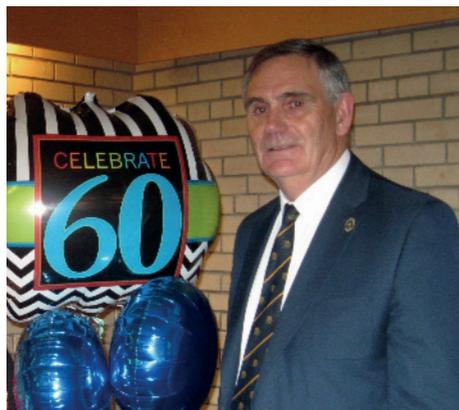
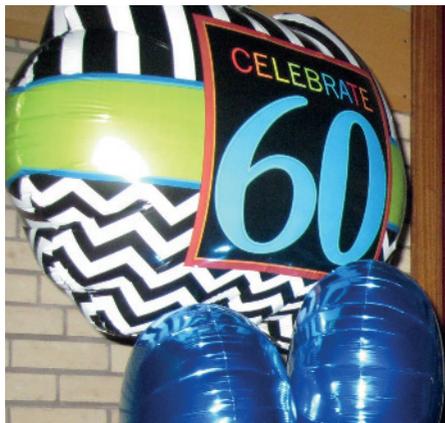




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Above right: Peter Lawrence. Below: Alan & Harry White. See Page 12 for Reflections



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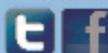
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# February 2016 Magazine Cut-off Date

Cut-off date for the February 2016 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is  
**9am Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

## FUTURE EVENTS

January 2016	Parish Council Meeting	No Meeting	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mens Breakfast	9.00 am	Grace Fellowship
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christingle Service	7.30 pm	St Bartholomew's
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Burns Supper	7.30 pm	LSVH
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	GSVH
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Beetle Drive	6.45 pm	GSVH
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Casino Night	8.00 pm	GSVH

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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 Meeting** was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Little Stukeley Village Hall.

During the **Public Participation Session** a representative from St Martins Church PCC, explained that the PCC had been working hard to raise funds for the replacement of windows in the church. They particularly wished to replace the font window with a modern stained glass window. The church is a historic building and part of our community heritage, and therefore the PCC have applied for grants from Mick George Ltd, WREN and the Stukeleys Parish Council. The Parish Council will discuss the application at their February meeting, when further information is available.

The provision of a bus shelter in Little Stukeley has been deferred until plans for the Ermine Street enhancement scheme are available. It was hoped that they could be reviewed at the next meeting on the traffic group later in the month.

The Highways Warden, Mick Reynolds and Councillor Stuart Bell continue to monitor areas of highways/village maintenance and repairs needed in the Stukeleys, and liaise with CCC Highways to hopefully achieve the necessary repairs.

Many thanks to a local contractor who has generously carried out some remedial work on the base for the allotment storage unit at no cost, to ensure the base is built to the standard required by the Parish Council.

There may be a number of vacant allotment plots available very soon, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details if you are interested in taking on a plot at the Stukeleys Allotments.

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council:

- i 38 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley – 15/01879/HHFUL** – Two storey side extension replacing single storey side extension.  
The application was discussed and it was agreed to recommend approval as the proposed building would have no material adverse impact on the village.
- ii 65 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley – 15/02119/TREE** – Horse Chestnut tree on rear boundary of property.  
The application was discussed and it was agreed to recommend refusal as there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the tree was unsafe.
- iii Plot 1, Vantage Park, Washingley Road, Huntingdon – 15/02162/FUL** – Erection of day nursery building.  
The application was discussed and it was agreed to recommend approval.

*A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS*

## Next Scheduled Meeting:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall

No scheduled meeting will be held in January 2016

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/](http://www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/)

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 7.30pm**

Traditional Haggis three course meal, with Vegetarian Option, and a  
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Ring or email Sally Smith (450356 or [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com))

**Poetry Readings, Stories and Songs – Volunteer Wits Needed!**

## **Carol Service in St Martin's Church 13<sup>th</sup> December**

I was at the Carol Service in St Martin's Church, Little Stukeley, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December and would like to congratulate the ladies who made all the effort to decorate the Church so beautifully. The quality of the sound system was so improved, obviously engineered by a Member of the P.C.C.

The Church was full with a really joyous atmosphere which made the evening, culminating with mince pies and wine.

**Terry Pinner**

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# LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL



We've had yet another busy and enjoyable year in our hall, without the support it gets from our villagers and the committee it wouldn't be such a great place, I'd personally like to say a big thank you to you all. Have a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thanks to Philippa Larke we now have a Facebook page, simply search for Little Stukeley Village Hall and you should find us; we plan to show bookings, contact details and upcoming events; bookings for the Hall can be arranged by contacting Peter Soinne on 01480 437584. Membership of the Social Club is also a great way to enjoy meeting other villagers and participating in the events throughout the year. Keith Winter would be delighted to assist you in arranging membership, give him a call on 01480 450656, email him at [keithwinter2@sky.com](mailto:keithwinter2@sky.com) or meet him and others on Sunday afternoon when the bar is open 1PM to 2:30PM.

## **Christmas Dinner**

The annual Christmas Dinner went well in what was a departure from previous years, we had entertainment from a fantastic singer Grace Williams who entertained us with a mix of songs, much to the delight of the 70 dinners some of which enjoyed themselves so much that they danced away to several of Grace's songs. As usual, the night involved many people behind the scenes without which the evening could not be the success it was, we all ate well due to the fantastic work of Gloria and Gill, libations from the bar were provided by Pete and Jill Soinne and Jill Field ran the raffle in aid of St Martin's church. To each and every one of you, thank you for making this event run so well and a big thank you to those that helped tidy up at the end of the evening.

## **New Year's Eve Party**

As the year ebbs away we'll be thinking of celebrating the end of the old and the start of the new with a New Year's Eve Party. We've had encouraging interest for this family event and to make it a roaring success we need more support, please let Sally Smith (01480 450356 or email [sallysmith101@aol.com](mailto:sallysmith101@aol.com)) 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**

Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Party
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	16 Burns Supper
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz Night (TBC) May Social Club Supper Night (TBC)
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BBQ
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Flower Show
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire and Fireworks November Social Club Supper Night (TBC)
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts for other events or if you'd like to help, you'd be very welcome.

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## **BRUNCH on the TEREZA JOANNE and SECRETS of SCOTLAND YARD and the BLACK MUSEUM - Tuesday 15th March 2016**

HOW A BLOODY MATCHSTICK FINALLY NAILED A KILLER! Successful murder enquiries sometimes depend on the tiniest of details, and in this case it was a matchstick stuck in a cane wastepaper basket that proved the final clue.

In May 1927 staff at the left luggage office at Charing Cross Station called Police to a trunk that had been left four days earlier and which was giving off an offensive smell. Inside were five brown paper parcels tied-up with string. John Robinson was arrested for the murder of Minnie Rolls and convicted and hanged after clever Police work which included tracing the owner of laundry labels on clothing found in the trunk. A basket, tea towel, matchstick and a cushion were all used in evidence which helped to convict the murderer.

This evidence is just a small part of the fascinating displays you will be viewing during our visit to *THE BLACK MUSEUM* on Tuesday 15th March 2016. We enter the *MUSEUM OF LONDON* for a very special and limited one-off exhibition-*THE CRIME MUSEUM UNVEILED*-depicting crimes from Scotland Yard cases.

On the day of our trip to London we will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 8.15am PROMPT to give us sufficient time to meet our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Jeannie Carmichael, at 10.15am. Our much looked forward to, and delicious, BRUNCH awaits us on the *TEREZA JOANNE*, moored permanently at the Royal Docks.

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**Mary Alleyne-James**  
**Tour Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954**

# The Poetry Pages



Inspired by “Ode to Autumn Leaves” in last month’s The Stukeleys Parish Magazine I too have taken to verse and offer the below for potential publication in January.

**Robert Parker**

## The Beech Tree Blues.

Our neighbour’s mighty tree,  
Was once a glorious sight to see.  
But nearly ten years have gone by,  
And now it blots out all the sky.  
For she’s trimmed not one twig,  
And now it’s got so ruddy big.

Maybe once upon a time we sinned,  
Cause now we live downwind....  
Of our neighbour’s giant tree.

When autumns winds do blow,  
The leaves pile up like drifting snow.  
She has a token rake about,  
But then does absolutely nowt.  
She knows that when the west winds blow,  
To her neighbours, the leaves will go.

Yes, in a past life we must have sinned,  
Cause now we live downwind....  
Of our neighbour’s giant tree.

So mighty beech, I beg your pardon.  
But I just don’t want you covering half my garden.  
On stormy nights I fill my head,  
With dreams of trees crashing on my bed.  
I don’t want much, I just wish she could,  
Get someone to trim off some wood.

I can’t think when, but I am sure we sinned,  
And now we live downwind....  
Of our neighbour’s giant tree.

We have often asked if she would be so kind,  
But she pays our pleas not one bit of mind.  
She says she prays with us in mind,  
But I prefer my Christianity of a more practical kind.  
For just an occasional trim, that's all we pray.  
Perhaps (maybe) she'll relent one day.  
I am so very sorry if once I sinned,  
And my penance now is to live downwind....  
Of our neighbour's giant tree.

**Robert Parker**  
**Great Stukeley**

**By the garden pond - a hot summer full moon**

By the pond a hot summer full moon  
A frog sticks his head up - is it too soon?  
And rests motionless  
What is he waiting for - for me to guess?  
Is it too late?  
Why should I speculate  
He challenges me to decide  
Will he confide  
A sudden leap is what he's doing  
A sudden urge to go a wooing?  
He should have explained  
The moon continues its sweep ordained  
There's a magical air of silvery stillness  
The frog now watches and waits  
He contemplates  
The pond is ethereal silver plates  
A world transfixed in time and fullness  
The frog has gone  
The moon slides on

**By Philip Hobson**

**To all Poets**

If there are any other budding poets among us please feel free  
send your poems to me and I will include them in the Magazine.

Martyn  
Editor

**REFLECTIONS: From the Swinging 60's**  
**Friday 20th November 2015**

WOW! Our *SWINGING 60's* event at The Great Stukeley Village Hall on Friday 20th November 2015 was a great success attracting 90 (NINETY) guests.

Our speaker, Peter Lawrence, gave a most interesting lecture-*A Policeman's Lot from the Kray's to the Royals* covering his career from London's East End through to specializing in protection for Embassies, Cabinet Ministers and the Royal Family. This included his personal involvement in the many dramatic events through to the 1990's which he illustrated with visuals. The presentation was so entertaining that we did not realize that it lasted for 90 minutes rather than the planned 60 minutes!

After Peter's talk we stopped for Tea, Coffee and delicious **HOMEMADE CAKE** provided by the **BEST BAKERS** in our area.

The second part of the programme was the magical sound of the Sixties. Harry and Allan White - *The Caverners*, played LIVE music which covered the great rock 'n roll classics which shaped a generation. With songs from The Beatles, Eddie Cochrane, the Hollies, the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley and The Searchers-to name only a few-some of our audience went beyond foot-tapping to boppin' in the aisles!

Sincere thanks are due to our "Kitchen Angels"-Ann Monk and Jan Sly, to Angela Grief and Pat Parren who served our delicious **HOMEMADE** cakes and to Joan Gray who did a wonderful job helping me to organize the bakers who provided the terrific cakes to serve our ninety guests. Jenny and Andy Corney and Hazel Pawley and Barrie James were instrumental in netting a record high of £290.00 on the Raffle. Nicola Oldfield thoughtfully designed and printed the tickets, Ian Sly kept his eye on the sound system and the lights and Janet and Barry Nunley helped prepare the Hall for our special evening.

The Star of the Show was Michael Monk who not only helped us to prepare, and stayed behind to clear the Hall, but performed the important task of both introducing and thanking our speaker and The Caverners.

The *Swinging Sixties* was organized as a charity event to raise much needed funds to support The Great Stukeley Village Hall. We received £855.00 from our 90 ticket sales plus a further £290.00 from the Raffle. We have paid out to our excellent, speaker Peter Lawrence, £100.00 and £250.00 to The Caverners who provided great music. We also paid an unexpected rental fee of £150.00 for the Village Hall plus made a pre-event donation of £45.00. We have covered the additional expenses. Thus our total contribution to The Great Stukeley Village Hall for our *Swinging Sixties* event, after expenses, was the £600.00 raised at the event plus the £150.00 Hall rental and the pre-event contribution of £45.00 which came to £795.00. The net amount presented to the Village Hall Committee following the event was £600.00 after deducting the Hall rental and pre-event contribution both paid in advance. I have requested that this donation be used for the improvement of The Great Stukeley Village Hall car park.

Sincere thanks are due to all those who supported our event by attending, generously providing the wonderful cakes and the raffle prizes all of which contributed so much to the success of our great *Swinging Sixties* event.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
**Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954**

# Bumbling Bob January 2016



Happy New Year to all my readers, fans and critics alike.

Thank you for reading my Bumbblings through 2015. Thanks also to those who have put pen to paper in reply to them. Unfortunately, I have been very busy recently so there are no Bumbblings this month, just a letter to the Editor. Fear not though Good People of the Stukeleys I shall be back in February (Hopefully) to bumble about my Christmas and New Year activities.

Ta ta for now.

## Bumbling Bob

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having read Mr Parris's letter in the last edition of the magazine headed as above I found it somewhat disingenuous as to the comment;

"Suffice to say the Parish Council ended up paying out twice to get the job done and in no small part to good old Bungling himself".

Typically, Mr Parris has stated a comment which in itself is correct but taken totally out of context. What Mr Parris does NOT state is that the SPC had fencing erected around the Gt Stukeleys playing field by a contractor. The WHOLE of the then SPC thought the job was badly done and refused to pay for it. After many letters AND a special SPC meeting it was resolved that the SPC would defend their stance in the County Court if need be. That time came to pass when the contractor issued a writ for payment of the debt against the SPC. At the time I was still a member of the law society and had rights of audience in the lower Courts. Therefore, I was asked to represent the SPC on the day of the hearing to put our case before the Judge.

Sadly, although the Judge stated in his summing up that the fencing was not as robust as it could have been and was erected in such a way as to make it potentially weak enough for a child to break through he also stated that the contract that the SPC issued to the contractor was flawed and so gave judgement against the SPC. The secondary costs were then incurred by the SPC in getting another contractor to put up the fence properly.

This was hardly the same as the comment made by Mr Parris who was NOT a Councillor on the SPC nor did he attend any of the meetings at which this matter was discussed nor did he attend the Court hearing.

All of this can be seen in the SPC minutes for the relevant period and indeed it was known amongst the SPC councillors at time as "The Green Welly" Case.

So Mr Parris if you want to use the proverbial stick with no facts or evidence to back it up to stir the proverbial muck please do get the facts correct.

Regards,  
**Bumbling Bob**

## **Email to the Editor**

Having lived in the village some 14 years now and read with interest all the articles published in the Magazine I cannot help but think that Bumbling Bob has a hidden agenda, perhaps he would like to come clean and elaborate as to what this actually is!

Could he also please detail the £3k savings he refers to so we all know what he is talking about.

After reading Mr. Ian Paris comments it would appear that BB's time as a Parish Councillor wasn't without controversy either!

Having retired myself some 18 months ago I have now taken more of an interest in the village life and from what I have experienced the now Parish Council are doing a very good job and more articles are being published for all to see which is considerably more than previously.

It is also noted that if it was not for a very few there would be no community activities to report in the Parish Mag.

As for Mr Monk, on the few occasions I have spoken with him on village issues he has always been very professional, helpful and courteous and to lose him off the Parish Council would be a disaster.

I myself have sat in Parish Council Meetings and minutes are always taken by the very capable Parish Clerk.

As BB states he is so busy with Alconbury Weald Development perhaps he could share with us all his successes that have been to the benefit of the Stukeleys so we can all better understand what good he is doing for the Parish instead of his wasting time criticising and stabbing individuals in the back.

I am all for free speech but quite frankly his articles are getting so personal it is almost like playground bullying.

## **Anne Baldwinson**

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### **With apologies - yet more on the Bumbler....**

Hooray! Bumbling Bob and I agree on something - that this is getting boring. So, dear readers, do not feel obliged to read further and please feel free to turn the page.... but for the record....

First, please note that my last contribution was not, as suggested by BB, as a "spokesperson" for the Parish Council as my article was clearly headed a "personal response", and was sent without consultation with, or authority from, any other member of the Council.

On the point about the Vice-Chairman's suggestion that BB's articles be replied to in the same edition of the magazine - I, and all other councillors present including the V-C himself are quite clear that he was only talking about BB items and had not suggested any editorial control over the content. Maybe BB was so busy taking notes he misheard or misunderstood.

On the issue of comments on the length of the PC agenda and meetings, I had previously asked County Councillor Peter Ashcroft about this - and he had not made the comment. So at the last meeting - in front of the PC and the public I asked Sir Peter Brown whether he had ever expressed concern about the length of the agenda and meetings and if he had done so, why had he shared this with a 3rd party and not the PC. Sir Peter looked mystified then replied that he had never made any such comment and that this was a matter entirely for the PC. Pressing the point, I asked if he had ever felt "appalled" over these matters - "certainly not" was the reply.

So - then BB accuses me of hearsay....and, astonishingly immediately goes on to "note" that a Parish Councillor from Little Stukeley has resigned. Tut. Hearsay. In fact, NO resignation from either of the Parish Councilors in Lt. Stukeley has been formally received, and both were at the December meeting, with both making very helpful contributions.

As BB himself would say, Nuff said.

**Michael Monk**

## The GREAT STUKELEY FASHION SHOW II - *Thursday 19th May 2016*

### PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

Our most exciting FASHION SHOW II promises to be a wonderfully enjoyable evening! This terrific Charity event will be held on Thursday 19th May 2016 at the Great Stukeley Village Hall with a start time of 7pm for 7.30pm PROMPT.

Ladies fashion will be sold at HALF PRICE AND LESS! All items, including pretty scarves, belts, fashion items and dresses, blouses, slacks, T-shirts, tops and separates must be sold and paid for ON THE NIGHT.

All sizes will be catered for ...and on the night fashion from a host of British brands will be offered for sale. Among the brands which will be modeled by our three fashion models will be - *Austin Reed, British Home Stores, Coast, The White Stuff, Country Casuals, Dorothy Perkins, Kaliko, Marks & Spencer, Next, Phase 8, Top Shop and Wallis.*

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW by calling me without delay. At the time of going to press OVER 45(forty-five) tickets have already been pre-booked!

Please remember that you can bring along your Credit Card or Cash to pay for your purchases on the night.

Please plan on joining us at The Great Stukeley Village Hall. The very attractive cover charge is an affordable £7.00 per person which includes a GLASS of WINE or an ORANGE JUICE for everyone attending and the rental of the hall.

## PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS - *Friday 17th June 2016*

Over 4000 people each and every week visit the *PETERBOROUGH GREYHOUNDS STADIUM* to enjoy the thrills and excitement of an evening of LIVE Greyhound racing.

Our visit is scheduled for Friday 17th June 2016 with a race start time of 7.30pm.

A number of people have expressed interest in travelling to and from the Peterborough Stadium by coach allowing for that extra glass of wine without the worry of having to drive home after the last 10.30pm race.

The excellent *SILVER PACKAGE*, a three course dinner, in the Stadiums *RACEVIEW RESTAURANT* will cost between £33.00 and £37.00 per person which also includes travelling there and returning to the Great Stukeley Village Hall by coach. Betting can be made directly from your table in the *RACEVIEW RESTAURANT*. Drinks are not included and tips are at your discretion.

On the evening of our visit we will leave the Great Stukeley Village Hall PROMPT at 6.15pm to travel to the Stadium which we have reserved from 7pm.

Please make contact with me WITHOUT DELAY if you are interested in joining us for this fun evening.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
**Organizer**  
**Tel 01480 433 954**

## **REFLECTIONS: Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2015** **Sunday 15th November 2015**

It was a wonderful unseasonably warm day when we set out from the Great Stukeley Village Hall for our annual visit to *Thursford's Christmas Spectacular* on Sunday 15th November 2015.

Our Kiddles coach driver, Nick Unwin, made excellent time and we arrived at 11.30am. This gave our very excited group of fifty-two lots of time for lunch or a snack, Christmas Shopping in three special shops, a visit to the bar or wandering around soaking up the terrific Christmas atmosphere. *Santa's Magical Journey into Christmas* was a wonderful experience particularly for the three little girls who joined us this year.

At 2pm Europe's largest Christmas Show burst into life with a cast of 125 performing a mix of dance, song, readings and humour. When the show finished on 23rd December 2015 over 104,000 people from all over the country will have attended last year's Spectacular in a small Norfolk village that rivals anything in the West End.

We made excellent time on our return journey and reached Great Stukeley just after 7.15pm.

A number of people have requested that I approach Thursford for tickets to their *2016 Christmas Spectacular*. I will begin early in January with my order and send the £50.00 deposit and hope to secure fifty seats as luck is required as the competition for seats is very strong. If you are interested in joining my group for the *2016 Christmas Spectacular*, PLEASE LET ME KNOW as soon as possible as I have already collected over 40 names.

Our Charity Donation for 2015 was made to St. Bartholomew's Church in Great Stukeley. I most sincerely THANK EVERYONE on this trip for their kindness and generosity. The £102.20 collected has been given to Richard Turpin the Vice-Chairman of the Parochial Church Council.

### **THURSFORD GROUP DONATION 2015**

I have sent a donation on behalf of the 2015 Thursford Group and all the other trips that I ran during the year to St. Bartholomew's Church in Great Stukeley.

Dedicated to St. Bartholomew our Church possesses an impressive perpendicular tower with an inscribed sundial which indicates only the afternoon hours. The nave, aisles and chancel are mainly from the 13th Century.

The Doomsday Book mentions a church on this site in 1086. However, this early structure would have been wooden. There is evidence to suggest that a more substantial stone church was on this site in the 12th Century and the earliest parts of the present structure date from around 1250.

This Christmas Donation of £400.00 includes the £102.20 generously donated by my 2015 Thursford Group and the remainder comes from my other trips in 2015 as well as a small private donation.

I extend my most sincere thanks to my 2015 Thursford Group for their contribution to a very deserving cause.

**Mary Alleyne-James**  
**Organizer - Tel 01480 433 954**

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Time	Activity	Organiser
<b>Mondays</b>		
7-10pm	Bridge	Joan Gray 455773
5-7pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b>	Coach Alex
7-10pm	Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis	07961 192844
<b>Tuesdays</b>		
9.30-10.20am	<b>Pilates</b> (term time only)	Zara Walters 07917 755512
7.30-9pm	<b>Slimming World</b>	Adrian Flintoft 07826 555255
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
10.30-12.00 last Wed	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	Jan Sly 450197
2-4pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	The Craft Club	Joan Gray 455773
7.30-10pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	<b>The Stukeleys Women's Institute</b>	Jan Sly 450197
<b>Thursdays</b>		
10-12	Badminton (private booking)	
5-7pm 7-10pm	<b>Great Stukeley Table Tennis Club</b> Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis	Coach Alex 07961 192844
<b>Fridays</b>		
2-4pm	Bridge	U3A
<b>Saturdays</b>		
9.15 10.15	<b>Jazzercise</b> Dance Mixx Strength 45	Dana Rowe 07760 824609
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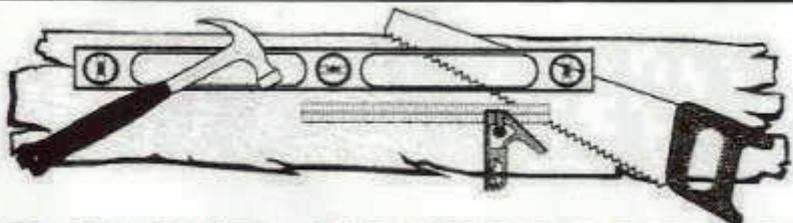
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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January '16 9.00 am All men welcome, come and bring a friend

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**Pastor Pete.**

## CHURCH SERVICES



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S  
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**ST MARTIN'S  
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### January

3rd Second Sunday of Christmas <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>
10th <b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>8.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>
	<b>9.00 am</b> Leader	Christingle Service Richard Turpin		
17th Second Sunday of Epiphany	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton	8.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
24th Third Sunday of Epiphany	<b>9.00 am</b> Leader	Morning Prayer Janet Talbot	9.00 am Leader	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Milton
31st Fourth Sunday of Epiphany <b>Presentation of Christ</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Leader	Songs of Praise Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>

### February

7rd Sunday Next before Lent	<b>9.00 am</b> Celebrant	Holy Communion CW Rev'd Andrew Milton		<b>No Service</b>
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