





MAY 2018



Centre Picture: Pete Jones looking very smart in the boots he won in the raffle!

ncinerate up to 800 calories in an hour. Calories don't stand a chance this year!

Classes in St. Ives, Huntingdon, Great Stukeley and other areas.

Huntingdon Classes: Mon/Thurs 7 PM Dance Mixx. Hartford Junior School Saturday- Great Stukeley Village Hall 9 AM Dance Mixx 10:15 AM Strength45

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June 2018 Magazine Cut-off Date

Cut-off date for the June 2018 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

9am Saturday 19th May 2018

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

	FUTURE EVENTS					
Mon 14th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting	7.15 pm	ESCA			
Mon 21st May	Annual Parish Meeting	7.15 pm	LSVH			
Thu 3rd May	Polling Day					
Wed 16th May	Stukeleys Heritage Group Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH			
Sat 19th May	Royal Wedding Party	7.00 pm	LSVH			
Wed 30th May	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 pm	GSVH			
* ESCA= Ermine Street Church Academy						

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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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STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Stukeleys Parish Council met on Mon 9 April 2018 at 7.15pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

Parish Council discussed these Planning Consultations and made Planning Recommendations to HDC:

Proposal: Retrospective erection of a garage/store and stable block, Site Address: 9 Church Way Little Stukeley Huntingdon, Reference: 18/00455/HHFUL.

Recommend Approval because it sits comfortable within the village boundary. No detrimental effect to the street scene or local area.

Proposal: Amendment to application 1301037FUL for extension of C2 and change of C4, Site Address: Building 3051 Alconbury Airfield Ermine Street, Reference: 18/00477/S73.

PC agreed that no response to the above needed.

Proposal: Proposed small extension to front, Site Address: 4 Beech Avenue Great Stukeley Huntingdon, Reference: 18/00521/HHFUL.

Recommend Approval because it does not affect the street scene. No reason to object.

Parish Council is looking for a Volunteer to look after 2 Defibrillators in Little and Great Stukeley as Dr. Barrie G James has felt the need to resign. Please contact your Clerk for more information.

Please note that potholes can be reported directly to County Council via their online reporting system https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/.

Parish Council is further considering the Neighbourhood Plan and would welcome any new members. If you wish to get involved, please contact your Clerk.

Parish Council receives CIL money which will be used to refurbish the Village Halls. Village Halls are now colleting the quotes and will approach PC. PC are also considering other projects.

Please note that Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly is set for Mon 21 May 2018, please submit your written reports to the Clerk. Looking forward to seeing you!

2 casual vacancies have arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

In accordance with Section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, where the vacancy occurs within six months before the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired, an election shall not be held under Section 89(1) of the above Act, and the vacancy will be filled at the next ordinary election of councillors on 3 May 2018.

The Council may choose to fill the vacancy for the period until that election.

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

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Election of Parish Councillors for The Stukeleys on Thursday 3 May 2018

Elections and Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer, HDC, informed that those parish councillors listed (five nominations received)

have been duly elected without contest and in the event of a vacancy or vacancies remaining in your parish through insufficient candidates having been nominated in the first place, you may fill these by co-option. No further notice is required to be given of the vacancy or vacancies and there is no time limit in which the co-options must take place.

Please note that the full set of Parish Council Minutes is displayed on the Notice Boards in both villages and on the Parish Council Website. A hard copy of the Minutes can be obtained either at the Parish Council Meeting or can be requested from the Ramune Mimiene, Clerk; Martyn Fox, the Editor of this newsletter or Councillor S Day.

Note: List of Parish Council Meeting days is set below (please note Parish Council do not usually meet in January and August, but please be aware that there might be an extraordinary PC Meetings during these periods).

The Stukeleys Parish Council 2018 Venues for Council Meetings The open session starts at 7.15pm and the Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm

Mon 14 May – Annual Parish Council Meeting - Ermine Street Church Academy
Mon 21 May – Annual Parish Meeting - LSVH
Mon 4 Jun – LSVH
Mon 2 Jul – Ermine Street Church Academy
No meeting in August
Mon 3 Sep – GSVH
Mon 1 Oct – LSVH
Mon 5 Nov – Ermine Street Church Academy
Mon 3 Dec - LSVH

Please check the website and Notice Boards for Extraordinary meetings.

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Terry Pinner



Dear Residents.

The Stukeleys Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Monday 21 May 2018 at Little Stukeley Village Hall,

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for The Stukeleys to raise any matters of concern relating to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but this is not essential. For any queries, please contact Ms Ramune Mimiene, Clerk to the Parish Council (or clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk or 01480 535 265/ 07596 891618).

NOTICE and AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman
- 2. To receive apologies for absence
- To Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 2017
 Copies of the Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 22 May 2017 available on the evening, also on the Parish website and Notice Boards
- 4. To receive Parish Council Chairman's Report
- 5. To Receive District and County Councillors Reports
- 6. Update on Neighbourhood Plan
- 7. CIL money outcome on planned spending
- 8. Financial Report
- 9. To receive Village Representatives and Voluntary Organizations in the Parish reports
- 10. Public participation to raise any matters of interest
- 11. Chairman's Closing Remarks

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Chairman of The Stukeleys Parish Council Dated this 3rd day of April 2018

> Clerk to the Councit: -Ms Ramune Mimiene 24 Manchester Road Brampton Huntingdon PE28 4QF 01480 535265 clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk

Local Elections 3rd May 2018

On the third of May this year the country will be casting its final vote at the polls before Brexit. But at local level is it Brexit or the pot holes that are more important? or the lack of lighting on our streets? or the high volume of speeding traffic through our villages?

On the third of May you have the opportunity not to think about who is governing our country, but who is actually going to make a difference to your local community.

This year the Stukeleys District has been reformed and no longer incorporates Alconbury. The new Stukeleys District will cover Stukeley Meadows, Great Stukeley, Little Stukeley and Alconbury Weald.

The other big change this year is that you actually get to have three District councillors, so in effect you cast three votes for which three councillors you think will make a difference.

Three votes, three councillors, three people to express your opinions in what happens to your community.

Two of our parish councillors Sally Smith and Shaun Burton who live in Little Stukeley and Great Stukeley respectively are running for district councillor this year. They are joined by Tom Sanderson who lives in Stukeley meadows and who has been an experienced councillor for many years.

This year you have the opportunity to vote for three of your neighbours and not just party representatives who live nowhere near your area, this year Stukeleys Matter.

Sally Smith & Shaun Burton

Stukeleys Parish Council April 2018

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Time	Activity	Organiser					
Mondays							
7-10pm	Bridge	Barry Ward 382105					
Tuesdays							
9.30-10.20am	Pilates (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512					
7-9pm	m Dog Training Sue Elliott 07760 7						
Wednesdays							
10.30-12.00 last Wed	Community Coffee Morning	Jan Sly 450197					
2-4pm 4th Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773					
7.30-10pm 2 nd Wed	The Stukeleys Women's Institute	Jan Sly 450197					
Thursdays							
10-12	Badminton (private booking)						
Fridays							
9.30-12.00pm	Pilates/Yoga	Helen Decker 07980 940366					
1.30-3.30pm	Bridge	Joan Lawford 52464					
Saturdays							
9.00 10.15	Jazzercise Dance Mixx Strength 45	Dana Rowe 07760 824609					

Little Stukeley Village Hall

Rounders Match, Craft Show and BBQ

8th July - 3pm Start (Social Club from 1pm) £5 Adults / £2.50 Under 12's

The annual Village Rounders match will take place on the 8th July - with the match starting at 3.30... players welcome from 2 to 92!

In addition we will be announcing the winners of the Wheelbarrow Show



New for 2018... Craft Show

Under 16's Classes:
Best Painting – Any Subject
Best 3D Model / Sculpture – Any Subject
Photography – Little Stukeley

Adult Classes: Photography – A Humorous Photo



Tickets available from Sally Smith (07500 220615 or sallysmith101@aol.com)

Update

The Easter Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea was a great success with over 30 people coming down to the Hall on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to Gill, Gloria and Naomi for organising the Afternoon Tea and to many others for bringing cakes and other sweet treats!

We'd also like to thank Bryan Schofield for his many years of support given to the Village Hall and the Social Club. We wish Bryan all the best with his move!

The LSVH Committee

Social Club Bar

We run our Social Club Bar every Sunday 1PM-2:30PM, it's a great way to meet your neighbours and fellow villagers. A quick reminder that Lifetime membership of Village Hall is only a one-off £5 per person for villagers. If you aren't already a member, please do contact Keith Winter (01480 450 656 or keithwinter2@sky.com) as we are limited on the number of non-members we can have at our events.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the Hall for your own events Sally Smith (07500 220615 or littlestukeleyvillagehall@gmail.com) would be pleased to hear from you and she'll talk you through the arrangements.

Little Stukeley Village Hall

Royal Wedding Party – 19th May – 7pm

£10 per Ticket, including Wedding Buffet and welcome Drink

On the evening of the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Merkle in Windsor we will be hosting our latest Social Club Supper.

Dress to Impress... this is a wedding after all.

Prize for the best Wedding Hat!

Tickets available from Sally Smith (07500 220615 or sallysmith101@aol.com) or Naomi Smith 01480 434 755



Little Stukeley Wheelbarrow Show

Free Entry – Judging on 2nd July

A village-wide event... from 1st July to 8th July...

Let's make Little Stukeley look amazing!!

Free entry... Prize giving at BBQ and Rounders Event

Best in Show, Best Flower Display, Most Original Prop Use and Best Under 16's

Contact Matthew Day – mattday@btinternet.com or 07967 600903 for entry forms



Instruction 1

Decorate your Wheelbarrow with flowers, props... anything really!

Instruction 2

Place your Wheelbarrow somewhere visible from 1st to 8th July





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The Not-So-Secret Garden

Every year, Carrie opens the doors to her beautiful garden. Nestled in the heart of Cambridge, the garden offers visitors a chance to admire the plants, enjoy some cake - and support severely bullied and traumatised children. Having founded Red Balloon in 1996, Carrie believes passionately that children who are too frightened to go to school deserve to be given a second chance. Red Balloon Learner Centres are dotted around the country - including Cambridge - and aim to do just that. This year the garden opens on the 9th and 10th June, 11:00-17.00, at 49 New Square, Cambridge.





Thank You

Dear Villagers

On behalf of The Royal British Legion I would like to thank all the members of the public who supported this year's Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning held on 14^{th} March.

With your generous support the total amount raised was £432.89 which would not have been possible without the help and support of all those who attended and volunteered to run the various stalls and kitchen, and also donated numerous items for the stalls.

Once again many thanks and I look forward to seeing you all next March 2019.

Yours sincerely

Jan Sly Organiser Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

The Stukeleys Heritage Group

Annual Day Outing - Wednesday 19th September

Historic Bury St. Edmunds (Sponsored by Hopkins Homes)

Bookings are now being taken for this trip! Thanks to a very generous sponsoring by Hopkins Homes, who are building houses on Alconbury Weald, we have been able to reduce the price to only £10.00 per person. The trip is proving popular and places are filling up fast, so don't delay too long if you want to be booked in.

We will be leaving Great Stukeley Village Hall at 9.30 am and setting back for home from Bury at 4.30 pm.

Learn about the story of <u>Saint Edmund</u>, the town's role in the Magna Carta and discover where a French Tudor Queen rests.

Explore lovely medieval streets and Georgian squares

Visit the <u>Abbey ruins</u> in the beautiful Abbey Gardens, Suffolk's only

<u>cathedral</u> (don't miss the new gothic tower) and Britain's last remaining regency theatre,

<u>Eat</u> <u>and drink</u> in award-winning restaurants, gastropubs and cafés.

Shop at a wide range of independent shops and leading high street stores.

Cheques (payable M.G. Monk) or cash please to reserve your place

Michael Monk,

Convenor
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The Stukeleys Heritage Group

Our next meeting

Wednesday 16th May 7.30 pm Great Stukeley Village Hall Brian Eversden, Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust "Climate change and our local wildlife"

Our March meeting was a talk by Mark Egerton on the haunted history of Huntingdonshire, which proved popular with the 25 or so members and friends present; we even had visitors from as far afield as Hamerton!

Our meetings are OPEN TO ALL, whether members or not, so if you have not been to a meeting, why not give us a try?

Our programme for the rest of 2018 is set out below. Please, members and friends, put these dates in your diary!

18 July

Hazel Perry from the Peterborough Museum will talk about the significance of Flag Fen (Britain's Pompeii).

19 September

Group annual day outing to historic Bury St. Edmunds (see separate notice)

21 November

Mike Petty

"Pickwick's Cambridgeshire Scrapbook - life and times in Dickensian Huntingdonshire."

Michael Monk

Convener, 456634/07761372224 michaelgmonk@hotmail.co.uk

Jazz and Beer Festival

at Little Stukeley Village Hall, on Monday 27th August 3-6 pm, in aid of St Martins Church and St Bartholomew's Church. Tickets £10 from Jocelyn, jocelynkerr@icloud.com

Harvest Supper

on Saturday 7th October 7 - 7.30 pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall. Tickets £12 from Jocelyn, jocelynkerr@icloud.com

GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Is holding its **Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm**. We invite all village Residents to attend both to hear what we have been up to during the past year and also to let us have your ideas for events during the forthcoming year.

The hall cannot function without a dedicated voluntary committee to keep it in good working order and to organise events. We are always keen to welcome new people onto the committee. Do you have the time and the skills to help us out? If so, please contact Secretary Nicola Oldfield on gsvhall@aol.com or Chairman David Silsby d.j.silsby@hotmail.co.uk 01480 459543

Memorial Tea

Thank you! Thank you! To all the lovely people who attended Jayne Clifton's memorial tea, thank you and well done! Our fond farewell to Jayne raised £350, which will go to Huntingdon Stroke Association. The afternoon was a lively social occasion, with many memories of Jayne and the wonderful Stukeley bakers provided a feast of culinary delights for everyone to enjoy. I think Jayne would have approved of her final "party", Thanks again to everyone involved for making it special.

Carol B.



The Stukeleys WI

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

11 April 2018

<u>Welcome</u> Jan Sly welcomed 25 members and 1 visitor to the meeting

Apologies Jean Brooker, Joan Gray, Nicky Sly, Christine Toyn, Gwen Clements, Hazel Rideout,

Doris Sadler and Christine Goodliffe

Thanks Curtis Bowl Janet Talbot
Draw Prize Rita McKechnie

Refreshments Janet Talbot and Jan Tilden

Jerusalem was sung

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Matters Arising We have been asked to make 80 fairy cakes for the Group Meeting on 25th June at

Sawtry WI Hall, Ann Monk, Jill Sapsed, Zena Betts and Jan Sly volunteered. Also, some

flowers in jam jars for the church, Monica Brown volunteered.

Jan gave a brief overview of the Federation Day which 8 of our members attended. A

full report will be issued by Walden Road in due course.

Nita Chater will cease to run the kitchen for our coffee mornings as from November.

Jan asked for Volunteers.

Jan asked for any other ideas for our Mosaic tile to be brought along for our next meeting. Christine Haigs is willing to work on this if there are no other volunteers.

Speaker Michael Krause gave a very interesting and informative talk on Wild Flowers and the

Plantlife Charity.

<u>Correspondence</u> All information was displayed on the News Line

Coffee Morning Will be April 25th

Any Other Business Abbotts Ripton Flowers Show 30th June and 1st July asked for volunteers.

Bulb order must be completed by next month.

Songs of Praise 29th April at 9.00 am.

Outing was discussed, with Fen Drayton being a popular choice.

<u>Birthday Chocolates</u> were distributed for April

<u>Competition</u> Flowers in a jug 1st Ann Monk

2nd Jan Sly

 Draw
 was won by Jill Sapsed

 Roll Call
 A garden you admire

 Next Monthly Meeting
 9th May - Resolution Evening

Curtis Bowl Sylvia Reynolds Draw Gwen Clements

Roll Call Something naughty you did at school

Competition Something black

With no further business Jan closed the meeting at 9.45pm and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Update from Alconbury Weald

It remains a busy time at Alconbury Weald, with 2 or 3 families moving in each week across the first phase of development and continued progress on the Enterprise Zone.

Over the course of the next few weeks, work will finish on the second Incubator building for small businesses, which already has significant interest and we hope to be full by the Autumn. Just back from the Boulevard, work is nearing completion on the building for John Adams Leisure, and behind that IKO are working hard for a launch of their new manufacturing Headquarters building in the Summer.

With work continuing apace and more jobs being created both in construction and in the companies moving on site, Urban&Civic are stepping up their work on jobs and skills. Victoria Denny-Morley who started work for Urban&Civic in January to provide a full-time focus on the jobs and skills agenda, has been driving work forward with contractors on site, and with local partners. June will see Alconbury Weald take part in the national Festival of Learning, with a series of events on site to get people into learning across all areas of interest. June will also see the opening of the site's technical and vocational college – iMET - with tours and events.

Meanwhile, with more families moving in, we have been hosting and organising more events to bring new residents together, and connect them with neighbours. The Easter Egg trail and a petfocussed event with Wood Green Animal Shelter involved over 100 people, while April also saw our first foray into "pop-up restaurants" with a Greek food and quiz night at Ermine Street Church Academy.

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships for Urban&Civic said "It has been great to see not just the new faces of residents, but friends from the Stukeleys, Alconbury and Huntingdon join in these events. And we have so much more happening over the Summer – with plans for an outdoor cinema, and our Learning Festival."

The development reached another milestone in April with the licensing of Reverend Rob Paddison as a Church of England Pioneer Minister serving Alconbury Weald. Rob moved into the development over Easter, with his wife and two children – who have both started at the School – and is looking forward to getting out and about to meet people in the coming weeks.

Alongside progress on site, the team have been focussing on the next phases of infrastructure, primarily working through a few last minute hitches which have delayed the start of the planned delivery of the Ermine Street enhancements. Alongside this, the deal was completed which will connect the site to the A141. This enables the plans for the Southern Gateway connection to come forward connecting Alconbury Weald directly to the north of Huntingdon. Rebecca added:

"We have been driving the plans for this connection forward for many years, and we know many in the Stukeleys will be pleased to see this progress made. We still have some technical work to go through before we can bring forward a planning application for this connection, but with the Ermine Street Enhancement Scheme coming forward in the next few weeks, we hope we can start to deliver elements of the off-site investment, which will bring benefits across the wider area."

For more information about any of the points raised above, or if you would like a tour of the development, please contact Rebecca or Steph on 01480 413141 or email rbritton@urbanandcivic.com. To get involved in the Festival of Learning contact Victoria: Victoria.denny-morley@urbanandcivic.com.

Mr Pernickety visits the Duncombe Arms Eltisley Road, Waresley, Nr SANDY, SG19 3BS

This is a free house having been bought from Green King by the current owners last Summer. It had been closed for over 12 months previously. The Historic England register notes the following; "Grade 2 listed. Mid 1850's Inn. Brick, rendered with a plain tile roof. One gault brick end stack with two shafts set diagonally and one stack and an additional stack to the north. Entry is via one of the two storey wings, this wing having the Duncombe coat of arms in the brickwork".

We visited on a Tuesday lunch time at 13-00hrs. Upon walking into the pub we were greeted by the barmaid with the words, "are you eating with us today Sir and have you booked?" thus a cold hand crept around my heart and so it might. `Free House` it stated outside; it might as well said `restaurant masquerading as a free house with `A` cask ale`. Note just the one! The good news was that it did have a roaring fire but that was at one end of a large open plan bar/seating area so that only the "ladies who lunched" near it had the benefit. The pub had around 60 covers.

I was further disheartened when given a pair of menus which had wooden outers; opps "that's money" I thought and by Jove I was correct with the average cost of a dish being around the £13 mark. NOT the cosy village pub it gave lie to from the outside. Having said that the place was pin bright clean. The staff were very on the ball and pleasant and the food when it arrived was of excellent quality and of `trencher man` proportions.

The one real ale was 'Doombar' and this was of average quality. However the bar had a good selection of European Lagers on draft and there was an indulgence by myself in a glass or two of the same; the Spanish Estrella being very good, bright and lively with a full flavour.

I had a crafty look at the lunch/dinner bookings diary (whilst backs were turned) and I have to say it was busy in the evenings with bookings and had what looked like a healthy trade in the latter end of the week at lunch times as well. In short it was a pub you could take your Mum to for a meal and she would be very impressed. For a couple of chaps looking for a few pints and a tad of banter; nope, you need to go elsewhere.

So in short would I go back? For myself the answer would be 'No'. Having said that if you were caught short and in need of a pint there are a lot of worse places to hove up at But you may well be lonely at the bar!

Drink: 6 from 10 (Don't advertise "Real Ales" {Plural} and serve one!)

Service: 9 from 10 Food: 7 from 10 Total 22 from 30

Mr Pernickety re-visits The Addison Arms at Glatton, Nr Sawtry PE28 5RZ

The last time I visited this establishment I ended up writing a very poor review indeed. This was last year, and I have stayed away from the Addison since. I was recently alerted to the fact that the pub had been sold and the new owners were not only local but had a good track record. Upon investigating I found the first thing they did was to shut the pub. It then underwent a thorough renovation inclusive of walls being moved and the main bar being opened up. I delayed my re-visit for some months after the renovations were complete to allow the new owners to bed in and the `fresh varnish` to wear off somewhat.

I visited on a Wednesday evening at around 19-30hrs. The first impression of a revamp was the car park which had been re fenced to give a safe garden area for visiting families with children. Very sensible. Upon opening the door into the interior, the change was immediate to the eye. Clean, spacious and with a great inclusive feel. The barmaid, (as it turned out one of the owners, Ruth) was all smiles and gave a fulsome greeting. At the time of our visit I counted ten people eating and I have to say the food was very good both in display, content and quantity. Excellent nosh and a cut above the normal pub grub you would expect. In truth the bar was not overly busy but I put that down to the timing of our visit; after the `early doors` brigade had gone and before the `after dinner` drinkers turned up. The thing that did stand out was a chap at the bar in a skirt. It would seem that a skirt was the normal mode of dress for this chap and I have to say it was of a delightful flowery pattern!

There were four real ales on tap with numerous keg ales and a multitude of bottled brews plus to my companions delight a proper pukka coffee machine to which she was immediately drawn being the driver. The ales on offer were all brewed locally such as the `Addison Ale` brewed by Digfield which was bright and full of flavour. The delight of our visit was the `Imperial Stout` on draught, brewed by the Angle brewery. It comes in at an impressive 8.9% so it is not one to be drunk without respect. That said upon quenching a half it was found to be a very full flavour but without the `treacly` feel that a lot of high percentage brews can have. Oh, what a delight. Several could have been drunk but sense ruled the head or she did!

All in all such a turnaround from my last visit. I fully recommend it especially for pensioners on a Tuesday lunchtime when two courses can be had for £10. Excellent.

Service: 9 from 10 Drink: 10 from 10 Food 8 from 10

Total 27 from 30 plus an extra point for the chap at the bar!!

Great Stukeley Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 803359

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on 15 May 2017

Present

Sarah Toyn, Carol Buttercase, Iain Shaw, Helen Silsby, David Silsby, Janet Nunley, Jan Sly, Nicky Sly, Sylvia Reynolds, Grahame Bundy, Dawn Bundy, Deanna Strange, Hilma Young and Ann Morris.

1. Apologies for absence

Nicola Oldfield, Michelle Gasson, Shirley Berrill and Joan Gray. Sarah read a letter from Joan giving her apologies and thanking David Silsby for planting daffodils and wallflowers in the long border of the car park.

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM

These were signed as correct.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 28 February 2017 was made available and Helen Silsby, the Treasurer, ran through some of the figures.

Under restricted funds a donation was received from Mary Alleyne James from the Fashion Show in the sum of £1,050.40 to be used towards car park repairs.

Other fundraising totalled £600.01

Total income for the year £15,449.00 Total expenditure for the year £12,798.07 Total profit £4.301.34

Total reserves £18.694.45 in the current account and £2.089.78 in the second account.

5. Trustees' Report

Sarah Toyn summarised the year. The Village Hall has a healthy bank balance despite having lost some regular users, namely the Table Tennis Club, Slimming World and the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints.

Nicola Oldfield has been in touch with Urban & Civic about using their contractor Breheny who had donated 10 tonnes of gravel so that temporary repairs could be carried out to the car park to fill in the potholes. David Silsby was thanked for preparing the ground and actually filling the potholes and spreading the gravel. The disabled access and final repairs will be dealt with under the new WREN application.

The village hall held 3 main events this year. The first one was a picnic to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This was a social event rather than a fundraiser and was enjoyed by those who attended. The Ceilidh and Hog Roast on 15th October was most enjoyable with live band and a delicious hog roasted by Andy Helme. Finally another Casino Night was held on 3rd December, this time with a Las Vegas theme and although less well attended than the one in February, a good time was had by all. Forthcoming events this year are: Open Gardens planned for 8/9 July and a Jazz Cream Tea with Malcolm Talbot's quintet on Sunday 16th July. This will be followed by a Fashion Show on Monday 2nd October and a Scottish Ceilidh on Friday 1st December. Sarah said that any ideas for other events would be gratefully received. The village hall did want to plan another musical event with the Over Players (similar to the Old Time Music Hall event previously run or show classics from musicals) and are waiting on their availability. Carol also pointed out that we would like put on a tea dance with Alconbury Step by Step Ballroom. They would demonstrate various dances and people could join in if they wished. A date will be set when they confirm their availability.

Ann Morris said she had been to a 40s night organised by the WI with a really good singer and suggested the village hall put on a 40s event. The committee had been considering this and agreed it was a good idea. Ann also said that she had visited family in Somerset and the village hall put on cinema screenings twice monthly,

although she did think it worked there because they were quite isolated but in Huntingdon, there is a cineworld just up the road. Nicky SIy said it may be worth considering if the chairs were more comfortable — no-one was going to sit through a film on uncomfortable plastic chairs (replacement chairs may be an ideal for CIL funding — see below). [Post meeting note: Ann Morris also suggested running a Pimms Tent at Open Gardens — location to be decided]. Nicky suggested the village hall put on a kids' party as generally the events put on at the hall are for adults and some young families cannot get babysitters which is why they do not attend the events. Sarah pointed out that she brings her children to various village hall events and has done since her youngest was 5. Nicky said that the dinner dances at Christmas were for adults as there always used to be a kids' party as well and suggested a disco and food. Sarah asked if children would actually attend if a party was put on and what age range should it be aimed at? She also pointed out that there are children in the village but the vast majority do not take part in events, for example the flower show. Ann Morris said that perhaps the hall should run it as a loss leader for the community.

Grahame Bundy asked how many people held keys to the village hall. In his opinion, only the booking clerk and committee members should hold keys as it would appear that some key holders were coming and going as they pleased. In the past, all users had to collect the keys and return them. Janet Nunley agreed that on occasions she has cleaned or checked on the hall and then returned and found things had been moved and footprints as if someone had been there and yet there were no bookings. Grahame said that probably many past users still had keys that had never been handed back and the whole situation was a bit of a mess. Hilma had a list of key holders and read it out. The committee said they would review the position on keys and if necessary, they would have to change the locks to regain control of access to the hall.

Sarah then listed the repairs that have been carried out to the village hall in the last year. Barry Nunley organised for the kitchen shutter to be replaced and David Silsby had carried out internal repairs to the shed, boarding it out with 6mm ply and then cleared it out. David had also organised for the new blinds to be fitted to the windows, for the pat testing and had cleared the gutters and cleaned the fascia boards. His friend Derek, who is a roofer also replaced tiles and did some repairs to the roof free of charge. Sarah thanked David for all his work and also Janet and Barry Nunley who do an excellent job caretaking and carrying out various repairs, many of which they only charge for materials and not the labour involved. Sarah also thanked Hilma for taking the bookings and invoicing and also thanked the Committee for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year before, during and after the events to ensure that they ran smoothly.

Other repairs that need to be carried out would fall under the WREN application — such as fitting a disabled ramp access, replacing the weatherboarding and insulating the kitchen and stage areas. Sarah said that there was a possibility of applying for CIL funding for other items such as the chairs in the main hall and the committee room. There was a discussion on how uncomfortable the plastic chairs are for any length of time and that some have collapsed in the past and it is only a matter of chance that no-one has suffered a serious injury. The committee chairs are very old, the upholstery is falling apart and they are very heavy and cumbersome and not stackable.

Another suggestion was a water heater to replace the urn in the main kitchen. There was a discussion on where this could go and whether a hot water tap with reservoir underneath the sink would be more appropriate. It was felt that a hot water tap may be quite dangerous as it may be misused. The urn was discussed and Deanna said it is quite difficult to empty. Nicky explained the best way to do it and Carol pointed out that in the past an urn exploded in the committee room (David point out ours had been pat tested). The committee agreed to look into the best solution.

6. Appointed members of the Committee

It was proposed that: Nicola Oldfield represents the Heritage Group; Iain Shaw represents the Flower Show Committee and Sarah Toyn represents the WI.

No other nominations were received.

7. Election of 4 community members

No new members volunteered to join the committee but all existing members agreed to stand again for another year.

8. Election of Secretary

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

9. Election of Treasurer

It was proposed by Sarah Toyn and seconded by Iain Shaw that Helen Silsby continues as Treasurer.

10. AOB

Deanna Strange said that the village hall should advertise itself more. Jan Sly asked when the website had last been updated as it still showed that the Table Tennis Club was running at the hall and they had left some time ago. Carol said that Michelle Gasson is working on the website and that it would be updated. Deanna asked why the Table Tennis Club had left the village hall and Sarah explained that it was so the club could expand. The village hall could only hold 4 tables, whereas Ermine Street Church Academy could hold 6-8. Deanna asked how much the school charged and Sarah replied it was £10 an hour with a discount for regular users. There followed a discussion regarding the village hall rates and charging for setting up time. The committee are in the process of reviewing the hall rates as they have not been reviewed since 2010.

11. Date of next AGM

7:30pm on Monday 14 May 2018.

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Agenda

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

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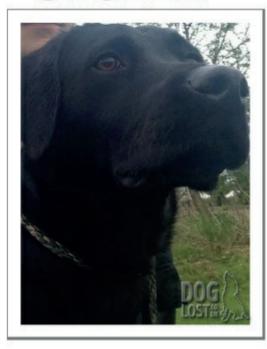
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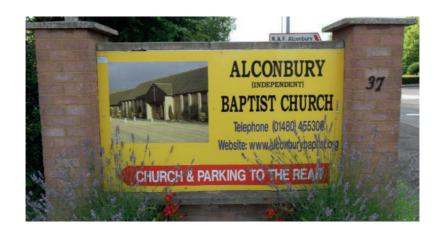
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