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Frank Jacot, pictured with dog Bess, outside his historic home

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| 9am | Book of Common Prayer Communion |
| 10.30am | Communion, Services of the Word, and Messy Church - inside and in Forest Church |
| 2pm | Sunday Praise |
| 4.30pm | Connect |

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From the Rev Clare Coates

2020 IS a year none of us is likely to forget. A year which will go down in history books all around the globe, and will be written about and discussed for many years to come. A world wide pandemic, thankfully, is a rare occurrence; not even a once in a generation experience. The last major pandemic was just over a century ago and was known as the Spanish Flu. Lasting more than two years, it infected five hundred million people in four successive waves. The death toll was very high. There were somewhere between seventeen and fifty million deaths, possibly as high as one hundred million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history. It affected every community in this country and had a devastating and long lasting impact on families already suffering in the wake of World War One.



This year's pandemic has not, as yet, been as deadly. But for the families of those one and a half million dead world - wide, including fifty five and a half thousand Britons, it is just as devastating. Each life lost is a tragedy. Each life lost is one too many. COVID-19 has impacted everyone's lives. We have lived through two National Lockdowns. Three Tier Systems. The Rule of Six. Washing hands. Social distancing. Wearing masks as we travel, shop and even as we worship. We have been urged to stay at home to save lives and help the NHS. It has been a very hard year for us all. Particularly cruel is the inability of families and friends to meet, to hug, to just be together. Many have suffered – and will continue to do so. Many have lost loved one; jobs; businesses. Many have been isolated and lonely. Life has been hard and it has unquestionably changed. Who would ever had thought this time last year we would have had *such* a year as *this*?

Traditionally, as the year turns, and we enter the chilly month of January, our thoughts turn to the New Year and what it might hold for us. Many of us make New Year's resolutions. We look back at the year just gone, and determine to do things differently – get fitter; travel more; try a new hobby; learn something new. 2020 has been awful. But, there are things to be thankful for, despite everything. As we think back to the Spring and the Summer, we remember our Thursday nights clapping and cheering for the NHS and our wonderful doctors, nurses and support staff. We also remember with gratitude all those key workers who kept us going. 2020 has also been a year of hope – a year where communities came together, looked

out for one another, helped each other in many ways. Many took the time to stop and chat with our neighbours, making new friends. There has been a resurgence of kindness and thoughtfulness. We have learnt to meet each other in new ways – through Zoom calls; online exercise classes; and choral get-togethers. Here at St Andrew's, we have learnt to worship in new ways with our online YouTube and Zoom services. There is much to be thankful to God for: our health; our families; our neighbours; our friends; our beautiful village and its many walks in stunning open countryside.

Looking forward in to 2021, may I encourage you to look back, and find three things to be thankful to God for? And as you think about New Year's resolutions, if that's what you usually do, may I encourage you to find three things you are looking forward to in the coming year? 2020 was a year where uncertainty and fear threatened to overwhelm. But it was also a year of kindness, consideration and hope. It was a year where there were many deaths and much suffering. But it was also the year where the world-wide community came together to find vaccines and treatments; the year where hope continued to flicker, even in the darkest moments. It is in these moments we can see God at work. In the flickering hope. For God's light shines even in the deepest darkness – it never goes out and can never be overcome. The Bible tells us that we should not be afraid because God promises to always be with us. He has got us in the palm of His hand and shelters us in the shadow of His wings.

So whatever you are facing in the coming year, know that God goes with us. He promises us that we are never alone and that whatever difficulties we may have, we can look forward with hope because He is with us through everything.

Every blessing to you and your families and wishing you a very Happy New Year, Clare



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27 DEC	10.30am	SAID SERVICE OF THE WORD <i>John 21.19b-25</i> <i>Follow me!</i>
3 JAN	10.30am	COMMUNION FOR EPIPHANY Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12 <i>Offer him gifts</i>
	10.30am	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION
10 JAN	9.00am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30am	SERVICE OF THE WORD Mark 8.34-9.1 <i>Deny yourselves</i>
17 JAN		10.30 am SERVICE OF THE WORD Mark 9.2-13 <i>Listen to him!</i>
	10.30am	MESSY FOREST CHURCH
24 JAN	9.00am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30am	SERVICE OF THE WORD Mark 9.14-29 <i>Everything is possible</i>
	4.30pm	CONNECT
31 JAN	10.30am	COMMUNION FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Malachi 3.1-5; Luke 2.22-40 <i>A light for revelation to the Gentiles</i>
7 FEB	10.30am	COMMUNION <i>Living in Love & Faith 1: Learning together</i>
	10.30am	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Funeral: 17 December: John Travis

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IN times of stress we need a relief valve. Imagining the contents of a unique oak box with wide brass strapping and a secret lock might help. I'd make it mine. At the base silk of sunrise; inside, the lid warm with rich velvet sunset brilliance. The sides, held up by narrow columns like mini pillars would be dappled in stain glass hues. Well worth lifting the lid.

Enclosed the beauty of the seasons to inspire: aconites and snowdrops of Spring, dazzling dahlias of summer, vibrant coppers and reds of Autumn and wintry holly and berries. Christmas glitter and sparkle with candle light meaning celebration. In the background would be music. Brass bands, orchestras, choirs and organ; strengthening mood and resolve. Happiness.

Stones, shells, maps, photographs and stencil shapes would be thought-provoking. Paper, paints and pencils bringing sights to mind; elk, bear, beaver, marmot; past journeys of discovery. Mountains, dales and plains revealing wonders. Much closer gentle giant Shire horses, perky piglets and frisky lambs; joyful visions.

The absolute delight of sea, sand, shingle and shore, soothe and stimulate whist calming. Much to appreciate. We must value the glories around us. Little gems.

Pleasures are not always quiet and serene. The whirr of helicopters and drone of aeroplanes excite. I remember the roar of the Red Arrows and distinctive heart tugging sounds of the Battle of Britain Memorial flight. I'd sniff the oil, grease and fuel aroma from workshops. Special experiences - smiles and laughter punctuate life. Times to treasure; learning the meaning of creativity, honesty, humility and spontaneity.

Book reviews; jackets and pages would be reminders of meaningful reading. Choosing books is satisfying, poetry particularly. Illustrations enhance words. Picasso said "To draw you must close your eyes and sing." Lovely thought.

Doubts and fears surface sometimes. These could be tucked away in a special compartment. Delving in I'd sense a cloak of hope, hands of patience and feet of trust. I'd gain confidence, comfort and courage from words of wisdom; reassurance and understanding shining in faces and maybe a cuddle! The lid would close on delights releasing a sense of direction and purpose. Now in 2021 such tonics will lift us all, with more to come. **Judith Lee**

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THANK you to all who have contributed to the Advent Porch Project and to the Just Giving Crowdfunding page. Funds raised will enable us to provide a second generation Library for Nambambo Secondary School in Nachingwea, in conjunction with Read International. We look forward to reporting the totals raised in the

February *Messenger*. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to contribute, the JustGiving page will stay up until the end of January at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/staplefordnachingwealink.

50 students from far and wide around Nachingwea are attending Kevin's three month course in English communication. The course is run in the former Nursery School centre that was built with financial support from the Stapleford Link



St Andrew's Day was celebrated on Sunday 29 November at St Andrew's Nachingwea. Bishop James Almasi officiated and confirmed 80 young people (photo, right).

A date for your diary: 2021 is the 40th anniversary of the Link and we will be celebrating with a special Service in Church and Lunch in the Pavilion on Sunday 16 May. **Trish Maude**

Mothers' Union News



THANK You to all who donated to the Toiletries Collection organised by the Mothers' Union, for the Women's Refuge in Cambridge. Once again,

your generosity filled several large cartons which are greatly appreciated by the Refuge.

It was our turn for the Wave of Prayer in December, and members used the service sheets to go through the service in their own homes.

10 December was supposed to be our AGM; the Reports and Accounts were sent through to members to review.

With all good wishes to everyone from the Committee, in the hope that 2021 is a better year for us all. **Hilary Street**

Jon West – ave atque vale!



JON is fond of a Latin tag, as we know from the motto on the front of the *Messenger*. This one isn't entirely appropriate, as we are not so much saying 'hail and farewell' to the former editor, as 'farewell but we're very glad to have you back'.

Huge thanks are owed to Jon, and his deputy Ed Rose. Over the last five years they have transformed our

village magazine into a full-colour, lively, occasionally controversial and sometimes very humorous publication. I for one have thoroughly enjoyed Jon's editor letters, and his forays into village and magazine past. He has brought his 'satiabile curtiosity' (sic) as a professional journalist into our village life, providing interviews with village folk, lively reporting on the Parish Council and the issues which it manages on our behalf, well-informed reports on sports activities, not least cricket and football, and a running commentary on West family life. It is not known whether Mrs Editor approves these revelations, but we do know that Nicky has provided great support, especially when Jon first took over and before Ed took up his role as Deputy Editor.

Fortunately for the team that has

boldly agreed to try and emulate Jon and Ed's multiple talents, Jon has agreed to stay on in a sort of Stapleford roving reporter role. We are so grateful to Jon for that and look forward very much to his contributions in the months (and hopefully years) to come. We are delighted that he will be the recipient of a thank you gift in due course. By the time you read this we hope that pandemic rules will have allowed us to present this to him, even if in a cut-down, Covid-safe event.



The elephant's child - full of 'satiabile curtiosity'

So although we have to say

farewell to Jon as editor, we greet him as roving reporter, with much acclaim. **Felicity Cooke**

Edexit - second time round

HE tried to say goodbye in last month's edition but technical difficulties saw Ed Rose step in to lay out the bulk of this one too. The man has had more farewells than Sinatra...

I first got to know Ed more than four years ago after he answered a plea for someone with organisational skills to sort out the mess I was making with page layout. It soon became a perfect arrangement, for me at least: he would do almost all of the work and I would suggest perhaps moving a picture slightly to the left, often just to annoy him.



*Recognise me by poodle,
Jazz*

But it wasn't until we chatted in preparation for writing this article that I realised he had been an unwitting bystander as one of the most shocking political events of the 1990s unfolded.

"It has been fun but it was very time-consuming - much more than I initially realised," says Ed as he sips tea in the man-cave he created at the back of his Aylsford Way home. "But half the fun was getting involved in all of it.

"Back in the 80s and 90s, I worked for a multi-national that made gearboxes for heavy trucks. I was doing technical literature in seven languages, so the *Messenger* was a breeze compared to that.

"Before that I studied engineering and economics with Russian at Birmingham University

- an utter waste of four years as I never really used much of it."

It was that knowledge of Russian, though, that saw Ed despatched to Moscow in October 1993 - which just happened to be the moment when the president, Boris Yeltsin, decided to send in the Army to storm parliament...

"We were trying to flog gearboxes to the Russians so I went to a trade fair," he recalled. "Bullets were flying - I could hear them hitting the pavement! I rang up British Airways, said 'help, get me out of here' and they put me on the next flight..."

The rest of his career was not quite as exciting but did take him to Cambs, first to Duxford and then Stapleford.

"I know a lot more people in the village than I did when I started, although many only by email," he said. "Others may recognise me by my poodle. But I would like to think I played my part in the community. I think we did a good job; the magazine is better than it was." **Jon West**

Meet your new team

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Stapleford *Messenger* and the first to be produced by the new team. Grateful thanks are due to the team who have kept the *Messenger* going for many years. This is an introduction to the group who have stepped in to keep the *Messenger* going.

We do not intend at this time to make a lot of changes to what has been a successful format, but we hope to bring a fresh face with all your old favourites, which we hope you will like.

Talking of new faces, here is the team who will be bringing the magazine to you. **Martin Ginger**

Felicity Cooke

I have lived in Stapleford since 1986. I have really valued the *Messenger* in all this time as a good source of village information and local tradespeople. I have been involved in various different village organisations over the years including Stapleford School PTA and more recently a school governor, bell ringer at St Andrew's and three years as a church warden. I very much hope we can continue the *Messenger* in the great tradition set by Jon and Ed.

Martin Ginger

I am a relative newcomer to Stapleford and before my retirement I ran my own company for 22 years. I love the community spirit here and the *Messenger*. I am a member at St Andrew's and a volunteer at the Arthur Rank Hospice. Beyond that I am treasurer and volunteer co-ordinator of a group which restores and operates historic steam locomotives.

Simon Hardwick

I have lived in Stapleford for 25 years. and have been an avid reader of the *Messenger* for at least 20 years, appreciating the steady enhancement of its articles and the technical delivery. The appearance is now second to none. I am in the invidious position of having to follow, at least partially, Ed Rose, who has been the production editor and so much more beside. I look forward to this challenging role.

Helen Hale

I have lived in the village for 35 years and raised a family here. In the past I have been a parish councillor and a governor at Stapleford School and am still involved in village groups. I was a librarian in my working life so am very aware of the importance of sharing information and building communities, in both of which the *Messenger* plays an important part.

Christine Hall

I have enjoyed living in Stapleford for more than 20 years. I am a member of the Magog Singers, the St Andrew's Handbell Ringers and I am on the committee of the Friends of Great Shelford Library.

Frank Jacot

I have lived in Stapleford since 1973. I have played an integral part in Stapleford community over many years including the Stapleford Church and Choir, the twinning association and running youth clubs. I feel I am able to bring a fresh perspective to the *Messenger* with my extensive local network.

John Little

After studying materials science at Cambridge from 1972 to 1975, gaining a degree and five Blues for football, in 1980 I returned to live in Shelford when I came back to the University as a lecturer and senior lecturer, moving to Stapleford in 2000. I have always liked the village and hope to help with the very good magazine, the *Stapleford Messenger*!

Wendy Little

I have lived in Stapleford for 35 years. I worked as Business Manager at Green Hedges School and then at Granta School in Linton, retiring in 2016. I am Treasurer for Friends of Granta and Trustee for Cambridge Joint Playschemes, whose office is based in the Verger's Cottage. I am also a Committee member for a local motor boat club of which I am a member. I feel the *Messenger* is a very important part of the village.

Sylvia Morris MBE

I retired to Stapleford almost seven years ago and live close to my daughter and her family. I have been involved with a community newsletter for our charity the Karen Morris Memorial Trust for more than 30 years.

Bill and Valerie Powell

We moved here from North Warwickshire 11 years ago. We have also lived abroad and 19 years in Sawbridgeworth. Valerie is a retired musician but still plays for fun. Bill is a retired research engineer now keen to power Britain with bio-hydrogen and cooking in sub-Sahara on stoves that burn crop waste with no smoke.

Jon West

Jon is no longer the editor but is still involved helping the transition.

Well, that's all of us ! We hope to continue to have your support and that in addition to the news features you find all the trade advertisements and local information useful. If you have any comments, please use our email staplefordmessenger@gmail.com.

Eat sustainably 2021



ON 7 December 2G3S held a meeting to begin to plan for events in 2021 – hopefully some will be real, live meetings! The first conversation evening (by Zoom) will be on Monday 8 February, the topic yet to be finalised – look out for posters nearer the time.

You will recall that at our November meeting we invited Duncan Catchpole to talk to us. One thing he discussed was the setting up of the Cambridge Food Hub which will be a local network of food growers, producers, and people who buy the produce – restaurants, cafes, canteens, and the public. He has run Cambridge Organic Food Company (COFCO) for 20 years and is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about these issues. He cited several examples of how, whilst delivering organic vegetable boxes to the public, the company arranges the collection and recycling of used coffee grounds, the use of “wonky vegs”, redirecting surplus produce to community fridges and kitchens, and other activities to boost a local circular food economy.

Here are his top tips for making sustainable choices in 2021 about what food we buy and where we buy it that will cause least harm to the environment:

1. Eat less meat and dairy produce - so much agricultural land is taken up with growing animal feed that could be used for growing human food, and this is a major cause of deforestation. *Sign up to Veganuary and dip your toe into the water.*
2. Minimise food waste – it is estimated that a third of the food grown goes to waste along the supply chain or at home. *You could buy from Oddbox for your fruit and vegs, they are ‘wonky’ or surplus to supermarket requirements.*
3. Buy food produced sustainably, which will be organic with a Soil Association or similar certification label on. This helps to look after the long-term quality of the soil.
4. Eat healthily so you are less of a drain on resources like the NHS – sustainability means economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable.
5. Buy food low in food miles, or buy produce that has been carried by sea rather than by air.
6. Avoid highly processed foods – processing reduces nutritional value, and long supply chains tend to mean lower environmental standards and more waste.
7. Avoid big corporate labels and companies that are profit-driven rather than quality-driven.

8. Eat seasonal food.

9. If you eat fish, ensure it has a Marine Stewardship certification label on (MSC).

10. Buy food with the minimum packaging, and remember the principles of re-using or recycling. *Try a veg box and other produce from COFCO, or try the new shop in Sawston, Green Weigh, for sustainable minimally packaged food and other items.*

So, if diet and healthy eating feature in your list of New Year's Resolutions, these are some useful starting points.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter or to get a Zoom invitation for the next conversation evening. **Helen Hale**

Q1: Do you take this woman to be your wife?

A CERTAIN young Staplefordian managed to get himself married despite the best efforts of coronavirus to thwart his nuptials.

The ardent suitor, far too self-effacing to be named on the pages of this magazine, was able to say 'I do' a mere matter of hours following the lifting of the lockdown restrictions that had put the whole shebang in jeopardy.

Happily, this correspondent can report that he and his fiancée were betrothed in front of a select group of family members in a certain Tier 3 location before all departed for slightly less restricted revels over the border into Tier 2.

It was all quite a relief to the father of the lad in question, who many moons previously had touchingly been chosen to be the first to know of the couple's intentions.

Knowing his love of quizzes, they had carefully crafted a set of questions where the first letters of each answer could be rearranged to spell out the big news.

Unfortunately our man, perhaps disappointed that his extensive knowledge of battleships and obscure diseases was not being tested, filled in only a few before allowing his attention to wander elsewhere.

A few prompting phone calls later, he finally returned to the task in hand and began assembling his letters. Unfortunately, he hadn't quite scored 100% and was left puzzling what he had done to upset the lovebirds, who appeared to be telling him 'We are enraged'.

The course of true love never did run smooth. **Jon West**

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Yesteryear

SYLVIA Morris takes over the Yesteryear column, providing readers with a glimpse of Stapleford in years gone by, starting with a look back at the month of January.

1803

SALE: By auction. On the premises of Wm. Matthews, waggoner of Stapleford, on Monday 31 January 1803 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. All the live and deadstock of the said Wm. Matthews consisting of several useful horses and mares with their gears; a six-inch wheel waggon, almost new, with iron arms and a waggon tilt; four dozen sacks about 20 cwt of hay and 30 fans of chaff.

1905

FEOFFEES Meeting: The Feoffees of Stapleford charity met on Monday night at the Council School and amongst other business resolved to distribute two hundred weight of coals to every householder. This will be an acceptable gift and gratefully received.

1936

THE Village Mourns the King: All places of business in the village were closed on Tuesday for a special memorial service in the parish church attended by a large congregation including the British Legion and Brownies. During an impressive service conducted by Rev M Rogers, the late King's favourite hymn, 'Abide with Me', was sung. Mr Ralph Slipper was the organist.

1976

WANDLEBURY "A Disaster": Wandlebury - one of Cambridge's favourite beauty spots - was closed to the public for the first time in living memory after gale-force winds felled about 50 big trees.

The warden, Mr Bill Clarke, who appealed to sightseers to keep away for their own safety, told the News "It's an absolute disaster area." The winds ripped up Wandlebury's magnificent beech trees by their roots during the night causing three fires as they crashed down on high voltage power cables.

2013

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Cleave Prior - Pub, Court and Home



MY family and I - myself, wife Monica, daughter Chloe and son Sam Jacot - moved into Cleave Prior, otherwise known as 8 Bar Lane, in 2004.

I have lived in Stapleford since 1973, after returning from Kenya, and my family has always been interested in history - Monica and Sam both studied it as undergraduates at the

University of Leeds.

When we moved into Cleave Prior, the late Alan Bullwinkle, the local historian, shared with us some fascinating facts about the background of our home. Information was gleaned from the property deeds and the archives maintained by the Stapleford History Society. It soon was apparent that Cleave Prior had a rich and varied history.

The Pub

In the 19th Century the house was known as the Hammer and Anvil Beer House.

In 1830, the Beer House Act was passed in an attempt to 'control the development of civil disorder caused by those involved in activities resulting from the vice of intoxication'.

Licences were granted to sell beer on or off the premises on payment of two guineas to the Excise. The applicant had to be a resident occupier and be in possession of the deeds of ownership.

In 1834 an amending Act was passed to clarify who qualified as a 'beer retailer', ruling that every sale of beer, cider or perry "in any less quantity than four gallons and a half shall be deemed and taken to be selling by retail".

Records show Simeon Waters as the Hammer and



Bar Lane in 1908

Anvil's first Beer Retailer in 1847. Subsequent licensees were Mrs Ann Dean, appointed 1875 aged 66; John Smith in 1892 and Sidney Warboys in 1909. Sidney was its last landlord as the pub closed around the start of the First World War.

The Court

Records show that numerous inquests also took place at Cleave Prior, including this one from October 1875 as recorded on the pages of the Stapleford Chronicle.

“On Tuesday, at the Hammer and Anvil, Stapleford, touching the death of George Hoppit, lately a gardener in the service of the Duke of Leeds. The evidence suggested that the deceased had been in good health, recently, that on Sunday he was at church and chimed the bells as usual, and after partaking of supper, he returned to rest about 10.30. Shortly afterwards, he commenced coughing severely and died before eleven o'clock from a fit of 'apoplexy' (stroke).”



Cleave Prior and Alick Smith's shop in the 1920s

In January 1885, according to the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper, Ann Dean was summoned by Sergeant Whitechurch for opening her premises for the sale of beer during prohibited hours. A PC Plumb had seen her draw beer at a quarter to twelve and she was fined five shillings plus costs.

This one, from September 1902, was sourced by Alan Bullwinkle.

“An inquest was held by Mr A J Lyon on Tuesday at the Hammer and Anvil, in Bar Lane, the death of John Smith, an army pensioner, and landlord of the Hammer and Anvil, who was found dead in the ditch on Monday. Mr George Bull was foreman of the jury. Superintendent Webb watched the

case on behalf of the police.

“Emma Smith said the deceased was her husband and was a licensed victualler, being the landlord of the Hammer and Anvil. He was an army pensioner and was formerly in the Royal Irish Rifles. She saw him alive about 11 o'clock on the previous morning. He had bought her some potatoes and told her not to use them, as he was going in the garden again. He had not

complained of ill health but was subject to epileptic fits. She missed him, and on going to look for him found him lying face downwards in the mud. He was quite dead.

“A juror said the ditch was six feet deep. There was only enough mud to cover his face. Dr Magoris of Shelford said he saw the deceased about 11.30am. He was quite dead lying by the side of the ditch. He was covered with mud on his face, hands and front of his body. The face was covered as far back as the ears and under the chin. The cause of death was asphyxia.

“The jury returned a verdict consistent with the doctor’s evidence.”

The Home



Cleave Prior in the 1980s

Sidney Edward Warboys was also a Trade Builder, according to Alan Bullwinkle’s research.

He was born in 1876 and married ‘Bessie’ just prior to 1911. From about 1910 he lived at No 8 Bar Lane, his wife naming it Cleave Prior in memory of the Worcestershire village of her birth.

Sidney had a builder’s yard, sawmill and a great stack of timber on the site of what is now Cherry Tree Close, and he supplied timber

to Kerridges. He owned the first lorry in Stapleford, a Model T Ford, and was a drinking friend of Rueben Speed, Bob White and Bert Short, who lived in The Grove. They met up at The Rose.

Sidney died in March 1938 aged 62 and Bessie died in 1957.

I understand that the property passed through the Warboys family until 1994 when it and the surrounding land were sold off separately under auction. We purchased the house from the Marsh family in 2004. **Frank Jacot**

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Music at St Andrew's Bring on the Humsters!

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AFTER weeks of “YOU CAN’T” it was a delight to be allowed back into Church - and to make music, but HOW? No singing – so I was more than happy to play the organ. The trouble was that the moment I pulled out all the stops, on advice from a Cathedral organist, the roof fell in - well, only a little patch and that was expensive.... so what next?

I read that the Choir might hum (behind masks, of course) so I remembered a gentle Round composed by Edith Hanrahan for the Dartington Community Choir. They hummed it as a warmer-upper for their



St Andrew's Choir, unmasked (nearly)

Thursday evening rehearsal in the Banqueting Hall of the largest medieval house in the South-West of England. (The first owner was John Holand, half - brother to Richard II, and Imogen Holst was the instigator of these choral occasions).

Off we set on our first Sunday back in St Andrew's, like a kindly swarm of bees, the simple

line growing as each part joined in; once established, Simon, with Governmental permission to be the only soloist, sang the words of the 'Kyrie Eleison'.

Gradually the rules relaxed and we were allowed, choir only, to SING! Remember the congregation was still officially without books so we were begged to articulate clearly, especially after the well-known first verses. So I chivvied the noble choir: “spit out the consonants”. Oh no - I had to retract that immediately - (“AVOID heavy projection of consonants”) and “sing with real conviction : can't hear your full tone” – that was wrong too (“DO NOT unduly raise your voice”) and remember, dear reader, that each former humster, now elevated to singer, is standing two carefully-measured-by-Simon metres apart !

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But I promise you one of the thrills of my life occurred when I suddenly stopped accompanying a hymn (as is sometimes my wont without warning) and heard the choir singing on their own in four parts: it sounded glorious!

And the congregation is wonderful, always giving back encouragement and appreciation.

In fact this situation, when we are allowed to worship with our music is garnering new approaches: nothing is set in stone – and Simon is backing us up to the hilt with St Andrew’s sponsoring, in company with such as The Chapel Royal and New York’s Cathedral of St John the Divine, newly-published music composed by women from 12th century (Hildegard of Bingen) right up to today.

With the new comes the old: it is exciting to sing unaccompanied plainsong dating back to 8th century Pope Gregory around our Norman chancel arch. Here blending carefully and relishing the often surprising contrast between male and female voices it is a privilege to begin a Morning Service with heartfelt words: Father we praise thee, now the night is over, active and watchful stand we all before thee, singing we offer prayer and meditation ...

This is truly what we do: come and help us on our journey!

John Bryden, Director of Music

Magog Singers



MAGOG Singers are looking forward to the time when we can once more sing together in reality, rather than in the Zoom sessions we have held over the last few months. Without great technical wizardry, singing without the mute on, creates a real cacophony of discordant sound, but with each of us singing

at home, whilst following the piano playing of our conductor, Jacquie McBride, we enjoyed exercising our vocal chords in a variety of ways.

Instead of the usual repertoire of four-part singing, we learnt some simple pieces, including ‘Lockdown warm- up round’ and ‘Bring Me Little Water, Sylvi’” a spiritual with accompanying body percussion, and we finished the term with a ‘concert’ of familiar carols and some new.

We look forward to sharing our singing with you all, sometime in 2021. If you would like to join us on our Zoom calls, please contact either kathleen.foreman@ntlworld.com or graham.bush@ntlworld.com. **Kathleen Foreman**

Stapleford Strollers: Walk 90

Ghosts From The Past: a circular walk from Bowsers

To get to start of walk

TAKE the A1307 to Linton. Turn right on the B1052 for Saffron Walden. Go through Hadstock and, shortly after passing the old control tower for Little Walden airfield on the left, turn left on to a side road signed Bowsers. After swinging left and right keep on until, opposite the old RAF Ops building on the left (now Villiers: luxury furniture makers), a footpath sign is seen pointing right. Park on the verge next to the sign (CB10 1XQ).

Length of Walk

Four miles. It can easily be extended as there are lots of paths in and around Ashdon. It can be muddy in places in winter

OS Map

Explorer map 209. For a free map extract, go to footpathmaps.com or maps.the-hug.net

Extra information

Bowsers was named after the place where the fuel tankers used at the airfield were housed. It was a World War II USAAF bomber base and was closed in January 1946. The site is said to be haunted by the ghost of an airman, sometimes headless, sometimes thumbing a lift! The evocative Ashdon Halt, seen later in the walk, was on the branch line from Audley End to Bartlow, which closed in 1964.

Route of walk

From the starting point, walk down the road and, at the far end, swing sharp right. Soon, swing left past some holiday lets and then go right at a junction of paths. Walk downhill on a concrete path for some time, until a gate/stile is reached.

Go over the stile then, shortly after, go left at a way mark over another stile. Cross a footbridge, a third stile, then head diagonally right across the pasture beyond. Aim for the far right hand corner. Go through a metal gate, up some steps and turn right along a road for a few minutes. Opposite The Old Rectory, take a right turn at a footpath sign.

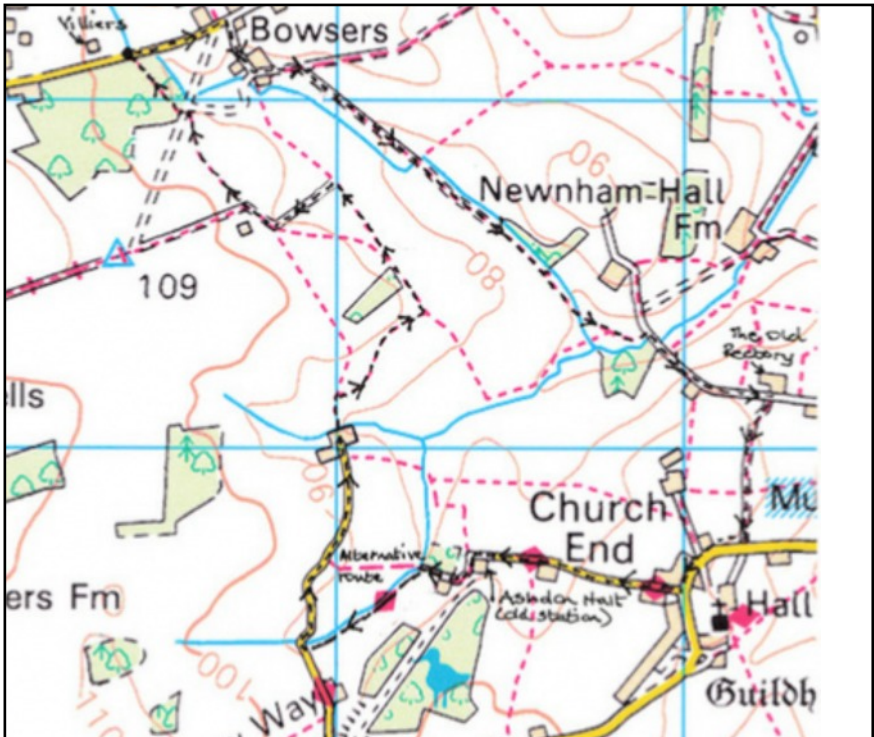
Follow the path for some time until it joins up with another path which runs parallel to the main road passing through Ashdon. Turn right, walking alongside the road for a short time, and turn right into Fallowden Lane. Walk ahead until the road ends, passing the former railway station (an old railway carriage carcass on the platform used to be the waiting room).

Go left at a footpath sign and then swing right, passing a large house. Just beyond the house is a path junction. Take either path (the right fork route can be muddy) until meeting a minor road. Turn right and carry on when the road ends, next to a house building project. Follow the left hand edge of a field, then cross at a waymark sign.

At the far end of the field, go over a footbridge and follow a path through the tree-line. This swings left after a few minutes (hand painted footpath sign), and emerges on the right hand side of a cropped field. Carry on ahead, then go left at the end of the field, on a farm track. Go right when a cross path is met passing an old building set back on the left, and carry on ahead.

When the track swings sharp left, carry on straight ahead down the right hand side of another field. This curves left before the field end. Cross over a farm road and follow the path into a wood ahead. It is easy to follow as it winds about (bluebells in season) and exits at the point where the walk was started. **David Barnes**

The Stapleford Strollers do not accept responsibility for any accident or mishap that may happen to any person who follows this walk route.



Wheelbarrow time!

WRITER and playwright Fraser Grace journeys down memory lane, and takes a shortcut through the meadows with his wheelbarrow.

THIS will sound like something Laurie Lee might write, or something from a Ken Loach film, but still, it is true. When I was young, we once moved house almost entirely by wheelbarrow.

The house my family lived in wasn't a Stapleford house, but it might have been. A double-fronted, detached Victorian pile spread over three storeys, it had a huge garden of overgrown trees, its own well, and an impressive rockery. It was also what can best be described as semi-derelict.

I remember being taken to view the 'house' before my parents parted



with their hard-earned cash – and almost, their sanity. It quickly transpired it was us who were being viewed. Miss Lodge and her companion Miss Tile (?) owned the house, and we found the elderly ladies and their home in what I would later learn to call a state of total Miss Haversham.

We presented ourselves as smartly as we could, while the

ladies sat on an ancient brown settee, horse-hair sprouting through cracked leather skin (of the settee, I mean). Strangely, it was they who viewed us with scepticism.

They were kindly enough to be fair; former school teachers. They liked the idea of children running among their trees again. Still, it was clear that only our best behaviour would persuade these ancients to let our eager young parents take the dilapidated house off their increasingly frail hands.

Somehow our 'please's and 'thank you's' passed the test and we moved in. Before long, the house was home to the six of us plus Grandad. Fred Grace had taken a bullet in an arm at Passchendaele, but somehow managed to drive a London bus for the next thirty years. (Recently widowed for the third time Fred was by then 'getting a bit forgetful' - aka suffering from dementia.)

We also accumulated over the years stuff to fill our new space: a cat, a dog, a dozen chickens, a pair of tortoises, and a piano, too, from somewhere. We now had the run of the kind of house and garden you read about in

children's adventures. We spent a lot of time tapping on walls, looking for secret passageways, portals into other worlds.

My parents, on the other hand, had fallen down a rabbit hole. Worry would dog them for years. Dad began to work extra shifts and took other jobs on the side; Mum worked as a postwoman (and took other work on the side). Their every spare hour was spent ripping up rotten floorboards, crumbled plaster, ancient plumbing and lethal wiring as the house steadily revealed itself as the original money pit. I grew up believing the natural adjective for money was 'tight'; holidays were mythical. We learned at the micro, family level, what it is to constantly teeter on the edge of despair.

None of this, obviously, has proved useless experience – it has helped me (Loach-like) to understand how desperate being penniless can make you feel. When I've met hard times as an adult, it never struck me as unusual, or as punishment from a peculiarly vengeful god, or even as something particularly shameful. Still, I wish I could tell you it all ended for my parents in a triumph over adversity. Sadly, it did not.

Several years later, exhausted and broke, Mum and Dad finally surrendered. They sold up (just before the property boom, brutally) and we escaped around the corner to a smaller house with a just-affordable rent.



This is where the wheelbarrow came in.

For this house move, some things were piled in, or on, my father's dilapidated Singer Gazelle. The piano, being on casters, was pushed around the corner on the pavement – about a quarter of a mile. It had never, to my ear, made a sweet sound, that piano, however hard my sister practised. After

its drunken slalom up and down kerbs it never made a sweet sound again.

But for the bulk of our belongings there was an easier route. Behind the old house and the new were adjoining fields. Out came the wheelbarrow and, several days later, the 'new' house was crammed to the gutters with all we possessed, and our arms had stretched to improbable lengths.

I can't pretend this move was the beginning of a happy new era for our family. One of us – I claim it was my sister, she'd claim it was me – began to wail the first time we entered. It was tiny and dark, and patently too small – were our parents too stupid to see that? Grandad and the chickens failed to make the cut. (Grandad, to be accurate, had departed for something we called 'the old people's home' some months before, and died within a couple of weeks of arriving.)



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A pervading air of defeat and grief clung to us in our new house, a terrible sense that paradise had, despite heroic efforts, slipped through our fingers. But with what remained of the money after settling their losses, Mum and Dad bought a caravan on the coast, and we began to have holidays. Slowly, slowly, adventure and light and comfort came back into our lives. And after each week crammed in the caravan, the house seemed a little bigger, too.

The reason I'm telling you this story – you, the regular readers of the *Messenger*, and also you at the back there – Donald, isn't it? – is that as US President-elect Joe Biden recently reminded us, there is a Time for everything. The prospect of abandoning a world we love can be a terrifying one, the reality of losing familiar surroundings, awful.

In such a situation, it can take a long time to accept even the simplest facts that are staring us in the face. But accept them we must. Because 'pleases', 'thank yous', and bitter disappointments – even defeats – are all part of most people's lives. To suffer the occasional defeat is nothing to be ashamed of. If we don't learn that as children, we surely must as adults – assuming of course, Donald, we ever actually grow up.

Library update

AS users of the Library may know, we have had managed browsing in our libraries since December. Our hope and expectation is that this will continue into the New Year and it means that a limited number of people at any one time can browse in the library and borrow items using the self-issue machines. Our previous 'Select and Collect' and reservation offers will also continue as before.

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Quiz time



THIS month's quiz is entitled Terry-Thomas. I once got into a row with a work colleague over whether there was a hyphen in his name. I said yes, she said no and I was right. She also refused to accept there were two 'y's in Dan Aykroyd but otherwise we co-existed happily. Anyway...

Answers on page 38.

1. The English character actor Terry-Thomas specialised in playing bounders and rotters. Complete the title of the 1969 film he was in: Monte Carlo or...? One word needed here.
2. John Terry famously slipped while taking the penalty that would have won Chelsea the 2008 Champions League final. Which team did go on to win it and in which city was it held? Point each.
3. In the Thomas the Tank Engine books by the Rev W Awdry, what is the name of the engine who is bricked up in a tunnel as punishment for not wanting to go out in the rain, which I'm sure we would all agree is not at all a traumatic concept for 3-4 year-olds.
4. There were two Terrys in the Monty Python team - name both for one point. Both went on to become film directors but which one directed the Life of Brian movie, for another point?
5. Who wrote the novel Under the Greenwood Tree, in which choir member Dick Dewy becomes romantically entangled with a teacher called Fancy Day?
6. The Terry's Chocolate Orange is now made in which city? It is the seat of several European Union institutions including the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines if that helps.
7. Whose last words are said to be "I've had 18 straight whiskies. I think that's the record!?" His soon to be widow, on arriving at the hospital where he was about to expire is said to have enquired "Is the bloody man dead yet?" if that helps.
8. Whose books based on his time in Lebanon were entitled Taken on Trust and Footfalls in Memory? He also wrote Travels with a Primate, a humorous account of his journeys with former boss Robert Runcie if that helps.

(Questions 9 and 10 on next page)

9. Sean Connery's first name was actually Thomas - Sean was his middle name. He was ridiculed for wearing a scarlet tankini in which film, for a point? And for another, in which film was he lauded for portraying a cop called Jim Malone?

10. Terry-Thomas was a relative of a member of the cast of the BBC sitcom *The Good Life*. But which one?

Puzzle Corner

Hidden Words

IN each of the paragraphs below are hidden five words with a common theme. They are hidden in one of three forms:

- written forwards e.g. France in "Off ran Cecil"
- written backwards e.g. Sweden in "the fine dew sparkles"
- in anagram form e.g. Yemen in "his worst enemy"

The theme is given at the beginning of each paragraph. An anagram will always consist of one or more whole words.

1. Relatives

On the far side, we flaunt our showpiece in nostalgia. It's hard to resist.

2. Insects

There had been great anguish for Eva on finding that the clothes she had managed to swap were not her mother's.

3. Fruit

I watched the dustman go past with nine great sacks of rubbish. A substantial lump sum needs to be invested to help pay to replace outdated bin lorries.

4. Units of time

He readily admits his reluctance to fight, torn between his family and his workmates who urgently need assistance. Talks have produced no cessation to the violence which remains common throughout the land.

5. 20th century US presidents

The British submarine was slow in comparison to latest design from the Americans, who overcame some technical difficulties to develop an affordable vessel with a range of powerful weaponry.

Stapleford Bird Club

WITH daybreak becoming ever later, 8.30am on 10 December was a good time to start the walk – late enough to have good light but still early to catch birds at their most active. At the car park, three Linnets still remained from the regular overnight roost, shortly before moving away to their farmland feeding stations. Vociferous as ever, flocks of Goldfinches and Greenfinches were active around the seed feeders, where Blue Tits and Great Tits competed with them for the valuable food source in the feeders. A solitary Chaffinch perched aloof on a bush, as did a Carrion Crow which seemed grossly oversized in the company of this slender bird. Robins were picking spilt seed from the ground under the feeders, and a Blackbird appeared briefly. A Song Thrush sang a few notes, most of which were not typical, but it is an odd time of year to try to sing.

Walking out onto North Down, a Meadow Pipit flew up from the short grass and at the top of the hill a Great Spotted Woodpecker flew onto Little Trees Hill. It was found only by good luck, having been picked out at long range by its undulating flight, and was confirmed with binoculars. In the crow family, a Jay flew past Magog Wood, four Magpies were counted over the walk, a small flock of Jackdaws called loudly and weaved exuberantly through the air over Colin's Paddock, and Rooks were pecking at food in the cereal stubble field.



Checking Feoffees Fields, Yellowhammers (left) were flying about, and next to Villedômer Wood in the sheep fields a covey of Grey Partridge exploded into flight. This species is seen on most walks now, unlike the Red-legged Partridge bred for shooting, which seems rare now on the fields. A small number of gulls flew over – Black-headed and Lesser Black-backed, the easier species to identify at a distance. Two Green

Woodpeckers were in residence, both first seen while flying up to fence posts, where they then perched with their claws stabbed into the top of the post and the largish body seemingly hanging off and defying gravity. Skylarks were trilling as they flew around the Sheep fields, but not in great numbers. A hunting Kestrel was hovering in the breeze, and the final species to make up a grand total of 24 species was Dunnock. **Mike Foley**



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Stapleford History Society

A Zoom Talk by Dr. Patricia Fara based on her book 'A Lab of One's Own'



DR. Fara started with a look at the contribution which the women students and graduates of Newnham and Girton Colleges made to the success of the First World War. Six hundred women from Newnham participated in a variety of ways. Many joined the Red Cross as nurses while others who had already qualified became doctors and engineers. Ruth Dingley was the senior anaesthetist at the age of 20 at the First Eastern Hospital which was situated on the site now occupied by the University Library. Some undergraduates took on manual work by joining the Land Army or even shovelling coal in gasworks.

Some graduates worked on the development of explosives and ballistics. Edith Stoney was a mathematician who went on to study engineering and specialised in X-rays. In 1914 she contacted the war office to offer her services in radiology but was refused because she was a woman so she went to the Scottish Women's Hospital service who accepted her and she worked in a 250 bed hospital near Troyes funded by Girton and Newnham Colleges. Hertha Ayrton became a famous electrical engineer and invented a fan to blow poison gases out of the trenches but it was rejected because of the male attitudes towards women.



Dr. Fara was able to illustrate her talk with numerous photographs: one showed women operating large machine tools to manufacture huge shell cases for heavy guns and another showed women employed in the dangerous task of filling the shell cases. This exposed them to dangerous chemicals which turned their skin yellow and their hair green so they became known as the canary girls.

The talk then continued on to the fight for women's right to vote which started in the 19th century and for the wider recognition of women's talents. Many of the women referred to above were already members of the suffragist movement and they threw their energy and intelligence into the

war effort which gave many the freedom to enjoy a career. As one said, 'Women were serfs but the war set them free.' However, in 1919 an act of Parliament was passed compelling women to give back the jobs to the men they had replaced. Ray Strachey helped set up the Society of Women Welders and an agency to help women find jobs.

Cambridge University was years behind other universities in granting women graduates a degree and this didn't happen until 1948. The graduate with the highest mark in the Mathematics Tripos is known as the Senior Wrangler and in 1890 Philippa Fawcett was the first women to achieve the top mark but she was not allowed a degree. The suffragists continued with their demonstrations to gain equality but even today women working in STEM (science and technology) jobs are paid less than men. **Keith Dixon**



MP for South Cambridgeshire

THE Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire, Anthony Browne, can be contacted by email at anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk. For updates on his constituency and parliamentary activity see his website (anthonybrowne.org) or Facebook page.

Quiz answers

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| 1. Bust. | 6. Strasbourg. |
| 2. Manchester United, Moscow. | 7. Dylan Thomas. |
| 3. Henry. | 8. Terry Waite. |
| 4. Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam.
Terry Jones. | 9. Zardoz, The Untouchables. |
| 5. Thomas Hardy. | 10. Richard Briers. |

Puzzle Corner answers

Hidden Words

1. father, aunt, niece, son, sister.
2. bee, gnat, wasp, hornet, moth.
3. mango, tangerine, plum, apple, date.
4. day, fortnight, hour, second, month.
5. Bush, Wilson, Hoover, Ford, Reagan.

Winter and Spring

JILL Nicholas from Granta Terrace, who tells us she was born on London Road in 1931 and planted hundreds of bulbs last year, has written about her experience of spending 2020 in lockdown and her hopes for this year, entitled Winter and Spring.



THE grass was covered with primroses, then cowslips followed by forget-me-nots and, yes, the daisies. I collected seeds in Spring hoping that in 2021 the grass would be covered in flowers. Enough to pick and put in a vase.

So lockdown came - "What do I do?" No-one to chat to, can't go out or have anyone in my house - even the wardens can't come in...

"OK, look after yourself". Pain or not - if it's bad stay in bed, there's no-one to tell.

I found I could do so much more for myself. I tried to walk down the garden each day and sit and listen. It was quiet, the wind blowing gently in the trees. It made me think of long ago when the world was slow, when people were not rushing and there were not many cars. I just hope people are learning something from all this but, looking back 88 years, what did we learn from our mistakes?

I had to think about how little good Mum had in the wartime. How did she manage? The food came from the Co-op in a small box, now it's bags and bags full but it still gets eaten.

Lockdown and me. I can unblock the sink, empty the bins and put them outside the door. I can't walk over the gravel so I do need help with that.

The bed needs clean sheets but I need to rest, I lie on the bed, done. I need veg, money, things from the shop. I have to ask family, I can't quite manage by myself.

"Can I?"

The garden needs tidying so why not try to weed? Once I start I do not want to stop, so many bags of weeds.

The weather has turned so hot, I need to water. Gardens are coming alive, with people - I can hear voices, splashes from children with a pool. A nice sound. The neighbours arrive, I am so lucky to be able to chat over the fence.



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I weed-killed the gravel, it dried so quickly. I feed the birds, and a small mouse who lives nearby. After all these years I don't know all the birds' names.



I cleaned the shed and found an iron vice. Was it my dad's? Memories, they float back. A bird stand? Sun umbrella? A bag to grow potatoes? Good, I have found them new homes.

But my treasure has been... a tablet. Yes, the Internet. At first it's

how to use it, I start learning about something I thought was a waste of time. It has been a life-saver, I am so lucky.

Well, lockdown is bad, but we do know what we have to do, so do as we're told and hope the virus soon goes.

It's the yellow hut on the prairie...



MANY readers will have no doubt strolled past the excavation work being carried out on the fields earmarked for the controversial guided busway that is set to trundle past our village.

Experts from Oxford Archaeology, which is both a charity and a limited company, have been commissioned by Greater Cambridge Partnership to explore the soil beneath the proposed route across green belt land and report back.

So what have they found? Probably not too many Ming vases but you never know. As we were going to press we received the press release overleaf which gives more details. **Jon West**



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The digging begins



ARCHAEOLOGICAL and ground investigation works are currently underway for the proposed CSET public transport route. These works are taking place along the length of the preferred route from the proposed Travel Hub site near the A11 to Cambridge Biomedical Campus and archaeologists have recently

been investigating land north of Stapleford.

As part of the planning application process, a routine trial trench evaluation is now being undertaken to assess the extent and condition of any underlying archaeology along the route. Nearly 200 individual trenches, together measuring almost 10km, will be dug along the stretch of the proposed CSET scheme before the end of February 2021.

Recent excavations have shown evidence for human activity along the valley of the River Granta and the wider area since prehistoric times. Work ahead of development at Addenbrooke's Hospital and Trumpington has revealed a landscape of Romano-British settlement and agricultural activity. As expected, initial findings from the trenches north of Stapleford suggest the continuation of this densely settled farming landscape. Finds will be sent for specialist analysis at the end of the fieldwork, but fragments of pottery appear to date to the 2nd to 4th Century AD.



The trial trench evaluation is being undertaken by Oxford Archaeology (OA), a registered educational charity and one of the UK's foremost archaeological contractors. The staff working at Stapleford come from the OA East office in Bar Hill, Cambridgeshire, which specialises in archaeological work in Eastern England. Archaeologists from Cambridgeshire County Council are regularly monitoring the work. The decision on the need for further archaeological excavation will be made by the local planning authority following the results of the evaluation next year.

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DISTRACTION is one of the biggest causes of fires in the home - most of which start in the kitchen.

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You turn off your oven when you aren't using it but do you regularly ensure there isn't a fat build up in your oven, hob and grill?

A simple fire safety check list can help you avoid an unnecessary fire in your home - Simple tips, simply STOP the chance of a fire.

NEVER overload sockets: Multi-socket adapters, often used in homes to provide more plug sockets quickly and easily, are particularly popular during the winter period when people are more likely to plug in heating devices, lights and other items. If used incorrectly however, these can be very dangerous and cause an electrical fire through overloading the socket. 'One appliance, one socket' is the safest approach to avoid any danger of fire in your home.

Switch off, Turn off: If it isn't meant to be left on (like fridges, freezers) switch it off and turn it off at the plug when it isn't in use.

Charge safely: Only use electrical charging devices for the purpose they were intended and avoid purchasing counterfeit, cheap charging devices for electrical items and always keep leads away from cookers and hobs.

Fat-Free, Fire-Free: Fat can build up slowly over time through regular use of kitchen devices and as it does it increases the chance of a fire when cooking. Ensure you regularly maintain hobs, grills and ovens and keep them clear from fat build up and safer from fire.

Distraction causes fires: over 50% of fires in the kitchen are caused by distraction - pay attention and avoid cooking if under the influence of alcohol or medication or feeling tired.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Parish Councillor diary

THIS article is the first of a proposed series in which your Parish Councillors explain what motivates them to work for the Council and what is currently occupying their time. We hope it gives readers greater insight into – and may promote further engagement with – Stapleford Parish Council activities. First up is Jenny Flynn, the newest Council member.



WE moved to Stapleford two and a half years ago, attracted by the idea of living in a village surrounded by countryside yet still within close proximity to Cambridge. Previously a pharmaceuticals and healthcare management consultant, then Mum/Nordic walking instructor/school crossing patroller/carer for ageing parents, I now juggle running my own company with home, family and voluntary commitments.

I was prompted to join the Parish Council by the growing threat of local government initiatives to many of the things which are special about Stapleford: its village character, sense of community and surrounding greenbelt. I am certainly not anti-change, but I do believe that growth needs to be sensitively managed, proportionate, considerate of local residents' opinions and respectful of natural assets which, once concreted over, can never be replaced.

I was co-opted onto the Council in October 2020 and, since then, have participated in two Council meetings and learnt a lot more about what the Council seeks to do on behalf of the local community. Whilst there are multiple issues I might be required to review or comment on every month, I will be taking a lead in two main areas moving forward: 'highways and byways' and communications.

The Parish Council aims to increase pressure on Cambridge County Council and South Cambs District Council to improve highways, cycleways, pavements, rights of way and lighting in the Parish. In the first instance, we need to focus on the defects and hazards which present the greatest risks to users and ensure that they are put onto the appropriate schedules of work held by CCC and SCDC. There is unfortunately no 'quick fix': many of these work schedules will not start for months and we have to maintain pressure on the relevant departments and staff to ensure that our priorities are recognised and action is taken. None of this is made easy for us so I have started by creating a spreadsheet listing nearly 100 potential hazards so we can capture and present data to the authorities in a systematic manner. Very soon you will see me donning a high-vis bib and scanning the streets, with

notebook, camera and tape measure in hand, as I start the steady process of data collection.

I shall leave discussion of my communications responsibility for another 'Parish Councillor Diary' entry, suffice to say that the Council is seeking to widen the range of traditional and digital communication channels that it uses to inform and engage with the Parish. On top of this, I'm supporting other Councillors' neighbourhood planning and busway initiatives so have been: digesting Cambridge South East Transport and Greater Cambridge Local Plan reports; participating in a workshop with other parish councils and residents' associations from across the region; and gearing up to leaflet many Stapleford homes to generate funds for a deeper investigation into the feasibility of an alternative CSET route that will avoid desecrating local greenbelt.

How have I found things so far? Well, it has to be said that there is a lot to do. Parish Council work is voluntary and done in your own time with no compensation; I've so far spent the equivalent of around seven working days per month on Parish Council activities. However, it's proving to be rewarding and I'm enjoying working with a group of committed people who share a desire to do something for the common good and for the village.

Granta Medical Practices

AS I write this, the COVID-19 vaccine delivery has just begun, with the first vaccinations being given.

The vaccine is currently being offered to patients in priority groups first, namely:

- People aged 80 and over who have a hospital appointment in the next few weeks
- People who work in care homes
- Health care workers at high risk

It will be offered more widely as soon as possible. For further information on priorities and delivery schedules please go to www.nhs.uk.

The general public are asked **not** to contact their GP surgeries regarding the vaccination programme. The NHS will contact everyone direct when it is their turn to have the vaccine.

In the meantime, thank you all for continuing to abide by all the social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand hygiene guidance.

We will keep our website and social media channels updated with any developments. **Sandra East, Granta Communications & Patient Liaison**



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From your Parish Council

Report from meeting on 12 December

MINUTES of Parish Council meetings can be viewed at the Parish Council website: staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk which also gives details of the next meeting.

Stapleford Parish Council is encouraged by the level of support received so far from the village in its work to protect our greenbelt and wonderful landscape setting.

Independent Transport Report

Many emails have been coming in from you in support so thank you, and please keep them coming!

The meeting, buoyed by the positive report already received from our independent transport consultants, decided unanimously to support the commissioning of the next report. This will look at the original CSET (Cambridge South East Transport) objectives and the evidence that lies behind the choice of route, including the business case.

The concept of matched funding was endorsed and we noted that over £6,000 has been donated so far to the fund; this is a fantastic position to be in – but much more to go for! For more information and to donate go to www.cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridge-busway.

Environmental Impact Assessment



We have just lodged our response with the GCP to the Environmental Impact Assessment consultation. Our response outlines a robust rejection of the chosen route on the basis of the significant environmental damage that will be suffered, when there is a viable alternative. You can view our letter at staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/notes.

Any doubt as to the GCP's intentions and lack of regard to the public consultation exercise is illustrated in this picture of the archaeological dig now going ahead on the field behind Haverhill Road (see also article on page 43).

2021-2022 Precept

Your Council is currently setting next year's budget and in order to retain our healthy reserves we are proposing a 3% rise in the precept. The current precept is £72,100 which for a band D property is £77.39 for the year.

We feel we have made good strides this year in making efficiencies and at the same time maintaining standards. It is a matter of constant frustration that the biggest issue we face as a Parish is outside our control – that is the state of our roads and footpaths. We are putting in place a more robust system of monitoring this issue and with Cambridge County Council elections coming up in May, we can perhaps expect that some improvements will be forthcoming!

Proposed Parish Council Budget

We are keen to see hiring of the pavilion recover next year; like many establishments we have suffered a serious loss of income this year. However there are promising approaches from the sports clubs with respect to the use of the recreation field and the MUGA will be in operation from early summer next year providing further income.

The previous Parish Council authorised payment of £6,500 per annum for community support, involving the Age UK Mobile Warden Scheme and SSYI (Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative) and in view of take-up it is proposed that this has been reduced to £5,000 divided equally between these two organisations. At the same time South Cambridgeshire District Council has announced an increase in funding for all Age UK schemes across the district.

A lot of work has gone into this proposed budget and final discussion will take place at the January 2021 meeting along with the fixing of the precept. Please join us on Zoom on 13 January, the link will be available on our website at staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Another initiative which we would like to re-launch with your support is the Neighbourhood Plan which will be an essential tool in our toolkit to preserve the essence of our village, promote best design and protect our village from unwelcome development. Again please contact the Clerk if you can lend your time and skills.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's report to the Parish Council

Cambridge Local Plan

Councillor Peter Fane outlined progress on the preparation of Greater Cambridge Local Plan where the minimum number of new homes to be built in the area is around 1,900 per year as the minimum government standard,

but the planning case for this area is currently 2,200 to 3,000 homes per year.

This impacts on carbon emissions and water supply where it is held that growth could be achieved through better water resource management and water efficiency. Given the low level of our chalk streams this is a major concern. For further details and the documentation linked to this stage of developing the plan see www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/where-to-build-and-how-much.

COVID-19 Community Support

Local volunteer groups are being supported and self-isolation payments are available where individuals suffer consequential loss of income.

A local business directory has been created to provide information on operating arrangements under Covid-secure measures. There are also grants available to businesses that were forced to close during this lockdown.

See the South Cambridgeshire District Council's Coronavirus page www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Planning

20/04474/CL2PD: 1 Gog Magog Cottages, Haverhill Road

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness under section 192 for the erection of an outhouse to use as a work from home office with a bathroom and tea/coffee station: *It is noted that Certificates of Lawfulness are considered an avenue to circumvent the planning system. Several planning applications for development have already been refused and we strongly object to this.*

20/04580/LBC: 7 Bar Lane

Replace existing 75mm black uPVC soil pipe and 22mm white uPVC soil pipe, with new 100mm black cast iron soil pipe and 50mm waste water pipe. Relocate waste pipe approximately 3.5m to the east.

20/04788/HFUL: 22 Mingle Lane

Two story rear extension: *Recommendation: that all permitted development rights be removed if permission is granted.*

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 13 January.

You are encouraged to attend - details of Zoom access will be given on the Parish Council website.

Howard Kettel, Chair of Parish Council

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