

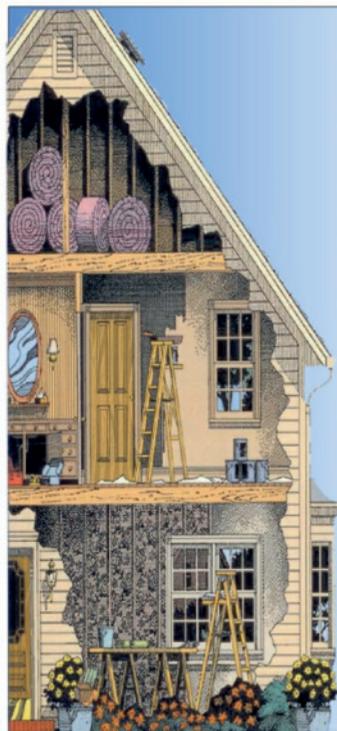


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The Great Stukeley Fashion Show  
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Karen Goshorn, Sheila Redmore and Angela Grief.  
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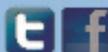
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The cut-off date for the May Stukeleys Parish Magazine is  
**9am Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

## FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> April	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Stukeleys Heritage Group Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 - 12.00	GSVH
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Under the Bearskin & Royal Mews	8.15 am	GSVH
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Horse Racing Night	TBA	LSVH
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ceilidh	TBA	LSVH
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Hunts 10k Run	TBA	

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# THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## From the meeting held on the 2<sup>th</sup> March 2015

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Little Stukeley Village Hall on the 2<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 8 Parish Councillors, 1 County Councillor, 1 District Councillor, 4 residents and the Parish Clerk were in attendance.

Following a discussion the Parish Council agreed to respond to the targeted consultation on the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 as follows:

- The Parish Council supports the realignment of the A141 in order to separate longer distance traffic from local journeys. The Parish Council would support the realignment along the route indicated in the County Council's Long Term Transport Strategy, subject to careful design, landscaping and noise mitigation. However, it is considered that it would not be acceptable for development to take place on the north-western side of this new road as this would cause community severance to the new community and adversely impact on the opportunity to integrate development and road into the landscape and protect the setting and separation of Great Stukeley and Huntingdon. Land to the north-west of the re-aligned A141 should be allocated for strategic greenspace. For this reason it is considered that the number of dwellings which could be accommodated is much lower than suggested in the draft policy.
- In any realignment of the A141, the new road should not have a junction with Ermine Street. This is in order to maintain separation of local and long distance traffic and to avoid additional traffic using Ermine Street through the two Stukeley villages.
- The Parish Council notes that the USAF has indicated its intention to withdraw from RAF Alconbury within the next 5 to 7 years. Given that this is within the lifetime of the Local Plan review, it is considered that it is most likely that the site will be disposed of by the MoD. This has raised concerns within our communities about the implications for the site of RAF Alconbury and the masterplan for Alconbury Weald. It is considered that this will lead to the need for at least a partial review of the Local Plan. The Parish Council therefore expects to be party to the on-going discussions on the future of RAF Alconbury

The Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent Order has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the Parish Council has registered with the Planning Inspectorate as an Interested Party to enable a representative of the Parish Council to speak when the Planning Inspectorate examines the scheme.

The Traffic Group meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> February and continues to monitor village traffic issues including the Ermine Street enhancement scheme.

The Parish Council received thanks from a group of residents in Little Stukeley for their help and support in petitioning Balfour Beatty to reinstate a street light that had been removed under the Balfour Beatty/CCC Street Light Replacement Project. Village street lighting owned by the Parish Council (as opposed to those owned by CCC) are to be surveyed and mapped so future maintenance and repairs can be considered.

Following the representation from Heartbeat Trust on the Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator Programme and favourable responses from parishioners, the Parish Council considered three quotations for the supply of two defibrillators and cabinets for the villagers. The Ambulance Trust has agreed to provide two free defibrillators for the two villages, cabinets housing the defibrillators will be installed outside Great Stukeley Village Hall and on the outside of the brick bus shelter on the north side of Ermine Street in Little Stukeley. A seminar for all interested residents on the how to administer CPR and how to use the defibrillator (AED) will be run by Ambulance Service on a Saturday Morning in late April – further details to follow.

The Parish Council discussed the provision of an allotment central storage unit and other possible options. Cllrs Sue Parkin, Paul Vincent and Philip Hobson had declared an interest in this item and did not take part in any of the discussion or votes. The Parish Council has agreed to provide a central storage unit on the Stukeley Allotments, which is hoped will be used as a community hub.

The Parish Council will consider funding for other village projects, please let your Parish Councillor know of any projects that you feel will benefit the community.

The Parish Clerk continues to press CCC Highways to repair pot holes in the village roads etc.

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council:

**i Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley - 15/00035/FUL** – Extension of the existing Church Meeting House and re-arrangement of the existing car park

Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was agreed to recommend refusal for the following reasons:

- The footprint of the extension is so large that it is of an overbearing nature on this restricted site and would result in over-development. The proposed extension towards Ermine Street would encroach too close to the boundary of the site, and this together with the design of a blank wall surmounted by an over-bearing spire would adversely affect the street scene at the heart of the village.
- There would be unacceptable loss of trees – some of which are subject to Tree Preservation Orders – and this would damage the nature of the site, it being the remaining remnant of the Stukeley Hall Parkland on this frontage of Ermine Street. The proposed car parking would only allow limited perimeter replacement planting which would not achieve the objective of retaining the parkland character.
- It is clear that this scale of development indicates that the church has outgrown the site. The extent of the church ward is so great covering a wide geographical area, and this together with the congregation pattern and ward characteristics that this small site in a small village is now totally unsuitable and makes the proposal unsustainable. The applicants should seek a more suitable site in a more sustainable location in a larger settlement.

**ii 1408285COND - Alconbury Weald Design Code – Key Phase 1 Framework including Design Code.**

Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it following observations and comments were made:

The changes proposed to the Design Code, which are largely of a detailed and technical nature do not raise any further issues beyond those already raised. However, the Parish Council is concerned that the surface water drainage infrastructure beyond the Alconbury Weald site may need further investment and maintenance if flooding in Little Stukeley is to be avoided, especially given the climate change induced changes in rainfall pattern. Whilst it is noted that the applicant states in response to the Environment Agency's comments that this is the responsibility of the riparian owners and not that of the developers of Alconbury Weald, the Parish Council remains concerned and urges that the applicant consults the riparian owners concerned to ensure future-proofing the flood risk.

**iii 15/00259/REM – Alconbury Weald, Little Stukeley – Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to outline planning permission 1201158OUT for construction of Enterprise Zone Club Building comprising B1, D1, D2 and A3 uses, with car parking, landscaping, lighting, signage, minor ground remodelling and associated works (advances outside of a key phase).**

After discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was agreed to recommend approval as the Parish Council consider the application consistent with the planning policies for the site, is an appropriate form of development of high quality design which would bring beneficial facilities to the overall Enterprise Zone and the wider site.

The implications of the closure of the American Base at RAF Alconbury was discussed. The following comments are to be made to Huntingdonshire District Council. The announced closure of the USAF base at RAF Alconbury is causing concern in the villages of Great and Little Stukeley which are the two communities most affected by the site. The Parish Council understands that Huntingdonshire District Council have been in

dialogue with the Ministry of Defence over the matter, and although it is understood that no decisions have yet been made, issues will have been discussed. The Parish Council would like to assist in the process, knowing the communities well and so considers it important that it is represented at these meetings.

Do not forget to check out the Parish Council's new look and updated website, at [www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/)

#### **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley

Please check the website and notice board for notification of any Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meetings 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/](http://www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/)

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## **National Plant Monitoring Scheme**

### **EVERY FLOWER COUNTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL STOCK TAKE OF UK'S WILDFLOWERS**

#### ***Making plants a priority***

The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), launching in spring 2015, will for the first time enable scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK's wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public's help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. Plants are nature's building blocks and this new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK's birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.

**Chris Cheffings, from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee says** "Currently, information on plant species' abundance and change is very limited, and it is difficult to gauge the condition of habitats outside protected sites. JNCC is delighted to be able to support the NPMS, which will fill this significant gap in UK biodiversity surveillance. The annual results collected by volunteers will help to identify trends in hundreds of species, allowing us to assess plant community changes."

**The search is now on to find 2000 volunteers to take part in the NPMS** who will play a vital role in gathering information. Together the volunteers will monitor wild plants in 28 important habitats, ranging from hedgerows and meadows to salt marsh and scree slopes.

**Hayley New, from Plantlife says** "The NPMS is hugely enjoyable and over 400 volunteers have helped us set up the new scheme. It's easy to do and everyone will receive free training and guidance plus support from the partnership for volunteers who have queries, as well as web support and illustrated guidance notes – so volunteers will have the perfect survey tool kit to get them started!"

**Dr Kevin Walker, Head of Science, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) says:**

"It's really great to finally have a national scheme that everyone can take part in. Whether you simply love wildflowers or are a budding botanist, input from volunteers will provide sound evidence on how our wild plants and habitats are changing. It's a fantastic achievement and should mean that wild plants are at the forefront of discussions on how our environment is changing and what we should be doing about it."

## How does the NPMS work?

Volunteers will be able to choose from three options depending on their level of expertise: recording from a short or an extended list of target species in each habitat or recording all species they find in their plots. Volunteers will be given a 1 km square with a grid showing up to 25 locations. Surveyors will be asked to visit three of those locations and carry out surveys in square plots and then identify two linear features such as hedgerows, rivers and road verges and survey these locations too.

The squares have been randomly chosen, but with a focus on squares containing habitats of interest.

**Oliver Pescott, from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology says** “The results from this new scheme should allow us to quantify the smaller changes that are occurring within our most valuable habitats. In the past, volunteer-collected data have been able to demonstrate the results of large-scale habitat loss over the last century, now we would like to reveal even more detail about the changes within the remaining areas of these habitats in our landscape.”

**For more information on the NPMS and how to take part please visit [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk)**

The NPMS is a partnership of the **Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI)**, the **Biological Records Centre (within the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology)**, **Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)** and **Plantlife**. The NPMS builds upon previous research projects funded by **JNCC** and **Defra**.



**The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)** is the statutory adviser to the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK and international nature conservation. Its work contributes to maintaining and enriching biological diversity, conserving geological features and sustaining natural systems.



**The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI)** has been promoting the study, understanding and enjoyment of British and Irish wild plants since 1836. BSBI supports and encourages research and conservation, and is one of the world's largest contributors of biological records, collected by our volunteer members - amateur and professional botanists who benefit from our research, training and outreach programmes.



**The Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH)** is a world-class research organisation focussing on land and freshwater ecosystems and their interaction with the atmosphere. We are a Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Research Centre and integral to the delivery of the NERC Strategy, The Business of the Environment, with over 425 researchers and students based at sites in England, Scotland and Wales.

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**Plantlife** is the charity speaking up for the nation's wild plants. We work hard to protect wild plants on the ground and to build understanding of the vital role they play in everyone's lives. Plantlife carries out practical conservation work across the UK, manages nature reserves, influences policy and legislation, runs events and activities that connect people with their local wild plants and works with others to promote the conservation of wild plants for the benefit of all.



The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme is a local charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

- If you've been a victim of burglary and you're 60 or over, you will receive a free visit
- If you are 65 and over or disabled and would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme advisors to reduce your chance of becoming a victim, we ask for a minimum donation of £25 towards our costs
- Key safes supplied and fitted at a cost of £50 or £80

If you would like a visit call us on  
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or  
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The Bobby Scheme works with a number of partner agencies, including the Police, Local Authority and other charities.

The Bobbies fit door chains, window alarms and other security devices to make people feel safer in their own homes again. They also provide security advice and reassurance.

On average, it costs the Bobby Scheme £125 to work at each home, so we ask you to consider making a donation so that we can continue to provide a service.

For information about the scheme or to find out more about how you can support the local charity go to [www.thebobbyscheme.org](http://www.thebobbyscheme.org) or call us on 01480 413311.

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## Open Letter to the Stukeleys Parish Council

It has been brought to my attention that apparently the cost of real time bus information is prohibitive- which was not initially clear to me, so, in order to avoid fruitless debate on the subject of cost effectiveness, I should like to remove this suggestion from the list of alternatives to spending funds on a defibrillator.

People have also said "why not have a defibrillator just in case?" To these people I would say that this is an understandable emotional, but not logical response. It is like being unconcerned about getting into your car and driving to Scotland whilst worrying about getting into a plane to do the same journey, when the chances of an accident are several orders of magnitude greater driving than flying. In relation to spending public funds, it is important to consider cost effectiveness- as spending money on an item which is not likely to be used reduces the amount available to fund other projects which could improve life for many more people. Further suggestions? To reduce accidents why not actually fix the potholes, replace aged lighting on minor roads which small children walk along and which may not have pavements, and trim brambles and vegetation which border pavements and roads (e.g. along Ermine Street and Owl End ).

Why not spend a little on a survey to ask the village what would improve their lives, their community and their health?

**Dr Francesca Lasman**



### **Note from the Editor about Bumbling Bob**

For those of you who are looking for Bumbling Bob's latest words in the magazine I'm afraid that you will not find his unusual prose from now on.

It has been decided, because a small number of people have been very vocal in their objections, not to continue his thought provoking series. So much for democracy and freedom of speech!

However, fear not you fans of Bumbling Bob. He has not stopped writing. Instead he has joined the Computer Age. You can see all his past and future thoughts at:

[www.bumblingbob.co.uk](http://www.bumblingbob.co.uk) and

email him at [bob@bumblingbob.co.uk](mailto:bob@bumblingbob.co.uk)

**Martyn Fox**  
Editor

## LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



### Horse Racing Supper Night – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The meal will be at least 2 courses. Ticket prices will be £7.50. The first race will be held before dinner is served and one race between courses; the remaining 4 races will be run after dinner

The horse racing game is simple to play, there are 6 horses in each race and, if you want to be an owner, you can buy a horse for £1; if your horse wins then you get the £6 prize money for that race. If you merely wish to place a bet, these are 50p a time and all the money bet on the race is split between all the tickets sold for the winning horse. So come along and have a laugh and enjoy a nice meal.

**Keith Winter** (Tel: 450656 email: [keithwinter2@sky.com](mailto:keithwinter2@sky.com))

### LSVH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Horse Racing Supper 7.30 pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	July	BBQ and games afternoon.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	September	Flower Show.
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	October	Themed Supper TBC
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	November	Bonfire & Fireworks
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Dinner
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Curry Night TBC

### LSVH Committee Meeting 9 Mar 15

At our last meeting we discussed the refurbishment of the kitchen and we are intending to start and complete all work during the Easter break. The work will bring the kitchen up-to-date but inevitably there may be some minor disruption to the use of the Hall. We will also have to have the main floor refinished as the varnish is peeling; Keith Winter is in conversation with the specialists and will arrange the work to minimise disruption to use of the Hall.

You will also note that the trees around the grounds have now been pruned which has brought much more light into the grounds and the Hall. We also have a gardener looking after the grounds.

### Quiz Night

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March saw the annual Quiz Night in the Hall. This year, the event was organised by 2 couples, Matthew & Georgina Robinson together with Aimee Robinson & Steve Scott; everyone I've spoken to has said it was a great night and very well organised, the introduction of IT and a centralised marking scheme was very well implemented and made for a very smooth event. Of course no LSVH event could happen without many others, on this occasion, the event was in support of St Martin's Church and we had several Church and LSVH members helping with food and arranging the hall. A great big THANK YOU to you all, you made the evening great fun and we look forward to next year's event.

### Future Events

We've added a few more themed nights to the calendar and as promised I'll liaise with the Church Committee to provide one consolidated calendar of events for the net issue of the magazine. If there is a particular theme or new event you'd like to see please do let me know, I'd be delighted to hear from you. [davidarobinson@clara.co.uk](mailto:davidarobinson@clara.co.uk)

## **Under The Bearskin and The Royal Mews - Tuesday 12th May 2015**

*THE ROYAL MEWS* is an important branch of the Lord Chamberlain's Office and provides road transportation-horse drawn and motor cars for The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

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A regular task is that of collecting a newly appointed foreign Ambassador or High Commissioner from their official residence, conveying them in a carriage to Buckingham Palace for their audience with the Queen and then returning them to their residence.

On the day of our visit to London we will meet our *Blue Badge Tourist Guide*, Martin Harvey, on Tothill Street outside *The Westminster Central Hall* at 10.30am for our morning refreshments-which must be paid for on the day.

At 11.15am we will begin our guided walking tour with Martin strolling through an elegant slip of London. On *Guard Change Day* we will watch the band march back to the barracks.

At 1.00pm we lunch together at *The Mad Hatter Hotel and Pub*. A roast chicken lunch-or a vegetarian option with tea or coffee is on the menu which IS INCLUDED in the price of £47.50 per person for this day's adventure. PLEASE NOTE that drinks and dessert are NOT included in the price.

After lunch the whole afternoon will be spent at *The Royal Mews* where we will have a very interesting private tour. We then visit the South Bank to purchase afternoon refreshments and a comfort break before meeting up with our coach at 5.00pm for our journey back to the Stukeleys.

If this super day trip holds interest please give me a call WITHOUT DELAY-ONLY FIVE (5) tickets are left for this extraordinary tour.

**Mary Alleyne-James**

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

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## **THURSFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2015**

SOME GREAT NEWS!. On Saturday 28th February 2015 I received notification that my application for 52 seats has been accepted for the 2015 THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR.

We were very lucky this year as we were assigned the day and time of our *preferred* request:

### ***Sunday 15th November 2015:2pm Performance***

My preferred request is the most sought after as weekend visits are the most popular.

I was delighted to have been able to secure for you Thursford fans *De Luxe* seating. Our seats are in rows D/E/F/G and H, which run from the 4th through the 8th rows from the stage. This great allocation will give everyone attending great viewing this year.

Please watch this space for the cover price and further details in a future Stukeleys' Parish Magazine.

**Mary Alleyne-James**

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

## Infrastructure work at Alconbury Weald

Many of you will be aware that there has been an increase in noise from the works taking place at Alconbury Weald. We wanted to keep people informed of the nature of the work being undertaken, the length of time it will take, and the measures in place to reduce the impact on local residents.

The current works at Alconbury Weald and the Enterprise Campus are a vital part of the project, though probably the noisiest due to their nature and the proximity to Little and Great Stukeley.

At the moment, the demolition contractors (Professional Demolition) are removing 12 Hardened Aircraft Shelters, as well as breaking through and removing the hard standing taxiways at the eastern end of the site.

This work will enable us to begin key elements of the first phase of the residential side at Alconbury Weald including:

- The first primary school
- The initial community facilities for both new residents and the Stukeleys, including a small convenience store
- The green 'buffer zone' which will provide landscaping for Little Stukeley and ensure the separation requested by local residents
- The initial infrastructure for the first 150 homes.

As of 20 February, the teams have completed 80% of the demolition work, and are nearly half way through the removal of hardstanding - including having completed the area closest to the villages. To date 20,000 tonnes of crushed material so far has been collected which will be used as recycled aggregate in the construction works. This section of work is on schedule to finish by the end of March.

As part of securing Planning Permission for this work, there are core conditions which we need to comply with. These include ongoing noise monitoring - including monitors in Little Stukeley village - location of equipment and agreed hours of working which are:

- Weekdays 07:00 until 19:00
- Saturdays 08:00 until 13:00
- Sundays and Bank Holidays: No works are permitted without the approval of the local authority.

I am sure you will appreciate that the works being undertaken to remove reinforced shelters and taxiways – up to one metre thick in areas – are extensive, and that we are seeking to undertake them as quickly as possible to minimise the impact.

Following feedback from the initial works, we are working with the contractor to ensure the noisiest elements of work are not carried out too early or late in the day. We know that the noise is a nuisance – as it is for us on site too – and we remain happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss this further, or take a tour of the work.

To set this up, please contact me on 01480 413141, or via e-mail at [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com).

Kind regards and very best wishes

**Rebecca Britton | Communities and Partnerships**

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# GREAT STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Is holding its Annual General Meeting on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm**. We invite all village Residents to attend both to hear what we have been up to during the past year and also to let us have your ideas for events during the forthcoming year.

The hall cannot function without a dedicated voluntary committee to keep it in good working order and to organise events. We are always keen to welcome “new blood” onto the committee and in particular anyone with accounting skills. Our current Treasurer is resigning and we require this position to be filled. Do you have the time and the skills to help us out? If so, please contact Secretary Nicola Oldfield, on [gsvhall@aol.com](mailto:gsvhall@aol.com) or Acting Chair Sarah Toyn [sarah.toyn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.toyn@yahoo.co.uk) or 07961 358067.

## Great Stukeley Open Gardens



**This event will be held on  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 11am-5pm**

Would you like to show your garden? If so, please contact Carol Buttercase on 01480 458089 or Sarah Toyn on 07961 358067 [sarah.toyn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.toyn@yahoo.co.uk)



# REFLECTIONS on the Great Stukeley Fashion Show

Friday 6th March 2015

*...that bubbling sound of everyone enjoying themselves was music to the ear.*

IT REALLY WAS TOTALLY AMA-ZING! Everyone who joined us at the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee Member's Fashion Show on Friday 6th March had a really super time. After 8 months of planning it all came together when our three gorgeous *Fashion Models*-Karen Goshorn, Angela Grief and Sheila Redmore began to strut their stuff down the catwalk.

The fashions modeled were for the Spring Season from various fashion houses including, Austin Reed, Country Casuals, Next, Phase 8, Marks & Spencer and Wallis. These were sold at half price and less by Gill and Adrian Asher's Lincs Fashions of Lincoln.

Sincere thanks are extended to the Village Hall Committee some of whom met up at 3pm on show day joined by Ian Sly to set up the hall. I would personally like to thank Janet and Barry Nunley who helped with the hall and Carol Buttercase who busied herself pouring the drinks aided and abetted by Iain Shaw and Sarah Toyn. Nicola Oldfield designed and printed our tickets and provided great photos of the evening with special help from Martyn Fox and Mary Alleyne-James. Our *Runners*: Andy Corney, Ray Daniels, Terry Goodwin, Michael Monk, John Oldfield, David Phillips and Richard Logan had a busy time in the midst of the buying. I noticed a couple of them "flirting" with our guests...no names!

We had great success with our Raffle. Jenny & Andy Corney, Richard Logan & Barrie James netted a high £256.00 and Lincs Fashions contributed £40.00 in appreciation of our hard work. We were overwhelmed by all those who so generously gave presents for our Raffle which we were told were much appreciated by the Raffle winners.

At the end of this busy evening our *Models* were presented with gifts from Bruges and our *Runners* received a small monetary gesture for all their help which made the evening so successful.

Many non-villagers attended as well as some Stukeleys' residents whom we had not seen in a long time. We greatly appreciated all your support.

One hundred and ten tickets were sold and eight friends most thoughtfully gave us donations. We also took an extra £26.00 sales of drinks all of which helped to boost our funds.

This event was arranged as a Community Service for the Stukeleys', their families and friends and not as a fund raiser. This makes us, as a Committee, even more proud of the final amount raised for our Village Hall of £880.11 in badly needed funds.

We sincerely thank you for your support in attending and to those who kindly stayed behind and helped to clear the hall after this most successful event.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
Organizer  
GSVH Committee

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## **Community Defibrillator Seminar**

10am Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

**Great Stukeley Village Hall**

**The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

**Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency**

## COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

As a community service the Stukeleys Parish Council has organized the provision of two *Automated External Defibrillators* (AED's) to provide an emergency response to victims of *Sudden Cardiac Arrest* (SCA) to improve the chance of survival in the community.

These units in cabinets will be placed centrally-on an external wall of The Great Stukeley Village Hall and on the outside brick wall of the bus stop on the north side of Ermine Street in Little Stukeley.

SCA is a leading cause of premature death-it can strike anyone, of any age, at anytime, anywhere. The quicker the treatment by defibrillation the greater the chance of survival. The victims' chance of survival falls by 7 to 10% every minute defibrillation is delayed. Seconds count and the ambulance service is unlikely to arrive quickly enough to resuscitate most victims.

The UK suffers from 60,000 cases of SCA a year and the ambulance service attempts resuscitation in approximately 25,000 cases... but only a few survive.

Most SCA victims can be saved by a person nearby calling the ambulance service, performing chest compressions and using an AED to provide a high energy shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm.

AED's are easy to use, compact, portable and very effective and designed to be used safely by lay persons.

To integrate the AED's quickly into the villages as a vital life saving tool the Parish Council has commissioned a two hour seminar which will take you through the use of AED's. This will be held at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on:

**SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2015**  
**9.45am for 10am SHARP**

All villagers in Great & Little Stukeley are welcome and the Parish Council urges you to take advantage of this opportunity.

The AED's can save a life-it could be that of your partner, your children, your neighbour.... **OR IT COULD BE YOU!**

**Councilor Barrie G James**  
Tel: 01480 434 611

# Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2015 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

At

## Great Stukeley Village Hall

### Doors open at 2:30pm

Spring is here and the days are getting longer, so more time spent in the garden. Let's hope the weather will be kind to us and give us plenty of warm sunny days to enjoy the spring delights.

The flower show committee have had their first meeting of the year and decided on the schedule this year, which will be with you by May. One major change this year is the cut off time for **booking in**, it will be from **9AM til 11:45AM** as doors shut at **12** prompt. So your cooperation in this slight change would be most appreciated.

Now calling on all you keen gardeners out there! We are seeking entries for **Best Kept Garden, Best Hanging Basket and Best Container**, which will be judged in **Mid-July**. So anyone interested in entering please don't hesitate in getting in touch. Contact myself on 07594382905 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442.

The Flower Show committee is seeking just one more sponsorship for the show this year so, if you would like to help by sponsoring the last remaining section for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 458089.

**Iain Shaw**

Great Stukeley Flower Show Chairman



# Stukeleys Heritage Group



Our meeting on 18th February attracted around 25 to hear Jason Peters' interesting and stimulating talk about the lost forest of Huntingdonshire and about the hunting laws that went with such areas. There was so much to take in, many of us would have liked him to repeat it all so that we could absorb the information.

Our next meeting is:

**Wednesday 15th April at 7.30 pm in Great Stukeley Village Hall  
when Alan Butler will be talking about  
The Streets of Huntingdon**

Please remember, everybody is welcome to attend.

**Michael Monk**  
Convenor

(Editor's note: Check out the Heritage Group website at [www.stukeleysheritage.co.uk](http://www.stukeleysheritage.co.uk) )

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

Once again we had an enjoyable and successful Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, we banked £400.22. This was slightly down on last year but still an excellent amount. I must once more thank the excellent band of helpers I have, those people who made generous donations and those members of the public who supported the event. To date the 2014-15 appeal in the Stukeleys stands at £4162.15 this is well up on the total at this time last year which was £2818.

**Sue Parkin**  
Poppy Appeal Organiser, The Stukeleys  
Tel. 01480 454085

## **OXFORD and the Isis and Iffley Cruise - Tuesday 15th September 2015**

We begin our day in the centre of OXFORD at 10.30am for morning refreshments, which are INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE, in the oldest pub in Oxford. From the pub windows you will be able to see Christopher Wren's *Sheldonian Theatre* where we will begin our walking tour on Tuesday 15th September 2015.

After a few steps we will enter the beautiful courtyard of the *Bodleian Library* and a few yards further on we emerge into the timeless *Radcliffe Square*. Here the round Radcliffe Camera is said to have inspired JRR Tolkien, Oxford Professor of Anglo-Saxon, when he was writing *Lord of the Rings*. Our guide will take us inside an Oxford College for an insight into academic life.

We break for lunch at 12.30pm on the High Street where you will find a choice of pubs and cafes offering "good value lunches". A popular lunch spot is the historic Covered Market that has drawn custom from the town over the past two hundred years.

After lunch we take our cruise from *Folly Bridge* along a tranquil stretch of the river to *Iffley Lock*, past the university boat houses and Christ Church Meadows. Iffley Lock and the village are incredibly pretty.

After spending an hour discovering the beautiful Romanesque church we return to Folly Bridge on our especially hired cruiser. We will have time for a comfort stop and some free time to buy refreshments before boarding our coach at 5.00pm for our homeward journey.

The cost for this must-see day trip is just £39.50 per person. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**Mary Alleyne-James**

Tour Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

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## **The Brick Lane Music Hall - Tuesday 8th December 2015**

Join Vincent Hayes FOR ALL THE FUN of this year's Festive Season by signing-up for our visit to the amazing Brick Lane Music Hall.

This is a very special show designed with Christmas in mind. A chance to celebrate with family and friends...so bring them along! We will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 10.00am PROMPT giving us enough time to arrive in London at 12noon-depending on traffic.

Brick Lane Music Hall's unbeatable THREE COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be served promptly at 12.30pm. This will give everyone a leisurely meal prior to the start of their incredible show at 2.30pm. There is also a vegetarian option.

Due to a very special arrangement with the coach company I have been able to obtain a price for this wonderful visit of £58.50 per person. Included in this price is the traditional Music Hall Show with singing, comedy and slapstick, a three course Festive Lunch, your coach journey to and from London and a tip for the driver. Note that drinks must be paid for on the day.

With this new offer I have to give an early commitment so if you are interested PLEASE CALL ME WITHOUT DELAY.

**Mary Alleyne-James**

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

# **Community Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 29 April 2015**

**10.30 – 12.00**

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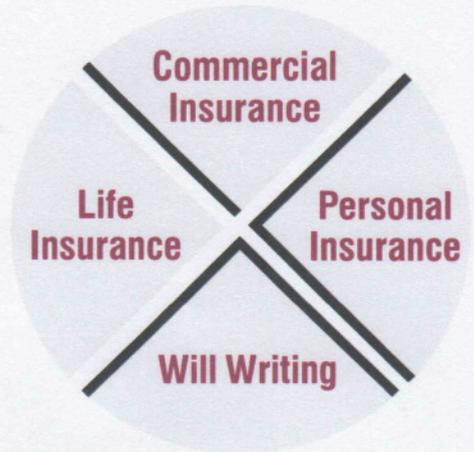
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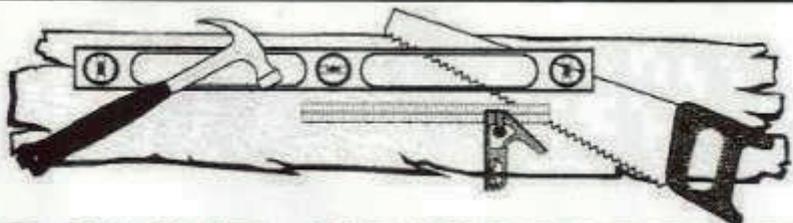
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Easter Sunday		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am	Service of Praise for Easter

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Those of you who read Bob's page last month will see that the men's breakfast is open to all men. In fact we have more than just Bob who join us from the villages of the Stukeleys. We welcome all men who would enjoy a good breakfast and conversation after. Often the subject is set by one of the men of the villages. Last month, as Bob said, respect was part of the chat. I hope we respect their views as they respect ours. Maybe that's why they keep coming back? The March one will be, as suggested, on "judgment and forgiveness". Forgiveness today is a word used so often without any meaning. We hear a lot of governments apologising for things that happened many years ago, with the people involved long time dead. It is one thing to read a script that is written for us to people that can never accept it, much less forgive the guilty ones. Our wrong doings can only be forgiven by the one who was wronged in the first place, and can only be real if we know that at some point we have to give an account to the one we hurt in person.

**Pastor Pete**

## CHURCH SERVICES



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S  
GREAT STUKELEY**



**ST MARTIN'S  
LITTLE STUKELEY**

### April

#### Easter Sunday

Celebrant Rev'd Philip Swindells

Second Sunday  
of Easter

Celebrant Rev'd Andrew Milton  
**9.00 am** Family Service  
Leader Janet Talbot

Third Sunday  
of Easter

Celebrant Rev'd Andrew Milton

Celebrant Rev'd Andrew Milton

26th  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

**9.00 am** Morning Prayer  
Leader Richard Turpin

9.00 am Holy Communion  
Leader Rev'd Andrew Milton

### May

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

Celebrant Rev'd Clifford Owen

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### Important Church Notice re St Bartholomew's

A recent meeting of the Churchwardens and representatives of the Parishes in the Benefice of Huntingdon Town Centre and the Stukeleys discussed the problem faced by the Rev'd Andrew Milton in not being able to lead worship as often as he would wish in each of the four Churches. The problem stemmed from the timings of the Services in each Parish and the meeting agreed that it was necessary to make some adjustments to ensure Rev'd Milton was able to appear in each of his Churches as often as he could. Accordingly, at a subsequent St Bartholomew's PCC meeting (the Town Centre Churches having changed their time to 10.30am) it was agreed that we should change the time of our principle Service each Sunday to 9.00am. This change will take effect for our regular Services from Sunday 12th April.

**St Bartholomew's Churchwardens**

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