

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a calm river or stream. On the left bank, there are several tall, thin trees with bare branches, some showing hints of autumnal color. The water is very still, creating clear reflections of the trees and the sky. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

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Your views...

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The front cover shows another stunning picture by Chris Knutson. A big thank you to him for all the pictures he has provided over the years. They have been greatly appreciated.

Has your boat got working smoke alarms and a carbon monoxide detector? If not, contact Nick Hatley at Trowbridge Fire Station or 01722 691041

A big thank you to all the volunteers that help deliver the magazine, there would be no magazine without you.

**Wanted -
Editor for the Staverton News.
Please contact Caroline Smith or June Jones if you are interested.**

There have been a number of burglaries in the Staverton area recently including a silver Suzuki Swift, a house broken into on Thetfield Drive where a handbag and keys were stolen and two scooters stolen off a front drive. Any information should call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Be vigilant and look out for any suspicious vehicles or people and inform the police on the 101 number.

- An enterprising Staverton resident has come up with the idea of a garage/street sale on a certain day when everyone can sell unwanted items by placing them outside their house/garage.
- To have your house included in a map a cost of £1 could be charged to cover the cost of printing. If anyone would like to organise an event such as this it could be advertised through the magazine or by putting a notice on the parish notice board.

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
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- you want to provide information about a crime

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999 is the number to call when you want to contact the police in an **EMERGENCY**.


Dial 999 if:

- you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress or you think it is
- you or someone else is injured or there is a threat to life
- a serious road traffic collision has taken place
- violence is being used or threatened

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Hello again,

As I write this the snow is settling outside and we are plunged into winter on what should be the first day of spring. I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. It is hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner now that the early bulbs are buried under a blanket of white. Never the less, the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are still there whether we can see them or not.

Sometimes in life it is hard to go on believing things that we can not see and it takes real faith to wait for the storms to pass and the green tips to emerge again. If you are going through a particularly difficult time in your life right now I hope that you can hang on for the better days ahead. Although it might seem hard right now you can be sure that Spring will arrive and that Summer will bloom again.

As I will shortly be moving away from Staverton I would like to say how much I have enjoyed living here, the walks along the canal,

cycling and running, drinks in various pubs along the way. I have also enjoyed my time as editor of the magazine, the local people I have met through the articles written

and the poems of Bev Borresen. I hope the magazine will continue in one way or another as it would be a shame to lose it. It is a valuable tool for providing information and adds a sense of community for everyone.

A special thank you to everyone who has contributed, delivered and supported the magazine over the last six years.

With all best wishes

Caroline Smith



Parish

The Spring Newsletter comes at a time of renewal for the countryside but also the sad news that our Editor Caroline Smith will be moving to pastures new.

Caroline has introduced a children's section in the Newsletter, some very interesting editorials and encouraged more groups and organisations to use the Newsletter. The newsletter has gained and benefitted in content and she has done a great job. We shall be very sorry to see her go.

The position of Editor is voluntary and a great opportunity for any one with skills in writing or IT to get involved with the local community. The Newsletter is paid for by the Parish Council and is printed by Superior of Melksham who generously support our community with the SUPERIOR COMMUNITY FUND. The cost of printing is refunded by Superior as a donation and has funded many projects over the last few years. The Newsletter is free and delivered to every door in Staverton. So not only are you benefiting from a glossy, very superior newsletter keeping you up to date with what is happening in your community, it is also providing funds to improve your community. If you would like to find out more about this important role please can you contact Mrs June Jones, Parish Clerk at parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL: The Parish Council is pleased to report that the new improved kitchen facilities are proving to be very popular with hirers of the field and the village hall. The Council has installed a free standing cooker, griddle and new refrigerator in the kitchen.

The new hatchway window provides additional options for hirers. However, anyone providing food for resale must have attended training with Wiltshire Council to obtain a Hygiene Certificate. The kitchen is not suitable for commercial use.

Fees for the regular hire by local groups are £7 per hour plus 20% VAT. Fees for the one off hire for parties etc. are £11 per hour plus 20% VAT. These fees started as from 1st January 2018. All bookings for the village hall should be directed to Mrs Jo Middleton, Landlady of The Old Bear Pub at:

stavertonvillagehall@gmail.com Availability can be viewed on the diary at Staverton Parish Council website: www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

STAVERTON PLAYING FIELD: Our sports ground and playing field continues to be maintained to an exceptionally high standard with matching facilities for ground users.

The local Primary School has exclusive use of the field during school hours up to 4 pm. However if you wish to hire the field after 4 pm daily, school holidays or weekends, the hire fee is £14 per 1 ½ hours plus VAT including the use of the entrance toilet. If you also require the use of the kitchen and village hall, this will be an additional £11 per hour plus VAT.

Please can you contact the Parish Clerk at: parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH STEWARD SCHEME: Unfortunately we are also going to lose our excellent volunteer contact for this scheme, resident John Corfield, who will be moving away. John has worked closely with the Parish Steward to identify and target areas of neglect in Staverton. This has worked so well that most of the "hot spots" have been maintained very well. It is a shame if we lose this close contact. If you would like to take over as a volunteer liaison with this Wiltshire Council scheme please can you contact the parish clerk at parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

However residents should continue to contact Wiltshire Council on their "MY WILTSHIRE" website to report neglected maintenance or damaged trees and shrubbery. You will be asked to complete a job description and Wiltshire Council will follow this up as soon as they can.

CAR PARK AREA AT THE SLIPWAY next to the Boatyard: There has been evidence of fly tipping of builders' rubble and drug taking paraphernalia found in this car park space. The Parish Council will be lowering the overgrown hedge so that offenders will find it more difficult to hide illegal behaviour. Please can you report any concerns to the Police or Wiltshire Council.

Matters

DOG FAECES:

Barely a month passes when I don't receive complaints about dog faeces being left for children to step in on pavements and then they tread it into homes and schools. It offends everyone and creates a lot of anger. This is why I have included in this issue a copy of the leaflet provided by the Wiltshire Council Dog Warden Scheme with contact details if you have witnessed this illegal practice. Dog wardens have the power to issue a £75 fixed penalty notice to anyone seen not clearing up after their dog and fines can be issued up to £1,000. The Parish

Council has purchase and installed a new bin on one of the routes to the local schools and is paying for this to be emptied. Also more signs have been put up along this route. However without the co-operation of people witnessing this happening we can do very little more.

Please report offenders to the Police or Wiltshire Council. We need a conviction to send a strong message to these inconsiderate dog owners. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM!**

Dog Fouling

It is an offence to allow a dog to foul and not clear it up immediately.

Bag and bin it, any litter bin will do!

Dog wardens have the powers to issue fixed penalty notices of £75 to anyone seen not clearing up after their dog. Failure to do this could lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1000

Dog wardens respond to the public's reports of fouling problems. They carry out patrols throughout Wiltshire, specifically targeting well used dog walking areas. Dog fouling signs are also placed to encourage and remind the public to pick up after their dogs.

Education

Wiltshire Council dog wardens believe education is key to ensuring responsible dog ownership.

They organise and attend a number of educational events throughout Wiltshire offering the microchipping of dogs and advice to all dog owners.



Contact

The dog warden service is available 9am – 5pm. Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Call 0300 456 0107

Email – lostdogs@wiltshire.gov.uk

Out of the above office hours please report stray or lost dogs on 0300 456 0107

Dangerous dogs (which have attacked or you fear will attack a person) are dealt with by the Police. If you have worries about an out of control animal please call Wiltshire Police on 101

Mistreatment of animals should be reported to the RSPCA

You can contact Wiltshire Council in the following ways:

Telephone: 0300 456 0100

Web: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Information about Wiltshire Council services can be made available on request in other languages including BSL and formats such as large print and audio. Please contact the council by telephone 0300 456 0100, or email customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Dog Warden Service



The Wiltshire Council dog warden service strives to make the county a safer and cleaner place in relation to dog issues.

This leaflet contains information about the service the dog wardens offer, the council's dog laws and what to do if you lose or find a stray dog.

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The Great Staverton Litterpick and Village Clean-up

This will be on **Sunday March 18th**,

from 11am at the Village Hall off Cygnet Way. Please note the change of date since the last edition of Staverton News – we decided holding it on Mothers Day probably wasn't a good idea! Usual arrangements – all are welcome; equipment is provided; and light refreshments will be available. Please let me know of any areas in the village in particular need of cleaning.



Wiltshire Council electoral review.

Since WC started in 2009 with 98 councillors thousands of new homes have been built across the county, so some 'divisions' now have significantly more people than others. Before the next elections in 2021 new boundaries will be drawn up by the Electoral Commission. The first stage of their review is to decide how many councillors are needed. Wiltshire Council itself thinks the number should be increased to 99, though when it was discussed at the recent council meeting a lower figure was suggested by the opposition. Anyway the Commission will make the final decision, and will then start drawing up the new division boundaries. This process will not affect the parish councils.

Flood Gates Update

Following a meeting with the Environment Agency it's been decided to scale down the project and aim to get just two gates on the B3106 Holt Lane. This is partly because of cost – contrary to expectations the EA aren't going to provide any money – and also because of the difficulty of signing diversion routes when the Causeway floods. The gates have been asked for by the Fire and Rescue Service, but as they're not able to help with funding either it seems the costs will have to be

met by the council.

Area Board Grants

A reminder that the Area Board still has money available for grants to support local projects. There's also funding allocated specifically to youth schemes. If you've any ideas to help the community which could be turned into reality with a bit of cash, then please get in touch.

Freight study.

The B3105 through Staverton was nominated by the Area Board as worthy of investigation to see how much HGV traffic was using it, the effect of that traffic, and what could be done to possibly divert some of the heavy traffic away from the village.

In 2016 county-wide 35 schemes were put forward by Area Boards. Those schemes were analysed to see which were the best. The top three were looked at, but Staverton came fourth.

The much-delayed 2017 results have now been announced, and this time Staverton came in second in the county, which means that over the next twelve months the route will be looked at by council officers to see if any improvements can be made. Watch this space for the results!

Thestfield Drive Reed Beds

The latest programme of work has now been agreed with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Here's the 2018 schedule:

Late March – before the bird breeding season. A focus on going over areas previously cut. Cutting back again brambles that will have grown through and patches of nettles.

Early June – bird breeding in full season. Cut over previously cut brambles where they have not clumped up, especially near reeds. Hedge trim exterior of area to ensure bramble growth not overgrowing fence line.

September – cut back brambles once more allowing one patch to regrow and add diversity to the site. Cut and strim a into a new patch of brambles. Hedge cut exterior.

October – Concentrate on cutting back new areas of brambles and the removal of willows.

Contact details:

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Thought from the Rectory

For Christians, Lent is a time of reflection as we prepare for Easter, the great festival of the Church when the death and resurrection of Jesus is remembered. Some people mark Lent with times of fasting, giving up eating for periods of time, to help them focus on their relationship with God. Pope Francis has suggested a different form of fasting which can benefit all of us, not only in Lent.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

May these wise words help us to examine our attitudes and actions and live more as Jesus taught us to. As we celebrate Easter at the beginning of April, may this help us to have peace in our hearts and joy in our lives.

Best wishes

John

Rev John Rees, Rector,
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Website: www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk

Friendship Group

This newly established group meets on the second Thursday of each month in St Mary's Church ('The Tin Church') in Horse Road Hilperton from 2.30 – 4.00pm. It is an opportunity to meet with friends old and new for a chat or to play a game over a cup of tea or coffee. If you prefer, bring along your knitting, crochet, embroidery, colouring book or other activity to do whilst you chat. We don't charge, but welcome donations for the refreshments. The next session is on 5th April. More details are available from Anne Rees on 01225 764365 or email rees-fam@btinternet.com. Contact Anne if you would like a lift.

Messy Church

Messy Church is on Saturday 17th March from 11.00 – 1.00 in Hilperton School. It is a great time for children and their families and will in-

clude crafts and a short act of worship on the theme of Easter, followed by lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book or for more information, please contact Emma Holt on canalsidebenefice@gmail.com or phone Rev John or Anne Rees on 01225 764365.

Easter Services

Details of Easter services in Canalside Benefice, which includes Staverton and Hilperton, are on our website, www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk. There will be a dawn service of Holy Communion at 6.30am on Easter Day, 1st April, in Hilperton House followed by breakfast. There will also be Easter Communion services at St Michael's Hilperton at 10.00am and at St Mary's, Horse Road, Hilperton at 11.00am.

Do look at the churches website for details of all our services and events and for contact details if you want to get in touch.

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Wilson wins again.



Sarah Wilson is having a good start to her Modern Pentathlon season. She has been asked to join Pentathlon GBs World Class Talent Programme. This should be a great boost to her training and development as an athlete.

She has also secured some funding from Wiltshire councils Funding Future Olympians and Para-Olympians. This was presented to her during an inspiring evening, meeting fellow talented athletes and listening to a talk from the inspiring Stephanie Millward.

A Charity called Doing It For Dan have also very kindly sponsored Sarah. This has enabled her to buy her own laser pistol, something that was well out of her reach. This means she can practice shooting in-between club nights and thus hopefully bring down her shoot time and set her off on the run quicker. A very important part of the Modern Pentathlon.

Competition wise she has done very well so far, winning both the first two ranking competitions of the year. She was denied the chance to make it three from three by storm Emma causing travel chaos. Sarah now has to wait to see if she will be picked for future internationals.

Staverton Cygnets

Staverton Cygnets is a baby and toddler group which meets fortnightly on Fridays from 9.15 – 10.45 in Staverton Village Hall, Cygnet Way, Staverton BA14 8UU. Parents and carers can chat over a cup of tea or coffee; there are toys and books for the children to play with; we offer a simple craft activity to make and take home; after a snack for the children, we have a story and singing before going home. If you have a pre-school child or baby, you will be very welcome at our friendly group. It only costs £2 per family! Forthcoming dates are 9th and 23rd March and 20th April. Details of the dates we meet are on the Church website, www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk or the Staverton and Hilperton Toddlers Facebook page.



Sarah continues to work and train hard and we wish her all the best in her endeavours.

STAVERTON CLUB
A Club for the Community
New Memberships Welcome
Forthcoming Events – March 2018 – 3 months

3rd March –
10th March – BINGO
14th March – Coffee morning in aid of Air Ambulance organised by Staverton WI
17th March – Private Function
24th March – BINGO
31st March – Private Function
7th April
14th April
18th April – Cancer Quiz
21st April
28th April –
5th May
12th May
19th May
26th May

Please check info boards for additional events
Function Room available for hire please contact Marian 01225 782469

Weekly Events on Thursday's
Slimming World starting at 9 am and 11 am

Fake News?

I've heard a rumour, so they say,
that finally Spring is on her way!
Could it be, I hope it's true,
as fed up with these winter blues!
Temperatures rise, then suddenly fall..
plummeting down frost, ice and all.

My poor garden's in a dismal state,
bedraggled victim of winter late..
It makes you wonder how on earth,
there could be life among this dearth..
But give the soil a little heat,
and Spring begins to find her feet..

Bluer skies replace the grey..
Daylight lengthens day by day,
Birds return and start to nest..
Green shoots appear aft' season's rest..
Suddenly it has been confirmed,
the rumour's true! Spring has returned!

Plant buds forming tightly furled,
the sun's warm kiss makes them uncurl..
Colour, Blossom, scent at last..
Cold winter months now in the past.
Birds Twitter Tweet as if to say..
No Fake News here, Spring's on her way!



Local Staverton Poet: Bev' Borresen. 2018



French Trip February 2018

This trip to France was pretty much the first time I had ever been abroad. Admittedly, it was not as different as I thought it would be, but there were some things that

immediately caught my attention. I thought that the roads were extremely well maintained and much, much better than what we have in the UK.

The second thing was that everybody was driving on the wrong side of the road and everybody was literally driving either a Peugeot, Citroen or Renault.

The family I stayed with were very nice and they had a very pretty house. All the houses in the area had large gates separating them from the street, which was another thing I found different. The pupil in the family was Gael and for nearly all of the time I spent there, we were outside in the snow. The snow was very thick and we had plenty of snowball fights as well as building a small snow fort.

The school itself (Mathurin Cordier School, West of Paris) is part of a church, and lessons were held in porta cabins outside. It is very much like Emmaus as

they have a very small facility, although there are fewer pupils. I attended a few lessons; English I admit was more French than I expected, but we are probably the same over here, and Maths I

find hard enough in English, let alone French, so I was glad when that was over! We played handball for a PE lesson, and they were extremely good at it, much better than anyone in Emmaus!

Paris was a very nice place, and it was great to look around all the different shops. I found that there are more shops there than in London, although I think London is a nicer place overall. There were a lot of pigeons that flew on top of me. The food there was very well made and presented, both in cafés and at the house. It is very different to

English meals as it seems so much more formal.

Even breakfast was rather large in comparison to what I usually have. Also, they have bread in every meal, including breakfast, which I found quite interesting.

I learnt many useful French words that I can now use, from single words to small phrases.

I really enjoyed the trip and I would be more than happy to go back there again, anytime.

Josh Lucas Year 11



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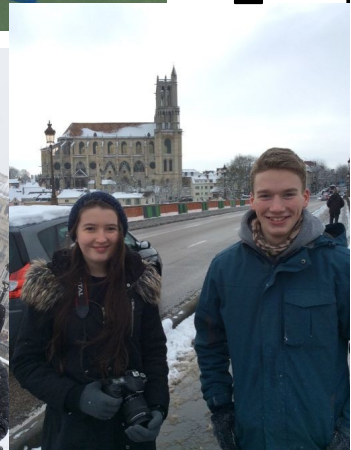
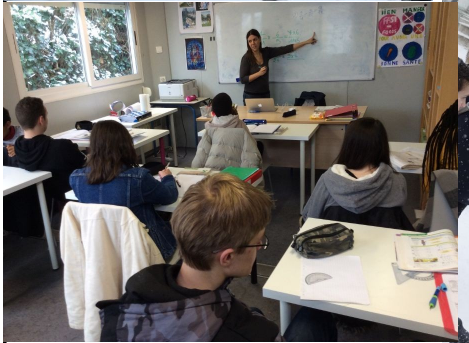
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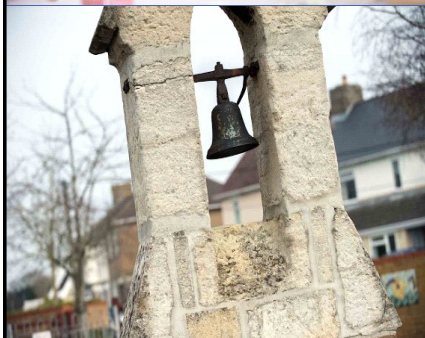
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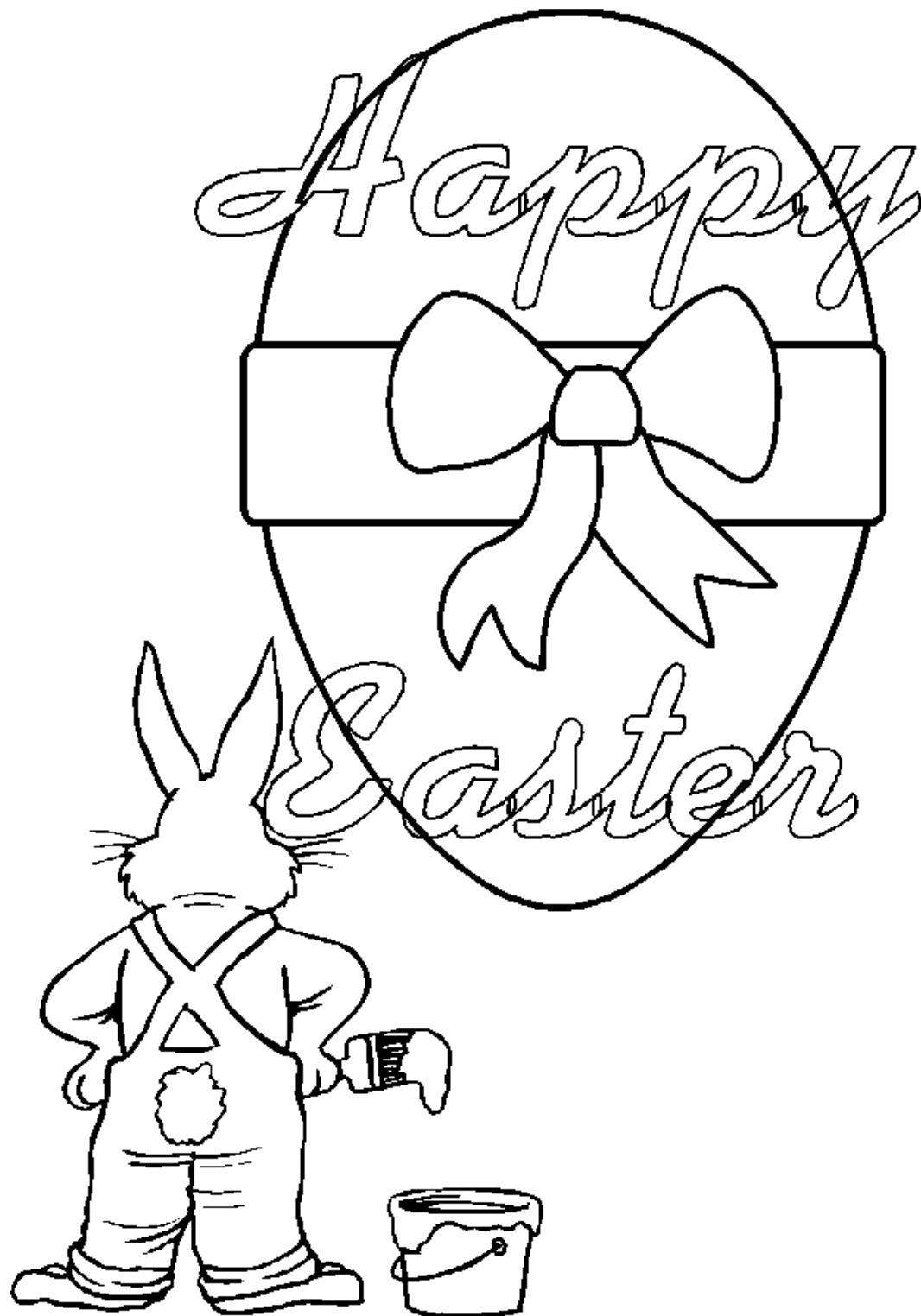
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Children's Corner



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On Mondays starting at 7pm	20	NOVEMBER 2017	14	MAY 2018 AGM & APM	17	SEPTEMBER 2018		
At the village hall	15	JANUARY 2018		JUNE (Exec Ctee Meeting)	19	NOVEMBER 2018		

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