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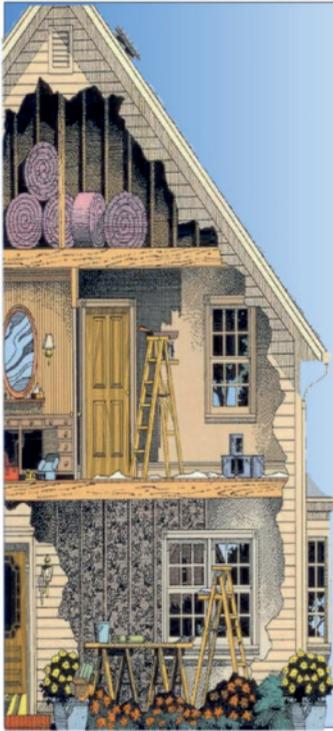
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FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 2 nd Mar	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Fri 6 th Mar	RB Legion Coffee Morning	10.30 - 12.00	GSVH
Fri 6 th Mar	Fashion Show	7.00 pm	GSVH
Sat 7 th Mar	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	LSVH
Wed 11 th Mar	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	GSVH
Sun 22 nd Mar	St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch	12.00pm	GSVH
Wed 25 th Mar	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 - 12.00	GSVH
Tue 12 th May	Under the Bearskin & Royal Mews	8.15 am	GSVH
Sat 16 th May	Horse Racing Night	TBA	LSVH
Sun 21 st Jun	Hunts 10k Run	TBA	

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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.

Please Note: Any articles or letters appearing in this Magazine are accepted in good faith and are purely the opinion of the Writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or Parish Council.

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the meeting held on the 5th February 2015

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Little Stukeley Village Hall on the 5th February 2015, 8 Parish Councillors, 1 County Councillor, 5 residents and the Parish Clerk were in attendance.

One resident was concerned about a pot hole in Beech Avenue, Great Stukeley which has been repaired on several occasions. Highway problems and pot holes can be reported directly to CCC Highways on 0845 0455212 or via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults or via the link on the Stukeleys Parish Council website.

Another resident requested clarification on the number of houses to be built at Alconbury Weald as MP Vince Cable had stated 7,000 houses were to be built, as there would be severe implications on infrastructure if the number of houses were increased. It was confirmed that Urban & Civil only have outline planning consent for 5,000 houses at the moment. The Huntingdonshire Local Plan 21,000 homes are planned to be built by 2036, and there are other possible development sites elsewhere. The Parish Council felt that Alconbury Weald would provide all the houses the Parish needed, but the Northbridge site was still a proposed site in the Local Plan. However, recent announcements of the closure of other air bases had not been taken into account in the Local Plan, as full details of the closures were not available.

Mr Brand of Abbey Group Cambridgeshire Ltd explained that the planning application 1402200FUL to be considered at this meeting was for extra solar panels. The original application left a small parcel of land to be developed at a later date, as there had been archaeological interest in this area when the first plan for the solar farm was considered. The panels will be fixed in this area in a different way so not to break the ground.

The Chairman of the Heartbeat Trust gave a presentation on the Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator Programme. The organisation is a charity not run for profit. He stated that defibrillators do save lives, there is a limited amount of time in which to save someone who has had a cardiac arrest, 10 minutes if CPR is used or otherwise just 5 minutes. A cardiac arrest can effect anyone, young, old, fit etc., and their chance of a recovery is increased from 12-17% to 50-80% if a defibrillator is used. To be effective a defibrillator needs to be available 24 hours a day, it can be stored in a vandal proof box with a key code lock. The code is logged with the ambulance service and if 999 is dialled the call handler will give out the code if appropriate. Defibrillators are very safe, the machine tells the operator exactly what to do and will only defibrillate if necessary. Training is available but the machine can be used without any training. Training sessions would be open to everyone who wished to attend. The machine should be located in a central place, accessible to the maximum number of people. A power supply is needed for the heating in the cabinet, the unit is battery powered. A defibrillator and stainless cabinet should last for 10 years. The machine will need to be regularly checked and a record of inspections keep. There was no data available on the lives saved by the use of a defibrillator in rural areas. A support/maintenance contract was available, which includes all consumables, batteries, and annual check. The East Anglian Ambulance Service are offering one free defibrillator, the representative from Heatbeat Trust is to check whether it would possible to obtain two free defibrillators as two individual villages make up the Stukeleys Parish.

The implications of the closure of the American Base at RAF Alconbury was discussed and it was felt that the closure of the base within 5 to 7 years would have implications for the Parish, Huntingdonshire Local Plan and the master plan for Alconbury Weald. HDC will be asked for

their views on the issue. However, the Parish and other interested parties would need to have a closure programme from RAF Alconbury, before implications could be fully considered.

A public meeting will be held on Monday 9th February at 7:30pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall, attended by Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty to discuss current issues with the Balfour Beatty/CCC – Street Lighting Replacement Project with the residents of the Stukeleys.

The Parish Council has a new look and update website, please see www.thestukeleys-pc.gov.uk/

The Parish Council considered a number of Village Projects. Following the Heartbeat Trust presentation it was proposed that the provision of a defibrillator for each village be considered as a community project, which would offer something for the community in regards of health and safety. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support the project and the options available are to be further investigated with consultation with both Village Hall Committees. Also providing broadband connection within the village halls were discussed and it was felt that this could be of benefit to the community and future users. The Parish Council is also investigating the possibility of providing real time bus arrival information for village bus stops.

The Parish Council's application for a bus shelter in Little Stukeley, to the Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16 scheme was unsuccessful and have been advised that the Parish Council would not be able to eligible for funding from Adshel.

The possible provision on a dog run in Great Stukeley Playing Fields had not been a Parish Council initiative, but had arisen from a number of parishioner's requests. However, the meeting was advised that there would be no room in the Playing Fields for a dog run when the Football Association's recommendation for the size of a football pitch and run off was considered.

The Parish Council to report to CCC Rights of Way team that the footpath that runs past the allotments has a number of potholes (Bridleway 10-11 leading to Priestly Wood). Flytipping of rubbish at Owl End near the allotment bollards is to be reported to HDC. Flytipping can be reported to directly to HDC on 01480 388640 or via www.fixmystreet.com or <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/> or via the link on the Stukeleys Parish Council website.

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. It was stated that original planning application did include a provision for a possible central storage, however, the high cost for the building was questioned as to whether it would be of benefit to the community as a whole. Another Councillor felt that a central storage unit was how the original allotment was planned and would be a community asset. Ongoing costs and possible vandalism due the remoteness of the site needed to be considered. Individual sheds were discussed and whether they would make the allotments look untidy and disjointed. One Councillor felt that a central storage unit would be less imposing on the view from the countryside, but individual sheds of the same size in the central area would also not be a problem. Allotment holders could purchase their own sheds to a detailed specification and there would not be an issue with security and locking of a central storage unit. They would be lower in height than a large central building. However, the central storage unit was originally intended to be a central community hub. No proposal was carried therefore the issue was deferred to be discussed at the next meeting.

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council:

Continued on next page.

- i **1401851FUL – The Old Rectory, Church Way, Little Stukeley** – Erection of stable building on existing grazing field adjacent to applicants dwelling. Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against, as there would be limited impact on the surrounding properties, St Martin’s Church and the Conservation Area.
- ii **H/5001/15/CW – Building 4002, Alconbury Weald** – Temporary change of use of building 4002 to an advanced biofuel demonstration centre. Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval as the application is entirely consistent with the aims of the Enterprise Zone and has no adverse impacts.
- iii **H/5000/15/CC – Alconbury Weald** – Erection of a primary school and nursery, ranging in height from one to two storeys; soft and hard play areas; sports pitches; car and cycle parking; landscaping and associated works. Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval as it was considered that the design was of high quality design and an essential facility for the proposed adjacent housing development, but also to refer to importance of the school being available to children from both The Stukeleys villages and to express reservations about car parking and drop-off.
- iv **1402200FUL – Land West of Railway Line and South of Brooklands Farm, Rectory Lane, Abbots Ripton** – Solar farm to include solar panels. Concern was expressed that the solar farm’s performance target may not have been met, but no data was available. It was felt that this planning application would have no adverse impact on the village. Following further discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

Next Scheduled Meetings:

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

Monday 13th April 2015 at 7:30pm – Little 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/

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LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

Little Stukeley Village Hall Curry Night

Our second Curry Night was another great success with over 40 Villagers and guests attending, as usual we had a great team helping to run the evening and once again, I'd like to thank Sally and Naomi for organising everything and helping to make sure the night ran smoothly. We hope to run similar nights perhaps once every 3 months, so watch out for new dates, I'm also thinking of a Curry and Carols night in December. I'd also like to hear your thoughts and ideas for future events please drop me a note at davidarobinson@clara.co.uk. I'll also try to co-ordinate St Martin's Church events into one list, their next function is the quiz night which is always good fun, so get your tickets early from Jocelyn Kerr Tel 453213.

Little Stukeley Village Hall Bar

We run a licensed bar each Sunday from 1PM to 2:30PM, friends and families are all welcome we'd be delighted to see you there, it's a great way to meet your neighbours and make new friends. Keith Winter is on hand to arrange memberships and Bryan Schofield would be pleased for more volunteers to run the bar.

Little Stukeley Village Hall Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on 9th March 15, we'll be discussing, amongst other things, the refurbishment of the kitchen and future events, is there something you'd like the Committee to consider? Please let me know and I'll present your thoughts to the Committee. You'll also note that there has been a lot of work around the grounds of the Hall, many of the dead trees have been removed allowing much more light into the surroundings and we've also appointed a gardener to keep the grounds tidy.

Little Stukeley Village Hall Functions 2015

Sat 7st March

Sat 16th May

Sun 12th July

Sat 5th September

Sat 7th November

Sat 12th December

Quiz Night.

Horse Racing Night (TBC).

BBQ and games afternoon.

Flower Show.

Bonfire & Fireworks

Christmas Dinner

Dogs on Great Stukeley Playing Field

I write in response to Bumbling Bob's charge of lunacy at the Parish Council in respect of this issue.

"Bob" has no need of his sinister spy network. The suggestion to investigate whether it would be feasible to accommodate provision for local residents to exercise their dogs off-lead within the Playing Field area was discussed at a meeting open to all and at which he was present.

I put forward the suggestion after a number of our residents had asked if it would be possible to find somewhere easily accessible. Before even considering whether the cost would be value for money the first step was to see if it would be feasible, so the Parish Council had not yet thought of spending £'000s on this project. As "Bob" was present at the meeting he will have heard that a majority of parish councillors were sceptical, so it is wrong to imply that it was a "Parish Council" initiative.

When "pressed" "Bob" asserts that the Parish Council estimated TEN pouches might use it. Actually it was parish councillors themselves who asked this question. How many? Unknown really, but what I do know is that I pass this facility at least 4 times a day and rarely see anyone at all using the field, save for the occasional small child using the play equipment. It is mostly used by Stukeley Meadows Football Club - and how many Great Stukeley residents are in their teams?

Why provide this when we are surrounded by open land, "Bob" asks? Well, let us remember that all roads in our villages require dogs to be on leads. In our farmed countryside dogs should keep to the width of the footpath or bridleway and not run over crops or scare grazing livestock. A safe and fenced area would provide an alternative. Additionally, some elderly residents are not able to walk as far as some of us and would enjoy being able to socialise with other dog owners within the village while exercising their pets.

However, all this scaremongering from "Bob" was premature because a feasibility study showed it would not be possible to accommodate any such feature alongside the football pitch. I do not regret bringing this issue to the Parish Council but I am sorry not to be able to help those who sought it.

I believe that the Parish Council has a responsibility to ensure that the publicly owned assets of our villages are used to their maximum potential for the benefit of our community. Sometimes that requires thinking "outside the box" and questioning whether the status quo is the right option. I hope residents will not be intimidated by "Bob" and his charge of lunacy and will continue to bring forward suggestions as to how we might improve our villages.

I had no personal axe to grind on this matter - I am (reasonably) fit enough to walk two very lazy Greyhounds wherever and they have the benefit of a large garden in which to run around. Others may not be so fortunate.

Michael Monk
Parish Councillor.

Great Stukeley Flower, Garden and Craft Show 2015 Saturday 1st August

At

Great Stukeley Village Hall

Doors open at 2:30pm

Spring is in the air and the colour is appearing everywhere, we are all hoping for some more warm sunshine. Days are getting longer so more time spent in the garden! Our annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 1st August**, it has been well supported in the past and hope to see more of you this year (especially you allotment holders and budding growers).

So, firstly we are seeking gardens to enter the **best spring garden**. So anyone interested in entering please don't hesitate in getting in touch. Contact myself on 07594382905 or Sylvia Reynolds on 01480 458442. Judging for the best spring garden will take place during April, so come on folks it's not all about tidiness on this one. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

The Flower Show committee is looking for sponsors for the following sections: Vegetables, Plants & Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Photography and Children under 16. If you would like to help by sponsoring any of the sections for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 458089. This sponsorship can be made in your name, in the name of a business or in memory of someone special. We hope to hear from you and look forward to seeing you at the show.

Iain Shaw

Chairman Great Stukeley Flower Show



Thank You
Many thanks to all who
acknowledged my 80th Birthday.
Best wishes,
Mick

Ceilidh

Saturday 6th June 7 pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall
Hog Roast & Bar
Tickets £12.50
From Jocelyn Kerr - Tel 01480 453213



‘Drop-in’ sessions for carers and adults with a long-term support need

These popular drop-ins for anyone who is living with a long-term illness or disability or an age-related condition, or providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends are continuing in 2015. The early Spring dates and locations are:

Huntingdon Library on 4th February and 4th March (10.00am to 1.00pm)

Ramsey Library on 24th February and 24th March (10.00am to 12.00 noon)

Drop-in to any of the events for a cup of tea and a chat about the information, advice and support that may be available, to share your stories and experiences, talk in confidence to a member of the Carers Support Team or Physical Disability Services Team, or to book a carers assessment.

For more information:

Tel: Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 / Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Email: CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Visit: www.cambridgeshire.net and search “Adult Support Drop-in”

LOST - CAT'S COLLAR.

On Sunday 15th February, assuming in Church Road area, Great Stukeley.

Yellow, reflective, with LARGE cat door activating attachment.

(Battery operated, it occasionally flashes).

If you find this in your garden would you please be kind enough to let me know?

Thank you.

Chris.

Tel 07860 391010.

The Brick Lane Music Hall - Vincent's Christmas Wonderland

Tuesday 8th December 2015

A riot of Old Time music and comedy await you at this year's BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL in Silvertown when we visit for the very first time on Tuesday 8th December 2015.

The venue for this fantastic show was built between 1861 and 1862. After finding £1 million to convert the building Vincent Hayes moved his show into North Woolwich Road in 2006. Hayes is hoping that this present Silvertown site will be his third and final stop.

This very special show is designed purely with Christmas in mind. It is a chance to celebrate with family and friends-the more the merrier. An unbeatable three course Christmas Lunch will be served on the day of our visit at 12.30pm before the fun and frolics begin on stage with Vincent and his guests.

As a very early commitment is required by The BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL I am having to request YOUR EARLY RESPONSE to this invitation.

As I have been able to negotiate a very special price with the coach company I am able to offer this wonderful new show for £58.50 per person which includes your coach trip to London and back, a tip for the driver and a delicious three course Festive meal. (Note that drinks must be paid for on the day). SO, CALL SOON...

Mary Alleyne-James

Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

Quiz Night

Little Stukeley Village Hall

In aid of St Martins Church

Saturday 7th March

7pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start

Tickets £10

From Jocelyn Kerr Tel 453213.

Supper and Bar

St Bartholomew's Church

LENTEN LUNCH

**On Sunday 22nd March 2015
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CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

From time to time we are asked questions about the erection of memorials and the placing of flowers, or other forms of memorabilia, on or adjacent to graves in St Bartholomew's Churchyard. Mindful that this can be a delicate matter we felt it best to make things clear to all.

Regretfully, whilst most are aware of and comply with the regulations, some Funeral Directors fail to advise the bereaved appropriately or to take account of them when making an application for the erection of a memorial. Accordingly they do not necessarily give the best of advice at what we are well aware is a most sensitive time for relatives who have lost a loved one. Similarly, with the best of intentions, some families have placed mementos or planted trees or shrubs which are not compliant and thus outside of the delegated powers of an incumbent.

The regulations for the Church of England are laid down by the Chancellor of the Diocese and are published on the Diocesan website at

http://www.ely.anglican.org/information/pdf/churchyard_regulations.pdf or can be viewed as posted on the Church door in the South Porch.

I'm sure that everyone will appreciate that we do our best to maintain the Churchyard to ensure that it is an appropriate setting to honour those who have gone before us and will always be prepared to discuss these regulations and their import at any time. However we must stress that the PCC must of necessity exercise its powers to correct any deviation from these Regulations to ensure that our Churchyard remains a sanctuary to the memory of those who



Bumbling Bob March 2015

I was in conversation with Pastor Pete and his merry men of the Baptist Church, Little Stukeley, at Men's Breakfast (Yep not been banned yet!) and the subject of 'respect' came up and that my fine readers had me thinking all day on and off between rugby matches. "What is respect, how does it come about and do we still have it in our community at large and of course in the family?"

For instance when I were a lad I was taught at length by my parents such things as open a door for a memsahib, give up your seat to an older person on the omnibus or train, assist with offering to carry baggage for an elder and the rest. These were of course instilling in me respect for such people due to their sex, advanced years, pregnancy or disability. You also had respect for those that served in various professional capacities such as teachers, doctors, nurses, policemen and even the bank or building society manager, plus of course your employer. In fact my own first brush with the constabulary came after I was caught smashing the toilet window at the Hyde Shopping Centre in Stevenage aged around nine and did not run fast enough (unlike the rest of 'Quelches' gang) and was 'collared' by PC 49 or some such. Now I gave him no lip but was servile to him even when he cuffed me around the back of the head with his gloved hand and did it several times. I was then dragged home by my ear and held like that whilst my father was brought to our front door and the sorry tale expounded. The result? Yet another whacking, although this time with a slipper, by my father who firstly of course thanked the policeman for bringing it to his attention. That also taught me respect; respect for the gang members who could run faster than me and I would hope for authority.

Can you imagine that happening now? Let's re-run the scenario. Stone through window and then what? Run off? Yep that would still happen but then all changes. Firstly there is a good chance there will be no member of the constabulary around and if there is a presence it's more likely to be a PCSO. So let's say I am collared. What then? Well I reckon that the 'gang' members would come out of hiding and start to give the PCSO a hell of a lot of lip and try to dissuade the PCSO to let me go by sheer force of presence and verbal abuse. Of course I would never have had the slap around the back of the head as I would have been screaming blue murder about police brutality and taking an action against the PCSO for common assault. The trip to my fathers? Not a chance that would happen. It would be a trip to the local police station assuming that the PCSO could get a vehicle with backup to come and get me. And then what? Well the likelihood is that my father would be banging on the desk at the station telling the whole world that I had been beaten up by aggressive policemen and that I was as blameless as the driven snow.

That, my fine readers, is how modern respect pans out because on the first hand I just do not see it being instilled in the home anymore or else said scroats would respect the member of the constabulary.

And so why else is it not being instilled to the wider community I ask myself? Because of the sloppy, lefty, liberal elite that has somehow turned this country into what it is now by its slippery, dodgy, social engineering. That and of course what I stupidly voted for, yes I can be blamed; namely membership of what was then known as the 'Common Market' and which has now morphed into the 'European Union'. This is

also the same social class that pervades the NHS as middle managers, the local district and county authorities as unelected managers, the same social class who have made a massive industry out of Health & Safety and of course the same social class who have neutered open debate and the police.

Don't believe me?

Well as an example I was present at an elected body meeting when a comment was made in passing that would have been taken in years past as a colloquium. Namely ` I will get the little man down the road to do it` . Well you should have seen the reaction of some who heard it. The person who uttered this profanity was told in no uncertain terms that they were insulting all who were of restricted growth and that they had in fact crossed the line and could be prosecuted under the `Definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010` · Disability rights`. The person who uttered the stated words was then forced under peer pressure to give an apology to the meeting.

What absolute rot!!

As another example I was having a quiet noggin or two when I was approached , and I have to say good naturedly, and had it pointed out to me that I had used the following phrase in my last article “.....unless there is a chance of a Gypsy encroachment and then....” And again they thought it was lucky that I had not been reported for the use of the same as I could have been prosecuted under the same Equality Act 2010 but this time under the section; `Race Discrimination`. What for using the term Gypsy? My goodness what would have happened if I had used another common term for the same ethnic grouping? I would probably have been publicly flogged and then disembowelled on the street. However I would not have done so as to use that term would I believe have crossed the line and would have shown little or no respect for the ethnic grouping. But times change you know.

When I was a youngster my parents undertook for over 10 years to take in children aged 1 to 18 who needed short term fostering, short term being up to three months. I was therefore brought up in a house which I will call a house of many colours as I had no idea who or whom was to be my dinner companion. Now my parents had no thought of discrimination in their bodies so we had Indian, Pakistani, Kenyan, Chinese, Singaporean, African and Caribbean foster children over time. The point I am getting at is that we were told to call the African and Caribbean ones `Coloured` and not `Black`. Well times have changed and if you do not call a person of those origins `Black` the sloppy, lefty, liberal, Politically Correct elite have a go at you and tell you that you are discriminating against them and may well charge you with some offence or another.

Take the immigration question. Both the Labour and Conservative parties refused to acknowledge that there was a problem in this country and if you raised it they called you `Racist` as indeed I have been. It was only because of Mr Farage and his rise to fame and the way he was not scared to talk about it made them finally get over their Politically Correct views as they saw that the `man in the street` agreed with him and forced them to face it and talk on it. So he has my respect whereas the others do not.

So there you are. Respect is earned or taught, it should not come as a right. It's a shame many of our leaders from humble councillors to high level politicians do not remember that in there every day dealings.

Rant over. Now which watering hole will the memsahib be looking for me in and to avoid.....

Bumbling Bob

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25 March 2015

10.30 – 12.00

At Great Stukeley Village Hall

**And every last Wednesday of the month
29 Apr, 27 May, 24 June, 29 Jul, 26 Aug,
30 Sept, 28 Oct, 25 Nov**

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

Do come and join us - all welcome.

Editor's Note: I have reprinted the following letter from Dame Norma as it was not very clear in the February magazine.

DAME NORMA MAJOR DBE

28th November 2014

Mrs Mary

It was very kind of you to think of Mencap, and I would like to thank all those from the Thursford Group who contributed to such a generous donation.

Mencap, is the UK's leading charity for those with learning disability - the most common form of handicap in the country. People with a learning disability have great difficulty understanding and managing their lives, and all too often they are not able to access the kind of help they need and deserve. Everything Mencap does is about supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers - from improving services and challenging prejudice as well as directly supporting thousands of people to live their lives as they choose. Advice and practical help is made possible across a whole range of issues which include teaching everyday skills, training for employment, providing secure and caring homes and by encouraging and enabling those with a learning disability to have a say in the decisions that affect their daily lives. Those who are often cut off from the community need help to socialise and engage in leisure activities and to enjoy a degree of independence that most of us take for granted.

I know I speak for all those involved with Huntingdon Mencap Society, when I say how grateful I am for your support which helps to change the lives of those with a learning disability for the better.

With best wishes,

*Yours ever
Norma*

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OXFORD and the Isis and Iffley Cruise Tuesday 15th September 2015

You can always rely on a warm and sunny September in England.

With this in mind I have arranged for you, your family and friends a wonderful day on Tuesday 15th September 2015 in Oxford and cruising on the Isis river.

We will depart promptly on the day from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 08.15am picking up our *Blue Badge Holder Guide* on Broad Street, Oxford, where we will have our morning refreshments, which ARE INCLUDED in the price of our trip, at the Kings Arms, the oldest pub in Oxford.

We will take a short stroll through Oxford with our guide who will take us inside an Oxford college for an insight into academic life. We will break for lunch at 12.30pm-individually finding a place to lunch on Oxford High Street, which is not included in the price of the trip.

After lunch we will transfer to Folly Bridge in our coach to catch our cruiser for our trip on the Isis to Iffley Lock where we will spend an hour discovering the beautiful Romanesque church which retains the original simplicity of Norman architecture. We then return to Folly Bridge on our cruiser in time for a comfort stop and some free time to buy refreshments before boarding our coach at 5.00pm for our homeward journey.

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Morning refreshments at the Kings Arms pub

The coach journey to Oxford and return

Our cruise on the Isis to Iffley

Tips for our *Blue Badge Holder Guide* and Coach Driver

If this wonderful trip holds interest please call me without delay as this will be a very popular day trip.

Mary Alleyne-James

Tour Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2015 Sunday 15th or Sunday 22nd November 2015

I am expecting a favourable response from THURSFORD AFTER the EASTER BREAK 2015.

Once the good news arrives I will be able to work out the cost of our trip to this year's CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR as this will depend on our seat allocations.

Due to the incredible popularity of this annual visit I have increased my group size to fifty-two (52) this year.

The THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR started in 1977 against a background of steam engines, mechanical organs and fairground rides. A small show featured eight choral scholars from Kings College, Cambridge singing a selection of John Rutter carols. From these humble beginnings the show has now grown into the largest CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR in Great Britain.

The dates I am working with this year are:

Sunday 15th November 2015 (Preferred)

Sunday 22nd November 2015 (Alternate)

If you have any questions regarding this truly wonderful annual show please feel free to contact me.

Mary Alleyne-James

Trip Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

**The Great Stukeley FASHION SHOW Friday 6th March 2015
ALL TICKETS NOW SOLD**

We have had a fantastic response to The Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee Member's FASHION SHOW to be held at our Village Hall on Friday 6th March 2015 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm PROMPT.

One hundred and ten (110) tickets have now been sold! The Village Hall Committee felt that this was a large enough group for our Hall which would make sure that everyone enjoyed the evening. I started promoting the event in the Parish Magazine in July 2014 and had pre-booked over 60 tickets by October 2014!

We would like to thank everyone who is supporting us by attending this event. We are sure that this FIRST TIME event will be great fun.

Please note that you can bring credit cards and cash to pay for your purchases. On the evening of the FASHION SHOW please bring your ticket with you which you can exchange for your COMPLIMENTARY GLASS of WINE or ORANGE JUICE.

If you are able to help us by making a RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION towards the success of this evening I would be delighted to hear from you. Either call me first before making a drop-off at my home or I would be delighted to collect the items from your home. PLEASE CALL ME VERY SOON as we really need your help with this request BEFORE THE EVENT.

Mary Alleyne-James
Event Organizer
For The Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee

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

The 1902 *State Landau* (or, State Postilion Landau) was specially built by Hoopers in 1902 for King Edward VII's Coronation. The King first travelled in the *Landau* in his state drive to the City of London on 25th October 1902. The large size of the King was taken into account in the coach's' construction so that he could sit comfortably.

The 1902 Landau is painted in a lighter shade of maroon than the other carriages and is richly adorned with gold leaf and upholstered in crimson satin. It also employs candle lit lanterns which are lit when the carriage comes out early in the morning. It functions as an open carriage drawn by six grey postillion horses.

The 1902 *State Landau* is the carriage IN MOST GENERAL USE which the Queen normally uses to meet foreign heads of state when they arrive on state visits to Britain. The Prince of Wales travelled to St. Paul's Cathedral in the 1902 State Landau for his wedding in 1981 returning in it with his bride, Princess Diana, after the service. The Duke and Duchess of York also used it for their wedding in 1986 and, most recently, it was seen at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. On the day of our visit, after lunch at the Mad Hatter, we will be able to view the striking *State Landau* at the *Royal Mews*.

We meet at the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 8.00am departing PROMPTLY at 08.15am by coach to London where we will be met by our *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Martin Harvey.

If this very interesting trip holds interest please call me without delay. The price is £47.50 per person INCLUDING LUNCH.

Mary Alleyne-James
Trip Organizer Tel 01480 433 954

THE STUKELEYS WI
Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2015

The President, Nicki Sly welcomed 26 members and two visitors to the meeting. Two apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Freda Butter for the Curtis Bow and Jennifer Liddell for the Draw Prize. We sang Jerusalem.

The minutes for the November and December meetings were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and Nicki should sign them.

Matters arising: The cheque for the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke in the sum of £316.50 raised from the coffee mornings has been delivered. Members had been asked to make suggestions for this year's charity and the majority of votes went to MAGPAS Air Ambulance. Nicki proposed that MAGPAS should be our charity for 2015 and members voted unanimously in favour.

Correspondence: The WI Polish Evening has been moved to Friday 13th March. There is a chance for members to go on speaker panels again on Tuesday 3rd February 7.30-9pm. Jan Sly and Ann Render both said they would like to attend. The Great Stukeley Village Hall Fashion Show is on Friday 6th March 7 for 7.30. The Church Flower Festival and fete at St Mary's Church Hunstanton is 31 July – 2 August. Hilton WI sent an email advertising a Rock Choir Workshop at Hilton on 25th April 10am -1pm at a cost of £5. The Centenary Bunting needs to be handed into Walden Road by 31st January. Jude Wood agreed to take charge of the Bunting project with the help of Ann Render, Sheila, Joan and Gwen.

Forthcoming events: First Community Coffee Morning of 2015 is on 28th January at Great Stukeley Village Hall.

The advertised speaker Ms Sallie Crawley who was to give a talk on Hypnotherapy and Neuro Linguistic Programming was unable to attend due to sickness and Nicki Sly who was due to speak in May kindly stepped in at the 11th hour to give a lively and interesting talk "All about Alpacas". Samples of the Alpaca feed and wool were passed round amongst members together with various photographs. Nicki has 5 Alpacas including a pregnant female and it is her intention to run "Meet the Alpacas" events in due course.

The competition was a relaxing photo for which there were 18 entries. 1st prize: Jude Wood 2nd prize: Shirley Berrill 3rd prize: Betty Aveling. The draw prize was won by Betty Aveling

The next meeting is the Members' Meeting on **11th February 2015 at 7.30pm** and is being organised by Nita Charter and Janet Talbot.

Curtis Bowl: Jan Sly and Draw: Nita Charter.

Competition: A Centenary Card (AYOW) Roll call: your favourite film star

Sarah Toyn

THE STUKELEYS WI
Meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2015

The President, Nicki Sly welcomed 28 members to the meeting. One apology for absence was received. Nicki thanked Jan Sly for the Curtis Bowl and Nita Charter for the Draw Prize. We sang Jerusalem. The minutes for the January meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and Nicki should sign them.

Matters arising: The Stukeleys WI Centenary Pennant has been completed and handed in to Walden Road. It was a joint project between Jude Wood, Joan Gray, Gwen Clements and Ann Render. Nicki showed members a photo of the pennant which is a beautiful artefact and thanked the team for their time and effort in producing it.

Correspondence: From Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation: Annual Federation Day anyone wishing to attend on 22nd April must book by 4th March. Annual Reports are in the centre of the magazine and the minutes of the last Annual Federation Day are available for anyone wishing to read them. Patterns are available for knitted or felt ducks for the Little Yellow Duck Project to raise awareness of organ donation. Various Denman courses are available for the Denman Weekend 6-8 November. National Federation: Singing for Joy Final tickets for 14th March at Birmingham Town Hall now available at £10. The Lady Denman Cup Competition – A President's Log Star Date 2115. Group Officer's Meeting – the minutes are available for reading. The Spring Group Meeting is being held by Hartford WI at Abbots Ripton Village Hall on Tuesday 24th March at 7.15. The Speaker is Ann James on Lady Giuliana Convict Ship 1789 and entertainment will be provided by the Banjo Man singing 20s, 30s and 40s classics. The competitions are to decorate a hen's egg and bring a piece of Australian memorabilia.

Forthcoming events: Friday 13th February – Beetle Drive in aid of St Bartholomew's at GSVH starting at 6.45pm. Wednesday 25th February Community Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00. Friday 6th March 10.30-12.00 British Legion Coffee Morning. The Fashion Show also on 6th March has now sold out.

Nicki then handed the meeting over to Nita Charter and Janet Talbot to run the Member's Meeting. It was a very entertaining evening with contributions from the organisers, Jan Sly, Sheila Stephenson, Ann Monk, Gwen Clements and Joan Gray. Members had been asked to provide a photo of themselves aged 4-10 years. There were 22 pictures and members had to try and guess who was who. Shirley Berrill won (by a long chalk) having guessed 11 correctly. Nicki thanked Nita and Janet for organising a successful and enjoyable evening.

Any Other Business: Jenny Thilo reported on the Centenary Choir competition in Cambridge on 22nd November. 12 choirs took part and many had been formed especially for the competition, including Green Ribbons, the choir that Jenny and Sheila Stephenson were singing with. They thought that choir that went through to the final was very good. Jenny also said she had attended a Citizenship Ceremony at the Town Hall as two Hungarian friends were taking part and it was a very well organised and enjoyable event. Joan Gray thanked all those who had knitted blankets and triangles for mums. She had made enquiries as to whether Hinchingsbrooke Maternity needed any but was told that they have many knitters already and whereas they would be grateful, we might like to donate to a unit which is more in need. Sheila thanked all those who had made contributions to the Inner Wheel. They had made 20 bags for women and 12 for children. Janet Talbot appealed to members for any remnants or craft materials for her friend who runs a Youth Club.

The competition was a centenary card AYOW for which there were 5 entries.

1st prize: Monica Brown 2nd prize: Sue Clarke 3rd prize: Moria Eddington. The draw prize was won by Kath Deighton.

The next meeting is on **11th March 2015 at 7.30pm**. Speaker: Mrs S Feakes "Undressing the Victorian Lady". Curtis Bowl: Nicki Sly and Draw: Jan Sly. Competition: A Victorian Item. Roll call: a famous Victorian.

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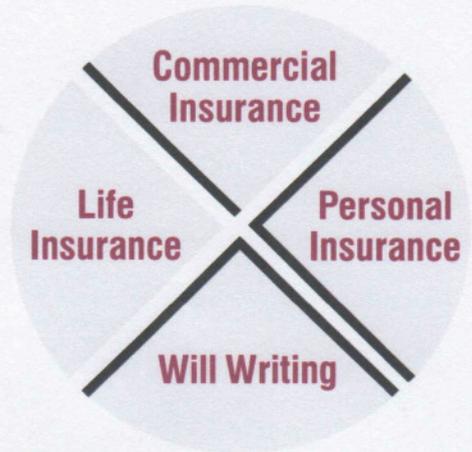
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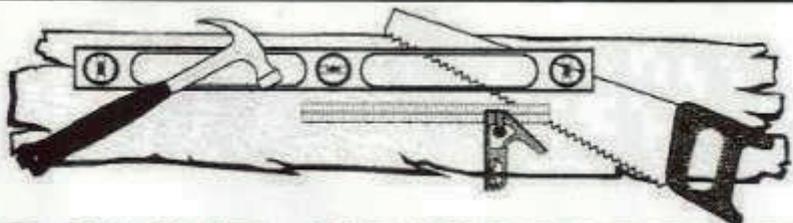
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Saturday 14 th March	9.00 am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship All Men Welcome. Bring a friend or two!!
Sunday 15 th March	11.00 am	Mothers' Day and Via Beata Sunday. Come and hear about this special project.
Saturday 21 st March	9.00 am	Church Spring Clean. Fun, Fellowship and a light lunch
Saturday 28 th March	7.00 pm	Magic Lantern Show, right out of the past, come and enjoy.

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Sometimes as we grow up there are things that we think are true we find there not as we thought, things like why does the present that Santa brings on Christmas Eve have a sticker on saying with love from Mum and Dad or aunt Betty!!! Or do the telegraph poles really hold up the Sky? Maybe the big question is how did the Stork get in the Hospital with mums baby? Then we grow up these things begin to become revealed to us and we start to understand these mysteries of life. I wonder if that will be how it works with the thinking about Grace Fellowship Baptist church being an American church that you have to go on the base to go there. Well just like the other mysteries I have spoken about, that is not true as from the very start of this church it has been part of the British Baptist Union and started its life in the old Chapel in the village of Little Stukeley until they out grew there, then the plan to build the present Church became a vision. It took several years to complete but was always for all people of all nations. Although we are also Part of the International Baptist Convention and both the BBU and IBC are part of the World Baptist Association, maybe it's time to wake up and catch Daddy with the presents even if he wears a Red coat. So please come and see the magic lantern show on the 28th at 7pm and share a coffee or tea with us. I look forward to seeing you there. Need a lift? Give us a ring 01480 432207.

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	9.30 am	Family Service		
	Leader	Alan McGoff		
15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday	Celebrant	Rev'd Charles Dixon	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
22nd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Leader	Richard Turpin	Leader	Rev'd Andrew Milton
29th	9.00 am	Special Songs of Parise Service		No Service
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