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Staverton resident Trevor Heeks in his role as Trowbridge Town Crier at the Lion's May Fair on Saturday 14th May.

There were various stalls and exhibitions of dancing including Zumba, Rock & Roll, Belly dancing and Irish dancers.

The good weather encouraged people to linger and enjoy the holiday atmosphere.

A big thank you yet again to all those that deliver the magazine around Staverton and to those that help in other ways such as the litter pickers and anyone who volunteers in any other way.

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**Cover picture:**

**Chris Knutson**

## Calling all residents of Staverton! Are you interested in the future planning of Staverton?

Are you interested in how Staverton will develop? Do you want to have a say in planning decisions in your area? Would you be interested in being involved in a neighbourhood plan?

### What is a neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Communities can shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. This is direct democracy and outlines the importance of working with the wider community and securing their support at an early stage in the process. Why bother? Being involved in a neighbourhood plan would give us a greater say in planning applications in our area allowing us to play an active part in the future of where we live. It will allow us to influence the direction of travel on key decisions that affect us all (e.g. relief roads, provisions and services)

### It needs the support of the community

We need a high level of genuine interest from residents of Staverton to get involved in this.

### Interested?

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Hello again,  
 I have to say how nice it is to see some better weather appearing as it seems to lift our spirits and enable us to spend more time out of doors. The open day at Hilperton Marina was well attended and we enjoyed the trip on the boat and the chance to look around several of the boats. It reminds me again how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area of the county. The bikes, trainers and walking shoes can come out of storage ready for frequent use.

Summer holidays loom ahead for most of us with precious time to relax, unwind and spend time with family. For those of us planning to spend time abroad I

have now been reliably informed that it is not necessary to take a magnet with us to defeat the fraudsters trying to access our information. Indeed, I have since discovered that the magnet required for this would have to be such a size that it probably wouldn't fit in our suitcase anyway.

Whatever you are planning to do this summer I hope you all have a happy and enjoyable time.

Best wishes

Caroline Smith



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# Parish

At our recent Annual Parish and Annual General meetings of the Parish Council our Chair, Simon Richardson thanked Accountant Wendy Grant for all the hard work she put in with the football in the village and assistance she has given myself with the Parish accounts over the years. Although she will be moving away to North Wales we are pleased to say that she will continue to assist with the accounts and offer help where she can. We all wish her well in her new home in the months to come. Simon also welcomed new Councillor Russell Clark to the parish council.

**PRECEPT:** In January the Parish Council decided once again not to increase the parish council levy to each household in Staverton. The Precept income for 2015/16 was **£22,265**. The opening balance at the beginning of 2015-16 was **£36,508** and the total income for the year was **£34,651**. Expenditure was **£37,238** which left a closing balance of **£33,922**. Total fixed assets including investments of **£75,202** were **£268,221**. This showed a movement of - **£2,586** during the year.

**Village Hall:** Unfortunately delays due to the weather meant that it took longer than expected to install the new footpath to the front of the village hall. However the improvement is now benefitting hirers. Thanks to continuing interest in hiring the village hall, income for the year was **£2,731** and running costs totalled **£2,676** leaving a small profit margin of **£55**. We are grateful to Jo Middleton, landlady of The Old Bear in Staverton and the volunteer Bookings Manager, who has administered the bookings. The hourly rate to hire the hall is £7 plus VAT.

**Sports Ground:** Field hire income for last year was **£1,288**. At a recent meeting the hirers, Trowbridge Rangers said that they wish to make Staverton their base and have formally changed their name to Staverton Rangers. The Parish Council welcomed this move and hope this will encourage Staverton youngsters join the teams who include girls as well as boys. The football team has applied for funding to acquire a Defibrillator for Staverton to be

available to everyone using the sports ground. This piece of equipment is becoming essential for all field users. The Parish Council would also like to hear from you if you would like to go on our emergency contact list as a first responder. If you are a qualified First Aider and would like to help please can you email me on:

[parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

We hope to install more benches around the field and a kissing gate at the entrance Marina Drive. Vandals had destroyed the wooden stile at this gate which was installed to prevent motor cyclists from riding across the field. The new gate will be metal and prevent this type of access. Residents living near the field who may experience problems from antisocial behaviour including noise and vandalism should immediately report this to the police so that the problem can be sorted out at the time.

**Tennis Court:** Last year, income from the hire of the tennis court fell to **£263**, with overheads of **£248** leaving a small profit of **£15**. Unfortunately it is proving difficult to keep the court exclusive as users are not locking the courts after use therefore discussions are underway regarding the future use of the court.

## **Sports Ground Maintenance Fund**

Total costs for the year were **£5,567**. Income from the primary school and the parish council was **£2,956** and investments totalled **£1,568**. This left a shortfall over the year of **£1,043**. The total held in reserves for this fund is **£82,658**.

Once more the Parish Council had a very successful audit report with no issues raised and accounts can be viewed at any time if you contact me on [parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

I would like to wish everyone a lovely sunny summer but just a word of warning to cover up your legs when walking in long grass as ticks are becoming more of a problem and we are asked by Public Health to highlight the risks these little pests bring to us.

*June Jones, Staverton Parish Clerk*

# Matters

Meeting dates for 2016 –2017	18	January		June	21	November
On Mondays starting at 7pm	21	March	18	July		
At Village Hall	16	May (AGM/APM)	19	September	16	January



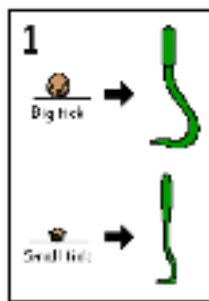
## How to Remove a Tick

When removing a tick remember the following points.

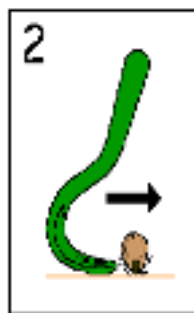
Don't compress the tick.  
Don't leave the tick mouth parts in the skin.



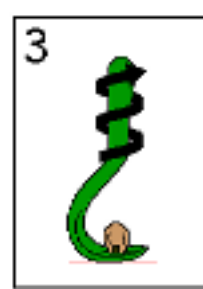
This is best achieved by using fine pointed tweezers (shown right) or a specialist tick removal tool such as a O'TOM® hook (Tick Twister®) shown below. Specialist Tick removal tools are available from all good veterinary clinics and pet shops.



Choose the most suitable hook, according to the size of the tick.



Engage the hook by approaching the tick from the side (the body of a tick is flat) until it is held.



Lift the hook very lightly and TURN IT (screwing or un-screwing)



When a tick is fixed in the host, it injects saliva in the skin, which contains :

- Allergenic matters, which cause oedema (swelling) and erythema (redness) on the bite's point, and pruritus (itching).
- Infectious agents which are transmitted from the tick to people or animals e.g. Lyme Disease.

When the tick is grabbed with tweezers or similar instruments, the tool exerts a pressure on the tick's body: this pressure promotes saliva back-flow in the host skin, and increases the risk of injection of allergenic matters and above all the risk of transmission of tick-borne microorganisms. When the tick is grasped with a specialist tool, there is no pressure on the tick's body, thus, reducing the risk of the injection of allergenic matters and the transmission of micro-organisms.

### Do Not

- Do Not use your fingers.
- Do Not squeeze the tick.
- Do Not use a burning match.
- Do Not use a cigarette.
- Do Not use petroleum jelly
- Do Not use cleaning fluid.

# Wiltshire Council

Where everybody matters

Firstly a big thank you to all who turned out for the litterpick in March. This year by popular demand in addition to the Spring clean we're going to have an Autumn clean - the date for this is **Sunday October 9th, 1030 to 1230am at the Village Hall**. If you haven't joined in previously and would like to this time please send an email to [trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Staverton footpath signs – what do they mean?

Signage about footpaths on the triangle of land south of Blackthorn Way have raised questions from residents as the legalistic wording of the notices is somewhat incomprehensible. Apart from the canal towpath there is one designated footpath crossing the land. The notice has been prompted by a submission by the landowner to prevent any further footpath designations. As has happened in Holt recently official paths can be created if the public have been walking on particular routes 'as of right' for twenty years. 'As of right' is a curious concept – it means the landowner neither gave specific permission nor barred access.

The notice means this right cannot now be invoked on the land, unless anyone decided they wanted to put the case that they'd been using a path across the land for twenty years before the date of the notice.

The existing footpath is not affected.

The area has previously been designated for housing development, though the difficulty of access is believed to be putting the house builders off.

Residents and councillors have criticised Wiltshire Council over its handling of the construction of a new roundabout for the Kingston Farm development at Holt Road in Bradford.

The original plan as explained by WC Highways didn't involve a full road closure despite that being the developers' preference. Then with no more than a week's notice of the event WC put up signs announcing a 20 week closure.

This is causing traffic congestion, with drivers looking for shortcuts rather than following the 'official' diversion routes.

The council's consultation on cuts to bus services has now closed. Over 11,000 questionnaires were returned, making it the second largest response to any Wiltshire Council consultation. A detailed analysis of the results is on the WC website. It seems the main priority was to preserve rural and strategic network services, so that people and communities do not become isolated. Evening and Sunday services were given a lower priority overall. Any cuts to specific services caused by withdrawal of subsidies would need a further consultation.

Following the demise of the Hopper bus I'm offering lifts to the RUH to any Staverton residents who previously used the service and are now having difficulty getting to appointments there. This would only be suitable for those who can travel in an ordinary car. If possible please give a couple of weeks notice, and send an email or call 01225 762032 to arrange.

Wiltshire Council has announced a further round of cuts to youth services. Two years ago budgets were slashed and youth workers sacked. Local communities and Area Boards were given the job of salvaging something useful from the wreckage, with one youth officer per community area surviving. Now the number of youth workers employed by county is to be reduced again from 18 to 7, so that in future one youth officer will cover more than one area. WC says the action is, *"In line with the council's priority to enable communities to do more for themselves."*

Reductions in budgets mean the amount available for the Area Board to fund highways improvements or community projects has declined, but there is still some money available - see the Wiltshire Council area board website for details.

I'm looking at the possibility of getting the council to check levels of air pollution along the B3105. When the District Council measured this ten years or so ago the levels were found to be below the legal limits - whilst this may still be the case it would be useful to establish it one way or the other.

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Website: [www.trevorcarbin.mycouncillor.org.uk](http://www.trevorcarbin.mycouncillor.org.uk)





The good weather helped to make the open day a success as many local residents explored the boats and facilities available at Hilpertown Marina.

Approximately 400 people attended the open day at Hilpertown Marina on April 17th.  
Over 100 people took a trip on one of the day boats provided for the occasion.



Hire boats were set up for viewing and tea, coffee and biscuits were served on board one of these.

Brokerage boats for sale were also open for viewing.

A similar event is planned for next year with possibly two boats in use and entertainment laid on for customers who are waiting. Details will be published in the Staverton News.



# Hilpertown Marina Open Day

# Piano Tuition

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New Staverton resident Kathryn Ryan is hoping to inspire a love of piano in local children and adults after fifteen years of success in the Corsham area. She started learning piano at the age of 6 in Hinckley, Leicestershire, where she grew up, and loved it from the very start.

Kathryn has Grade 8 Distinctions in both piano and clarinet, and achieved an ARCM Piano Teaching Diploma from the Royal College of Music, London. An Oxford graduate in Russian and German with a PGCE in Modern Languages, she spent the first part of her career teaching languages in local secondary schools but has focused on teaching piano since starting a family fifteen years ago.

Kathryn has always felt that piano is an ideal beginner instrument for children. The many happy pupils and their parents who have benefited from her tuition agree, as it is one of the easier instruments for them to begin playing notes and making music right from the word 'go'. It can also be a good stepping stone to lead on to a second instrument.

There are many advantages from learning the piano, improving a child's maths and language skills, reading and understanding. It develops motor skills, helps sharpen a child's ability to concentrate and improve their memory.

Learning the piano will give your child a sense of achievement, especially when they can then perform to family, friends, and in school. It also allows them a means of expressing themselves, as well as

being an excellent way to boost their self-confidence.

Above all, playing the piano is fun!

Kathryn teaches piano to all ages and levels, and has taught at several local schools in and around Corsham for the last 9 years, including St. Patrick's Primary, Heywood Prep and Frogwell Primary in Chippenham. She has given a number of recitals including one at the Corsham Music Festival, and is an active performer. She regularly takes part in piano masterclasses, notably in December 2013 with the famous Russian pianist Andrei Gavrilov in Bristol. Kathryn's pupils have a good track record of results in piano exams and are frequently involved in children's concerts at Corsham's Pound Pill Arts Centre.

Having recently moved house to Staverton, which she finds a quiet, friendly place, she is now enthusiastic to offer her skill and expertise to the local area.

Kathryn teaches all styles of music, either to exam level or purely for enjoyment. She specialises in classical music, but also offers jazz, modern, and pop. She is interested in all genres of music -some of her favourites range from Chopin and Bach to Francis Cabrel, Elizabeth Ziman, and styles such as salsa and reggaeton.

So, all budding Staverton musicians: get pressing those keys, tinkling those ivories, and make music!

# STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL



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## 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 CLUB

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• Please contact the club for more details

#### • Future Events

- 21st May Bingo
- 28th May Private Function
- 4th June Bingo
- 11th June Bingo
- 18th June Private Function - Skittles
- 25th June Bingo
- 2nd July
- 9th July Bingo
- 16th July
- 23rd July Bingo
- 30th July Race Night





Again; not only has this term gone supersonic quick but the whole school year has just disappeared into a black hole.

This term we have been talking about space, the children's interest sparked by Tim Peake being in the media. After reading the story 'Whatever Next', in which a bear finds a rocket and flies to the moon, we built that rocket using a cardboard box and tin foil raided from the kitchen. Our tin foil rocket was placed in the room and flown to the moon by everyone. Lots of counting backwards and the words 'blast off' were heard; using the sand timers the children were able to work together to decide when it was their turn in the rocket, without the aid of an adult. We made a picnic to take to the moon with our bears, learning which foods are good for us and which are treats.

We have learnt that books not only tell us stories but hold lots of information. Looking at books about space we have found out all about different planets, what they look like and what they are called. How we would get into space, what we would have to wear, the names of stars and how astronauts go to the toilet! (The answer to the last question in case you are wondering is that they strap themselves to the toilet to stop floating away or if they are outside the space station they wear extra-large nappies.) We learnt that, maybe, some day, we might find life on another planet, in the meantime using our imagination we drew our own aliens which came in all shapes and sizes. While doing this we talked

about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others and understood that we are all unique.

We made our own planets from junk, some had pink spots, others were square in shape and one even had twenty moons. After reading 'Aliens Love Underpants' we looked at different patterns and designed our own patterned underpants which we hung on the washing line.

We will be saying goodbye to some of our children in July and wish them well in their new adventure at 'Big School'.

We hope that by letting them explore the world around them at this age, we have inspired them. Inspired a future engineer, by taking apart an old computer keyboard and seeing what is inside. A future doctor, by exploring the toy doctors kit and turning the staff into Egyptian mummies as they bandage them. A future architect, by building that castle for Rapunzel out of bricks. A chef; by exploring the mud kitchen. An artist; by allowing them to wallow up to their armpits in paint. A scientist; by exploring what happens when you mix bicarbonate of soda with vinegar (try it yourself) or even the next Tim Peake.

All it now leaves me to say is that after fifteen great years of working at Nestlings I am leaving to take a long overdue gap year to travel and see the world. So thank you for reading my tales of pre-school, I hope you have enjoyed them.

Jacqui Snelling



### Staverton Rangers Junior Football Club Standard

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BBQ from 5pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6pm - Musical Concert

BBQ from 5pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm - Art Exhibition

BBQ from 3.30pm

Admission £2 per Adult - Children Free (Wed & Thurs only)

Over the 3 days FOSS will be selling Raffle tickets,  
refreshments & BBQ.

There will also be some stalls for you to enjoy.



# Children's Corner



## Remember the Water Safety Code

<http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/leisure-safety/watersafety-children-young-people.pdf>

The dangers of water include:

- Very Cold temperatures
- It can be deep
- No Lifeguards
- Hidden currents
- Hidden rubbish
- It can be difficult to get out
- Water pollution may make you ill
- It is difficult to estimate depth



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