

THE STUKELEYS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Stukeley's Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 11th May at Great Stukeley Village Hall and it was attended by 16 parishioners, the Parish Clerk and one County Councillor and District Councillor.

The Parish Council Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Joan Gray (Monday Bridge Club/Craft Club) Keith Winters (Little Stukeley Village Hall) and Paul Ryan (6th Huntingdon 10K Run).

The Chairman of Stukeleys Parish Council, Sue Parkin, presented her Chairman's Report giving a brief overview of the Council's activities for the year. The Chairman of the various committees presented their more detailed committee reports to the meeting (for full reports see below and www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk).

Parish/village representatives then presented their reports (please see www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk for full reports:

Nicki Sly read her report from **The Stukeley's Womens Institute**, she reported that the Stukeley's WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Great Stukeley Village Hall at 7.30pm. They have currently 34 members from the Stukeleys, Stukeley Meadows and Huntingdon. £316.00 was raised for their chosen charity for 2014 The Woodlands Centre; this year their chosen charity is MAGPAS. Funds are raised at their monthly community coffee mornings on the last Wednesday of every month 10:30am to 12:00 noon – all are welcome. 6 rose bushes were planted at the front of the Great Stukeley Village hall to celebrate the centenary year of the WI (3 funded by GSVH).

They have a varied programme for this year and a copy is available on their facebook page. As Nicky said - Its not all Jam and Jerusalem and she would encourage anyone who is interested to come along and see what they are all about.

Joan Gray was unable to attend the meeting but sent her reports to be distributed, on the Monday Bridge Club and the Craft Club. **The Monday Bridge Club** restarted in 2010. It is held at the GSVH in the Village Hall Committee Room on Monday evenings from 7pm to 10pm with a break for coffee, tea, biscuits and the occasional cake and a chat. There are only three members living in Great Stukeley, others coming from Buckden, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Stukeley Meadows and one from Stilton. Fees are minimal just to cover cost of rent, cards and refreshments. At present they have 16 committed members which allows the club to have 4 tables for bridge which is the maximum for the space available. However Joan would be happy to hear of any players who would like to join them by ringing her on 01480455773

The **Craft Club** meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday in the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee Room from 2pm to 4pm. It began in 2015 as a W.I. Club but is now open to non-WI members. All members are invited to carry on with their own craft projects, chat, enjoy a cup of tea and share ideas or learn new papercraft skills making cards and boxes from prepared kits containing all the materials needed. If you would like to enjoy an afternoon with the group ring Joan on 01480455773 – All are welcome.

The committee of **Little Stukeley Village Hall** carried out a major refurbishment of the kitchen which has made a vast improvement. The hall now has a commercial dishwasher, fridge and freezer installed as well as new cupboards and a moveable central preparation and storage area. Most of this work was carried out by Sally Smith and the committee would like to record their thanks for her splendid efforts.

The Social Club continues to meet weekly on a Sunday between 13:00 and 14:30 and is well supported. The committee held 5 major functions last year and 2 additional curry nights, last December and January this year. We have planned 5 more for this year as well as more curry nights (or similar informal evenings) during the Autumn/Winter months. The Flower Show will be on Saturday 5th September this year and, as usual, open to all current or past residents of both Little and Great Stukeley.

Bob Hulstrom reported that on Sunday 22^d June the **Huntingdon Charity 10k & 3k Races, 1k Fun Run & Spectator Village** will take place on the Alconbury Weald development. The event raises funds for local charities and has got many people moving with healthy exercise. With a 1K fun run, 3k and 10k races, stalls and activities in Spectator Village there's something for everyone.

Further details are on their website - www.hunts10k.org.uk.

They need the support of the villages to be able to continue this event. Particularly they need marshals/volunteers - please contact facebob@hunts10k.org.uk or call 07887995867 or 01480 431484 if you can help.

This year, the local authority for safety reasons have required closure of some roads for 2 hours on the Sunday morning where the 10K run passes through Gt. Stukeley. Further information will be in the Parish Magazine and letters have been distributed to all houses in Owl End, Chestnut Grove, Beech Avenue and Elm Road

Michael Monk of **The Stukeley's Heritage Group** presented his report. *The Stukeleys' Heritage Group exists to explore, collect, save, share and make accessible information about the history and heritage of the villages of Great and Little Stukeley and its residents. It is open to all those interested in the past of these communities whether they are newcomers or long-established residents.* The Group was founded in October 2010, and has around 25 regular attendees, but the meetings are open to all and on some occasions as many as 50 attended. Meetings are held on the evening of the third Wednesday in alternate months and membership remains a modest £5.00 pa (to cover expenses)

Speakers this year have included: David Hufford on the history of Huntingdon, Jason Peters on the lost forest of Huntingdonshire, Alan Butler on the meaning behind some of the street names in Huntingdon and Donald Cook treated the group to the sound of the bells of St. Martin's - the last time a peal was rung there in 1989. The July 2014 meeting commemorated the outbreak of the First World War and we reflected on those from The Stukeleys who had laid down their lives for our country, and the tremendous social upheavals that followed. Later this year there will be a speaker to explain about the role of the Hunts Cyclists Battalions. The annual outing last year was to Bletchley Park and in October the group will go to the Imperial War Museum in London to visit the WW1 galleries. Michael Monk thanked members, John, Nichola Oldfield for their help and support, Penny and David Glover for recording interviews and the ladies who help serve tea and coffee and do the washing up!

Tracey Barker presented her report for **The Stukeley's Allotment Society**. Last year had been a very good growing year on the allotment. Plot holders grew a wide variety of vegetables and fruit on their plots and several grew the same vegetable in different areas with different results, but overall everyone was pleased with the way everything grew. Toward the end of the year, a few plots suffered slightly with potato blight and a few cabbages (not covered) were eaten. Several society members entered vegetables in The Great Stukeley Flower, Garden & Craft Show and were very successful winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd, some winning all three. Everyone is now getting their plots ready for another year of growing. Hopefully it will be another good year for all.

The Gt Stukeley Village Hall Report was delivered by Sarah Toyn. Great Stukeley Village Hall has a healthy bank balance due to increased hall usage and fund raising events. The main users are the Table Tennis Club who run sessions on Mondays and Thursdays and recently also Saturday afternoons (on the understanding that they would give way to events that would bring in more money such as weddings). Other regular hall users are the WI, Monday Night and Friday Morning Bridge Clubs, Craft Club, Heritage Club, Pilates, Slimming World and the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints. The Hunts 10k Charity have donated £250 to the GSVH. A WREN application is being submitted to cover the cost of insulating the stage area/kitchen and fitting a disabled access ramp, amongst other things. Recently a defibrillator has been installed in cabinet outside of the village hall. The unit was donated by the East Anglian Ambulance Service with the Parish Council funding the cabinet, installation and training sessions. Many thanks to Barrie James for organising all.

GSVH had three main fund raising events during the year, a Music Hall event, a Fashion Show, a Christmas Dinner Dance (which was unfortunately not well attended). The next events will be Open Gardens and the St Bartholomew's Flower Festival on 5th July and a "Back to the Swinging Sixties" event on 20th November.

The **Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show** Report was presented by Ian Shaw. The flower show has been going for 43 consecutive years. It is open to all residents of Great Stukeley and is a popular community event. There are varied classes to enter which include: vegetables, fruit, plants & flowers, floral arrangements, home produce, photography and a children's section which always have something new in every year. And also the best spring garden, best kept garden competitions, best hanging basket & best container, there is always get a broad range of gardens entering. The Flower Show had over 400 entries last year, all of good standard and it was good to see some entries from the allotments (hopefully more this year). Cream teas introduced last year and were very popular. There is new trophy this year for Best Entry in Drawing/ Painting, donated by Phillip Hobson.

GSFGCS is a not for profit organization, so funds raised are donated to the village hall (which will provide a new cooker for the village hall). Thank you to Urban & Civic for providing tables this year.

The Flower Show is on the 1st August - doors open at 2:30pm and booking in of exhibits starts in the morning from 9:00am until 11:45 am.

Sarah Toyn of the **Gt Stukeley Table Tennis Club** said the club holds sessions on Mondays and Thursdays 5-7pm for juniors and 7-10pm for seniors at Great Stukeley Village Hall and since the beginning of the year, they also hold sessions 1-5pm on Saturdays. The club's aim is to grow their own talent through a comprehensive system of coaching for juniors. The club encourage all our players to play competitively and the 2014/2015 season began with the organisation of the third Hunts 2 Star Open Tournament on 30th & 31st August 2014 generously sponsored by Alconbury Weald. The Mayor of St Ives attended to award medals to the winners together with Victoria Parchment from Alconbury Weald which helped increase the profile of table tennis in the area.

This season the club entered 3 teams (Divisions 1, 3, & 4) in the Cambridgeshire Table Tennis League. The 3rd and 4th Division teams both gained promotions to the higher divisions for next season. The club also entered a team in the Cadet National League (under 15s) which concluded the year by winning the 2nd Division. The club's Junior National League Team (under 18s) and the Senior British League Team (all ages) competed well and gained valuable experiences for next season. The club's Veterans British League Team (over 40s) were very successful and finished 3rd on the final weekend in Doncaster.

The club have a number of junior players who are progressing very well on the national scene. James Kelly and Louis Roper-Gibbs are now ranked very high in the England Cadet Under 15s ranking list. The club's top girl Charlotte Boston has just been selected to play for England in the Cadets in June.

County Councillors Peter Ashcroft presented his report.

The Chairman thanked all residents, our District and County Councillor for attending the meeting and the village representatives for their interesting and informative reports, which illustrates how many wonderful things are happening in the villages and that our village halls are great assets to the villages.

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Chairman's Report

The learning curve continues.

Our Clerk, Carole has settled in well and keeps us working within the law whilst ensuring that our financial affairs are in good order.

The new councillors have also performed well in their various committees with considerable useful input.

I will now give an overview which the Committee Chairmen will enlarge on. - The Planning group has been particularly busy with Alconbury Weald taking up a lot of their time.

The replacement of the Street lighting within the Parish by Balfour Beatty has kept that Committee busy, there have been problems but to date these have been overcome.

The playing field Committee, Allotment Committee, and Rights of way Committee have all been active as you will hear, whilst the Webmaster Karl has done an excellent job with the website.

There is an ongoing problem with the trees set along Ermine Street where the contractor maintaining them was over zealous with a strimmer and some damage was caused.

The Solar Panels installed in the east of the parish alongside the railway line brought in a donation of £ 21,250 this year, we are open to sensible suggestions on how it could be spent for the good of the parish.

Summing up, we have I think, had another successful year and remember we are here for the good of both villages, if you have a problem which comes within the remit of the Parish Council please bring it to us and we will do our best to solve it.

Report from the Planning Group

The Planning Group consists of councillors:

Stuart Bell

Barrie James

Steph van den Haak

Michael Monk

Sue Parkin (ex-officio as Chairman of the Council)

The work of the Group has been dominated by highly complex applications for Alconbury Weald including: the demolition of existing buildings and structures

infrastructure to serve the Enterprise Zone

Phase 1 housing including a primary school

In considering these applications, the Group has been greatly assisted by professional help from planning consultant Tim Slater of 3D Planning. We should thank Urban & Civic who continue to fund Tim in this role - in which he is resolutely independent.

The Group takes some satisfaction from the revised location of the new access onto Ermine Street into the Phase 1 residential development. The SPC resisted the creation of this new access and although not successful in that, it has been moved further away from Little Stukeley to protect the setting and entrance to the village.

Other applications considered include:

Extensions to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Great Stukeley (refusal recommended)

A house adjacent 67 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley (recommended for approval but refused by HDC)

Alterations and extension to the Thatch Cottage 23 Church Road, Great Stukeley (approval recommended)

Detached house adjacent Denmark House, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley (recommended approval but concerns expressed about drainage issues).

While in Little Stukeley, extensions were recommended for approval at 15 Low Road, 31 Church Way and 10 Church Way.

Members of the Group also attend meetings of the Joint Parish Councils for Alconbury Weald.

Report from the Rights of Way Committee

The Rights of Way Committee has continued throughout the year to monitor the condition of public footpaths and bridle ways. It has reported on the encroachment of trees and bushes on public ways, and notified potholes in roads. It has reported obstructions and had them cleared. It has worked with landowners, including Urban & Civic, in the diversion of a footpath and upgrade to a public bridle way, as well as the potential opportunity of reopening those rights of way closed of necessity, when WW2 required the establishment of Alconbury airfield. It has reported on fly tipping on bridle ways and rubbish around the Allotments.

Report from the Street Lighting Committee

Activities this year have focussed on the replacement of the County Council street lighting within the Parish by contractors Balfour Beatty.

Notice of work starting in Little Stukeley arrived just before Christmas 2014 and after a few hiccups, including our requested retention of a street lighting column in Mill Road which was eventually agreed, works have now taken place following a public meeting in the village, although we are still waiting for works to be undertaken in Church Way.

We have now received notice of the intention to commence the replacement of all CCC lighting in Great Stukeley towards the end of May 2015 and a public meeting was held in the village on 8th May. The Parish Council is aiming to secure the retention of as many lighting columns as possible.

In both villages, the Parish Council has agreed with Balfour Beatty that no lamp columns will be replaced pending the proposed Environmental Improvement scheme on Ermine Street in both villages, which is to be carried out by Urban & Civic as part of the planning permission for Alconbury Weald. The new columns on Ermine Street in Little Stukeley should not have been installed and we are waiting for these to be removed.

The Parish Council has a number of parish lighting units in both villages. At the same time as the replacement works by CCC, we have also undertaken an updated inventory of all our units and new signs and contact numbers will be placed on all of ours in the next few weeks. Street Lighting Committee – Sally Smith, Stuart Bell, Paul Vincent

Report from the Stukeleys Traffic Group

This Group was established by the Stukeleys Parish Council to bring together the key players on traffic issues particularly focussing on the impact of new development on Ermine Street through our two villages. Those attending include Urban&Civic as the developers of Alconbury Weald, the County Council as Highways Authority, Huntingdonshire DC as the Planning Authority, the Highways Agency (A14), police and rescue services and Alconbury PC.

The Stukeleys PC is represented by Michael Monk (Chair), Sue Parkin (Chairman of the PC) and Philip Hobson. Stuart Bell attends in his professional capacity representing HDC. Local resident Diane Gee also attends while Sue Middleton is invited but so far has kept a watching brief.

The granting of outline planning permission for Alconbury Weald has transformed prospects to achieve environmental improvements along Ermine Street - with U&C required to fund the scheme up to £900,000 which is to be in place by the time of the occupation of the 250th house on their site. Further funds will be forthcoming from the extension of the Ermine Business Park and the site formerly known as Northbridge, although the scale and nature of development on these two sites remains uncertain.

It is hoped that a draft scheme will be the subject of consultation later in the summer

Report from the Webmaster

The Stukeleys Parish Council website is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and is the primary archive of information published by the Parish Council.

Our intention is for the website to play a part in making the Council's activities as open to scrutiny and as transparent as possible. With that in mind, as you would expect, our website content includes the date and location of our meetings, the agendas for those meetings and, once the meetings are concluded, the minutes from those meetings.

Perhaps less expected is that our website also has copies of the Council's Standing Orders, the Code of Conduct for Council members, an inventory of land and assets held by the Council and the current financial records. Everything you want to know about the Council and its activities should be on the website; if it isn't, tell us and we'll do whatever we can to make it available.

You can also find contact details for the Parish Council members and our clerk and for local services that are not provided by the Parish Council, but are of use to parishioners. There's a latest news area on the

home page and a section devoted to local interest items, which we are always willing to expand to accommodate suitable items.

Development activity this year has focused on taking better control of the code used to create the website and making the site easier to navigate and use. Previously we used the WordPress content management system, but we now produce and maintain all of our own code. The new site is clean and simple and aims to be as accessible as possible. If there are parishioners who struggle to access the content on our website they should contact the webmaster (webmaster@thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk) for help. It's our website and we will do whatever is required to make it accessible to as many parishioners as possible. Development over the next year will concentrate on Responsive Web Design (RWD) to make the site work better on mobile devices and making further improvements to accessibility. The total cost of our website over the last 12 months has been £134.40, which is the cost of maintaining the registration of our web address and hosting the site.



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