

I would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness during Dave's illness. And to myself after his death.

Too many people to name. The visitors who kept him company on a regular basis. The offers of help and to run errands for us. (Collection of prescriptions and lifts to the hospital etc.) The gifts, flowers and plants.

I don't know what I would have done without you all.

Thank you.

From Irene Holohan and Family

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank everyone who made donations to the British Legion at Brian Waldock's Funeral in June of last year. I have just received a letter from them thanking us for the donation of £391.60 made to their funds.

Thank you.

Helen Waldock and Family

PLEASE NOTE:

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Please make sure that all items arrive with me on or before the cut-off as anything received after cut-off date will not be included in the Magazine. I'm sorry about this but I need to get the Magazines back to me and to the Distributors before I go away.

**Martyn Fox
Editor**

Email to the Editor

Hi,

This is a bit of a long shot, but I thought it might be worth a try!

I'm currently writing a book on the history of the band, The John Barry Seven -- you might have heard of their former leader -- later an Oscar-winning composer.

The reason I'm writing is that a member of the band still has his work diary for 1963, and the entry for Saturday 27th July, reads:

Great Stukeley 2 X 1 hr

This indicates the band played two spots of one hour during the evening -- presumably a local dance somewhere in the area.

I'm curious about this location because it looks a bit off the beaten track from their usual kind of venues, so I wondered if anybody who was living in Great Stukeley in '63 remembers this event?

Even the venue would be of interest, maybe a village or parish hall -- especially if it still exists!

The band would not have been a cheap hire so this might have been an important event, but that's all I know.

I'd be most grateful for any help!

Kind regards,

Geoff Leonard

If you have any information that would help Geoff, please contact me and I will either put you in contact with him or forward the information whichever you prefer.

Martyn Fox

Editor

THE STUKELEYS HERITAGE GROUP

“In the Footsteps of Vermuyden”

Great Stukeley Village Hall

Wednesday 15th MARCH 7.30 pm.

Our very own Nicola Oldfield will give us her much acclaimed talk on the drainage of the fens.

All are welcome.

Members please note that subscriptions for 2017 are now due.

Michael Monk

Convenor - 456634 / 0776 137 2224 michaelgmonk@hotmail.com

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL – REGULAR ACTIVITIES		
Time	Activity	Organiser
Mondays		
7-10pm	Bridge	Joan Gray 455773
Tuesdays		
9.30-10.20am	Pilates (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
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	Stukeleys Women’s Institute	Jan Sly 450197
Thursdays		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
Fridays		
2-4pm	Bridge	U3A
Saturdays		
9.15	Jazzercise	Dana Rowe
10.15	Dance Mixx Strength 45	07760 824609
To book GSVH please call Hilma on 454058 (please leave a message and she will return your call) The activities in bold welcome new members		

Great Stukeley Village Hall - Forthcoming events

Some dates for your diary:

8th & 9th July Great Stukeley Open Gardens

Saturday 5th August Great Stukeley Flower Garden and Craft Show

Monday 2nd October Fashion Show provided by the well- known Lincs Fashions

healthwatch

Cambridgeshire



Community Listener volunteers needed

This is Lizzie, she is one of our local Healthwatch Cambridgeshire volunteers and is helping us with a new project to look at how health and care services communicate with people who have a sensory loss.

Lizzie's told us *"I am a service user myself and have disabilities so I rely on good healthcare and support, such as having a good relationship with the GP."*

Our volunteers are people like you who live or work in Cambridgeshire. You know the place you live and the people in your community. We need your help to talk to more people about Healthwatch and find out what care is like for them.

You will listen to people within your local community who have used health or social care services. This may be your family, neighbours and friends, or people you meet within your local networks.

You may visit local groups, chat with people and record what they have to say.

You might talk to people about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire. This may involve giving a short presentation, or working with us on a display stand.

We will give you training and support, as well as paying agreed out of pocket expenses.

As a Community Listener, you could also train to take part in our ‘Enter and View’ visits to local health or care services. This is our legal right to visit places that provide publicly funded health or care services, to see and hear how people experience care. In the last year, we have visited Addenbrooke’s and Hinchingbrooke Hospitals.

Contact Heather or Elizabeth for an informal chat. Call 01480 420628, email enuquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk or visit www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk



Apology from the Editor

My apologies to Nigel Fensome for getting his name wrong on the front cover over the February Stukeleys Parish Magazine and my thanks to Lynne Fitzjohn who pointed out my mistake.

Martyn Fox

**THE STUKELEYS
POPPY APPEAL 2016-2017
COFFEE MORNING
Village Hall Great Stukeley
Friday 3rd March 2017
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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

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Burns Supper

The Burns Supper was arranged by Matt Day for the 2nd year in succession, he brought together a great and fun filled evening, this year Matt arranged for traditional Scottish dancing 'lessons' which were superbly provided by our resident Caledonian Society Dancers. Their enthusiasm was infectious and everyone had a great time after the traditional parts of the dinner. Many thanks to all who helped prepare, participate and support this fantastic evening, and a big thanks to Matt for organising too.

Summer Ball

Plans for the Summer Ball Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are continuing. You can reserve your Summer Ball tickets right now by paying a **non-refundable £10 deposit** to Sally Smith (07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com) or you can pay in full, tickets are £45 each. **The cut-off date for purchasing tickets is 7th April 17, don't delay...** We have booked the marquee and a local band, 'Easy Livin', catering will be finalised soon. See the flyers and adverts for more details.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events David Robinson (07730312964 or 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	Sue Smith 01954 267806
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) who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Date	Event	Notes	Tickets/Further Information
Saturday 11 th March	Quiz night	Church Event	Jocelyn Kerr 01480 453 213
Saturday 20 th May	Summer Ball Diamond Jubilee Celebration		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Sunday 2 nd July	BBQ and Rounders		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Saturday 2 nd September	Wheel Barrow show		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Monday 28 th August	Beer Festival & Live Jazz	Church Event	Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Saturday 16 th September	Family Bingo	Church Event	Jocelyn Kerr 01480 453 213
Saturday 7 th October	Harvest Supper	Church Event	Jocelyn Kerr 01480 453 213
Saturday 4 th November	Bonfire and Fireworks		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Saturday 18 th November	Themed Supper Night	Social Club Event	Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Saturday 9 th December	Christmas Dinner		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)
Sunday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party		Sally Smith 07500 220615 or email sallysmith101@aol.com)

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

David Robinson
davidarobinson@clara.co.uk
07730312964

REFLECTIONS: The Peterborough Greyhounds' ***Friday 10th February 2017***

WOW! What an enjoyable evening we all had on Friday 10th February 2017 visiting the PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUND STADIUM in Fengate.

A FULL HOUSE of thirty-five people signed –up for this terrific event with visitors from as far away as Banstead, Portsmouth and Horndean, Hampshire, who were visiting the dogs for the very first time...and loved it!

As FRIDAY NIGHT IS (Still)STEAK NIGHT many of my group enjoyed the Filet Steak while others made their dinner choice from the eight main courses on offer. A most delicious three-course meal-all included in the cover price!

My group under *THE STUKELEYS' STAKES*, became part of the Sponsorship Programme and we were invited to present the Prize to *HILLDUN BREAK* the winner of RACE 10 ...a fun experience!

This is a very keen group, well supported by Stukeley Residents, who are keen to enjoy an evening filled with racing entertainment and a delicious meal.

Please watch this space for information on our next visit to Peterborough Greyhounds.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954

THIS COUNTRY CALLED ENGLAND: INCLUDES: **Thames Cruise from Windsor to Runnymede** ***Thursday 18th May 2017***

The *Ankerwycke Yew* is an ancient yew tree close to the ruins of St. Mary's Priory, the site of a Benedictine Nunnery built in the 12th Century, near Wrybury in Berkshire. This is a male tree with a girth of 8 meters (26 feet). This beautiful tree is at least 1,400 - and could be - 2,500 years old.

On the opposite bank of the River Thames are the meadows of Runnymede and this very tree is said to have been witness to the signing of the *Magna Carta* by King John in 1215. This tree is surrounded by myth and legend and it is widely believed that beneath its boughs, King Henry VIII began his first liaisons with his future ill-fated wife, Anne Boleyn, in the 1530's. The *Ankerwycke Yew* is a hidden gem of *Magna Carta* folklore and you can visit this tree with a short walk across the fields on the flat on my THIS COUNTRY CALLED ENGLAND day trip.

Our departure from the Great Stukeley Village Hall will be at 08.30am PROMPT returning at around 7.30pm. The price of this trip is just £47.50 per person which includes a visit to Windsor and a wonderful TWO HOUR cruise downstream from Windsor to Runnymede.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please feel free to contact me.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954

THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL: A Royal Cockney DING-DONG

Tuesday 12th September 2017

A riot of Old Time music and comedy awaits you at this year's BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL in Silvertown when we visit their very special *Royal Cockney DING-DONG* on Tuesday 12th September 2017. The venue for this fantastic show was built between 1861 and 1862. After finding £1 million to convert the building Vincent Hayes moved his show into North Woolwich Road in 2006. Vincent hopes that his present Silvertown site will be his third and final stop!

This very special show is designed around the London Cockney Scene which promises to be very funny and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. An unbeatable 3 course lunch will be served at 1pm on the day of our visit-just before all the fun and frolics on stage with Vincent and his guests. This show and lunch was specially arranged by the BRICK LANE group for US!

As a *VERY EARLY COMMITMENT* is required by the BRICK LANE group I have to request *YOUR VERY EARLY RESPONSE* to this invitation. I am able to offer this wonderful new show for £58.80 per person-just 30 pence more than their Christmas Show in December 2015. This really is great value and includes your coach trip to London and back, a tip for the driver and a delicious three course meal...plus the terrific show! (Note that drinks must be paid for on the day).
CALL SOON.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

Thursford's Christmas Spectacular 2017

Sunday 19th November 2017

THURSFORD'S NEW RULES

NEW YEAR...NEW RULES...AGAIN! I am having trouble with THURSFORD as, once again, they have changed their rules.

The one that affects us the most appeared on the back of their 2016 Christmas Programme which stated that "no *written bookings (from now on) would be taken in writing-bookings would only be taken ONLINE*".

This created a real problem for me as an organizer. Having promised my group that, I would obtain seats for *Thursford's 2017 Spectacular* I was forced to pay the full amount of several thousand pounds UP FRONT for the fifty-six seats I needed for my group. Adding fuel to the flames I now have to pay a credit card charge and a booking fee...plus Thursford raised the price...even on Weekends in November!

So, for all the *Thursford* fans out there I will now have to collect FULL PAYMENT in JANUARY of every year for this much looked forward to show.

I apologise and regret this situation but this is COMPLETELY OUT OF MY CONTROL

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954

THE STUKELEY'S W.I. MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2017

The president Jan Sly welcomed 30 members.

There were apologies for absence received from Jennifer Liddell and Nicki Sly. Jerusalem was sung.

Thanks was given to Jill Sapsed for the lovely flowers in the Curtis Bowl, to Jenny Thilo for the draw prize and Jill Sapsed and Zena Betts for the refreshments.

The Minutes of the meeting held in January were read and signed as correct.

1 Our 100th birthday meeting was discussed, Jan to put an advert in the local magazine for the loan of tailors dummies to be dressed in differed eras. Our archives to be on display and what our W.I. has achieved throughout this time. Also, different crafts etc. learnt by members. It was agreed that this display should be opened in the afternoon to allow people of the villages who are not members, to come and have a look. In the evening, it will be mostly social time with invited guests and husbands are also to be invited.

To raise money for the birthday bash and our community project to celebrate our birthday, it was suggested we could have a Bingo evening and also a Table top sale.

Jan was pleased to note that there were a few new faces at the January coffee morning.

2 Correspondence:

a) Jan Sly has researched the NFWI Board of Trustees nominations and has voted for us.

b) The Federation has issued a Carers Welfare Leaflet, they are collecting small personal items, i.e.: combs, toothpaste, tooth brushes, wet wipes, deodorant, tissues, note book and pens, to make up small packs for people who go into hospital and sometimes do not have these items. All items to be taken to the Burgess Hall on Federation Day 11th April.

There is a group meeting on the 27th April at the Brampton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Entertainment: - Ukulele players and the Court Players.

Competitions: an unusual musical instrument and spring flowers in a tea cup.

Jan informed us that there were some changes to be made to the group meetings ie: only one a year. Our members unanimously voted against this decision and asked Jan to speak to the Committee for the Group meetings.

3 WI Magazine: The relevant information from the Newsletter was given out for anyone who wanted to participate in the activities.

4 Bake and Taste: Approximately 16 members baked items for us to taste, they ranged from mini quiches and sausage rolls to cookies, scones and cakes of all descriptions, deserts, pavlova and cheesecake. Everyone enjoyed tasting them all and then voted for the best. 1st: Gwen Clements, 2nd Nancy Oldfield

and Deanna Strange, 3rd Monica Brown. Jan Sly is to look into putting the recipes together and making a small booklet to sell for funds.

Birthday chocolates were then distributed.

Roll Call: Your favourite TV chef. Nita charter was the lucky draw winner.

Next Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March. Our speaker is Gary O'Shea, Occupational Hazards - crawling through the rubble.

Competition: A small timepiece

Roll Call: A Cooking Disaster

Curtis Bowl: Janet Talbot

Draw Prize: Jan Tilden

Refreshments: Janet Talbot and Jan Tilden

The meeting closed at 9.45pm and Jan wished all members a safe journey home.

Sweet flowers - By Philip Hobson

Some sweet little blue flowers appear in Spring,
I don't know who put them here,
Delightful, modest, unassuming,
Extra pretty and dear,
Like them, someone who once lived here,
Lifted one's heart just by existing,
I am just me, she said,
I don't claim to be other,
But that, dear Lord, was quite enough,
To break one's heart
When, she, like them, of life,
Had had enough.

On Love - An Interrogation – Philip Hobson

Did you love her?
Yes, I did
The way the sun shone on one side of her sweet head
Her dear eyes and smile
You knew she was a sweet kind person?
Yes, I did
And she was?
Yes, she was - I knew that
Just by looking at her
And was she sweet and kind?
Yes, she was
And you knew it?
Yes, I did
Just by looking at her.



Mr Pernickety Re-Visits (But only for a very short duration): The Stukeleys Inn, Great Stukeley Village, Huntingdon

You may recall that in the November edition of the village magazine I wrote a review of the above pub which contained the following points “...**with one interior wall having peeling plaster work... The beers on offer were uninspiring being various kegs of dubious reputation plus Green King IPA and a guest ale. Neither of the cask ales was in tip top condition upon serving with the wines on offer best being left in the bottle!...**”. This resulted in my being excluded from the establishment by the then landlady as detailed in a subsequent comment in the February edition of the magazine. In between the two publication dates, bearing in mind the copy has to be with the editor some two weeks prior to it being printed and delivered, the landlady spoken of in the review (and the chef) left under a local constabulary inspired cloud and thus I ventured into the pub for the wake of a dear friend of mine. I was received with politeness and indeed ventured into the pub on several occasions over the next ten days. **It was noted on my visits that the peeling plaster work on the wall had been dealt with and the cask ales on offer were of a much higher quality than previously so some note had been taken of my comments.**

Sadly I now have to report that I was contacted on the 20th of February and told I am yet again unwelcome in the pub until I apologise to the management in this magazine for the comments made in the November edition. The explanation being the owner had not seen the commentaries previously.

Thus I will not be returning to The Stukeleys Inn for the foreseeable future as I see nothing to apologise for. The article was truthful and was my own opinion and indeed the management have taken some of it to heart hence the repaired wall and the increased quality of ale. The disappearance of the landlady and chef I had nothing to do with.

As British people we have an unfortunate trait which is not shared with many of our continental neighbours; that of keeping quiet when asked the eternal phrase “How was the meal/event/visit sir?” whilst muttering under our breath that it was awful. We should instead speak our minds and in that way hope that improvements are made or indeed plaudits are taken to heart. Thus the reasoning behind publishing the reviews I have undertaken of establishments I have visited over the past five years.

Still it is a first, being banned for giving a truthful and honest opinion.

Mr Pernickety Visits: The Admiral Wells, Holme Village, Cambs **The lowest pub in Britain**

The pub is a short distance from the A1 and sits right next to Holme Fen Reserve. Who was `The Admiral Wells`? The Wells family came to live in Holme circa 1760. They had three sons the eldest of which was Thomas. Joining the Navy in 1774, Thomas worked his way through the ranks to become a Vice Admiral of the fleet in 1808. His grandson, William Wells, sunk a massive iron post into the ground (taken from Crystal Palace) in 1852 to celebrate the draining of Holme Fen. At the time the top of the post was at ground level, but now just over 150 years later the top of the post is more than 13 feet above ground due to erosion and continued draining of the land. The surrounding land is the lowest point in Britain. The present pub was built in 1856/7 and is very typical of its time.

My clients and I visited the pub mid-week and found it was busy with around thirty or more customers. Not all were eating which is not a bad thing in itself as it soon became very evident that the owners, for it's a `free house`, encouraged customers to stay for a drink only as well as those who had arrived with lunch in mind which is what had brought us to its doors.

The bar had five real ales to choose from, all I was pleased to see from local small brewers. They were kept in perfect condition and easily quaffable, especially the Diggfield ale. There were also the usual run of lagers plus I noted a selection of sugar free drinks to cater for the diabetics amongst the clientele.

We ate the liver and bacon, the steak & ale pie and the poached loin of cod all of which were large in portion and very tasty. The mains were not cheap at £8/£10 a plate but the quality was evident. We were kept warm by a large open fire which in itself assisted in the atmosphere of a happy welcoming pub.

Beware the pub keeps what would now be termed as `old fashioned` opening hours, although I see nothing wrong in this, so lunch is Noon to 14-30hrs.

In short It's a proper pub and you needn't feel like you have to eat there, if you want just a drink you will be made just as welcome. What all pubs should be.

Service 8 from 10

Drink 8 from 10

Food 8 from 10

Total 24 from 30 Where will Mr Pernickety report on next?

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Month	Inches	mm	Running Total Inches
Jan 2016	2.49"	63.25mm	2.49"
Feb 2016	1.27"	32.26mm	3.76"
Mar 2016	2.87"	72.90mm	6.63"
Apr 2016	2.71"	68.83mm	9.34"
May 2016	2.10"	53.34mm	11.44"
Jun 2016	3.33"	84.58mm	14.77"
Jul 2016	2.02"	51.31mm	16.79"
Aug 2016	1.37"	34.80mm	18.16"
Sep 2016	1.82"	46.23mm	19.98"
Oct 2016	1.02"	25.91mm	21.00"
Nov 2016	2.82"	71.63mm	23.82"
Dec 2016	0.96"	24.38mm	24.78"
Total for 2016	24.78"	629.41mm	

Average Annual Rainfall **1st Jan 1999 to 31st Dec 2016** **25.44"** **646.23mm**

YEAR	YEARLY AVERAGE	Years	YEARLY AVERAGE
1999	24.945"	1	634 mm
2000	25.482"	2	647 mm
2001	29.114"	3	739 mm
2002	22.557"	4	573 mm
2003	18.322"	5	465 mm
2004	26.760"	6	680 mm
2005	18.730"	7	476 mm
2006	21.253"	8	540 mm
2007	25.206"	9	640 mm
2008	28.436"	10	722 mm
2009	23.522"	11	597 mm
2010	24.950"	12	634 mm
2011	19.730"	13	501 mm
2012	36.240"	14	920 mm
2013	28.431"	15	722 mm
2014	33.850"	16	860 mm
2015	25.720"	17	653 mm
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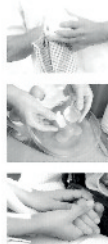
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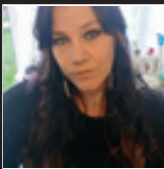
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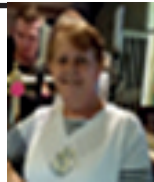
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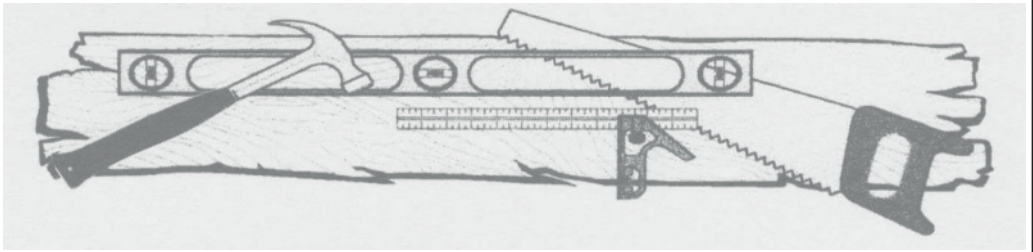
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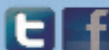
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