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Stapleford in days gone by

This is the first in an occasional series of photographs of Stapleford in days gone by and some 'now and then' photographs, courtesy of Stapleford Local History Society.



The top photograph shows the Magpie garage in 1929 and the one below as it was until 2023 when it was taken over by EMG Motor Group.

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From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

WHAT is truth? A week of political news in the UK has shed light on some pretty dodgy stuff.

First Angela Rayner was caught having avoided £40,000 of Stamp Duty. For tax purposes she was deemed to continue owning a house that she in fact no longer owned. Odd, but there we are. She failed to read the published guidance, which is pretty clear, or to take proper tax advice though told to do so. She admits all that, and has fallen on her sword. Good for her, but a pity, I think. Despite annoyances, she is a Good Thing.



Others are less inclined to tell the truth. Evidence mounts that Nigel Farage provided the money for his partner to purchase a property, and so minimised his own Stamp Duty, which would be fraudulent. Certainly no confession and repentance here as yet; in fact questions about these things are swatted away as impertinent annoyances. And leaked Boris Johnson files show he uses expenses money, which is paid to former Prime Ministers for duties performed, for the illicit purpose of funding his private paid work, disclosing income of more than £5 million since he stepped down as he does commercial work out of an office funded in part by thee and me. No repentance, but instead all denied by him. Both have form for dishonesty, so watch this space.

One take away might be that journalists, those that properly investigate stuff and report on it anyway, are useful. You might put it another way, but I would say that they do God's work by seeking truth.

One other thing caught my eye this week too. A Swiss company called Weleda (corporate tag line 'Clean Beauty You Can Trust: natural and organic skin care, baby and medicinal products'), which was founded 104 years ago, has been investigated by a dogged historian – round of applause for Anne Sudrow - and has been discovered to have co-operated with the Nazis. Switzerland was neutral in the war, of course, so the 'we really had no choice' line would not work in their case. In return for large quantities of medicinal herbs produced from an agricultural plantation run by the SS out of the concentration camp in Dachau it provided the camp with an 'anti-frost' cream it had developed. The idea was that the cream might be useful to the German army, but it needed to be tested first, and that is where Dachau came in. Nearly 300 prisoners were used in experiments with the cream in which they were kept in freezing conditions for hours. Nearly 90 died. To facilitate the relationship, some Weleda employees joined the SS

and worked at the camp. Weleda admits bits of this story, but responds that it is 'a cosmopolitan company ... we stand for tolerance, diversity and humanity.' There are a lot of 'free from ...' claims on its website, products free from synthetics, GM etc. And Weleda 'has never tested any of its individual ingredients nor finished beauty products on animals.' Well, not non-human ones anyway.

One of the tools that journalists and historians use is a particular hermeneutic. I wonder if you have come across that word in this sort of context: it refers to a method or theory of interpretation. The point is that no information is interpreted in a vacuum. We bring our own hermeneutic, that is our biases, background, prior knowledge and methods to the task. What journalists and historians bring, among other things, is a hermeneutic of suspicion, namely the belief that all might not be as it appears. What does not quite add up? What is not being said? What happens if we follow the money? And so they expose wrongdoing, and that is good work. Truth matters.

Jesus had a lot to say about truth. When he was being questioned by the Pharisees – a powerful group in Israel at the time who opposed him because his teaching so often exposed their hypocrisy – he told those who were beginning to turn to him to “abide in my word”, that is to think about what he said, chew it over, test it. Then, he said, “you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” Some objected of course, and said that “Britons never, never, never shall be slaves.” Well, they didn't, but what they said was very similar, just in their context. They were looking with pride to their national history and missing the point: Jesus himself is the ultimate truth, and what he says, his word, is truth and sets us free.

What would Jesus say about Weleda? One thing he wouldn't say, I am sure, is that it was all a long time ago. It is one of the great human fallacies that the passage of time wipes wrongdoing. I suspect it is something we wish to be true, but it doesn't, and never will. Once something is wrong it remains wrong. Only Jesus can wipe the slate clean. Jesus would call for repentance, à la Rayner, and a new start.

And he would do the same for our more recalcitrant politicians too. Those on the make do a terrible disservice to us and to their many colleagues who try to serve as best they can. The grifting, the lies, the self-seeking will crash and burn our vulnerable democracy if they do not stop.

Our responsibility, meanwhile, is to seek truth. I would say seek the truth that is in Jesus, of course, but truth in political and social discourse too. We should avoid vacuous stuff about all politicians lying. It's just not true, and parroting it is a facile abnegation of our civic duty. It's also a

slippery slope. Remember when Pilate questioned Jesus? Immediately before condemning him to death, and knowing he was about to act unjustly, Pilate asked Jesus "What is truth?" By pretending there is no such thing as truth he was able intellectually to distance himself from the terrible decision he was about to make. We should avoid that trap. There is truth, it matters, and we should look for it and support those who bring it to us.

Every blessing to you all, Simon

Memorial Service at St Andrew's

A HEADS up for our annual memorial service for All Souls on Sunday 2 November at 6pm. This will be a wonderful Choral Evensong at which, amidst wonderful music and readings, we will read out the names of those we have loved and lost and wish to remember. It is always a hugely moving occasion.

If you would like your loved one remembered, please get in touch with Sue, our St Andrew's administrator, on admin@standrewstapleford.org. She will add names to the list. **Simon Taylor**

Mothers' Union



ON 16 October Mary is hosting our Autumn Coffee Morning from 10.30am to 12 in aid of Branch and MU funds. There will be a Bring & Buy and a raffle.

Rob Needle is coming to the Branch on 23 October to speak on 'The Children's Society', a worthwhile cause we all support via the shop in Sawston. Then on 25 October there is the Diocesan Day at Waterbeach in St John's Church from 9.30am to 2pm. The speaker will be Julia Jameson who is an MU Zonal Trustee. **Hilary Street**

Harvest Festival Scratch Orchestra

DO you or a young one in your household play an instrument?

All instrumentalists - of any standard, so please encourage those starting out too - are welcome to come and play in the scratch orchestra for the hymns and songs at our All Age & Family Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5 October at 10.30am in St Andrew's.

There will be a quick rehearsal at 10am in church. Music will be provided, and refreshments after the service.

If you would like to play, please let our Director of Music Tim Kwan know on music@standrewstapleford.org or 07745 803972.

St Andrew's Noticeboard

3 OCT	5 pm	EVENSONG <i>with the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge</i>
5 OCT	9 am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL AGE & FAMILY CW COMMUNION Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35
6 OCT	7 pm	MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING
12 OCT	9 am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 am	SUNDAY WORSHIP Ephesians 4.17-32; Luke 17.11-19 <i>Living Out Love, part 1</i>
	6 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
16 OCT	10.30 am	THIRD THURSDAY MID-WEEK COMMUNION
19 OCT	9 am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 am	ALL AGE CELEBRATION OF THE NACHINGWEA LINK
26 OCT	9 am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 am	SUNDAY WORSHIP Ephesians 5.1-20; Luke 18.9-14 <i>Living Out Love, part 2</i>
2 NOV	9 am	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 am	CW COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31 <i>Father, Son & Holy Spirit</i>
	6 pm	MEMORIAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SOULS'

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Embracing change

EVERYDAY presents scenes. Some expected, others not, instead come across by chance. Daily routine means covering the same route. Familiarity is said to breed contempt. Maybe. Clear observation might fail as autopilot takes hold. Change wakes us. In recent weeks 'pop up' road and building works have appeared. Regular change and challenge for pedestrians and motorists. Buses re-routed down Hinton Way proved a rare sight. Cambridge construction continues. A benefit has been face to face conversation. We continue to 'Beware Change.'



Renewing household products is occasionally necessary. Perhaps trying a very different item or substitution is wise. Change has to be grasped and understood. Hard, daunting, possibly a serious learning curve. For those of us reluctant to use technology for shopping change makes for frustration through facing an alien concept. Payment mostly by card or on-line makes the phrase 'a handful of loose change' outdated.

In times of change, our troubled world needs delicacy and diplomacy.. 'The first step towards change is awareness, the second step is acceptance'. If only it was so easy. Global warming is changing seasons, weather, and consequently farming and harvest. Availability has altered and shelf life. Prices are higher, bills too. A sad consequence of change.

Hopefully the expression 'a change is as good as a rest,' has been met. Schools, colleges and universities are back. New teachers, courses, classes and friends. Testing times. In education and employment understanding techniques, tactics, rules and regulations need practice, patience, positivity and purpose. The words 'Don't weaken when changes are tough' come to mind. James Dean said "I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to reach my destination."

Certain situations indicate radical change; particularly illness and bereavement. Change has to be gradual. Moods swing inevitably because of memories. Being super-human is not possible. One day at a time.

Recently I looked through a window of a house on a hill. Not here ! Before me lay a city with twinkling lights dotted like pearls before a dusky sky. I saw a sprinkling of hope, the soft glow reflecting peace. Quiet calm lifted. One positive thought a day is recommended to help change. You may find more sources of encouragement, surprise and inspiration. **Judith Lee**

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Singing in Chester Cathedral

Alice Barlow, who lives in the village and has been in St Andrew's church choir for years and years, was off singing in Chester Cathedral this summer. Here she describes her experience.



IN early August I headed off to my fourth Royal School of Church Music residential choir course at Chester Cathedral. Despite train delays I arrived in Chester excited to get started. There wasn't much hanging around as we all arrived at lunch time on the Monday and rehearsal started soon after with sung Evensong at 5.30pm. It helped that some of the music was familiar to me, including Rutter's 'A Gaelic Blessing'. We sang evensong every day apart from the Thursday when we had time to explore Chester, which is one of the reasons I love this choir, it gives you an

opportunity to explore a new city.

I love singing in such amazing buildings and it is always exciting to come to a cathedral I haven't yet sung in and to meet again with choir members I already know and also meet new people.



Everyone commits to making a fantastic sound and then we produce a great Evensong. This year we had two directors who made this happen, Martyn, assistant music director at Lichfield Cathedral and Hugh Morris, director of the RSCM as well as Kris, who is our organist and assistant music director at Newcastle Cathedral.

We all enjoy the challenge of singing a range of different music from renaissance to modern day church choral works. I relished the particular challenge of Ramsey's 'When David heard', Cecilia

McDowell's 'St Alban's Service', Howells 'Salve Regina' and a strong finish for the last evensong with Wood in F (Collegium Regale) and Malcolm Boyle's 'O thou, art God, praised in Zion'.

I have loved singing in Chester Cathedral and look forward to the next course! You can watch our services on the Chester Cathedral YouTube: go to the live section and find any RSCM residential choir service between 11 and 17 of August. **Alice Barlow**

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School choir will be singing along with the church choir and in addition, there will be activities for the children and news from Nachingwea. All are very welcome.



Looking further ahead, we are pleased to announce that, after the success of this new venture last year, there will be another Christmas Tea to be held on Sunday, 30 November from 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. This is a great social opportunity to meet your neighbours as well as a fundraiser for our projects in Nachingwea. Do put the date in your diaries!

We are very grateful to have recently been given a legacy by a long-standing resident of Stapleford. If you are interested in learning more about legacies, please contact the committee on nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org
The St Andrew's Stapleford Link Committee

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A field of fire



Thanks to Matthew French for this aerial view of the fire in Stapleford on 20 August. 10 fire engines and around 50 firefighters tackled the field fire in the area of Hinton Way, Haverhill Road and up to Babraham Road.

Music Moments Concerts

FOLLOWING the success of our July concert, we are excited to share that the next Music Moments concert will be in St Andrew's on Saturday 1 November from 6 to 7pm.

If you haven't been to one before, the aim of Music Moments is to celebrate our local musicians and share the joy of music-making with the community. There is a wealth of musical talent in Stapleford and beyond, and we are calling on people to take part! If you would like to perform at this concert, or at a future event, please sign up using the QR code below or the link here: <https://forms.gle/zL28nQen4UdoC2GD8>.

As always, the concert will have an informal, living-room vibe, with wine and nibbles to enjoy alongside the music. Entry is free, with a retiring collection to raise money for music at St Andrew's, as well as to help fund a junior organ scholarship at the church.



So come and join us for another uplifting hour of music performed by local musicians! We look forward to seeing you there. **James and Lizzie Buchanan-Worster, Sarah Kwan**



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Stapleford WI



MEMBERS recently enjoyed a very interesting and informative evening when local professional photographer Kevin Pigney joined the meeting to give an illustrated talk about his photographic journey. He shared insights into his work, tips for capturing memorable images, and anecdotes from his career behind the lens. We especially enjoyed seeing examples of his work and noticing how light, composition and perspective can enhance the simplest subject into something striking. Kevin also explained how patience is needed as he had to wait five years to get a wonderful photo of two hares boxing.

The evening's competition followed the theme, with members invited to submit a horticultural photograph. There were several entries, all showing the creativity of our group. Kevin Pigney kindly judged the competition and Ed Ridgeon was awarded the Rose Plaque for her photo of roses outside a hotel in Ranthambore.

The Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes (CFWI) office is at Girton and various committees made up of volunteer Cambridgeshire members provide an extensive programme of events throughout the year. One of our Stapleford members enjoys attending these very much and wrote: "No, we are not all 'Jam and Jerusalem'! Since recently joining Stapleford WI following becoming a widow my eyes have been opened. This has given me access to all the events at CFWI at Girton and I have enjoyed workshops including hat making and the stories behind quilts. I have attended several literary lunches and heard about the life of a Wimbledon umpire. My birthday this year was celebrated with my WI friends playing a hilarious game of Bingo. Themed meals have included a Lavender Tea - who knew that you could enjoy an amazing lavender tea and lavender panacotta. The AGM held at Comberton Village College has introduced speakers as varied as the new owners of Fitzbillies and the First Lady bomb disposal officer. So - it's definitely NOT Jam and Jerusalem so come and join us at the Pavilion on the fourth Thursday of each month and enjoy a huge variety of learning. I'm now looking forward to to learning about Shetland knitting at CFWI in September."



Kevin Pigney (left) awards the Rose plaque to Ed Ridgeon



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At our next meeting on 23 October we have a speaker, David Stubbings, who will tell us about Cambridge Pumping Station. If you would like to attend as a visitor you are assured of a very warm welcome. **Joyce Dobson**

'Baroque plus' concert



THE Quantz Ensemble will perform music for flute, recorder, cello and harpsichord including a sonata by JJ Quantz on Friday 10 October at 7pm in St Andrew's Church. This is a fundraiser for The Sick Children's Trust Charity who own Acorn House and Chestnut House at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Tickets £20 including wine and canapes from sctcambridge@gmail.com or call 01799 541180 or 07760 232087



Community coffee mornings

THE Stapleford Warden Scheme is pleased to announce regular coffee mornings to be held at Cox's Close Community Centre.

With huge thanks to the Village Show Committee for their kind donation, we are now able to hold monthly coffee mornings on the second Monday of each month!

Pop in for coffee, tea and cakes. Meet friends, bring friends,

All welcome!

First coffee morning will be on Monday 13 October from 10 am to 12 noon, then 10 November and 8 December.

If you would like to volunteer or make enquiries speak to Juliet: 07436 102733. Look forward to seeing you there! **Juliet Hawsworth**

We're waiting for your story!

HAVE you a story to tell or an event to publicise? Or perhaps you have an opinion to share on an issue that is important to you. If so, drop us a line on staplefordmessenger@gmail.com - after all, it's your magazine and we would love to hear from you.

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Stapleford Village Weekend and Winter Quiz



PLANNING started in September for the 2026 Stapleford Weekend next June. The Committee met and reviewed the feedback provided by the community, so we can factor that in for plans next year. People appreciated:

- The diverse range of activities over the four days ('Something for every age').
- Having the big screens, the stage and deckchairs for the free entertainment.
- The range of food vans, which people felt was an improvement compared to 2024.
- The opportunities to get involved – making or baking things, volunteering, singing etc.
- Being able to come together as a village and enjoy the great weather and entertainment.

Suggestions for improvements included:

- More shade – we know it was a hot one! Looking at options there.
- Saturday night entertainment as there's no Glastonbury in 2026 – we're just evaluating some of these, so keep an eye out for updates soon.
- Better bar layout – we're looking at improving this too.

Overall though, we reflected that it's good practice to keep what we know was popular and worked well. We learn and improve each year we run the event.

At its heart this is a community event. We love having help from the village – thanks again to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make the 2025 event such a success.

We are committed to continuing this community ethos and to focus on offering a range of activities for as many ages and interests as possible, and including a programme of free entertainment and affordable prices.

We are not a commercial event. We receive funding from Stapleford Parish Council as part of its commitment to community engagement and from our generous local sponsors. We aim to generate enough profit from ticket and bar sales to cover our costs and ensure a small surplus for insurance against future years where the weather may be against us - the set-up costs are the same regardless of sunshine or showers!

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The Committee meets every month, and we'll keep you updated as plans for 2026 progress. In the meantime....

Winter Quiz - Friday 28 November, Pavilion, 7.30pm

Last year we ran a Winter Quiz – this was a big success and so we're going to do another one! Thanks to our local quizmaster Jon West and his team of helpers for making that happen.

At the time of writing, we're just deciding on the menu, but we think it will be burgers, sausages and halloumi - grilled under-cover outside, so we are hoping for kind November weather! Along with a bar offering mulled wine, cans of beers and some wines. Tickets are £12 per person, and max quiz teams of 8 people please. All proceeds go towards the cost of the Stapleford Weekend next year. Tickets from www.staplefordweekend.com.

Fancy helping? If you'd like more information or would like to join the Committee or even just lend a hand at the winter or summer event, please do email the committee at staplefordweekend@gmail.com.

Stapleford Weekend Committee

Stapleford Horticultural Society

WE resumed our talks programme on Thursday 11 September when we welcomed Lucy Skellorn, whose excellent talk was entitled "My Family and other Irises". Lucy is the great-great-granddaughter of Sir Michael Foster who was known as 'the Father of Iris-Breeding'. Lucy intertwined family history with horticultural research, illustrated with some of the historic irises from her collection.



If you would like the remaining dates for your diaries, the four talks are as follows:

9 October: Neil Dickinson – 'Japanese Gardens'

13 November: Fiona Rose – 'In the Garden with William Morris'

8 January: Kerry Austen – 'Guide to Rose Care'

12 February: Ian Bedford - 'Britain's Butterflies in a Changing Environment'

All talks are held in the Johnson Hall starting at 7.30pm. All welcome, guest fee £3. **John Sherwell**

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Neighbourhood Plan: WE DID IT!!



ON 4 September, 95% of those who took part in the community referendum on the Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan voted to support its adoption. To the people who backed it

– whether along the way or on referendum day – **THANK YOU!**

The ‘made’ (i.e. adopted) version of the Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan will be formally adopted at South Cambs District Council’s full council meeting on 2 October. Our Plan now carries “very significant weight” (SCDC’s words) and has just as much influence as SCDC’s Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework when deciding planning applications coming forward in our area.

Thoughts about turnout

For me, the big issue was turnout. If only ten people had voted and six said ‘yes’, our Plan would still have been adopted but it would not have been respected by our community. In the end 25% of eligible voting adults said ‘yes’. The returning officer at the ballot count said that it was good for a neighbourhood plan area of our size (i.e. big, with an electorate of 5,051).

Our new planning policies

Planning policies shape how land and buildings can be used and developed in a particular area. They apply to all development requiring a planning application. The 20 new policies in the Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan are specific to our villages. They should result in new development being done *with us* and *for us*, not to us. For full detail and supporting evidence refer to the adopted version of our Plan on SCDC’s website at bit.ly/4lyPrkE

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, I’ll produce a summary of our Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting materials and publicise it in village magazines and local Facebook groups. The Neighbourhood Plan is a community document and it’s important that it is accessible to everyone.

In the meantime, thank you again to residents for your support and suggestions, to the magazine’s editors for allowing us to champion the cause via their pages, and to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for turning goodwill into good policy. This is what we can achieve when we come together to shape the future for Stapleford and Great Shelford.

Jenny Flynn, Steering group Chair



Roots and Resilience



A hundred years of Stapleford farming and reinvention on Heath Farm

A talk by Charles and Colin Bradford

Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion

Tuesday 14 October

at 7.45pm

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Yesteryear

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

1848

SALE. By auction. A compact freehold farm, consisting of homestead, barn, stables and outbuildings, with nearly twenty-three acres of land, situated at Stapleford, was, after a spirited competition, knocked down to Mr. Henry Collier, at one thousand, three hundred and ninety guineas.

1885

A WEAK COMPLAINT. Everson Bevis and Ephraim Cock, labourers, both of Stapleford, were summoned for doing wilful damage to a lock to the value of 2s. 6d., the property of James Wright of Stapleford. The evidence given did not support the information and the case was dismissed.

1904

MEASLES EPIDEMIC. This village, which has recently been visited with an outbreak of scarlet fever, happily now ended, has within the past few days been stricken with an outbreak of measles. Many families are infected. The school has been closed by order of the Medical Officer for Health for three weeks, when it is hoped the scholars will have recovered their health, and the epidemic terminated.

1912

CAMBS DIVISIONAL PETTY SESSIONS. ANNOYANCE. Ernest Speed (20), a Stapleford labourer, was fined 5s for wilfully annoying James Rowlinson, Stapleford police pensioner. Complainant said he had been subjected to great annoyance by the youths in the village, tying up his door with wire and string, and knocking nails in the shutters and window sills. On 30th September Speed repeatedly knocked at his door and finally the complainant chased him away.

Henry Harvey, a boy, was called to give evidence for Mr Rowlinson, but he denied seeing anything that occurred. Police Sergeant Salomon, "When I served the subpoena summons on Harvey he began to cry and said 'I only heard a noise. Speed has told me not to say anything.'"

Defendant pleaded not guilty and addressing complainant said "I beg your pardon sir, but you are false." The case was considered proved.

1961

Wandlebury Estate. Following the death of Lady Gray in 1953 the estate was split up. Frank Hardy bought the farm, and the Cambridge

Stapleford Tree Project Quiz



The Three Horseshoes, Stapleford

8pm Monday 20th October

£2 entry. Max Team Size 6



The Stapleford Tree Project planted over 120 trees in the village in 2024/2025. Most are species native to the area and will provide vital support for wildlife as well as many other benefits. We would like to buy some trees, stakes and guards to continue planting more this season.

Please come along and enjoy a fun night supporting a great cause!

<https://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/stapleford-tree-project>

Preservation Society hankered after the rest, but were unable to raise the required sum. Son and heir Terence Gray then presented – as a memorial to his parents – everything within the ring to the Cambridge Preservation Society, who then purchased the remaining 96 acres with help from the 'Save the Gogs Fund' and £3000 from the Pilgrim Trust's "Once Around Wandlebury" (by Wendy Clarke).

1972

"Mr Holt reported on the situation as regards the sale of the Clerk's Piece and the Clerk read letters to and from the Vicar and one from Mr Holt regarding the Charity Commissioners. Several members of the Council expressed surprise at the way the negotiations had been handled and annoyance that the Council had not been offered the piece of land before a private individual, especially after the Village Hall Estate Trustees had declined to take an interest in the sale. Mr Chalk proposed and Mr King seconded that the Council negotiate to purchase the piece of land known as the Clerk's Piece and that a report of the Council's discussion be sent to the Press. Agreed unanimously. It was further agreed to write to the Charity Commissioners for not publicising the sale and to send the resolution to the Vicar". *(From the Parish Council Minutes)*

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And finally, it's time for me to say goodbye. After 17 years, I am hanging up my NHS hat! It has truly been both a privilege and a pleasure to work in primary care. While we are all aware of the many challenges facing GP practices and the wider NHS, I feel very proud to have played my small part in it all. I will greatly miss my colleagues and, of course, all of you.

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Stapleford Tree Project



WE have planted 129 trees, with 97 from the Woodland Trust (several at the school, which the children helped plant and look after), 8 from private donors, and 24 sourced by individuals. Thank you all the people who have 'adopted' a tree and have watered it in the driest and hottest summer.

The trees planted on public land are numbered, the complete list is now on the Parish Council website so you can see what's planted where. We are monitoring the trees' growth and keeping a record of their progress. Marc Foote reports:

"Of the trees planted, 36 were planted as mini-hedges, one alongside the fence by the Rose in Bury Road and another on Church Street, with the rest planted individually at various locations around the village. Despite the severe drought nearly all of them are still alive although a few have lost their leaves early to save water by taking an early winter break. Some have been exceptionally well cared for by their 'adopters', and one Rowan on the school field grew to four times its original size, starting at less than half a metre at the bottom of its tube before storming out of its tube to wave in sunlight at over two metres high! Although this is exceptional, several have made it to the top of their tubes or just beyond and on average they have doubled in size, not bad for a drought year so thanks to everyone that has cared for them."

Where next? Funding: we need more funding to buy next year's trees, stakes, guards etc. We would love it if everyone in the village were to contribute, even if it's only a pound! Celebration: we want to celebrate the people who have got involved in the project so far, and encourage more people to do so next year. Tree Care: we want to work with the PC and others to care for the trees in the village. Plant more trees: we will resume planting trees and hedging in November, with regular working parties on Sunday afternoons, do please join us. We will be replacing the ones that have died and planting in various locations in the village. If you can't come and plant, consider adopting one of the new trees, watering it regularly for the first couple of years. Or consider planting a tree in your own garden.

Quiz Night - on Monday 20 October at 8pm at the Three Horseshoes, in aid of the project. Come along to this edition of the pub's regular quiz night, don't worry the questions won't all be about trees!

For more information about the project, to donate or register see staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/stapleford-tree-project/ or contact sophiberridge@gmail.com if you have any questions. **Helen Hale**

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To Royston by bus from Stapleford

AS you will have read in the August edition of the *Messenger* a new bus service, the no. 17, has replaced the no. 31 Service. The new service 17 runs from Drummer Street to Royston and Guilden Morden and back three times a day from Monday to Saturday with no service on Sundays or Bank Holidays.



So, my wife and I thought we would give the new service a try. The best day to go is a Wednesday which is still Market Day in Royston, not as busy as in days past but still a number of stalls set up on Market Hill plus a good selection of shops in the High Street. Although Royston is not the bustling market town it used to be, sitting as it does on the main A10 to London, it is still a good place to visit. Apart from the shops, also worth a visit is the famous Royston Cave and in St John Baptist Church the nave and aisles, which were built c. 1250. It was converted to a parish church following the dissolution of the monasteries. On 9 December 2018 the church was severely damaged by fire. All eight bells in the tower, three of which dated from 1739, cracked due to the extreme heat. The bells were recast by John Taylor & Co in 2020 and are hung in the original 1901 bell-frame, which survived the blaze. The interior of the church was restored with modern seating and an electronic organ, the original pipe organ being destroyed in the fire.

The best bus to catch is the 10:27 from Mingle Lane (St Andrew's Church) or at 10:32 from London Road (opposite Church Street). They also call at all other stops in Bar Lane, Gog Magog Way, Haverhill Road and Bury Road. The bus then takes a pleasant rural route through Great Shelford, Little Shelford, Hauxton, Harston, Newton, Fowlmere and Melbourn, arriving at Royston bus station at 11:10, a journey time of around 35 mins. Our bus arrived dead on time. With the return journey leaving Royston Bus Station at 12:37 this gives around 1 hour and 25 mins to have a look round, do a bit of shopping and have a coffee. If you prefer you can stay on the bus and spend your time at the Gateway Retail Park but your time there would be reduced to around 1 hour. The full timetable can be downloaded on the A2B web site <https://www.a2bbusandcoach.com/bus-timetables>

So give it a go: more passengers using the service will keep it running. Although it is run by A2B it is subsidised by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, so paid for from our Council Tax. Use it or lose it! **John Wakefield**

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A variety of breakfast food will be available from cereals, toast and waffles to traditional and locally sourced 'Full English'.

We will be raising funds for SSYI, the community-based charity formed by local Christians over 25 years ago. Serving the South Cambridgeshire villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Harston and Duxford. Providing impactful youth activities and clubs open to all local 11–18-year-olds as well as one-to-one support. We are based in the Youth Centre at Great Shelford Memorial Hall but work with over 250 teenagers each month across the villages. A minimum donation of £10 for your breakfast would be appreciated. Contactless and cash payments accepted!

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"I started coming to the SSYI youth group hoping that it would help me with my mental health and that. It also gets me out of the house. When I first came, I was badly behaved because I couldn't control my anger and emotions. SSYI staff have helped me and told me about the young leader programme, and I thought I'd give it a go and now I am a young leader, and I have to set a good example to the younger ones, this has helped me learn how to manage my own emotions and develop some better coping strategies. Staff have been patient with me and helped me to learn to control my anger and talk about my feelings, I have been given the opportunity to complete other courses such as my first aid course and staff have given me a reference for future jobs. I am aiming to become a youth worker and help others". Peter, age 16

More details on the Big Breakfast and offers of help: Jane Greaves jegreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk or David Jones davidjhjones@btinternet.com

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and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). For more information, contact drbikestapleford@gmail.com. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential.

Planning Meeting – our next one is on Tuesday 14 October at 8pm at Cox's Close Community Room. More information from the email address below, or check our website.

Quiz - a shout-out for the Quiz Evening at the Three Horseshoes in aid of Stapleford Tree Project, on Monday 20 October at 8pm. Have a fun evening and support nature locally!

Film - Haslingfield and Harston Eco Group is hosting a film evening on Sunday 12 October at 7pm at Haslingfield Village Hall. The film is 'The Ants and the Grasshopper', tickets on Eventbrite are free, donations welcome. The narrator Anita Chitaya has a gift: she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality, and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge yet: persuading Americans that climate change is real. Travelling from Malawi to California to the White House, she meets climate sceptics and despairing farmers. Her journey takes her across all the divisions shaping the US, from the rural-urban divide, to schisms of race, class and gender, to the thinking that allows some Americans to believe they live on a different planet from everyone else. It will take all her skill and experience to persuade us that we're all in this together.

Her courage, sensitivity and belief in the possibility of change are moving and inspiring. As well as climate change the film considers issues of race, class and gender, and provides much food for thought. After the screening there will be time for a discussion around some of the issues, feelings and ideas the film has raised.

Camswift is a local group that installs bird boxes to attract more swifts to nest in the area. Swifts live almost entirely on the wing, and their numbers are decreasing as newer houses do not have eaves where swifts

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can nest and because insect numbers are down. They have agreed several sites to install boxes in three of our villages.

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Puzzle Corner

Words from Oktoberfest

All the answers can be made from the letters of OKTOBERFEST

The letter O, T and E can be used twice

3-letter words

decay

small child

excessively

Australian marsupial (colloq.)

4-letter words

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12 inches

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Distance of Walk

5 miles. There is a short section of road walking near The Plough; use the right hand edge of the road and take care.

OS Map

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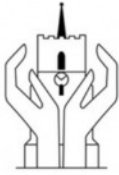
The origin of the village name is a little unclear but is usually said to be derived from the Old English for 'Raedwynn's Tree'. An agricultural community until the 20th century, it is now largely residential for commuters working in Saffron Walden and beyond. The church dates to the 14th century but the interior was much renovated in Victorian times, including whitewashing over some medieval wall paintings.

Route of Walk

From the Recreation Ground car park, turn left on the road and then take the first right into East View Close. Turn right again after about 100m and go left at the footpath sign by the school gates. Follow the path downhill, swinging right and then left and cross a road. Walk left on the grass at a waymark arrow and then turn right after 30m, on a grass track.

Walk up the right hand side of a cropped field, with the hedge line to the right. Halfway along the field the path goes right, through a hedge gap, and then turns immediate left at a waymark arrow to follow a grass path which ends at a road. Turn right and when the road meets the B1053 at a crossroads cross over and walk **carefully** on the right hand edge of the road opposite for three minutes, first passing The Plough Bar and Grill then going downhill.

After the road starts to go uphill, look for a tall wooden footpath sign **on the right** and follow the path, going down towards the River Pant (choked with reeds). Turn left with the river to the right and keep on, ignoring a footbridge, alongside the river. At a metal gate, go ahead and continue



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walking, with the river to the right. Cross a stile and keep ahead, passing a waymark arrow. At a second waymark with two direction arrows, take the one that points right, over a footbridge. Walk uphill with the hedge line to the left.

At the end of the field turn left, with the hedge line still to the left. Keep ahead and pass a World War II concrete pillbox, before reaching a farm access track. Ignore a footpath sign and go left, then almost immediate right. You are now walking along a narrow metalled road (very little traffic).

At a road junction, turn right and pass several houses. After the last house on the left (Tresilian House) look for a footpath sign. Walk along the path, keeping the hedge line to the right. Carry on ahead for some time, eventually reaching a wood to the immediate right. Cross a wooden footbridge and keep on, with more trees to the right, heading downhill. At a

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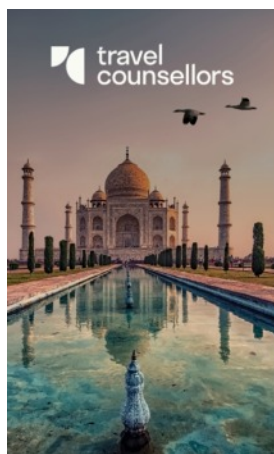
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Keep to the right of the hedge line after the first field. At the end of the hedge go left and then almost immediately right to walk behind farm buildings. After the final building is passed swing right and rejoin the original track just before a road. Go right for a short distance on the roadside pavement then cross over when a concrete footpath sign is seen opposite.

The track curves left and then goes upslope towards a hedge line ahead. When reaching this, turn right at a waymark arrow and walk on until meeting a road. Turn right along the road and keep walking until the Recreation Ground car park, where the walk started, is reached on the right.

David Barnes

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Further information from co-chairs: Freda Orgee - 891464,
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Puzzle Corner Answers

Words from Oktoberfest

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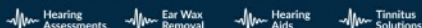
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What's on in the Library during October

Engage Talk – Social Prescribing by Ian Duthrie from Granta Medical Practice. Wednesday 22 October, 2pm-4pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or email Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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relevant to the person or event and are visible to the public.

So far, 43 blue plaques have been installed since 2001, including for Thomas the Tank Engine author Rev. W Audry, the suffragette campaigner Millicent Fawcett, the mathematician and code-breaker Alan Turing and the wartime food nutritionist Elsie Widdowson. The most recent plaque was installed in the village of Foxton in May for paleoanthropologist Louis Leakey.



Penny Heath is the Chair of the charity's Blue Plaque Committee, a group of volunteers that decides whether a nomination should be taken forward. She is keen to receive suggestions for new plaques. "As we look around our city and villages, we can understand our past from historic buildings and archaeology but the people who made our history are no longer visible and are often forgotten to time. Blue plaques help make some of those people and their achievements visible again, so that they can be known by current and future generations. People are often unaware that someone remarkable lived in their neighbourhood and it's wonderful to be able to share their local history with them."

Nominations can be made by email to enquiries@cambridgeppf.org with details of the person/event, why they deserve a plaque and the building it would be put on. Nominees must have died at least 10 years ago. Nominations are especially welcome where supporters are able to help raise funds for the plaque.

A full list of existing plaques and more details about nominating can be found at www.cambridgeppf.org/blue-plaques **Louise Palmer**

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Wandlebury Events



HERE'S a selection of what's on at Wandlebury in October. For more information about these and other events email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 307 or visit cambridgeppf.org/whats-on.

Weekly healthy walking group

Whatever the weather, our friendly walking group meets every Thursday at Wandlebury – and it's completely free to join.

It's a great way to keep active, enjoy the outdoors, and meet new people. There are two options depending on your pace:

10am – a one-hour walk for more experienced walkers (open to both newcomers and regulars).

10.30am – a gentler 30-minute walk, perfect for less experienced walkers (again, both new and regular walkers welcome).

Simply meet at the notice boards in the car park – no need to book, just turn up!

Afterwards, everyone gathers at the pop-up café for coffee and a social catch-up. The group also organises seasonal get-togethers at Wandlebury, including BBQs and a Christmas party.

Story Meadow Toddler Group (Ages 2–5)

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Mrs Warren's Profession

12A (tbc). National Theatre Live, Thursday 23 October 7pm (doors open 6.30) £10. Running time 120 minutes.

Filmed live in the West End, Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

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Parish Council Chair's report

THIS is a short report as there was no Parish Council meeting in September, allowing most of the Parish Councillors to have a holiday. You will all have heard about the field fire behind Dukes Meadow. Thanks to the Fire Service and local farmers, and Councillor Matthew French and his drone, the fire was soon extinguished without damage to houses, apart from a few scorched hedges, and no one was hurt. The Fire Service has been invited to come to the next Parish Council meeting to speak about fire prevention.

The other good news is that the referendum about the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan was successful and this will have an impact on planning in the area. The count was attended by Jenny Flynn as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Chairs of Shelford and Stapleford Parish Councils.

The cemetery has a new notice board at the repainted gate. This will allow notice of interments and other information to be posted.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 2 October at 7pm in the Pavilion and the public are invited to attend, especially as the fire service will be attending at the start of the meeting. **Gillian Pett**

The Magog Trust

Vacancy for Ranger's Assistant



THE land set aside for the new countryside park under the planning permission granted for Strawberry Fields retirement village was transferred to The Magog Trust earlier this year. It will be known as Chalk Hill Down and the trustees hope that it will be open to the public in late 2027.

The Trust now needs to supplement its workforce with a part time assistant to its rangers, initially for eight hours per week which could increase as Chalk Hill Down becomes more established.

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