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Cut-off date for the February 2022 Stukeleys Parish Magazine is

9am Tuesday 18th January 2022

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FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 7 th Feb	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	GSVH
Wed 12 th Jan	WI Meeting	7.15pm	GSVH
Wed 26 th Jan	Community Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	GSVH

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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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Stukeleys Parish Council Meeting
held on **Monday 6th December 2021** at **7.15pm**
at **Great Stukeley Village Hall**:

No members of the public and one HDC / CCC councillor attended.

Cllrs present Vice Chairman T.Close, and Cllrs B.Parkin, L. Smith, G. Evans, P.Tuck.

Apologies were received from The Chairman and Cllrs. Digby, S. Smith, S. Burton

Following an interview held by the Chairman and Cllr. Tuck it was unanimously agreed to offer the vacant position of Clerk to the applicant.

HDC Cllr, Sanderson reported on the site meeting at Gt S with CCC Highways Engineers, a U&C engineer and members of SPC and that snags and irregularities in the implementation of the recent traffic calming measures have been noted. He also raised the subject of the electronic speed signs purchased by SPC and offered to contact HDC engineers to ask if they may be able to install them on behalf of the SPC. The Ecology survey on the Gt Stukeley playing field has been completed, on receiving the report this week he will submit planning statement to HDC.

Cllr.TC rear out this message below from the Housing Strategy and Delivery Manager to HDC. regarding land adjacent to Ermine Street to the North of Lt Stukeley

In October 2020 approval was given by the Council's Cabinet for the disposal of 13 parcels of land (whilst undertaking some initial investigations this has now reduced to 9), to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing and to select Longhurst Housing Group as our preferred delivery partner. Longhurst are a registered provider of social housing and have developed many schemes in the area and work on a not-for-profit basis. We have now entered into contract with Longhurst to progress the sites housing development. This is to let you know that one of the sites being progressed is in your parish and that our current aim is to submit a planning application by the end of the year.

Maintenance to ditches cleared previously in Owl End are to be completed in early December, clearing growth from the Tumili has been as has completed as has the cutting of overgrown hedges surrounding allotments.

Seat and brickwork surrounding the Millennial Oak are to be carried out, and the Chairman will report at the next meeting on drainage / flooding issue at the allotments.

The Community Infrastructure Levy 2020/21 report has been prepared for presentation to HDC as has the precept request for 2022/23 been made ready for submission.

Cllr. Parkin reported that the Open Reach Broadband improvement scheme is progressing positively.

Date of next meeting 7th February 2022 at Great Stukeley Village Hall.



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A Time to Remember; A Time to Give Thanks

On Sunday 5th December St. Bartholomew's Parish Church in Great Stukeley held a memorial service for those in our community who lost loved ones during the past two weary years of lockdowns and restrictions. In many cases, the opportunity to come together to remember and mourn was severely curtailed.

The service was an opportunity to give thanks for those we have loved who have died and to remember them before God and with one another. The service was very well attended and each person in the congregation was invited to go to the altar in the chancel and light a candle or tea-light in memory of their loss. The names of all those who were being remembered were read out by the Vicar, the Rev. Fiona.



The idea was initiated by the Rev. Fiona Brampton and Churchwardens Di McGoff and Harry Raby and I'm sure that all those who were present will want to join me in thanking them for arranging and conducting such a moving and poignant service. To my mind it was our local version of All Souls Day. Traditionally the Christian feast day of All Saints falls on 1st November and is followed by All Souls' Day on 2nd November. Nowadays All Souls Day has been overshadowed by the more commercial Halloween.

Thank you, Fiona, Di and Harry, for thinking of this and organising it.

Michael Monk

Church Road, Great Stukeley.

Welcome Ann welcomed 20 members and 8 guests to our Christmas Party. As one member, Doris Sadler, was celebrating her birthday, Happy Birthday was sung.

Shirley Berrill was presented with her certificate which celebrated 50 years of membership of our WI. It was noted that in 2023 she will have her 60 years certificate.

Ann thanked those who had helped to set up the hall in the afternoon. She also thanked members who had provided the table decorations. Monica Brown was thanked for the Christmas cake that she had made and donated, and Jan Tilden was thanked for the Curtis bowl. Jan Sly was thanked for providing the table gifts for members.

Ann announced that the booked entertainment had had to withdraw at the last minute. She thanked John Pilbeam for stepping into the breach at the last minute, and also Sheila Stephenson for finding him.

The grace was followed by a simple buffet meal, which was enjoyed by everyone. John, who accompanied himself on his guitar, entertained members with songs, mainly from the 1950's and 1960's. This was very much enjoyed by all present. Doris Sadler gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was drawn during the interval in the entertainment. The cups were handed out at the end:

The Berrill Cup was won by:	Jill Sapsed for her 4 home-made sausage rolls
The Juggins points cup was won by:	1) Jan Sly
	2) Marlene Garner
	3) Jenny Thilo and Sylvia Reynolds
	They all received a gift for their efforts

As Ann is stepping down as president and Jean is stepping down as secretary, they were both presented with a gift voucher and a potted plant.

Sherry, orange juice and cake were served. Tim Garner thanked the WI on behalf of all the guests.

At the end of the evening, Ann thanked everyone for coming, wished them a very Merry Christmas, a peaceful New Year and a safe journey home.

Next Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

Community Coffee

Morning



**The next Community Coffee Morning will be held
on Wednesday 26th Jan, 2022**

At Gt. Stukeley Village Hall

10.30 to 12.00

**Please come and join us for a slice of homemade cake
and a cup of tea or coffee**

There will also be a bring and buy stall. Any donations are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

For any info contact Jan, (01480 450197)

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Thanks to Beth Irons

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Across

- World Para Power lifting Champion (3,5)
- Business Term for way ahead in project (4,5)
- Mix earth and water (3)
- _____ more, _____ green, for _____ (4)
- Sound a big cat makes (4)
- An artist's support (5)
- Big, hairy, fictional beast (4)

Down

- Instrument for measuring temperature. (11)
 - A gardener's tool (5)
 - A short horizontal bar used in the circus (7)
 - A white and yellow flower (5)
 - To arrive before the expected time (5)
- Answers next month

Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

From: Heidi Field <Heidi.Field@huntingdonshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 November 2021 09:30

Subject: EACH Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

Good Morning,

As mentioned in a previous e-mail we are supporting East Anglia's Children's Hospice again this year who will be collecting real Christmas trees for recycling on Saturday 15th January 2022.

To check availability and book your slot visit just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Donations received from the Christmas tree collection provide vital funds for your hospice and other local charities.

Collections are available to residents who live in the following postcode areas only:

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Kind Regards

Heidi Field

Waste Minimisation Officer Huntingdonshire District Council

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World Junior Para Powerlifting Champion



Congratulations to Tom Smith

Going for Gold!

Residents of Little Stukeley could not have asked for a more electric start to the World Championships in Tbilisi, on 27th November 2021 as local boy Tom Smith racked up 126kg to claim the title and achieve the best result of his career so far.

Tom is a fantastically dedicated and hardworking individual, and his enthusiasm for his sport has finally paid off. We're so proud of you for achieving your dreams.

Carol Singers

The carol singers who went door to door through Little Stukeley, raised £424 which will be split equally between Magpas and St Martins Church.

Thank you to the generosity of the residents and many thanks to the carol singers.

Poppy Appeal

£631.51 was the amount towards the Poppy Appeal 2021 from collections in the 2 bus shelters in the Stukeleys. Thanking everyone for their help and thank you to the people who gave their donations

Happy New Year from St Martins Church, Little Stukeley



Congratulations

Great Stukeley resident and retired Senior Crown Prosecutor Sylvia Cundell was awarded the MBE in the 2021 New Year Honour's list for services to Law and Order.

Sylvia is pictured having received her honour at an Investiture on the 15th November 2021. She would like to thank her neighbours and friends in Great Stukeley for their kind messages of congratulation.



Thank You

Thank you to all the very kind villagers who gave up their time in the freezing wind and rain on 27th November to come and tidy up the churchyard in Little Stukeley. Many hands make light work, and we achieved a vast amount of cutting, raking, chain sawing, cleaning, and weeding. Thank you.

Also thank you to Anne for the tea and bacon rolls



Bob Hulstrom's article "Are The Tree Huggers Right? Nope!", in the December 2021 edition of the Stukeleys' Parish Magazine, inspired me to offer my opinion on the matter.

Bob's thesis on climate change or more exactly anthropogenic global warming (AGW), is that there is nothing to worry about. Does his opinion have any merit?

By the way, climate is defined as the mean weather over the previous 30 years and so, strictly speaking, the climate changes each year as the new rolling average is calculated and so the term climate change is completely normal and should not be used to invoke controversy. However, there **has** been global warming over the last 140 years, at least, (based on traceable records) of 0.85 degrees C. (+- 0.2 C.). The figure in brackets is the uncertainty of measurement. [Source BBC documentary "Climate Change By Numbers", which may still be available over the internet if anyone is interested.

If the theory of AGW is believed by those able to do something about it, why is there such a lack of urgency, to deal with the problem? I can infer that they do not really believe AGW.

The recent COP 26 in Glasgow was yet another "jolly" for the delegates but what was achieved? There was some sort of agreement, which had to be watered down because the Chinese did not want to phase out the use of coal. Furthermore, it was announced over the news on 2nd December 2021, that the UK government advisory group, the Climate Change Committee (CCC) said that UK is nowhere near meeting the targets set in Glasgow.

How will these agreements be enforced, in any case? They will not be, because they are optional.

The Rio De Janeiro conference of about 30 years ago, saw, as usual, a load of delegates going for a "jolly". I am sure they enjoyed all the young girls, in insignificant clothing, dancing in the streets. The Naples conference was similar. All these "jollies", by the way, are paid for by the taxpayer. They did not achieve anything at these previous conferences because no measures, which worked, were implemented. We know this because we have been informed recently that CO₂ is still increasing in the atmosphere.

It is, as if there is a lack of belief amongst those in government around the world that they can change anything to reverse AGW. So, they only go through the motions of doing something, appeasing those in their respective populations, who do believe AGW is true along with its catastrophic predictions. Why this cynicism by those in government?

Perhaps, they recall, too well, what happened to international efforts of the past. For example, during the 1960s when the world population was estimated to have been 3 billion and increasing at such a rate that it was expected, by 2000 AD, there would be 6 billion people on Earth. This alarming revelation drove aid projects around the third world, mostly funding birth control projects. Guys in India could get a transistor radio, if they allowed themselves to be vasectomized. However, the 6 billionth child was estimated to have been born 15 months before 2000. Effectively, all that aid money was wasted. Ironically, if they had succeeded in holding the population at 3 billion, the AGW might not be an issue today.

So who is right? The AGW deniers or the "tree hugging anoraks" (THA).

The scientific observations, which can show evidence of AGW, or otherwise, are, at least, atmospheric temperatures, sea levels and CO₂ in the atmosphere:

I believe that CO₂ in the atmosphere has increased since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Some sources say from 250 parts per million (ppm). However, as pointed out in Bob Hulstrom's article, plants can benefit from a higher concentration of CO₂. This has been shown by research at the former experimental station at Monk's Wood, Cambridgeshire. Plants will thrive on concentrations of CO₂ up to 1300 ppm, (the highest concentrations, currently on Earth are about 420 ppm). The plants grow quicker, thicker and stronger and thereby are able to absorb more CO₂ and make more plant material through photosynthesis. In this, there is an element of natural self regulation of CO₂.

Under the heading of sea levels, one has to be careful. We know that tidal forces will cause two high and low tides per day with variations of the high and low levels due to the altering distance of the Moon from Earth, the wind direction and what storms are prevailing. To keep track of sea levels is a long term scientific monitoring operation, especially if you want to identify a small but significant rise in sea levels world wide.

In "Climate Change By Numbers", it was stated that in about 140 years of sea levels' monitoring, the mean rise worldwide had been 20 mm. This is on

average about 0.14 mm/year. This might explain why only the scientists with access to the sea level data are aware of the rise.

In about 2010, I researched the UK sea level data in the Environmental Agency's (EA) web site and found that since 1910 there had been 1 mm sea level rise on average around the UK, Hang on, 1 mm? In 1910, I am sure a man with a notebook and pen went down to the gauge on the seashore and took a reading with the seawater lapping up the gauge, resulting in a measurement but with an uncertainty of measurement, which might have been relatively large. Since 1995, the International Standards Organisation (ISO) advised that every scientific measurement should be accompanied by an uncertainty of measurement figure, meaning, accurate within a plus or minus amount. Without this statistic, the scientific observations could be invalidated. Note that if the uncertainty of measurement is larger than the effect you are trying to identify (that is, an increase in the sea level), then you have nothing.

I have just recently looked in the EA web site again but could not find the same statistic of mean sea levels around the UK... Instead, there were mentioned certain areas or seaside towns, which had had unusually high tides, but there was no mean for the UK. This is very disturbing, because it is possible to statistically show anything you want to show, if you choose outliers of a data set. That is, you highlight those results, which supports what you want people to believe. An outlier result, by the way, is a result, which is the furthest away from the mean of the data set. Was this done because the mean of the data did not agree with the theory of AGW? If someone is trying to hide the truth from the mass of the people, then I can infer that the theory of AGW is false and should be discarded.

As the UK sea level data seems to have been tampered with in recent times, I researched other places around the world, like islands in the Pacific Ocean, which are more likely to suffer flooding by the ocean.

For Fiji and several other Pacific islands, tidal data is only available from 1993 and so it would be difficult to show increasing sea levels due to AGW given the natural variation of sea levels. When examined, the 28 years of data does not show anything to support rising sea levels.

I found, therefore evidence of rising sea levels inconclusive.

Regarding the 0.85 C. global atmospheric temperature rise since 1880, mentioned above: this averages to about 0.006 degrees C. per year, and, again, explains why few people have noticed the warming.

Many climate researchers publish their findings and state their estimate of how much the planet has warmed but why are the estimates wildly different? They cannot all be right. One may be the right figure, but we do not know which. It is possible that they are all wrong.

There are 128 members of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and I wonder how many of them are AGW believers and how many are not. We know what the consensus is, but is it a 65 to 63 majority? At one IPCC conference, one of the delegates presented a paper, which opposed AGW, but there was no report over the media on what he had said. He was mentioned but was included in those, who had presented papers for AGW.

In summary, while there has been an increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere, it is inconclusive that anything negative is happening to the Earth. The warming of the Earth of 0.85 degrees Celsius can be beneficial because plants can grow better in the warmer climate and combined with more CO₂, thrive better. In addition, with the warming, the tree line in mountainous areas would be higher, creating more trees, which can add to the world wide CO₂ sinks. This is another example of natural self regulation of atmospheric CO₂.

If you have read this far without falling asleep, congratulations. This is the problem, when a theory such as AGW is brought into existence. It is difficult for the ordinary person to verify for him/herself whether it is true or otherwise. They have to rely on information over the media, which tends to focus on extreme events (presented by non-scientist presenters), rather than the underlying reality. The media makes the same mistake as those who choose outliers of a data set to prove what they want people to believe. This results in a lot of people tagging on to AGW because they do not understand it and treating it as a religion and so to them "it is true, no matter what". When a scientist forms a theory, he will discard it, if, during peer review, faults in it are identified.

I can therefore conclude that there is merit in Bob Hulstrom's article.

Bill Crean,

M.Sc. Environmental Science,
B.Sc. Mathematics.

Environmental professional on projects in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and on EU environmental projects in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Romania, Bulgaria, and Slovakia.

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Schedule repeats, starting at 12.30pm with **Bishop** Michael Waters

All are welcome to come and worship with us!

Weekday meetings:

Tuesday Nights: Youth meetings (ages 12 – 18), starting at 7.00pm

First Thursday, Sisters monthly meeting and activity, at 7.00pm

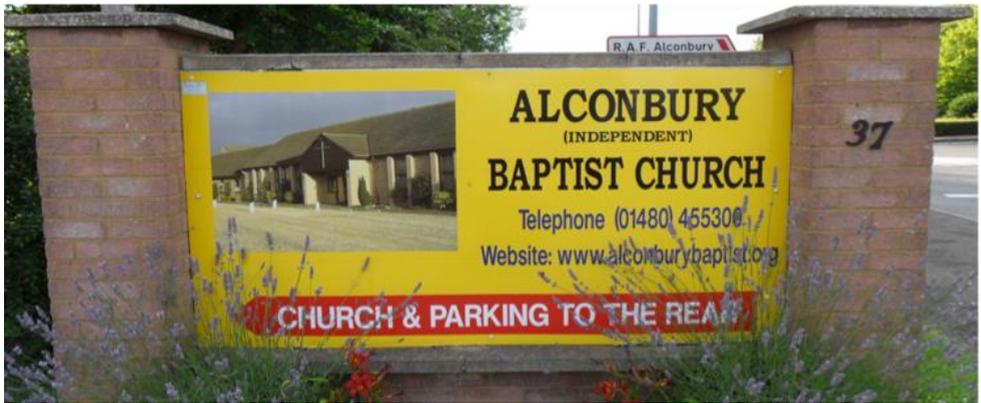
Sunday Evenings, every other Sunday – Young Single Adult meeting and activity

Come and see what we believe – try www.comeuntochrist.org

Believe: Learn about the Savior, Jesus Christ, and how basic beliefs of His Restored Gospel can enrich lives

Belong: Jesus can make you a better person. You can make us a better community. Come worship with us!

Become: We are all trying to be better human beings. Explore ways to aid your personal and spiritual growth.



Alconbury Independent Baptist Church



A warm welcome awaits you. We believe the historic message of the gospel. Christ was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23). He suffered on the cross, was buried rose again on the third day (1 Cor 15:1-4). The Lord Jesus is the only way of salvation (Acts 4:12) and only way to know God (John 14:6)

Regular Services

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45am
(Children's Church for 5-11years)

Sunday Evening Service - 6pm

Other Weeknight Meetings

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30pm (ZOOM and in the building)

Fridays AIBC EXPLORERS 2nd & 4th each month (11-16 years)

Live broadcast on Sunday morning on Facebook & Youtube

Copies of John's Gospel and Bibles free on request

Please contact us 01480-455300. www.alconburybaptist.org



May the Lord bless you and all your families in the New Year!

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Church services for January 2022

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

(Christina Rosetti)

The excitement and business of Christmas may be over. For those who worshipped the child that first Christmas, the reality of a life changing moment was beginning to sink in. Today, those who discovered the hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas are beginning to find out what that means for daily living. Come and join us.

January 2nd	9.30 am Holy Communion for Epiphany Sunday, Gt Stukeley
January 9th	9.30 am Morning Service, Great Stukeley
January 16th	9.30 am Morning Service, Great Stukeley
January 23rd	9.30 am Holy Communion, Little Stukeley 11.00 am Holy Communion for all the family, Gt Stukeley
January 30th	9.30 am Songs of Praise, Gt Stukeley

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

It is currently a legal requirement to wear a face mask in church; our churchwardens request that you wear one when singing, to prevent the spread of disease. You are currently required to register on the Track and Trace system; to sanitize on entering the church and to continue the practice of social distancing whilst in the building. We will follow the latest COVID 19 guidance.

Every Sunday morning –9.30 am a 'live' service which will also be recorded. You can join this service by Zoom, or find it on the website (www.norleigh.org.uk) or North Leightonstone Benefice Facebook Group

St Bartholomew's Church is open for individual prayer by arrangement
St Martin's Church is open for individual prayer by arrangement

Rev Fiona Brampton (01480 538726 revfiona@norleigh.org.uk) is available for prayer or a chat – by phone or in person.

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