STAVERTON NEWS

SPRING 2019





FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the spring edition of Staverton News which will update you on all the happenings in Staverton over the last few months.

Amongst other articles, this issue includes the Parish Matters on page 4, Wiltshire Council's update on page 6, an article from the Emmaus School on page 10 and an item featuring a local Staverton business on page 14.

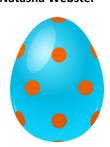
Thank you as always to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, whether that be by submitting an article or by volunteering to deliver it. Also, thank you to Superior for printing the magazine and donating the money to the Superior Community Fund in the village.

If you would like to submit an article, advert or photograph for the magazine, please don't hesitate to get in touch - I would love to hear from you.

Natasha Webster

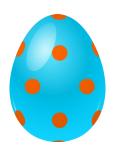












CHURCH SERVICES OVER EASTER

Sunday 31st March, Mothering Sunday 10.00am Family Communion St Michael's Hilperton

11.00am Family service St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road

Sunday 14th April: Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (Prayer Book service) St Mary's Whaddon

10.00am Holy Communion St Michael's Hilperton

Monday 15th April 6.30pm Compline St Michael's Hilperton

Tuesday 16th April 6.30 pm Compline St Michael's Hilperton

Wednesday 17th April 6.30 pm Compline St Michael's Hilperton

Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Holy Communion St Michael's Hilperton

Friday 19th April, Good Friday 2.00pm Service to remember Jesus' last hour on the cross,

St Michael's Hilperton

Sunday 21st April Easter Day 6.30am Easter Dawn Holy Communion, Hilperton House,

The Knap, Hilperton, followed by breakfast.

10.00am Family Communion for Easter followed by Easter Egg

Hunt, St Michael's Hilperton

11.00am Easter Communion St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road

MEET BOBBY THE BORDER COLLIE

Nine year old Staverton resident Bobby is a proper sheepdog and lives with his owner Neil. Bobby is known by both humans and dogs alike and even pops over to the local school at lunchtimes where he is pampered and preened by some of the children.

Aside from long walks in the country, Bobby's favourite pastimes include, chasing birds in the garden to shoo them away, riding in his owner's Land Rover, barking at the Postman and the Paper Girl and watching the CCTV screens to check who is approaching the house. (He is an excellent guard dog.) He has also been known to "sneak" bits of food off the table when Neil is not looking!

If you would like your pooch to star in Staverton News, contact the editor at:

editornatasha91@hotmail.com







WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN STAVERTON IN 2019?

- More community events?
- Regular coffee mornings?
- More flowers and trees?
- Fun runs?
- A village walking group?

Please send your ideas to the editor at: editornatasha91@hotmail.com

PARISH MATTERS

The weather has turned upside down recently with the unusual but lovely sunny warm weather. Short sleeves and early flowering displays are everywhere. What a joy!

Fortunately it has been relatively uneventful in Staverton since the beginning of the year but it has been encouraging to hear that the Staverton Rangers Football Teams and their skills are going from strength to strength and are proving very popular for youngsters in and around Staverton.

VILLAGE SIGN AT THESTFIELD BRIDGE

You may have noticed that the STAVERTON sign has been missing for several months now. We asked for a replacement from Wiltshire Council several months ago but unfortunately the company providing this service has gone into receivership so we will have to wait a little longer.

ROUNDABOUT ON B3105 LEADING TO COTTLES BARTON

Turning right onto Cottles Barton as you enter Staverton has often been difficult as oncoming traffic seems reluctant to give way or acknowledge right turners. The Parish Council have asked Wiltshire Council to look into this and the response was that; "The fundamental issue is that there are unbalanced flows on the three arms so the right turn into Cottles Barton is unexpected and catches out westbound drivers on the B3105". It has been suggested that the existing white circle be domed so that the right turners are forced to undertake the turn movement more slowly. It is important to make sure that oncoming traffic is aware that you are turning right before carrying out this manoeuvre.

FLOODING OF THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN CYGNET WAY AND SCHOOL LANE

This footpath is part of the official route used by children travelling to and from the Schools in School Lane.

Unfortunately, part of the footpath is in poor condition and after heavy rainfall, this section is completely immersed in flood water and is slow to drain away. The Parish Council has reported this to Wiltshire Council but if this has affected you in any way it would help if you also contact Wiltshire Council on the "My Wiltshire" website and report your experiences. We hope that it will speed up repairs.

RIVER AVON BRIDGE BY CEREAL PARTNERS

Final repairs to the bridge have been delayed until July 2019 at the earliest for health and safety reasons.

UNAUTHORED PARKING AT THE COTTLES BARTON CAR PARK

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that lorries have been using this car park. This car park was allocated to the Parish Council for the convenience of visitors to the sports ground. In view of the lack of sufficient parking spaces in the area, the Parish Council also gave permission for Staverton Primary School to use this car park during school hours for parents and teachers. This is NOT A PUBLIC CAR PARK and therefore only authorised visitors can use this car park. The Parish Council is reluctant to introduce fines and other constraints and relies on the co-operation of local residents to not block these parking spaces. Please can you notify the Parish Council if you notice regular unauthorised vehicles using this car park.

REPLACEMENT TREES

With the support of a grant of £1,000 from Bradford on Avon Area Board (in conjunction with Wiltshire Council), the Parish Council donated £380 for the replacement of dead or damaged trees, 10 of which have been planted at The Slipway, 3 have been planted at the Play Area at Cottles Barton and 2 trees near the small play area off Marina Drive. The Parish Council would like to thank Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin for his help with raising the grant and organising all the arrangements.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Just a reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting is an annual forum for all residents to come along and meet and greet our Parish Councillors. If you have any queries or want to discuss general matters with our Councillors please come along. The meeting will be held at **Staverton Village Hall at 6.30 pm Monday 13th May 2019.**

STAVERTON NEWSLETTER

Both our Editor Natasha Webster and Parish Councillor Lindsay Shaw would like to hear from you with articles or news that you would like to share with everyone.

Our grateful thanks go to the volunteers who deliver FREE copies to every home in Staverton. We depend on their support to circulate this excellent newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list please contact Natasha.

The Parish Council next meets on **Monday 18th March at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall.**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DEVIZES JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SHOP

The Julia's House children's hospice shop in Devizes is inviting new volunteers to join its team for a few hours a week.

The shop, on Maryport Street, needs people to help out behind the scenes or on the shop floor by sorting donations, putting out stock or serving customers.

"These are roles that would suit anyone and no experience is needed because we provide full training," explains Liz Froud, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Julia's House. "Volunteers need only donate a couple of hours a week; a spare pair of hands for a morning or afternoon in this friendly shop would be a great help."

Julia's House, which opened Wiltshire's first children's hospice in the town two years ago, also has a shop in Salisbury and nine others across Dorset. The charity provides outstanding, award-winning care for babies, children and young people with life-shortening and life -threatening conditions, as well as support for their families.

Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to pop into the shop for an informal chat or to contact Liz Froud on 01202 644220.

THE RETURN OF SPRING!

As we shake off the January Blues, and turn our face to February Skies. that first sign of life as shoots appear, birds return with mating cries..

Nests are built to raise their young, Cherry blossom now in bloom.. Slowly as the season's change, Winter fades with its frosty gloom..

We feel that sense of renewal too, as March begins his blustery dance.. April brings the sun and showers, an array of colour to garden plants.

And don't forget the Easter Bunny,
all the fun and frolics that he can bring..

No wonder I can't help but smile,
There's nothing quite like the return of Spring!

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Bath Clean Air Zone

BaNES council have decided not to charge cars for driving into the city, though charges for non-compliant lorries and older buses are still likely to go ahead. This represents a partial success after our representations against the scheme late last year. However this could still cause more heavy traffic to come through the village. The average number of HGVs going through Staverton has been fairly constant over the last couple of years at about 18 per hour during the day, according to the counts carried out by the Speedwatch team.

BaNES aim to start their scheme in December 2020. As well as the charges - £100 for buses, coaches and HGVs and £9 for LGVs/vans, private hire vehicles and taxis, there would be some traffic management changes in the city and improvements to walking and cycling facilities. We will have a further chance to comment on the proposals as part of the legal process.

Trees

The new trees for The Slipway and Marina Drive have now been planted. Thanks are due to the Parish Council and the Area Board for the funding and to IdVerde for carrying out the work.

Thestfield Drive

Maintenance work on the 'Reed Bed' area will continue in 2019. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have now set up a specific team for this sort of work, calling itself 'Wild Landscapes', and they will be coming in for four half-days during the year.

Flood Gates

The project to install barriers at each end of Holt Lane to stop people trying to drive through in times of flood has not moved much recently due to the difficulty in getting funding together from the various parties. However, thanks to the Environment Agency and Trowbridge and Bradford Area Boards, it now seems ready to go, with the aim of completing the work before next winter.

Council Tax increases

Wiltshire Council has set its budget for next year, with an increase in Council Tax of 3%. The Police and Crime Commissioner has imposed a £24 Band D increase (13%),

and there's a 3% rise in the Fire Authority precept.

Despite these rises, there are likely to be continuing cuts in services because of the loss of government grants.

As well as setting the budget at its February meeting, the council also voted to acknowledge that there is a climate emergency. Suggestions for what it could do to combat the problem include; using technology to recycle waste plastic, making the council's transport fleet carbon neutral, and developing a policy for new houses to be equipped with pv panels as standard.

Litterpicking

The spring clean was on March 17th, so thanks to all those who turned out to help. We will be having an **autumn clean-up on Sunday October 6th.** If you'd like to get involved, please send an email and I'll put you on the mailing list.

Youth Club

The club in Holt is enjoying increasing popularity and some young people from Staverton are already attending. There's more information about the club on Facebook @holtyouthy

Contact details

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns on Wiltshire Council matters:

07757 506470 or trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk



Thestfield Drive Reedbeds



The new trees on The Slipway



A lorry on the main road through Staverton

GARAGE SALE - IS THERE SUFFICIENT INTEREST?

This area of Wiltshire is well served by four regular Car Boot sales at Lacock, Ashton Common, Southwick and Frome. But it does mean an early Sunday get up for those bargains.

As an alternative, a Garage Sale Morning is proposed for Staverton. The size of the parish means all corners can be walked to easily.

So if you like the idea (and for the morning to work it really needs a commitment from 10 or more families to set themselves up) then please email your interest to Lindsay Shaw at

lindsay.shaw@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

and say whether a Saturday or Sunday would best suit you. The level of interest can be then be gauged to see if the idea is feasible.

COTTLES BARTON ROUNDABOUT

The Parish Council have ongoing concerns about the safety of the mini roundabout, where Cottles Barton joins the B3105 at New Terrace.

Drivers travelling east can be unaware that traffic to their right, joining the A3105 from Cottles Barton, have priority, and may not slow down sufficiently to let such traffic join the roundabout. The council have made representation to Wiltshire Council about this issue, and there is a suggestion that the roundabout be raised to a

dome rather than being a flat mini-roundabout.

To strengthen the case for improved safety at the roundabout, if any parish residents have been involved in a dangerous incident, then please inform the council, with details to explain what happened.

- ♦ Fence and gate construction and repairs
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CYCLE RIDES FROM STAVERTON

This ride is a five mile circular from Staverton into the town centre. It safely crosses the town centre, goes through the Town Park, Biss Meadows Country Park, and back to Staverton along cycle paths that traverse Paxcroft and follow the K&A towpath. Thank you to Lindsay Shaw for the directions and the photographs.

Start on the K&A Canal Path heading towards Bradford, then cross the first footbridge.

Immediately turn right and follow the marked path that runs parallel to the railway line. A short section runs along Langford Road before arriving in town with the Innox Mills development site on the left. Turn left at a scruffy path junction and push your bike under a rail bridge then along a narrow path emerging at the railway station.

Leave the station and turn left, slightly downhill to a pelican crossing. Cross Stallard Road and head down an opening to the right of Aston Interiors. Join a footpath to cut through the car park and go along the back of Asda.

Go back across the river Biss then follow a path parallel to the river, with the Biss on your right.

This path emerges at the back of Nando's, where you cross Castle Street. With Domino's on your right, follow the path between the Odeon and Marks & Spencer which takes you into Town Park. Don't cross the Tesco bridge, but head for the westerly corner of Town Park, near the splendid Insect Hotel.

Go under a road bridge, emerging at the side of Tesco, which leads into the attractive Biss Meadow Country Park. Follow the path through the park for about a mile.

After passing under a graffitied bridge below Broadcloth Lane bear left and complete the path as it emerges onto West Ashton road.















Cross the road carefully and join a new path through marshy development land.

Head towards the new Castle Mead school.

Turn left onto Leap Gate near the Coop, and follow the road for 400m. Just after Soprano Way, turn right along a newly tarmacked path called Green Lane

After 300, turn left to join a residential cycle path that disects housing and emerges on a large swathe of communal land.

Head right towards The Mead school, and go under a bridge below Hilperton Road A361. Continue along this winding path for half a mile and as it joins the now-disjointed Ashton Road heading left uphill.

Turn left along Devizes Road, then turn right into Church Street at the Lion and Fiddle pub. This becomes Whaddon Lane, then turns left into Hill Street.

After half a mile look out for a sign for Marsh Farm Industrial Units. Follow the path through the estate and onto the caravan site, and finally goes over the K&A canal.

Immediately turn left onto the towpath and follow for about a mile back to Staverton.

















EMMAUS SCHOOL

It's been football crazy at Emmaus School this past quarter! Primary students have enjoyed participating in numerous friendly matches with local schools including The Mead School, St Mary's, Broughton Gifford and Appleford School, Corsham. Not all of the matches were won, but the Emmaus School showed great team work, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. With the school's Football Club running every Friday down at the field under the care of our new PE Teacher, skills will undoubtedly be honed and greater success only awaits! Meanwhile, our senior students have been playing hard too with a football game organised with Kingdown School, Warminster, and with filming taking place during skills sessions for those undertaking GCSE PE. It's a huge testament to the dedication of our staff here at Emmaus that despite being a small school, we are able to offer a full range of GCSE subjects.

Results of a recent survey conducted amongst past pupils of

Christian schools up and down the country revealed some interesting results and highlight the value our little school has in the community. Pupils claim to be more confident in themselves and in their God-given abilities and have a strong sense of purpose in life. Furthermore, the survey revealed that those pupils having undergone a faith education were far more tolerant of others because of their strong belief in being made wonderfully and uniquely in the image of God. All in all, pupils leave Christian schools physically, mentally, emotionally and socially stronger than their counterparts.

Our Open Day will be held shortly after Easter on a weekday – Wednesday 1st May 2019 from 9.30am to 12 noon – so come and find out for yourselves what makes the Emmaus School so special!



Unfortunately, the numbers attending Cygnets has dropped since Christmas due to the change in members' circumstances, so we have taken the sad decision to have a break for the time being. Watch this space - we hope to relaunch later in the year. Thank you to those who have supported us for the past two years - we hope you have enjoyed it!

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 11th April, 9th May and 13th June.

More details are available from Anne Rees on 01225 764365 or email reesfam@btinternet.com. Contact Anne if you would like a lift.



MAP OF STAVERTON

Even though SatNav means delivery drivers don't get confused as much, the editor and councillors think that a copyright free A4 map of the parish would be useful. Particularly if it appears in this newsletter every now and again.

A work in progress is underway (see picture), and this is a plea for help to any parish resident with map creating skills to take this forward to completion.

If you can help please email the editor at editornatasha91@hotmail.com

STAVERTON CLUB

A Club for the Community

New Memberships Welcome

Forthcoming Events:

30th March - BINGO

6th April -

13th April - BINGO

20TH April - Private Function

27th April - BINGO

4th May -

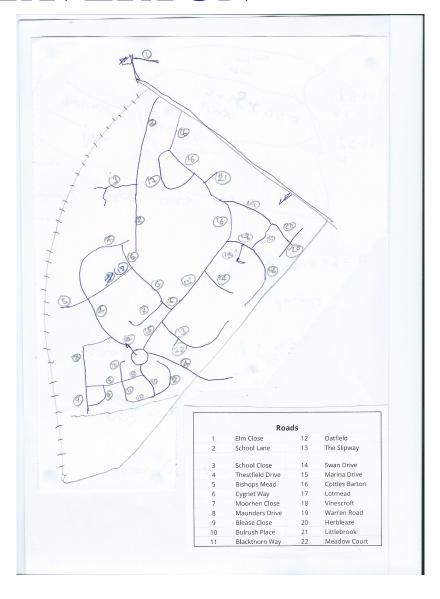
11th May _ BINGO

18th May -

25th May - BINGO

Hall Hire available - good rates

Please check info boards for further events.





THOUGHT FROM THE RECTORY

I can remember the excitement in 2012 when I waited with a crowd to see the Olympic torch procession pass by. Throughout the games, news of the successes and trials of the participants was beamed rapidly around the world. Everyone was talking about the Olympics.

At Jerusalem, just before the first Easter, crowds had lined the streets on Palm Sunday to cheer Jesus as he entered the city. There was excitement there too. Was Jesus really the hero who would overthrow the occupying army? News spread fast; of Jesus' arrest, mock trial and crucifixion (when he failed to deliver on the crowds' expectations) and then, three days later, at the news that Jesus has risen from the dead. Could it be true?

Most of us will enjoy the long Easter weekend, with perhaps a chance to catch up on DIY and the garden, or to enjoy chocolate eggs. Christians believe that Easter can offer us all much more than that. The Easter story is a sign that God loves every one of us more than we can fully understand. God loves us so much that he sent his Son Jesus to show us how to truly care for one another and for the world he created and then to die on the cross for us. Through Jesus' perfect life, death and resurrection, we are offered forgiveness by God for all

the wrong we do.

Through Jesus we can have a personal relationship with God and no longer have to face the challenges of life on our own. We can bring before God all our failures, our hurts, our disappointments and our hopes and know that he loves and accepts us as we are. Through faith in Jesus, our lives can have a new purpose and we may know new peace.

If you would like to know more do get in touch or come to one of our Easter Services; details can be found elsewhere in this magazine. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

Best wishes, John.

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"ANDYS WOODWORKING"

Originally from Beverley, Yorkshire, Andy Pickard is a furniture maker by trade who now lives in Staverton. He has been a full-time professional woodturner for 10 years.

What is the difference between a furniture maker and a wood turner? Basically lathes. The machines that rapidly rotate spindles of wood which are then carved with specialist chisels. Andy is a Member of The Register of Professional Turners, and there aren't many people who can say that.

His product range has a couple of specialisms:- stylish clocks set in mounts made from maple, oak and walnut, and fountain pens. These are sold at attractive prices and make fabulous gifts. Andy also makes a range of bowls, boxes and signs. Devizes market is a main outlet on Fridays.

An important aspect of "Andys Woodworking" is where the future newsletter issue, then please contact Natasha at: wood comes from, highlighted by two current wood sources of renown. Pen sets are currently turned from

wood off Nelson's HMS Victory. Other items are crafted from wood taken from the bell tower surrounds of St Paul's Cathedral, salvaged during a recent renovation. From this wood, Andy is turning a collection of miniature bells on sale at St Paul's gift shop. Andy's product range evolves, influenced by his own ideas and what sells. It is after all a business, as well as a hugely satisfying craft. Do look at his website for images of Andy's product range.

Finally if you fancy having a go, Andy offers a 1 to1 wood turning course, where for a day you can "turn" your hand to being a rook wood turner, and enjoy home made scones provided by his wife Mary.

For more information, take a look at Andy's website: http://andyswoodworking.co.uk/

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Future Parish Council Meeting Dates: Meetings are held on Mondays, 7 p.m. at Staverton Village Hall. These are usually open meetings where parishioners are all welcome to attend. Forthcoming meetings will be held on the following dates:

13 May (Annual Parish and General Meetings)

15 July

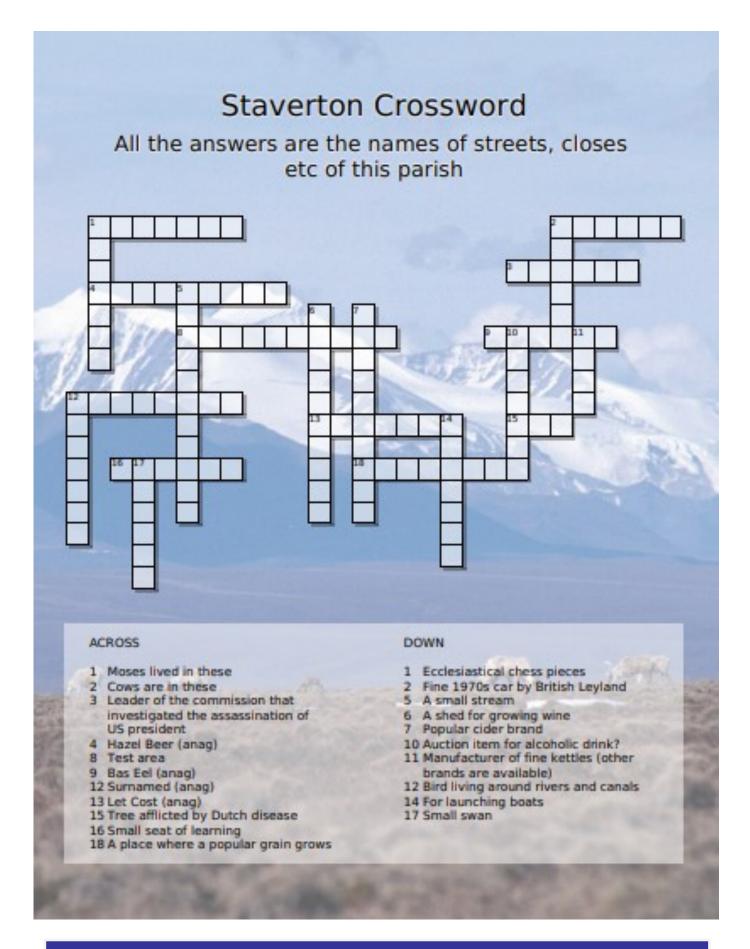
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Thank you to all of the volunteers who give up their time to deliver the magazine: Greg, Jane, Ray, Martin, Paul, Andrew, Anne, Chris and Rebecca.

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



PLEASE SEND ANY COMPLETED CROSSWORDS TO THE EDITOR AND THE FIRST FIVE CORRECT ENTRIES DRAWN ON EASTER SUNDAY 2019 WILL RECEIVE A CHOCOLATE PRIZE!