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Little Stukeley Village Hall Casino Night
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December 2014 Magazine Cut-off Date

The cut-off date for the December Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
9am Monday 17th November 2014

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 3 rd Nov	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Tue 4 th Nov	Electrical Appliance Collection	From 8.00 am	
Sat 9 th Nov	Mens Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Wed 12 th Nov	WI General Meeting	7.00 pm	GSVH
Sat 15 th Nov	WI Jazz Evening	8.00 pm	GSVH
Wed 19 th Nov	Heritage Group Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Wed 26 th Nov	Community Coffee Morning	10am-12.00 pm	
Fri 12th Dec	CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE JANUARY 2015 MAGAZINE		
Sat 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner	7.30 pm	LSVH
Sun 14 th Dec	Carol Service	6.30 pm	St Martin's Church
Sat 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Dance	7 - 7.30 pm	GSVH

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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.

Please Note: Any articles or letters appearing in this Magazine are accepted in good faith and are purely the opinion of the Writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or Parish Council.

A charge is made to advertise in this magazine. All enquiries should be directed to Martyn

This Month

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PLEASE NOTE

I will be away from 21st December 2014 until 4th January 2015 therefore the cut-off date for the January 2015 Magazine will be

Monday 13th December 2014.

This will also enable the Volunteers who deliver your Magazine to you to do so before Christmas and not between Christmas and the New Year.

THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the meeting held on the 6th October 2014

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Great Stukeley Village Hall on the 6th October 2014, 8 Parish Councillors, 2 County Councillors, 1 District Councillor and the Parish Clerk attended.

County Councillor Sir Peter Brown advised the meeting that education provision in the area will need to be looked at in the light of the Alconbury Weald development. Other new developments in Huntingdon may also put a strain on other local schools. Urban & Civic are working closely with Cambridgeshire County Council on this issue, lessons have been learnt from the Cambourne development and a school at Alconbury Weald will be open in 2016 and will have capacity to take children from The Stukeleys, however it was felt that as the new development at Alconbury Weald will attract families, the school will eventually become oversubscribed leaving no capacity to take children from The Stukeleys. The Council expressed concern regarding school catchment areas and inadequate school provision for children in The Stukeleys.

Cambridgeshire County Council are to look at how the District Councils and County Councils are structured to try and make it easier for the public to understand what Council is responsible for what.

Following the co-option of a new Parish Councillor, the Parish Council's committee/advisory group's membership was reviewed. Cllr Stef van den haak has become a member of the Planning Advisory Group and the Maintenance of Public Spaces and Verges Warden. This is a new post and Cllr Stef van den haak will investigate what areas need maintenance and to ascertain who is responsible for maintaining them. It was felt that the Cambridgeshire County Council were not proactive in enforcing hedge maintenance and clearance of obstructions with landholders and County Councillor Sir Peter Brown has offered to put a question to Cambridgeshire County Council on this subject.

The Parish Council will be represented on the following future local collaboration meeting, Huntingdonshire Flood Forum and the Parish Partner Networking Meeting (Huntingdonshire Area).

The results of the recent broadband survey was discussed and between 19% and 22% of the villagers had completed the survey and it was noted that the slowest download speed experienced in the villages was 0.8Mb, results are to be further investigated.

The condition of the telephone box in Church Road, the aeroplane outside the base and the general condition of the village was discussed. It was reported that although the village signs are in reasonable condition, they would benefit for a colour enhancer and varnish next year. The Parish Clerk continues to chase CCC highways and drainage departments for action on a number of reported problems.

A representative from Huntree Fencing accompanied the Parish Clerk and Cllr Sue Parkin on an inspection of the gates at Great Stukeley Playing Fields, which do not close as the supporting posts have moved, the Parish Council awaits a response from Huntree Fencing (the supplier and installer of the gates).

The Council were concerned with the progress with the proposed diversion of Footpath 11 (and upgrading to a Bridleway). Rebecca Briton (Urban & Civic) will check what progress has been made. It was also noted that the signs are dilapidated and obscured, on one metal gate there is a sign indicating it is electrified and beyond Grange Farm towards Great Stukeley Lodge the path is very difficult to follow, these issues have been reported to the Rights of Way Team at Cambridgeshire County Council.

The allotment rental fees were reviewed and it was agreed that the fees would remain at the same rate as last year. The allotment tenancy agreements were also reviewed and two plot holders have advised the Parish

Council that they do not wish to renew their agreements, but there are two other applicants on the waiting list that will now be offered the vacant plots.

The quarterly financial reports and the External Audit Report 13/14 were received and reviewed. The Council considered donation/grant requests from the Citizens Advice Bureau – Rural Cambs and CHIA – Disabled Facilities Grants, but felt as neither organisation brought direct benefit to the villages, the Council were unable grant their request

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council:

- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley -1401239FUL** – Installation of 2 single storey temporary buildings.

It was decided to recommend refusal as the proposed "temporary" buildings would significantly add to the proportion of the site which is built over, further damaging the character of this part of the village and be detrimental to the street scene.

The Parish Council also considered a request from Huntingdonshire Football Association Ltd to consider and explore possible suitable sites where the association could relocate to within the villages. A large building was required, which would be difficult to find an area big enough accommodate it and it was felt that the facility should be in a more central district location to serve all the association's members. Therefore the Parish Council felt that a site within the villages could not be suggested.

A report on the current position of the Alconbury Weald Development, from consultant Tim Slater, was received and reviewed. Urban and Civic will be holding public meetings in both villages to discuss the next development stage at Alconbury Weald, the Parish Council were advised that the Village Hall in Great Stukeley was not available, therefore this meeting will be held in the Incubator Building at Alconbury Weald and a free bus service will run from the village. Leaflets and posters with further information will be distributed and displayed in The Stukeleys villages.

Don't forget the next **RECYCLING OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT COLLECTION EVENT** is being held on **TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER** – so please start sorting out your obsolete electrical and electronic equipment!

Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Great Stukeley

Monday 1st December 2014 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley

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

Parish Councillors will be present at Open Surgeries at 7:15pm prior to Parish Council Meetings and parishioners are invited to attend to express their support, views or concerns on issues affecting the Parish.

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. Tel: 01480 464817
email: clerk@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk

Huntingdonshire District Council

Jingle all the way to your recycling bin

With Christmas just around the corner, Huntingdonshire District Council would like to encourage you all to keep the party going by remembering to recycle over the festive period.

We are recycling more at home than ever before, which is great, and we don't want it to be forgotten about during the festivities.

Christmas is a time for entertaining, which means we all have more waste to dispose of. In Huntingdonshire, we are fortunate to be able to recycle a wide range of materials within the blue bins or clear sacks, which helps us all to recycle more this Christmas.

Collections of all waste types will continue throughout the festive period, but your day of collection will change for a few weeks. Please be aware that some collections may take place a day or two before your normal collection day and these are highlighted below or you can download your collection calendar from www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins which will clearly show these changes

Day	Revised Day of Collection * <u>Before</u> normal collection day
Monday 22 December	Saturday 20 December*
Tuesday 23 December	Monday 22 December*
Wednesday 24 December	Tuesday 23 December*
Thursday 25 December	Wednesday 24 December*
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

Other Useful Telephone Numbers for Reporting Problems: Abandoned cars 01480 388297, Fly tipping 01480 388640, Pot holes in roads 0845 0455212, Illegal signs/graffiti 0800 7832220 and Refuse & recycling helpline 0800 3896613

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FLOOD EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In the event of flooding, we recommend you contact the specified authorities involved in dealing with emergencies, which are generally as follows:

Police

Responsibility: Co-ordinate the emergency services in a major flood incident and help with evacuation of people from their homes where it is necessary.

Contact: Dial 999 only in an emergency, dial 101 for non-emergency.

Fire & Rescue Service

Responsibility: Respond to all emergency incidents as required. Assist public with personnel and equipment where a need is identified. They may also pump out floodwater (Contact your local service to ask about this. There may be a charge for this service).

Contact: Dial 999 only in an emergency, dial 101 for non-emergency.

The Environment Agency (EA)

Responsibilities: Issues flood warnings for flooding from rivers, the sea and ground water and deals with emergency repairs and blockages on main rivers. The Environment Agency is responsible for building, maintaining and operating flood defences and for issuing flood warnings to the public, other flood responding organisations and the media.

Contact: Flood line 0845 988 1188 service and Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60. (You can listen to recorded flood warning information for your area or speak to an operator for advice 24 hours a day).

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways

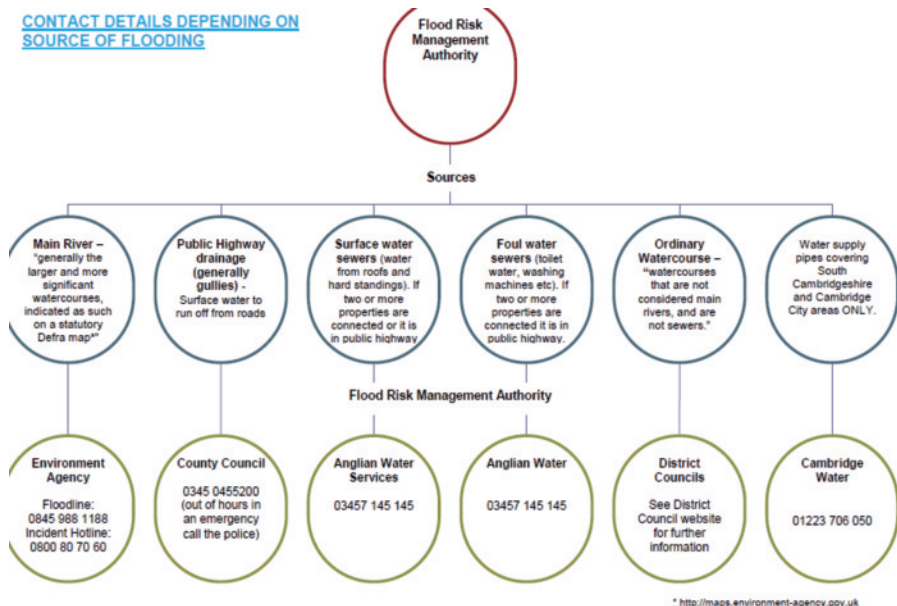
Responsibilities: Places flood warning signs on roads, organises road closures and diversions and clears blockages on highway drainage systems. Work with the police, fire and rescue services and the Environment Agency to co-ordinate responses during severe flooding. Deal with road closures and disruption to social services. Investigate disruption caused by overflowing drains.

Contact: 0345 045 5200 (Option 3) or out of hours contact the police.

Anglian Water

Responsibilities: Deals with blocked main sewers, and investigates issues with overflowing sewers.

Contact: 03457 145 145



SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION

In the event of flooding, some district councils do provide sandbags. However in most instances you may be required to buy your own sandbags, we recommend you check the appropriate district council website.

Fenland District Council

Fenland District Council does not issue sandbags to individual properties.

South Cambridgeshire District Council

In an emergency situation, this service can be accessed from 08:00hrs to 17:30hrs (Monday to Friday) by calling the contact centre on 03450 450 063. Outside of these hours, calls should be made to the Environmental Health Duty Officer via their pager service on 01253 501055.

It is recommended that residents should take action to protect their own properties as much as possible.

East Cambridgeshire District Council

East Cambridgeshire does not issue sandbags, it is the responsibility of the householder to protect their property and belongings from floodwater.

Huntingdonshire District Council

The Council will only bring out sand bags to houses (not businesses) in imminent danger of flooding. The Council recommends householders to make their own arrangements in advance.

Cambridge City Council

The Council has a limited supply of sandbags which it will target at the most vulnerable. The Council recommends property owners or businesses at risk, should purchase empty sandbags and sand from builders' merchants or DIY stores.

The rights and responsibilities of a riparian owner

If you own land adjoining, above or with a watercourse running through it, you have certain rights and responsibilities. In legal terms you are a 'riparian owner'. If you rent the land you should agree with the owner who should manage these rights and responsibilities.

Smaller watercourses, ditches and drains, known as 'ordinary watercourses' play a crucial role in managing flood risk to people and property in Cambridgeshire. That is why it is important to ensure that they are well maintained and kept free from debris, obstructions and do not become overgrown. Cambridgeshire County Council, under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010), is a 'Lead Local Flood Authority', and responsible for regulating ordinary watercourses outside of internal drainage board areas.

Who regulates the different types of watercourses?

Different watercourses are regulated by different risk management authorities.

The Environment Agency is the risk management authority for watercourses designated as 'main river'. If you are planning to carry out work on, over, under or near a main river, you will need to discuss your plans with them.

Internal Drainage Boards (IDB) are the risk management authorities for ordinary watercourses within their areas. If you are planning to carry out work near or within an ordinary watercourse in an IDB area, you will need to discuss your plans with them before you start work.

If you are planning any work near or within an ordinary watercourse but outside of an IDB area you need to speak with the Flood and Water Team within Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss your plans. The County Council has taken on the role for consenting and enforcement of works to ordinary watercourses in non IDB areas since 6th April 2012.

The maintenance of an 'awarded' watercourse will be the responsibility of your local District



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Council or another relevant authority.

What are your rights as a riparian owner?

If your land boundary is next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is owned by someone else.

If a watercourse runs alongside your garden wall or hedge you should check your property deeds to see if your wall or hedge marks the boundary. If the watercourse marks the boundary it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse.

If you own land with a watercourse running through or underneath it, it is assumed you own the stretch of watercourse that runs through your land.

Occasionally a watercourse especially an artificial one, will be the responsibility of a third party. This should be noted in your deeds.

Water should flow onto or under your land in its natural quantity and quality. This means that water should not be taken out of a watercourse if it could lead to a lack of water for those downstream. It also means that a

person cannot carry out activities that could cause pollution to a watercourse.

You have the right to protect your property from flooding, and your land from erosion. However you must get your plans agreed by the relevant risk management authority before you start work.

Please remember these rights are affected by your duty to other riparian landowners, the community and the environment.

What are your responsibilities as a riparian owner?

You must let water flow through your land without any obstruction, pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others. Others also have the right to receive water in its natural quantity and quality. Riparian owners all have the same rights and responsibilities.

You must accept flood flows through your land, even if these are caused by inadequate capacity downstream. A landowner has no duty in common law to improve the drainage capacity of a watercourse he/she owns.

You should keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on your land or downstream if it is washed away. You are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. You should also clear any litter, debris or animal carcasses from the channel and banks, even if it did not originate from your land.

You should always leave a development-free edge on the banks next to the watercourse. This allows easy access to the watercourse in case any maintenance or inspection is required. In some areas local byelaws exist which explains what you can or cannot do within certain distances of a watercourse. For more information on works near watercourses contact the relevant risk management authority.

You must keep structures such as culverts, trash screens, weirs and mill gates, clear of

debris. Discuss the maintenance of flood defences such as walls and embankments on your property with your risk management authority. They may be vital for flood protection.

You should not cause obstructions, temporary or permanent that would stop fish passing through.

Please help us to protect water quality. Do not use riverbanks to dispose of garden or other waste where it could be washed into the river. This includes grass clippings, which pollute watercourses.

You are responsible for protecting your property from water that seeps through natural or man-made banks. Where this damages a flood defence, your risk management authority may require you to pay for repairs.

Your property may include a watercourse that runs through a culvert. You have the same responsibilities for the upkeep of a culvert as if it was an open watercourse.

What happens if I do not undertake my riparian responsibilities?

If you do not carry out your riparian responsibilities, we can request you to maintain the watercourse and you could face legal action.

For more information please contact us at Cambridgeshire County Council.

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LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Casino Night

On 18th October the LSVH was transformed into a Casino with great panache by a team led by Naomi Smith, the evening started with cocktails and went on to be a tremendous and very enjoyable night. It was great to see so many villagers and friends turn out in such great style and it was also a pleasure to welcome new villagers who have recently moved in; everyone got into the spirit of the Bond theme and had great fun. As usual Gill and Gloria did a fantastic job with the food, Pete and Jill Soinne ran the bar with their usual flair and the tables were adeptly managed by Matt Robinson and Sally Smith with additional help from Matt and Sophie from the Swan & Salmon. The evening was a great success and I'd like to thank everyone who helped organise and run it and for the rapid clear up the following day despite the sore heads....!

Bonfire & Fireworks

It is intended to hold a bonfire & fireworks display again this year on Saturday 8th November starting at 18:30. The event will be organised by the village hall committee and the venue will probably be the same as last year, but has yet to be confirmed. Admission to the event will be by ticket only (£5 for adults & £2.50 for children under 12).

Ring or email Sally Smith (450356 or sallysmith101@aol.com) to book your tickets.

Christmas Dinner

The last event of 2014 will be the Christmas Dinner on Saturday 13th December, and Jenifer Thompson and Pat Hamilton will be entertaining us once more this year. Remember to book early for this, as numbers are limited and we have had to disappoint several people in the past because they were late booking. **Ring or email Sally Smith (450356 or sallysmith101@aol.com) to book your places.**

Events for 2015

The committee will be deciding what events to put on for 2015 at the next meeting. We are trying to put on some different events each year, so if anyone has any ideas that they think we ought to try please let anyone on the committee know so that they can bring it up at the meeting.

Keith Winter

(Tel: 450656 email: keithwinter2@sky.com)

**The Carol Service in St. martins Church Lt Stukeley is on
Sunday 14 th December at 6.30 pm**

Dear Friends in Great Stukeley

We would like to thank you all for making John's Birthday such a great evening.

Pat & John Oakes

THE STUKELEYS WI Meeting held on Wednesday 8th October 2014

The President, Nicki Sly welcomed 28 members and two visitors to the meeting; 3 apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Sheila Stephenson and Doris Sadler for the refreshments, Joan Gray for the Curtis Bowl and Freda Butter for the draw prize. Next month's refreshments will be the fish and chip supper and Billie Evans will provide teas and coffees. We sang Jerusalem.

The minutes for the September meeting were read out and subject to one amendment, it was agreed that they were accurate and Nicki should sign them.

The September Community Coffee Morning raised £83.30. Various boards were put out for members to order fish and chips, Christmas Dinner choices, whether they want to attend a live showing of the Centenary Annual Meeting at cineworld on 4 June and for the Heritage event on WWI at St Mary the Virgin at Godmanchester on 6 November. Subs will be £36 next year and from January will be pro-rata for new members joining part way through the year. It was agreed that secret Santa would remain at £3 this year. All the WIs are also being asked to make a piece of bunting depicting their own WI. These will be joined together and brought out at the Annual Federation Day and on subsequent occasions. Members were asked for ideas for The Stukeleys Bunting – Sarah is the point of contact.

Forthcoming events include the WI Jazz Evening on 15th November at the village hall – (tickets available from Nicki or Sarah) and the Fashion Show on 6th March 2015.

Members were given a copy of the proposed programme for 2015 and asked to look at it during the refreshment break.

Nicki Sly introduced Mary Blackhurst-Hill who gave a lively demonstration on a number of different ways to tie scarves. Various members attempted the knots with their own scarves. Doris Sadler gave the vote of thanks.

Members were asked to vote on the programme for 2015 and subject to one amendment they voted unanimously for it.

Sheila Stephenson suggested we enter a team in the Autumn Quiz but not enough people were available. She is collecting items to create joy (women), toy (3-12 yrs.) and baby (1-12mths) bags for the Inner Wheel and listed the kinds of items being requested. Joan Gray is still collecting knitted or crocheted squares for premature babies. She also invited members to the Craft Club on Wednesday 22nd October 2-4pm where Sue Clark will demonstrate quilting. The cost is £4 and members need to book a place so that they have enough kits available.

The competition was a scarf ring for which there were 17 entries. 1st prize: Sheila Stephenson 2nd prize: Deanna Strange 3rd prize: Jan Sly. The draw prize was won by Jean Chalker.

The next meeting is the General Meeting on **12th November 2014 at 7pm**. Curtis Bowl and Draw: Billie Evans. Competition – a pretty small plate – tea plate size or under. Roll call: Name your favourite china or pottery.

Sarah Toyn

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to respond to the extraordinary missive from your columnist in our local parish magazine.

Being someone who has suffered for many years from casual and throwaway comments about my sexual orientation, it came as an additional disappointment to see that it has now found its way to my doorstep.

Your columnist might well say that his article was supposed to be funny or mildly humorous - it might well be to some, but for those that have suffered at the hands of such cavalier language and the homophobic contagion that it often triggers, it is abhorrent. Even more surprising is the apparent lack of editorial control.

One would hope that such self-indulgent drivel would hold little or no interest or sway with your readers.

Moreover, having met some of the friendly patrons in the public house in question, I feel confident that they would be equally as disappointed as I am by the content of the same.

Let's hope that the friendly nature of the "gay" pub continues to be extended to all going forward, even to such a dinosaur as "bumbling Bob"!

Yours faithfully,

A concerned resident of Great Stukeley

Editor's Reply

Dear Resident,

Thank you for your letter. Please accept my apologies for any distress or offence caused to you. I'm sure that was not Bob's intention. I have taken note of your comment about editorial control and will keep it in mind in the future.

Regards

Martyn Fox

Martyn,

Oct advert attached.

On a separate note we are a little surprised and disappointed with Bob's comments about the "Gay Pub", published in the latest magazine. Light hearted or otherwise many customers have already remarked on its poor taste and derogatory reference to the bar staff.

Thanks.

Claire

Editor's Reply

Dear Claire,

I'm very sorry that Bob's Bumbblings caused offence to you and your customers and staff. I have always found you and your staff to be very pleasant and helpful and am especially grateful for the way you looked after my father when he was staying with you.

Regards,

Martyn Fox

Little Stukeley Village Hall

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday 13th December at 19:30

Tickets £10.00 for Adults
from **Mrs Sally Smith Tel: 01480-450356**
or email: sallysmith101@aol.com
Licensed Bar (including spirits)

Thursford's Christmas Spectacular 2014: Sunday 16th November 2014 - 10th Anniversary Trip

We are all getting very excited about our up-coming Christmas Spectacular Show at Thursford. This year's trip will be on Sunday 16th November 2014 with a start time of 2pm.

Please note that parking is not allowed at the Great Stukeley Village Hall.

Our day's programme will be:

09.45am Please plan your arrival at the Great Stukeley Village Hall.

10.00 PROMPT departure by Kiddles coach from the Great Stukeley Village Hall. PLEASE BE ON TIME.

12.15 ETA at Thursford. The car park (only) is open. The only facilities open in the car park are the mobile toilets.

12.30 Admission to the Thursford complex including several coffee shops, their Christmas shops and a licensed bar.

1.55pm DOORS ARE CLOSED to the theatre. Latecomers CANNOT be admitted until a break in the performance.

2.00 The THREE HOUR Christmas Spectacular begins. This includes a twenty-five minute interval.

5.00 Show concludes

7.30 Scheduled arrival back in Great Stukeley, depending on traffic.

Several coffee shops are open prior to the show and during the 25 minute interval. Light snacks are available such as hot & cold drinks, sandwiches, soups, sausage rolls, Cornish pasties and heated pies.

Pre-booking is not available. Please note that Thursford does not have a full service restaurant but there is a licensed bar.

Do bring along your Christmas shopping list for family and friends. Thursford has several shops filled with wonderful gift ideas especially for the fast approaching festive season.

Please note that children under the age of 8 are not admitted to the show.

The whole Thursford complex is non-smoking and the use of cameras, video recorders, camera phones and cassette recorders is strictly prohibited.

Please remember that included in the price of your seat for the Christmas Spectacular is your coach journey there and back and the coach driver's tip.

PLEASE NOTE that many of the group take along refreshments to eat on the coach. This is both permitted and encouraged.

Here's wishing you a truly WONDERFUL DAY at THURSFORD. I greatly appreciate your support. It will be super having you along.

If you have any questions regarding this visit please feel free to call me.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tel 01480 433 954

THE STUKELEYS HERITAGE GROUP

Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in Great Stukeley Village Hall.

It is now over three years since we started the Group and so I thought this meeting would be an appropriate one to review what we have done, what we have gathered and an opportunity to think about future directions. I'd particularly welcome ideas about the content of future meetings.

I have received quite a few items and documents which have yet to be captured for our website; I will bring these along for us to see - and if you have anything not seen before or copied, this is an opportunity to bring it into our web archive.

It would also be a good time for anyone new to join us; please remember that you can be new to the villages but still have an interest in its history, buildings and people.

Please note that the next **Songs of Praise** at St Bartholomew's, Great Stukeley, will be dedicated to the Stukeleys Heritage Group.

Sunday 30th November at 9.30 am.

If you have any favourite hymn which you would like included, please let me know. I hope to see many of you there.

Michael Monk

Convenor - 01480 456634 - michaelgmonk@hotmail.com



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PARISH BROADBAND SURVEY

Great Stukeley

58 respondents-a sample of 20% of all residents

FIBRE

Number of subscribers-28 (48.2 % of all subscribers)

Average download speed 28.64 mbps:-Highest 42.6 Mbps BTI - Lowest 10.49 Mbps BTI
(4x difference)

- 10 fibre subscribers out of 28 (35.7%) fail to reach the 24Mbps Government target
- Fastest suppliers: Merula, Eclipse, Entanret and BTI

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Number of subscribers-30(51.8 % of all subscribers)

Average download speed 2.6 mbps:- Highest 6.23 Mbps BT - Lowest 0.25 Mbps MyPostOffice
(25x difference)

- 100% of all copper subscribers fail to reach the government target of 24Mbps
- slowest suppliers:MyPostOffice,UWClub,Demon,AOL,O2

Little Stukeley

21 respondents-a sample of 20% of all residents

FIBRE

Number of subscribers-15 (71.4% of all subscribers)

Average download speed 25.12 mbps:- Highest 56.75 Mbps BTI - Lowest 5.91 Mbps BTI
(9.6x difference)

- 9 fibre subscribers out of 15 (60.0%) fail to reach the Government target of 24Mbps)
- fastest suppliers: BTI

COPPER

Number of subscribers- 6 (28.6 % of all subscribers)

Average download speed 2.4 Mbps: - Highest 5.1 Mbps Sky - Lowest 0.8 Mbps Excell
(6.4 x difference)

- 100% of all copper subscribers fail to reach the government target of 24 Mbps
- slowest suppliers: Excell, AOL, BT, TalkTalk & PlusNet

I would like to thank all the residents who participated in this survey.

We received 79 responses from the two villages which provided us with a statistically relevant sample covering around 20 percent of all dwellings in both villages.

The key findings:

- Despite some high download speeds for the fibre users one *third* of the fibre subscribers in Great Stukeley and 60 *percent* in Little Stukeley were obtaining speeds *below* the government target of 24Mbps for 95 percent of rural users by 2016.
This is significant for two reasons-first Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC) has advised me that Great Stukeley had already been linked-up to fibre and is therefore not part of their programme. Second there is a small amount of work to do in Little Stukeley. However, this work is on the school and housing area within RAF Alconbury which is traditionally funded either by the RAF or the USAF. If this is the case we are unlikely to get any better connections under the current scheme.
- There are no provisions to improve download speeds for copper users. In other words pay the extra for fibre or continue to receive the current slow speeds.

I had hoped that CC and BT Openreach, the sole contractor for the fibre infrastructure, would attend an open forum at an extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss these issues .CC is hard to reach but has already advised me that neither they nor BT Openreach are in a position to discuss 'commercial' questions...when we want technical answers!. I will now pursue this issues directly with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport who are funding the *Superfast Britain* programme with taxpayers (our!) money

Barrie G James

Councilor, Stukeleys Parish Council

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

St Bartholomew's Church Great Stukeley
Invites you to the Service of Remembrance at
9:30am on Sunday 9th November 2014

The Service will be followed by Wreath Laying
ceremonies at the War Memorials in
Great Stukeley at 10:30am and
Little Stukeley at 10:45am

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE UPON US

St Bartholomew's Carol Service

As in previous years we fully intend to have a traditional Carol Service with a Nativity enactment but that will only be complete if we get sufficient children to join the 'cast'. This year's service will, as usual, be held at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December. May I ask any "Mum" (or Dad) to please contact

Kirstie Haves on 07941 837994

to let us know you wish to take a part and we can then hopefully set off the Christmas season together in this wonderful traditional way.

Please do what you can to help make this true start to Christmas a resounding success and I look forward to seeing many of you on the 24th.

Richard Turpin
Vice Chairman of the PCC



Community Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 26 November
10.30 – 12.00**

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

(the last one for 2014)

The Stukeleys WI are holding a community coffee morning every last Wednesday of the month to raise money for the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke and the WI.

Do come and join us - all welcome.

Christmas Dinner-Dance: Saturday 20th December 2014 - RAFFLE DONATION APPEAL

We are very much looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 20th December 2014 when the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee are hosting our annual CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE.

Prizes for our RAFFLE are needed to help make the event a great success. If you can help us with DONATIONS suitable for this event please give me a call as soon as possible.

Feel free to drop your gifts off at my home or, call me, and I would be delighted to collect them from your home.

Tickets are now on sale and moving fast. The cost per person is only £20.00 per person which includes a delicious three course meal and entertainment provided by local vocalist STEVE LAKE.

Don't forget the DRESS CODE for this event is BLACK and WHITE. Tickets are available from *Carol Buttercase* -Tel 01480 458 089.

I am very much looking forward to receiving your contact regarding your RAFFLE DONATIONS.

Mary Alleyne-James
RAFFLE DONATIONS
Tel 01480 433 954

Under the Bearskin and the Royal Mews - Tuesday 12th May 2015

The *Royal Mews* is a working department of the Royal Household adjacent to Buckingham Palace. It is a unique living part of Britain's heritage. *The Royal Mews* is responsible for all aspects of two of the most familiar means of travel for the Royal Family. The horse-drawn carriage, the best way for the Monarch to be seen by the crowds –or in one of the fleet of cars that conveys the Queen and other members of the Royal Family to public engagements are all housed in the *Royal Mews*.

The *Royal Mews* is particularly involved in major state occasions such as Coronations, the State Opening of Parliament, The Queen's Birthday Parade and about 50 occasions each year. For example when new High Commissioners and Ambassadors are taken by carriage to present their credentials to the Queen. Some internal post is also taken by carriage, a Brougham, between the various Royal Palaces.

On Tuesday 12th May 2015 we are scheduled to depart from Great Stukeley Village Hall at 8.15am prompt for our exciting day. Martin Harvey, our highly informed *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, will meet us that morning at the *Westminster Central Hall* for refreshments (individuals to pay for this on the day).

After refreshments we will have a guided walking tour through an elegant part of London followed by lunch together at the *Mad Hatter Hotel and Pub* on Stamford Street in Southwark(South Bank).We will continue our exciting day spending the afternoon with our guide at the *Royal Mews*. The price for this incredible day trip is just £47.50 per person which includes the coach to and from London, lunch at the *Mad Hatter*, viewing the *Guard Change*, entrance to the *Royal Mews* and tips for the guide and driver.

Please call soon if this trip holds interest.

Mary Alleyne-James
Organizer
Tel: 01480 433 954

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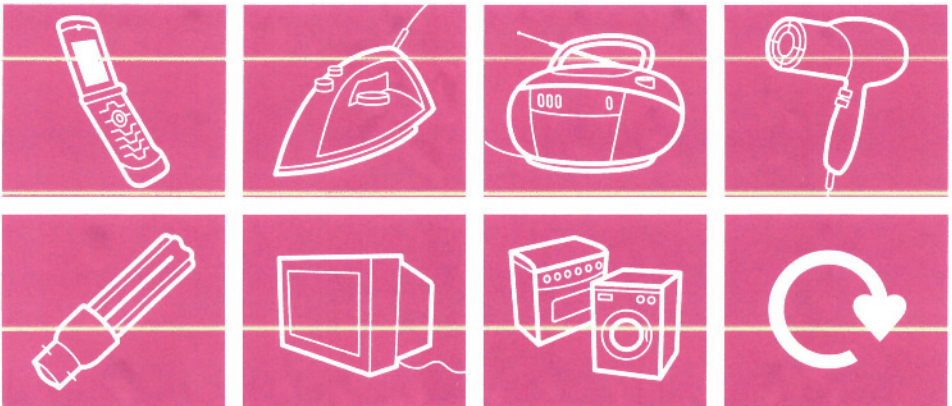


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Thames Christmas Cruise, Flying High on the London Eye, Christmas Shopping at the Royal Greenwich Market and the Cologne Christ-Markt - Tuesday 9th December 2014

THE LONDON EYE is a giant ferris wheel situated on the South Bank of the River Thames. The entire structure is 135 meters (443 feet) high and the wheel has a diameter of 120 meters (394 feet).

It is the tallest ferris wheel in Europe and THE most popular tourist attraction in the United Kingdom visited by over three and a half million people each year. When erected in 1999 it was the tallest ferris wheel in the world. It is still described as the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheel. Unlike the wheels in Singapore and Nanchang it is supported by an A-frame on one side only.

The wheel of the *LONDON EYE* was constructed in sections which were floated up the Thames on barges and assembled lying flat on piled platforms in the river. Once the wheel was complete it was lifted upright by an Enerpac strand jack system. It was raised 2 degrees an hour until it reached 65 degrees and then left for a week while engineers prepared the second phase. The *LONDON EYE* is located in the London Borough of Lambeth at the western end of the Jubilee Gardens between Westminster and Hungerford bridges.

After our cruise on the evening of Tuesday 9th December 2014 we will be flying high on the *LONDON EYE* for 30 minutes as part of our most exciting London Christmas adventure this year. Preceding flying high we will be visiting the historic *ROYAL GREENWICH COVERED MARKET* and taking a 90 minute cruise on the Thames. We will finish our evening in London with a visit to the traditional *COLOGNE CHRIST-MARKT* with its 60 Christmas themed wooden chalets offering wonderful gift ideas for the fast approaching Festive season.

The price per person is just £37.50 which includes the coach to and from London, the river cruise, the flight on the *LONDON EYE* and a tip for our driver. REALLY TERRIFIC VALUE.

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954

The Great Stukeley Fashion Show - Friday 6th March 2015

It was very reassuring to receive all your sign-up information over the past few weeks. The terrific interest in our FASHION SHOW booked at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on Friday 6th March 2015 indicates that the evening will be a great success in raising money for our Village Hall.

During the show, organized by *Lincs Fashions*, we will be selling ladies fashion from leading stores at HALF PRICE or LESS.

Austin Reed, founded in 1900, originally known for its men's wear, launched its women's wear fashion in the 1980's. *Austin Reed* also owns *Viyella* and *CC(Country Casuals)* stores and fashion will be available from *Austin Reed* and *Country Casuals* on the night of our show.

Next has over 700 stores-597 of which are in the British Isles and the rest in Continental Europe, Asia and the Middle East. *Next* is the largest clothing retailer by sales in the United Kingdom having over taken *Marks & Spencer* in early 2012.

Wallis, was opened by the founder, Raphael Nat Wallis, in Chapel Market, Islington in 1923. *Wallis* was known for its women's coats (originally sold at 19 Shillings!) And dresses. By the 1940's *Wallis* had 25 shops and a turnover of £300,000.

These are just a few of the many Fashion Houses which will be featured during our exciting FASHION SHOW.

Doors Open: 7.00pm

Start time: 7.30pm

Cost per person £6.00 each which includes a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE.

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

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer on behalf of the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee (Tel 433954)

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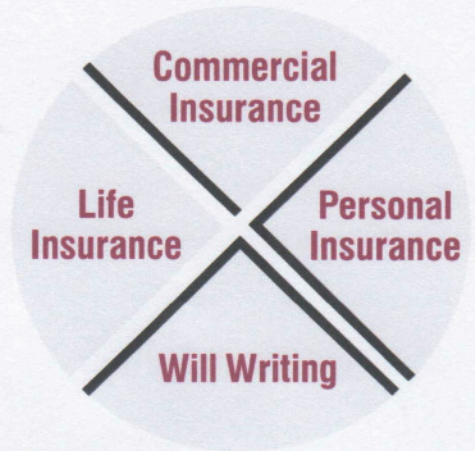
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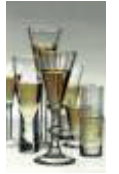
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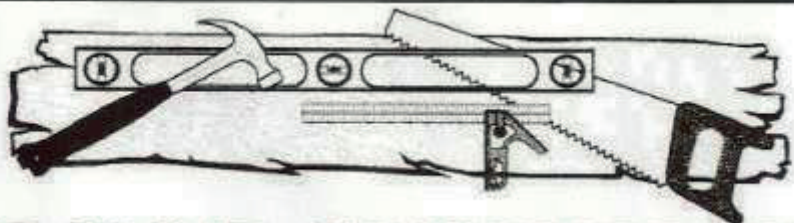
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2 nd Sunday each Month	1.00 pm Pot Luck Lunch at the Church after Morning Worship
22nd November	2.00 pm – 4.00pm MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

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 Pete or Penny as above. If you would like more information about Grace Fellowship visit our website, www.gracefellowshipbaptist.co.uk and please visit our Facebook Pages for Grace Fellowship and Great Gidding Baptist Church.

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Monday the 15th December The Scouts take part in the Bethlehem Peace Candle at 6pm with refreshments after. It will be our privilege to hold it at Grace Fellowship

The Candle starts its journey in Bethlehem and travels around the world stopping at different countries traveling by train, plane, boat and car until it returns to Bethlehem having been prayed for all round the world it would be so Good to encourage the scouts by supporting them in this event

By the time you get this we should be back from the A G M meeting for our Church group, this year it will be in Germany, not far from the town that I spent 2 years serving in the army during my national service days. So we will take a trip down memory lane to see how Detmold has changed since 1959 when I left the army. After 55 years I think it will have changed beyond recognition.

The one thing I hope will never change is community spirit. As a boy growing up in the Second World War it was so good seeing people sharing and caring for each other. I can still see the mums bringing tea and cakes out to the men that had to clear the plane wreckage from the railway line that ran behind our house. How they found enough to do this still amazes me today when you think about the rationing there was at that time. In many ways this has shaped my ministry as a pastor over the last 30 + years, as I have believed the church should be a part of the community and not just a few. It has been and still is a good place to be in the Stukeley's we have always had good neighbours, with Christmas not far away I am sure we will see good things happen in the Village, my thanks to those that helped me at the village hall to serve 60 breakfasts in October as well as those that helped clear up afterwards.

Pastor Pete

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November

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9th Third Sunday before Advent	8.00 am Celebrant 9.30 am Leader	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton Remembrance Service Richard Turpin		No Service
16th Second Sunday before Advent	9.30 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Philip Swindells	8.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
23rd Christ the King	9.30 am Leader	Morning Prayer Alan McGoff	9.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
30th First Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Leader	Songs of Praise Rev'd Andrew Milton		No Service

December

7th Second Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Clifford Owen		No Service
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