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Warning to pet owners.

A Staverton resident has informed me of the loss of her cat which, according to the vet, was poisoned by antifreeze. Ingesting the smallest amount can cause kidney failure and death, especially in cats Keep pets safe

Accidental poisonings from spills/leaks, as well as • leaking water coolant from cars happen every year, • leading to pet death. Regularly check your car to ensure it isn't leaking water coolant. Take care storing, using and disposing of antifreeze and water coolant. Most accidental deaths are avoidable.

- Always keep antifreeze in clearly labelled, robust, sealed containers, away from pets and their environment.
- Clean up spills immediately, no matter how small. Ensure pets cannot access the area until it's clean and safe.

Always dispose of antifreeze and water coolant safely and responsibly. Contact your local authority https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/ for advice; see www.direct.gov.uk and 'search for cats/health/poisoning/antifreeze your local council in England' on the home page. If you suspect antifreeze poisoning

If you suspect your pet's come into contact with antifreeze, leaked water coolant or if showing any of these symptoms get them to a vet immediately:

- Vomiting
- Seeming depressed/sleepy
- Appearing drunk and uncoordinated
- Seizures (fits)
- Difficulty breathing

Signs of antifreeze poisoning can show 30 minutes after ingestion. It can be two/three days before signs of kidney failure are seen.

The sooner your pet receives veterinary treatment, the better their chances of survival.

If left untreated, antifreeze poisoning can cause pain, suffering and distress and ultimately death.

For more information visit the RSPCA website.

STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL

is situated at the sports ground in the centre of access from Cygnet Way.

FOR HIRE

the village with vehicle £11 per hour + VAT

The main hall can accommodate up to 30 people. Recently the kitchen has been enlarged and a cooker and

a griddle has been installed. A window/hatchway in the kitchen can provide outside catering to the newly installed patio area. It is suitable for birthday parties and for hire by small groups and organizations. Ask about discounted rates for multiple

hires. If you are interested in booking the

hall please contact: <u>Bookings Secretary Jo Middleton</u>

Mobile: 07828 403598 or email on: stavertonvillagehall@gmail.com





Hello again and welcome to another Winter issue of the magazine. The picture on the front cover was taken several years ago and, hopefully we will not experience too harsh a winter this year as it can be extremely difficult help to deliver for the elderly and those with young children to get out. It would be particularly thoughtful to look out for your neighbours at this time of year. Amidst all the festivities it can also be a time of great loneliness and even the briefest of conversations can be a lifeline for the housebound. I know we all lead such busy lives these days but we can all find some Caroline Smith way to contribute to our

community. As always I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who the magazine



around Staverton and to introduce two new helpers, Anne and Ray. If there is anything you would like to see in next year's magazine, or if you would like to help in some way, please contact me at editor.stavertonnews@gmail.com. Happy Christmas and a great 2018. Best wishes

With all the arguments around Brexit, it was refreshing to hear of the engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markel. Our congratulations to them both for a long and happy marriage.

It is also a time when I like to reflect on events over the past year and thank those people who have given selflessly of their time for the benefit of our lovely community.

We sadly saw the departure of Russell Clark from the Parish Council for the best reasons as a new baby joined his family and soon after we welcomed Jeff Gibson as our latest Parish Councillor. Already Jeff has made great contributions to our Council. A big thank you to all our off hire for parties etc. are £11 per hour plus 20% VAT. Councillors who have worked hard this year and given up These fees will start as from 1st January 2018. All their valuable time to improve our community. Several of bookings for the village hall should be directed to Mrs Jo our councillors are raising young families and your Middleton, Landlady of The Old Bear Pub at: concerns are their concerns. We still have one vacancy left and we would like to hear from you. We meet 6 times a year for a couple of hours.

For an informal chat please contact the Parish Clerk, June Jones at parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

PLAY AREA, SCHOOL LANE: This play area is the only one in Staverton owned and maintained by the Parish of £10,000 for new play equipment adding to £26,000 recent years. wooden walkways and a new springer frog. The Parish equipment and two of our Councillors have also been carrying out minor repairs. We hope the children are enjoying the newest installations.

STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL: The village hall was originally built as a pavilion for adult football but turned out to be financially unviable due to high overhead costs. Following a meeting of the community it was agreed that Staverton needed a village hall and with the magnificent help of many local volunteers in staggered working parties, walls were knocked down and the changing rooms were turned into one large main hall to be hired out to local groups and for children's parties. It has been such a success that requests were received at the end of last year to extend the very basic kitchen (without cooking

facilities) into a room, double the size, with more cupboard space including a cooker and a separate grill facility. A hatch window has now been installed in the kitchen to supply field users with "bacon butties" and outside catering. A large patio area has also been installed by the window to provide outside seating for future catering of field events and fetes. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to invest £7,460 on the new kitchen scheme and work should be completed by Christmas 2017. The improved facilities have been welcomed by all hirers. Fees for the regular hire by local groups are £7 per hour plus 20% VAT. Fees for the one stavertonvillagehall@gmail.com. Jo has been doing a great job co-ordinating bookings for the village hall. She is also a much loved and very busy Landlady. Thanks,

STAVERTON PLAYING FIELD: Our Councillors have shown great foresight in upgrading the fencing and gates achieving one of the best playing fields for miles Council. As you may remember, earlier in the year, the around. It sits in the centre of the village off Cygnet Way Parish Council was awarded a grant from the Big Lottery and is a jewel in our crown. Over £12,000 has been spent on the fencing and gates from the Maintenance Fund (not already spent in grants from the Parish Council, the the Precept), over the last 3 years, which have been either Wiltshire Council and the Superior Community Fund in replaced, repaired or upgraded and our field maintenance We used this to build a small bridge, contractor has done an outstanding job of maintaining the grass. We have a hugely successful group of teams called Council spent an additional £1,000 this year on existing Staverton Rangers, renamed from Trowbridge to Staverton to reflect the close link with Staverton and increasing influx of local players. The team was close to being disbanded when the original team manager Wendy Grant retired. However with sheer hard work, Team Managers, Kevin Aylesbury and Nicola Heal with the support of others, have seen the teams go from strength to strength. The new kitchen facilities will also benefit our young footballers and their supporters. Well done everyone!

> We mustn't forget that we share the field with Staverton C of E Primary School and they have use of the field during school hours. The Parish Council is working with the School to update the Management Agreement which expires in December 2017.

DOGS ILLEGALLY FOULING THE PLAYING FIELD: It regularly comes to our attention that irresponsible dog owners are using the field to exercise their dogs and not picking up their dog's faeces. Dogs are prohibited on the field and it is illegal to leave dogs' faeces. Offending owners will be prosecuted and fined. Children play on this field and can pick up diseases from dog faeces, please can you report anyone to the police if you see them abusing this law. It has also been noted recently that tents have been erected on the field. It is prohibited to vandalise the turf in this way and obstruct the maintenance team from cutting the grass. Abandoned tents will be considered as fly tipping and removed and disposed of. Our grateful thanks to concerned residents contacting us about these issues.

As the Primary School does not have its own exclusive the field for sporting and after school activities.

noticed that there has been a reduced police presence in Staverton over the last year or so since Wiltshire Constabulary has changed its working practices. Unfortunately small parishes like Staverton have had a dramatically reduced service from the police and officers as the Police website (the only way to access these an explanation of the new policing methods and make known the Parish Council's disapproval at this reduced service.

scheme is resident John Corfield. John works tirelessly with Wiltshire Council and the Parish Steward to identify and target areas of neglect in Staverton. He has "nagged" Wiltshire Council relentlessly to get these areas maintained and praises the efforts of our Parish Steward for removing years of neglected vegetation. However John needs input from residents. If you know of any residents alike turn up in all weathers and do a fantastic particular area needing attention please contact the parish job of clearing our streets of litter. I understand that the clerk on parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk. The quantities of rubbish are starting to reduce so we are Parish Council offers its thanks to John for keeping our doing something right! The next litter pick is on Sunday community tidy.

PRECEPT 2018/19

At the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November council budgets and the Precept for 2018/19 were Bank account reserves were considered discussed. adequate at £16,396 estimated for Year End March 2017/18. This includes outstanding expenditure on the village hall and other costs to year end. In view of this it

was decided for the third year running not to increase the field, it is important that we remember that children use parish levy. The Precept to be requested from Wiltshire Council is a parish levy of £32.94 per household pa POLICE MATTERS: I expect many of you have multiplied by a figure of 689.04 Band D Properties paying council tax in Staverton, provided by Wiltshire Council. The calculation raises the sum of £22,696.97 for 2018/19. As at November 2017 the reserves held to maintain the playing field were £65,000 invested with Julian Hodge Bank and £13,874.70 held in Nat West Bank to pay for can no longer find the time to attend Parish Council grass cutting and other costs. These funds are ring fenced meetings, report on local crime and generally update the and cannot be used for anything other than the Parish Council on crime statistics. This is very regrettable maintenance and future capital investment in the playing field. During 2017/18 the Primary School paid in £1,193 figures) is often several months' out of date with its and the Parish Council £2,383 as top up contributions statistics. The Parish Council has agreed to petition the relating to the the amount of land owned by each Wiltshire Commissioner and Area Commander to provide authority i.e. 1/3rd the School and 2/3rds the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Richard Blueitt of Superior who prints our excellent Newsletter PARISH STEWARD SCHEME: Our contact for this and has donated funds of over £8,000 to Staverton. These funds have been invested in a variety of projects over the last few years. He is also a very active "litter picker" who is keen to see our community neat and tidy.

> Our thanks also go to Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin who attends every council meeting giving his support and organising Litter Picks twice yearly. Councillors and 13th March 2018.

> I cannot finish without thanking our Staverton Newsletter Editor, Caroline Smith. Caroline has been producing an excellent read for us all over several years, providing a necessary link between the Parish Council and all our resident readers. I am told that it makes newcomers feel very welcome and part of their new community.



Staverton Parish Council wishes all its residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Staverton Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2017- 2019	18	SEPTEMBER 2017	19	MARCH 2018	16	JULY 2018	1 4	JANUARY 2019
On Mondays starting at 7.00 pm	20	NOVEMBER 2017	14	MAY 2018 AGM & APM	17	SEPTEM- BER 2018		
At the village hall	15	JANUARY 2018		JUNE (Exec Ctee Meeting)	19	NOVEMBER 2018		

Wiltshire Council

Where everybody matters

Thestfield Drive reed beds

The work to tidy up the reed bed area went ahead on October 31st. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust managed to clear and open most of one side and cut back all around the site. They also came across one of the inlet pipes and took out a willow blocking the pipe, plus a mat of about 20 feet of root and soil that had obviously blocked the pipe. Before they did this nothing was flowing but afterwards the pipe flowed freely with a strong current.



This I found rather worrying, because the reed beds are meant to take excess water in times of heavy rain. If the culverts are blocked then we could get flooding elsewhere. I've had meeting on site with Wiltshire Council's drainage engineer and am awaiting his recommendations.

Clearly the work of maintaining the area, and also doing something about the other reed bed off Marina Drive, needs to continue, so I'm asking the Area Board to consider more funding.

I hope Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be able to keep helping as I think they did an excellent job in Staverton, to go with the good work they do across the county.



Staverton litterpick

The autumn spring-clean was on Sunday October 15th. Thanks to those who turned out. The good news was that the amount of rubbish in the public areas was less than on previous occasions, though we still took a car-load of litter to the tip.

The next event is scheduled for Sunday March 11th.

If you haven't joined in one of our litterpicks previously and don't want to miss out next time then please send an email totrevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk and I'll add you to the mailing list.

Area Board

The next meeting, at 7pm on January 24th, will be held at South Wraxall village hall. It will focus on the rural areas, with agenda items including traffic in and around the villages, broadband speeds, and flooding. That will include a discussion with Wiltshire Fire and Rescue service on possible flood gates on the B3106 Holt Lane and B3105 Causeway to stop drivers entering flood water when the Avon rises.

Since December 2004 some 29 people, including children, have been rescued by the Fire Brigade and 30 vehicles have been recovered from the waters.

Stickers

Please get in touch if you'd like a speed limit sign for your wheelie bin: I have some 20mph stickers if you're on the Marina and some 30mph ones for main road residents.



And finally could I wish a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all Stavertonians!

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Sending sunshine to families of children with cancer

AINING TO PROVIDE FAMILIES OF CAILDREN WITH CANCER WHO ARE SPENDING THIS CARISTNAS IN LOCAL HUSPITALS WITH A CARISTNAS FAMILY BAG FILLED WITH SIMPLE, YET ESSENTIAL ITEMS BRINGING THEM A LITTLE SUNSHINE AT CARISTNAS.



Christmas Pudding/Mince Pies Panettone/Sweets/Chocolates Biscuits/Crackers Crisps/Nibbles



Speciality Tea Speciality Coffee Soft drinks Cordial/Presse



Compact family game
Fun family activity
Film/DVD
Christmas decorations

A full
bag should
contain a
minimum of:
I gift bag
4 'Eat me' items
2 'Drink me' items
2 'Entertain Me' items

A selection of items can be donated individually from the list, if preferred.

Please ensure all items are:

New and Sealed · Within use by date · Individual packets (where possible) · Dry store (no tridge or freezer items) · Unisex and suitable for all the family · Treat products that reflect the special nature of Christmas · Dropped to a designated drop off point by 14th December 2017

Donations can be left at the following designated drop off points:

Bath - RUH Radiotherapy A12 BA1 3MG
Bath - Catering Services International BA1 5L5
Chippenham - Management Office Emery Gate SM15 3JP
Devizes - J S Weeks & Co SM10 1BL
Bristol - Creditcall Ltd BS1 4RW

creditcall

Frome - Cheese and Grain BA11 1BE
Melksham - Belle of the Ball Bridals SN12 6JU
Staverton - Staverton C.E. Primary School BA14 6NZ
Trowbridge - The Bridal Lounge BA14 8BU/BA14 8AT
Trowbridge - Sainsburys BA14 8GF

Sainsbury's

FOR FURTHER INFO AND UPDATES CAECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGES AND BLOGS:

SUNSAINE SACKS, ADULTING ABNORMALLY, SUKISTAR

Thought from the Rectory

your mind much later? would be good to explore a well-known God's presence with them in their troubles. port!

make journeys beyond my comprehension whether near or far. for truly difficult reasons. Out of a pre -war All are welcome on this journey - and at population in Syria of 22 million over 11 any of our services. Please join us - see million people have fled their homes, nearly this half of whom have fled to other countries, (www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk) for details. including Britain, often leaving everything With my best wishes to you all for they own behind.

The story of Jesus birth is full of accounts of (Rev difficult journeys. Joseph and pregnant <u>canalsidebeneficerector@gmail.com</u> Mary had to go from Nazareth to Bethlehem 22 Warren Rd Staverton prior to Jesus' birth in the manger. The 764365) wise men travelled hundreds of miles from

I wonder whether you have been on an the East to see God's promised saviour. eventful journey; a journey that has stuck in Worst of all, following Jesus' birth, Mary and One of my Joseph had to escape to Egypt in order to memories is of towing our caravan home avoid baby Jesus being murdered by King from a family holiday in Ireland. As we were Herod. Jesus began life as a refugee. Yet making good time I persuaded my family it all involved in these journeys were aware of town on the way to the port. Unfortunately I Through Jesus' birth in the stable all those took a wrong turn in some road works - and years ago God has revealed his love for us ended up with the unwelcome choice of in a new way. We are, loved and forgiven towing into a multi- story car park or across by God and accepted with all our faults and the top of a pedestrian shopping precinct. I failings. He is alongside us in all situations chose the latter - and I wasn't allowed to - including times of difficulty, as he was stop anywhere else before we reached the with those long-ago travellers. Jesus calls us all to turn to him for guidance and That journey, although tense, had its funny support as we journey through life. He also side, However, I'm aware that many people calls us to care for those around us:

> magazine our and website Christmas and 2018. John.

> John Rees: email Tel: 01225

A new monthly Friendship Group where you can have a chat with friends old and new, enjoy a drink, bring your knitting or sewing if you like, play scrabble - or any other activity you enjoy. The Group will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 1430 - 1600 at St Mary's in Horse Road starting on 11th January 2018. Please come and bring anyone who you know would enjoy this time.

All welcome – Contact Anne Rees on 01225 764365 for more information or if you need a lift – or just turn up.



Staverton Toddler Group is now called Staverton Cygnets and continues to meet every other Friday in Staverton Village Hall starting Friday 1st December 9.15 am—10.45am



For more details see our Staverton and Hilperton Toddlers Facebook Page or our website: www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk More details from Anne Rees on 01225 764365 email reesfam@btinternet.com





News from Emmaus



As ever, it's been a busy start to the school year with various celebrations and events taking place as well as some academic study! We welcomed six Reception pupils, with a

further child joining us in January, and three other new entrants higher up the school. All have settled in well, but our increase in roll has meant that now more than ever we need our building extension. So, amongst the day-to-day routine, staff, parents and supporters have been busy fundraising. Our recent Christmas Market raised over £800 so a huge thank you to all who supported us. Watch out for further events throughout the year!

This term the children have spent time during history considering the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther. The German monk 'kick started' the Reformation when he posted his 95 theses on the door of the castle chapel in the German town of Wittenberg. He proclaimed that salvation was solely a gift of God through Christ to those who would accept the faith, and not through good works or gifts to the church. The pupils have explored the effects of his work and ministry on the church and society in Britain.

Meanwhile in art, pupils have been studying natural form through the works of Andy Goldworthy, a British sculptor and photographer. Pupils in Classes 2 and 3 visited The Courts in Holt to study the beautiful variety of trees and plants and returned to produce their own natural works using leaves, twigs, flowers and seeds. Class 4 pupils went to Shearwater and made their own site-specific sculptures which were photographed before being left to the elements.

The run up to Christmas sees the pupils preparing for our Advent Service, learning carols and scriptural recitations. The

service, being held at Zion Baptist Chapel in Trowbridge, is one of the highlights of the year and doubles up as our GCSE presentation evening. Our leavers have gone on to further study at various colleges and sixth form schools in the area. We wish them all the very best further to their GCSE success which once again puts Emmaus School as one of the most successful academically in the area. Happy Christmas.

Rebecca Chitty, Office Administrator Emmaus School Tel: 01225 782684 www.emmaus-school.org.uk





STAVERTON CLUB A Club for the Community New Memberships Welcome Forthcoming Events – Dec – Feb 2018

4th November - BINGO
8th November - Cancer UK - QUIZ
18th October - Bingo
2nd December - Social Event
9th December - Bingo
16th December - Private Party
22nd December - Quiz and Christmas Draw
24th December - Family Skittles Evening
25th December - Open 12 - 2
26th December - Disco and games 12 - 3
31st December - New Year's Eve Disco
6th January 2018 - Bingo
13th January 2018 - Race Night
20th January 2018 - Bingo

Weekly Events on Thursday's

Slimming World starting at 9 am and 11 am

The Price of Christmas...

Hear the ringing of the tills, as managers rub their hands in glee.. How they love this festive time, as money pours in endlessly.

Stock on shelves are running low, it really is a splendid sight..
Two months before December's date, financial figures a delight!

Christmas in retail, early comes, displays on show of festive themes.. Children so excited cry, while parents find financial means..

Is this what Christmas has become?
Somehow its meaning has been lost..
Love and Peace to all Mankind..
Now seems to come at quite a cost.
Bev' Borresen



children's corner



Colour in the Christmas tree then draw your favourite presents underneath it. Have a Happy Christmas.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2017 TO 2018

Meetings are held Mondays at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall

18	18 September 2017		19 March 2018		July 2018
20	November 2017	14	MAY 2018 APM 6 pm AGM 7 pm	17	September 2018
15	January 2018		June 2018 Executive Cttee for Playing Fields	19	November 2018
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