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The cut-off date for the December Stukeleys Parish Magazine is
9am Friday 20th November 2015

FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 2 nd Nov	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sat 7 th Nov	Bonfire & Fireworks	7.30 pm	LSVH
Sun 8 th Nov	Service of Remembrance	9.00 am	St Bartholomew's
Sun 15 th Nov	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	9.45 am	GSVH
Fri 20 th Nov	...From the Swining Sixties	7.00 pm	GSVH
Wed 25 th Nov	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am	GSVH
Sat 28 th Nov	Christmas Craft Fayre	7.30 pm	LSVH
at 12 th Dec	Christmas Dinner		LSVH
Fri 18 th Dec	Curry Night		LSVH
Fri 18 th Dec	A Christmas Get Together	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.

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The Stukeleys Parish

Council News

The **Parish Council Open Surgery** at Little Stukeley Village Hall started at 7:15pm prior to the 5th October Parish Council Meeting, it was attended by 6 members of the public and 5 Councillors. Parishioners expressed their views and concerns on a number of issues ranging from ditch maintenance, traffic issues, planning applications etc.

The **Parish Council Meeting** followed the Parish Council Open Surgery and one additional Parish Councillor and one of our County Councillors also joined the meeting.

During the **Public Participation Session** of the Parish Council Meeting, where only issues on the Agenda can be discussed, one resident updated the meeting on a Freedom of Information request for a copy of the street lighting replacement contract between Balfour Beatty and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). A Churchwarden from St Bartholomew's Church in Great Stukeley, explained that the Parochial Council wished to request that the Parish Council should consider taking over responsibility for the out-of-action street lighting column within the churchyard. As lighting in this area had become a problem since the nearby street lighting column on Church Road had been removed as part of the Balfour Beatty/CCC replacement programme. The position of the lighting column could be moved forward towards the fence so the road could also be lit.

Some items were brought forward in the Agenda for early discussion, so some members of the public did not have to stay for the entire meeting, but of course, all residents are most welcome to stay throughout the whole meeting.

Following on from comments from the public, the Parish Council considered the adoption and funding of repairs/maintenance of the church column lamp at St Bartholomew's Church. It was felt that this street light would benefit the community as a whole and was a heritage feature. The street lighting committee had enlisted the help of a member of Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) Project and Assets Team to assess our parish lighting stock earlier in the year and had also asked him to have an initial look at the St Bartholomew's Church column. His findings were reviewed. It was felt that the Parish Council would consider a partnership scheme with the St Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council. To be investigated further and firm quotations obtained for further consideration by the Parish Council.

Following an inspection of the villages by Cllr Stuart Bell, Highways Warden Mick Reynolds, Brian Murdoch and Les Middleton (CCC) to identify areas where maintenance and repairs were required; Cllr Stuart Bell advised that CCC had now placed orders for all repair work identified during the inspection. The Parish Council thanked Mick Reynolds for all his hard work which was very much appreciated and was a good example of a resident working with the Parish Council.

The annual playground inspection reports were reviewed and quotations are to be obtained for providing additional bark under the swings in the Little Stukeley Playing Fields.

The Parish Council agreed to respond to the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation requesting an amendment to include a commitment from CCC to work with Urban & Civic, the Parish Council and HDC to ensure that the rights of way lost at the creation of RAF Alconbury are re-instated as part of the development of the released land following closure of the majority of the former air base. Please see meeting Minutes for full response.

The Parish Council have invited several residents to attend the next meeting of the Traffic Group and this will give more opportunity to disseminate information to residents. It was hoped that the work at Spittals interchange will discourage traffic through the village. The Council was disappointed that Urban & Civic did not have plans for the Ermine Street enhancement scheme available for the Parish Council to review. The Parish Council thanked a resident for bringing a video of unsafe driving incidents to their attention and this will be passed on the Huntingdon Policing Team to investigate.

The Parish Council was advised that Little Stukeley Village Hall was unable to obtain funding for the rental cost for broadband for the village hall, therefore it was agreed to award a grant of £180 to cover the six months broadband rental costs.

The current position with the allotment storage unit installation was discussed.

The Parish Council will write to Balfour Beatty detailing all the problems highlighted during the recent site visit with Highways Warden Mick Reynolds and Joshua Cooke (Balfour Beatty).

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council:

- i **The Old Rectory, Church Way, Little Stukeley – 15/01458/FUL**
– Proposed erection of stable building and manure store on existing grazing field adjacent to the applicant’s dwelling.

The Parish Council considered that this proposal would not have an adverse impact on the Conservation Area nor on views from the churchyard of the field in which it is to be located, and would not have an adverse impact on any residential properties. It was agreed to recommend approval.

- ii **Land South West of November Cottage, Green End, Great Stukeley – 15/01420/OUT** – Proposed development for 3 dwellings.

The Parish Council noted that three letters of objection had been submitted by neighbouring residents. It considered that there would be little impact on residential amenity but the site was classified as open countryside in the District Council's planning policies. Green End is a quiet rural lane with insufficient dwellings to constitute it being part of the built-up area of Great Stukeley. Although one of the properties is suggested as being intended for a local person wishing to return to his village, there can be no guarantee in planning legislation to ensure that this happens. The Parish Council was also concerned about the impact of additional traffic generated which, with the additional road access could have an adverse impact on the rural character of Green End. Therefore the Parish Council recommended refusal.

- iii **Montgomery House, 25 Stukeley Park, Chestnut Grove, Great Stukeley – 15/01562/LBC**– Construct new internal wall in current kitchen. Form three new internal openings. Re-instate former external opening. Enclose loggia with glazed screen. Convert loggia into kitchen.

The Parish Council considered that the internal alterations to this Listed Building would not adversely affect its character, but were concerned that the conversion of the open loggia into a kitchen could undermine the quality of the facade as the open loggia is an important feature facing onto Stukeley Park with views onto the House from the Park

- iv **40 Church Way, Little Stukeley – 15/01637/TRCA**– Removal of sycamore tree.

The Parish Council felt that the loss of this tree would have a minimum adverse impact on the street scene and Conservation Area and therefore recommended approval.

Representatives of the Parish Council are to meet with the Leader of HDC, Cllr Ablewhite to discuss the implications of the closure of the American Base at RAF Alconbury and the Parish Council's recent resolution to embark on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire Parish.

The Planning Group gave an update on the development of the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the plan should cover the entire Parish, including therefore the land owned by St John's College adjacent to the Ermine Business Park, Alconbury Weald and RAF Alconbury. It was noted that grants could be available to assist. Two members of the public had come forward to offer assistance to the Parish Council on this matter and it was agreed that these offers should be accepted and the residents thanked for their positive contribution to the community.

The meeting ended at 10:00pm

HAVE YOUR SAY!

All Parish Councillors should be present at **Open Surgeries** which start at **7:15pm to 7:30pm** (prior to Parish Council Meetings) where parishioners are invited to attend to **express their support, views or concerns on issues affecting the Parish**. As the Open Surgery only runs from 7:15pm to 7:30pm, if a parishioners wished to discuss items in more detail please contact a Parish Councillor and a further meeting can be arranged.

The Parish Council Meeting then should start promptly at 7:30pm, **only items on the agenda** can be discussed and raised during the **public participation session**, and each speaker is limited to 3 minutes speaking time unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to write to Parish Council/Parish Clerk on issues if they wish to give more details than the 3 minute slot allows.

If wish to speak at an Open Surgery Session and/or the Public Participation Session please let the Chairman of the meeting or Parish Clerk know at the meeting.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall

Monday 7th December 2015 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall

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/

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Ivan Cannon

THANK YOU

Elizabeth Cannon and the family would like to thank all the many friends and neighbours who were so kind and helpful when Ivan was ill, and when he died. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth Cannon

Good evening Martyn,

My grandfather (Mr Ivan Cannon of Great Stukeley) has asked me to send this photograph to you as a suggestion for the front cover image of the next November issue. The four poppies were bought from the display that was put on in the old moat of The Tower of London in November last year. They are being displayed in an old gun shell vase at St Bartholomew's Church at sun set.

Please consider the photograph for use within the magazine if possible.

Kind Regards

Jessica Murphy

Editor's Note:

I received the email above from Jessica Murphy back in September. As you have seen on the front page I was happy to comply. **Martyn**

Fund Raising Tea Party on 19 September

I wish to say a very big thank you to everyone for supporting our fund raising tea party on 19 September. Thank you to my neighbour, Yvonne and friends who just kept the tea and cake flowing. Also a thank you to Odette and Deanne for the most amazing raffle prizes! Odette and Deanne, who were also the "Mary Berry" tasters, chose a delicious chocolate ring for texture, taste and appearance as the winning cake, which was quickly demolished. Thank you also for allowing us to use such a wonderful venue!

Nearly 40 people attended. It was a fun afternoon and together with the raffle and generous donations, we have raised £300. A representative from HistoUK also attended and gave a talk on the charity. Rayaan's mother will be able to suggest where funds raised can be directed.

Just another day

It was hot, very hot, that Sunday morning in the Ma-alla straight in January 1967: The Ma-alla straight being the four-mile dual carriageway linking the crater to the east with steamer point to the west in the gulf protectorate of Aden.

On either side of the carriageway rows of five story apartment blocks contracted out to the Ministry of Defense for family accommodation, completed the scenario. At this time insurgents (now known as terrorists) were gaining the upper hand and grenades and inertia rockets were fired and thrown at anything representing H.M. Forces.

Just before 11am a grenade exploded in the Ma-alla below our apartment which was on the fourth floor. From our balcony we could see bodies on the street. A Land Rover mounted tannoy manned by the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers crackled out "Thrown down you sheets". The sheets were required by the military medic as tourniquets for the Brit family, father, mother, son 9, and daughter 11, all injured. The two children seriously injured with the girl subsequently losing her leg.

Because of the security situation deteriorating rapidly, all heads of families were required to carry out armed patrols round the adjacent apartment blocks room 2pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 8pm Saturday and Sunday, after completing a working day, 7am to 1pm Monday to Friday. These duties were rostered 2 hours on, 4 hours off.

Tensions were running high this Sunday as we carried out our patrols, corporals and below armed with an Enfield 303 rifle and magazine of 10 rounds, sergeants and above a Smith and Weston revolver and a magazine of 6 rounds. Civilians, i.e. school teachers etc. patrolled with baseball bats! Not very effective but they wanted to participate and boots on the ground was very welcome.

At approximately 7pm that evening two grenade explosions rocked the Ma-alla. Almost immediately the crackle of a tannoy barked out "Stop white Opal, registration number XXXX". I was sitting on my balcony with my pistol; magazine attached firing pin off, having a cold drink as was the norm having just finished my patrol.

I saw a white car; it may have been an Opal, proceeding northbound towards the crater. My 6 rounds rattled into the rear of the vehicle. All hell broke loose; bullets were coming from all directions. My colleagues on the balcony above and below, up and down the Ma-alla were firing at any white car within range. Unfortunately, those further up the highway were firing at southbound cars and some of this ammunition was ricocheting off the road and whistling past our balcony. Time to crawl into the lounge and join my family on the floor. After about ten minutes all went quiet.

Peering through my balcony railings i could see numerous white cars that had crashed into the shops, other cars, lampposts, you name it, some with steam hissing from their radiators.

About an hour later a tannoy broadcast from a patrolling military vehicle station "Tune into the British Forces broadcasting service radio and follow instructions". The radio announcement said "All military personnel who had discharged their ammunition during the incident in the Ma-alla straight that evening should report to the armoury at RAF Khormaksar at 9am Monday morning with their weapon and empty cartridge cases. On arrival at the armoury I joined a long queue; at the front of the queue there was a posse of British press asking questions even though a schedule D notice had been issued which effectively barred the press from reporting anything that had occurred the previous evening. At the front of the queue, as I threw my empty shell cases into the cardboard box, the armorer said "Fill in your number rank and name and sign the register". As he handed me my replacement magazine and six rounds I could see a smile on his face. I walked away feeling ten feet tall.

Some of the injured Arabs were guilty and some were innocent, for which I am sorry, but that's the way the cookie crumbles.

John Middleton

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



Mexican Supper

Over 40 villagers and guests attend our last themed event on Saturday 17th October, it was great to see so much support for new themes. As usual the night was a fantastic success brought about by delicious food provided by Sally, Naomi and Joy and ably supported by Jenny and Leah, thank you again to you all for helping to make this and many previous events such a success. It's always great to see so much support for our Village Hall and we'd be delighted to consider any other suggestions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the LSVH committee to share your ideas.

Bonfire Night

With Autumn upon us we'll be preparing for the next Bonfire and Fireworks Night on 7th November 15, if anyone would like to help on the evening I'd be grateful please contact David Robinson 01480 412902 or email davidarobinson@clara.co.uk. Tickets can be obtained from Sally Smith 01480 450356 or email sallysmith101@aol.com, more details on the flyer

Christmas Craft Fayre

The Christmas Craft Fayre is an ideal way to show off your talents and if we are to make this a success we urgently need your support as we have had very little take-up so far. Please contact Paula Robinson if you are intending to support this event ASAP. If we don't get sufficient take-up we will have to consider cancelling the event.

New Year's Eve Party

We had encouraging interest for this family event and to make it a roaring success we need more support, please let me or Sally Smith know if you intend to be there to celebrate the New Year at the Hall. We'll run a licensed bar on the night starting at 8PM and BYO food and snacks. Tickets are for numbers only there will be no cost to attend.

Burns Supper

After the fun of the New Year we'll start off with a Celebration of Robbie Burns, see the flyer for more details, I'm sure Matt Day would be delighted to hear from you.

Next Events

Saturday 7 th November	Bonfire & Fireworks – volunteers welcome please contact David Robinson his details are shown below
Saturday 28 th November	Christmas Craft Fayre
Saturday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18 th December	Curry Night
Thursday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party
Saturday 23 rd January 16	Burns Supper

Voices from the Past - 9th October

I should like to thank all those who made this such an interesting and enjoyable evening.

First Sarah Toyne for suggesting that this could be a joint event between the WI and the Heritage Group. Then all those who helped - putting out chairs and tables, making tea and coffee and clearing away and washing up. Thanks also the ladies of both villages who made the delicious cakes.

And, finally to all those who came. I hope you all enjoyed hearing those voices - unique in recordings of ordinary folk in this country from over a century away. Alan White's family had recorded family occasions on phonograph cylinders in the years 1902 - 1915. The original collection is now stored safely with the museum of London.

It was not only enjoyable and interesting, it was quite thought provoking, listening to a way of life that would be swept away in a manner those who were recorded could not have envisaged.

Michael Monk



Little Stukeley Village Hall



Burns Supper

**An evening of good company, food and entertainment to
celebrate the life of Robbie Burns, the Bard of Ayrshire**

Saturday 23rd January – 7.30pm

**Traditional Haggis three course meal, with Vegetarian Option, and a
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Poetry Readings, Stories and Songs – Volunteer Wits Needed!

...FROM THE SWINGING SIXTIES

Friday 20th November 2015

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The deadline for purchasing tickets for our exciting event...*FROM THE SWINGING SIXTIES* will be Monday 16th November 2015 at 5pm...OR FOR AS LONG AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE! This terrific event will be held at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on *Friday 20th November 2015* at 7 for 7.30pm PROMPT.

Peter Lawrence begins our programme with a presentation- *A Policeman's Lot: From the Kray's to the Royal's*-which covers his career from London's East End through to specializing in anti-terrorist protection for Embassies, Cabinet Ministers and The Royal Family. Peter's talk will include his involvement in the many dramatic events which occurred from the 1960's through the 1990's. After Peter's presentation we will be serving Tea, Coffee and delicious *homemade* Cake.

The entertainment for the second half of our programme will be from the *Caverners*. Harry and Alan White will play "live" the *Sounds of the Sixties* covering great rock 'n roll classic hits of the sixties by many of the leading recording artists whose music shaped a generation. You will hear the wonderful music which defined an era with songs from the Beatles, Eddie Cochrane, the Everly Brothers, the Hollies, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, The Searchers, Simon & Garfunkel and many more.

Tickets for ... *FROM THE SWINGING SIXTIES* ARE ON SALE NOW! Please drop-off the cover price of £9.50 per person in CASH or a cheque (made out to THE GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you are a non-resident of Great Stukeley and would like us to mail you your ticket(s) please enclose a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (54p for 2nd and 63p for 1st Class Post). Thank you for your understanding.

We DESPERATELY NEED your help. If you can DONATE A CAKE, we would be delighted to hear from you BEFORE THE EVENT.

Mary Alleyne-James

Event Organizer

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A Christmas get together
On Friday 18th December at
7.30pm
At Great Stukeley Village Hall

Come and join us for some music, mulled wine, mince pies and convivial company. There is no charge but a donation may be made on the door. There will be a raffle.

To book your free place, please contact Carol Buttercase 01480 458089 or Jan Sly 01480 450197

COMPETITION

2 TICKETS TO BE WON TO SEE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A comedy by Alan Ayckbourn

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Little Stukeley Village Hall

Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Saturday 7th November 2015 at 1930

Tickets Adult: £6 Child £3

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Thursford's Christmas Spectacular 2015:
Sunday 15th November 2015
THE VERY BEST CHRISTMAS SHOW-EVER!

We are all getting very excited about our up-coming Christmas Spectacular Show at Thursford. This year's trip will be on Sunday 15th November 2015 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 Est. arrival time 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 suitable 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 now have a full service restaurant, on the left as you enter, and 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 REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO TOILET IN USE ON THIS COACH.

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

**BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE and SECRETS of
SCOTLAND YARD and the BLACK MUSEUM**

Tuesday 15th March 2016

For nearly a century and a half the Metropolitan Police have been accumulating the gruesome relics of murder and mayhem in what has become known as the *BLACK MUSEUM*.

Bones, weapons used to slaughter the innocent, and vital clues *that* sent killers to the gallows-are all lodged at New Scotland Yard hidden away from public view. These items and their crucial part in murders form the basis of a new book, by ex-Chief Superintendent Alan Moss and researcher Keith Skinner, which traces the history of the *BLACK MUSEUM*. We will be able to see the grim secrets as we are taken behind the doors of the *BLACK MUSEUM* for the first time at this very special exhibition on display at the Museum of London.

We will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall PROMPTLY at 08.15am to time our arrival for a delicious *BRUNCH* on the *TEREZA JOANNE* moored at the Royal Docks.

Our visit to the Museum of London is scheduled for 2.45pm with our popular Blue Badge Holder Guide, Jeanie Carmichael.

We will depart for home at 5pm arriving back in Great Stukeley around 7pm-dependng on evening traffic out of London.

The price per person of £ 48.50 includes the Brunch, the Black Museum exhibition, the coach to and from London, the services of a Blue Badge Holder Guide for the whole day, and tips for our guide and driver.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tour Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

The GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II

Thursday 19th May 2016

The GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II will be held at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7 for 7.30pm.

Gill and Adrian are a husband and wife team who have been very successfully managing Fashion Shows in Lincolnshire and the surrounding counties for nearly 25 years.

They offer GREAT VALUE clothes and accessories, which are neither seconds nor faulty for sale, at greatly reduced prices, often at HALF PRICE OR LESS. A full range of sizes, colours, designs and styles for all ages, and tastes will be available for purchase on the night.

Tickets for this great event will be sold on a FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED basis at £7.00 per person which will include a COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE.

Mary Alleyne-James

Fashion Show Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

A personal response to the attack on the Parish Council

I am obliged to respond to last month's Bumbling Bob column. As readers will note, BB is conducting a one-man vitriolic vendetta against your Parish Council. I'm not sure what the purpose is but must assume that it is an ego-boosting trip to show how clever and amusing BB is and how things have gone to pieces since he stood down from the Parish Council.

In reality, having served on the council for (too many?) years, I find the new input of councillors are bringing a fresh approach and some interesting ideas and issues about how to safeguard and strengthen our two village communities. They should be applauded for the public-spirit shown, not subject to this sneering and sniping. That's not to say that we always get things right. Anybody out there who has never made a mistake? Criticism can be positive and helpful - done in a constructive way, but that is not BB's way.

So last month we read:

1. "the Vice Chair even suggested that the editor had to pass all articles and letters to be published to him and then to the Parish Council first so that they could decide if they were to be published." **No. Wrong.** The Vice-Chairman suggested the BB column (not all articles) should be sent to the Parish Council for information so that a response could be made in the same edition of the magazine. There was no mention of any item being refused. The Parish Council did not think the timetable would allow for this and so the matter was not taken forward.
2. "our dear village travel agent" and whether they involve adverts to be paid for. **This is a matter for the editor to decide.** The Parish Council does not wish to have editorial control. I run trips for the Heritage Group - should these be deemed an advert? If so I am sure the editor would advise accordingly.
3. Freedom of Information requests. Interesting that this includes the saga of fencing at Great Stukeley Playing Field, determined while BB was a councillor. FOI requests are a sledgehammer approach to matters which in a small rural community should be settled by friendly exchanges. **I have asked the Clerk to keep a record of how much additional paid time is being spent on this so that we can all be aware of the cost to residents.**
4. Length of agenda. Yes - there is much to discuss. We are working on ways in which more can be done at Committee meetings, but we have to be careful here as those are not held in public, and so could be seen as less democratic and less open to scrutiny. **Guillotining**

1. **Parish meetings? - no - that is less democratic.** I sat alongside BB all the time he was a councillor including in Mr Pinner's excellent chairmanship and do not recall matters being guillotined as suggested by BB.
2. During meetings "others stood up and walked around to, I would imagine, stay awake". This actually happened - but for medical conditions in the two instances referred to. In my case it is because of periodic acute leg cramp. Nothing to do with keeping awake. **I should not have my action ridiculed in this way.**
3. Age of councillors. "...I say it is undemocratic.... looking at the age of a large number of the councillors (being 70+ I would think), they cannot have the constitution to stay alert...". Actually the Parish Council has just four councillors aged 70 and above while the clerk and five councillors fall below the line at which BB obviously thinks we should be indoors in our slippers drinking cocoa. **Unacceptable ageist comments to which I personally take exception,** especially given the age profile in our villages.
4. "Even the County and District Councillors were appalled at the length of the agenda" Really? I have never heard this and **I cannot believe that either of our two County Councillors or our District Councillor would be so discourteous** about another council's business. Interesting that to at least two parish councillors BB gave his reason for not standing at the last election was that there was too much for the Parish Council to have to deal with. Obviously it's much easier to snipe from outside than put the actual work in.

Your Parish Council has much to do - and we do try our best. We are volunteers who receive no remuneration or expenses. BB's comments are deliberately spiteful and hurtful. There can be no other small parish council in England facing issues on the scale we do with Alconbury Weald and other large developments within our area and adjacent to us. And now we also have the issue of the USAF site; we are keeping up pressure on Government and higher level councils for our communities to be involved in this process.

Finally, at least one Parish Councillor has offered to stand down for BB to be co-opted in their place. I fear that this additional pressure will result in a number of us giving up thus triggering a new election at significant cost to our community. I for one, am wondering whether the responsibilities and enduring this continuing attack are worth the time, stress and worry

Michael Monk
Parish Councillor

REFLECTIONS: My OXFORD, the ISIS and IFFLEY CRUISE

Tuesday 15th September 2015

We left Great Stukeley on time at 8. 15am. On our arrival in Oxford we met our Blue Badge Holder Guide, the extremely knowledgeable Marion Bacon and my group of 41 had refreshments at *The King's Arms* situated in the city centre.

Around eleven o'clock we set out on our short walking tour among many tourists from all parts of the world. We began by visiting Christopher Wren's *Sheldonian Theatre*, then onto the *Bodleian Library* and the timeless *Radcliffe Camera* which is believed to have inspired JRR Tolkien, Oxford Professor of Anglo-Saxon, to write *The Lord of the Rings*. We were also lucky and were able to enter the inside of an Oxford College which gave us a fascinating insight into academic life.

We scattered for lunch-ten people went to *The King's Arms* while others visited local restaurants, coffee shops or the historic Covered Market.

We met our coach just before 2pm for our short journey over to Folly Bridge dropping us off on St Aldates Street. We cruised the tranquil stretch of river amid warm and sunny weather passing the University Boat Houses and Christ Church Meadows to Iffley Lock. The lock and Iffley Village are incredibly pretty and we walked up gentle Rose Hill to *St. Mary's Church*, one of the most beautiful in England. The main structure of the Church has remained the same for over 800 years and we were able to view the original simplicity of Norman architecture and some quite spectacular figurative carvings. There are some beautiful stained glass windows-one by the neo-romanticist John Piper and a more recent addition by artist and parishioner Roger Wagner.

We returned to Oxford via our Salters Thames Cruiser and were able to buy refreshments at *The Head of the River* pub before beginning our homeward journey returning to Great Stukeley at 7.15pm.

I would like to sincerely thank our splendid guide Marion Bacon-who really knows her stuff- and our excellent driver Nick Unwin.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tour Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954

THURSFORD GROUP DONATION 2015

I am delighted to advise you that this year's donation to local organizations, both within and nearby, who support The Stukeleys community, will be made to St. Batholomew's Church, Great Stukeley.

A letter was given to the Committee Members on Sunday 20th September 2015 advising them of our donation which will be presented sometime in late November or early December.

As usual the donation will include the collection made on the day of our visit to Thursford in November 2015 together with any surplus funds raised from my other trips during 2015.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tel:01480 433 954

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25 Nov 2015

10.30 – 12.00

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

- **(the last one for 2015)**

The Stukeleys WI are holding a community coffee morning every last Wednesday of the month to raise money for MAGPAS Air Ambulance and The Stukeleys WI.

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

THE STUKELEYS WI

Meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2015

The President, Nicki Sly, welcomed 30 members to the meeting and 4 visitors. 3 apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Jan Sly for the Curtis Bowl, Margaret Helme for the draw prize and Margaret Helme and Maureen Sewell for the refreshments. We sang Jerusalem. The minutes for the July meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and that Nicki should sign them.

Matters arising: Nicki urged members to come forward to join the committee and consider taking a role. At present there are 7 members which will go down to 5 when Nicki and Sarah step down. The names of all those on the committee will be put on the voting slips for members to vote for a new President at next month's Annual Meeting.

Sarah asked members which Federation events they had attended throughout the year for the Annual Report and then gave a report on the Voices from the Past evening held in conjunction with Heritage which had been an interesting meeting. The Autumn Group Meeting held at the Town Hall was a very enjoyable evening. We were entertained by Mr Michael Allen, a Chelsea Pensioner, and the UK Rhapsody Chorus. Deanna Strange won first prize in the draw which was 2 tickets to the Centenary Concert on 21st November at The Peterborough School. The sensory bands have been delivered to the hospital. Members were asked to put their names down and pay for the fish and chip supper next month and also to make their Christmas Party Menu choices. It has been suggested that we try a different supplier for the fish and chips this year. The majority of members voted in favour of trying the Golden Chippie.

Correspondence: Next year's subscription is £37.50. The WI will get £18, the Federation £8.40 and NFWI £11.10. Car Park permits have to be renewed by 1st December. The linking list for the AGM 2016 has come through. We have been linked with Houghton & Wyton, Huntingdon and Hartford Village will be our delegate. We have been asked to keep up pressure on our MPs on the Care not Custody campaign, by writing to your local MP and asking them to back the campaign.

Forthcoming events: Community Coffee Morning at GSVH 10.30am on 28th October, Alconbury Fashion Show (Lincs Fashions) on Wednesday 28th October.

Deanna Strange gave us a fascinating demonstration on how to make Cold Porcelain Flowers. She showed us how to make sweet peas and roses and gave members a chance to have a go at making petals. Samples of her previous work on display were incredibly intricate and beautiful. Doris Sadler gave the vote of thanks.

The competition was a pretty notebook. 1st prize: Nancy Oldfield 2nd prize: Marlene Garner 3rd prize: Moira Eddington. The draw prize was won by Chris Goodliff.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on **11th November 2015 at 7pm** Curtis Bowl: Nita Charter and Draw: Ruby Papworth. Competition: A small decorative ornament. Roll call: who would you like to be for the day.

Sarah Toyn

BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL: Vincent's Christmas Wonderland

Tuesday 8th December 2015

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Once ushered inside by courteous liveried doormen it is as though you have stepped into another world. In place of the pews and the nave the area has been filled with tables and chairs and is lit by a grand chandelier. The arch that once separated worshippers from the alter now forms a natural proscenium with a pair of red velvet curtains which part to reveal a simple stage. The walls are adorned with old playbills and photos reflecting a bygone age where Marie Lloyd, Little Titch and Dan Leno were the darlings of millions.

On the day of our visit to The BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL, on Tuesday 8th December 2015, we will depart from Great Stukeley Village Hall at 10am PROMPT by coach.

The cost of this excellent day is £58.50 per person. This includes our coach journey to and from Silvertown, a delicious three-course Festive lunch, admission to VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND SHOW and a tip for our driver.

Mary Alleyne-James

Trip Organizer

Tel 01480 433 954



Bumbling Bob October 2015

Well what a month it has been. I cried into my tankard as England were knocked out of the Rugby, cheered as England went through 10 from 10 in the football and went along to the Stukeleys Parish Council (SPC) meeting to see what was going on in the village and quite enlightening it was too in many aspects.

I was very pleased to see that the SPC turned down a planning application for three buildings to be erected in Green End as had they been built they would have spoilt the lane forever, its country feel being destroyed. I was surprised however that there was no mention of a rebuff to the statement in the planning application that the SPC had been in clandestine meetings with the applicant? As I could find no mention in the SPC minutes of such a meeting one assumes it did not take place and quite rightly too. But it still would have been nice to have had the SPC comment on the point.

I am also happy to report that Bumbling assisted the Vice Chair in his pursuit of our local MP, Jonathan Djanogly. You would have read in the last issue that the Vice Chair had been waiting 104 days to get a reply to his letters/emails and the only reply he had received had been from Jonathan's researcher and he was not pleased with that. Well I took it upon myself to pick up the phone and book lunch with Jonathan and brought the Vice Chair's concerns to his attention. He exclaimed he knew nothing of the attempts to gain his attention on the issue but was very happy to speak or indeed meet with the Vice Chair to discuss matters. He did suggest (tongue in cheek I assume, well I think it was!), that the Vice Chair and he could discuss it whilst they both ran the Amsterdam Marathon! Still it just shows in the age of technology it helps just to be old fashioned and pick up the phone.

However I have to report a sour note in regard to the SPC. Your Bumbling was taken to task by one of the lady councillors from Little Stukeley for my reports on the SPC activities. She took some three or four minutes to harangue poor old Bumbling in front of the assembled SPC and a goodly number of parishioners and in the process told him that she was a director of a large FTSE quoted PLC, worked very long hours, had a full time nanny for her children and that her husband worked away most of the week. She also told Bumbling that she did not like being 'policed' by him and that she had been elected by the parishioners to do a job and she was therefore happy to take time out of her very busy schedule to do so and if he wanted her seat on the SPC he could have it. I went to reply but was not allowed to do so by the Vice Chair of the SPC who was chairing the meeting.

Well there is a saying, "people in glass houses should not throw stones". Firstly may I state that this councillor is not the only person on the SPC, past and present, who has served on the board of a FTSE 100 company; secondly I did represent the parishioners on the SPC for 18 years and lastly if she is so dedicated to the Stukeleys electorate she must try to attend more than the 4.5 meetings out of the 11 possible ones in the next twelve months as that is her record to date over the past twelve months. Tsk, Tsk. When elected do the job!

Lastly on the subject of the SPC it has, as I predicted, refused my applications for 'Freedom of Information' replies to my enquires on the matters of the Gt Stukeley Playing Filed Fencing; The Allotments Storage Unit and the Defibrillators. This was predictable but it does leave one wondering No smoke without a fire comes to mind.....

Yours until next time,

Bumbling Bob

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9:00am on Sunday 8th November 2015

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Little Stukeley at 10:15am

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, Thursday 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. If any of the intended players can make it there will be a rehearsal on Sunday 13th December at 10.00am following the Family Service to which, as always, all are welcome.

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Richard Turpin
Vice Chairman of the PCC



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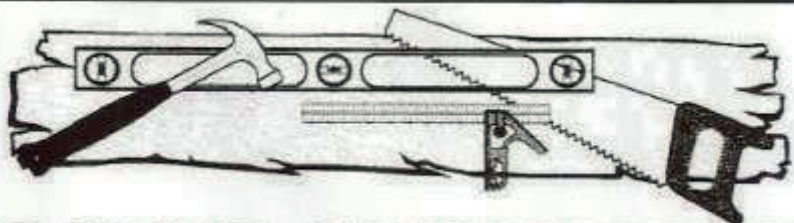
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Poppy Day is just around the corner, a time to remember those that gave their lives and limbs that we can live in a free land. The collectors will be shaking the tins to raise funds for those that need us to help those that kept us safe.

As we think of them, let us not forget those that need help now with all that is going on all over the world, the children that had no choice but to leave their homes and flee from the fighting that is going on around them. All these need a place to live, those that gave so much for us and are not able to continue to follow their way of life through injury to mind and body, and those that lost everything in their flight to freedom. Sadly, there are always those that will abuse the system, but we cannot forsake the children who will be distressed with what is happening to them, we do not know how they will cope in their small minds in the days ahead. Some of them have been separated from their Mums and Dads. How will we deal with them, but please as we try to rehome them, feed and love them, may we not forget our own that are homeless or living in cramped rooms because they can't get housing, through no fault of their own. Don't let them be forgotten. That is my prayer right now.

Pastor Pete

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8th Third Sunday before Advent	8.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		No Service
	9.00 am Leader	Remembrance Service Richard Turpin		
15th Second Sunday before Advent	9.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton	8.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
22nd Christ the King	9.00 am Leader	Morning Prayer Janet Talbot	9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
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December

6th Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		No Service
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