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Planning your summer holiday already?

PLEASE READ THIS IF YOU STAY IN HOTELS AND ARE GIVEN A CARD FOR ACCESS TO YOUR ROOM.

This is a really useful information for anyone who goes on holiday where the hotel uses key cards.

Always take a small fridge magnet on your holiday, they come in handy at the end of it. Never even thought about key cards containing anything other than an access code for the room ?

Ever wonder what is on your magnetic Hotel room key card?

Answer:

- a. Customer's name
- b. Customer's partial home address
- c. Hotel room number
- d. Check-in date and out dates
- e. Customer's credit card number and expiration date!

When you hand them back to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels don't erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'overwritten' on the card and the previous guest's information is thus erased. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!

The bottom line: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

OR,

If you have a small magnet, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. Then try it in the door, it will not work. It erases everything on the card.

Information courtesy of: Metropolitan Police, London.

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101 is the number to call when you want to contact the police - when it's less urgent than 999.

In a NON EMERGENCY dial 101 if:

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- you would like to speak to your local police officer
- you want to provide information about a crime

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101 in a NON EMERGENCY

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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- you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress or you think it is
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- a serious road traffic collision has taken place
- violence is being used or threatened

This is a guide not a definitive list

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can text 80999 in an EMERGENCY

www.wiltshire.police.uk

Hello again,

I'm sure, like me, you are looking forward to spring and the better weather. It's lovely to see all the bulbs coming out in the garden and to start thinking of the activities we enjoy doing outdoors.

I always think we are so lucky to live in Staverton with the canal within walking/cycling distance and so much to do, all for free.

I have included a short article on the marina with pictures of the facilities as it is something I pass almost every day and hardly take any notice of. It is something we take for granted when we live in Staverton but it offers leisure opportunities for anyone interested in using the canal.

It was nice to read the article from John Corfield who has recently moved to Staverton and is already getting involved in the local community. It is always good to know there are people willing to give up their time to improve the local environment in some way.

It is good to be able to say thank you to all the people who help around the village in different ways, either by picking up litter or delivering the magazines.

If anyone else would like to help in any way they can contact myself or June Jones and I'm sure there is something you could do, from speed watching to grass cutting, volunteers are always welcome.

Hope you all have a good Easter and enjoy the forthcoming spring.

Best wishes

Caroline Smith



A big thank you to all the magazine deliverers who give up their time to distribute around the Staverton area: Andy, Christine, Greg & Jane, Natasha, Paul, Rebecca and Tony.

There would be no magazine without you.

Parish

It is always heartening to see signs of spring in our gardens and hopefully an eventual lessening of the heavy storms which have been keeping us indoors. If there is a silver lining, it would be that it has helped to keep down crime. Thankfully Staverton has very little crime to worry about but our police team have reported four garage burglaries over the winter period, with car 4 tyres slashed in Thestfield Drive and a £650 pushbike stolen from a back garden. Our sympathies go to the victims as this is very upsetting. There has been some arrests concerning the "Nottingham Knockers" working our area and Police advice is not to buy from people who knock the door. Some good news is that a burglar was recently sentenced to 6 years imprisonment for a dwelling burglary in Winsley earlier last year.

Please contact our PCSO Andrew MacLachlan on 0752 897 2236 if you have any concerns.

DOG MESS

This subject always raises strong feelings in our community and I often receive complaints. Unfortunately Wiltshire Council only has a couple of dog wardens policing the whole of Wiltshire. These people are "breaking the law" so if you witness an offending dog owner not picking up the faeces, we do not recommend tackling the offender but it is recommended that you make a note of the date/time, take a photo (if possible) and try to find out where the offender lives so that it can be reported to the Police or the Dog Warden at Wiltshire Council. If this person regularly offends at the same time each day then the Dog Warden and Police can patrol the area and try to catch them in the act. We are especially concerned at dogs being allowed to exercise and defecate on our sports ground where children from our local schools play sport and use the field for recreation. The parasites from animal faeces last for many years and in extreme cases can cause Toxoplasmosis leading to blindness and epilepsy. The law prevents dogs from being exercised on school sports grounds so if you see this happening you need to report it. If we can get a prosecution it will send a strong message out to all offenders.

I feel it is also **very** important to thank the majority of responsible dog owners in Staverton who happily comply with the law and are equally appalled by this behaviour.

LITTER

I am afraid that this is another cause for complaint, as tons of litter are generated around Staverton throughout the year and it is only thanks to a small group of volunteers who regularly litter pick around the village that it is not more evident. Again littering is an offence and persistent offenders should be reported to Wiltshire Council on (0300 4560 100). Please encourage everyone to pick up their litter and if possible take it home with them

The Parish Council would like to thank Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin and his team of volunteers who regularly clear up the litter. The next litter pick will be on 13th March between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. The team will meet over by the Village Hall and refreshments will be provided.

If anyone would like to volunteer and join our regular litter picks please contact the Parish Clerk
on parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk.



YELLOW LINES IN STAVERTON

Whenever I raise this subject it causes controversy as it has been discussed for many years and recently residents have contacted me, impatient for action. Following many complaints from residents over several years (backed up by written letters and emails) regarding inappropriate parking and reported near miss accidents, the Parish Council had no choice but to pass these comments to Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin was then asked to conduct a survey on behalf of Staverton and every Marina household was given a questionnaire and asked to report on any issues they had with traffic and parking. The results of the survey were published and all questionnaires were forwarded to Wiltshire Council for consideration. These questionnaires were then used by Wiltshire Council to carry out their own survey. Everyone's comments, for and against these restrictions, were taken into consideration. Wiltshire Council's recommendations were then attached to lampposts in areas affected by the proposals. Only recently the final report was signed off by Senior Officers at Wiltshire Council. It is expected that lines will soon be installed in many areas of the village. Unfortunately there will be disruption for those living near these lines and our sympathy goes out to those being inconvenienced as parking is so limited in Staverton. This was never going to be any easy solution but Wiltshire Council have taken legal arguments, busy junctions, inappropriate parking, residents' comments and lack of parking spaces into full consideration before coming to their conclusions. The aim is make Staverton a safer place to live.

SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Carbin has confirmed that his team's recent speed watch along New Terrace has been successful and volunteers have started to come forward.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON BUSES

This consultation is ongoing and is open until April. This can be accessed online at "Wiltshire Buses 247".

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL HOPPER BUS

Unfortunately this will now cease to operate despite strong opposition.



Matters

PRECEPT

The Precept for Staverton Parish Council is the income generated from an average of Band D Properties (671.08) contributing to council tax in Staverton multiplied by the Parish Council levy £32.94. Wiltshire Council include this levy in your Council Tax bills. The Parish Council agreed at its meeting on 18th January 2016 not to increase the levy for 2016/17 and therefore the Parish Council has applied for a sum of £22,242.15 including a top up grant of £136.77. Income for the Parish Council will be a reduction of £22.85 on the Precept for 2015/16. Wiltshire Council is likely to increase its Council Tax by between 2 – 4 %.

FRACKING LICENSES

The Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) has formally offered licenses for the four blocks within Wiltshire. The block includes Trowbridge/Westbury (Staverton is just outside the northern boundary of this block). The license offers have been made to Southern Western Energy Limited. To date Wiltshire Council as the Mineral Planning Authority has not received any planning applications, nor has the Council been contacted by SWEL regarding their license applications. Although licenses have been granted this does not mean that this activity will automatically take place.

BROADBAND

Another source of concern has been lack of connectivity to faster Broadband in certain areas of Staverton including the earlier developments situated on the lagoon and marina side of Marina Drive. Wiltshire Council will be shortly rolling out Phase 2 of the upgrade. However for those properties not included, the Government have offered support to those businesses with speeds below 2 Mbps. Unfortunately this is not much help for the rest of us who, like me, have a speed of 2.5 Mbps. If you are eligible, the Government subsidy will cover most of the cost of installation and commissioning but the applicant will be responsible for paying any remaining cost of installation and commissioning and for choosing the features of the satellite broadband service and for paying the monthly subscription. If you would like more information please contact Wiltshire Council.

ST PAUL’S CHURCHYARD, STAVERTON

Unfortunately funding from the Salisbury Diocese for the maintenance of the churchyard is now coming to an end and Church Treasurer, Michael Gamble, has been given the task of raising funds for its maintenance. Maintaining the churchyard and just cutting the grass is costly. If you feel you can help with fund raising or would like to offer your services to help with cutting the grass, Michael would like to hear from you at michael.gamble9@btinternet.com.



NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR NEW TERRACE (outside the Staverton Club)

Unfortunately this notice board has deteriorated considerably over the last couple of years and it was decided at our January meeting to replace it with a new longer lasting powder coated stainless steel noticeboard in black which will better withstand the exposed weather conditions experienced here. It is hoped that this will be installed before the end of March.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. **Planning application 15/10668/FUL 39 Staverton**, Erection of single storey dwelling – Wiltshire Council has not passed this application.
- b. **Planning application 15/11030/FUL 10 Warren Road**, Garage extension and conversion – The Parish Council has asked Cllr Trevor Carbin to call this application in.
- c. **Planning application 15/12696/FUL Emmaus School**, Replacement of temporary classroom with 2 storey extension – The Parish Council voted by a majority not to object to this application.

June Jones,
Staverton Parish Clerk

parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

.Meeting Dates for 2016-2017	18	JANUARY 2016		JUNE (Exec Cttee Meeting)	21	NOVEMBER 2016
On Mondays starting at 7.00 pm	21	MARCH 2016	18	JULY 2016		
At Village Hall	16	MAY 2016 (AGM/APM)	19	SEPTEMBER 2016	16	JANUARY 2017

First an update on the annual litterpick and village clean-up: - please note the date has had to be changed to **Sunday March 13th**. Otherwise the arrangements are the same - 1030 to 1230 at the Village Hall off Cygnet Way, with equipment and light refreshments provided.

The proposal to put yellow lines on some junctions probably caused more controversy in Staverton than in other villages. The original scheme has been scaled back somewhat following the consultation, but has now been signed off by the council's highways chief so the lines should be in place before too long.

Who's for a sensible bus system?

Wiltshire Council is holding a consultation on subsidised bus services. The online consultation is designed to encourage respondents to accept the council's plans to cut back on rural, evening and weekend buses. It includes an option of withdrawing all subsidies so the only buses we'd be left with are those between major towns which currently run at a profit.

I believe the loss of rural buses in Wiltshire would be catastrophic for many residents and communities, and am backing 'Option 247'. This explains how, by taking an overall view of public transport rather than looking at individual routes, an enhanced service could be provided without massive subsidies. Here's a message from Wiltshire transport campaigner Graham Ellis:

"Wiltshire Council's Review of Passenger Transport is now under way. Some 98 different services are being considered for (worst case scenario) complete withdrawal of subsidy funding, affecting just over 2.5 million journeys per year.

In addition to 'cut' options – a sort of Beeching Axe of buses – there is now the possibility of moving to a bus franchising scheme. This integrated network approach allows the removal of duplicated services, the fanning out of other services to cover residential areas on journeys between towns and different village groups, and also opens up new funding and marketing growth opportunities.

Please take a look at the web site – <http://option247.uk> – to see details of all seven options. The site includes a link to the WC consultation.

I would encourage you to support option 24/7 – and to ask others to support it too. It's the only option that doesn't lead to a continuing downward spiral in which any remaining buses lose connectational traffic of their place in a complete journey, and themselves become uneconomic and subject to being withdrawn. Rather, option 24/7 takes the opportunity we now have – with support from our MP and from the Department for Transport – to put into place a system in Wiltshire that provides a more financially efficient service that offers new users a real alternative to their car, and offers bus operators a stability to develop that they don't have under the current system.

Please ask others to take a look at the web site and the options too, and respond. Please copy this onwards, and encourage discussion and review.

This isn't about saving bus services. It's about people's lives and quality of life."

The consultation continues until April 4th.

On the subject of buses WC has now withdrawn funding for the Hopper service to the Royal United Hospital in Bath. I was one of twelve local councillors who asked for this decision to be reviewed through the scru-

tiny process. Unfortunately we narrowly lost the vote so the axe has now fallen on what was a very useful scheme set up originally with the support of the old District Council. The task now is to consider how best to replace the service. The option referred to above, if it went ahead, might be able to include something.

It's interesting that during a consultation last year many users said they'd be prepared to pay more, and to accept a lower frequency timetable to save the Hopper, but the council considered that this would not save it enough money. Of 291 people who responded to the WC consultation, 236 said they would find it difficult to get to the hospital without the Hopper.

Council Tax

Wiltshire Council met on February 23rd to set the council tax for next year. Over the last few years the rate has been frozen because the government dished out a grant to allow this. Now that has been withdrawn so the tax has been put up by 4%. Fees and charges, including the cost of green bin collection, are also going up.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has announced that his element of the Council Tax will rise by 2%, or £3.12 for Band D.

Roads, houses and traffic.

Reports in the Wiltshire Times before Christmas said the road from Hilpertion via Leap Gate to the West Ashton Road would open within a matter of days. Wiltshire Council had previously mentioned July 2016 as a likely opening date. So who is right, WT or WC?

The answer lies with Persimmon, who can open the road whenever they like. They may have hoped to open the road before Christmas but there were too many problems with it. Work is now going on to complete the installation of all the road signs and street lights.

So the opening will probably be before July but we don't know when. The concern for Staverton is that there could then be even more traffic through the village. We'd hoped to get some 'before and after' figures to see how much difference the opening of the Hilpertion Gap road has made to traffic volume. The traffic counter at Staverton is one of five permanent sites in Wiltshire that were installed in connection with A36 diversions monitoring. Unfortunately the counter is currently not working, though WC highways say they'll be able to give us some data "in a couple of months".

Meanwhile an application has gone in to Wiltshire Council to build 210 homes on land in the Hilpertion Gap. The developers have at least recognised the potential impact on Staverton as hidden within the detail of the scheme is a proposal to alter the traffic lights at the Avon bridge to help the junction cope.

After the debacle of the previous Balfour Beatty contract WC has awarded a new highways maintenance contract from April 2016 to Ringway Infrastructure Services Limited. The contract, which is worth £15m per year, will mean the company is responsible for the maintenance of roads, street lights and pavements, clearing drains, gritting and emergency repairs. It runs for five years, with a possible extension of a further two years.

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#trevorcarbin.



There have been more reports of drivers speeding in Staverton. It is a 20mph zone. Please make visitors aware. As the weather improves there will be children playing outside.

There have been concerns over inconsiderate parking in School Lane causing a danger to children and adults. Please think before you park and park safely!



New to Staverton and getting involved.

Having worked, between us, for 90 years my wife Liz and I retired a couple of years ago and agreed that we wanted to be 'cosy but not dozey'. Having lived in Trowbridge since 2007 we decided to stay in the area but move to a modern house and get involved in the local community. We had lived at the very quiet end of a cul-de-sac where we saw almost no-one but the immediate neighbours and those who came to our front door; we felt we wanted more life around us now that we would be at home a lot more. So here we have been in Marina Drive, Staverton for six months and we find ourselves very happy with how things are working out. Our joke on the first day in our new house was to point out of the front window and say "Look! Look! I can see people going by! And there's a car!" J

Having settled in we made contact with Staverton Parish Council and have already managed to help in a couple of small ways. We've also volunteered to help with the next 'Litter Pick' hopefully helping to foster pride in living in this parish, which despite being small has quite a lot to offer. Ok, so we had youngsters playing 'Knock out Ginger' and eggs thrown at our front door on the run up to Halloween but you can't be in a lively community and expect peace and quiet all the time. Of course when we were youngster we never did anything like that! (Moving on quickly.....)

Liz had already spent some time being involved with "Wiltshire OPC". An OPC (on-line parish clerk) must not be confused with a Parish Clerk (our very own June Jones for Staverton for example) who is someone engaged by a parish council or parochial church council. An OPC is a volunteer member of the public who researches the parish and transcribes historical and genealogical information for that particular parish which may be of value to family history researchers and social historians. The OPC website url is:

<http://www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk/genealogy/>

Liz is the OPC for Holt, Semington, Whaddon & Great Chalfield and mentioned to me that there was a vacancy for Staverton so I volunteered. If you go to the website, click on the 'Access the Parish Directory' tab and scroll down, you can click on Staverton and find what I have inherited as my starter.

As part of my quest to learn about Staverton I paid a visit to Trowbridge Library and was pleased to find a few books relating specifically to Staverton. The list I subsequently compiled is:

1. "The Book of Staverton - An Ancient West Wiltshire Parish" by Pete Lavis.

I've been lucky enough to buy my own copy of this.

2. "A Century of Nestlé at Staverton 1897 - 1997" by Pete Lavis.

I've only found a lending library copy and would like to own/buy one.

3. "Staverton 2000 - The Story Behind the Village Millennium Tapestry" coordinated by Pete Lavis.

I've only found a reference library copy and would like to own/buy one.

4. Staverton School Centenary - Village History Trail produced & published by Pete Lavis

I've only found a reference library copy and would like to own/buy one.

5. "A History of St Paul's Church, Staverton" by Pete Lavis published in 1996.

I've not been able to find any copy of this and would like to own/buy one.

If anyone can help me obtain copies of the above 2. to 5. I would be really grateful and if anyone knows of other sources that would be equally welcome. I've tried contacting a couple of people who I hoped could help but have received no responses so my quest continues.

John Corfield

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We are looking for volunteers to help deliver financial capability sessions and who can commit to the project for one year.

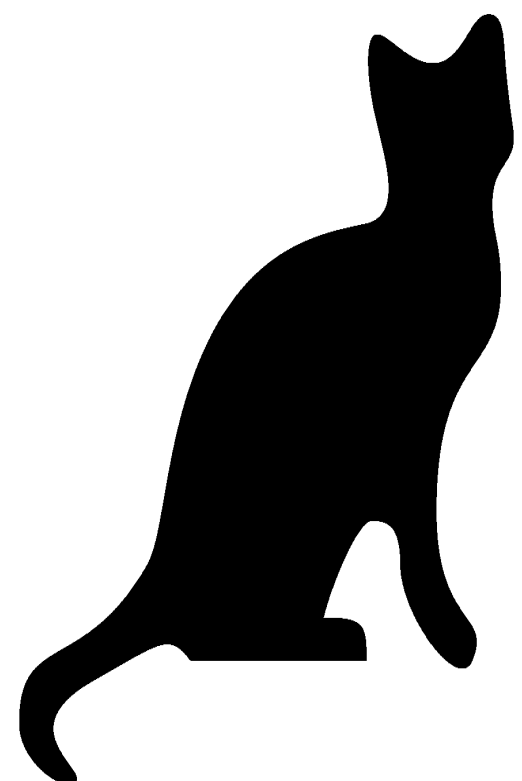
We need group trainers and/or people who are able to conduct one to one sessions.

If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact **Kirsten or Alice** on **01225 781946**.

Email: **wiltshiremoney@citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk**



There have been several cats reported missing in the Staverton area and one owner is concerned that his cat might have been poisoned. If you have a cat please be aware.





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With spring in the air I thought it might be of some interest to describe some of the operations that take place at Hilpertown Marina.

ABC Leisure Group Ltd has been building and operating boats and providing services to canal users for over 35 years and has gained a reputation of being able to provide everything you need to own, operate, maintain or holiday on a narrow boat. As well as the Hilpertown Marina operation that we acquired from Wessex narrow boats in 2003 we own a further 9 marinas and have franchise operations from a further 4. From these 14 bases we now operate over 200 boats for public hire and I'm sure many of you will regularly see our boats travelling up and down the Kennet & Avon. During the peak of the holiday season we are regularly sending out up to 15 boats on any one day over the weekend.

It is often assumed by our many visitors and customers that, in the winter months, we are having a quiet and relaxed time. Nothing, in fact, could be further from the truth and we are probably busier at this time than any other. During the 4 months from November to March when Canal River Trust (CRT) carry out their planned maintenance work on the canal system we have to carry out major servicing on all our boats. All of the boats have to be 'winterized' to ensure no leaks occur to the domestic water systems and then, after servicing and repainting, have then to be recommissioned ready for the first hire day on March 11th.



We operate 23 ABC Leisure Hire Boats plus 1 Day Boat, 4 boats belonging to a time share organisation and a boat run on behalf of The Royal Navy at RNAS Yeovilton, which is available to hire by service personnel. As well as our own boats there are many private owners who are keen to have work carried out prior to being ready for springtime and summer cruising.

We have been very fortunate in having had a mild winter this year with very few occasions when the canal has frozen. When it does freeze over it is impossible to move boats to and from our main workshop located at the marina and this causes considerable disruption.

As well as providing hire boats we have an extensive chandlery and souvenir shop on Hammond Way and we can supply most things for a narrow boat owner, from mooring ropes to fitting a new engine. We are suppliers of all boat services including coal, diesel and we are also calor gas agents. We can provide most bottled gas including patio and BBQ gas.

The marina on Staverton side of the canal has moorings for around 60 boats and is conveniently sited for leisure trips to Bath or Devizes or further afield.

As many of you know our resident pair of swans successfully reared 7 cygnets (losing one along the way) and are now busy chasing them away in advance of the new breeding season. I have also noticed the kingfishers around more often over the last few weeks, undoubtedly looking for some easier fishing in the marina.

After all the work done to improve the bank in the 'pond' next to the marina, we continue to cut the bank edges as required by our lease agreement with CRT and hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

I hope this brief article gives you an insight into what happens at Hilpertown Marina and you are more than welcome to call in and see us if you have an interest in boats and would like to know more. We are holding an open day on April 17th for people to see the boats and will be providing the opportunity for a short boat trip.

John Bull, Manager

ABC Leisure Group Ltd—Hilpertown Marina



Open Day April 17th



Nestlings Pre-School

Spring term has been a busy one again this year, yes it is Spring, the buds are out and trees in bloom despite the constant rain and now, as I write this, the freezing wind. Here are a few things we have been doing:

We have been out and about walking in the local environment, we are very lucky to live where we do, the people we meet when out are always happy to say hello or spend a few minutes of their time talking to us, finding out where we have been or what we are doing.

We have visited the swans in the Marina, who seem to hear us coming and are waiting for their snack of bread. We have been amazed by how large they are when they come out of the water to say hello. Some of them being taller than us! We have been learning how to take photos of the trees and plants as they grow and printing the photos to place in a book. This giving us an understanding of how plants grow and change through the seasons. We have been on number, shape and colour walks noticing that all these are in the environment, so if you see us looking at your house or garden we have spotted a yellow daffodil, a rectangular door or numbers on your car.

We have been learning our golden rules and discussing why we have them. 'We can run outside and walk inside', keeps us from falling over toys or other children playing on the floor. 'We can talk inside and shout outside', if there is too much noise inside we cannot hear what our friends are saying to us. We have 'Bea' our Bush Baby (a soft toy) to remind us of this. Being a Bush Baby, Bea sleeps in the day and looks after pre-school at night when we are not there. He does like to wake sometimes at the end of the day to listen to our stories. 'We are kind to one another' and 'We can listen to one another', so we all feel safe, happy, secure and valued.

Road safety is another subject we have been talking about, learning how to cross the road, always holding your adult's hand and listening to them. As well as crossing the road outside we have been reinforcing this by making road signs and different types of crossings for the toy cars. In the outside play area we have made a zebra crossing, stop/go signs and speeding tickets for the bikes.

We celebrated pancake day with pancake races around the assault course and eating fruit pancakes. We learnt that it's good to taste different foods before saying we don't like them because, surprisingly, most of the time we do like them and usually ask for more!!

We were lucky enough to be able to purchase a mud kitchen last year and this has become a firm favourite. We have been making mud pies, mud cakes, mud mounds and even though we wear a cover up over our waterproof clothes it's amazing how the mud gets inside wellington boots and under four layers of clothes! All seven areas of learning can be met with the mud kitchen, as well as having fun we can learn how to work together (personal, social & emotional development), use speech to talk to one another and ask questions (communication & language), Handle large and small objects with good control like spoons and large mixing bowls (physical development), look at recipe books and 'writing' our own recipes on chalk board (literacy), counting spoons of mud and recognizing printed numerals, talking about weight (maths), talking about what we see in the natural world when adding herbs, stones, wood etc. (understanding of the world) and using our own imaginations (expressive arts & design)

By the end of this term we should have explored Staverton School's new Play Pod, (of which we contributed to the cost) made Mother's Day cards, planted up our garden and taken part in an Easter Egg hunt, amongst other activities.

Jacqui Snelling

STAVERTON CLUB

A Community Club

Forthcoming events at the club

27th FEBRUARY 2016 BINGO
12th MARCH 2016 BINGO
26th MARCH 2016 BINGO
13th APRIL 2016 BINGO

A range of future events are being planned including a Race Night and Quiz and will shortly be confirmed

We welcome applications for new members to join this non - profit making community based club offering a range of activities throughout the week

The hall is available for hire subject to availability, please contact the club on 01722 782574 (during opening hours) or contact Marion on 01225 782469



STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL



FOR HIRE
£8 per hour incl
VAT



Staverton Village Hall

is situated at the sports ground with vehicle access from Cygnet Way. The main hall can accommodate up to 30 people. It is suitable for birthday parties and for hire by small groups and organizations.

Please note that the fee will increase to £8 per hour including VAT as from 1st January 2015.



If you are interested in booking the hall please contact
Bookings Secretary Jo Middleton

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STAVERTON TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP FEE IS £20 PER FAMILY FOR A YEAR

Contact Tennis Club Manager, Antony Nye on 01225 781151





Victorian Christmas Party

On Friday 11th December the year 7's had their Victorian Christmas Party. This term we had been studying Christmas Carol and learning lots about Victorian Christmas Traditions. For some reason the boys nearly all came as chimney sweeps. We had lovely food to share which included popcorn, Yule log, mince pies and candy canes. Yummy! We then pulled crackers that we had made and read each other the dreadful jokes! Then we played some traditional games and including an very funny one called Ha, He, Ho which made everyone laugh. We really enjoyed ourselves. Isaac, Year 7 pupil



A lovely new furry friend

Class 1 & 2 were delighted to welcome Mrs Hare and her beautiful black Labrador to school recently. The dog is 5 months old and Mrs Hare is taking care of him and preparing him for intensive training next year as he is to be a guide dog for the blind. Mrs Hare shared with the children what she has to teach the dog and demonstrated his very good sitting and waiting skills! The children so enjoyed meeting the two of them, stroking and chatting to the dog, and had many questions for Mrs Hare. We also really appreciated Mrs Hare's talk as it lead the children to the Bible, making comparisons with teaching and training the dog as we need to taught from God's word. Thank you Mrs Hare and your lovely dog for coming and we look forward to hearing more news of how you're getting on.

Vivian Gulliford



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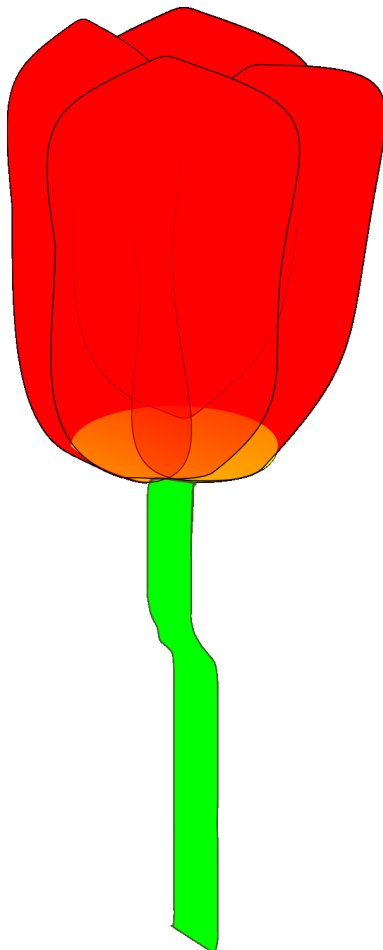


Children's Corner

Name these spring flowers:



Colour the Easter picture.



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