FROM THE CHAIR (Garry Folbigg)

Another month has gone by quickly. The clocks have altered, and we begin the run up to Christmas.

The Parish Council have been faced this last month with having to look into changing our Parish Council website and finding a new provider as the current service provider will be switching the service off from spring next year.

We have now appointed a new provider and hope for a seamless transfer next year and a better more multi-functional site for you to use.

The solar farm is making steady progress and we should see some panels going on soon as it nears completion.

We will be holding a workday on the playing field in the near future (date to be confirmed) and any help you can provide will be appreciated, just a general tidy up along the bridleway area.

The Borough Council have notified us they intend to investigate further the drainage issues on Spring Hill so hopefully this will get done before the winter gets hold.

As usual this time of year with the vegetation dying back the litter is beginning to appear, if walking your dog please help by gathering what litter you see too help keep the village tidy, we all seem rely on our very own local litter fairy who always appears to have collected something on her dog walks, thank you Marion.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

As the leaves on the trees turn from green to beautiful oranges and reds, we know that Autumn is here. The days are shortening, and the nights are drawing in, all around us there is a transformation in the landscape.

There is also imminent change to our world as we battle to keep on top of climate change, and who knows what is around the corner for our country?

If you visit any of our Churches, you will see subtle changes. In St Andrew's Church we have a Benefice Family Fun session on a Friday morning, and we can welcome up to forty people to that event. So that we don't have to keep moving the benches around , we have made a space at the back of the church by removing a pew and turning the other one around.

Another change that is happening is the way we can donate to our Churches:

You will soon see in the Church, in the pews and in this magazine a QR code which will allow you to donate by mobile phone, there will be more about this next month. The Diocese have also agreed to pay to enable every parish to have a card reader which will allow either chip & pin or contactless payments.

On another note, November is a time to remember those who have gone before us. We would love to see you at The Memorial Service at St Andrew's on November 2nd at 4.00pm, at our service which we hope, helps you to cope with the loss of your loved ones and at the same time helps you to remember them and give thanks.

There will be an Act of Remembrance on November 10th at all three churches marking 101 years since the End of the First World War.

So, let us look back with gratitude and forward with optimism.

With love and prayers,

Nicki Bland

SERVICES

3 November, 9.00am, Parish Communion

Remembrance Sunday 10 November, 10.45am, Service of Remembrance with laying of Wreaths

17 November, 9.00am, Parish Communion

1 December, 9.00am, Parish Communion

Father Christmas and Children's Christmas Card Competition: Sunday 8 December, 2 - 4.00pm, in church
Come along and meet Father Christmas, admire the competition entries and enjoy seasonal refreshments, a cake stall, and a tombola

CHURCH LIGHTING

During October All Saints' Church was kindly lit by Vicki Airs in memory of her recently deceased brother Nigel Griffiths. Also, Ian Robins remembered his parents Joe and Doreen by lighting the church. Mike Sargeant sadly lost another dog this year, Bryn and lit the church for him too. If you would like to mark a special occasion or remember someone by lighting the church contact Gill Shaw on 376530. All we ask for is a minimum donation of £10.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH 200 CLUB

This month's winners were as follows:-

1st prize	£80	Norman Sear
2nd prize	£40	Louise Dixon
3rd prize	£20	Nicki Bland
4th prize	£10	John and Jane Harris

If you would like to join the club or have any queries please give a call on 376530, or email me at clive50shaw@btinternet.com

BAPTIST CHURCH

www.**littlestaughtonbaptist.org.uk**

Sunday Services (10.30am and 6.00pm)
Leading our worship this month are:-
3 November am: Mr Andrew Jones
pm: Mr John Martin
10 November am and pm: Mr David Blake
17 November am and pm: Rev Mike Kendall
24 November am and pm: Mr Andrew Rome

Midweek Meeting
Bible discussion and prayer for matters Local, National
and International
Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

Fellowship and Coffee Morning
A short worship service, followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat.
Wednesday mornings at 10.00am

Live Wires
Crafts, games and Bible stories for the next generation.
Thursday evenings 6.15 to 7.15 pm for children aged 5 to 11 years.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for everyone who supported the morning. We raised a total of £160 which we have sent to Macmillan Cancer Care.

A thought to ponder … Rev. Roger Watkins

The story is told of three men marooned on a desert island with little hope of being rescued. One day, one of them discovered an old tarnished lamp and when he rubbed it, a genie appeared and offered to grant each man one wish.

The first man said, "I wish I was back working in my office", puff! He was immediately there. The second said "I wish I was home with my family". Puff! He was there.
The third man looked around and said "I wish my friends were back with me.2
The problem with wishing is that genies and magic lamps do not exist, but God does! He is more alive and powerful than any genie could be and when our wishes become prayers that line up with His will then they can become a reality.
The Bible teaches us this – but even when your wish is in line with God's will, You need one more thing – faith. Faith does two things; it opens your eyes to see that God's promises

are for you personally and it acts like a magnet drawing the fulfilment of God's promise into your life.
So, what are you wishing for? If it is God's will for you, you could have it. Perhaps your wishes need to be turned into prayers of faith.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Christmas Dance: Saturday 7 December - Licensed Bar opens at 7.15pm, Dinner served at 8.00pm and then dance the night away to the sounds of popular local band 'Cellar V'. Tickets £15 - available from Phil Benns 01234 376822, Paul Feneley 07932 739011, Brenda Foster 01234 376302, Marion Davies 01234 376713 and all Committee Members.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

The Friday Afternoon Tea Club would like to invite their members and any other villagers not working on that day to a Christmas Tea Party to be held on Friday 13th December (2.00.pm to 4.30.pm). Afternoon tea, sandwiches and cakes will be served. Once again by popular demand we will be entertained by a ukulele band.

If you would like to come along please RSVP to Jan Sweatman - tel. 01234 376606 (jansweatman@aol.com) or let Carol know at the Club. If transport is required, please let us know and arrangements can be made.

This is a non-profit making village community event and we hope to see as many people as possible. The invitation is open to all who live in the village. Please come along, help and join in the fun.

PUB QUIZ DATES

The Crown Mondays 8.30 pm

November 4th and 18th

December 2nd and 16th

January 6th and 20th

February 3rd and 17th

March 2nd and 16th

For more information please contact Duncan Brightman on 07931 567175.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY

The planning of the events to be held in the Village to commemorate/celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day is progressing well and we will shortly be advertising individual activities throughout the village. The 2020 May Bank Holiday weekend, Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May, will allow us to remember those who sacrificed so much in the service of their country whilst celebrating the freedom that we now enjoy.

Friday 8 May. The activities start with a national 'Toast to the Heroes of WWII' in The Crown on Friday afternoon and, the planned inauguration of a New Memorial on the Village Green at 19:30.

Saturday 9th May. An afternoon of fun for all the family on the Village playing field that includes games and activities, and a 'Street Party', followed by a Ticket Only evening Extravaganza in the Village Hall.

Sunday 10th May. Finally, on Sunday morning, the Rev Nicki Bland will hold a Church Service to remember those who made our freedom possible.

Please put the dates in your diary.

Clive Burchett"

Parish Council meetings:

Baptist Chapel, 7.30 pm.

20th November

18th December

15th January

19th February

18th March

15th April

Diary Dates 2019

December 7th, Saturday: Village Hall Christmas Dance.

December 8th Father Christmas and Children's Christmas Card Competition All Saints Church

December 13th: Village Christmas Tea Party

February 29th, Saturday: Church 'Black Tie' Fundraising Dinner

All copy for the **December 2019** issue to **Vicki Airs** at No 10, Spring Hill or email (vickiairs@aol.com)
by **Tuesday, 26th November 2019**
Thank you.