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EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed content for this edition. We are always looking for new contributors, whether regular or one off so please do send in any articles or photographs you would like included.

Cover picture shows two rescued miniature Shetland ponies which you may have read about in a previous edition,

If your event or group has not been mentioned please do get in touch, we can only include the information we are given.

Please see page 22 for information about the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum which takes place on 30th November.

On behalf of myself and our hardworking committee and distributors may I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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David Fryatt

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Dates for Your Diary

Dec.

- 3rd Candles in the Dark at St. Peter's Wrestlingworth 6pm
- 3rd Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 6th WI Lunch at Pig & Abbott
- 12th WI Christmas Party Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7-30pm
- 13th Christmas Cracker at St. Peter's Wrestlingworth 6pm-8pm
- 16th Santa in Cockayne Hatley, Eyeworth & Dunton (see page 20)
- 16th WI Dinner at Stratton House
- 17th PWWG Walk, meet at The Chequers 10am
- 17th Santa in Wrestlingworth (see page 20)
- 17th Music Night at The Chequers from 6-30pm

Jan.

- 1st PWWG Walk, meet at The Chequers 10am
- 7th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 8th Copy Deadline for the February/ March edition of the Village Link
- 15th Parish Council Meeting at Wrestlingworth Village Hall 7-30pm
- 18th History Society Meeting Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall at 7-30pm
- 21st PWWG Walk, Paxton Pits
- 21st Music Night at The Chequers from 6-30pm

Please email your diary dates to villagelink@zoho.com. We want to include all relevant events but do rely on your input; if you don't tell us, we might not know about your event. We would also like your articles and suggestions for future content. Why not tell us about your interesting pets or animals? We would love to hear about any other events, clubs or organisations we are not already featuring.

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Sunday Services for December 2017 & January 2018 and other news.

December

- 3rd 9.30am Parish Eucharist
10th 3pm Crib Service
17th 11am at St Peter's Wrestlingworth
24th 6pm Lessons & Carols at St Peter's Wrestlingworth
25th **Christmas Day** 9am Parish Eucharist
31st 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary Magdalen, Dunton

January

- 7th 11am Service at St Peter's Wrestlingworth
14th 9.30am Parish Eucharist
21st 11am Benefice Eucharist at Wrestlingworth
28th 10am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene, Dunton
This will be Lindsay's last service in the Benefice before his retirement.

Church Roof & fund raising

A huge thank you to the Biggleswade & District Choral Society for performing a concert in aid of our Roof & Fabric Fund on Oct 14th at Dunton Parish Church. It was very successful with a good audience. The choir pieces were based on Songs of the British Isles and were beautifully sung. Over £650 was raised for the fund.

We are waiting for a date for the roof work to begin and we will let you have details as soon as possible.

Retiring Rector

Many of you will know that I made the announcement of my forthcoming retirement at the beginning of October. It was a very difficult decision to make as you can probably guess. The side effects of my illness and treatment remain with me but the good news is that the most recent scan showed no change. I will be very sorry to leave but I am thankful for messages of support and understanding since the announcement was made. My last Sunday will be Jan 28th 2018 (Candlemas Sunday) and the service will be a Benefice Eucharist held at Dunton at 10am.

You are more than welcome to visit us and join in the services as above. Check out our page on the Benefice web site www.dewbenefice.com or read the church notice board for any changes to these dates and new ones which may be planned.

If you would like the Rector (Canon Lindsay Dew) to visit please do contact him on either 01462 743617 or lindsay.dew@btinternet.com or 07545878082. He is always happy to respond to pastoral need in the parish.

Canon Lindsay Dew



Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor Adam Zerny's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes the latest on Central Beds new Local Plan for housing including all the feedback to the public consultation, development in the nearby area and road closures. As always the newsletter will include a round-up of up-and-coming local events.

To get it directly, join the mailing list by emailing him at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.adamzerny.co.uk. For the latest news, follow him on twitter @adamzerny or facebook - cllr adam zerny .



Christmas at The Chequers

Available from 2nd to 22nd December The Chequers is delighted to offer its four course Christmas menu at just £25 per head. Booking and pre-ordering is essential and a 50% deposit will be required at the time of booking. Don't forget to buy tickets for our Christmas Raffle in aid of local charities.

Starters

Homemade Carrot & Coriander Soup, served with Roll & Butter.

Homemade Smoked Mackerel & Horseradish Pate, served with Toast and a Lemon & Chive dip.

Wild Boar & Juniper Berries filled Pasta, served on a bed of Rocket with Truffle Oil dressing & Parmesan Shavings.

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey, served with Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and a Rich Gravy.

Salmon Fillet & Prawns on a bed of Asparagus dressed with a Tarragon & Hollandaise Sauce, served with Buttered New Potatoes & Vine Tomatoes.

Stilton & Vegetable Crumble (Leeks, Carrots, Cauliflower & Broccoli in a Stilton sauce with a Crumble topping) served with Buttered New Potatoes & Vine Tomatoes.

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Custard & Brandy Butter.

White Chocolate & Raspberry Prosecco Roulade, served with Double Cream.

Selection of Cheese & Biscuits, served with a real Ales & Apple Chutney.

After Dinner

Coffee or Tea & an after-dinner Mint.

Christmas Opening Hours:-

Christmas Eve– open all day as usual for drinks (food 12-2pm lunch menu)

Christmas Day– 12-2pm drinks only

Boxing Day-closed

27th-30th-open as usual

New Years Eve– open 12-5pm (12-2pm lunch menu) closed from 5-7pm to set up for the James Bond theme New Years Party, £3 per ticket (limited numbers) including nibbles. Proceeds to local charities..

New Years Day-closed

John O' Gaunt Hosts the Wrestlingworth History Society

The November meeting of the Wrestlingworth History Society was held jointly with John O' Gaunt Golf Club members at Sutton Park. The talk entitled *Sutton Park and the Burgoyne Family* was given by club member Chris Walker and was a great success with over 80 people attending.



In the first half Chris (*pictured left*) talked about the Burgoyne family who lived at Sutton Park from the early 16th Century to 1938. Many of the Burgoyne family were well-known and influential. One particular member of the family was 'Gentleman Johnny' Burgoyne (*below*). Born at the Park in 1722, he was educated at Westminster School. As a fashionable young man, he joined the Horse Guards, gambled and generally lived the high life, even eloping to marry the daughter of Lord Derby.

During his military career, he is famed for surrendering to the Americans at the Battle of Saratoga in the War of Independence. In later life he became a Privy Councillor and a dramatist with several plays to his name. Dying in 1792 he is buried at Westminster Abbey.

Chris moved on to talk about Sutton Park, which was first mentioned in the Domesday book. In the 14th century the Manor was held by John O' Gaunt – hence the current name – where a small castle is thought to have existed on a mound in the grounds of the current golf club. Over the years changes were made to the layout of the park, including water features in the 17th and 18th centuries. The original Tudor mansion burned down in 1825 with the current building being erected some 33 years later. The last Burgoyne to occupy the house died in 1937 and during WW2 Italian prisoners-of-war were housed in the grounds. Following the war, plans were put in place to build a 9 hole golf course. Today there are two 18-hole courses, making John O' Gaunt one of the most prestigious golf clubs in the region.



The next meeting of the Society will be held at Wrestlingworth Village Hall on Thursday 18th January at 7.30. The Society's AGM will be held on that evening prior to a presentation on 'From Bedfordshire to Berlin'.



St Peter's Church, Wrestlingworth
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Services

3 December:	6.00pm Candles in the Dark
10 December:	11.00am Family Eucharist
17 December:	11.00am Parish Eucharist
Christmas Eve	6.00pm Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day	9.00am Parish Eucharist
31 December:	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene Dunton
7 January:	11.00am Parish Eucharist
14 January:	11.00am Sunday Praise
21 January:	11.00am Benefice Eucharist at All Saints Eyeworth
28 January:	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary Magdalene Dunton

Please check the notice board, the weekly notices sheet or our web site (www.dewbenefice.com) for any changes or additions.

13th December 6.00-8.00pm **Christmas Cracker**

All are welcome, young and old, to our ever popular annual Christmas Cracker in church. Come and sing your favourite carols with a glass of wine and Christmas refreshments. Please bring a carol request or a Christmas reading/poem to share.

St Peter's News

Despite the rain, our Bottle Stall at the Village Fete raised £131.00. Thanks to all who donated bottles and helped on the day.

On 1st October we held our Harvest Thanksgiving service. The congregation kindly donated non perishable food which was given to the Potton Food Bank.



On 23rd of September we held our first ever Harvest Supper for forty people. The church looked beautiful with flowers and night lights on the table making it very welcoming. We enjoyed a cold buffet with jacket potatoes, followed by fruit crumbles. A magnificent £300.00 was raised. We have purchased new mugs and a notice board to record all our news with some of the proceeds.

The funeral service for Frank Humberstone was held on 24th October. Frank loved Wrestlingworth and had lived here all his life. We send our condolences to his family.

On 28th October we welcomed Sean Deacon and Charlotte Boshier to church on the occasion of their wedding. The weather was a little chilly but the sun shone as Charlotte arrived. St Peter's wish Sean and Charlotte a long and happy life together.

Candles in the Dark

On Advent Sunday, 3rd December at 6pm we will have our annual Candles in the Dark service. During this service we light candles to remember those who are no longer with us. Please let Karen know if you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one but we warmly invite you to join us at St Peter's for this comforting service.

All are welcome at St Peter's, Wrestlingworth. If you would like to know more about our regular services or would like a visit from our Rector please do contact him on 01462 743617 or lindsay.dew@btinternet.com or 07545 878082.

You can also contact Karen Nurse (Church Warden) on 01767 631487 or karen.nurse@btinternet.com.

COCKAYNE HATLEY CORNER

Saint Nicholas and Cockayne Hatley

Saint Nicholas, otherwise known as Father Christmas, or Santa Claus (a Dutch dialect form of the saint's name), is surely everyone's favourite saint. St. Nicholas is one of the 16 carved saints in the church chancel where he is shown in bishop's robes and holding a bag of gold.

He was born in 270 AD of wealthy Christian parents in Myra, in what is now southern Turkey. After his parents' death in an epidemic, he lived with his uncle, a bishop. He became a priest and eventually, a bishop.

All the stories about him emphasize his acts of kindness and generosity, usually in secret. The most famous story, still told in Turkey, concerns three young women whose father was too poor to give them dowries. To prevent them being sold into prostitution or slavery, St. Nicholas gave each of them a bag of gold. The first time, he threw the gold through the open door; when the second child came of age he tossed it through the window; the third time, both windows and door were closed, so he climbed on the roof and put the bag down the chimney. As it fell, some gold pieces fell into stockings hung up to dry. Ever since, children have hung up their stockings on Christmas Eve in hope of a visit from Father Christmas.



Many miracles have been attributed to St. Nicholas. The most famous one claims that he brought back to life three little boys who were murdered and put in a tub of brine. The picture of a statue in an Italian church (*left*) illustrates this.

Another story states that he calmed a storm at sea to save a ship being wrecked. He is also described as saving a city from starvation, and sparing the lives of two Roman officers, unjustly condemned to death, by appearing in a dream to Emperor Constantine.

St. Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea in northern Turkey, which agreed the wording of the Creed, but was called primarily by the Emperor Constantine to combat the Arian heresy in which Arius, an eastern bishop, claimed that Jesus was a good man but not divine. St. Nicholas was said to be so angered by Arius that he struck him and, as a result, was removed from office for 3 months.

Nicholas is a Patron Saint of many countries, particularly Russia, and also of seamen, children, unmarried girls, travelers, and pawnbrokers – the latter’s symbol of three golden balls being taken from the three bags of gold.

St. Nicholas died in 326AD and was buried in his own basilica in Myra (the tomb still exists). In the 11th century, as Islamic armies swept across the Middle East, Italian merchants removed the remains and took them to Bari in Italy where they still lie in the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, much visited and cared for by the Russian community.

Pictured right St. Nicholas Bari Cathedral.

Gloria Crossley



Kasiisi Porridge Project says “thank you”

Firstly Wrestlingworth Lower School raised over £44 for us in their Harvest Service. That’s lots of porridge for the children we support in Uganda. Wonderful.

Secondly, the Benefice of Dunton, Eyeworth and Wrestlingworth Proposal for the 2018 Biggleswade Deanery Project has been accepted by the Deanery Synod. The proposal is a Kasiisi Porridge Project plan to build a solar-powered shower block on the proposed campsite on the Kasiisi School Farm. It will enable visiting trainee agriculturalists to stay and so we will be promoting educational benefit for Ugandan students and, hopefully improving their agricultural practice. Thank you.

www.kasiisiporridge.org

Remembering Someone Special

On 10 September I read my cousin's Facebook message. She'd been told: *"in or near Coari I will have my boat stolen and I will be killed too. Nice."* Two days later, this: *"Am in the clear. All OK."* But it wasn't.



Emma Tamsin Kelty, née Wrangham, was 42 days and over half way into a 4,000 mile journey, kayaking down the Amazon to the Atlantic. News soon reached us that Tamsin was murdered on 13 September by a gang of thieving drug dealers. Some are in custody but Tamsin's body is in the river.

This event and subsequent media attention impelled me not to dwell on her death but to honour her as the inspiration, especially to girls and women, that was her goal. Meeting her, you might not see anything beyond an intelligent, charming, fun-loving, family-minded person, who led a conventional life. But she didn't. Her mother died in 1991 when Tamsin was a teenager. In the later 90s she joined the army, a squadron known as "the Sharpshooters". Women were barred from frontline roles then, so she became the Squadron Headquarters troop leader and quickly gained respect. But sitting in command tents was not for her and after 3 years she left to pursue a career in education. She collected an MA in Deaf Studies and another in Education before later being appointed Head of a struggling Primary School, which she successfully led until her father's death in August 2014. That hit her hard, prompting another change in direction.

Living by her mother's motto: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today", she took to skydiving, triathlons and ultra-marathons. 2015 saw her first major solo expedition, a 2,600 mile hike from the US/Mexican border to Canada. She encountered rattle snakes in the path, and admitted to me with a giggle that she got lost and nearly died of thirst. Soon after, she heard the call of the southern ice, hired a guide and skied to the South Pole.



The allure pulled her back there in 2016. After skiing 46 days alone to the Pole in temperatures dropping to -50 C, she became the 6th woman in the world to do so.

She'd combined her punishing training with fundraising, and once cycled 300 miles to give a motivational talk to Army cadets in Northumberland. Her polar achievement, in aid of Cystic Fibrosis and Teach Africa, left her with a horribly painful condition called polar thigh.

She was hospitalised and had to fly home first class as she couldn't sit upright! Barely disheartened, she embarked on the next goal on her bucket list – to kayak down the Amazon from source to sea, solo. The fly in the ointment was that she didn't know how to kayak. Intensive training followed, on rivers in Wales, the Ardèche, Cyprus and Slovenia, along with demanding unarmed combat practice. Finally she set off to break an Amazonian record.



The thousands of comments posted since, highlight her adventurous soul and humane quality. Many are from people unknown to her, such as Brazilians horrified at the end she met in their country. Others mention where they first met her - in the army, at university, in Chile awaiting a flight to Antarctica, at a New Year's Eve party, on the Pacific Crest trail, walking to Land's End, at a Boot Camp, at the Brighton Chicken Run, having dinner near the South Pole, sharing wine on a balcony somewhere, learning to skydive, kayaking in the Ardèche, waiting for a train at Swindon... and on the memories flow. They recall her warmth, how she challenged preconceptions, found humour in almost everything and was baffled at others' surprise at her achievements.

Tamsin wrote of her hope to get into the media when back home, and that would drive donations in. Her 3 siblings are determined for some good to come from her senseless death, and judging by the outpouring of affection, and a rise in donations to her charities, it seems it already has. She isn't the first adventurer to accept great risk on the Amazon, and while it might be incomprehensible for most of us that she did so, she also had a large dose of bad luck. One day, someone WILL achieve her goal. Tamsin will not now write her book or give motivational talks to the young, but we can be thankful there are those like her who have the tenacity and courage to follow their dreams. As one friend put it: *"without people like Tamsin we'd still think the world was square"*.

I was in a camping store in Seattle in July. At the entrance was a large floormat emblazoned with the words: A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE WILD. I was going to give her the photo. It would have made her laugh!



Kate Wrangham-Briggs
November 2017



A Year in the Life of the Parish Walking and Wildlife Group

As another active year for the Parish Walking and Wildlife Group comes to a close we are reflecting on all our activities in 2017 and looking forward to a packed programme of walks in 2018

Our monthly walks this year have taken us to some regular spots, our annual Fungi Foray in Gamlingay Woods, winter bird-watching at Fowlmere, Top Farm, Tadlow, a Wild Flower Walk in Potton Wood as well as some new territory; a local expert-led Geology walk, and, further afield, an exploration around Hinxworth.

On March 4th we again organised the Village Tidy Up Day. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to restore our villages to growing season-ready state! Your efforts made a real difference to the look of our lovely villages.

Five hardy souls set their alarms early on May 7th for the annual dawn chorus walk to mark International Dawn Chorus Day on the first Sunday in May. All were regaled by wonderful early summer birdsong.

Our stall at the Goodwill Fete in September, featuring old favourite the ladder game, was well received and thanks to all who had a go at our challenging footprints quiz. Members of the group continue to replace old way marking posts, survey trees and check and replace bird food bins at the Reserve - their efforts are much appreciated. We are also indebted to the local Youth Club for providing bird boxes in the parish this year.

Work continues at the Lousy Bush Nature Reserve to allow light to penetrate and ponds to fill. The process to have the area adopted as an officially-designated Nature Reserve, recognised by Natural England with all the benefits that entails, is underway. Thanks to all who take time to clear undergrowth, fill bird-feeders, record species in the hide and read the information board.

Next year we are introducing a new walk to the schedule on New Year's Day making a total of 14 organised walks per year.

Come and walk off the previous night's excesses or just blow the cobwebs away on a local walk starting at The Chequers at 10am on January 1st and heading off to Potton via Pegnut Wood– a refreshment stop is planned! Walks take place on the third Sunday of each month and in 2018, as well as local walks starting at The Chequers at 10am, the schedule will include themed walks (adders in April!), a longer walk following some of the Clopton Way in July, as well as some slightly further afield to Tempsford (March) and the Danish Camp (June).

The next three walks are on Dec 17th, New England Farm Walk, meet at The Chequers at 10am, and as well as the New Year's Day walk mentioned above, we are visiting Paxton Pits on January 21st when car-sharing to the starting point will be available.

We are always keen to attract more walkers and new walkers so do contact us via the website www.pwwg.org.uk or contact Robin Barratt on 07768 340599, or join our Facebook page, if you would like to just get more information, join our mailing list or come on one of our walks. You are all welcome!

A reminder that the sun did indeed shine this year. Walkers on the May walk which 'Beat the Bounds' (marked part of the Parish boundary by walking it) on May 21st Rogation Sunday.





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Trial and Error Cooking by Gordon Blue

Some of my recipes work and some do but not that well, hence the *Trial and Error Cooking* title of these articles. This recipe is more of a work in progress!

THE WENSLEYDALE ‘UP AND UNDER’ MINCE PIE. (Serves four people)

Ingredients:-

Enough plain flour to make a pastry base for a 21cm diameter baking dish and the lid to cover the pie.

Couple of generous knife-fuls of butter or margarine

Small amount of milk, probably about 50mls max

411ml jar of mincemeat

50g (approx) of Wensleydale cheese.

Sprinkling of icing sugar.

Method

- Rub the margarine or butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Slowly add the milk and knead the dough until it's capable of being rolled with a rolling pin.
- Once this is done use just over half of it to line the baking dish, including the sides. Then add all of the contents of the jar of mincemeat, covering the pastry base.
- Roll out the remainder of the pastry and cover the pie dish, sealing it with the pastry lining. Then make a small hole in the centre of the pie with a knife.
- Bake in the oven at about 180 degrees until the top starts to go brown.
- When this is done and the pie has cooled down a bit, cut it into quarters, lift 'up' the lid of the pie and gently slip some thin slices of Wensleydale cheese 'under' the top lid of the pie. This is not easy to do!
- Then sprinkle some icing sugar on top of the pie and eat. You will find that the tangy cheese blends in very well with the sweetness of the mincemeat and the two ingredients complement each other.

Egon Ronnie comments:-

Having cheese with mince pies is very popular in Yorkshire, especially in Wensleydale! I'm a bit surprised that you made the pie this big. Is it because you don't possess a bun tray to make proper mince pies?

WRESTLINGWORTH GOODWILL FUND UPDATE

We are still looking for someone to chair the Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund Committee next year. The current Acting Chairman is stepping down at the end of this year and the position will be vacated.

Changes in the committee normally occur at the Annual General Meeting, held at the beginning of February each year, and it will be at the next AGM when our current chairman will not put himself forward for re-election. He is planning on being on the committee for 2018.

If you feel you would like to take on this important role, we would be very pleased to hear from you and, if any amongst you would like to join the Goodwill Committee, please let us know or come along to the AGM in February.

GOODWILL FUND QUIZ NIGHT WINNING TEAM 2017

Held on the 21st October, the Quiz Night was a great success with eight teams participating.

The winning team was ABLT and the names of the members of the team will appear, once again, on The Peter Knight Quiz Trophy plate and, once engraved, will be on display in the display cabinet in the Memorial Hall.

“SANTA’S BACK IN TOWN”

It will soon be that time of year again, the season of Goodwill, when Santa and his helpers deliver his parcels and has sweet treats in his sack.

They will be delivering to the villages on Saturday 16th December and will be in Cockayne Hatley around 1.30pm to 2.00pm, Eyeworth around 2.00pm to 3.00pm and Tadlow around 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

They will be in Wrestlingworth on Sunday 17th December around 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

So listen out for the Christmas Carols and look out for the sleigh on Sunday.

We will see you then. Yo Ho Ho!

Mick Andrews Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund Acting Chairman

Parish Council News

The October meeting of the Parish Council was well attended by residents. Topics raised during the open forum included questions about the possibility of the Old Tree Nursery in Potton Road Wrestlingworth being used by CBC as a Rural Exception Site to meet the housing need identified in the 2013 Housing Needs Survey. A Rural Exception Site is one which is outside, but adjacent to the settlement envelope of a village and is used solely for the construction by a housing association or local authority of homes for rent or shared ownership. If such a scheme were put forward by CBC the homes would be available in perpetuity to people with a connection to the parish who meet the financial eligibility criteria. A detailed response to questions raised at the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk. CBC has not put in a planning application to date.

Speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking were also mentioned. The Speed Watch group has continued to monitor traffic speeds in various locations around the village throughout 2017. Twenty sessions have been completed so far this year. Single direction traffic flow regularly exceeds 200 vehicles an hour at peak times with around 8% of vehicles found to be travelling in excess of 35 mph.

The Parish Council wants to encourage residents concerned about traffic speeds through the village to consider joining this scheme; you only need to spend an hour of your time as and when you are available, as little or as often as you want. For further information please contact nigeldodgson@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01767 631643. More volunteers would mean more sessions could be carried out.

The design and consultation stage for speed reduction measures at both the B1042 crossroads and Wrestlingworth High Street has now been completed by CBC and dates for construction are awaited. The Parish Council is concerned that this scheme has taken so long and are actively chasing CBC.

Finally, if you have nowhere other than the road to park your car, please try to park away from road junctions and with consideration towards pedestrians, particularly the infirm and those with pushchairs and small children.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Please vote in the referendum on Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley Neighbourhood Plan is on Thursday 30th November. The polling station at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm.

The question on the ballot paper will be:

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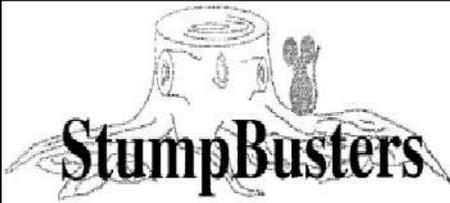
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From Rosemary and Paul Chapman.

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