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Mon 9th May	Annual Parish Meeting	8.00 pm	LSVH
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Thu 12th May	U3A Plant Exchange Afternoon	2.00 pm	GSVH
Sat 14th May	Italian Theme & Race Night Supper	7.30 pm	LSVH
Mon 16th May	Great Stukeley Village Hall AGM	7.30 pm	GSVH
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Can places be Improved? By Philip Hobson

Can places, roads, railway stations, hotels, in memory be improved,

By the fact a sweet person

Now again in memory, and once before,

Therein moved?

Peterborough, Orton Longueville, Parkside, and all the rest,

Kings Cross, Huntingdon Station, all attest,

Generally unknown to me before,

Now meaning so much more,

They are enhanced in mind,

Just because a little person once was here,

Pretty sweet and kind,

Here she laughed and talked,

One dear creature, moved and walked,

Ever recalled, kind and neat,

The remembrance indeed is bitter sweet.

Editor's Note: My apologies to Philip. I omitted the last line of Sweet Flowers last month so I have included it in its entirety this month.

Martyn Fox

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.

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The Stukeleys Parish Council

The **Parish Council Meeting** was held on the 4th April at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

Following the recent A14 Parish & Community Forum meeting, it was noted that the current scheme did not incorporate lengthening and /or widening the access roads at the Alconbury interchange or widening the bridge roadway to accommodate the expected increased volume of traffic. Concern was expressed about the impact on the traffic using Ermine Street. The Parish Council expressed their frustration with the lack of progress being made with Ermine Street traffic calming scheme. These issues are to be raised with Urban & Civic.

It was reported that the crack to the repair in the carriageway south of the A14 overbridge has now finally been repaired to a high standard. The Parish Council continues to report and chase CCC Highways to repair faults (potholes etc) in the village, but please remember parishioners can report faults directly by calling **0845 0455212 or via** www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults

The Parish Council considered the applications received from two candidates for cooption as a member of the Stukeleys Parish Council. It was felt that both candidates had a number of different qualities, skills and experience that they could bring to the Parish Council, which would be of benefit to the community. A ballot was held and Michael Wormsley-Carter was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council thanked all the candidates for their interest in the Parish and Community.

The following planning applications and change to guidance note/conditions were considered by the Parish Council:

i Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 16/00454/FUL –
Temporary change of use of land and buildings to mechanical plant training facility, including: erection of scaffold tower; erection of 'Haki-shelter' building; siting of storage containers; and siting of wheel washing unit.
The Planning Group's report was discussed and it was resolved to recommend approval as there was no adverse implications for the area and it was consistent with the extant planning permission for temporary uses.
Urban&Civic and Huntingdonshire District Council to be asked to find an alternative and more appropriate form of address for Alconbury Weald.

ii Land East of Whiteleather Lodge, Wooley Hill, Ellington – 1001741/FUL – Erection of 4 three bladed wind turbines, up to a height of 130.5 metres, and associated electricity transformers, underground cabling, two new accesses to the site and new bridge, tracks, hardstanding, control building, substations compound, met an communications.
The Planning Group's report was discussed and it was resolved to make no

observations for or against.

A further meeting the HDC leader is to be arranged to discuss the implications of the closure of the American base at RAF Alconbury. The Parish Council have informed HDC that they wish to embark on developing a Neighbourhood Plan, which would cover the entire Parish.

There are currently two plots (one full & one half) available at the Stukeleys Allotments if you are interested in taking on a plot (half or full) please contact the Carole Pollock, Parish Clerk on clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 2016 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall
Followed by
Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8:00pm

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

A full set of Minutes and other Parish Council information are available at www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/

Carole Pollock, Parish Clerk/RFO to The Stukeleys Parish Council, 5 Gore Tree Road, Hemingford Grey, Cambs PE28 9BP.

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Thank you

Many thanks to the following villagers have recently retired from delivering your Parish Magazine – thank you again for your years of service to the village community:

David Cox Delivered the Parish Magazine for 30 years
Doris Turpin Delivered the Parish Magazine for 30 years
June & Brian Lee Delivered the Parish Magazine for 9 years

Huntingdon District Council News

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Huntingdonshire District Council is launching its annual Community Chest fund which is specifically targeted towards small organisations. This ongoing initiative, which has been increased to £60,000 for the second year running, is a core part of the Council's corporate commitment and initiatives aimed at helping build strong and resilience local communities. As of a competitive bidding process, grants can be secured up to a maximum award of £5,000. Application forms, eligibility criteria and time plan for the fund are available on the District Council's web site at;

http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/grants/

or

http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/Money%20and%20Benefits/Grants/Pages/CommunityChest.aspx

Chris Stopford, Head of Community, at Huntingdonshire District Council stated "The Community Chest continues to deliver important financial support to those small but significant projects in our towns and villages across the District that add so much to community life and which might otherwise go unfunded or fail. We have again set aside £60,000 to provide help to small groups in Huntingdonshire and competition for funds is always strong, so I urge any organisation to get their application in soon"

The closing date for applications to be returned by is Tuesday 31 May 2016.

THE STUKELEYS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016 AT 7:30PM AT THE LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

The Annual Parish Meeting, held in compliance with the Local Government Act 1972, is an event for the Parish Council and Village organisations to report on their activities during the year and give residents the opportunity to ask questions for discussion and provide feedback on issues relevant to the Parish

All Welcome

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Italian Themed Race Night

Saturday 14th May is the date for our next event which will be based on our long running (forgive the pun) race night where food will be based on an Italian theme. Tickets are priced at £12/head and the event will commence at 7:30PM. Tickets can be obtained from Sally Smith 01480 450356 or email sallysmith101@aol.com.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events, Peter Soinne (01480 437584) would be pleased to hear from you to discuss your arrangements.

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 have an active 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 contact Keith Winter (01480 450656) keithwinter2@sky.com who will be please to make the necessary arrangements.

Saturday 1	14 th May S	ocial Club Supper	Night - Italian	Themed Race Night
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Sunday	3 rd July BBQ and Rounders
Saturday	3 rd September Flower Show

Saturday 5th November Bonfire and Fireworks
Saturday 19th November Social Club Supper Night

Saturday 10th December Christmas Dinner

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas for other events or if you'd 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



Trees

As parish tree warden I would like to thank the working parties who turned out to replace the damaged trees on Ermine Street, it was a job well done quickly, thank you.

Sue Parkin

Update from Alconbury Weald

Over the last few weeks, Urban&Civic held 3 consultation events to share proposals for the £1m of enhancements planned for Ermine Street which aim to provide a more rural setting for the road, and in turn deter cars from driving through the villages as a "quick rat run".

About 50 people attended the sessions and the feedback is currently being collated before a review by the engineering team, which will also take into account advice from a safety audit of the plans carried out by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships, for Urban&Civic, said:

"We're grateful for the time and views shared by everyone who came along. The feedback was generally positive about the principles with some useful suggestions on the detailed proposals. There were also a number of challenges raised which we will need to respond to. Many of the discussions focused on the extent to which the investment in the A14 and the detrunking of the existing A14 to create a local route to Huntingdon would have a positive impact on Ermine Street. People welcomed the phased, "monitor and manage" approach, which will allow regular review and enable further enhancements to be made if needed."

The events came as the Urban&Civic team are gearing up to launch the first homes on to the market. Working in a joint venture with Hopkins Homes, Urban&Civic are preparing for a launch event on 16 and 17 April, where people will have a chance to look around the new entrance area, visit the Hopkins Homes sales centre and even reserve the first of the 128 homes being built in the first phase.

Rebecca added: "All of our contractors are working hard to put the finishing touches to the extensive investment in landscaping, which provide an attractive setting to the new homes. Work has finished on the water features and Causeway bridge, which is dressed with Clipsham limestone - the same limestone that has been used locally for centuries and can be seen in some of the villas on Ermine Street as well as the Church of St Martin's in Little Stukeley. Over the next few weeks we will using some large pieces of kit to move trees from elsewhere on site into prime position in this entrance area. With the school continuing on programme for a September opening and the homes starting to come out of the ground, it is great to see the vision becoming a reality. "

For more information or to have a tour of the latest works on site please contact Rebecca on 01480 413141 or email rbritton@urbanandcivic.com.

To find out more about the homes coming forward or the launch event please visit the Hopkins Home website at http://www.hopkinshomes.co.uk/development/alconbury_weald or call the sale team on 01394 446800

Letter to Rebecca Britton from Martyn Redmore

ERMINE STREET ENHANCEMENTS

The Ermine Street Enhancement Plans can be viewed on the Alconbury Weald web site - it's worth a look. Comments were invited and I accepted the invitation. I accept that not everyone (indeed perhaps no one) will agree with my opinions, and they may well be ignored, but I felt moved to say something about what I had seen and read and sent my comments to Rebecca Britton. (The paragraph headings reflect the various sections of the plan but you may need to see the plans to understand some of the comments.)

Dear Rebecca.

A More Rural Environment!

One of the aims included in the Principles is: ".. to give the road a more rural feel ..". The dictionary defines 'rural' as: 'Places that are far away from large towns or cities.' Ermine Street is linked directly to a large town, it has light industry (with plans to extend) along much of its length, it will shortly have a new town (Alconbury Weald) and I believe there are plans to build yet another large estate opposite the Ermine Street Business Park. In addition, it is closely linked to and surrounded by a major road network, so the chance of the Stukeleys (or the road) ever becoming more rural is fairly remote.

Narrowing of the Carriageway.

It is difficult to gauge precisely the extent or effect of the proposed narrowing. Suffice to say that it will reduce the safety margins for road users - be they drivers of heavy goods vehicles, buses, cars, tractors and farm machinery, and even cyclists and horse riders. There is mention of eventual changes to the surrounding major road system being beneficial to pedestrians and cyclists, but I see no specific provision for cycle lanes in the plans for Ermine Street. The present system where cyclists share the pedestrian pathway in places can be hazardous at times, particularly for mobility scooters and pushchairs, and if more cyclists take to the pathway to avoid any enhanced risk by riding on a narrower road the situation will be even worse than it is now.

Removal of Bus Stop Bays.

Bus activity in each direction through the Stukeleys occurs only once an hour (with an additional less frequent community bus service); hence, blocking the road with a stationary bus should have a minimal effect on the overall traffic flow. Nevertheless, with potentially 3/4 stops of several minutes (us old folk don't move particularly quickly and pushchairs and fare payment take extra time) life could prove very frustrating for drivers who happen to be behind a bus as it enters the villages, particularly at busy times. It is perfectly reasonable that drivers will attempt to overtake the bus as soon as possible and as it is not easy to see around such a large obstacle there is a good chance that safety will be a major factor in any such action. Any risk will be exacerbated by the intended road narrowing. Your assertion (at the meeting) that the bus companies prefer not to use bus stop bays because it causes problems getting back into the traffic flow is merely a specious argument to support justification for their removal.

Change of Road Junction Priorities.

If I had been asked to design an accident black spot I think this would feature high on my list of proposals. One of your colleagues at the meeting assured me that a similar scheme works well in Northampton. Will it work here? It may well help to slow the traffic along the main road, but it will also introduce another element of driver frustration with its attendant increase in risk taking. We have all witnessed the propensity for some drivers not to indicate where they are going, especially when they have - or at least think they have right of way. Imagine several cars northbound at the southerly entrance to Church Road, Great Stukeley waiting to

see where cars coming in the opposite direction are going. Those cars coming south will not indicate left to show that they are going to continue straight on towards Huntingdon, and any one of those cars that may want to turn right into Church Road <u>need not</u> indicate because they will be turning in the direction of the priority traffic flow. Similarly, cars exiting Church Road North need not indicate to turn south towards Huntingdon. An identical situation would exist in Little Stukeley. I predict that accidents will happen if the junctions are changed as shown on the plans.

Reduction in the Amount of Transit Traffic.

One of the stated aims of the scheme is to reduce the number of vehicles transiting unnecessarily through the villages of Great and Little Stukeley. It would appear that no one has thought to find out where all of the transitees are coming from or going to, so the assumption that if we introduce multiple obstacles in their way it will change driver habits and they will suddenly all take a different route, is incomprehensible. Such a prediction takes no account of normal human behaviour. This momentous change seems to be predicated on the rerouting of surrounding main road traffic; however, it is doubtful if the rerouted A14 or the renamed A1307 will be active before the early 2020s. Meanwhile, from Spring 2018, there will be a large increase in the number of cars transiting from Alconbury Weald and all points North to Huntingdon and the various employment areas in between. I suggest that no one in their right mind will brave the route via Spittals during the rush hour. My conclusion is that, as a result of creating a 'new town' at Alconbury Weald and regardless of the proposed measures, traffic flow through the villages will continue to increase — contrary to statements made by Council representatives at past Parish Council Meetings, and that is something we will regrettably have to accept.

Traffic Calming.

Referring to the aim of reducing traffic through the villages, the stated Principles include: 'It was agreed that the best way to take this forward was <u>not through traditional traffic calming of chicanes and ramps etc.</u>'
Unless my interpretation of the scheme is incorrect, not only does it retain all of the current ramps and the gateway feature at the northern end of Little Stukeley, it <u>introduces yet another gateway</u> (similar to the one in Little Stukeley) at the southern entrance to Great Stukeley, thereby contradicting your own principles.

It is perhaps apposite at this point to comment on so-called traffic calming measures in general.

- a. <u>Ramps/Cushions</u>. The majority of vehicles are capable of negotiating these devices (as currently designed) at speeds well in excess of the stated limit and they have little or no effect on those drivers who choose to do so. We see it frequently.
- b. <u>Gateways</u>. (Blocking off one side of the road as at the northern end of Little Stukeley) If these devices were designed to cause mental frustration (as opposed to frustrating physical progress) they are a great success. The Little Stukeley installation is particularly successful during the evening rush when a continuous stream of traffic is leaving the village. Frustration breeds impatience, risk taking and a potentially hazardous mind-set. Southbound traffic can be stopped for several minutes and, depending on the vehicle in front, it can be very difficult to see if it is safe to pull out around the gated portion of the road. The process of stopping, waiting and starting involves additional wear and tear on brakes, clutch and gears, additional fuel consumption and (for the green lobby) additional air pollution. When there is no opposing traffic gated roads have little or no effect on those drivers determined to exceed the speed limit into and through the village.

The Little Stukeley Gateway and New Road Layout. In addition to the points above relating to gateways in general, it would appear that no consideration (risk assessment) has been given to the combined effect of the established gateway and revised traffic priority at the northern end of Little Stukeley that will exacerbate problems for motorists entering the village as they attempt to interpret what is happening some 50 metres ahead. They will not know if or when cars at the Mill Road/ Ermine Street junction are likely to move or stop, or whether a car is suddenly going to appear from Mill Road. Uncertainty over the intentions of other road users is not ideal and I believe this is a potentially hazardous situation that needs to be addressed.

<u>New' Great Stukeley Gateway</u>. I have little doubt that the position of the proposed gateway at the southern end of Great Stukeley falls within the highway regulations, but the distance from the gateway to the crown of the left hand bend opposite Green End must be close to the limit for forward visibility. Vehicles waiting to enter the village could be faced with traffic suddenly appearing around the bend – probably at speeds in excess of 30 mph (they usually are). A car, (or worse - lorry or tractor), starting from rest and pulling to the wrong side of the road into oncoming traffic is a recipe for disaster, particularly in poor weather and on a wet surface. (As an aside, I wonder if our ex-PM would appreciate a queue of cars just outside his property – braking to a halt then revving and accelerating as they negotiate this new obstacle on the road! I guess his gated entrance is not ideally positioned either).

An Alternative Method of Traffic Control. I suspect most people's understanding of traffic calming mainly involves controlling traffic speed. I have a suggestion as to how that could be achieved without any of the proposals in this scheme and the concomitant safety risks involved. It seems reasonable to adopt the speed limits proposed. However, the gateway at Little Stukeley should be removed and the proposed new gateway at the southern entrance to Great Stukeley should not be installed. The speed cushions currently in place could be left in situ rather than spend money on their removal.

Those sections of the road subject to a 30 mph limit should be controlled by average speed cameras; a separate set for each village. There could be a small speed allowance over the limit (say 3 mph) for those drivers who claim to be unable to read the speedometer whilst looking where they are going, but otherwise any speed over the prescribed limit would incur an automatic incremental fine up to a specified limit. Heavy vehicles exceeding the 7.5-ton weight limit could be identified and fined. Not only would such a system calm the traffic but it would (I suggest) pay for itself and provide ongoing revenue for whichever authority was controlling it. Perhaps the £2m assigned for the current project could finance the initial installation! I suggested this solution at the presentation but was informed that the police would need to approve such a scheme. If that is the case, I suggest someone communicates with the appropriate authority to discuss the idea. Of interest, the police would no longer be obliged to commit finance and scarce resources to a speed check vehicle in the villages, and the inclusion of an ANPR device could aid crime detection and prosecution.

<u>Summary</u>. I have outlined a number of issues that could be detrimental to the quality of life for those living in our villages and potentially dangerous to those transiting through. In view of that, if the scheme is adopted, I would like to think that somewhere in the plan an individual can be identified as the 'Accountable Person' who would be responsible for any untoward eventuality. I look forward to your response.

Finally, whatever scheme is adopted, I wish it well and hope it will serve its purpose.

Martyn Redmore Great Stukeley

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Emails to the Editor

Sir,

Parish Council Co-opt Vote

Exactly two years after I left my position as Clerk of the Council, I decided last Monday 4th April to attend a monthly Council meeting held in Little Stukeley Village Hall. I could see by the minutes and agenda provided, the professional status that my successor has brought to the proceedings, as I have said before Carole is doing a fine job even though she has the disadvantage of not living in the villages. I must comment though, it is still very evident by the number of issues that are still 'work in progress' that the Parish Council is still fighting a very difficult, uphill, battle to make their views heard, unfortunately according to what I heard success in matters relating to the development of Alconbury Weald seem to be very limited despite herculean efforts by certain PC members. Now I come to the main reason for this dialogue, 'Ageism'!!! During the course of the meeting an agenda item was 'The Co-option' of a new Councillor for which we were told there were two applicants, for the sake of ease, Applicant A from Great Stukeley and Applicant B from Little Stukeley. The resultant discussion took me 'aback'. I found it rather difficult as a 'Senior Citizen' myself to comprehend what I was hearing. During the discussion on the said Co-option the Vice Chairman was heard to say that he believed that both applicants could do a good job but that he felt that the Council should select the younger person, this idea was verbally supported by another member who also admitted that applicant B had a vast depth of knowledge on Parish issues, it was particularly noticeable that the two members with vast experience of working for 'higher' Local Authorities were very measured in their comments on the matter, with a further two members making no verbal comment at all. I find it totally reprehensible that a person's age should be the main topic of debate in the selection process, indeed I am uncertain whether in fact such reasoning is totally lawful. I have no problem with the subsequent secret ballot and the result thereof but take great exception to the nature of the debate that preceded this co-option. Furthermore, I think it highly worrying that our own 'local authority' uses this manner of debate to elect a new member to their Council. I also feel that an opportunity has been scorned to elect another member from Little Stukeley, one with such a wealth of experience and who was asked to stand by several members of this community in an effort to get some extra, meaningful representation on the Council, this is a village with no amenities whatsoever and needs a powerful voice on this local forum to ensure the villages needs and aspirations are fully represented. I find the entire episode a total disgrace and also I am mildly surprised the Clerk with her great grasp of Local Authority procedures did not remind members of the protocol surrounding the use of a person's age in the reasoning for election. It was a total joke and it has destroyed whatever confidence I ever had about the impartiality of the Stukeleys Parish Council. It is little wonder on this evidence that only 20% of the local electorate ever bother to vote!!

Michael J Newman

Hillside, 42 Low Road, Little Stukeley, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 4BA Phone: 01480 455365

Email to the Editor

Sir,

Parish Council Co-opt Vote - A Shambles!

I attended the Stukeleys Parish Council meeting on the 4th of April 2016 to make a point in regard to the Councils decision to ask for applications from the villagers to become a Parish Councillor. In particular I went and pointed out that dropping leaflets off to a substantial section of Great Stukeley only two days prior to the meeting was not democratic in any way and perhaps stopped a villager from having sufficient time to consider if they wanted to put their name forward. This would especially have been the case if the said villager was to be away for the weekend. I therefore asked the Parish Council to delay the vote until the May meeting but this was predictably refused.

The Parish Council then went on to debate the point and to vote on whom to co-opt on to the Parish Council. There were two villagers who had put their names forward; Mr Terry Pinner from Little Stukeley and Mr Wormsley-Carter from Great Stukeley, both fine upstanding members of the village community.

And so to the debate as to whom to co-opt onto the Parish Council. You would think the debate to be had would centre on the relevant experience that both candidates would bring to the table through either their professions or their knowledge of the villages or contacts in the wider community that could be called up to assist the Parish Council and hence the villages going forward.

Not a mention of it. Out of the seven Parish Councillors present two had nothing to say in the debate at all (shameful), one fudged the issue by stating they would vote for the Great Stukeley candidate because of housing numbers in each village should reflect the members of the Parish Council hence he would be voting for the Great Stukeley candidate. All ok`ish to this point. What came next I could hardly believe!

The Vice Chair voiced his opinion that age should be a consideration and they should vote for the younger candidate regardless of experience and virtues. This led to statements of agreement from at least three other Parish Councillors who all stated in varying degrees that they thought younger people should be on the Parish Council and although one candidate had a wealth of experience and the other did not they would vote on the premise of age and nothing less.

What is this country coming to? We now ignore people who have served the village for over fifty years, with a wealth of experience and contacts because of his age!!

I thought that age discrimination was outlawed in this country years ago and yet there we have our very own Parish Council, inclusive of a solicitor, voting purely on age grounds. What a farce. The whole Parish Council should be ashamed of itself and as to the Vice Chair goodness knows how he is to run the Parish Council in the new electoral year ahead. Woe betides anyone who goes along who is under the age of sixty is all I can say. A shambles Parish Councillors, a complete and utter **AGEIST** shambles!

Yours,

Bumbling Bob

Emails to the Editor

Hi Martyn,

Dog Poo

My name is Debbie, I live in West view and our house runs parallel to the bridle track in the farmer's field and I would like to share my recent findings with you.

Earlier this year I found dog excrement (on more than 1 occasion) wrapped in tissue / bits of paper/ small 'plastic bags' on the roof of our garage! Being naive I thought with the high winds we get it may have blown from the field up into the brambles and got caught up on the garage roof somehow.

More recently I badgered my husband into helping me cut the hedge line down as it was overgrown, unmanageable and impacting on the light. This morning (08/04/16) a calm, sunny day with blue sky (between 7.15ish and 08.15), imagine my upset when I looked out to find another parcel wrapped in a tissue on the roof!

It was definitely not the wind or the over grown brambles this time, so all I can think of is it must be the act of a dog walker or as sad as it is... a dog owner!

If the individual responsible would like to come and discuss or explain to me why they think this is acceptable I will be willing to listen to their explanation as currently I do not understand this. I believe I am a responsible dog owner and have at times been caught short myself without a 'poo' bag, but have cleanly and safely improvised at the time (even going back to pick it up).

If anyone has any information they would like to share regarding this matter please contact me through the Editor of the Stukeleys Parish Magazine.

Kind Regards, **Debbie**

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The Stukeleys Heritage Group

Please note there is no meeting in May, but these are advance notices for the future.

Wednesday 15th June:

We will be visiting the changes at Alconbury Weald, courtesy of Urban&Civic. Most of us will have seen the new housing going up but this is an opportunity to see the wider site and put the changes into context as well as discussing the future of the Listed Building Control Tower. U&C will provide refreshments in the new Club Building which affords good views of the site. We will be travelling by coach - leaving Great Stukeley Village Hall at 7.30 pm and picking up at the bus stop at Little Stukeley at 7.35pm.

Please note there is no charge for this trip.

Wednesday 17th August - annual outing - to the historic city of Norwich.

By coach, leaving from Great Stukeley Village Hall at 9.30 am, which should give us plenty of time to explore Norwich as we will be leaving there at 5.30 pm. You may wish to see the Cathedral, historic Elm Hill, the Castle Museum or one of the many other museums or maybe shop at the extensive open market. More details nearer the date.

The cost is just £20 per head. To reserve your place please let me know as soon as possible. Cash or cheque (payable to M.G. Monk) to me please.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH OF THESE TRIPS ARE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STUKELEYS AND FRIENDS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GROUP TO COME ALONG.

Michael Monk,

Convenor. 33 Church Road, Great Stukeley. 456634 - michaelgmonk@hotmail.com

A Neighbourhood Plan for The Stukeleys

The Parish Council has resolved to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and has been in discussion with the District Council about this. The first stage is to agree the area to be covered. The Parish Council has suggested that it should cover the entire parish, including Alconbury Weald and RAF Alconbury.

This suggestion is now the subject of formal consultation; any comments should be sent to Huntingdonshire District Council at Pathfinder House by 4.30pm on Friday 20th May.

Once the area has been agreed, we can begin work on deciding what we would like included in the plan. I know a number of you have expressed interest in working on the plan but if there are are others also interested please contact me.

Michael Monk,

Chairman, Planning Committee, The Stukeleys Parish Council.



Bumbling Bob May 2016

Bumbling's Bobs Tips for Oldies No 2

Now we all like the open fire burning in the grate, watching the memsahib stoking it with the required coal or logs, whilst the odd tincture is warmed in the hand whilst watching the dancing flames cast flickering light and shadow over the memsahibs...... Sorry, sorry getting quite carried away there!

The thought I did have (and can publish) is that quite often and for sometimes extended periods the said fireplace is just a large gaping hole in the wall. A lit and glowing fireplace looks superb, but when it's not in use it can feel as if you're heating a room with an open window. So when the fire's out, keep the damper closed or how about buy a chimney balloon for around £20, which can be inflated in the opening above the fire to reduce draughts. I would imagine the memsahib knows where to get one and she could add the chore of doing so on to her normal shipping run. No need for the master of the household to stir himself is there......

An Apology from Bumbling!!

So there I am nursing a small tincture in the Pink Pub when my phone annoys me with the alert for an incoming email. This I opened and read a tale of woe which has been caused by yours truly, although hard to believe I know.

It would seem that upon reading my piece last month, reference the `Mighty Beast` of the tracks, a pair of memsahibs were at what I believe is called a `ladies who lunch` meeting when they verbally assaulted another in regard to her somewhat inadequate use of a technical piece of equipment; vis a vis a camera. Well the memsahib concerned had not had the chance to peruse my prose and so was taken aback by the onslaught (and in a public place too) and as such had no chance to compose herself and make a repost. However when she had recovered from the verbal flaying she did recount this tale of woe to the man of the house and he in turn sent me an email stating that the memsahib had taken out a `contract` upon my head. Now I thought this was somewhat unfair as it was through him I heard of the poor ladies lack of photographic skill but apparently I was not supposed to broadcast it to the general populace as his life is now being made hell!

Now I know full well that several persons in this vicinity would like to assist the dear lady in fulfilling the said contract but I say, slain by a memsahib; it would not go down well upon the tombstone I can tell you.

So to the poor maligned memsahib of Little Stukeley, Mrs Margaret Newman, I apologise full heartedly. As to Mr Michael Newman I just hope that your ears have now stopped ringing and your memsahib has started to feed you once more!

Bumbling Bob

REFLECTIONS: BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE with the SECRETS of SCOTLAND YARD and the BLACK MUSEUM - Tuesday 15th March 2016

We made good time with the new Kiddles driver, Kevin Hayes, for a 10.15am meeting with our Blue Badge Holder Guide, Jeanie Carmichael, who was with us for the entire time we were in London.

Our BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE was delicious. We were served a full English Breakfast buffet-style which enabled us to make our own selection of eggs, bacon, sausages, mushrooms, tomatoes, toast and marmalade. Together with tea, coffee and juice all of which was included in the price of the trip.

Just after noon Jeanie Carmichael took us on a very informative coach trip around the East End to see the locations and listen to background on some of the exhibits featured in the BLACK MUSEUM including the Sydney Street Siege and Jack the Ripper.

At 3pm we entered the Museum of London to meet our reserved time-slot for this very popular exhibition. This is the first time, for a very limited period, on show outside SCOTLAND YARD. The BLACK MUSEUM exhibition was brilliantly presented with original exhibits featuring grisly crimes dating back over 150 years. These included the crimes of serial killers –such as *Mary Ann Cotton, John Cristie, John Haigh* and *Dennis Nilson*; criminal gangs- the *Krays* and the *Richardsons*; well as major thefts like the *Great Train Robbery* and the *Millenium Dome diamond heist*.

Supporting these fascinating exhibits was a film featuring many of the cases as well as several TV newsreels in colour and black & white illustrating various crime scenes.

After the BLACK MUSEUM exhibition, we were able to obtain refreshments at its Cafés before meeting up with our coach, right outside, for our journey home.

We arrived safely back in Great Stukeley around 7.15pm having experienced a fascinating once-only opportunity to view SCOTLAND YARD'S BLACK MUSEUM.

LONDON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING, CARVERY CLUB LUNCH and CHRISTMAS SIGHTS & LIGHTS Tuesday 6th December 2016

On our CHRISTMAS visit to LONDON on Tuesday 6th December we will pick-up our coach at 08.15am PROMPT.

After shopping at The Westfield Stratford City Mall we will meet our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Jeanie Carmichael, at 1.30pm at the STRAND PALACE HOTEL. This beautiful hotel was built after the demolition of Exeter Hall and opened in 1909. It was refurbished in *Art Deco* style during the 1930's but has now been thoroughly modernized. In 1976 Forte bought the lease of the Strand Palace Hotel from the Lyons Hotel Group and made minor refurbishments over the next decade. An in-depth refurbishment was undertaken in 1985 on all floors including new furniture, new bathrooms and redecorated bedrooms. The Hotel was acquired by London & Regional Properties in 2006.

We will visit the *Carvery & Grill* which offer tasty classics in a chic and contemporary setting. Alongside a traditional carvery the restaurant features a modern British menu with seasonal produce from award-winning artisans and farms from within a 30-mile radius of the hotel. Those joining us on this trip need to choose their dessert BEFORE the date of the trip when booking for this wonderful Festive visit. The choices are *Chocolate Bavarois layered Mousse*, *Vanilla Cheesecake* or *Fruit Salad*.

After our two-course carvery lunch we will return to our coach for our *Christmas Sights & Lights* tour with our Blue Badge Holder Guide ending with a very brief visit to the *South Bank Christmas Market* for some "stocking fillers" before our journey home.

With lots of arm-twisting I am able to offer this exceptional trip at the very competitive price of £45.50 per person. PLEASE CALL ME VERY SOON if you would like to be part of this very enjoyable Festive day trip.

Mary Alleyne-James

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM 16th May at 7.30pm – do come along to the GSVH AGM to have your say in what events we put on or to join the committee – new committee members welcome.

ROYAL PICNIC - The Queen is 90 this year and we thought that we could not let it go without a celebration. So come and join us at the village hall on **25**th **June 3-6pm.** Bring your own picnic and there will be stalls with games – tea and coffee provided.

On 17th September, we will have a Barn Dance and Hog Roast and then following the success of our Bond Casino Night, we have decided to put on a Las Vegas Casino Night on 3rd December – instead of a Christmas Dinner Dance. There will be two roulette and two black jack tables, enabling more guests to have a flutter. Tickets will go on sale later in the year.

Dates for your diary:

Monday **16th May** at 7.30pm – Annual General Meeting – All Welcome Saturday **25th June** 3-6pm Picnic to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday Saturday 17th **September** at 7.30pm Barn Dance and Hog Roast Saturday **3rd December** at 7.30pm Las Vegas Casino Night

THE GREAT STUKELEY SUMMER FASHION SHOW II - Thursday 19th May 2016 A FEW TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

As we go to press there are just a few tickets left. We would like to thank everyone who is supporting this much looked forward to charity SUMMER FASHION SHOW II.

On the night ALL sizes will be catered for...fashions from a host of British brands will be offered for sale. Our three Fashion Models will be modeling brands from Austin Reed, British Home Stores, Coast, Country Casuals, Dorothy Perkins, Kaliko, Marks and Spencer, Next, Phase 8, Top Shop, Wallis and The White Stuff. You will be able to purchase pretty scarves, belts, dresses, blouses, slacks, t-shirts, tops and separates.

All of which will be sold at HALF PRICE OR LESS: Just in time for summer and your fast approaching holidays-abroad or in the United Kingdom. All purchases on the night can be made with a Credit Card or Cash.

Doors open at 7pm and the Fashion Show will begin at 7.30pm. Please bring along your ticket which you can exchange for a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE, ORANGE JUICE or WATER.

If you are able to help us by making a RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION towards the success of this charity evening I would be delighted to hear from you. Either call me first before making your drop-off at my house or I would be pleased to collect the items from your home. Please call me VERY SOON as we really do need your help with this request BEFORE THE EVENT.

Please call as soon as possible as there are only a few tickets remaining for this very popular Great Stukeley SUMMER FASHION SHOW II-and you do not want to miss out on a terrific and affordable fashion opportunity. The TICKET PRICE is £7.00 per person.

Mary Alleyne-James Event Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

Great Stukeley Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 803359

Annual General Meeting Monday 16 May 2016 at 7:30pm Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM
- 3. Matters arising that are not on the agenda
- 4. Treasurer's report
- 5. Trustees' report
- Appointed members of the Committee
- 7. Election of 4 community members
- 8. Election of Secretary
- 9. Election of Treasurer
- 10. AOB
- 11. Date of next AGM

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Great Stukeley Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 803359

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on 18 May 2015

Present

Nicola Oldfield, Sarah Toyn, Carol Buttercase, Mary Alleyne-James, Iain Shaw, Nikki Sly, Helen, Jan, Terry Goodwin, Stuart Bell, Janet Nunley, Sylvia Reynolds, Shirley Berrill, Grahame Bundy, Dawn Bundy, Ann Morris, Deanna Strange, Hilma Young,

1. Apologies for absence

Joan Gray (sent a letter of support and offer of assistance), Ann Monk, Grahame and Dawn Bundy.

2. Minutes of 2014 AGM

Amend *Joan* Gray.

Proposed by Sarah Toyn, seconded by Jan Sly.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the draft accounts was made available.

Income expected to increase by about £2k once direct debits have been received by the end of the year (1 March to 28 Feb).

Due to an internet banking access fault – totals could not be confirmed on the night.

Individual incomes higher than £500 were presented under Top Users, including fundraisers.

Sundries are anything other than stationery, 3rd party indemnity and buildings insurance. A breakdown can be provided on request.

This year has seen more regular users including the Table Tennis Club and Slimming World. There have been very few one-off large bookings.

A new Treasurer is to be supported by Terry to hand over at end of the 2015 year rather than mid-year.

NS asked about savings from new boiler/double glazing. These have not been specifically checked but are expected. JN confirmed a noticeable difference in operating heating timings and the building s more comfortable generally.

AM asked if audited accounts could be made available – yes, these may be on the website or on request. (TG and NJO)

Trustees' Report

Sarah Toyn summarised the year. There has been increased regular hall usage; we received a donation from the Hunts 10k Charity; a defibrillator has been installed for the village; a WREN funding application for insulation, kitchen and other improvements is being prepared, thanks were expressed to Nicola Oldfield for doing this; we have had 3 fund raising events; thanks were expressed to Stuart Bell and the players for their successful show, and to Mary Alleyne-James and her models for a wonderful Fashion Show — another one is planned for next year. The Christmas dinner dance attracted a poor turnout so we have decided not to host one this year, but we are looking at alternative events.

Forthcoming events for this year include the Open Gardens and St Bartholomew's flower festival on 5 July and a Swinging Sixties event. Any ideas for other events would be gratefully received. Thanks were offered to Janet and Barry Nunley and Grahame Bundy for their dedicated work cleaning and maintaining the hall and to Hilma Young for managing the bookings. Stuart Bell was thanked for his for brief spell as Chair, and he has offered future support to the Committee. Finally Sarah thanked the Committee for their work during the year.

MAJ noted that a defibrillator was donated to both Great Stukeley and Little Stukeley by the East Anglian Ambulance Service. NS queried the cost for maintenance of this. The Parish Council will cover any ongoing cost. Janet Nunley carries out weekly checks.

BJ noted, regarding the request for WiFi, that the Parish Council would pay for installation costs – this is an ongoing discussion.

Appointed members of the Committee

It was proposed that Nicola Oldfield represents the Heritage Group; Iain Shaw represents the Flower Show Committee; Mary Alleyne-James represents the Monday Bridge Club; Sarah Toyn represents the WI; Sarah Toyn represents the Table Tennis Club.

No nominations were received for representation from the Parish Council.

1. Election of 4 community members

Nominations for 3 community members were proposed: Carol Buttercase, Terry Goodwin, Iain Shaw. There were no other nominations.

2. Election of Secretary

It was proposed by Iain Shaw and seconded by Carol Buttercase that Nicola Oldfield continues as Secretary.

3. Election of Treasurer

It was proposed by Sarah Toyn and seconded by Janet Nunley that Terry Goodwin continues as Treasurer. Helen Silsby has offered to take over next year.

4. AOB

Nicola Oldfield presented to the Village Hall a framed map of the Royal Forest of Sapley on behalf of Michael Monk and the Heritage Group.

NS raised a question from the WI regarding the poor heating in the kitchen. The insulation will be installed and the hatch will be fixed.

AM asked about a cooker for catering purposes. A new cooker is to be installed soon but there is a difficulty fitting it in! It was noted that the kitchen is not for preparing and cooking food from scratch, but for heating and serving only. The new cooker has been donated by the Garden Show Committee. CB suggested a commemorative plaque. (Committee)

5. Date of next AGM

7:30pm on Monday 16 May 2016.

The Stukeley's W.I. Meeting 9th March 2016

Our evening began with the president Jan Sly welcoming 30 members and two visitors.

Jan was pleased to report that Catherine Cochrane had joined the committee and had also agreed to be our minute secretary. Ann Render will be Vice President.

Apologies for absence were taken, before Jerusalem was sung.

Our Speakers for the evening, Mr & Mrs Wallace-Pope gave an enjoyable and very informative glimpse into the history of Tartans & the Kilt. It takes 9-10 yds. of material for a kilt and all the stitching is done by hand. Each yard of material weighs 1lb. Jan then read out a document which had been received by Mrs Wallace-Pope's grandmother from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, praising her for kindness to poor children.

Three ladies were lucky to receive a tartan sash. Other members had Scottish shortbread, fudge, Edinburgh rock etc. This speaker was passionate about her topic!

After refreshments the Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct.

The ladies responsible for refreshments, Deanna Strange and Jennifer Liddell were then thanked as were Nicki Sly for the Curtis bowl and Ruby Papworth for the draw prize.

<u>Forthcoming events</u> The Stukeley's W.I. will be hosting the Spring Group Meeting on Monday 4^{th} April 2016.

This will be a 40's Evening. Our Speaker will be dressed in clothes from the "era" and will tell us about living in the 40's. The entertainment will be a "Vintage singer" again in costume singing a selection of 40's hits.

All positions of helpers have been allocated for the evening.

Correspondence was then dealt with also the W.I. newsletter and Abbotts Ripton Hall Garden Show

We will be doing a Clean for the Queen on Monday 11th April 2016 @ 2pm tidying up the Village Hall flower borders.

The draw prize this month was won by one of our visitors who will be joining the W.I. next month.

Competition Something Scottish? 1st Moria Eddington 2nd Mary Ward 3rd Shelia Stevenson

Next <u>monthly meeting</u>, <u>Wed. 13th April.</u> Competition: - A Flower arrangement in a teacup. AYOW

Curtis Bowl Judith Wood Draw Ann Render Roll Call Your Favourite House Plant.

Refreshments Monica Brown & Gwen Clements

The Stukeley's W.I. Meeting 13h April 2016

Our evening began with the president Jan Sly welcoming everyone to the April meeting ,two ladies who had come as visitors last month joined our W.I. this evening.

Apologies for absence were received from five members. Our competition for the evening was a flower arrangement in a tea cup.

All then stood to sing Jerusalem.

Jan then thanked Judith Wood for the lovely tulip and rose arrangement in the Curtis bowl and also Ann Render who donated the draw prize.

Our refreshment hostesses this month were Gwen Clements and Sue Clark.

Catherine Cochrane, our minute secretary, then read last months minutes which were signed as correct.

Matters arising were then dealt with, mainly about our Spring Group Meeting, the feedback from the evening had been very favourable.

Items from the newsletter were read out. The resolution conference being held in Sawtry W.I. hall was recommended to the members. Jan then gave an outline of the Federation Day that had been held at The Burgess Hall St. Ives.

Our speaker had to be replaced at the last moment, fortunately Mr. Buster Evans stepped in and gave us an insight into his memories as a young R.A.F. Driver. He also spoke about his involvement in helping to provide young children in hospital with a Teddy Bear.

We all enjoyed his amusing talk, for which we were very grateful. Sheila Stephenson gave the vote of thanks

Birthday chocolates were then given out. The draw was won by Moria Eddington.

Our competition winners were 1st Janet Talbot 2nd Zena Betts 3rd Marlene Garner.

The roll call for the evening was 'Your Favourite Indoor Plant'.

Our next meeting will on Wednesday 11th May 2016. This will be a Resolution Evening.

The competition will be Four Decorated Fairy Cakes. A.Y.O.W.

Joan Gray will be responsible for the Curtis Bowl, the draw prize, and along with Sheila Stevenson the refreshments.

Jan reminded everyone of our regular Community Coffee Morning, which is always the last Wednesday in the month. 27th April 2016 10.30-12.00 Tea- Coffee – Cake, Bring and Buy.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The evening ended with a humorous Brain Teaser. All were then wished a safe journey home.

THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2016 Sunday 20th November 2016

PAYMENT DUE

Our Thursford Christmas Spectacular is now reserved and confirmed for the matinee show at 2pm on Sunday 20th November 2016.

We have been allocated terrific De Luxe seats situated in the centre stalls on both sides of the aisle.

Please remember that this great trip offers a chance to visit the amazing Dickensian shopping village at Thursford, time for a bite to eat before the show and a visit to the exciting special Attraction - Santa's Magical Journey into Christmas. Please note that there is an additional charge per person (around £5.00) to walk through this special attraction-once you show your ticket!

This wonderful Festive Show is set in magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels with a cast of over 130 performers who deliver a non-stop variety extravaganza of singing, dancing, music and humour. The lavishly decorated auditorium is simply stunning with a riot of Christmas colours and thousands of twinkling lights and festive decorations to rival any Hollywood film set.

PAYMENT DUE: Please note that FULL PAYMENT of £53.50 per person IN CASH ONLY for this Christmas Spectacular MUST BE RECEIVED by me personally NO LATER THAN 5PM on THURSDAY 5th MAY 2016.

The cost includes superb DE LUXE STALL SEATS in rows D/E/F and H between numbers 01 and 12 and 20 through 29, your coach journey to and from Norfolk and a tip for your driver.

PLEASE BE MOST THOUGHTFUL and call me first to arrange a mutually convenient time to drop-off your payment at my home.

Mary Alleyne-James Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

THE BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL: BEST OF BRITISH - Tuesday 4th October 2016

Audiences are seated at tables-cabaret style-and treated to a delicious three-course ENGLISH HIGH TEA with homemade sandwiches, putrescenes and scones during the intermission. No one will be going home hungry!

Vincent Hayes will lead this exciting THE BEST OF BRITISH SHOW. Many of the artists in the show have appeared at The Lord Hood together with experienced performers who come to enjoy the very special atmosphere of the *BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL* where every show is unique and laughter is ALWAYS TOP OF THE BILL!

The BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL is the brainchild of Vincent Hayes. Vincent was inspired by the popularity of The Lord Hood where he was landlord in the late 1980's and regularly performed with his band of talented artists on an impromptu stage made from beer crates. Vincent resolved to bring music hall-style entertainment to a wider audience.

In 1992 he opened *BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL* in the former Truman's Brewery building in Brick Lane from where the show takes its name. After a move to larger premises in Shoreditch the Music Hall finally settled in Silvertown, by the Royal Docks, next to City Airport.

I have worked hard with my coach company to bring in a price of £54.50 per person. This includes the return coach journey to London, the superb Music Hall Show, the three-course ENGLISH HIGH TEA and a tip for our driver.

As BRICK LANE requires an early response-PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like to join us in this very special year of the Queen's 90th Birthday which will be celebrated as part of the show.

On the day of our visit:

10.45am Meet at the Great Stukeley Village Hall
11.00am PROMPT departure on our Kiddles Coach
1.00pm Arrival at the BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL

1.15pm Doors Open

2.00pm THE BEST of BRITISH SHOW begins.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS - Friday 17th June 2016 LAST FIVE (5) TICKETS AVAILABLE-CALL SOON

If you would like to join our visit to PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS on Friday evening 17th June 2016, PLEASE LET ME KNOW MOST URGENTLY.

To obtain a confirmed reservation for our visit I have had to pay in advance for all those signed-up. However, we can add people up to mid May 2016 so let me know of your interest. Everyone in my group are part of the SILVER PACKAGE-entrance to the stadium. A three course dinner (starter, main course, dessert and tea or coffee) at the *Raceview Restaurant* for £37.00 per person. This price includes the coach and driver's tip BUT DOES NOT COVER YOUR DRINKS at the restaurant and tips there are at your discretion.

We will depart from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 6.15pm PROMPT as we are expected at the stadium at 7pm. The races will run between 7.30pm and 10.30pm and betting can be made directly from your table in the *Raceview Restaurant*.

Here are a few more useful betting tips:

ALL WAYS TRIO This is actually six (6) bets, requiring your

chosen three (3) greyhounds to finish 1st,

2nd and 3rd, in any order

LUCKY DIP If you are not sure which greyhound to

choose trust to "Lady Luck".

FORECAST MULTIPLE Choose three (3) greyhounds with any two

BETS (2)to finish 1st *or* 2nd,in any order

or Choose four (4) greyhounds with any two (2) to finish 1st *and* 2nd, in any order

or Nominate one (1) greyhound to win, with any of the other five (5) to come 2nd.

or A guaranteed win! All six (6) greyhounds in all possible combinations to finish 1st

and 2nd.

If you would like to attend this exciting evening PLEASE CALL ME to RESERVE YOUR PLACE without delay.

Mary Alleyne-James Organizer

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Time	Activity	Organiser
Mondays	I	
7-10pm	Bridge	Joan Gray 455773
	Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club	
5-7pm	Junior Table Tennis	Coach Alex
7-10pm	Senior Table Tennis	07961 192844
Tuesdays		1
9.30-10.20am	Pilates	Zara Walters
	(term time only)	07917 755512
7.30-9pm	Slimming World	Adrian Flintoft
		07826 555255
Wednesdays		
10.30-12.00	Community Coffee Morning	Jan Sly 450197
last Wed		
2-4pm	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
4 th Wed		
7.30-10pm	The Stukeleys Women's Institute	Jan Sly 450197
2 nd Wed		
Thursdays		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
	Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club	
5-7pm	Junior Table Tennis	Coach Alex
7-10pm	Senior Table Tennis	07961 192844
Fridays		
2-4pm	Bridge	U3A
Saturdays		
	Jazzercise	
9.15	Dance Mixx	Dana Rowe
10.15	Strength 45	07760 824609
1-5pm	Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club	
	All ages	Coach Alex
	-	07961 192844
	To book GSVH please call Hilma on	454058
(please leave a message and she will return your call)		
	The activities in bold welcome new	-

U3A Armchair Gardeners Group

A plant exchange afternoon is planned for Great Stukeley Village Hall on Thursday May 12th from 2pm. Visitors are welcome to bring, or buy, plants of any kind including seedlings or rooted cuttings. Refreshments will be available.

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th May 2016 10.30 – 12.00 At Great Stukeley Village Hall

(and every last Wednesday 29 June, 27 July, 31 Aug, 28 Sept, 26 Oct & 30 Nov)

The Stukeleys WI are holding a community coffee morning every last Wednesday of the month to raise money for Young Carers Huntingdon and The Stukeleys WI.

Do come and join us. Children are welcome – we have a kids' corner to keep them amused.

Your invitation to attend the



Tuesday 7 June 2016 from 2pm – 6pm The Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27 6WU

Are you involved in community projects in your town or village? Or do you have a project in mind, but don't know where to start?

This event will help you fund, build and do more in *your* community, by putting you in touch with those who can help.

Browse a marketplace of stalls from voluntary and community sector organisations, funders, local authorities and local programmes.

Learn from our 'Community Stars', local community projects and groups who have successfully taken on challenges like those you are facing.

Book to attend one or more workshops on topics that interest you most.

Find out more and book for workshops at: www.cambscommunityfair.wordpress.com
Search for us on Twitter #CommFair16

Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2016 Saturday 6th August At Great Stukeley Village Hall

Our annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 6th August**, it has been well supported in the past and hope to see some new faces this year. This year's schedule should be through your door very soon, so you can plan your entries for the show this year!

There are many categories to enter from Vegetables, Plants & Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Home Produce, Arts & Crafts, Photography and an **Under 16s section**. Which had **no** entries last year so we encourage you parents out there to get your children to enter, there's cup's to be won plus the family cup which is for parents and children of same surname with the most points in the show.

Judging for the Best Spring garden has been and gone, and would like to thank all those that entered. The judge said, the overall standard was impressive, lots of hard work! Unfortunately the results aren't announced till the show in August.

Now calling on all you keen gardeners out there! We are seeking entries for **Best Kept Garden**, **Best Hanging Basket** and **Best Container**, which will be judged in **Mid-July**. So anyone interested in entering please don't hesitate in getting in touch. Contact myself on 07835630559 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442.

Iain Shaw Great Stukeley Flower Show Chairman

Lee Hurley (Police, PCSO, Huntingdonshire)

Dear residents.

Please be advised that we have received a further report of a distraction burglary, this time at MANDENE GARDENS, GREAT GRANSDEN. In this latest offence, the third of this type since the beginning of April, offenders have knocked on the door of an elderly resident, claiming to work for the water board before gaining access to the property and stealing cash.

If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are claiming to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water and police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider - Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller - they may be bogus. The 'Waterboard' no longer exists, it is an obsolete phrase used only by bogus callers.

Anyone with any information about this offence, or any other suspicious activity, is asked to call Huntingdonshire burglary team on 101, quoting CF0160020416

Regards,

Lee Hurley (PCSO 7293) Huntingdonshire burglary team

PLEASE NOTE: This has happened in Great Stukeley twice at two different houses on or around 6th April. Please beware!



A lottery with a difference

On Friday Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) officially launched its colourful new charity lottery with the help of hospital staff and its much-loved mascots, Brooke Bear and Rosie Rabbit.

The Addenbrooke's Charity Lottery is open to people who are aged 16 and above and players have the chance to win up to £25,000, while at the same time helping to make a difference for patients at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

The regular weekly draw costs from just £1 per week and at least 50p for every £1 entry will help support patients across the hospitals.

Community support has been threaded throughout the hospital's history since it opened in 1766 thanks to a gift of over £4,500 left by Dr John Addenbrooke in his Will. Now, 250 years later with the addition of this new fundraising initiative, the tradition remains strong.

Money raised helps ACT fund cutting edge technology, additional specialist services, vital research and extra comforts for patients over and above what would be possible through NHS funding alone.

Recent examples include a new bespoke critical care response trolley to enable faster delivery of care; development of new approaches for treating lung cancers and a children's heart scanner, so sick young patients with complex problems can be scanned on the ward, to name just a few.

Bridget Tring, ACT's supporter development manager said: "We're thrilled to officially launch this new way of supporting patients in the hospital's 250th anniversary year. Weekly participation will help ACT to quickly and flexibly address areas of greatest and most urgent patient need. We are so grateful to all our supporters who help make this possible, and we hope to welcome many more through our exciting new lottery!"

To sign up for the Addenbrooke's Charity Lottery, please go to www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/lottery or for more information email lottery@act4addenbrookes.org.uk or call 01223 217757.



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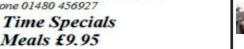




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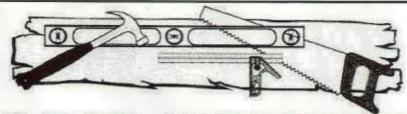
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If there is any way in which we can help or any questions you need to ask please call Pete and Penny Bourne on 01480 432207 or 07887707940 / 07908093224 or email us at bourneagain38jer333di@gmail.com or pennyanne.bourne@gmail.com or phone David Stokes 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 Pastor Pete or Penny as above.

Pastor Pete's wife, Penny, is not well, so he has not been able to write his usual article. I'm sure you will all, with me, wish Penny a speedy recovery.

Best wishes to Pastor Pete and Penny,

Martyn Fox

(Editor)

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8.00 am Celebrant 9.00 am Leader Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton Family Service No Service

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8.00 am Celebrant Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton

22nd **Trinity Sunday**

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9.00 am Celebrant Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton

29th First Sunday after Trinity 9.00 am Leader Songs of Praise Rev'd Andrew Milton

June

1st

9.30 am Celebrant Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton No Service

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