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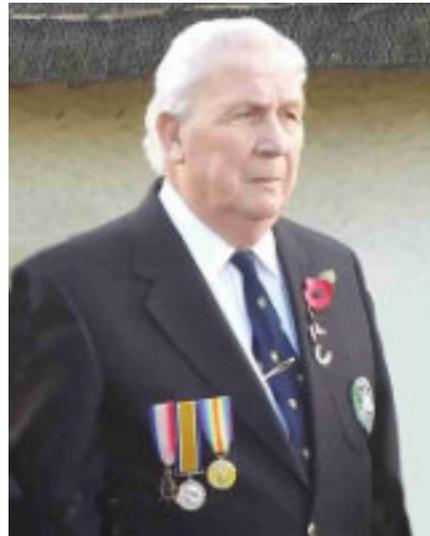
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Mon 1 st Nov	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	GSVH
Wed 10 th Nov	WI Meeting	7.15pm	GSVH
Fri 19 th Nov	Beetle Drive	7.00pm	GSVH
Wed 24 th Nov	Community Coffee Morning	10.30am to 12.00pm	GSVH

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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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Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.15pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall:

Those present Chairman Terry Pinner and Cllrs Tim Close, Sally Smith, Glyn Evans, Paula Tuck, Ben Parkin and new member to the SPC Peter Digby. Apologies received from Shaun Burton.

Regarding the Stukeleys Pocket Park Project the planning adviser to the SPC TS forwarded quotes for a topographical survey and an ecological survey. It was proposed by Cllr TC seconded by Cllr SS that we proceed with immediate effect.

A request was received regarding possible improvements to the disability access to St Bartholomew's Church Yard, it was agreed in principle that St Bartholomew's should be obtain quotes and present them to the SPC for consideration.

Maintenance of the ditch in Owl End cleared previously was discussed and it was suggested that the SPC should inspect and maintain where necessary.

The condition of the seat and brickwork surrounding the Millennial Oak in Gt Stukeley playing field was raised, it was noted that they were in poor condition and potentially dangerous, the Chairman agreed to fence off and secure the area until remedial action can be put in place.

Flooding on Ermine Street between Green End and Lancaster Way that was previously reported to Highways Dept was discussed. It was noted that any individual report this problem to HDC Highways Dept.

Maintenance of the Tumuli, overgrown roadside hedges and overgrown hedges surrounding the allotments was discussed and it was agreed that one of the two SPC approved contractors should be approached to deal with these matters. It was also agreed that the footpath between Beech Avenue and Ermine Street should be cut back. The condition of roadside overhanging branches that obscure road signs was raised, it was agreed that SPC would obtain quotes to have them cut back.

Cllr BP reported and updated the SPC on the Open Reach Broadband improvement scheme, this will benefit approximately 174 dwellings and is progressing well, the Council congratulated him on his pursuit of this project.

Speed limits were discussed regarding the reduction of the 50mph to 40mph on Ermine Street between the A1307 roundabout and Little Stukeley, and the 30mph limit on Swyford Rd reduced to 20mph. SPC to discuss this with HDC Cllr Steve Corney.

Date of next meeting was set for 7.15pm on Monday 1st November at Gt Stukeley Village Hall [Ermine Street Church Academy being unavailable due to Covid restrictions]

100 Years of Remembrance

The History

Remembrance is the act of honouring those who served to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

During the First World War, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres in 1915, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.



*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly*



The Poppy

This poem then inspired an American academic named Moira Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

Also involved with those efforts was a French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921 where she planned to sell the poppies in London.

There she met Earl Haig, our founder, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as our emblem in the UK. The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year.

Now, around 40 million poppies are sold each year by Royal British Legion Volunteers with all proceeds being used to provide Armed Forces Veterans, Serving Personnel and their families with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

The Act

This year, as in years gone by, on the 11th and 14th November, a two-minute silence will be held across the nation at 11.00am to honour those who have fallen. On Remembrance Sunday at war memorials across the nation and the commonwealth tributes will be paid to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life.

The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also to learn lessons for the future. Reflecting on the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', Moira Michael, wrote:

*And now the torch and poppy red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

Please support the Poppy Appeal where you see them for sale throughout the village. Thank you.

Poppy Sales

Poppy sales will be sold in the bus stops in both Villages at various times.

Where are the Signs?

The village signs are with Mr Mould, the original maker, to be renovated.

Email to the Editor (References to October edition - two emails)

It is not my intention to perpetuate a public dialogue on the merits or otherwise of the Stukeley's road enhancements, but I feel compelled to respond to Mr Newman's comments on my many alleged personal shortcomings. However, I must confess to cynicism which has developed naturally through age and experience!

Firstly, it was not my intention to impugn the integrity of the Parish Council or anyone else, and to anyone who may have felt slighted, I apologize. I respect and appreciate what they do and I am well aware that freedom is restricted by external influence.

However, it would appear that correcting inaccuracies and commenting on local issues is no longer acceptable, especially by someone who is apparently not qualified, albeit with over 60 years driving experience and still in possession of a modicum of common sense. In defence of my historical 'rankings' (sic) (*probably means 'rantings'*), I'm surprised that Mr Newman seems to resent complaints about horse droppings and dog mess on public footpaths, despite any inconvenience that may cause to pedestrians, pushchair users and mobility vehicles. Regarding his anticipated options for future complaints, I'm pleased to report that cyclists and wandering cats are behaving themselves so no justification at the moment!

As for Mr Newman's suggestion that I should perhaps bring my 'self-proclaimed expertise' to the council, there are several reasons why I would not wish to do so, but I can assure him that 'fear of rejection' is not one of them.

Finally, I agree that if drivers obey the rules and use the road correctly it should be perfectly safe, but we all know that does not always happen. However, I suspect it is now too late to change what we have, so I'm afraid that Mrs Evans will, sadly, continue to 'feel insecure' when driving through the village and no doubt her friends and others will continue to share her anxiety. I wish them well.

Martyn Redmore

Owl End

- 1) **Welcome** Ann Monk welcomed 17 members to the meeting and Jane Williams from H&P NFWI
- 2) **Apologies** Nita Charter, Jenny Thilo, Monica Brown, Jackie Tiller, Doris Sadler, Moira Eddington and Sylvia Reynolds – whose husband died earlier this week. Ann had sent a card on behalf of the WI.
- 3) **Thanks** Curtis Bowl Refreshments Christine Haigs Zena Betts and Jill Sapsed Draw Prize Jan Sly
- 4) **Jerusalem** Jerusalem was sung
- 5) **Minutes of last meeting** Were read
- 6) **Minutes signed** Ann signed the minutes as all ok
- 7) **Matters Arising** Ann handed Joan Gray her long service certificate
- 8) **Correspondence** All correspondence this month had been received by email & forwarded to members. There is a Murder Mystery Evening at Walden Road on 12th November. A letter written to Boris Johnson and printed in daily newspapers regarding climate change, was endorsed by the WI along with many other organisations.
- 9) **Speaker** Ann introduced our speaker who was Trevor Dyer from Godmanchester who gave us a very interesting talk and demonstration about pottery. He made several pots and made it look very easy. Christine Haigs and Jill Sapsed had a go on the potters wheel.
- 10) **Thanks** Thanks was given by Sheila Stephenson
- 11) **Refreshments** Refreshments were served by Jill Sapsed and Zena Betts
- 12) **Results** Competition – a piece of pottery – 1st – Jan Tilden; 2nd Sue Clark; 3rd Jill Sapsed Draw was won by Carol Mailer and a pot, donated by Trevor Dyer, was won by Christine Haigs
- 13) **Roll Call** A famous name in the world of pottery
- 14) **Next Meeting** Will be Wednesday 10th November. There is no Speaker but Fish and Chips will be served and Zena will provide a Quiz. Curtis Bowl – Zena Betts; Draw Prize – Rita McKechnie; Competition – Something warm and woolen you love.
- 15) **Christmas Party** Ann and Jean have agreed to stay on to see the Christmas Party through. Food to be provided by Jan Tilden who will let us have the options at the November meeting. Monica Brown has offered to make the Christmas Cake – Jean to confirm with her. Competition – 4 sausage rolls AYOW
- 16) **AOB** Ann ‘attended’ the Federation Day Zoom Meeting held by H&P NFWI which was quite hard sitting for 2 hours in front of a screen. They have just enough officers to keep going at the moment. Some areas have lost up to 10 branches but H&P have only lost a few.

With no further business, Ann closed the meeting at 9.30 as wished everyone a safe journey home

UPDATE FROM ALCONBURY WEALD

We were so pleased to celebrate Alconbury Weald's military past at the first Heritage Open Day last month. Visitors came from far and wide to take part in the fun and interesting day which included guided tours of the Cold War Avionics Building, live music from The Umbrella Big Band and a performance from the Cambs and Beds Lindy Hop dance group, as well as a display of artifacts uncovered at RAF Alconbury by the Airfield Research Group. We also welcomed Michael Monk from Stukeleys Heritage Group and his wife Ann who read the fascinating recollections of Stukeleys residents Margaret Faulkner and John Lovell who lived close to the airfield during WWII. A huge thank you for their involvement on the day and to those who came along to the event.

The same weekend also saw the launch of Bohemia Café & Bistro in the listed Watch Office. Bohemia are open 7 days a week and offer a superb menu of coffee, breakfast and lunch on weekdays as well as tapas on Friday and Saturday evenings. We do hope you have had a chance to visit this wonderful new community asset in the historic building soon.

Alconbury Weald's community library launched earlier this month in The Club and families were invited to take part in a range of book themed activities such as baby rhyme time and an interactive storytelling experience with live animals to hold. We continue to work in partnership with Cambridgeshire Libraries and residents and local communities to evolve the offer of the community library which is open to the public Monday to Friday in office hours. Please do come along and pick out a page turner or two!

As we approach the winter months, festive plans are underway and the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir will be performing carols underneath the Christmas tree on Watch Office Green on Thursday, 9 December. We will be releasing further details soon so please keep an eye out on our website and social media.

The Club recently hosted the latest exhibition about the future Education Campus which will be coming forward as part of Key Phase 1 extension. Morgan Sindall, who are leading the delivery of the future secondary school and special school presented plans on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council. The delivery of Key Phase 1 extension is underway and will deliver the next 1,000 homes and the education hub with a new secondary school and special school which will make up the Campus. If

you missed the exhibition, you can still view the plans online at:

<https://projects.www.morgansindallconstruction.com/AWEC>

Now that the commercial space and homes are progressing, and the Education Campus is coming forward, the Design Team are starting to look at the next phases of Alconbury Weald, including the location and role of the main central area of the development which will bring together the Heritage Area and Runway Park, with core amenities including a health centre, dentist and pharmacy, shops and cafes and additional community space. We will be bringing forward exhibitions and events later this year to ensure the new and local communities continue to shape the plans as Alconbury Weald moves forward.

As ever if you have any questions about the development or want to talk to one of the team, please do contact me on the details below.

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For further information on any of the above please check our website www.alconbury-weald.co.uk or you can follow us on Facebook @alconburyweald, Twitter @AlconburyWHomes or Instagram alconburyweald.



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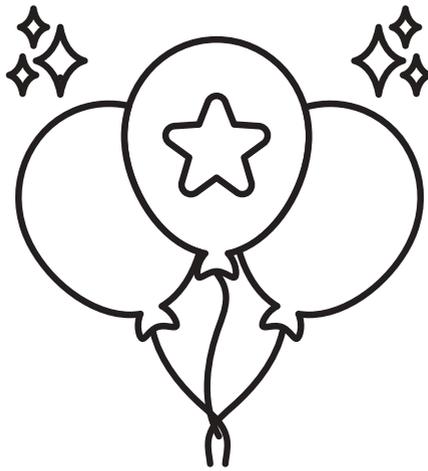
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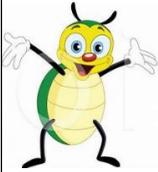
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Remembering

Henry Oldfield

1931 - 2021

Henry was born in Alconbury in 1931, where he grew up with his twin brother, Maurice, during the 1930s and 1940s. During war time in the 1940s, the village school had to be shared between village children and evacuees, meaning half day schooling. This provided the perfect environment to obtain life skills of the day, such as becoming an accomplished horse rider and learning to swim in and ice-skate on

Alconbury Brook. In the 1947 big freeze, conditions were right for Henry to ice-skate from Alconbury to Brampton as the Brook froze solid. These informative early years in rural England provided a basis for a lifelong love of animals, surrounded by horses and dogs.

Just after the war in the late 1940s and now a young adult, Henry met a young Liverpoolian, Nancy McDonald, who was staying with her sister Rene who had been deployed under the war effort to the Huntingdonshire Land Army. As was the case back then, the youngest sibling helped her elder sister, Rene, with the new arrival of baby Michael Cooper. Village church social clubs and dances were one of the few ways to meet and socialise, pre the internet! Occasionally they would venture into Huntingdon for a dance in the town hall or to the pictures, but it was always a long cycle home. In 1950 Henry married Nancy. At the same time, Henry was obliged to join National Service for 2 long years and was stationed in Germany. Ration parcels from Nancy containing a tiny tin of coffee, writing paper, a bar of chocolate or soap could be posted for less than a shilling and were a lifeline to see him through this time.

After National Service Henry undertook an apprenticeship with Thackrays, a local builder. As the 1950s progressed, Henry and Nancy were keen to put down roots with their own home, and plans came together when they secured a piece of land in Church End from Tim Lloyd at the Three Horseshoes Farm (now the Country Hotel), enabling them to design and build their own home. This triggered the move from Alconbury to Great Stukeley. Building started in 1955 and they moved in at Easter 1957. The new bungalow was named Ringlet after a prize-winning fox hound that Henry had puppy walked in 1949. An era that predated house numbers and post codes.

Between 1959 and 1969 Henry had three sons, Paul, Peter and John. Despite three young children, Henry attended Peterborough Regional College to gain the qualifications needed to become a Member of the Chartered Institute of Builders and the Institute of Clerk of Works. He worked at RAF Wyton, Brampton and Alconbury during the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, during the heart of the cold war. Fast jets and reconnaissance planes were a key element of the era, and Henry spent many a year as airfield Clerk of Works, quietly working in the background ensuring the military could keep tabs on the others and defend our nation.

During much of this period Henry was also a Church Warden for St Bartholomew's church and on the church PCC. This included arranging visits from the Bishop of Ely as well as many fund-raising events such as the annual petticoat lane village fete during the 1980s, a brain wave of Vicar & Mrs Newman. Many essential fund-raising events followed such as strawberry tea, music evenings, and harvest festivals and lenten lunches. Although Henry retired as church warden in 1998 as he underwent heart bypass surgery, he never lost faith and remained a bell ringer whilst he was able to attend church. He will take comfort that he is buried in his church yard.

Henry's DNA continues in his three sons, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Reflections by Nancy and John



MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Michael Reynolds was known as Mick to all his friends and everyone else who had the fortune to have enjoyed his company.

Mick was an active member of the Royal British Legion, Brampton branch for whom he worked tirelessly as a subscription collector. He was heavily involved in arranging the Remembrance Day ceremonies in both villages. He will, I am sure, be greatly missed by that organisation.

Mick was also a Parish Councillor for in excess of forty years, many of those as Vice Chairman. He served on the Planning Committee, a position he took extremely seriously. He was always keen that any proposed new development was a benefit to our local communities. He also served as the Council's Highways Officer, another position he fulfilled with great commitment. Even after he 'retired' from the Council he continued to work in that position and could frequently be seen around the villages checking footpaths, lights and the village roads for potholes. I am certain the County authorities knew about him because he was adamant that the faults he reported should be attended to and if they weren't he would keep knocking on their door. He was a great champion of the Women's Institute ensuring all their gifts to the village of Great Stukeley were maintained in a satisfactory manner. He was a great supporter with Sylvia of the annual flower show always achieving a high standard of results.

Mick Reynolds was a true village man at heart, he loved his village and did all he could to ensure high standards of maintenance and appearance were maintained. He was always approachable and only too pleased to help his fellow residents.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



The Stukeley Country Hotel



As we head into Autumn/Winter we would like to let you know what's going on at the hotel. We have had a few live music events recently and although they weren't attended as we hoped, they went very well.

Our next music event will be "Graham Buxton" on Friday 17th December. Graham will lead us into the following Xmas week.

Xmas menu is now available from the hotel.

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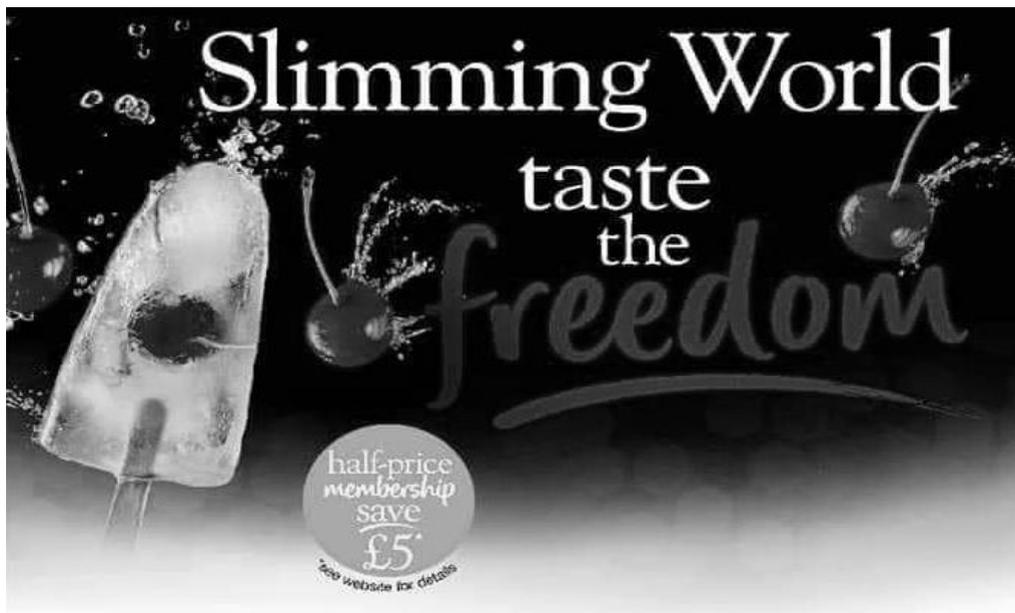
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Alternating Sundays:

Children ages 3-11 classes; Young Women and Young
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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

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Psalm 126v6- "He that goeth forth ...bringing his sheaves with him"

Sunday 3rd October 10:45am

*Guest Preacher: Mr. Luke Northern (Baldock, Herts)
(Luke is a farmer- will be preaching the gospel using his experience)*

Regular Services

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45am

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Sunday Evening Service 6pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6.30pm

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Church services for November 2021

November 7th	9.30 am Holy Communion, Great Stukeley
November 14th	9.30 am Service for Remembrance Sunday with Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Great Stukeley followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Little Stukeley
November 21st	9.30 am Morning Service, Great Stukeley
November 28th	9.30 am Morning Service, Great Stukeley 9.30 am Holy Communion, Little Stukeley

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

Many in our churches are vulnerable or caring for someone who is vulnerable. We want all people to feel able to come to church. For this reason, we are being cautious as COVID restrictions are lifted.

We would like to encourage all people to wear a face covering during worship and certainly when singing; 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.

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) and Rev Mandy Flaherty (01480 896541 rector@norleigh.org.uk) are available for prayer or a chat (by phone under the current regulations).

Rev Fiona Brampton

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