

Staverton News

Autumn 2024 Edition



Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Staverton News.

It's been quite a Summer. We hope you've had a good one.

Many thanks as always go to all that help to get this magazine to your doors, The Parish Council, the contributors (of articles and photos), the printers (Delta Group) and the deliverers.

If there are any others who'd like to get involved, please do get in touch. It really is a case of the more the merrier! It's another bumper edition with, hopefully, something for all.

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Dates of Parish Council Meetings until 2025 – Meetings are held on a Monday at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall.

18 Nov 24 - 13 Jan 25

The Parish Council was very pleased to welcome PCSO Laura Wallace to our meeting held on 9th September at the village hall. She reported a burglary in Staverton and a recent speed check was successful with 16 prosecutions. She also added that an elderly man lost £81,000 in a scam and advised contacting police for details of a charity called Ability Net who can advise and help. New evidence of graffiti in Staverton has been reported and she reminded residents to lock all cars and sheds in view of recent thefts. With the winter months ahead, residents were asked to look out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours.

PLANNING MATTERS

PL/2023/10641 – Full Planning Permission to demolish the existing classroom and rear extension and erect two-storey building on existing playground and erect single storey rear extension with landscaping and highways works. Emmaus School, School Lane, Staverton BA14 6NZ

It is understood that planning permission has now been granted.

PL/2023/04128 : The Old Vicarage and Staverton House, 51a Staverton House, Staverton, Trowbridge, Wilts, BA14 BNX - This application has been turned down.

6 BISHOPSMEAD, STAVERTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8BW : Consultation - PL/2024/07454 – The parish council agreed unanimously that they would not object to this application but with a proviso that any serious objections from neighbouring properties should be taken seriously when granting permission.

Staverton Farm, Staverton, Trowbridge, BA14 6PE - PL/2024/07934 - Councillors had concerns regarding this application and wanted to find out more information.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING AT THE JUNCTION ON MARINA DRIVE TO CYGNET WAY

Cars parked at the junction are preventing larger vehicles from leaving Cygnet Way. This is illegal and can cause an accident. Wiltshire Councillor Trevor Carbin was asked to try and get the yellow lines repainted.

ILLEGAL LOCKING OF FIELD GATE OFF CYGNET WAY
Unfortunately, frustrations with field users making loud noises has caused a resident to lock the gate to the field and preventing hirers of the field and village hall from driving into the car park for field and village hall visitors. The Parish Council wants residents to

understand that the field was installed for the use of the public including all residents and visitors. It is illegal to prevent access. Any concerns must be raised with the Parish Council and residents would be advised not to take matters into their own hands as action of this kind this will be reported to the police. However, all excessive and unacceptable antisocial behaviour and noise must be reported directly to the police.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

CCTV: This is to be installed in the coming weeks.

WIFI & NEST: Wifi is now installed and a Nest has been fitted to the boiler to control energy use.

KITCHEN FREE STANDING COOKER: The existing cooker did not have a fan assisted oven and complaints have been received that it is not working satisfactorily. The Parish Council has now replaced it at a cost of £150.

VILLAGE HALL HIRES: It was agreed at a recent meeting to increase the cost of the first hour to £24 for all single day hires to cover the additional administration costs. The subsequent hours for the day will stay the same at £12.50 including VAT. It was also agreed that single day hires in future are to be paid "by return" to hold the booking as some hirers have recently defaulted on payment.

EXTERNAL AUDIT BY PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP: The Parish Council is please to announce that the auditor the information provided is in accordance with proper practices and not matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern.

NEWSLETTER: We are pleased to report that the newsletter is going from strength to strength with the new Editor, Simon Withers. The newsletter costs for 2023/24 were £1,463. As always, big thank you to all the volunteers who deliver the newsletter and everyone else who contribute to the articles and amazing photos in the magazine.

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL 2025 – Meetings are held on a Monday at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall. The next meeting of Staverton Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th November at 7 pm at Staverton Village Hall. Please visit the parish website for the rest of the dates.

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Wiltshire Council Update

Staverton third in Best Kept Village competition

Staverton flew the flag for West Wiltshire in the county-wide large village category. Here are the results: (Max possible score 98)

1 st	Ashton Keynes (North Wilts)	88 points
2 nd	Alderbury (South Wilts)	87 points
3 rd	Staverton (West Wilts)	83 points
4 th	Seend (Kennet)	80 points

The judges found all three schools in School Lane to be impressively clean and tidy. They also liked the playing field which was in use at the time of their visit. They commented on the neatness of the private gardens around the Marina, and mentioned how the area felt safe for walking. This contrasted with the busy B3105 cutting through the village, but the judges said that seemed in no way to diminish the strong community spirit that was very apparent.

Litterpick

The autumnal clean-up will be on Sunday October 6th. If you'd like to take part please come to the Village Hall at 1030. Equipment will be provided, as will tea, coffee, sweets and biscuits. If you're on the mailing list you'll get a reminder a few days before. If you're not on the mailing list but would like to be please send an email to trevor.carbin@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Latest Staverton police speed check

A speed enforcement session was carried out 19th August, between 12:15 and 13:00, at New Terrace. 19 drivers were caught, with the fastest doing 43mph. 18 were offered a speed awareness course, and one got a £100 fine and 3 Points.

Staverton gets a roundel

WC highways had agreed to put this in when the white lines were re-painted after the recent resurfacing. The contractors however forgot it at the time, but were then asked to go back and put it in, which they did quite promptly.

We often get asked why there are not more of these. The official answer is that within a 30mph limit, as defined by the presence of street lighting, additional reminders about the speed limit are not allowed. If, as here, the street lights are absent or not at the required density, you can have reminders as signs or markings or both. So this is the only part of the main road through Staverton where the rules allow a roundel.

Wiltshire Council



Staying with signage, the council has agreed to put up warning signs about horses on the road. These are being part funded by the Area Board, and will go up either side of Staverton Farm. Also in response to concerns about traffic coming over the railway bridge towards the pedestrian crossing the warning sign for that, which was barely visible before, has been refreshed.

School Lane repair

It's one of a bunch of roads in West Wiltshire scheduled for micro-asphalt treatment. The work is due to be carried out some time between mid-September and the end of October this year.

A36 closure at Limpley Stoke

This is scheduled to continue until March as National Highways attempt to fix the road. Residents on all the West Wiltshire routes including Staverton are concerned about potential traffic increase, especially of HGVs.

Planning

The application to demolish the Old Vicarage and build a new care home went back to the planning committee in August. The committee agreed with the planning officer and refused the application due to the impact on neighbours. Applicants Fidelia Care can now either appeal the decision, or have another go at redesigning the new building.

Meanwhile the application from Emmaus School for a new building was due to go to the committee in September, with officers this time recommending approval of the plans.

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Staverton Rangers FC



On the 9th of June, the U13 girls Staverton Rangers football team wanted to do something positive for the local community of Staverton by doing a litter pick. Spirits were high and the bin bags were filled in a very successful clean up. Many thanks to Trevor Carbin for the loan of the equipment.



Here is my Autumn Windfall Cake recipe - Helen Waring

Ingredients

220g butter
220g caster sugar
4 medium eggs, lightly beaten
4 tbsps milk
1 tsp almond extract
300g self raising flour
2 tsp ground cinnamon
Up to 4 eating apples (peeled and cored). I use 4 because my apples are quite small

Method

Cream together the butter and sugar, then gradually add the eggs, milk and almond extract. Fold in the flour and cinnamon. Add the apples into the cake mixture. Put into a lined 2lb loaf tin. Bake in the oven (180 fan) for 20 minutes then turn the oven down to 150 fan. The finished cake should be light brown in colour and a skewer should come out clean. I find this usually takes about an hour or just slightly less.

You can use other fruit than apples, or with the apples - I have previously used blackberries, raspberries, blueberries and plums. All are yummy! **Enjoy!**

Nestlings Preschool

Welcome back one and all to another fun-packed year at Nestlings Preschool.

As we settle into a new term we are greeted with faces old and new. Settling back in after such a long break can be tough but our children have happily taken it all in their stride. These new self-appointed roles for our now 'big' children have not been taken lightly and their part in settling in our new friends has been wonderful to see.

We have been brainstorming over the holidays thinking of all the fantastic things we can offer to our children across the year, so do watch this space for seasonal updates.

Lastly, we would like to wish our children that have moved on to schools far and wide a HUGE good luck for this new chapter in their lives.

Just remember, your best is always good enough.

Have fun, learn lots & don't forget to give us a wave in passing!!

Term 1, let's do this Nestlings!

We still have a few places available at the setting & welcome enquiries for both funded and non-funded children. Please email Belinda.at.nestlings@googlemail.com or call 01225 783383 for more information.



It's Garden Time - with Caroline Smith

Autumn is nature's way of giving gardeners a pause to catch their breath after the hectic burst of summer. The busyness of summer is behind – the rest that winter brings has not yet begun.

Beds and borders are bursting with the abundance that July and August brings and there is nothing better than the colour and movement that perennial plants add to our gardens. Asters, Chrysanthemums, Japanese Anemones, Verbena bonariensis, Phlox and various grasses fill us with delight.

Autumn is also the perfect time for taking hardwood cuttings, such as forsythia, cornus, willow, blackcurrants and other fruit bushes, when the plant is dormant and the leaves have dropped. Semi-ripe cuttings can be taken in September, when the current season's growth still contains high hormone levels to aid with rooting, particularly climbers such as ivy, passion flower, Solanum and Trachelospermum. Herbs, ground-cover, some shrubs and trees are also suitable for semi-ripe cuttings during Autumn.

Tidying borders and filling in gaps is a



continuous task throughout Autumn. It is also the time to start thinking about planting bulbs for Spring. Daffodils prefer to be planted while the ground still has some warmth. Hyacinths, gladioli and ixias, crocus and alliums are popular choices in pots, beds and borders. Tulips are best planted later when the ground is colder in order to reduce the possibility of diseases such as tulip fire, but before the ground freezes over to allow enough time for the roots to develop.

Fast growing vegetables such as pak choi, broccoli, lettuce, broad beans, beetroot radishes and spinach can be

planted now, along with hardy annuals. Calendula are easy to grow and can be planted in a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Other plants that can be grown now include ageratum, alyssum, forget-me-nots, Iceland poppy, lobelia, pansy, phlox, stock and wallflower.

The colours of Autumn can be breathtaking, the glory of falling leaves, the sound and movement of golden grasses and the majestic seed heads of alliums, eryngiums and echinops are unforgettable sights. Harvest festivals and pumpkins are synonymous with this time of year.

I feel the last word should be left to John Keats whose poem "To Autumn" (1819) aptly described Autumn as "seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness."

Caroline Smith

GARDENER

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Design a Flag – The Finale!

As reported earlier in the year, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship were pleased to work with Staverton Primary School recently in an activity to design a flag to fly outside the school. Every child in the school designed their own flag to reflect the character and the best attributes of the school, with an explanation of their thinking behind the design.

The final winner, Ava, worked with a local artist, to digitally design their creation and this was made into the flag, The final product was recently presented to Ava during collective worship at the school.

The flag will fly proudly outside the school as a symbol of family ethos, the sense of belonging and how everyone is valued at the school.

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship meet at Staverton Primary School every Sunday morning at 10:45 am.



Classes include lots of stretching, toning and core work as well as strength and aerobic activities set to music. Suitable for beginners.

Thursdays (term-time only) at 1.30pm
Hilpertown Village Hall
55 min class

Great for burning excess calories and toning up abs, triceps, glutes, etc

Cost: £7 per class PAYG

Contact: Sue Cassell FLEXercise teacher
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Zoom classes also available

A message from our new MP

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to represent the residents of Staverton, along with all those across the constituency, in Parliament for the coming five years. This is a beautiful area with its varied towns and unique villages and over the summer, it has been great to be out and about meeting as many people as possible, while also busy recruiting staff and setting up a local office. Times are hard for many people as my current email inbox shows, and I have been actively working on casework brought to me as well as raising the broader issues that affect so many including the need for improved hospital services, greater support for our schools and improved public transport. I look forward to meeting residents of Staverton and hearing your concerns and views in due course about how we can support and strengthen our community.



Brian Mathew MP

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The Staverton Social Club - Forthcoming Events

October 5th Bingo 7.00pm

October 10th Quiz night 7.30pm

October 19th Bingo 7.00pm

November 2nd Bingo 7.00pm

November 16th Bingo 7.00pm

November 30th Bingo 7.00pm

December 12th Quiz night 7.30pm

December 14th Bingo 7.00pm

December 21st Christmas Draw & Bingo 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Family skittles night 7.30pm

New Years eve Disco. 8.00pm till late.

These events are open to non members.

Staverton WI

On a hot sunny day in June a group of ladies from Staverton WI visited the American museum near Bath. The museum



houses over 12,000 objects which show examples of American decorative arts along with quilts and American folk art. They enjoyed lunch outside on the patio and walking round the beautiful gardens admiring spectacular views across the valley.



Photos : The garden at the American museum and some of the ladies of Staverton WI

In July Ian Pugh came to talk to us about his profession as a toastmaster and civil celebrant for weddings and funerals the anecdotes of his work made very interesting listening and was enjoyed by all.

Our speaker in August was Neil Parkinson a retired policeman who talked to us about his training and working with police dogs, Neil brought his dog with him much to the delight of the ladies.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at Staverton Club at 2pm . The first three visits are free just turn up and you will be most welcome but any enquiries to secretary MRS BETTY WILKES on 01225 765780

Have Your Say

Mystery solved on the 'rifle' sounds, that were reported in the Summer Edition. We now know that these were / are as a result of 'bird scarers'. Many thanks to the reader for the explanation.

No further letters for this time, but thanks to Bev for the stunning Autumnal photo that she took at Stourhead and for the Autumn Poem.

Please keep sending us your letters we'd like to hear what you have to say! It could literally be about anything.

Send them to newsletter@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk



Autumn..

There's a certain nip felt in the air..
letting us know us that Autumn's near..
The evening nights are drawing in,
as now the seasonal change begins..
Misty mornings, as red golden leaves..
slip softly from majestic trees..
and settle, mingled at their feet,
their last hurrah before they sleep.

Bev' Borresen

Craft Fairs near Staverton

These are just a few fairs coming up in our area

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| Sat 28 September | St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon 10 - 3 pm |
| Sat 19 October | St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon 10 - 3 pm |
| Sat 9 November | Christmas Fair. Semington W.I. 11- 4pm
Semington Village Hall |
| Sat 16 November | Christmas craft Fair . Devizes Corn Exchange 10 -4 |
| Sat 23 November | Made in Bradford on Avon Christmas Craft Fair
St Margaret's Hall. Bradford on Avon 10 -3 pm |
| Sat 14 December | Great Chalfield Manor Christmas Fayre 10 -3 pm
With Christmas Carols in the great hall |

You will find many more local craft fairs listed on the internet and on Facebook



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parishclerk@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

or visit our website

www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

Staverton Macmillan Cake Sale

What a day! Thank you to all that came and supported us at this year's cake, plant, book and raffle sale on Saturday 7th September.

The weather forecast was a challenge but our wonderful community rallied together and pulled off another successful event. Thanks to everyone who took part, it's lovely to work with such positive, great spirited neighbours.

The day had a lovely community feel once again and we collectively raised **£1246.65** for MacMillan Cancer Support!

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
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Next year's event will be held on Saturday 16th August, see you there!

For up to date information please visit our website <https://www.stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

From the Rectory - Chris Hunter



The end of summer?

Just as you get the feeling at the end of winter that spring is just round the corner, or at the end of spring you can feel the approach of summer in the air, this morning I got up and it was a beautiful summer morning but

with a clear hint that autumn isn't far away. The beginning of September always brings a whole host of responsibilities, expectations and general busy-ness to come. The new school year is about to start, then we'll be celebrating Harvest; before you know it, we're doing Remembrance Sunday and running full tilt towards Advent and Christmas (yes, we've already started planning!)

More broadly, the end of summer and beginning of autumn is a good time to think about the changing seasons we all face. I am definitely a summer boy, but my wife loves autumn. I'm mourning that the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting colder; she is joyful that we won't have any more unbearable heatwaves (although September might surprise us all!) and that the leaves will be

changing colour soon.

Having recently moved, I'm definitely thinking about the ending of one season and the beginning of another. What patterns do we transfer, to do the same things in a new and different way? What things no longer work? What new things will we take on that are completely different? A new school year will bring new challenges and opportunities. Planning for Christmas will be a great chance to do very familiar things in a new place and a new way. And there are plenty of new things to keep me busy!

Lots of us find change difficult. Whenever I see an update on my phone, I am apprehensive that it will change the way everything looks and I won't like it as much. But when we listen to God, we recognise that movement, the rise and fall and the changing seasons of life, are to be embraced and not avoided. So I am trying to be enthusiastic about change and a new season. I'm still sad about the end of summer, though!

Revd. Chris Hunter

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Services Coming Soon

Full details of all services and events can be found on our website canalsidebenefice.org.uk

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OCTOBER

Sunday 6th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION for HARVEST	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpertons
	3pm	HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER	St Mary the Virgin, Whaddon
Sunday 13th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpertons
Sunday 20th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpertons
Sunday 27th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpertons
	4pm	TEA@theTIN	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpertons

Tea Break - Caption Time



No winner last time!

This edition's photo has been sent to us by Caroline Dick (many thanks for this). I'll look forward to receiving your suggestions. I'm sure with Christmas coming up a £25 amazon voucher would come in handy! ... and remember you have to be 'in it' to 'win it'!



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