

STAVERTON NEWS

Autumn 2018





DOGGY DELIGHTS From left to right: Snowy, Rosie, Bella and Dolly enjoying their walk in Staverton. If you would like your pooch to feature in the Staverton Magazine, please contact the editor.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2018/2019

Meetings are held Mondays at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall

17th September 2018

19th November 2018

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

The autumn litter-pick is scheduled for **Sunday October 7th, 11am** at the Village Hall.

All are welcome to come along and join in.

Refreshments provided!

WATER DROPLETS

Sparkling crystal drops of rain,
catch the light in diamond hue..
Jewels of moisture on my skin,
alone I stand and welcome you..
I close my eyes and raise my face..
Your liquid kiss and sweet caress,
falling softly all around..
Leave me feeling cleansed and
blessed..
Whispering rainfall, soothe my soul..
Wash away all troubled thoughts.
Let me appreciate the wonder..
Of this jewel within a droplet,
caught.

Bev' Borresen

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BREAST CANCER CARE COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all of those who supported the coffee/ shopping morning held in the Village Hall on Staverton Playing Field on 3rd July 2018, in aid of **Breast Cancer Care**.

A total of **£101.70** was raised in the form of donations for tea, coffee, squash and cakes. Stallholders kindly donated a percentage of their takings which was much appreciated. The stallholders included: Flamingo Cards, Wood by Majic, Neals Yard, Matt's Artwork, Discounted Stationery & Gifts, Dufflebobble Crafts, as well as several cake stalls.

A massive thank you to all those that helped throughout the morning: Ray in the kitchen on teas and coffees, Emma for helping to organise and set up, and to Clare, Jill and Julie for their baking skills and cake donations.

It was lovely to see everyone on what was a very successful morning in aid of this worthwhile charity.

Below is the recipe for the Date Bars which proved to be particularly popular.

Jane Symonds

Date Bars

Ingredients:

250mls water, 200g chopped dates, 175g plain flour, half teaspoon bicarb, 175g soft light brown sugar, 100g porridge oats, 175g diced butter. 20/20cm tray bake tin.

Method:

1.Heat oven to 180C/160C fan, 350F, Gas 4. Butter sides of tin & line base with baking parchment.

2.Place water and dates in small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Cook for about 10 minutes, uncovered, on a low to medium heat until the date mixture is very soft and thick, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and allow to cool to room temperature.

3.Sift flour and bicarb into a large bowl. Add sugar, oats, a pinch of salt and mix well. Add the butter and using your fingertips, rub it in until moist clumps form.

4.Press HALF of the oat mixture evenly over the base of the prepared tin. Spread the cooked date mixture over this and then sprinkle over the remaining oat mixture. Press gently with the palm of your hand to flatten on top.

5.Bake in the oven for around 40 minutes or until golden brown at the edges and set in the centre.

6.Allow to cool completely in the tin, then cut into bars and serve.

Enjoy!



PARISH

The Parish Council was pleased to see that the first edition of the Newsletter by our new Editor Natasha Webster was a great success and we look forward to the next edition. Well done Natasha.

Natasha is very keen to hear from residents who have something to say about any subject and also may have historical knowledge of Staverton which they would like to share with readers.

AUDIT 2017/18 Following a particularly lengthy audit due to new Government regulations, it was pleasing that the Internal Auditor found no issues arising from the *Parish Council Audit and Accounts* and the standards required had been adequately met.

VILLAGE HALL Following recent repairs and servicing of the boiler and central heating system it was noted that some of the work which had been carried out no longer met with BS standards. The boiler was oversized and uneconomical for its present use and redundant pipework to the previous shower rooms needed to be removed. The original system was installed when the building was originally designated as a sports pavilion with changing rooms. At the meeting of the Parish Council on 16th July the Parish Council unanimously decided to have all the redundant pipework removed together with the old boiler and heating unit and replace it with a smaller Worcester boiler to be installed in the kitchen. The new system will be compliant with BS

standards and will more suitably meet the requirements of those using the village hall. The cost of the work to be carried out will be £3,750 and the contractor will be Abu Gas & Plumbing of Staverton. Work is due to commence week beginning 13 August. This will be the final stage of an extensive modification and improvement programme at the village hall.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS

The playing fields or sports ground is leased by the Parish Council on land owned jointly with Wiltshire Council. An agreement was drawn up 10 years ago to enable the Staverton Primary School to use the field during school hours and allow the Parish Council to lease the ground to football teams and other users at other times. However, since the agreement, the village hall and the hard court have been built on the field and a new agreement has been drawn up to meet present day requirements. The Parish Council is responsible for the management and upkeep of the field and over the last few years, has repaired and renewed all the fencing and gates to the field. A new agreement has been drawn up by Wiltshire Council legal department to provide a new improved working arrangement with the Primary School and community use for the next 25 years.

MATTERS

NUISANCE CARS ON THE SPORTS GROUND

Residents living near the ground have seen youths in cars driving on the field late in the evening and playing loud music. This occasionally happens in the summer months and is distressing for families with young children living nearby. Local residents have worked closely with the Parish Council and have offered to lock the gates at night and reopen early in the morning for genuine visitors to the field and village hall. The Parish Council gratefully accepted this offer and hope that this will deter any future anti-social behaviour.

STREET MAINTENANCE As everyone is aware the prolonged period of unusually hot weather has caused vegetation to grow uncontrollably. Some residents have complained to Wiltshire Council and asked for extra attention to several overgrown areas in Staverton. Unfortunately Wiltshire Council contractors cannot hope to cover all the requests and therefore we have asked our Parish Steward to attend to some of this work. We hope that he will be working on some of these areas very soon. I have been asked to remind homeowners that brambles and shrubs are beginning to encroach on public footpaths and quite often the overhangs come from private land. Please can you cut back any encroaching vegetation. Several of the footpaths are used by young children and brambles especially can cause injuries. Wiltshire Council will expect homeowners to carry out this work or they will do it and send you the bill.

NOTICE BOARD AT THE SLIPWAY Many of you will have noticed that the noticeboard is in a very poor state and we have purchased a replacement. The contractor will be installing the new one very soon.

Thank you to Staverton resident Peter Connell for sending in this lovely photo of Staverton Marina.

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THE OLD VICARAGE SUMMER FÊTE

We had an **extremely successful fête** this year and we had great feedback from all who attended.

This year we raised a total of **£860**, far surpassing last year's total of £728.21.

It is the most money that we have made on our summer fête throughout the many years that we have been running them.

We had traditional stalls such as refreshments, a tombola, water and wine, arts and crafts etc. However, what set us apart from last year was that we had a bouncy castle kindly lent to us for free by *about-a-bounce*.

The raffle as always was a huge success and we had some wonderful prizes donated by local businesses who we cannot thank enough. The businesses included Cereal Partners who

donated a £50 *Love to Shop Voucher*, Komedia Comedy Club in Bath who donated 2 admission tickets, Cumberwell Golf Club for a ticket allowing four people on their 18 hole golf course, Didcot Railway who donated a Family Pass, Beechfield House and Lavender Lodge both donated a cream tea for two, The Roman Baths donated a Family Pass, Castle Combe Race Meet for two, We The Curious Family Ticket and so many more!

We would like to thank all those that helped on the day and those that organised such a successful fundraising event. We are also extremely grateful to all the people that came and supported us - none of it would have been possible without the greatly appreciated support from our local community.

The Old Vicarage



THOUGHT FROM THE RECTORY

I recently became Chaplain of Wiltshire Air Ambulance in addition to my role as Rector of Staverton, Hilperton, Whaddon and Semington. You may well be aware that the Air Ambulance Team recently moved to a new, purpose-built building in Semington. My role is to provide an informal listening ear outside the more formal organisational structure for anyone in the air ambulance team who wants it and sometimes to offer support to visitors to the base. It is a privilege to do this.

Even before becoming Chaplain I knew how important the air ambulance is; I had seen an amazing crew in action and I also know people who owe their lives to their work. Since becoming Chaplain I have been even more impressed by the range of expertise within the team and the expert services they provide.

The Bell helicopter is one of the most advanced of its kind, capable of flying up to 19 hours a day every day of the year. It can get from Semington to anywhere in Wiltshire in under 11 minutes. The base also has two fast response cars. All of them are equipped with all the equipment found on a normal ambulance, together with equipment normally found in a hospital, such as portable ultrasound machines and equipment to warm blood. The highly trained critical care paramedics provide first rate care both to accident victims and to those who have suffered medical emergencies. Patients may be taken to local hospitals, or if needed to specialist centres such as Bristol, Oxford or Southampton.

Although the pilots and paramedics are the front line team, they would be the first to say that other members of the team are crucial to their work. For example, without expert fundraisers and communications specialists the Air

Ambulance would not exist, for the air ambulance service costs £8907 per day to run. Nearly all of this has to be met through voluntary donations.

On 1st and 2nd October I will do a sponsored walk along the Kennet and Avon Canal. 50% of any money received will go to the Air Ambulance. The rest will go to Hilperton and Semington Churches to help fund improvements to help the buildings better support our villages. Any contribution, however small, would be much appreciated. My contact details are below:

Revd John Rees 22 Warren Rd (Rector of the Canalside Parishes)

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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 to get in touch.

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. We don't charge, but welcome donations for the refreshments. Forthcoming dates are 13th September, 11th October and 8th November. More details are available from Anne Rees on 01225 764365 or email reesfam@btinternet.com. Contact Anne if you would like a lift.

Henley's Cake Company

Staverton resident Hilary Henley owns a cake making and cake decorating business. Hilary has 35 years experience in this area and in March 2017 she set up her own shop in Trowbridge - Henley's Cake Company.

Hilary makes and decorates cakes to order and her shop sells decorations, icings, colourings, cake boards and many more things which help to put the finishing touches to a cake. She makes all sorts of cakes from wedding cakes, birthday celebration cakes and christening cakes.

Hilary says she particularly enjoys making wedding cakes as she loves seeing the bride's reaction at the finished cake.

Hilary's shop can be found at:

Unit 4a

St George's Works

Silver Street

Trowbridge

henleys86@hotmail.com





Hilary hand makes every detail on her cakes which is very time consuming but also very satisfying once the cake is complete. The photos in this magazine are just a few of Hilary's finished cakes. To see more tasty treats, visit Henley's Cake Company Facebook page.



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Roads, Traffic and Bridges in Staverton

I mentioned in the last edition of Staverton News that new housing developments around Trowbridge would inevitably send more traffic through Staverton. Wiltshire Council has finally recognized this, and has put a 'Staverton Link Road' on its list of future projects, along with improvements to the A350.

In the shorter term the traffic lights on the bridge are being improved, and a listed building application has gone in for repairs to be carried out to the stonework on the upstream side. This work is to be done by erecting scaffolding platforms in the river without the need for a road closure.

We've been quoted a cost of £12,000 for installing gates at each end of the B3106 Holt Lane to stop people trying to drive through when the road is flooded. The request for the gates came from the Fire and Rescue Service, though neither they nor the Environment Agency are able to help with the funding. Trowbridge and Bradford Area Boards have promised some cash, though there's still a shortfall at the moment.

Staying on the theme of traffic, Wiltshire Council are still looking at freight traffic on the B3105, to see if any of it could be encouraged to take other more HGV-friendly routes. Wiltshire Police have been doing some speed checks in Staverton – in April five drivers got fixed penalty notices for being well over the 30mph limit.

You may also have seen that Bath are planning on introducing a Clean Air Charging Zone (CAZ) around the city centre.

This could cover just vehicles such as lorries and buses, or it could be extended to include higher-emission cars – essentially pre-2006 petrol and pre-2015 diesel cars.

This might then lead to more traffic deciding to divert through Staverton.

BANES are due to publish their detailed proposals by December, with implementation by 2021.

The EU limit for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is 40 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³). NO₂ is seen as one of the main pollutants from traffic, and many parts of Bath regularly exceed that level.

A measurement we carried out on the B3105 in

Staverton last year gave a level of 32.6µg/m³ of NO₂.

Bath undoubtedly has a pollution problem, but we'll continue to make the point that it's not acceptable for one local authority to solve its problems at a neighbouring area's expense.

There are more details of the scheme on BANES website at <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021>.

Trees

Thank you to those who responded to the article on trees in the previous magazine. Wiltshire Council is due to do some work on removing dead trees around the Marina, pruning those in need of cutting back, and removing unnecessary supports from mature trees. Another question that has come up is how best to replace the trees which were removed from the open area on The Slipway opposite the shop. The council's tree officer has suggested either a small number (two to four) of oaks, or an avenue of up to ten smaller hornbeam, whitebeam, rowan or alder trees. Or we could of course just leave it treeless. **Any comments, particularly from residents of The Slipway and Meadow Court, would be welcome.**

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Below, another of Peter Connell's beautiful photos, this time of St Paul's Church with flooded fields. Right: "Buttercups at Dawn".



NESTLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

It has been a busy last term. As the weather has been great we have been exploring mini-beasts in the area. With magnifying glasses in our hands, we found snails, spiders and lots of woodlice in the local playing field on our return we created models of the creatures we found.

We watched our tiny butterfly eggs turn into caterpillars and then butterflies and had an exciting day releasing them into the wild.

At the end of term, we all took a trip to Avon Valley Country Park. Where we had a great time handling the animals, grooming the ponies and bouncing on the large blow up trampoline to name but a few.

A party was held for all the children moving onto big

Staverton School

Staverton School needs more Governors. If you are interested in finding out what this valuable role entails, please contact the school on 01225 782388 or Rev John Rees on 01225 764365.

STAVERTON YOUTUBE CHANNEL

HD cameras are reasonably cheap, a computer with editing software is a bit more expensive but with a bit of fund-raising it should be possible. It would require some admin to make sure that the insurance, legal and sundry and other things that are required are kept correctly. It would also require a steady hand at editorship to make sure all videos are suitable. It could start off small: skits and skills. Then maybe a documentary, sports reporting,

cooking, hobby; The list is not quite endless, just very long.

Taking part would be interesting, creative and would be a chance to learn new skills. It would also help to make any CV stand out.

If enough interest is shown I would willingly meet up and discuss the project.

Contact: Andrew Borresen
andy.borresen@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

school. We enjoyed lots of party food and magic by Dave Hickory.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a farewell and good luck to all our children and their families moving onto big school.



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: www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk or on the Staverton and Hilpertons Toddlers Facebook page. We restart after the summer break on **September 21st**.



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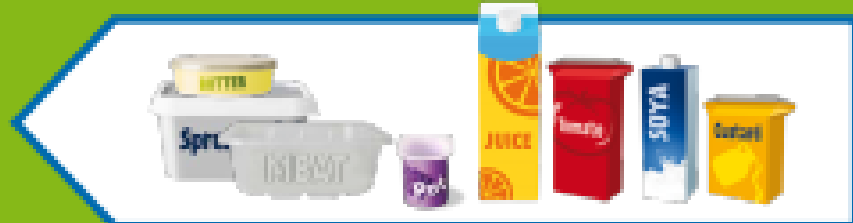
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POLITE NOTICE

The sports field, which is used regularly by children from the schools in Staverton and local football teams, is being misused by a small minority of people who have been seen walking and exercising their dogs on the field. There are signs at every entry point to the field stating: **NO DOGS ALLOWED** (with the exception of assistance dogs).

More recently, residents who use the tennis court have complained at finding dog faeces actually on the court itself. This sort of behaviour by inconsiderate dog owners will **not** be tolerated and Staverton Parish Council will take a firm stance on those who ignore this order and will seek to prosecute them.

Staverton Parish Council



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Do you have some time to spare to support local older people?

There are more than 135,000 people over the age of 65 living in Swindon & Wiltshire:

- ◆ 46% of them have long term health issues.
- ◆ More than 20,000 are unpaid carers supporting loved ones.
- ◆ Only 24% claim pension credits. £3.5bn goes unclaimed yearly.
- ◆ Around 12,000 older people directly experience loneliness and isolation every day in Wiltshire.

Age UK Wiltshire is the county's leading organisation for older people, working in communities stretching from Salisbury to Swindon & in-between. We offer services to meet their needs, whilst advocating for their rights. We can provide life changing support to older people, with the most vulnerable & disadvantaged being our priority, but as the demand for our services grows we need more people to offer their time to help us continue to provide this support.

If you have a couple of hours a week to spare and an empathy with older people we'd love to hear from you.

Our current volunteering roles in the local area are:

Community Support Volunteer Visitors – visiting socially isolated older people at home with the aim of helping them reconnect with their community and develop new friendships

Community based Information or Advice advisors – visiting people at home to provide advice on benefits or to help them fill in forms.

Fitness & Friendship Club Helpers for our Trowbridge club – meeting & greeting attendees, helping to make refreshments and encouraging people to take part in the activities.

Or, if you are happy to drive to Devizes, we have office based roles with our Information & Advice or Business Support teams.

We're also looking for **knitters and crocheters** who can help us knit or crochet little woolly hats for The Big Knit 2018 campaign.

More information about all our roles can be found on our website: www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk or by calling our office on 01380 727767 or emailing us at volunteer-ing@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

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15th	JANUARY	17th	SEPTEMBER
19th	MARCH	19th	November
14th	MAY (Annual Parish and General Meeting)	14th	January (2019)
16th	JULY		

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Also, thank you to Chris Knutson for taking the lovely photo for the front cover.

WANTED

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

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