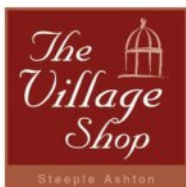


STEEPLE ASHTON
NEWSLETTER
GREAT HINTON
JULY 2023



St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, from the garden of Church Farm
Photo by Bryan H Berrett with kind permission of Richard and Sue Cottle. I took this photo in preparation for an illustrated talk entitled *The History, Architecture and Symbolism of St Mary's Church*, which I hope to present early in 2024. As St Mary's has hit the headlines recently, I thought this image may help to focus minds on the future of this outstanding place of worship – whose missing spire gave the village its prefix.



Steeple Ashton Village Shop

Opening Hours - please see page 7 for the current shop opening hours.

Shop telephone: 01380 871 211

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Editorial

Hello everyone - Good news - Nigel Perrin and his choir are aiming to perform a sung evensong in St Mary's at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd July.

We also have several other summer events to look forward to - see inside the newsletter. I know we need rain for our gardens but it would be nice if this happened at night and the outdoor events could be enjoyed in the sun.

I must just mention that the specialist painter who we are hoping will come and work on the church organ pipes, Robert Woodland, has just been awarded an MBE for services to art and heritage crafts. He was highly delighted to be described as a wood grainer and decorative artist. Robert is still looking forward to working in our beautiful church which he also thinks is a mini cathedral. **Helen**

Newsletter Deadline for 2023

July 18th (for August & September), September 19th

Items for the **next** newsletter should be received by **Tuesday 18th July**. They should be sent to Mrs Helen Montague-Smith, 1A Butts Lane, Steeple Ashton or by email to **helenmontaguesmith8@gmail.com**

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The Editor would like to remind you that it is up to you, the readers, to supply all news and copy for the newsletter. The sender's name and address need to be received before printing. Telephone 01380 871285.

Inquiries for advertisements in the newsletter should be made to **Bridget Lewis** : email: **adverts4steepleashton@gmail.com** or 01380 871279

Please send your ads by email if possible.

Please note, we do not deliver flyers for advertisers.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Exercise of Public Rights to Inspect the 2022/2023 Accounts

Steeple Ashton Parish Council confirms the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are as follows:

Commencing on Monday 12th June 2023 and ending on Friday 21st July 2023

Any person interested has got the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2023 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the Clerk.

The period of inspection is 30 working days. This year it commences 12th June and ends 21st July.

The internal audit report and other relevant documents 2022-2023 are available for inspection. The paperwork has now been sent to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP 1 Westferry Circus London E14 4HD. The external auditor's report will be published when completed.

Parish Council Vacancies

At the current time the PC has four vacancies. We would welcome new recruits, particularly to make our council more diverse to better represent our village population.

If you care about your community, want to make a difference and get involved in some exciting projects, please contact me, Robert Leonard (871244) or our clerk, Nicola Duke (01373 864127), for an initial chat.

New members can be co-opted to the council through a simple vote, there is no need to go through an election process. You do need to be over 18 years old and have lived or worked in the parish for the past 12 months.

Highways Group

The Parish Council would like to form a Highways group within the village of Steeple Ashton. The group would consult and consider matters relating to the highways through the village in particular to road safety to all road users including pedestrians.

Members of Community Speed Watch have indicated a willingness to participate in this group. If any parishioner would like to join this group or like further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

Planning Applications

The below listed planning applications were considered at the June PC meeting:

PL/2023/03524 - 1 St Marys, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6EN - New two storey dwelling – No Objection subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That no building materials are stored on the highway
- 2) That the materials and finish for the dropped kerb are agreed before construction
- 3) That the applicant confirms he has the express permission of the landowner to access the dwelling via the bank

PL/2023/03432 - 6 Home Farm Close, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6AH - Construction of a garden room in the back garden – No Objection

Wiltshire Council Planning Decisions

PL/2023/02415 - THE OLD PARSONAGE, VICARAGE LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 - 6HH - T1 - Yew: To reduce Yew by 2m all over – Approve with conditions.

PL/2023/02958 - 4 DARK LANE NORTH, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6EY - 30% Reduction to Yew tree over the lane – No Objection.

PL/2023/02702 - 9 COMMON HILL, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 6EE - Single storey oak framed side extension to provide a garden room – Approve with conditions.

PL/2023/01059 - 3 JACOBS MEAD, COACH BARTON, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 6EX – Proposed single storey rear extension, replacing existing lean-to utility and conservatory - Approve with conditions.

PL/2023/01767 - 32 ACRESHORT LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 6HD - Internal alterations, proposed first floor extension and garage conversion to the existing dwelling. Erection of a new oak double garage – Approve with conditions.

PL/2023/03149 - 34 - 36 ASHTON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 6EU - T1 - Field Maple - Re-pollard. T2 - Lawson Cypress - Fell. G3 - Group of mixed broadleaf trees - Crown raise to 3m above ground level – No Objection

PL/2023/03151 - 24 HIGH STREET, STEEPLE ASHTON, BA14 6EL

- T1 - Fig - The tree has outgrown its location, Fell to ground level and replant area with a more suitable species – No Objection.

Parish Council meeting dates 2023-2024

The Parish Council will meet on the following dates, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall:

Monday 10th July – Full Council – Please note change of date from 3rd July

Monday 7th August – Planning Only (if required)

Monday 4th September – Full Council

Monday 2nd October – Planning Only/Neighbourhood Planning

Monday 6th November – Full Council

Monday 4th December – Planning Only/Neighbourhood Planning

Parish Council Contact:

The Clerk can be contacted on 01373 864127 / 07971 987806 or email clerk@steeple-ashton.co.uk. All Councillors have live @steeple-ashton.co.uk email addresses which are also posted on the website.

Find us on Social Media through the **Parish Council page**, we cover many topics of interest to our residents. There is also a **Steeple Ashton Village Discussion Group** and a group called ‘**Steeple Sells**’ for those of you that would like to buy and sell things locally – these pages are not a part of the Parish Council policies or procedures, just a natural extension of social media activities. We would love you to get involved – search for ‘Steeple Ashton’ on Facebook. If you are a village group and need help with your social media or village event promotions, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk at clerk@steeple-ashton.co.uk or 07971 987806.

Find us on the website at <https://steeple-ashton.co.uk/>

Useful Information

Postal Collections:

Longs Arms - Weekdays - 4.15pm; Saturday - 10am

Newleaze - Weekdays - 9am; Saturday - 7am

Great Hinton - Weekdays - 9am; Saturday - 7am

Mobile Library Visits - Wednesdays; Longs Arms - 11.00 - 12noon;
Ashton Common Bus Stop - 3.35pm - 4.00pm
July 12th; July 26th

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

The summer continues with long and hot days producing their fair share of issues for Councils of all types. However Wiltshire Council can finally try to catch up with the never ending list of potholes that require repairing after a "perfect pothole storm" of a winter which was both wet and cold. The numbers of repairs and the quality of those repairs are improving. A 10% weekly gain on repairs over reports is really good news and new machines are making a better job of those repairs. I repeat the mantra that if it is not reported then it will not get repaired so please keep using the MYWILTS app to report potholes. It is of note that Wiltshire Council ran a very well attended Pothole webinar in June to update residents on the work that the Council is doing in this area and it is hoped that this very informative event will be repeated.

Transport and highways remain really important parts of our lives in our rural County where we rely so heavily on our cars to get about. However not everyone has a car so it is good news that the £2 bus fare was extended by Wiltshire Council. The Council is also looking to improve cycling and walking routes in our local towns. The three Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) set out proposals for cycling and walking networks in each town (Trowbridge, Devizes and Chippenham), and highlight how these networks will be improved and connected to make it easier and safer to walk and cycle in the towns. Have a look on the Wiltshire Council website in order to have your say on these Plans.

Wiltshire Council is also trying to modernise its Waste Collection and Recycling services. Every household should have had a leaflet to explain what is happening and this is worth a read. It is particularly important to comply with what you can and cannot put in various bins as the Council is checking bin content on a random basis before they are collected (a practice which I have opposed). However one new and useful service is that the Council will collect small rechargeable electrical items if you put them in a carrier bag and leave the bag next to your blue bin on collection day.

Finally, on a personal note, I am pleased to have been elected by fellow Melksham Wiltshire Councillors to Chair the Melksham Area Board once more. I have chaired the Board for eight of the past fourteen years and I am looking forward to a term of office where I can concentrate on services and serving within our Community Area.

Jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel:07770774463 Facebook: JSforWC

STEEPLE ASHTON VILLAGE SHOP

Normal Opening times:

Monday – Friday: 7.30am to 4.30pm

Saturday: 8.30am – 4pm

Sunday: 9am to 12noon



The year is racing on and, by the time you read this, the Summer Solstice will have already taken place. It's been difficult to keep our gardens healthy, we need the rain, but the long, warm evenings have been delicious.

As advised last month, we have been asked to provide a pop-up shop on Keevil Airfield again this year, starting on the 5th August, and will soon have a rota in the shop. It's always an enjoyable experience to be there whilst the competition is taking place and we ask volunteers wishing to help at the airfield to please do so in addition to their normal weekly shifts.

Just to remind you that genuine Cornish Pasties, both traditional and vegetarian, and big Sausage Rolls are baked every day, and Brown Mulltigrain Cob loaves and Croissants are baked to order. If you have tradespeople working in your homes or gardens, please pass this information on and suggest that they visit the shop for freshly made sandwiches and cold drinks throughout the day.

The Shop AGM took place on the 9th of June as planned and details of the new committee will be revealed in due course.

Caren Felton



The June WI meeting had been planned a couple of years ago and had had to be re-jiggled more than once so that it was awaited with some apprehension, particularly as its appropriateness now seemed less assured. On a very hot evening, members arrived bedecked in their 'best' hats.

The business included a brief report by the President on her recent trip as delegate for the area, to the Annual WI council meeting in Cardiff. These meetings are always highly enjoyable – and not so long ago would have boasted a beautiful array of hats to be reported on; how fashion changes! Ann explained that an amendment had been requested for the resolution which called for the cleaning up of our rivers for both humans and animals. The constitution doesn't allow for so late an amendment so the executive committee will consider the possibility of changing this. Despite some reservation on the whole the resolution was considered important and was passed by a very large majority.

So why was there such a delightful display of hats at our meeting? The hats had all been decorated by the members for the competition. There were hats trimmed with flowers of very summer variety – both garden and wild-some with their own population of blackfly! There were hats trimmed with lace, ribbons, artificial flowers; imagination had run wild. Even Carmen Miranda appeared with a hat covered in strawberries – each one carefully wired. And all of this was because the speaker, Daphne Atkinson, had come to tell us of 'The Queen's Hats'! Daphne showed us slides of the late Queen in a huge variety of styles and materials for occasions here and aboard, official and family, not to mention the races and of course in her well-loved head-scarves. We learnt that all her hats, which always allowed one to see her full face, are held in place with discrete hat pin covered in the same fabric as the hat. She had over 5000 hats; once asked what the Queen did with 'old' hats Daphne had said that the Queen spent her evening removing the trimmings, bow, feather, and flowers – not wild flowers and certainly without wildlife-before sending them to charity shops! In truth we don't know but she definitely wore her hats again on different occasions. The dominant colour of her outfits appeared to be pink, although they were of every colour of the rainbow.

The completion at our next meeting is to make something from all colours of the rainbow; a hat of every hue perhaps! Our speaker on July 12th is Lindsey West from House of Colour. Her theme is how to make yourself feel good by using colours to flatter. As ever, everyone is welcome to join us

on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

And although it was a difficult call Daphne chose Pauline Tiller as the winner of the hat competition.



 **SAVE THE DATE!** 

‘Picnic in the Park’

Saturday Sept. 9th from 1pm – 4pm
at Acreshort Community Park, Acreshort Lane

All are welcome!

More details to follow in Aug/Sept magazine... 

Contact us at: sagecontact851@gmail.com

Follow our SAGE Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2548517398732853>

St Mary’s Recreation Ground

The Coronation picnic at St Mary’s recreation ground was great fun. For the Steeple Ashton Rec Group it was an opportunity to show you, and collect comments on, the three options for improving and modernising St Mary’s.

All the comments are now in and an initial review shows that option 2, the ‘medium time and cost to deliver’ option, including a 5-a-side football pitch, was a clear favourite. The Rec Group will now look at all the written comments and suggestions for improvement and will prepare a final plan for presentation to the Parish Council in September. There will then be an open meeting to show the plan to the village; details in the next newsletter. The group will also publish a report showing the results of the consultation.

The Rec Group is grateful for the many, more than 250 people, who completed the questionnaire and also to those who made donations

towards the cost of the picnic. The surplus cash, which is likely to exceed £2500, has been passed to the charity set up to improve recreational facilities in the village. Some donors have already completed the simple form that allows the charity to collect Gift Aid on the donations (this is worth an extra 25%). If you would like to do the same then please email me at g.oughton@btinternet.com.

Gerry Oughton

METHODIST CHURCH

‘He’s got the whole World in His hand’



A hand can protect and give comfort. A hand can create and direct. There is a sculpture made by the Swedish artist Carl Milles called ‘The hand of God’, and it gives a beautiful image of what it can be to be in God’s hand. The sculpture is a big hand lifted up, toward the sky. In the palm of the hand a man is standing on his two feet, and it looks like he is finding his balance in the hand while he is also, at the same time, stretching himself to see maybe the world, his surroundings, what the future holds. That is one way to be in God’s hand; to stand up, meet life and the future, while finding balance and strength in the palm of God’s hand.

God is near to all of us. Sometimes we might sense it as a protective or comforting hand when we somehow feel that we are not alone. We might pray that God’s loving hand will be there to direct us into a path that is right for us. We might every now and then see traces of God’s creative hand when we discover grace in the nature around us. We can also remind ourselves how the source for strength and balance can be in God’s hand. I like to think of it as a hand opened up to bless us. God is near and we can stand up in God’s hand, open to God’s blessings when we meet the world and our future.

Fresh from the Word

Church Diary

All services are at 9.15 am unless otherwise stated. Please come along and join us. You can be assured of a warm welcome, and a time to chat, plus a

cup of tea or coffee after the service. If there is anyone for whom you would like prayers to be said, please leave details in the post box at the front door, and they will be included in the Intercessory Prayers on Sunday.

JULY

Sunday 2nd 9.15 am Rev. Gary Gotham
Thursday 6th 2.30 pm CAMEO
Sunday 9th 9.15 am Rev. Tracey Lewis – Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th 7.30 pm Housegroup
Wednesday 12th 10.30 am Reflections & Fellowship
Thursday 13th 2.30 pm CAMEO
Sunday 16th 9.15 am Rev. Graham Warmingham
Thursday 20th 2.30 pm CAMEO
Sunday 23rd 10.30 am Pauline Tiller
Tuesday 25th 7.30 pm Housegroup
Wednesday 26th 10.30 am Reflections & Fellowship
Thursday 27th 2.30 pm CAMEO
Sunday 30th 10.30 am Sector Service at Westbury Methodist Church

AUGUST

Sunday 6th 9.15 am Rev. Gary Gotham

C A M E O (Come And Meet Each Other) A Warm Space

An open invitation for anyone who would like to meet others for a cuppa and a social chat from 2.30 – 4.00 pm on a Thursday afternoon at Steeple Ashton Methodist Church – All welcome.

REFLECTIONS & FELLOWSHIP

A group who get together on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings of the month, to look at parts of the Bible to see how it affects our lives. This is an informal group and not 'heavy'; and led by our own Izzie Smears. Feel free to come along and try it. Any queries speak to Izzie on 01380 870538.

CATHOLIC NEWS

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST TROWBRIDGE & ST BERNADETTE'S
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PARISH PRIEST CANON TOM FINNEGAN

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www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk

Diocese of Clifton Registered Charity No 1170168

**Please see below the usual weekly timings of our Masses:
but please check newsletter for changes.**

Now that Canon Liam has retired from St Thomas More church in Bradford-on-Avon, it has been combined with Trowbridge & Westbury parishes under Canon Tom. This has caused a change in some mass times as follows:

St John the Baptist - Trowbridge

Sunday & Weekday Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10.30pm

Monday 9am

Tuesday 6pm

Friday 9am

St Bernadette's - Westbury.

Mass times will be:

Sunday 9am

Thursday 10am

St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon

Mass times will be:

Saturday 4pm

Wednesday 9am

Live streaming:

All masses are streamed live on www.Churchservices.tv or on You Tube 'Mass in Trowbridge'

Parish Newsletter:

This is available weekly on the Parish website

www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk

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and Steeple Ashton**
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*The Pew News can be downloaded from the Benefice website.
If you do not have access to the internet, do consider letting us
have your postal address so that we can post/deliver
you a copy.*

**Worship and Prayer in the Benefice
in the month of July**

All services scheduled below include a sermon or homily.

**Sunday, 2nd July THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY/THOMAS THE APOSTLE** (transferred from 3rd July)

9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Nicholas', North Bradley
11 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Steeple Ashton
11 am	Patronal Family Service	St Thomas', Southwick
6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	St Mary's, Steeple Ashton

Sunday, 9th July THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Steeple Ashton
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary's, Steeple Ashton
11 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Thomas', Southwick

**Tuesday, 11th July Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte
Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c. 550**

9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Thomas', Southwick
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Sunday, 16th July THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) St Nicholas', North Bradley
11 am Holy Communion (CW) St Mary's, Steeple Ashton

Sunday, 23rd July THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's, Steeple Ashton
10 am Family Service St Nicholas', North Bradley
11 am Holy Communion (CW) St Thomas', Southwick

Sunday, 30th July THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11 am Benefice Holy Communion (CW) St Nicholas', North Bradley

CW - Common Worship, Order 1 (contemporary language);

BCP - Common Worship, Order 2 (traditional language).

The Coronavirus (COVID-19). In consideration of those around you when in church, you are encouraged to continue **using hand sanitisers and take appropriate precautions to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.**

Morning Prayer is normally said at St Nicholas', North Bradley, Monday - Wednesday. Further details are posted weekly in the Pew News and on the Benefice website.

"We lift up in prayer the people of our Benefice each morning; please let us know if you would like us to include in our prayers any particular person or cause." All are welcome!

St Mary's is open for individual prayer during the day.

Please visit the Benefice website www.threeinonebenefice.org for details of services, which may be subject to change - and for a range of information about the Parish and the Benefice.

And note that the Blog is now up and running !

Notices

Occasional offices

For baptisms, marriage services and funeral services in church, please contact The Vicar.

Getting involved at St Mary's

There are currently vacancies at St Mary's for the role of churchwarden and PCC treasurer and PCC secretary. We are also delighted to hear from anyone who would like to read at services or act as a sidesman/woman.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact The Vicar.

Concerts and other cultural events at St Mary's

We welcome such occasions.

If you are interested in using St Mary's as a venue, please direct your initial enquiries to The Vicar.

Church Street Cinema

Following up the notice posted in last month's Newsletter, I am delighted that **Church Street Cinema** will make its first appearance at the **Village Hall, Steeple Ashton**, on **Friday, 28th July**, with a showing of the original 1957 version of **12 Angry Men**. Directed by Sidney Lumet, and starring such legends as Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb and Jack Klugman, this gripping movie is considered by many to be one of the greatest legal dramas in the history of the cinema.

Tickets are £5 each, and will be on sale **on the door from 7 pm**. Wine and soft drinks will be available at a modest price before the film starts. There will be an opportunity for informal discussion about the film afterwards.

The film has a running time of **95 minutes** and will start at **7.30 pm**.

Film critic, Nick Riganas, writes about **12 Angry Men** as follows:

“In need of a unanimous, cut-and-dried guilty verdict by the end of the session, twelve jurors crammed in a small New York City jury room during one scorching hot day have the fate of an impecunious eighteen-year-old man in their hands. However, in what seems like an open-and-shut case of first-degree murder, one man, Juror #8, harbours reasonable doubt about the young defendant's guilt, having a hunch that there is a lot more to it than meets the eye. After all, a man is innocent until proven guilty. Can concerned Juror #8 overcome the obstinate prejudices of the other eleven members of the jury and let truth shine?”

Fr Oliver



Steeple Ashton Village Hall

JUNE 2023

First a belated thank you to all the children who came to the Coronation Crown Workshop. All the children seemed to enjoy themselves and created some wonderful crowns full of sparkle and bling, which were paraded on St Mary's Field on 6th May! Thank you to Kathryn and Justine who fielded children and sticky diamonds!

Repair & Maintenance:

The next job on this list is the refurbishment of the hall, skittle alley and stage floors. The surfaces have lost their protective coating over the decades and now need to be properly resurfaced to prevent damage to the wood and to protect them for future decades.

There is also work to be done at the back of the hall, clearing away vegetation to keep the path clear. We may need some help with this as we are all getting on a bit! If anyone has some time to help or oversee this, or has a strong young person who needs to be kept busy during the school holidays, please do let us know!

Events:

By the time you get this newsletter, it won't be long until our pop-up French Café on Saturday **8th July** 10.30 - 12.30. We hope lots of you will come along to enjoy some (real!) coffee & pastries while listening to our accordionist playing in the hall, which will be decorated to give a French vibe!

You can also browse our market stalls selling local cheeses, bread and charcuterie as well as a Brocante stall selling all sorts of delights and treasures. **NB.** We will be accepting **CARD** payments on all the stalls and for coffee. We're praying for lovely weather so that we can dress the outside as well...

On Friday **September 22nd** we are planning a 'Night for the Ladies' - just an enjoyable evening for socialising with your friends over a glass of wine/prosecco and some nibbles, listening to music and there will be a few stalls selling lovely things. We hope to raise a little for the Village Hall along the way. More details will follow.

On Sunday **3rd December** we are very happy to learn that Paula is organising another Christmas Fair and we will arrange the tea, coffee and cake as usual. All proceeds raised for the Village Hall.

The following Friday, **8th December**, we will be holding our Candlelit Supper as we did last year. Sandie is already planning the decorations!!

There are also plans afoot to have an American Brunch on Saturday **3rd February** - something to cheer us all in one of the gloomiest months! Details in due course.

So please put these dates in your diary. We are so grateful to everyone who supports the Village Hall and the committee wish you all a sun-filled summer & happy holidays.

BOOKINGS:	Sandra Stevens	07827 291945	email: steepleashtonvh@hotmail.com
GEN. ENQUIRIES:	Marian Little (Secretary)	01380 871161	email: secretary@steepleashtonvh.org.uk

Please feel free to contact us at any time with any queries



French Café!

Steeple Ashton Village Hall
Saturday, 8th July 2023

10.30 till 12.30pm

£3 for Real coffee! + Pastry

Accordionist

Market Stalls - Cheeses, Charcuterie, Bread, Brocante

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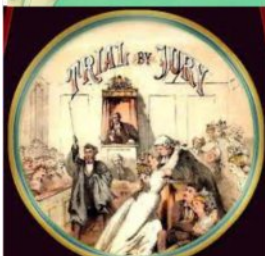
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CONCERT 7:00 - 8:30

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ST MARY'S
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Hog Roast

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Acreshort Community Park
Saturday 19th August 2023
7.00pm

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Tel: 01380 871211 to reserve

Tickets available from 17th July

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Keevil School

Keevil Primary School News - June

Last month Keevil welcomed visitors from neighbouring villages, parishes and beyond for the annual scarecrow trail. Revellers enjoyed beautiful weather and a fantastic time was had by all.

This year's scarecrow entries raised the bar once again, with some wonderfully creative and cryptic scarecrows on show. The event, run by Friends of Keevil School (FOKS), raised around £8,000 for the school. Head Teacher Lindsey Hermon said "I'd like to thank everyone who supported the school by participating in the trail, all of the volunteers and organisers led by FOKS, and of course the scarecrow makers. But most of all I'd like to thank our village residents for welcoming all of the visitors and supporting the school in such a huge way."

In other news this month, local children attending Keevil School welcomed the Wiltshire Air Ambulance for an Emergency Awareness Training programme.

The school children were put through their paces with an interactive training session delivering a range of lifesaving skills including:

- How to phone for an ambulance
- How to perform CPR
- Placing a patient in the recovery position
- Operation of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
- Assisting a person who is choking

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance aim is to educate the community and provide the children with the knowledge to confidently manage a medical emergency prior to the arrival of an Ambulance.

Head Teacher Lindsey Hermon said "The course is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to become even more well rounded individuals. Not only was it a great learning experience for all of the children, it arms them with new skills and knowledge that could make a real difference if they experience a medical emergency at home or in the community."

Sudan Coffee Morning

Raffle and Sales Table

Steeple Ashton Village Hall

Saturday 19th August, 10.30am - 12noon

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THE KING'S MEN COME TO EDINGTON!

We are looking forward to The King's Men coming to Edington on Friday 14 July to give a concert in the Priory Church.



Although they haven't completely finalised their programme, the ensemble of eight promise to sing an eclectic programme ranging from Byrd (celebrating his 400th anniversary) to arrangements of songs by Michael Bublé: something for everyone!

A perfect way to spend a summer evening, come and join us! The concert will begin at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Tickets from Susie Hancock – secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk or 01225 754626

Prices: £20, £15, £10, under 18 free.

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Proceeds from the concert will contribute to
The Friends of Edington Priory Church.

LUFFENHAM FIELD.....Could be lost to the village!

The lease for Luffenham field was held by the Friends of Steeple Ashton and all the brilliant work that has gone on there has been done under their stewardship. Now that the Friends of Steeple Ashton have disbanded, the lease has been returned to the trustees of the field.

At this stage no other group has come forward to take it on, and as a result the field will either be returned to its natural state, or a farmer will take on the lease and put it to crops or for grazing animals.....either way, it WON'T be available to be used by the village anymore.

Access will be restricted to the main footpath across the middle only (as with all private land)

The walks around the field will not be available

The benches and seats will go

Families will not be able to use it for nature walks

The Parish Council has intimated that they would consider taking on the lease and the insurance for the field, to allow it to remain a village amenity, as long as a group of people take on the maintenance (currently one villager maintains it, and could do with a little help).

So.....if you value this facility and can give an hour or so a month to help with trimming, cutting back and general maintenance of the footpaths, then please let Nicola Duke, Clerk of Steeple Ashton Parish Council know, so that the PC can make a decision.

Details are; clerk@steeple-ashton.co.uk, and 07971 987806 and 01373 864127

Would be so sad to see the field be lost..... **Francesca Buffery-King**

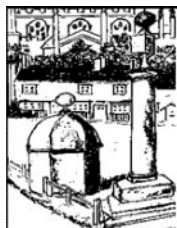
Edington Music Festival

This year will be the 68th Edington Festival, making it the oldest festival of music within the liturgy in the world. It will run from Sunday 20th to Sunday 27th August, with four services a day, three Cathedral and Collegiate choirs, top organists, and friends gathering from all over the world. Everyone taking part is grateful to the Priory Church for inviting them once again.

The theme is 'A Crown of Prayer and Praise', taking its inspiration from the seven-sonnet sequence 'La Corona' by John Donne. This year is the 400th anniversary of the death of William Byrd, so the week includes

many of his works, but also pieces by Rachmaninov, Matthew Martin, Herbert Howells, Orlando Gibbons and others. As always, the days are book-ended with Matins and Compline, sung to plainchant by the Schola, and the Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

The Musical Evening and Supper will be on Wednesday 23rd. There is lots of information about the festival on the website, www.edingtonfestival.org Don't forget that the festival is not ticketed, and that all services are free and unreserved.



STEEPLE ASHTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

UPDATE: JUNE 2023

There are no further updates on the Neighbourhood Plan this month as the Government has not released this year's funding to allow the next phase of plans to be developed. We do not think the Parish Council should have to use its own reserves to fund this project.....so we are waiting patiently (along with parishes across the country) for news from Central Government.

It was never going to be a quick job!

.....Next month we can report on the vision and objectives of the plan and the outputs from the consultation survey.

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