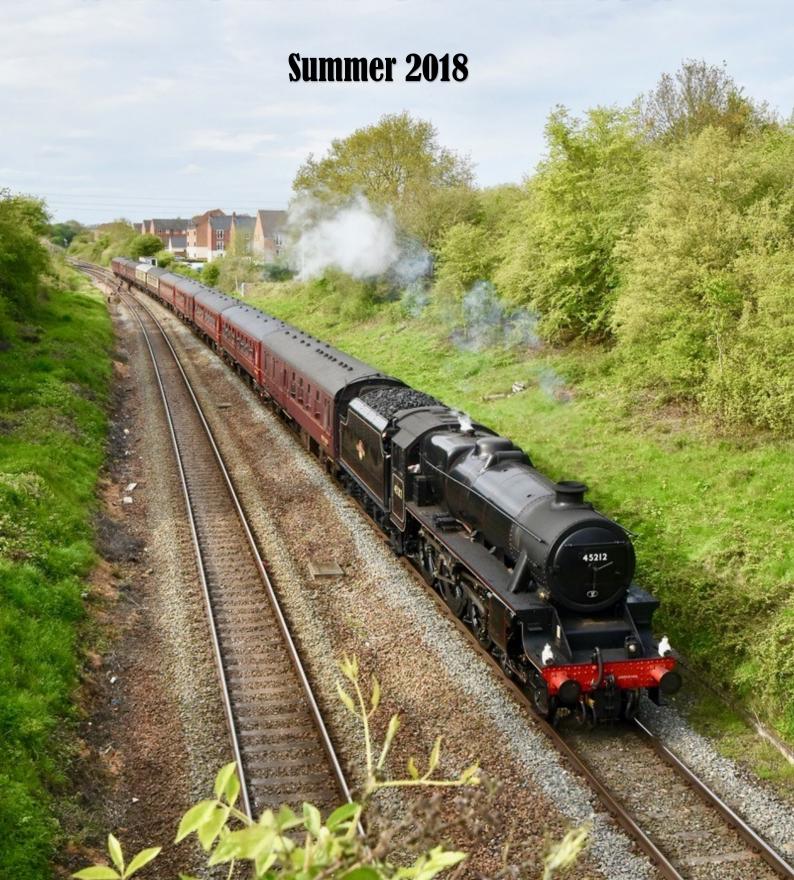
# STAVERTON NEWS



The beautiful photo on the front page was captured by Chris Knutson.

who give up their time to deliver the magazine:

A big thank you to all of the volunteers

Greg, Jane, Ray, Martin, Paul, Andrew, Anne, Chris and Rebecca.

# **WANTED**

We are currently looking for an extra volunteer to cover the Maunders drive, Oatfields and Blackthorn Way area.

If you are interested, please contact the editor at :

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A great opportunity for all budding story writers, both young and old.



# SHORT STORY COMPETITION

for adults and children

Use one of the two ideas below to inspire an original story of up to 500 words (if you're age 16 and under) or 800 – 1000 words (adults). Write something suitable for your own age group in good English and give your story a title. The deadline for entries is 31 July 2018



Something unexpected

### **CASH PRIZES KINDLY DONATED BY**



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#### **Adult competition**

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £60 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £25

## **Junior competition**

1<sup>st</sup> prize £40

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £20 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10 Junior winners will also receive a trophy.

#### **RULES FOR ALL ENTRANTS**

- · You must live in the BA14 postcode area
- Your story must be your own work and written in English.
- Adult entries must be typed but junior entries may be in clear handwriting.
- Put the title of your story on each page but don't put your name anywhere on the story, only on the entry form. Stories are judged anonymously.
- The upper age for the junior competition refers to your age on the deadline date of 31 July 2018.

The judges' decisions will be final. Winning entries will be published on the Trowbridge in Bloom website; by entering, you are agreeing to this. Keep a copy of your story as entries cannot be returned.

Post or deliver your story by 31 July 2018 to: Trowbridge in Bloom Short Story Comp c/o Pentagon House, 52 Castle St, Trowbridge BA14 8 AU. Or email as PDF attachment (with all the information below in the email) to j.pol

#### FILL IN, CUT OUT & ATTACH TO YOUR STORY

Title of story:

Word count:

Age if under 16:

Your name:

Home address:

E-mail address:

Phone number

Sign to confirm your story is your own original work:

Parent's signature if under 16:

# Don't forget...

Old Vicarage Fête — 21st July, 11-4pm at Staverton Club

# **ID NEEDED**

If you are heading to the recycling centre on Canal Road then you now need to take ID to prove that you live in the local area and are eligible to use the centre.

# **SPEEDWATCH**

The scheme is still continuing, and we are looking for volunteers to help out. Please get in touch if you'd like to join in.

(trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Or if you'd like to find out more, come to New Terrace on June 6th from 1030 to 1130 – look for the police Community Speedwatch vehicle.



# PARISH

The new **Data Protection Act 2018** which is coming into force in May 2018 has created some confusion and surprise at the amount of far reaching work necessary to comply. All businesses including charities and local government must demonstrate that they have put measures in place to protect sensitive personal information to become compliant. To this end the Parish Council has employed the services of LPCAS (Local Council Public Advisory Services) to advise on the many layers of compliance. To guide the Parish Council through the process, Cllr Kevin Lamb has been appointed the Parish Council Lead for Data Protection. The Parish Council is also registered with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office).

We have all been aware through the news that some organisations have been illegally using sensitive personal information without permission. In view of this the Government have introduced this new Law to protect your rights. There will be much stricter regulations to govern how your data is used, where it is kept, (either on paper or online), how long it is kept, how secure it is, and whether consent has been given. Everyone will have the opportunity and right to challenge how your data is stored and used and change incorrect personal data held. Each organisation must also introduce a strict protocol to manage data breaches and which can incur punitive fines. Several procedures and guidelines have been adopted by the parish council and has published on its website <a href="https://www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk">www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk</a> its Privacy Statement on the Protection of Personal Data.

Fortunately for Staverton residents very little personal information is used or kept by the Parish Council as most information is readily available in the public domain.

#### **FINANCE**

The Parish Council has been committed to a long period of investment and renewal of play equipment at the play-ground in School Lane, remodelling of the village hall, replacement and repairs to the sports ground infrastructure and recently a new notice board outside the Staverton Club. The Council will also be replacing the worn out notice board at The Slipway over the next few weeks.

**Precept:** The total Precept levy for 2017/18 was £22,571.15. The Parish Council has not increased its levy of £32.94 per Band D property in Staverton for several years.

The opening balance for reserves in April 2017 was £47,997, the income received was £35,380 and total expenditure for 2017/18 was £56,766 leaving a closing balance of £26,611. This was a movement of -£21,386 over the year. The variance was due to £11,994 being spent on play equipment (part funded with a grant of £9,998 from the Big Lottery Fund) and £11,018 on a remodelled kitchen and patio area at the village hall.

Assets: Parish Council assets for the financial year totalled £266,338 including the village hall, hard court and £65,000 held in Julian Hodge Bank investments.

**Sports Ground:** The Management Agreement between Wiltshire Council, the Primary School and the Parish Council to oversee the maintenance of the sports ground expired in 2017 and a new agreement is being drawn up by Wiltshire Council. The new agreement will include a redrawn map of the field and shared use between the school and the Parish Council. A five year programme of renewal and repairs to the fencing and gates has now concluded. The opening balance for the Maintenance Fund was £77,280.7. Maintenance, insurance, repairs and capital expenditure of £3,280 for the patio totalled £10,496.1. Income from investments (£1,133.5), Top up contributions from the Primary School and the Parish Council (£3,576.7) and a VAT refund from 2016/17 (£1,454.83) totalled £6,165.03. This resulted in a loss for the year of £4,331.07.

# MATTERS

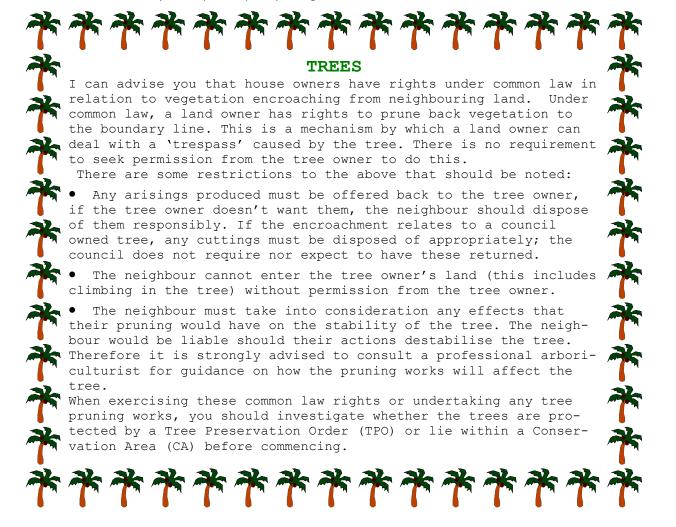
**Village Hall:** Hirers of the field and hall have requested improved kitchen facilities with a window hatchway for outside catering and work was completed in November 2017. Running costs were £2,403.74 and hire income was £2,442.50 showing a profit of £38.8.

**Superior Community Fund:** Staverton has received £9,275 to date from Superior (printing) in Melksham. £7,882.66 has been spent so far on community projects over the years. The last project was a cabinet to house the defibrillator at the village hall entrance. The fund now stands at £1,392. Our thanks to Superior for their continuing generosity.

Audit: Auditing Solutions Ltd have been appointed as Internal Auditors and PKF Littlejohn have been appointed as External Auditors for 2017/18. Details of the audit will be posted on notice boards very shortly.

Unaudited accounts are now available to view.

**Encroachment by trees and vegetation from Neighbouring Land:** I have been contacted by residents several times over the last few months regarding removal of trees and vegetation on neighbouring land. This is the response from Wiltshire Council and I hope it helps to explain your rights.



# WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

# **RUBBISH**

In a previous edition I mentioned that Wiltshire council intended to change the way recyclables were collected. These plans have now been shelved, but the good news is that we will be able to recycle a wider range of plastics.

From **30 July** you can continue to use your **black box for glass, paper, cans and textiles**, but the blue lidded bin will take plastic pots, tubs and trays and drink and food cartons as well as plastic bottles and cardboard. The change from the original plan has been caused by Hills Waste failing to get the necessary planning consents. On the subject of rubbish our Staverton spring clean this year was snowed off – the first time in a dozen or so years that we've been stopped by the weather. The autumn clean-up is scheduled for **October 7th**, weather permitting of course.

# **Trees and reed beds**

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will continue to work on Thestfield Drive over the summer and autumn. We had a slight scare earlier in the year when Wiltshire Council suddenly went all bureaucratic on us. This has now been overcome!

Some of the trees which were planted when the Marina development was laid out have died. Wiltshire council funded the replacement of the ones by the canal behind The Slipway, but won't pay for any more. I have had a quote from Id Verde, the council's contractors, for putting in a further 15 trees to fill some of the gaps. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has an opinion on whether or not we should look to do more tree planting, and if we should, any suggestions on suitable sites.

# **Council finances and planning**

Despite a 6% increase in the Wiltshire Council element of the council tax this year budgets continue to be tight. The nerve agent attack in Salisbury has not helped – although the government has promised to contribute they are unlikely to cover all of the costs.

The council is currently going through the contentious process of allocating land for the next round of housing developments. Permission was recently given for 2,500 houses on the West Ashton side of Trowbridge; there is an application in on land in the Hilperton Gap, and there are further sites likely to be assigned to the Southwick and North Bradley areas.

Of course the problem as far as Staverton is concerned is that all these developments will funnel increasing amounts of traffic onto the **B3105** through the village.

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# Thought from the Rectory

In many churches Sunday  $6^{th}$  May was celebrated as Rogation Sunday. It is a rather odd name – and years ago something very odd used to happen on it

In many places the Rector, choir, congregation and boys and girls of the village would have found sticks and would have gone for a long walk round the edge of the village. They would have used the sticks to hit the boundary of the parish. This was known as "beating the bounds". You may well be wondering why they would do this.

This Rogation celebration is based on an ancient Roman Festival in which people went through fields and prayed to their Gods asking them to protect crops. One of these gods, Terminus, was the God of field boundaries.

Later, Christians adopted this festival. As well as beating bounds they used to pray and read the Bible around the parish boundary and ask God to bless the crops. Some villages have trees called names like Gospel Oak to remind them of this

As Christians, we believe that it is still good to pray for God's blessing on our growing crops and our farmers who grow them, our schools, our village organisations, for all who live and work in our village and for the world; we do this in our Sunday services and at other times during the week.

Whether we are people of faith or not, it is important that we do not take those who provide our food for granted, nor the many people who work hard to provide the village facilities and organisations that makes this part of Wiltshire a special place in which to live.

Best wishes John

Revd John Rees 22 Warren Rd (Rector of Staverton and Hilperton)

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#### **Church Services**

Details of services in Canalside Benefice, which includes Staverton and Hilperton, are on our website, www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk. Do look at the website for details of all our services and events and for contact details if you want

### Friendship Group

This 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. Forthcoming dates are 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August. More details are available from Anne Rees on 01225 764365 or email reesfam@btinternet.com. Contact Anne if you would like a lift.

#### **Staverton Cygnets**

Staverton Cygnets is a baby and toddler group which meets fortnightly on Fridays in term time 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! Details of the dates we meet are on the Church website, <a href="www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk">www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk</a> or on the Staverton and Hilperton Toddlers Facebook page. Our last date before the summer break will be July 6<sup>th</sup>, but we will be back in September.

# **STAVERTON CLUB**

# A Club for the Community New Memberships Welcome

# **Forthcoming Events**

29th May - BINGO

2<sup>nd</sup> June -

9<sup>th</sup> June - BINGO

16<sup>th</sup> June -

23<sup>rd</sup> June - BINGO

30th June -

7<sup>th</sup> July BINGO

13<sup>th</sup> July WI

14<sup>th</sup> July -

21st July Old Vicarage Fete 11-4

21st July BINGO

28th July -

29<sup>th</sup> July Plant Sale

3<sup>rd</sup> August Finals night skittles competition

Please check info boards for any additional events

Weekly Events on Thursday's:

Slimming World starts at 9 am and 11 am

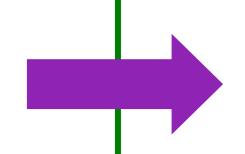
Top left photo: St' Paul's Church in Staverton with a stormy sky.

Top right: St Paul's Church under a red sky at dusk.

Bottom left: St Paul's Church with the River Avon in the fore-

ground.

Bottom right: Canal Bridge in Staverton.



# **PHOTOGRAPY**

These beautiful pictures have been taken by Staverton resident Peter Connell. Peter has his own website with a variety of photographs however the ones in this newsletter are a selection from his "Staverton" album.

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# **EMMAUS SCHOOL**

The summer term is always the busiest here at Emmaus School, not least with the Year 10 and Year 11 students undertaking their GCSE examinations. At Emmaus, all of our Year 10 pupils sit GCSE RE and this year we have two Year 10s undertaking GCSE PE. The Year 11s, of course, will be sitting the bulk of their exams - English, Mathematics, ICT, Food Nutrition, French - to name a few. Although Emmaus is only a small school, we are able to offer our students a full range of subjects and can provide a programme of study tailored to the individual.

Our Year 11 leavers, plan to go on to sixth form at various schools and colleges in the area, and we trust that they will know the peace of God during this anxious exam period, and pray for them in their chosen fields of study at college. However, we look forward to seeing them again for one last time on the last day of term, when we have a fun-filled day planned for the whole school with games, crafts and a barbeque.

Meanwhile, the classes are busy this term with various activities: a trip to the library for Class 1; an orienteering festival for years 4 and 5; a choir workshop for the over 7s, and a whole school trip to St. Fagan's National Museum of History in Cardiff.

We are also delighted, to have a Dutch student with us at present, on work experience from Hoornbeeck College, and he has been helping in Class 2 with reading, gardening and PE.

During June, the whole school go off timetable during our **CARE** week.

**CARE** is an acronym for;

Compassion (for others)

Accountability (to God and authority)

Respect (for ourselves and others)

Evaluation (making balanced and informed choices)

Our CARE programme is based on the DfE's PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) curriculum and is an opportunity to enhance our children's rounded education and development. It is during CARE week that we host our Sports Day and Immanuel School in Yate will again be joining us to add to the level of competitiveness!

Finally, the building extension project is still marching forward with much progress made on groundworks and infrastructure tests, whilst grants, donations, sales and sponsorship are slowly helping us to reach our target to commence work. Fundraising is a time-consuming activity, but we are thankful for the progress made so far and hope to commence building works in the not too distant future.



We need people that can provide a place of safety for children and young people in an emergency situation until appropriate accommodation can be found or the child can return to their family.

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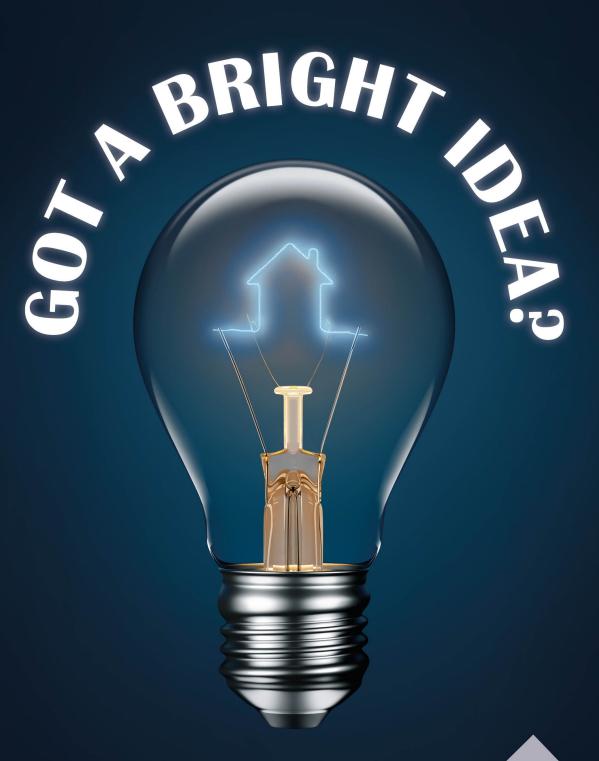
# Job Vacancies

We require casual cleaning staff to join us during our hire season.

For more information, please ask a member of staff in reception.

Thank You.

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# **PUZZLES**

# **ANAGRAMS**

Each anagram will reveal a street or road name in Staverton. The answers can be found on the following page.

- 1. WACKY LAB NORTH
- 2. COME SELL
- 3. LOBSTER CAT NOT
- 4. MIDAIR RAVENS
- **5. YELLOW ARTICLES**

# QUIZ: How much do you know about Staverton?

- 1. In what year was the Cereal Partners factory opened?
- 2. What is the name of the church in Staverton?
- 3. In what year was the first school in Staverton opened?
- 4. What is the name of the pub in Staverton?
- 5. What is the name of the oldest house in Staverton?



# POETRY CORNER

# Missing You

How I miss those lanes winding through,

The verdant fields on the way to,

A place tucked away in a faraway corner,

A place full of life, a place full of fauna.

How I miss the sight of the butter-gold sky,

The shimmer of light catching my eye,

The shadows lengthen as night closes in,

The shadows so long, the shadows so thin.

How I miss the feel of that soft, gentle breeze,

As it brushes through the cluster of trees.

The branches swaying side-to-side,

The branches so sturdy, the branches so wide.

How I miss the calm of that land of treasure,

The joy it brought; impossible to measure.

The memories shall stay in my mind forever,

Those memories won't fade, those memories won't weather.

By Hamish

# What A Weekend That Was!

Hey, do you remember that weekend we had? when the sun shone so brightly, and us Brits all went mad?

After months of grey skies, days so gloomy and dark.. Rainfall enough to start building an Ark?

When up North, the motorists got stranded by snow.. with temperatures hovering near minus zero? Then it all turned about, and the sun how it shone.. that weekend in May that seemed to go on and on..

Folks rushed to the beaches, deckchairs on the sand, pasty white bodies all wanting a tan.. Factor 50 came out, as safety comes first.. but there's always a few that came off the worst..

Kids playing in waves, ice creams getting runny.. All in holiday mood while it's hot and so sunny... We know we are stoic, and quite used to the rain, but we all need some sunshine, so long may it remain!

I'm hoping in writing, it just wasn't a blip.. a few glorious days, and then that was it.. But long may we recall, in our whimsical way.. that much needed weekend, in the Spring month of May!

Local Village Poet; Bev' Borresen

If you would like to submit a poem to the magazine, please contact the editor at: editornatasha91@hotmail.com

### **Answers: Answers:**

Anagrams:

Quiz:

1. Blackthorn Way 1.1998

2. Elm Close 2. St Paul's Church

**Cottles Barton** 3.

3.1850

4. Marina Drive 4. The Old Bear

5. Water Lily Close 5. Avonlea Cottage



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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2018 to 2019

Meetings are held Mondays at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall

June 2018 = Executive Committee for Playing Fields

16th July 2018

17th September 2018

19th November 2018

14th January 2019

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(Meetings held in JUNE)