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I am interested to know how far the magazine travels. If you have read it outside of Staverton please email me and let me know at editor.stavertonnews@gmail.com, preferably with picture.

Thank you to all the usual suspects, or deliverers, and welcome to Martin who has now joined the merry band. Anyone else interested in volunteering to deliver the magazine please contact the editor.

Front cover—Chris Knutson

Please send in your Staverton pictures to editor.stavertonnews@gmail.com

Change to £1 coin in 2017.

You will see that the proposed design hints a little reminder of the threepenny bit. You may call it "thrupenny" but my intonation used to be "threhppunce", before I got posh and came south. The information from the hyperlink addresses indicates that business representatives have been consulted. I raised the point on their behalf as it may (but will probably not) affect trolley exchange at shopping outlets.

In such event, it would be a chance to exchange a present £1 coin for one of the many charity designs for trolley access, there are many token coins available that give that facility and it would benefit specific charities of individual choice.

George Fortune

More details relating to the new £1 coin can be found at the following web addresses:

<http://www.royalmint.com/newonepoundcoin>

<http://www.thenewpoundcoin.com/>

101

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:

- you want to report a crime/issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- you or someone else are **not** in immediate danger
- you would like to speak to your local police officer
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- violence is being used or threatened

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WILTSHIRE POLICE

www.wiltshire.police.uk

Hello again,

It is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner when we contemplate the miserable weather from our sheltered vantage points. As I am writing this storm Doris has made her presence felt, leaving broken branches and damage in her wake, and there seems little prospect of improvement on the horizon. Never the less we have to believe that spring will soon be with us and take faith from the bulbs that are blooming in our gardens, despite the fact that we can not see the bulbs we know that they are there.

I would like to say a big thank you again to everyone who contributes to the magazine, either by writing or delivering, there would be no magazine without you. As we are all volunteers we are giving up our most valuable asset, our time.

I would particularly like to thank Tamsin Quin for her article about her singing, as I have seen her perform I know what a talented lady she is. If you have a story to tell then please email it to me at the usual address and don't be shy, get out there and blow your own



trumpet!

It only remains for me to wish everyone a wonderful spring and a Happy Easter. I look forward to hearing from you all for the summer edition.

Best wishes

Caroline Smith

Parish

Parish Council Vacancies

It is with regret that we received the resignation of Cllr Russell Clark In January. Russell has been with the Parish Council for over a year and Councillors welcomed his contribution and support. His family has happily grown in number since he joined us and so have his commitments. We thank him for his input and sincerely wish him well for the future.

The Parish Council has two vacancies and would welcome anyone to apply. Full Parish Council elections are usually held every 4 years and Wiltshire Council will be posting election notices for 2017.

For applications please contact: June Jones, Parish Clerk,
parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk or
phone on 01225 765553

The Parish Council is pleased report two new projects for 2017.

Project 1: Village Hall

The Parish Council were asked if the kitchen window to the village hall could be modified to include a serving hatch and outside patio area for tables and chairs. It has been recognised for some time that the kitchen is very small and lacks basic equipment like a cooker and sufficient storage units to provide proper facilities for hirers. However the kitchen would need to be extended through into one of the store rooms next door to accommodate these changes. Plans and specifications are presently being drawn up to extend the kitchen and install a window/hatch to the side of the village hall. This installation would provide much needed facilities for outside entertaining. Watch this space!

Project 2: Play Area –School Lane

The Parish Council has now applied for a Lottery Grant for £10,000 to replace the old and worn Chicken Rocker and the Timber Trail with new equipment. This play area is very important to the community and the Parish Council has recently spent £1,000 on repairs to the rest of the equipment. This has now used up the Council's financial budget for the play area in 2017 so we would be delighted to get funding to renew the older equipment. We are still waiting for a response from the Lottery.

Police Matters

At our last meeting the Police Team reported that there were no crime related incidents reported in Staverton since the last meeting of the Parish Council. Two non-dwelling burglaries were reported in Winsley and Murhill. However Steven Burke from Staverton was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months imprisonment for various offences involving drugs and money laundering.

Staverton Sports Ground

We are pleased to report that the boundary fence to Marina Drive has now been totally replaced with stronger chain link fencing and with the new kissing gate entry, this completes the replacement and renewal of the boundary fencing infrastructure to the sports ground which has been ongoing for the last 3 years.

Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin will be holding the **Spring Litter Pick on March 5th at 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend and meet up at Staverton Village Hall.

Website

The new website can be accessed online at:
<http://www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk>

Matters

<u>Meeting Dates for 2017-2018</u>	16	JANUARY 2017		JUNE (Exec Cttee Meeting) Date to be confirmed	20	NOVEMBER 2017
On Mondays starting at 7.00 pm	20	MARCH 2017	1 7	JULY 2017		
At Village Hall	15	MAY 2017 (AGM/ APM) Starts 6.30 pm with Annual Parish Meeting	1 8	SEPTEMBER 2017	15	JANUARY 2018

STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL

FOR HIRE
£7 per hour + VAT



The Village Hall is situated at the sports ground in the centre of the village 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.

If you are interested in booking the hall please contact :

Bookings Secretary Jo Middleton

Mob. 07828 403598 or email on:

stavertonvillagehall@gmail.com

Marina Drive traffic survey

Following complaints from residents about speeding traffic in the 20mph zone on Marina Drive a 'metrocount' survey was carried out between January 24th and February 2nd. A total of 10,936 vehicles were checked. The average speed was 19.0mph and the 85th percentile was 23.0mph (the 85th percentile is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling).

Wiltshire Council uses these criteria for 20mph roads based on the 85th percentile:

20 to 24mph = No Further Action

24.1 to 38.9 mph = Eligible for Community Speed Watch

Over 39mph = Subject to Police enforcement

These results mean you won't be seeing the Community Speed Watch team on Marina Drive for now. However it will be operating as usual on the main B3105 through the village. More volunteers are required for this – please get in touch if you'd like to help.

Canal Road Recycling Centre



A queue for the HRC

Anyone driving from Staverton into Trowbridge at weekends will be aware of the congestion caused by traffic queueing to get into the Household Recycling Centre (HRC). We've been encouraging the council to review their decision to cut opening times and they've now done that. Trowbridge and two other HRCs will get an extra day over the summer. At February's budget-setting council meeting a proposal to increase the opening times at all the county's HRCs so they could open an hour earlier in the mornings, when the queues tend to be biggest, was not approved.

Although not easily provable, the suspicion is that an increase in fly-tipping was linked to the previous cuts.

Your Council Tax

At that same council meeting the budget was set for next year. The Wiltshire Council part of the council tax is to be increased by 5%, which when you include the increases in the Police and Fire precepts means a rise for many households of £100 or so. Although the rise is understandable given the state of the council's finances, I voted against it as I don't think it's fair to keep increasing the Council Tax by such large amounts.

Keeping Staverton Tidy

Thanks to everyone who responded to the recent appeal for more litterpickers for the March 5th clean-up, and for helpers with the environmental project to tidy up the areas in the village. I've applied for a small grant from the Area Board, and if this is successful I'll be discussing the way forward with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, so if you volunteered I'll be in touch at that stage. If you didn't reply previously and would like to go on the mailing list then please get in touch.

Cheap swimming for young people at Bradford pool

A desire for less expensive swimming was one of the things that came out of an Area Board youth event held in January. So if you're aged 13 to 18 you can get a swimming session for £1.50 on Fridays (3.30 to 5pm) and Saturdays (2.15 to 5pm). You need to be resident in the Bradford on Avon Community Area which includes Staverton.

This is in addition to the free swimming you can get during school holidays.

Contact details:

Trevor Carbin, 228 Church St,
Hilperton BA14 7RG

07757 506470

trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk

website -

www.trevorcarbin.mycouncillor.org.uk

Or follow on twitter @trevorcarbin

You spoke we listened

Swimming for £1.50 for 13-18 year olds

Young people from the Bradford On Avon community area can access the swimming pool at Bradford On Avon at the cheaper rate on Friday 3.30pm – 5pm and Saturdays 2.15pm – 5pm starting February 20th 2017.

Bradford on Avon Area Board has funded the swimming pool to enable 13-18 year olds to swim at a cheaper rate for a period of time.

Turn up at the swimming pool at the designated time and sign in at reception.

Free Swimming is still accessible during half term and the summer holidays.

www.placesforpeopleleisure.org

Bradford on Avon Swimming Pool
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Spotlight on



Tamsin Quin is a local up and coming singer/songwriter from Devizes. Tamsin tells us about her fist guitar and about the inspiration for her songs.

I got my first guitar at about eight years old. However, that was soon confiscated by my parents after I used it to bash my little brothers over the head during

sibling rivalries. It wasn't until quite a few years later that my interest sparked up again. My dad lived on a canal boat so my teenage years were full of late nights, singing around the campfire on the towpath. Surrounded by musicians, I longed to join in and asked my dad to teach me guitar. My dad, being a fairly seasoned musician, jumped at the chance and started with 12 bar Blues. Looking back I now realise that this was one of my dad's cunning plans so he could have a jamming buddy on hand anytime. I have fond memories of sore fingers from playing 12bar blues for literally hours, whilst my dad jammed out lead over the top. My 'practising' did pay off though and I was soon borrowing guitars around the campfire.

My dad's deal was, if I practiced consistently for six months, then he would buy me a second hand guitar of my own. One day he took me to a guitar shop to show me different types of guitars available. The idea was to find what sort I was after and then try to find a cheap second-hand one similar. I was trying to hide the fact I'd fallen head over heels with this beautiful electro-acoustic Crafter with pearl inlay, but my dad noticed and (spoiled daughter alert) had soon put a deposit down. My dad was by no means well-off, quite the opposite actually, and I admit I had a tinge of guilt about him paying so much for a guitar for me. The months that followed consisted of us travelling back and forth to the music shop to pay a bit more off and I'd have a little play then put her back on the reserved shelf. One day dad said 'we're taking the van today', and I knew it was time to pick her up. We never had expensive things when we were kids and that guitar was my pride and joy for years. I wrote my first song on her (Equal Hearts) when I was fourteen and after that I was completely hooked. Songwriting quickly became my therapist and my saviour through my tough teenage years. I dabbled in and out of electric and acoustic guitar... rock, metal, folk depending on my mood. I was lucky and grew up on an eclectic mix of my parents' music; from System

of a Down, Roy Harper, Aerosmith, Cat Stevens, Tom Petty, The Strawbs, even a bit of Bon Jovi for good measure, many of which I still listen to today.

Since my turbulent teenage years are well over, inspiration for my songs nowadays comes in many other, calmer ways. Believe it or not, it's quite hard to write happy songs, some of the best songs come from heartbreak and misery, but even if you're mostly happy in your life (like me) you can still draw from things around you to write about. Sometimes it may come from a conversation I've overheard (Seventeen), or from a friend going through a bad time (Upward For Me), or from hearing rumours that get around this little town (Swapping Stories), and of course I am guilty of writing the occasional mushy love song (Gypsy Blood). Sometimes I might be talking to someone or thinking about something and just really like a word or a sentence and I'll go home and write a song based on that. It still works as gentle therapy and escapism for me but is also an important creative outlet to stop my mind whirring with ideas all day. I hope to continue writing songs for the foreseeable future, and although I love performing too, my dream would be to write songs for a living as that's where my real joy comes from.

Download Tamsin's Live EP at
www.tamsinquin.bandcamp.com



Sunday 19th March 2pm - 5pm. Come and relax at our Lazy Sunday Afternoon Acoustic Session, all in aid of a fantastic Charity Hospice UK. Set in our intimate Cellar Bar, Devizes, listen to the sounds of some wonderful acoustic musicians

performing a selection of folk, pop, jazz and soul.

Tickets are £5 (available in advance or OTD)

*****Please contact Fraser for tickets on fraser.tilley@btinternet.com. *****

Tickets will also be available on the door.

All proceeds from event will be donated to Hospice UK, a wonderful charity who support hospices all over the UK to provide vital care to 200,000 people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses every year, as well as providing support for many of their loved ones.
<https://www.hospiceuk.org/>

News from Rev John Rees, Rector of the Canal-side Benefice

Services in the Benefice.

A new service pattern has been introduced in the Benefice with services generally at the same time each week:

St Michael's, The Knap, Hilperton 9.30am

1st Sunday: All-age worship for all the family

2nd and 4th Sundays: Junior Church for primary school aged children during the services of Communion.

3rd Sunday: Communion service for all ages.

St Mary Magdalen Hilperton Marsh (mainly 11.00am)

1st Sunday: Communion

2nd Sunday: Evening Worship @ 6.00pm

3rd Sunday: Communion

4th Sunday: Morning worship

You are welcome at any of these services. There will be special services for Easter which will be advertised on our Facebook page (St. Michael and All Angels, Hilperton).

Toddler Group

We intend to start a new fortnightly group for pre-school children and their parents/carers on Friday March 24th from 9.15 – 10.45. There will be crafts, toys and snacks for the children and a chance for the adults to chat over a drink. The cost will be £2 per family to cover costs. For more information contact John or Anne Rees on 764365, email [canalside-](mailto:canalside-beneficerector@gmail.com)

beneficerector@gmail.com. Do look out for posters in the village: information will be sent to Staverton School once we have finalised arrangements. We'd love to see you!

Thought from the Rectory

It is wonderful to see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils out in our gardens and verges – as I write, Spring is about to arrive!

In the Church calendar, Lent is also about to start, the 40 days before Easter when Christians prepare for Easter. Traditionally, people have “given something up” for Lent – but this year I have decided to “take something up” for Lent instead. The Bible tells us how Jesus set an example of service in his life on earth. A few suggestions of things I might do to make a difference to someone else include donating food at the Foodbank collection point in supermarkets; writing a letter of encouragement and appreciation to someone who serves the community; stopping and talking to a homeless person. Other ideas include taking part in the community litter pick or befriending someone who has recently moved into your neighbourhood – the opportunities are many and varied.

As we move towards Easter, focussing on the needs of others can make us aware of how many good things we have. May I wish you all an early “Happy Easter”.

Revd John Rees (Rector of Canalside Benefice) 22 Warren Rd Staverton.

The March Dance Words and picture Bev Borrenson

Oh gusty winds blow you so fierce,
tearing among the garden plants.
Bending all to your harsh will,
captured in your mad March dance.
Such strength you show, but brutal too,
as you buffet and you tease..
Mixed weather comes within your wake.
Rain and sunshine as you please.

When Spring has only just awoken,
you make your presence known to all..
Like a God who is demanding,
nature must obey your call.
Yet, when you calm in playful breezes,
you are the gardeners' delight..
Blossom on the trees festooned,
indeed such a floriferous sight.

Your Roman God, is known as Mars..
He represents the Springtime growth.
He is the mighty God of War..
March is the month of which he boasts.
Umbrellas turning inside out,
and hats torn from unwary heads..
but gales in time will soon be tamed,
to become the breeze of Spring instead.



Do you want to move house in 2017?

Top 10 Tips To Make Your Home Presentable



1. First impressions count



2. Cut the grass



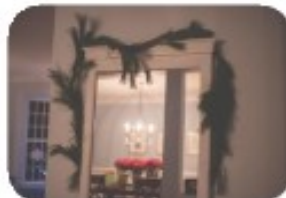
3. Declutter



4. Spruce up the kitchen & bathroom



5. Choose the right estate agent



6. Utilise mirrors



7. Keep clear



8. Make the house available



9. Appeal to the nostrils!



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- registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election

You cannot be a Councillor if you:

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- have been sentenced to prison for three months or longer, including suspended sentences, during the five years prior to election.
- have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court.

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS?

If you think you can bring **SKILLS** from your work, **LIFE EXPERIENCE** or even just **ENTHUSIASM**, the Parish Council would like to hear from you. We meet 6 times a year for a couple of hours. For an informal chat please contact:

Mrs June Jones, Parish Clerk on 01225 765553 or parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

A Springtime message from ABC Leisure at Hilpertons Marina.



We have come once again to the start of a new season of boating.

All the hard work over the winter months of carrying out maintenance, cleaning and preparing the 28 boats that we look after is coming to an end.

Once again we have been very fortunate with the mild winter and only on a few occasions has the canal frozen over sufficiently to stop us moving boats between the Wharf side on Hammond way and the workshop on Staverton water side.

On Friday 10th March we will be welcoming the first of our guests for 2017.

We have seen a gradual increase in holiday booking over the last two years and is already looking like this could be a bumper year.

Many of you will have seen celebrity shows on TV featuring narrowboats, there is no denying that we always get a rush of interest and extra bookings follow the airing of these programs. There is a definite 'get back to nature' flavour to a canal holiday and it is interesting to note that on nearly a quarter of holidays people bring their pet dogs.

The current value of the Pound against other currencies is also encouraging people to holiday at home and at the same time making a UK holiday more attractive to those from overseas.

This year we are hoping to be operating a second Day boat. We once more have 'Wyvern' back from loan at Aldermaston Wharf (near Reading) and following some remedial work and general updating will be running this boat out of Hilpertons.

Once we have both boats in service we will be able to accommodate parties of up to 8 or 10 or both boats for a group booking.

A note for your diaries: **April 23rd 2017** will see us again having a Drifters open day.

Last year's open day was most successful and we are again hoping for a warm, bright and sunny day.

This year the 'Drifters' day will give those attending the event an opportunity to receive a discount off a boating holiday.

It is a great opportunity to have a look at some of our hire boats and during the day we will be running short trips for free on our day boat 'Cheers'.

So if you are interested in getting a little taster of canal boating, feel free to pop down on the day and see what life afloat is all about.

For all those who will be using the canals this year, whether cycling, walking or cruising and canoeing, I would like to wish you a pleasant spring and summer.

John Bull
Manager

ABC Leisure Group Ltd -Hilpertons Marina



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STAVERTON CLUB

A Club for the Community

New Memberships Welcome

Forthcoming Events – March

4th March – Family Skittles evening

11th March – Race Night

18th March – BINGO

25th March – Private Function

1st April – BINGO

8th April

15th April – BINGO

22nd April

29th April – BINGO

6TH May

13th May – BINGO

20th May

27th May - BINGO

Please check info boards for additional events

Weekly Events on Thursday's

Slimming World starting at 9 am and 11 am

Line Dance from 7-30 pm



We bounced back into the New Year with stories to tell and pictures to share of the magical time we had enjoyed over the festive season, everyone was excited to see each other again.



tools to break it.

We continued to explore the winter season. Everyone wrapped up warm to play outside and then discovered there was ice in the water tray. The ice was very hard to break. We needed all our muscles and the right

Transport is our mini topic this term and also we have been discussing how to keep ourselves safe. We made our very own seatbelts in our play car in the garden and talked about how we cross roads



when out on our walks around Staverton.

Here we used junk materials to create our own vehicles.

We celebrated

Chinese New Year by dancing to Chinese music, tasting lots of different Chinese food and even made our very own spring rolls. We learnt that the colours red and gold are lucky to the Chinese people and used these to decorate our playroom and paint masterpieces to take home.

With spring now upon us we have so much to look forward to we have already started to look at the baby animals and began our planting discussing how we will help them grow.

Belinda Bates

Staverton Rangers FC

All our teams continue to train and play well as we go into the second half of the football season and we remain proud of all the effort both the children and our volunteers put in to making our club a safe and fun place to play football; we are also pleased to have achieved the Charter Standard for another year. Our training sessions and matches are played at Staverton Sports Ground; the club is always looking to grow and we are looking for new players of all ages to join our club, we currently run the following age groups and training sessions;

*U9's/U10's and U14's Girls - Monday
6pm to 7.30pm (During the Winter
months these age groups will train at
John of Gaunt School 6-7pm).*

U6's/U7's - Sunday 11am to 12pm.

Our Sponsors

Most of our age groups have been lucky enough to get sponsorship for the 2016/17 season, we would like to thank; **Ford, Polygon, Shanleys, Dovetail Prints** and **The Old Bear** for their support. We welcome support from the local community; if you run a business or work for a local company that would be interested in offering sponsorship to our club then we would love to hear from you. (please see contact details below)

Community News

Staverton Rangers are pleased to have been able to contribute to the British Heart Foundation campaign providing life saving equipment for the local community;

**Life-saving defib in Staverton Sports Field
British Heart Foundation and Staverton
Sports Field to give cardiac arrest victims
fighting chance of survival**

The BHF charity is campaigning for defibrillators to be made more accessible and recognisable to the public and want all young people to be taught CPR and PAD awareness at school. Since launching the campaign in 2014, at least 350,000 people have joined the Nation of Lifesavers by learning life saving CPR. To date the BHF

have helped place over 13,000 life-saving defibrillators in communities around the UK. The BHF asks for a contribution of £400 towards each defibrillator as part of the Community Package. For more information on how you can help BHF create a Nation of Lifesavers visit bhf.org.uk/lifesavers

Kevin Aylesbury from Staverton Rangers said: "We are delighted to have raised enough money to help fund this lifesaving package. The defibrillator will be placed outside our village Hall meaning that local people have the best chance of survival should they suffer a cardiac arrest. We're keen to get as many people as possible trained in CPR too. We're now working to raise money for further defibs to be placed around our community."

Upcoming Events

On June 16th and 17th 2017 we will be holding our first football tournament at Staverton Sports Ground. We are currently planning this event and we hope this will be a well-attended, successful tournament for all those involved. If you feel you could contribute or would like to support our first tournament we welcome you to contact us.

If you would like further information about Staverton Rangers FC or any of our teams please contact; Kev Aylesbury, Chairman/Club Welfare officer: 07779028201 or take a look at our Facebook page.





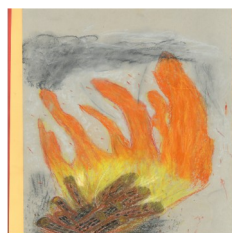
The Spring sunshine has yet to shine through this year, but Emmaus School is bringing some brightness to the season with their work this term on the theme of 'Fire'. Students from Reception to Year 11

have been working on the topic across the curriculum producing some wonderful works of art and creative writing, with the theme culminating in our Creative Arts Event on 1st March which included dance, music, Scripture readings, cookery and scientific displays. Things are certainly hotting up in this part of Staverton!



Creative Writing from Class 3:

Like a chained up lion in a pit, the beautiful golden fire is always moving. The warm orange colour of its flickering fingers of flame has the power to make you remember things. A fire pit is something like an icon.



It makes you think, 'There's gonna be a fire here,' and, 'one day I'll sit around this.'

Changing vividly, the ginger cat which fire is reminiscent of, constantly toys with the wood. It's as though the cat has knocked over his owner's bottle of ink, turning the middle

black. The swirling smoke is stunning too. Old men's rugged beards floating into the air, it looks like. Watch a fire, Sit around it. Can you forget it?

Fire sounds like popping candy and popcorn.

I can hear the fire roaring like a lion.

Fire is bright like the sun on a summer day.

Fire has many colours like orange, yellow and red.

The fire is dancing around the wood making it go white.

The fire, when it produces smoke, looks like a cloud moving on a rainy day.

The fire is growing like a flower.

Whenever you blink the fire changes.

Underneath the wood is RED HOT!

When I first saw the fire, I was very scared of it because it sounded like a lion.

We should thank God for fire because you can cook and get warmth and be protected by fire.

God's power is like fire.

God's Word is like fire.



Thank you God for this wonderful blaze

Which I stare at with my very gaze.

Thank you God for fire,

So we can cook food and don't starve.

The smell of kindling,

The sound of popping popcorn

The taste of marshmallows!

Raise your hands above the fire.

Thank you God for fire as light

So we can see where we are going at night.

The flames like to dance hip hop

As lovely as a peacock.

Like dancing ballerinas, flames flicker. The wood burning, heat swirling.

Sparks flying, the ash running.

Fire can be good, can be bad. Flames can be orange, can be blue, depending on what you do.

It can start, it can stop. The three things it needs are heat, fuel and oxygen.

You can smell the smoke drifting past you. With fire you can do lots of things.

You can cook with it. Fire is a wonderful thing. Fire can give light. Fire can give heat.

Fire can burn.

Fire, fire burning bright.

It provides a lot of light.

Red and orange in the night,

Even yellow at a height.

Fire burns and gets really hot.

I best say this, touch it not.

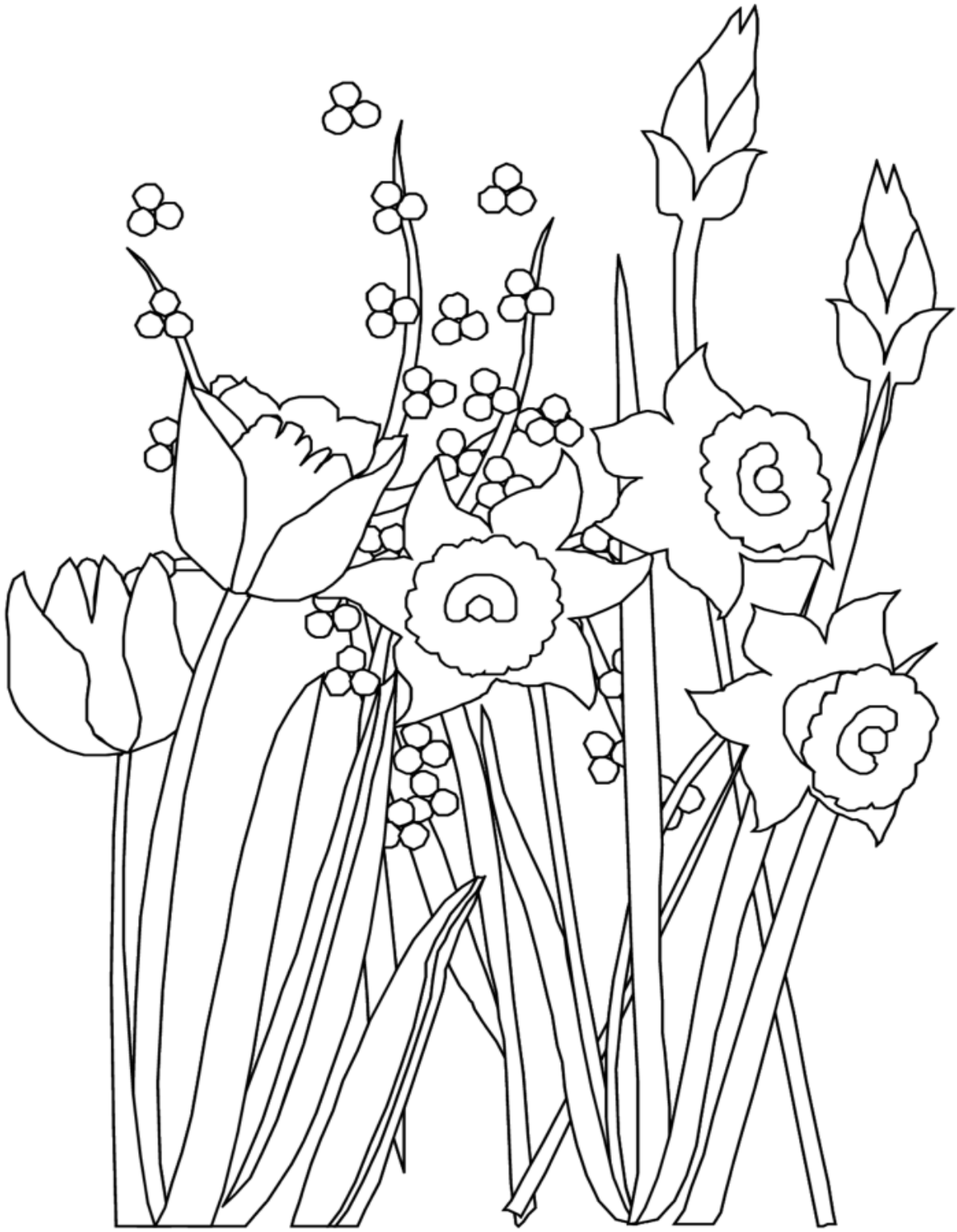
Remember this if you're a tot!

Even sparks would hurt a lot.



Rebecca Chitty ,
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Children's Corner



Spring is on the way. Here are some beautiful spring flowers for you to colour.

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