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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

*SIMON'S sermon from the Platinum Jubilee service in the marquee.*

WE come together to celebrate Her Majesty's reign. The celebrations are fun. The praise heaped on her is well-deserved. She has made a good thing of the hand she was dealt. And God has smiled on us through her.

But as we come together we do so against a troubled background. A troubled background in the world, with men of violence - they are almost always men - waging war and causing mayhem. It is not just Ukraine, though that is uncomfortably close to home. The world is not at peace. And at home, whatever one's political persuasion, it is obvious that we are in troubled times, and lacking the leadership of integrity that a nation needs.

We - I suspect all of us - may have a sense of a nation and a world ill at ease, a world in which there is trouble aplenty, of every kind and from every direction. But nonetheless it is right to celebrate. But what do we celebrate today? What actually is at the heart of this weekend?

My take is this: one of the features of our constitution, such as it is, is that we render our Head of State completely powerless. It is deliberate. One of the very few things that they can do, one of the few levers that they can pull, is that of their personal example. And a great example of selfless service is what we have had these past 70 years.

That is why I have played you two extracts from Her Majesty's Christmas broadcasts, and we will play a third in a moment. She doesn't say a whole lot publicly, except at Christmas, so if we want to know what gives her strength, what is in her inner being, what feeds her and guides her, it is to those that we have to turn.

In 1952, the first extract I played you, she spoke of promises and prayers, of the promises she would make, and her prayer - and she asked for ours too - that God would give her the wisdom and strength to carry out her solemn promise to serve both him and us.

Her faith in Jesus Christ has been the bedrock of her service. It would be naive of us to think that she would have been such a great monarch - and I suspect history will recount that she really is a great monarch - without that deep personal faith, and that naivety may come back to bite us if and when we have a monarch for whom the trappings of religious observance are more important than personal faith. That faith that she has is in a God





who loves the world. He loves it so much that he sent his Son into the world, a Son who is truth, who brings light and life, who laid down his life for our sake, and took it up again in victory. No-one but the one who is the source of all life and love would do such a thing. And no-one, save the one who is God, God the Son, could do such a thing.

This is the source of our hope, the hope of all Christians, including Her Majesty. She spoke of that hope in the extract I played from her 2020 broadcast. In the midst of the worst of Covid she spoke of selflessness, love and hope, the hope of a new dawn even on the darkest of nights. That hope she has is in the promises of Jesus Christ, the one who says 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.' And Jesus then looks at us and asks 'Do you believe this?'

I do, because frankly after decades of resistance to it, decades of rejecting the evidence in front of me, I came to the conclusion that Jesus died and then he lived again. The evidence was inescapable. No-one does that. No-one, that is, except God, God the Son.

This teaching, that Christ is the resurrection and the life, is something Her Majesty refers to in the last extract, this from her 2021 message, in which she, standing as we all know on the edge of her earthly existence, speaks of a profound confidence in the future, a confidence she gets from the teachings of Christ.

I do too. And after we have heard that last extract I have included one more reading from the bible. One of my favourites. All of these little readings are from the gospel written by St John. It is fair to call him Jesus' best friend, I think, though he loves us all. John records Jesus in realistic mood, a mood for the time back then, and for ours today.

"In this world" Jesus says "you will have trouble." Too right, Jesus. Did anyone ever really think that Christianity - the faith that has brought the Queen through so many years in a way that so many admire - did anyone ever think that that Christianity is not relevant today? How wrong they are.

"In this world" Jesus said, "you will have trouble." But then he goes on, and this is the bit I really like: "But take heart! I have overcome the world."

When we look at him, when we look to Jesus, when we stand with him as Her Majesty does, we realise that the victory over all our troubles, our present troubles, is actually won already. That is the point of Christianity, confidence in the future because we know that the Christ who died is the Christ who lives.

I wish Her Majesty well. I am sure you do. I salute her service. We are blessed through her. But most of all I commend her faith to you.

**Every blessing to you all, Simon**

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3 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION Habbakuk 2.1-4; John 20.24-29
	10.30 AM	ORDINATION SERVICE for Lucinda Howard In Ely Cathedral
	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG Job 42.1-6; 1 Peter 1.3-12
10 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Galatians 5,13-25; John 10.1-21 <i>I am the gate</i>
17 JULY	9 AM	SUNG CW COMMUNION
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	10.30 AM	MESSY FOREST CHURCH
24 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Psalm 8; Colossians 1.1-14 <i>How majestic is your name in all the earth</i>
31 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Psalm 2; Colossians 1.15-29 <i>Blessed are all who take refuge in him</i>
7 AUG	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	ALL AGE FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION Psalm 150; Luke 11.1-8 <i>Praise the Lord</i>
	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3

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# Jubilation

MONDAY after the Platinum Jubilee celebrations it felt flat, difficult to return to 'normality.' Avoiding news meant escaping reality. Politics, escalating living costs, war - absent for a while. Soon back with a jolt. Oh dear! I wondered about the happy, harmonious few days of unity. Red, white and blue was strong, reflected in our bright fluttering flags. Hands put up bunting the result of much creative endeavour. Children made and wore jewel-encrusted crowns. Artwork was displayed, memorabilia such as commemorative mugs, books, photographs and clothing were exhibited. Local festivities built excitement. Patriotic music played whilst tables were laden with delicious food from Coronation chicken to Platinum pudding (tangy trifle) and maybe a marmalade sandwich or two. Bring and Share wonders. Patriotism and nostalgia side by side. Pageantry, pomp, ceremony and togetherness encouragingly rewarding and welcome. Very British.

Enormous crowds cheered, laughed and enjoyed. On the Mall the golden glinting Cinderella-like coach was pulled, in truth uncomfortable for travelling. A fairy tale illustration. Bands played. Smart uniformed troops rode on horseback. Trapeze artists dangerously demonstrated skill. Costumes were wonderful. Giraffes gyrated, elephants stomped, a snake slithered. Flowers of the Commonwealth had grown to perfection, imaginatively made as fantastic costumes, the envy of Gardeners' World and Chelsea Flower Show. A captive audience listened and saw an important message on Saving our Precious Planet.

Boats 'sailed' by road. A tiny orange Outspan (not the only brand) bubble car bumped along. Dames in Jags processed, one car inevitably broke down. Four neon yellow vested strongmen pushed. Mishap greeted jovially. In the mix the Lambeth Walk was danced. Double decker buses one for each seven decades proudly showed scenes of the years. Basil Brush had fun. Bill and Ben seemed to have lost Little Weed and the gardener. Our bus was the 1950s. Whilst born before the King's sad death and glorious Coronation, I cannot profess to remembering! I consider it important to share and learn from others who knew.

Our faithful Queen has shown dedication and devotion to duty and service. A promise made seventy years ago remains unbroken. Her twinkling eyes and warm smile are well known and respected. The fly past tribute finale included Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane. Coloured smoke streaked from the roaring Red Arrows.

Our heartfelt thanks are sent in peace, hope and love. **Judith and Stephen Lee**

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THE Branch has two events coming up in July: on Thursday 14 July we are hosting Milton MU in the Johnson Hall for a tea party, from 2.30pm to 4pm.

It will be good to see our friends from Milton again.

Then on Friday 15 July, there is the Diocesan Garden Party in the Bishop's Garden in Ely from 3pm to 5pm.

It's always a really nice occasion and a chance to meet up with friends from around the Diocese. This time it's suggested that you bring your own picnic tea.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Hamper Raffle stall at the Village Show over the Jubilee weekend!  
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## Letters to the Editor

Please include a contact postal address with all correspondence.

**From:** Tony Hore, Chairman, The Friends of St Andrew's

**Re:** Village Quiz

THE article by Jon West regarding the Village Weekend Quiz (in the June issue) was incorrect. He stated that the Village Quiz was back as part of the Village Weekend celebrations. Actually the genuine Village Quiz has been organized by the Friends of St Andrew's for at least the last 20 years. It is only Covid that has prevented the Friends from staging this event but plans are well under way for it to return in the Autumn of 2023, its regular calendar slot. So watch this space, and have another chance at stretching your quiz muscles!

## Correction to June Messenger

UNFORTUNATELY the email address given for Steph Swain, Walks and Wiskers below her picture in last month's *Messenger* is incorrect. It should read WalksWhiskers@outlook.com. Our apologies for making this error for the second time. **Messenger Team**

# Stapleford - Nachingwea Link



TO mark Obed Pwirira's 68<sup>th</sup> birthday and retirement as Chair of the Nachingwea Link after 40 years' service we sent a gift.



*Obed in his new new suit*

We have since received the following news and photos from Kevin:

"On Sunday 8 May I was invited by Mr Obed to his birthday celebration. I was there not only as his VIP guest but also his cameraman. This birthday was purposely dedicated to his grandchildren and others from his neighbours. They were all happy to see their grandfather celebrate his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday when he put on his newest modern suit, the gift from Stapleford Link."



*Obed Pwirira receiving the birthday gift from Mr Siamini Faraja, Link Treasurer*



*Obed with his grandchildren enjoying his birthday celebrations*

**Clergy News:** The clergy in Masasi Diocese move on at regular intervals from parish to parish, so we are currently welcoming two newly appointed priests at St Andrew's, Nachingwea. Our long-time friend Fr Jerome, now blind, has returned to live in Nachingwea where he continues his ministry.



Our photo shows Kevin and Siamini with Fr Yusuf Masimosya (Priest in Charge) and Fr Nickson Kantaule (Assistant Priest), both newly appointed to St Andrew's, Nachingwea, who were presented with Welcome gifts. Fr Jerome received a Thanks gift in recognition of his long and dedicated service to St Andrew's. **Trish Maude**

# Ely Cathedral Festival

## God's church for God's world



ON 14 May Frank, Jeannie, Judith, John and myself headed for a day of singing at Ely Cathedral. Frank drove us all there so we were able to come together, many thanks Frank! It was especially exciting as it was the first festival service since the pandemic. There were two rehearsals, in the second of which the cathedral choristers and Lay Clerks joined us. The cathedral choir really helped add to the great sound we were all making at the first rehearsal. I always enjoy singing with them and members from other church choirs in the area, also meeting old friends and getting to know others. There was a real sense of unity and everyone was committed to what they were singing.

The unity of everyone coming together tied into the theme of the service, *A festival service to celebrate the variety and unity of God's world*, and this was also reflected in the music. There were pieces from British composers such as Wesley, his lovely *Blessed be the God and Father* is a piece I am already familiar with and really enjoy singing. Also, a traditional Zulu call and response litany. The



hymns included a traditional Irish and Welsh melody and a setting of the Nunc Dimittis to the African - American Spiritual tune *Steal Away* arranged by John Harper. I particularly enjoyed learning new music such as this Nunc Dimittis setting, Richard Shephard's *The Secret of Christ* and singing some great descants in *Blessed City*, *Heavenly Salem* and *Lift High the Cross*.



We have all definitely missed these festival services and so, being able to sing together again, made it feel all the more special and even more of a privilege to sing in such an amazing building. I will never now take this for granted and I am looking forward to the next one. You can watch us in action by going to the Ely Cathedral YouTube then clicking on 14 May RSCM Festival Service. **Alice Barlow**



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## Newcomers' Tea

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If so, you are warmly invited to a newcomers' tea in the Vicarage, 43 Mingle Lane, CB22 5SY on Sunday 24 July from 3.30pm to 5pm. A great chance to meet new people, and there will be a good sprinkling of village old hands there too. If you have new neighbours who might like to come, please do let them know - not everyone gets the *Messenger*, so help in getting the word out would be great. All welcome, definitely not restricted to Christians or churchgoers!

And if you are hosting Ukrainian refugees, please do come along and bring them - all welcome, even if you yourselves have lived in the village for ages!

Lizzie and Simon Taylor look forward to meeting everyone then. RSVP on 840256 or text 07970 716163 or simontaylorstandrews@gmail.com.

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# Stapleford WI



THE NFWI (National Federation of Women's Institutes) holds an annual meeting to which members from each branch are invited. This year's meeting was in June in Liverpool. At this event one or more resolutions, which have been put forward by members, are discussed and a vote taken on whether to adopt it/them, or not. Once adopted, the resolution(s), which are a call for change on current issues in society, turn(s) into a national campaign backed by all WI members.

There is one resolution this year, debated and adopted resoundingly in Liverpool, 'Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported'. (Editor's note: ASD = autism spectrum disorder; ADHD = attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.)

To provide more information and a deeper understanding about this to our own members, Wendy Suter, a teacher, and a champion for neurodiversity, was invited to speak at our meeting at the end of May. Wendy, an inspirational and passionate speaker, gave us many interesting and surprising facts, as well as much to think about. Her explanations were clear and detailed and Wendy's own desire to help as many of the children in her care at school in the best possible way was highly evident. Wendy began her talk with her list of 'Scores on the Doors'. These revealed that in the UK out of 650,000 people diagnosed with ADD (attention-deficit disorder) and ADHD only 65,000 are female. Similarly, only 175,000 females are diagnosed with ASD whereas 525,000 males are identified. Wendy explained some of the reasons for the disparity in these numbers and why the WI resolution is so important as there are many girls and women who currently require diagnosis and additional support and help. As a result of the vote in Liverpool all WI members will be doing their best to highlight the need for girls to be diagnosed correctly and to make more people aware of this

Our next speaker, on Thursday 28 July at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, is Joan Munden. Her talk is entitled 'SOE Nadine', and tells the story of her cousin who served in the Special Operations Executive during WW2.

At the Stapleford Show you may have visited the WI hoopla stall and spoken to one of our members about our activities.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we do please contact Sallie Dixon on 843847 and you can also view our website at [staplefordwi.weebly.com](http://staplefordwi.weebly.com)

We would love to hear from you, and you are assured of a warm welcome at our meetings. **Joyce Dobson**

## Bess sellers

THIS month's quiz offering comes from **Jon West** and was aired at the Jubilee Village Quiz. (Answers can be found on page 53).

This is a round about fictional Elizabeths. Or Elizabeths who write stuff.

1. Who, in 1813, asked the following questions: "Is not general incivility the very essence of love?" and "What are men to rocks and mountains?"
2. Name the character that has been played by, among others, Mrs Patrick Campbell, Julie Andrews, Audrey Hepburn and Martine McCutcheon. She is from Lisson Grove in London if that helps.
3. The computer hacker Lisbeth Salander first appeared in which novel published in 2005? The author imagined her as an adult Pippi Longstocking if that helps.
4. "Summertime and the livin' is easy" is a line from a song from which George Gershwin musical of 1935? It is the love story of a crippled beggar and a drug addict if that helps.
5. Beth March is the third of four sisters who feature in Little Women. Name her three siblings. Two points for all three, one point for two, no points for one or none.
6. Lizzie Zipmouth is the protagonist in a novel published in 2000 by which prolific author? It is about a young girl who moves into a new home after her once-single mother finds a new boyfriend.
7. Name the next door neighbour who adopted a child that she found abandoned on her doorstep. She first appeared on screen in 1959, her washing machine is a pelican and her vacuum cleaner a baby mammoth if that helps.
8. Elizabeth Woolridge Grant, who was born in 1985, is the real name of which singer-songwriter? Her songs include Video Games, Born to Die and Mariners Apartment Complex if that helps.
9. Name the woman who was the daughter of the Governor of Port Royal and briefly engaged to Commodore James Norrington of the Royal Navy.
10. "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways" is the first line from a sonnet by which poet, who was married to another poet? She pretended they had been translated from Portuguese, for some reason.



# Yesteryear

*SYLVIA Morris looks at events in the village in the month of July over the years. Punctuation, spelling and capital letters are exactly as printed at the time.*

**1807**

**SALE.** By auction. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, on the premises of Mr. Wm. Brand, at Stapleford, farmer. A very excellent Corn Thrashing Machine, with a four-horse-power, complete, the inside work of which is chiefly of Elm and the outside of Oak timber, and quite as good as new. The machine contains two good drums, one of which will thrash five loads of grain within an hour, the other is calculated for thrashing seeds or short barley. Also, a very good chaff-cutting machine.

**1856**

**YOUNG INKERMAN.** We observe that in the list of prizes awarded at the Royal Agricultural Society to the different competitors is a first-class prizes of £20, to Messrs. Baker and Son of Berry Farm, Stapleford, for that handsome stallion Young Inkerman, which stood as a dray horse.

**1889**

**SALE.** On Tuesday evening, at the Rose Inn, Mr. A. T. Grain offered for sale four lots of freehold property in the village. Lot 1 was the dwelling house with butcher's shop and premises, occupied by Mr. Elbourn at a rental of £12. Starting at £100 the biddings soon reached £200, at which price the tenant became the purchaser. For Lot 2, consisting of four freehold cottages, let at a rental of £21, there was a spirited competition and at the fall of the hammer, Mr. W. S. Heffer was the purchaser at the price of £205. Lots 3 and 4 comprised about three-quarters of an acre of orchard, with lawn adjoining Lot 2. Mr. F. Newling purchases these two combined at the price of £100.

**1908**

**STAPLEFORD SHOW.** Stapleford show was held as usual in Mr Gumbley's field on Tuesday, and being favoured by fine weather, attracted a large number of people. The exhibits, which numbered close upon 500, an increase of 30 on last year's total, were of excellent quality. The predominating feature was the vegetables, the collections and baskets being of splendid quality and size, and there was keen competition in all the classes. Onions also are worthy of special note. The fruit was fine, the currants and gooseberries being remarkably good. The flowers were not up to the average having suffered considerably from the recent heavy rains. The wild flower competition for children was a special feature.



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“The Chairman reported on the Council’s efforts to “beat the bounds” on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July when Messrs Baker, Burman, Chalk, Hall, himself and the Clerk met at 7pm at the entrance to Bury Farm.” (*From the Parish Council Minutes*).

## The Magog Trust

### Membership Secretary



THE Magog Trust is looking to recruit a Membership Secretary to work 2.5 days per week based at their Stapleford office.

Their principal duties will be processing new subscription applications and renewals, book-keeping and monitoring the Trust’s email box.

We are looking for a confident computer user with a basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel who is able to work on their own initiative with minimal supervision. Some experience of online accounting systems (e.g., Xero or Quickbooks) would be desirable but not essential as full training will be given.

For further details of the role and the salary on offer, please contact the Chairman, Chris Bow on 07711 417900 or email [admin@magogtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@magogtrust.org.uk).

## Magog Singers

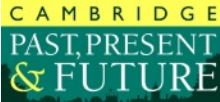


AFTER a long absence, Magog Singers would like to invite Friends and Family to the last session of our term. We started singing again together last September, and with doors and windows open experienced all weathers. Hopefully the sun will shine

on that day to make it a special occasion, especially as Jacquie McBride, our musical director over the last seven years, will be leaving us. The programme of music she has put together covers a wide range of styles from Thomas Morley in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, to a choral medley from My Fair Lady, and the very apt John Rutter piece ‘The Music’s Always There With You’. It certainly was for the Magog Singers during lockdown.

Do join us in the Jubilee Pavilion on Tuesday 5 July at 3pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of charity. More information from [kathleen.foreman@ntlworld.com](mailto:kathleen.foreman@ntlworld.com). **Kathleen Foreman**

# Wandlebury expands



PEOPLE in the Stapleford area can now enjoy an extra 30 acres of wonderful countryside. An opening event took place in May for two new expansions to Wandlebury Country Park, which is owned and cared for by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future.

One of the new areas is called The Gallops and was used for training racehorses when Wandlebury was a stables during the 1800s. It is a lovely meadow with a new viewing area which has a wonderful vista over Cambridge.

The other area is 25 acres which was previously farmland. Over winter, volunteers planted 2,000 trees and the remaining land is being cultivated to be sown with a meadow seed mix to create rare chalk grassland, which is a priority habitat for nature conservation. A new path has been created around this area so that visitors can enjoy the views and watch nature colonise the new habitat. This area doesn't yet have a name and Cambridge Past, Present & Future is offering donors the opportunity to help name it.

Ros Aveling, Chair of the charity, is delighted to be expanding the park: "Thanks to generous supporters and the hard work of our team, this wonderful countryside is now open for the public to enjoy. What is also great, is that this project is helping to restore nature, absorb carbon and improve our environment, not just for us but for future generations. This is part of our collaborative effort to deliver the Cambridge Nature Network, which is a large-scale initiative to enable nature to recover in the Cambridge area."

Writer, Robert Macfarlane, helped to support the project and cut the ribbon at the opening: "Wandlebury is a wonder: a place where the city comes to breathe. It's thrilling to see it grow; two new areas of land opened for people and nature now and in the future."

The new land was purchased by the charity thanks to support from donors and supporters, and the work to improve the habitats has been supported by grants for the Cambridge Nature Network from the government's Green Recovery Fund and Natural England's Nature Recovery Programme. **James Littlewood**



# Puzzle Corner

## Scramble

SOLVE the clues in each group. The first answer is a 2-letter word, the next a 3-letter word, the next a 4-letter word etc. Each answer can be obtained by adding a letter to the previous answer and rearranging the letters. For example:

thank you	TA
brown skin colour	TAN
small biting fly	GNAT
anxiety	ANGST
spies	AGENTS
odd	STRANGE
police rank	SERGEANT
enormity	GREATNESS

### Group 1

editor  
finish  
person from Denmark  
Abbott, e.g.  
keep in confinement  
corrupted or infected  
substance to counteract poison  
positioned

### Group 3

symbol for calcium  
drink container  
... and Abel  
silly action  
deed  
thin covering layer  
free-wheeling  
evoking memories

### Group 2

circumference-diameter ratio  
drink in small amounts  
eject saliva  
malice  
clergyman  
social gatherings  
trudged  
different in kind

### Group 4

expressing hesitation  
fish eggs  
painful  
grunt during sleep  
motive  
crime against the State  
Spanish Miss  
declaration

*Set by Hermes – Answers on page 35*



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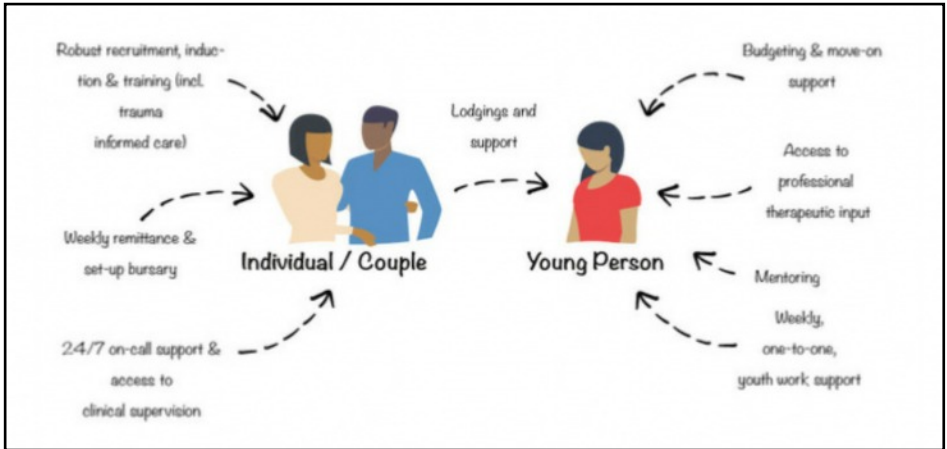
# Concrete Rose

## A new initiative



A NEWLY established organisation, Concrete Rose, is looking for individuals, couples and families who have a spare room, a desire to make a difference, and are prepared to open up their home to a young person in need (including care leavers, young parents, those facing homelessness and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children).

Concrete Rose ([concreterose.co.uk](http://concreterose.co.uk)) runs a supported lodgings scheme in which ‘hosts’ provide a bedroom and love, support and guidance to a young person who stays in their home. The placements last, on average, 18 months and hosts are supported by Concrete Rose staff including 24/7 on call support, training, supervision and a weekly financial remittance. In turn, young people are given significant wrap-around support including weekly one-to-one sessions with a professional youth worker.



Concrete Rose’s founder, Mike Farrington (left) has worked with ‘at risk’ young people since 2003 and for local Christian charity Romsey Mill for the last 12 years and comments:

*“When you consider that the average age for most young people to leave home is 23 it’s no wonder that care leavers and vulnerable young people, many of whom have histories of trauma and no family support structures, find it*



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hard to cope living alone. Concrete Rose has been established to provide a different option to provide safe, caring, nurturing accommodation placements that can transform the future for young people who need some extra support.”

Aleyejah Omenesa, care leaver and Concrete Rose board member, recognises the benefits a supported lodgings placement can bring to young people:

*“I know what it feels like to be at that stage where you’re leaving foster care and it’s very daunting and you feel very vulnerable. You don’t know what’s going on in your life and you have no stability and in some cases people don’t have loved ones around them. Supported lodgings provides the support a young person needs; they’ll learn independence skills whilst living with someone who cares for them and has their best interests at heart.”*

Concrete Rose is currently recruiting hosts, and would love to talk to anyone interested in this rewarding role. Please do take a look and get in touch with Mike Farrington directly for further information.

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# Jubilee Weekend Celebration

## What a wonderful weekend!

A VERY big thank you goes to all those hardworking people who made our village celebration so successful and memorable. From the lighting of the beacon on the drift road, to the church service in the marquee, the weekend was a joyful celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The quiz, dog show, village show, stalls, teas, bar, games were the best ever, seeing a record number of people attending and enjoying themselves. It was a shame the cycle ride had to be cancelled for safety reasons because of heavy rain, although some 30 people did cycle anyway. It was also a shame that the band on Saturday evening was not so well supported, but there was the rival attraction of the Buckingham Palace concert on the television!

However, this village weekend may not happen in future because of lack of people to organise it. Your village weekend committee, just seven people, and the village show committee of just four people, need your help. Organisation takes time, effort and imagination and a lot of hard work. Help is needed with planning, advertising, setting up tables, fencing and the stage. Other tasks such as waste disposal and collection, moving equipment, cooking, serving on the bar and in the café also need covering. These are background tasks, without which the weekend would not be a success. A link with the school would also be welcomed to help with the cycling event and to plan an event for children and young people.

Please think about offering your help, contact me on 843278, [gillian.pett29@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com) **Gillian Pett**

## Cherry Tree Avenue street party



These photos and front cover: Frank Jacot



## Village Show round up

WELL. What can I say? What a fantastic turn out on the Rec for the Village Show.

Although actual exhibits in the Show were lower than in previous years, particularly in the children’s sections, a record number of people visited the Show and I’ve never seen so many people on the Rec enjoying the attractions.

Thank you all for coming.

The winners of the Silverware are as follows:

Tucker Gardner Challenge Cup .....Margaret Gilmore  
 Challenge Cup for Flowers .....Mary Northfield  
 Roy Burman Shield .....Tom Robinson  
 Rosalie Bowl .....Jo Robinson  
 The Flower Show Centenary Cup .....Sue Rose  
 St Andrews Millennium Trophy .....Wendy Brown  
 Home Produce Cup.....Sue Rose  
 Cambridge Building Society Cup.....Margaret Gilmore  
 Rickett Cup.....Martin Fabb  
 Mary Ward Cup.....Sophie P.  
 Jessie Salter Cup.....Abi T.  
 The Joan Riley Messenger Cup.....Laura T.  
 Marions Cup.....Amie P.  
 The Nick Pett Cup.....Lewis W.  
 The Stapleford Children’s Challenge Cup.....Amelie M.  
 The Stapleford Personal Choice.....Esme G.  
 Stapleford Show Photography Award.....Matthew Cafferkey  
 The Joan Sudbury Allotment Cup.....Mike Trower  
 And the BIG one - the Challenge Cup, for most points from all Classes went to Margaret Gilmore.

Well done and thank you to all winners and those who competed.

As we said on the day, organising the show is a lot of hard work. Our group has been much depleted this year and the Show cannot continue without additional help. If you like to know more about how it happens, or to volunteer for services for jobs however big or small, please contact me.

Thanks. **Julie Rayment – 07870 215776**



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# Stapleford Twinning Association



OUR bottle stall at the Village Weekend was a huge success! There were some tricky moments erecting the gazebo, but we had fortunately completed the task by the time the heavens opened! The stall got off to a flying start because people flocked to our gazebo for shelter – one of them being Rev Dr Simon Taylor (pictured) under the watchful eye of our chairman, Tony Hore. Shortly after that the sun came out and we never looked back! Well before the scheduled closing time some 60 bottles had been won! Many thanks to all those who donated bottles and to those who came along and bought a ticket.



During the afternoon we also sold some of our attractive coasters. The few that were left over are now available for purchase. They depict Ordnance Survey maps of the Stapleford area and are priced at £5 per pair. If you are interested in buying some, please email us [staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com)

The money raised on the stall will help us to move forward with a range of initiatives in the furtherance of our objectives, see [twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk/](http://twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk/). **Tim Jessop**

## A buzz in the air



ENTHUSED by the success of the nest boxes Michael Gatward and I put up in trees around Stapleford in February (confirmed nests in 13 of the 19 boxes), I ran a 'wildlife workshop' at the Village Show.

Children were offered the chance to do their bit to help the local bee populations by making their own bee hotel at the workshop, built from recycled tin cans, plastic bottles and garden canes. Over a dozen took up the challenge and, judging by the smiles on their faces, they were very pleased with the result! I also gave away eight nest

boxes, made by local school children and scouts in February.

Thanks to everyone for their interest both in the workshop and in the numerous local wildlife stories I told during the day. The wildlife around Stapleford is clearly in good hands! **Nigel Pearce**





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## Jubilee Dog Show

THIS was the first time in memory that a dog show has been part of the weekend. Fifty four dogs entered in a variety of classes, with the biggest class being 'the dog the judge would like to take home with them' which had 39 entries.

The three pedigree classes, judged by Mr Eddie Bishop of Zahrenca Cavaliers from Canvey Island in Essex, were Any Variety Puppy, Any Variety Open and Any Variety Veteran. Mr Bishop's overall winner of Best Pedigree in Show was Nugget (pictured below left, with trophy and rosette), a Bedlington Terrier shown by Miss Vivienne Kinns from Royston.

The four Novelty classes judged by Mr Anthony Browne MP for South Cambridgeshire were Best Rescue, Best Six Legs, Waggiest Tail, and Dog the Judge Would Like to Take Home. The overall winner of Best Novelty classes was Kratu, an 8½ year old rescue dog owned by Tess Eagle Swan from The Crescent in Stapleford. **Steve Mynott**



## Proud owner



WE were very proud of our recently acquired greyhound, Jasmine, when she won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Open Pedigree Class and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rescue Dog Class in the Dog Show at the Village Show. Quick plug here for the Greyhound Trust who have lots of info on their website for re-homing retired greyhounds if anyone is interested. Also, I am always happy to stop and chat if you see us out and about. Here she is showing off her rosettes. **Francesca and Mick Howard**



## Jubilee Cricket



CRICKET simply could not be stopped on the Sunday of the Village Weekend despite some fairly dismal weather. It's amazing how the prospect of a proper cricket tea - a rarity in the game in these post-Covid times - can galvanise a player...

Phoenix skipper Gareth Everson persuaded his 'other' team - Sawston and Babraham - to send a friendly XI for a 30-over bash on the Rec and away we went on the all-weather strip.

Our bowling was none too friendly as it turned out as Fazel Lee and Stuart Creed laid waste to their top order - and Gareth himself cleaned up the tail with a selection of unplayable deliveries cunningly disguised as pies.

Phoenix batters found the surface more to their liking although Aidan



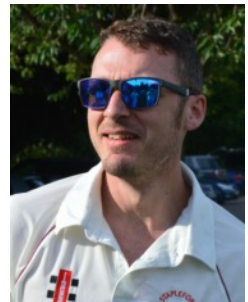
Swain (left) fell just short of a swashbuckling half century going for a big hit. Jeff Wilson, Ben Swinton, David Garman and Gareth also scored heavily in a convincing win.

For most of the season that has been the theme as, at time of writing, we have won six of our seven fixtures.

The most recent was our first game in Division Two of the Business House League - a promotion from last season.

We entertained NCI on a lively pitch that saw the visitors restricted to just 79, thanks to more accurate bowling from Messrs Lee and Creed plus Graham Fairbank, and a Swain-Wilson-Garman combination with the bat secured a seven-wicket win.

The season began back in May with an 80-run victory over Swaffhams that was memorable for a fine catch in the deep to dismiss Phoenix star bat Ralph Minter - by fellow Phoenixer Bruce Cairnduff (left)



guesting as an emergency fielder for the opposition!

Ralph (above, right) was main man in a seven-wicket win over St Barnabas in a low-scoring affair on a tricky pitch; we fell just short in a run chase against Sharks and TTP were beaten comprehensively in a contest that saw the first five Phoenix bats all reach the retirement threshold and Jon West post jug-buying bowling figures of 5-8. **Jon West**

## Jubilee Quiz



THE scores at the Village Weekend Quiz\* ended up resembling telephone numbers as an amazing 19 teams gathered in the marquee to do battle on the Friday night.

The quiz had plenty of questions reflecting the double theme of the Village Weekend itself - monarchy and ecology - plus some more random

offerings.

And it was the mighty brains of Bananarama and the Funboy Three who emerged victorious, dropping just six points from a possible 200. Extraordinary!

The winners (above) - Mark and Erica Dawe in their equally-extraordinary Jubilee garb, Anna and Gareth Everson, Rosie Brown and Ralph Minter, Katie Swinton and Angie Taylor - pocketed £50 as well as lifting the silver trophy, which they must now treasure until next time. Hopefully they might also give it a polish as well.

The Jubilee Jivers picked up £25 for coming a close second and a special double prize for last place - a giant wooden spoon plus a multipack of Mini Cheddars - was snaffled by the Guron family.

Two barrels of beer were drunk dry, most players enjoyed fish and chips from the van parked outside and hopefully a good time was had by all. **Jon West**

\* I got the name right this time!



## Puzzle Corner Answers Scramble

Group 1: ed, end, Dane, Diane, detain, tainted, antidote, stationed

Group 2: pi, sip, spit, spite, priest, parties, traipsed, disparate

Group 3: Ca, can, Cain, antic, action, coating, coasting, nostalgic

Group 4: er, roe, sore, snore, reason, treason, senorita, assertion



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# Fruit farming in the Cam Valley



THIS talk, given by Jonathan Spain, concentrated on the horticultural, social and economic aspects of fruit growing during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. This could also be called the rise and decline of growing apples and pears, in particular. In the villages which border the River Rhee

including Melbourn, Meldreth, Orwell and Barrington, there were dozens of small farms with four to 50 acres growing a wide variety of apples, pears and plums, many of which are unheard of today. Everyone in these villages was involved in fruit growing.



Early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century access to markets was limited with people buying directly from farms or buying in the market towns of Cambridge and Royston. With the coming of the railways in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century whole new markets were opened with rapid transport to London and the industrial cities in the north. The arrival of cold storage in the 1920s also made a big difference as fruit could be kept ripe for longer and fruit was no longer seasonal.

In 1873 within the old Cambridgeshire County boundary 990 acres were devoted to fruit growing and this increased steadily to a peak in 1953 with 5,535 acres growing fruit. After this date both commercial and small fruit farms decreased with only strawberry farms maintaining high levels of production.

Hundreds of varieties were grown but now the only surviving common types are Bramley apples for cooking, Cox's Orange Pippin and Worcester Permain for eating, Victoria, Czar and Pershore plums and Conference pears. The main reason for this is the rise of supermarkets which find many of the flavoursome apples and pears are irregular in shape and size, making pre-weighed packaging time-consuming. This has been overcome by breeding new varieties for their colour and even size rather than taste. Add to this the liking for exotic fruits: bananas, pineapples, kiwi fruit, melons and so on and one can see why fruit farming has declined.

The final part of the talk was about the Cambridge Gage. Greengages originated in Persia and were brought to France and then to England by Sir William Gage who lived in Hengrave Hall near Bury St. Edmunds. Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century Chivers and Son of Histon developed the Cambridge Gage which is the most popular greengage grown today. As with other fruits, the many varieties once grown are reduced to just a couple which are grown





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# Stapleford Strollers Walk 104

## Cardinal Points: a circular walk from Cardinal's Green

### To get to start of walk

TAKE the A1307 towards Haverhill. Turn right opposite Horseheath, on to a side road signed Cardinal's Green. The narrow road swings left after a Business Centre. Park on the left shortly afterwards, just before a footpath sign (CB21 4QX).

### Distance of walk

4¼ miles. It has very pleasant views and is an interesting walk, but does have some ups and downs as well as a section of minor road walking. It is best done in the summer when underfoot conditions are dry, as part of the route crosses cropped fields.

### OS Map

OS Explorer map 210. Use the route map provided or go on to [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net) to run off a free map extract.

### Extra Information

Cardinal's Green is an unusual name derived from that of local landowners: the Carbonell family; they are documented from the 15C onwards. It is a hamlet in the parish of Horseheath and the only pub in the vicinity is in Horseheath itself: The Old Red Lion. The walk passes through part of Shudy Camps, another unusual place name. Camps is from the Latin for 'field' and Shudy is a word meaning 'shed'. The name dates from the post-Norman period.

### Route of Walk

Walk ahead on the road and turn right at the first junction. This is the road to Shudy Camps and is not too busy, but take care.

After about five minutes, turn right at a footpath sign just after the old railway line is crossed (the brick remains of the bridge parapet can still be seen). The path crosses two cropped fields and, after going along the right hand edge of a third field, the path crosses yet another cropped field. Go through a metal gate and follow the path across a small pasture to exit via another gate on to Main Street in Shudy Camps, next to the village sign. Note the interesting mosaic-type seat.

Go left on the roadside pavement and turn left at the next footpath sign. Cross a cropped field and walk up to a minor road.

Go left along the road. Take care. Turn left at the first road junction.



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Then go right at the first footpath sign on the right (after Happy Haylock: wood emporium!). The path goes downhill and then swings sharp right to cross a stream and meet another path at a field edge. Turn left and cross the footbridge at the end of the field. Go left through a small wood and turn left across the stream using a wide plank bridge.

Then turn immediate right to walk along the right hand edge of a large field. Keep ahead beyond the end of the wood to the right, crossing back over the stream, and walk along the left hand edge of the next field for several minutes. The route goes left through a wide field entrance that cuts through the hedge line and crosses the stream. Carry on ahead, walking upslope across part of a cropped field to begin with; then on the right hand edge of the same field, with a wooded area to the right.

At the end of the wood, the path heads diagonally right upslope across another couple of cropped fields and meets a minor road beyond. Turn left and keep straight ahead after a road junction. This will return you to your vehicle. **David Barnes**

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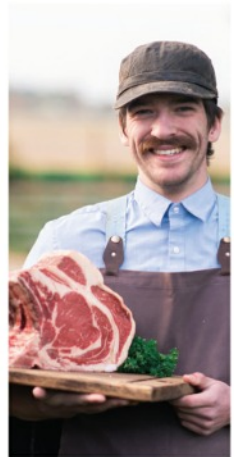
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## 2G3S



HERE is an update on some of the things we've been doing.

Some of you will have seen us at the Stapleford Village Show, where we entertained children with Bug Bingo and families with our Challenge Quiz and the Higher-Lower Game. Participants enjoyed home-made flapjack or a little gift soap donated by Full Circle, and all completed Quiz sheets will go into a prize draw after the Shelford Feast, with prizes donated by the Cambridge Organic Food Company and Green Weigh. If you missed us at Stapleford, come and see us at the Shelford Feast on 3 July.

The Climate Justice Workshop was held on 6 June, put together by Katie Williams who is a member of the UK Youth Climate Coalition, which had a presence at COP26. She reminded us that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area has a 25% higher rate of



carbon emissions than the UK average, and South Cambridgeshire is 45% higher! The A14 and M11 don't help, but there are a lot of two-car families in this relatively affluent area, and poor public transport. Every journey you can do without using your car can bring that % down a tiny bit. Every box of grapes from South Africa or wherever that you replace with fruit that is either British or can be shipped here (e.g. bananas, apples, citrus fruits, strawberries) saves some air miles. Every flight you can avoid or replace with train travel will reduce your emissions hugely. Real action on climate change is an enormous international juggernaut to shift, but every little step individuals can take will help. The average carbon footprint of a UK citizen is 12.7, and it is calculated it should be about 5 to enable us all to get to net zero. Search online for the article I have previously quoted in the Guardian about The Jump, which consists of the six lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your carbon footprint to almost 5. Also see our future talks on energy saving, details below.

The 'justice' part of the workshop referred to the fact that the highest emissions come from (and have always come from) the richest countries, and the countries most affected by climate change are the poorest ones,





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who can least afford to mitigate the effects and also steer away from coal and oil. Hence the moral case for the affluent countries to commit funds to help, and they have never met their agreed targets – will COP26 change things? Don't hold your breath..... The next COP is in Egypt, and it is hoped that African nations will be able to attend and have their voices heard loud and clear this time.



### Future events

Repair Café on 30 July at 2pm to 4.30pm at the United Reformed Church, 36 Duxford Road, Whittlesford. More details on our website. Please book your repair in advance rather than just turn up, as we can't guarantee to fit in all walk-ins if the timetable slips.

Social Cycle Ride on Monday 18 July, starting from Stapleford Pavilion at 10am. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic-free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Returning to Stapleford by about 1pm. Contact Yasmin to book at [greener@sawston.org](mailto:greener@sawston.org).

Our next Nature Walk, led by the very knowledgeable John O'Boyle, will be on Saturday 16 July from 2pm to 4pm, along Jenny's Path in Great Shelford. See our website for more details. For all our walks, sturdy footwear and appropriate outdoor wear are advised. These walks are intended to raise awareness of our local wildlife sites and are open to all. After this, our next walk will be on 20 August at Nine Wells Local Nature Reserve.

For both the walks and the cycle rides, it is important that you are aware that you attend at your own risk. We do not accept responsibility for any accidents or mishaps that might arise during the activity.

We will be at Shelford Feast on Sunday 3 July, and then at the Village Open Day at Stapleford Granary on Sunday 17 July.

Looking ahead so you can put these dates in your diary, we plan to hold a Fruit and Veg Swap session on Sunday 28 August from 2pm to 4pm.

And in time for the energy price hikes in the Autumn, we will be having two conversation evenings. The first is on heat pumps on Monday 5 September: 'Heat Pumps Explained' by Warren Pope, from Peterborough Environment City Trust. He has experience of advising on this technology and has worked with the companies that install energy-saving measures.





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And on Monday 3 October our conversation evening will be 'Low-Cost Energy Saving Measures' by Bart Hommels, who has retrofitted his own home and featured in Cambridge's Open Eco Homes.

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## Stapleford CC star returns

JAMES BADCOCK made a triumphant return to league cricket with a superb 131 in Stapleford CC's 112-run victory over Camden at the Rec.

The Bury Road bludgeoner had not played since suffering an ankle injury at Parker's Piece last season.

His runs - off just 93 balls and featuring 24 boundaries - were the mainstay of a total of 300-9 from the allotted 40 overs.

Camden could not match that, with Sajog Gangadharan taking 4 for 37 in a comfortable win for the village's Saturday league side.

Stapleford play in Junior 4 West - the second lowest rung of adult cricket in the county - and would welcome new players to add to our squad. Email jonwest1392@gmail.com for more details. **Jon West**

## Footpaths



WHEN you are hedge cutting, please remember the less able and cut back overhanging branches and hedges along footpaths outside your property, so that small children on bicycles or walking, those in pushchairs and people with mobility issues can move along the footpaths safely. Residents and visitors are also asked not to park vehicles on the footpaths for the same reason. **Gillian Pett, Chair of Stapleford PC**

## Bury Road (non)-closure

SOME readers may have noticed Bury Road is still open (*Messenger*, June).

Cadent Gas has confirmed that there is no longer any planned date for the proposed works due to resourcing issues. They will resubmit a permit with revised dates as soon as they can. Advance warning signs will then be back in place 14 days before commencement of works.

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THE ever-popular **Summer Reading Challenge** starts in July! It will be a celebration of science and innovation, in partnership with the Science Museum Group. Officially it begins on Saturday 23 July, but children can enrol at their local

library from **Saturday 9 July onwards**. They can read whichever library books they like and there are six special stickers to collect, one for each week of the Summer holidays. Everyone who finishes the Challenge will receive a certificate and a medal. Taking part is free.

Reading Challenge sessions will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday and Friday mornings, starting on Tuesday 26 July. Children can also complete the Challenge from home or on holiday – please ask staff for details.

### Other events at the Library (please pre-book)

**Lego and Duplo Event:** Wednesday 28 July. Two sessions are available, from 2pm to 3.30pm and 3.45pm to 5.15pm. £2 per session per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Engage Talk:** Wednesday 27 July 2pm to 3.30pm. The speaker will be Judith Large from the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital. A donation of £2 is appreciated if you stay for a drink after the talk.

NOTE: the library will be running weekly events for children during August (including the ever-popular Lego!). Please collect a summer event leaflet from the library for details.

### New E-Membership:

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**Rosemary Humby**

### Library opening hours

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## Face Masks

NHS England have updated the guidance for the wearing of face masks in GP surgeries. You no longer have to wear a mask when coming into our buildings, unless you have respiratory symptoms such as coughing or wheezing. Of course if you prefer, you can continue to wear a mask.

Doctors and nurses are advised to wear face masks when they are seeing patients with respiratory symptoms, and some clinicians may prefer to wear a mask when seeing any patient.

## Long Term Conditions (LTC)

You may have received a text recently regarding your 'LTC Review'. LTC stands for Long Term Condition, which describes illnesses such as asthma, COPD, hypertension, kidney disease and diabetes. Since April we have started aiming to review patients around their month of birth. There will be a transition phase as we work towards this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. **Sandra East, Head of Patient Services**, (0300 234 5555 or [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net))

# Cake Creators

FOR the Cake Creators 21 July meeting our very own Jools will be demonstrating. Although the subject is as yet undecided, everything Jools does is usually worth seeing, and she always passes on her techniques and gives lots of ideas.

Start time is 7.30pm at Stapleford Pavilion. See you there!

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## Cambridge Flower Club

WE meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford, CB22 4NE at 7.15pm for a demonstration, with refreshments from 6.45pm.

### Future meetings

#### 21 July

Stephanie Laing 'On the move'

#### 18 August

Open meeting with Katherine Kear, President of National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), 'White Knights' at 6pm with stalls and refreshments. Tickets £15.00

#### 15 September

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For more information about these meetings or to enquire about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone Freda on 891464 or email [fredaorgee@gmail.com](mailto:fredaorgee@gmail.com) **Sian Jones**

## Quiz answers

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth Bennet                          | 6. Jacqueline Wilson           |
| 2. Eliza Doolittle                           | 7. Betty Rubble                |
| 3. The Girl With The Dragon<br>Tattoo        | 8. Lana Del Rey                |
| 4. Porgy and Bess                            | 9. Elizabeth Swann             |
| 5. Margaret (Meg), Jo (Josephine)<br>and Amy | 10. Elizabeth Barrett Browning |

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# Stapleford Parish Council

THE June Council meeting focused on the Neighbourhood Plan, the state of the roads and footpaths, and issues such as village improvement and maintenance. Lighting has been improved around the Slaughterhouse, making the path safer, and lighting has been installed by the cricket store.

County Councillor Brian Milnes addressed concerns about the dangerous road condition of Church Street and will investigate possibilities of repair. This is an official Cycling Network route joining the Greenway for children to cycle to Sawston Village College.

Wider transport issues which will affect our village were also discussed: the busway in relation to the planned retirement village and the Haverhill Road/A1307 junction redesign. The consultation on the retirement village will have closed by the time this issue comes to print but the PC will be seeking clarification on its design and the implications for Stapleford residents.

The first consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan is drawing to a close so there will be more information next month.

Following from the environmental theme of the very successful Village Weekend, the Parish Council is planning to create a community orchard and haven for wildlife. Grants and expert advice on mapping and preparation of the proposed site (the grassed area behind the Slaughterhouse), trees to be planted suitable for the ground and space, and maintenance of the area will be sought. Residents may wish to sponsor a tree, and it is hoped that the whole community will become involved with the execution of this exciting project.

The Village Weekend was extremely well attended and enjoyed by a large number of people. The quiz night attracted 19 teams, more than 100 people, and the dog show was a big success. There were many more stalls than usual, displaying both Jubilee and environmental links. The adverse weather on Sunday meant that the cycling event had to be cancelled, although some cyclists braved the muddy track, but the cricket match and the church service in the marquee did go ahead. Thanks are extended to all who made this weekend possible.

One issue that a resident brought up at the Parish Council meeting was communication. Residents are reminded that the council communicates widely through the *Messenger*, Facebook, the PC website, [staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk), and noticeboards. As always, PC agendas and minutes can be found on the PC website.

**Gillian Pett, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council**



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