

Staverton News

Summer 2024 Edition

Newsflash!

We've just heard that Staverton has been put through to the next round, 'the county-wide round', of **Best Kept Villages 2024!** Judging will take place in July

Welcome to the Summer Edition of Staverton News.
Who'd have thought we'd see the Northern Lights over Staverton!!

No surprise to see workers digging up the road though. Thanks Bev for the poem below...

Staverton Road.. A Villager's tale..

They're back again, our busy workmen,
out there on the road..
to lay down smooth black tarmac,
to reduce the driver's load..
Working through the evening,
and late into the night,
you could hear them on the go,
resurfacing with might..
And now instead of bumpy trips,
Staverton's road is smooth my friend..
We should all make the most of it,
before they decide to dig it up again!

Bev' Borresen 2024

... and many thanks to all those who have sent in letters, articles, photos. We're getting more and more contributors every time. Please keep it coming!

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Please get involved, send articles and photos to me,
Simon at newsletter@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk

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

8 Jul 24 - 9 Sept 24 - 18 Nov 24 - 13 Jan 25

PARISH MATTERS – Summer 2024

CHAIR NICK WOODALL'S ANNUAL REPORT AT THE RECENT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 13th May 24

It has been a year of change and learning for the Parish Council. We lost our faithful editor Natasha of the newsletter but gained a new one, in Simon, who is taking it to new heights. Councillors have had some challenging planning applications which have been difficult to understand and contentious but hopefully the council has learnt the lessons to deal with these better going forward. The Parish Council is also trying to find ways to improve the village hall to make it more attractive to hire, this includes possibly installing Wi-Fi. We have had to contend with major road works for several months which is currently in the final stages with a month of resurfacing. Local car owners will be thankful. Some Councillors have come and gone, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillors for all their hard work and time, above all I would like to thank June, our Clerk, without her, this would all be impossible.

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 Wiltshire Council has referred this application back for further consultation.

CLERK JUNE JONES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AT THE RECENT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 13th May 24

In 2023 the Parish Council welcomed Councillor Kim Mounty and Councillor Amy Meigh onto the Parish Council. Councillor Mounty did an excellent job of taking over the bookings for the village hall but we are sad that he has now resigned due to personal commitments. However, we are pleased to report that there has been an increase in small groups hiring the hall since the previous financial year.

VILLAGE HALL: Income was £4,193 and overheads were £4,637 leaving a short fall of £444.

SPORTS GROUND: Income from football hire was £4,401. Parish Council contribution towards grounds maintenance was £3,800. Primary School contribution towards the maintenance was £2,636. Cost of grounds maintenance by IDVERDE for the year was £4,850 plus other costs of £932. The 3-year contract with IDVERDE is up for renewal July 2025.

PRECEPT 2024/25: To cover additional electoral costs of £2,000 the Parish Council raised the Precept to £29,082, an annual increase of £2.77 per household. The full tax levy is now £42.39 per household per annum.

AUDIT AND YEAR END ACCOUNTS REPORT 2023/24: The Internal Auditor stated "he was pleased to conclude that the Clerk and Council have continued to maintain satisfactory and effective internal control arrangements. We again thank the Clerk for the continued high standard of documentation provided and request that this report is presented to Council for consideration".

ACCOUNTS 2023/24: The operating income for 2023/24 was **£41,300.32** and the running costs were **£52,518.78** (including £15,000 which was reinvested with Cambridge and Counties Bank). The movement in funds was £11,104. The bank account reserves at the end of 2023/24 were **£26,252.22**. A total of £65,000 has been invested with Cambridge and Counties. The Fixed Rate Bonds and the interest is ringfenced for the maintenance of the sports ground.

RESERVES 2023/24: At year end 31st March 2024 the Precept account stood at £9040, the Maintenance Fund for the Sports Ground was £9,762, the Gratuity Fund was £7,425 and the petty cash was £24. We are pleased to announce that the general reserves are beginning to recover after expensive capital investment in new doors and floor covering at the Village hall in 2022.

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. A 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.

THE EQUINOX SCOUTS FETE held on 10th June 23 was a great success and raised £1,500 for the Scouts. Although they will be holding this year's fete back at their home ground of Hilperton, we hope to welcome them back to Staverton soon.

St Mary's Art Group Summer Exhibition

Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th July 2024 10.30 – 16.00

Holt Village Hall, The Street, Holt, Trowbridge. Admission free.

The members of St Mary's art group invite you to come along to look at their latest works of art. You will find a very varied mix of excellent original paintings (framed and unframed) along with a wide selection of prints and cards. The artists will be there for you to meet along with drawing activities for children and drinks and

home made cakes. Admission free.

St Mary's art group was formed at the start of the millennium between local artists keen to meet, discuss and practice their art. The group is thriving with a full membership, meeting on a Tuesday morning in St Mary's Church Hall (the tin church), Horse Road, Hilperton. Here we paint in various mediums and share ideas which provides encouragement to us to produce new works of art. The group holds regular exhibitions, has other artists to demonstrate and takes opportunities when they can to visit art galleries and events.

Staverton Macmillan Cake Sale

On Saturday 7th September we are hosting our annual Macmillan Cake Sale outside [50 Marina Drive, Staverton](#), Trowbridge, BA14 8UR.

Please come along between 2-5pm and support this very worthwhile cause.



Top raffle prizes include a free MOT, a free car service and a free air con re-gassing, kindly donated by Meads of Melksham.

If anyone would like to donate plants, cakes or raffle prizes it would be much appreciated. We will also be having a craft stall. If you have

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spare time and would like to get involved on the day we'd love to see you!

Please drop me an email and let me know what you would like to donate or how you can help: kmshearmen@gmail.com

As a community we have been holding this event for seven years now and last year we raised a whopping £1486.00, let's hope we can do it again!

Look forward to seeing you come rain or shine.



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

Wiltshire Council Update

Speeding on New terrace

In addition to the speedwatch sessions mentioned in the previous edition, the police are now doing more checks in Staverton. Most recently on May 15 eight drivers were caught and offered speed awareness courses.

Bus passes now work from 9am

Holders of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes are now able to use them from 9am on local services on weekdays, for all journeys that start in the Wiltshire Council area.

Previously they were valid from 0930.

Staverton Litterpicks

Thanks to everyone who turned out on Sunday March 17th. Several bags of litter were taken to the tip, and we made an effort this time to separate out the recyclable items such as cans and bottles.

The autumnal clean 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.

Wiltshire Council

Planning Matters

Emmaus School.

The first set of plans for an extension put part of the building on land leased to the pre-school. That was corrected, but then the planners made a mistake with the revised plans, announcing a consultation but not putting the new documents on the website. Consultation has now closed, and the application has been called in to committee due to continued concerns from the pre-school and residents.

[Planning Application: PL/2023/10641 \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-application/PL/2023/10641)

The Old Vicarage.

The scheme here is to demolish The Old Vicarage and build a new care home. Negotiations between the applicants and the planners continue. There may be further revised plans and another consultation period to come.

[Planning Application: PL/2023/04128 \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-application/PL/2023/04128)

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THE STAVERTON SOCIAL CLUB - A BRIEF HISTORY



The Staverton Social Club first started out as The Staverton Reading Rooms in September 1919 and was opened by Mrs G Palmer, the building being a wooden hut. A year later a second wooden hut was added and was equipped with a full-sized

billiard table and a well-stocked Library.

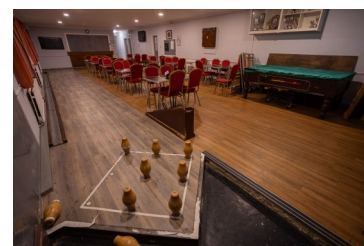
Over the next few years, the Reading Rooms built up a formidable reputation locally and won many matches and competitions with their billiards, skittles, darts, whist and chess teams. Throughout the 1920s and 30s the Reading Rooms were well supported by the villagers. During the war years the Reading Rooms remained the social focal point of the village under the chairmanship of Roger Scrine and later Fred Taylor, treasurer Fritz Endru and Secretary Bernard Taylor.



During the day, the hut doubled as a classroom for 28 of the evacuee children that were staying in the village. In 1958 the first licensed bar came to the Reading Rooms run by the Drewett Family and Mrs Applegate. The Reading

Rooms, now under the chairmanship of Jack Osborne and new secretary Edgar Jacobs celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1970 with a dance. However, the wooden structures were beginning to deteriorate badly and after the celebrations the committee and trustees began giving serious thought to replacing the old huts with a modern building. By 1974 the Reading Rooms committee had raised

enough finance to rebuild the recreation room and work commenced later that year to pull down the old wooden huts and replace them with a modern stone-built structure. The work, costing £15,000.00 was completed by the end of January 1975 and the newly named Staverton Club was officially opened by Phylis Blease. The club celebrated its centenary in 2019 with a fete and live music in the evening. In 2022 the club changed its name to The Staverton Social Club.



The club is available to hire for many types of events, and is normally open every evening, apart from Sundays.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June

25th ENGLAND v SLOVENIA 8pm K.O (Club opens at 7pm)*
29th GREYHOUND RACING NIGHT 7.30pm

July

6th BINGO 7.30pm
27th BINGO 7.30pm

August

2nd SKITTLES FINALS NIGHT
3rd BINGO 7.30pm
17th BINGO 7.30pm
31st BINGO 7.30pm

September

14th ELVIS TRIBUTE ACT Doors open at 7pm,
tickets available over the bar.

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO NON MEMBERS.

* FIRST DRINK FEE DURING GROUP STAGE.

STAVERTON RANGERS FC



With the curtain starting to fall on the 2023/24 season, time to reflect on the highs and lows for our teams at Staverton Rangers. The season proved to be very challenging due to the excessive amount of rain that we had, leaving the pitches unplayable for many weeks. We can't remember having to postpone so many matches in the same season. Very frustrating for coaches, players and parents, as you weren't sure when your next match would actually be played.



We have 170+ young people registered to the Club, 12 teams playing and training ranging from Under 6's to Under 17's, including 3 Girls teams. Matches being played at Staverton Playing Field and Southwick Playing Field. Southwick being used for the older age groups, as the ground at Staverton isn't big enough to accommodate the larger pitch.

Despite the success of the Lionesses at the 2022 European Championships, it is still very difficult to get Girls interested in playing football. Keeping them interested is then a whole different challenge. Our U16 Girls reached the semi-finals of the County Cup, which was a great effort, but they have had a mixed season result wise, but have coped admirably with the move to Southwick, with the larger pitch, and goals. At the recent AFC Corsham Tournament, they were narrowly beaten in the final, just missing out on defending the crown they won in 2023.

The U14 Girls team had an excellent season, despite some frustration along the way. Finishing runners-up in the League, and reaching the semi-finals of the County Cup

for the second year in succession, shows how well the girls have played.



Frustratingly a couple of results and performances that went against them, could have made this an amazing season. However, they did win the recent Melksham Town Tournament.



Despite being reasonably new as a team, our U13 Girls team finished a very respectable 7th in their league table. There were a few very good and well established teams in their league. A recent influx of new players gives the team new hope for next season.



Our U14 mixed team had a great season and finished runners-up in their respective league, being in with a chance of winning the title right up to the last few matches. They now take on the challenge for next season of the larger pitch and goals at Southwick.

Surviving a winner takes all final match of the season, our U13's prevailed and finished CHAMPIONS of the Yellow Division. Having

only been beaten once in the league during the season, this is a huge effort by all connected with the team. Well done all! With no league tables for U11 and younger, as this is classed as non-competitive, it proves more difficult to give an appraisal of each individual team's efforts and achievements. However, U11 Blue have had an excellent season in a very competitive section of the age group. Meanwhile, U11 White have had a challenging season in many ways, but look forward to see what next season brings.

Our U9 and two U8 teams are progressing nicely, as each individual develops their own game and embraces the chance to be part



team. The newly formed U7's take the big step of playing matches next season. We wish them well, and hope they enjoy the experience.

Finally, can I just pay tribute to the U17's, who have decided to make the move to play adult football next season. They finished the season really strongly after a difficult start. We wish them well.



We would like to apologise to the residents who live around the field, for the parking nightmares and noise caused by the children/coaches during matches and training. I'm sure you will agree it's all worth it to see the children having fun, with smiles on their faces, most of the time!

Here is my Summer recipe:

Tuna Pasta Salad

I love this salad on the beach or at any other picnic opportunity in the summer.

Ingredients

A tin of tuna steaks in brine
A small tin of sweetcorn
A red pepper, diced
A medium onion, diced
A bunch of flat-leafed parsley, chopped
Two heaped tablespoons mayonnaise

300g fusilli, cooked according to packet instructions
Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Put the pasta on to cook.
Pour some of the brine out of the tins of tuna and sweetcorn and put them into a bigish bowl. Fork the mixture over to break down the tuna chunks. Save the excess brine in case you need it later.

Add all of the other ingredients (apart from

the salt and pepper) and mix well. The mixture should be quite wet at this stage. Pour in the pasta once ready (and still hot) and mix it in well.

If the mixture is too dry, add in some extra mayo or brine or pasta water.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Allow to chill and pack it into your picnic bag As always with my "off the hoof" recipes, please adjust as you like. My weights, measures and ingredients change all the time...

Helen Waring

It's Garden Time - with Caroline Smith

Summer is the busiest time for gardeners. Everything is growing at an alarming pace which is why we are grateful for the extra daylight hours, allowing us to extend our gardening pursuits well into the evening.

The sound of lawn mowers seems to accompany our every waking hour and endless trips to the garden centre result in bounteous hanging baskets and floriferous displays in abundance.

As a professional gardener this is my favourite time of year. A typical day starts with weeding, continues with weeding, and usually ends with weeding too. Every customer tells me that their garden has gone mad since I was last there and the two to three hours that I usually spend in each garden flies by in a flash.

Weeding, grass cutting, deadheading, pruning and watering are the main tasks with as much planting as I can fit in, in order to keep the garden at its best.

Deadheading is an essential task as, the more spent flowers that are removed, the more new flowers will be produced. This is because plants produce auxins, a type of hormone, that promotes cell growth and



elongation of the plant, making it easier for the plant to grow upwards, which is, after all, what we want. Frequent deadheading, correct watering and feeding, will produce the optimum results in all our floral presentations.

With secateurs in hand it's worth continuing pruning to keep shrubs and climbers at their best; Clematis Montana is one climber that would benefit for a trim at this time of year, particularly old, messy or woody plants that can be cut back after flowering in order to encourage new basal growth. By pruning

back to buds and nodes as close to the base as possible, it will help rejuvenate plants that have become too big for their space. Viburnum, weigela, berberis, lilacs and magnolias can all be trimmed at this time of year to ensure that they will thrive for the rest of the season and beyond.

This is the time that tender plants can finally be put outside without risk of frost and our fruits and vegetables begin their journey towards our tables. It's an exciting, rewarding and exhausting time of the year and it makes me glad that I'm a gardener.

Caroline Smith

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Nestlings Preschool

What a whirlwind of activity Nestlings has been in the last few months...



We have been very lucky to have been able to experience the hatching and caring for 5 little ducklings. It has been an absolute pleasure rearing them from egg to hatchling to young spritely ducklings

before sending them off to a local farm to live a long and happy life.

As the seasons transition once again, the children are experiencing further change in the environment and we have quickly moved through the days of blossom and cool breeze into sunshine and the warm summer sun appearing in the sky. This has allowed a change of resources which are a lot more water based much to the delight of the children.

We are currently very busy as some of our older children prepare to head off to pastures new in their prospective

schools. This last term is a great opportunity for us to equip the children with the tools and development they need for school readiness. We have been very lucky to watch them grow during their time at Nestlings and know they will flourish in their new settings.

It would not be right of us not to mention a HUGE achievement undertaken by one of our parents very recently...

Very bravely one of our Mummy's set off on the Jurassic Coast Ultra Challenge successfully completing 58km in aid of our preschool. Walking through sun, rain and a big thunder storm, Teigan raised £335 in sponsorship for Nestlings.

We are all immensely thankful and proud in equal measures. As a charity run preschool, injections of donations such as this allow us to provide the learning we are all passionate about for our community's children.

If you would like any information on joining our committee then please do get in touch.

Enquiries for both funded and non-funded children welcomed.

Please email Belinda.at.nestlings@googlemail.com or call 01225 783383 for more information.

Here's to a magical summer Nestlings!

Tea Break - Caption Time



I'm delighted to say that the winner of the Caption Competition for Spring was Gloria Simpson with **"No, Trevor. I'm NOT going to say cheese and that's that."** Congratulations Gloria the Amazon voucher is with you now.

So who's going to be the winner next time? Remember you can't win it unless you're in it! Good luck!



TROWBRIDGE FRENCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Charenton-le-Pont is on the south-east edge of Paris, where the rivers Seine and Marne meet. It's a town in its own right, but only a quick journey by metro or bus into central Paris.



The first time you visit Charenton, you might wonder why on earth it is the twin town of Trowbridge. Everywhere are tall concrete buildings, masses of railway lines, crazy traffic and a very urban landscape. Hardly like Trowbridge! So how did it come to be chosen? When we were looking for a French twin town, there was an official organisation that suggested partners - and primarily it was based on similar

populations! Of course, both towns have rivers, and 'bridge' in their names, though the Seine is a bit bigger than the Biss, but this is the reason we call our newsletter 'Sur le Pont' (On the bridge). And what matters is the people are really welcoming and, like us, keen to make friends beyond country boundaries.

Twinning means that people visit one another's town in alternate years, normally staying in family homes over a weekend. It's pretty lively, with a reception at their magnificent town hall (actually, a very historic building amidst the concrete!) a visit to somewhere like a chateau or gardens or an exhibition in Paris, maybe a picnic, a dinner for everyone in a restaurant, and time spent with the people hosting you. Language is never a problem - it really is NOT a requirement to speak French, and on their side, many don't speak a lot of English, but everyone manages to communicate surprisingly well. Because you are meeting 'real people' and not just the waiters you might encounter on holiday, you get to see much more of

French lifestyle with all its similarities and differences. So you break the barriers.

When it's the turn of people from Charenton to come to us, we offer a similar weekend programme, and we try to include all our members not just the hosts.

In the past, schools and various special interest groups have also made exchanges with their Charenton counterparts, including singers and sports people, and this is something we'd like to expand. So if you're a member of a club or group, why not get in touch?

One difference between us and Charenton, is that everyone in the French town is automatically a member of the Twinning (though some join an inner group to get more involved) whereas here, that's not the case. We have to recruit members to our Association and currently (thanks to a bit of a decline since Covid) we are seeking more members.

Here in Trowbridge we offer at least one social event a month, usually with a French twist. Such as French-menu meals, wine-tasting, French films (English subtitles, of course), boules, quiz nights, pop-up French café, walks, French conversation. These are a great chance to get together with like-minded people and also it's how we raise funds to host our French visitors every two years.

Message from Pascale in Charenton

I've had the pleasure of chairing the Comité de Jumelage de Grande-Bretagne à Charenton-le-Pont for the past four years. Four years filled with wonderful experiences and fond memories, such



as our visits to Trowbridge, your visits to Charenton, and most recently the spring twinning event with the Bathampton Morris Men, whom I had the pleasure of meeting the first time I came to Trowbridge. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that my term as President will soon come to an end, as I will be stepping down at the end of this season. 2024 will remain a special year, not only because of the Olympic Games being held

in Paris, but above all because I am bringing to an end two great adventures: the presidency of the association and that of my professional life. I'm ending this adventure on a very positive note: your visit this May. I look forward to seeing you soon in Charenton, and to sharing great moments with you once again.

If this sounds like something that appeals to you, and you have a love of France or French food or culture as we do, just email trowbridgefrenchtwinning@gmail.com or phone Helen on 01225 783195.

Staverton WI

Staverton WI's speaker for our March meeting was Lyndsey Wright who talked about her work with Fairtrade a global movement that aims to ensure fair prices, safe working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.

She also organised a quiz to test our knowledge of Fair trade. Members were able to purchase from a wide range of Fairtrade products including tea and coffee.

In April Jill Neighbour talked about her work at the Storehouse foodbank which was set up in Trowbridge 14 years ago. To provide families, couples and individuals in short term need with food and toiletries. Jill has received a Civic award for her work. Our members donated items of non



perishable food to the charity.

In May our Annual meeting took place and the future of Staverton WI hung in the balance as several of the committee members were standing down including the President and the Secretary but fortunately two ladies stepped forward to fill these positions so when we cut the cake to commemorate our 65th birthday it really was an afternoon to celebrate.



We meet on the third Thursday in the month in Staverton club at 2pm. The first three visits are free just turn up and you will be most welcome.

Any enquiries to secretary Helen Sheppard on 01225 765872

Have Your Say

Two very interesting letters from Staverton residents to report. Thank you very much for sending them in. Please keep them coming (to newsletter@stavertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

I have noticed recently the sound of explosions in the Staverton area, which are very loud and audible from my end of the village. It sounds like a rifle and possibly someone shooting at wild life. (rabbits?) I hope very much that is not the case. It seems to come from the Holt direction.

We are much too far away for it to be military sounds from Salisbury Plain.

I wonder whether anybody else has noticed or mentioned this and what, if anything, we can do about it?

A house near us has had scaffolding up for 3 months now. The work was finished a long time ago but the company appear to have forgotten about it. We even rang them up to ask when it would be removed. They said they were having staff issues and would get there as soon as they could.

My belief is that it is convenient for them to 'store' it there until it is needed for another job.

Is there anything that Staverton News could do to help?

I've been speaking with Trevor Carbin (Wiltshire Councillor) re the gunfire. He said that as a rule if someone has a gun, a licence and is shooting on their own land / a designated 'shooting area' then unless it is occurring at antisocial times (ie the middle of the night) there is unlikely to be anything that can be done...

... However, he did say it may be worth contacting Environmental Health to report this. They will most likely ask you to monitor and record such occurrences for them to act accordingly.

If anyone else is adversely affected by such noise please get in touch as it would add weight to any Environmental Health enquiry.

We emailed the company in question as follows...

I am the editor of the Staverton News and have received a letter from one of our readers regarding scaffolding owned by yourselves which has been left at a Staverton property for 3 months!

We will be publishing the letter in the Summer Edition (in the next couple of weeks) and wanted to give you an opportunity to respond.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

As yet I've had no response... but I'm happy to say that within 3 hours of me sending the email the scaffolding was removed.

We also received this note from Andy. Many thanks Andy... We are in very difficult and expensive times. There is help out there, so if you are struggling, please do ask for advice and don't feel you are the only person experiencing such things.

Money.

Please understand, I am not a financial advisor.

As we are living through a Cost of Living Crisis, I thought this would be a good time to remind some and inform others. There is a Wiltshire based Credit Union.

<https://acorncommunitybank.co.uk/>

Some Unions, businesses and other organisations also have a Credit Union. Sometimes they are in partnership with other service providers who provide their services at discounted rates.

Credit Unions are government backed, volunteer staffed, savings and loans entities. Because they are not-for-profit, credit unions often provide services with better terms, such as lower fees, higher savings rates, and lower loan rates. They can be useful in consolidating debts.

Credit Unions also provide financial counselling. I can't recommend one, but they are worth checking out. They are a much better alternative to Pay Day Loans.

Good Luck

Andy Borresen



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From the Rectory - Chris Hunter



I once introduced myself in a new church by saying "Let me tell you a couple of things about myself. I have a sports car and a speedboat. Not at the same time, obviously, I haven't got that much Lego." I spent the next two months explaining that this was a joke I had stolen from the comedian Milton Jones. Half the people I was speaking to wanted to know what sort of sports car I was driving and the other half looked cross at the idea of a Church of England vicar with that a sports car and a speed boat!

Perhaps I should stick to introducing myself by saying that my name is Chris Hunter and that, in July, I am being installed as the Rector of Canalside Benefice, covering the churches in Staverton, Hilpert, Semington and Whaddon. I am looking forward to getting to know people in the coming months as I get used to the area and begin to learn all the different places, best routes to get around and best place to have a cup of coffee.

I am really excited to be starting this new role. Most recently, I have completed my curacy at the church of St John's and St Helen's in Wroughton and Wichelstowe, near Swindon. Before becoming a priest, I was a primary school teacher for ten years. I am moving to Canalside with my wife, Sally, and our two children, and we're all really looking forward to getting involved in the local community. Both Sally and I are really passionate about our local area, building up links in the community and developing connections between church and other organisations. Hopefully, in the months to come, you will get to know me and the family, without too many confusions based on my bad sense of humour.

I'm sure I speak for everyone at Staverton when I wish you and your family a very warm welcome. I hope you have a long, enjoyable and rewarding time here. All the very best!

Services Coming Soon

Full details of all services and events can be found on our website canalsidebenefice.org.uk
For church related queries please contact Michael Gamble 07795400262
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JULY

Sunday 7th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpert
Sunday 14th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpert
Tuesday 16th	7pm	INSTALLATION AND INDUCTION OF THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER PAUL HUNTER AS RECTOR OF THE CANALSIDE BENEFICE (The PARISH of HILPERTON and STAVERTON and The PARISH of SEMINGTON)	St Michael's Hilpert
Sunday 21st	11am TBC	HOLY COMMUNION and PATRONAL FESTIVAL for the FEAST DAY of ST MARY MAGDALEN	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpert
Sunday 28th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpert
	4pm	TEA@theTIN	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpert

AUGUST

Sunday 4th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road Hilpert
Sunday 11th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpert
Sunday 18th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpert
Sunday 25th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	St Michael's Hilpert


Cornerstone
Christian Fellowship

At the time of writing we are being bombarded by opinion polls, surveys and statistics. But here are some statistics from a national survey conducted recently which might surprise you.

- 48% of people describe themselves as a christian and 12% of people describe themselves as an atheist
- 46% of people believe that Jesus rose from the dead
- 50% of people describe christians as friendly and caring

Want to find out more? Cornerstone Christian Fellowship is a church that meets in your community every week. Please come and join us on a Sunday morning at Staverton Primary School at 10:45 am for family worship and fellowship. You can be sure of a warm welcome.



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