

The background of the cover is a photograph of a stone building with a red-tiled roof. A person in a maroon coat is walking away from the camera on a path in the foreground. There are some plants and a utility box on the left side of the path.

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We welcome visitors and guests to listen to our speaker, meet with others, over a cup of tea and biscuits.

Check out our speaker schedule for the forthcoming year.

Welcome to Staverton Matters

What's inside

Welcome to Staverton Matters - Staverton's new quarterly magazine where we bring you updates from some of the key groups within our community, supported by Staverton Parish Council.

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How to advertise

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Recipe

Orange Crème Brûlée - serves 6

Ingredients

6 Egg Yolks	Juice and zest of 1 Orange
1 pint Cream	1 shot or 25ml of Orange
150g Caster Sugar	Liqueur (Grand Marnier Cointreau)

Method

Warm cream to scolding point, this is just below a simmer. To a large mixing bowl add your egg yolks, sugar, juice and zest and liqueur. Whisk together until smooth and sugar has dissolved.

Add the cream to the mixing bowl gently a little at a time, whisking continuously.

Pour mixture into a jug through a sieve to remove the zest and any pieces of egg that may have cooked.

Pour the custard into 6 ramekins.

To cook

Place ramekins in a baking dish half full of water and bake in a medium oven at 160 degrees until just set with a very light wobble. Approximately 20 – 30 minutes. Leave to cool.

To serve, sprinkle with caster sugar and brown with a blow torch. Serve with cream or ice cream, whichever is your preference.

Recipe by Darren Hill
of The Countryman.

Let us know any suggestions
for next editions recipe.



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Staverton Village Hall

What's been happening

The Village Hall is in the heart of the village.
The Trustees welcome you to all our events.

Coffee, Cake and Crafts - Last Friday of the month - 10am to 12
(confirmed on the Bugle)

Wine Tasting - Saturday 14th March (Ticketed event - sold out)

Bingo - Saturday 21st March (details to follow)

Easter Egg Rolling on Village Green - Sunday 5th April - 11.45am start

Village Hall AGM - Wednesday June 24th, TBC

Summer Party - Saturday 27th June (Ticketed event)

Make Bake and Grow Show - Saturday 5th September

Quiz and Curry - November 14th, TBC (Ticketed event)

Seated Fitness - In collaboration with Everyone Active Daventry Leisure Centre, the Village Hall is facilitating these classes. Tuesday from 10am - 10.45am. Just £5 per session. Why not give it a try?

Events are advertised on the Website, WhatsApp Staverton Village Bugle and the notice boards

Hiring the Hall

Please visit the Village Hall website stavertonvillagehall.co.uk for information about hiring the hall.

Email stavertonvh@gmail.com

New to the Village Hall in 2025

- Kitchen refit completed
- Solar Panels with battery backup
- New more efficient windows
- Voneus high speed wifi
- Upgraded landscaping

Easter Bingo

RUN BY YANA ANDREWS & VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

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19:30 BINGO START

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Parish Puzzler

Cryptic corner

Can you identify these London Underground stations?

- (1) Sir John might cross the river here
- (2) Pachyderm with a chess piece
- (3) Surely this is the dogs' home. You're mad!
- (4) Gerry Rafferty would be at home here

**These film titles have been altered to opposites.
What were they called?**

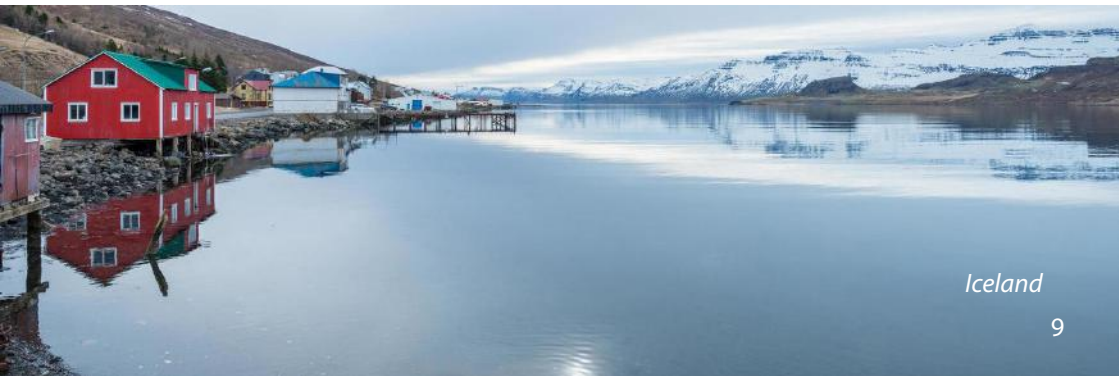
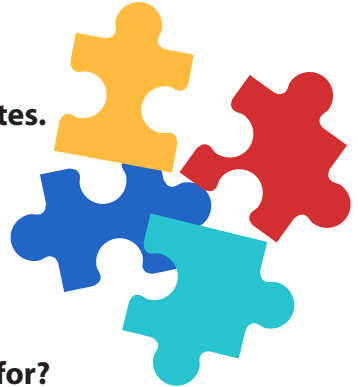
- (5) Live Soft
- (6) Bottom Arrow
- (7) Christening in Leipzig
- (8) Ball Woman

Can you identify the words the letters stand for?

- (9) 26 L of the A
- (10) 100 C in a D
- (11) 29 D in F in a LY
- (12) 3W on a T

Final challenge (No phones!)

- (13) What was Iran formerly known as?
- (14) What was Surinam formerly known as?
- (15) What was Myanmar formerly known as?
- (16) What was Iceland formerly known as?





kids art competition

Calling all young artists! We'd love to see your drawings of 'Staverton in the summer.' Whether it's sunny gardens, village walks, picnics, wildlife, or your favourite local spot, grab your pencils, paints, or crayons and get creative. Send in a photo of your drawings for the chance to be featured in the next parish magazine to magazine@stavertonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Please include your name and age when you enter. We can't wait to see your masterpieces!

Entries close May 1st 2026



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Staverton CE Primary School

What's been happening

Bird watch

This year at Staverton we took part in the big school bird watch. We had to tally up all the different types of birds we saw.

Coin wars

Every year at Staverton we challenge each class to a friendly competition where every class must collect as many coins as possible. After a term of bringing in coins we count up each class's coins and the class with the most coins wins a sweet treat prize and their name put on our coin wars champion ship plaque. We do this to raise money to make our school a better place for everyone .

House challenges

Every other term we compete in a series of challenges in our house groups. Each house has a house captain that takes charge in the challenges helping all their team-mates. This term for the challenge we are doing a pancake race but normally we do several different challenges like a scavenger hunt or dancing . It is a really nice way to have fun while still getting sneaks of learning along the way.

Skipping Ninja

In January we had the privilege of having a skipping ninja come in to teach us how to skip. He gave us headbands if we were good. In the morning, we had an assembly to meet the skipping ninja. Each class had an hour's lesson with him where we did fun exercises that got our hearts pumping and us wanting to skip more and more!

By Elodie and Cordie

Anne's Potting Shed

Gardening

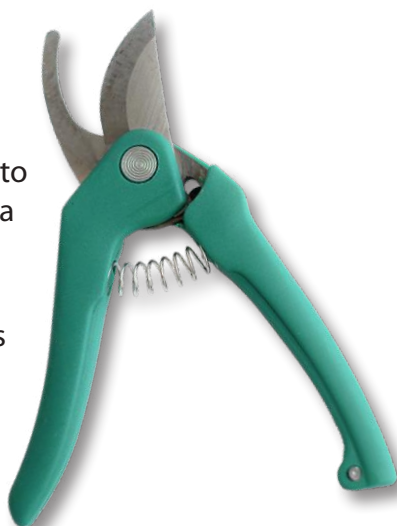
What do you think of the weather so far this year? Have you had enough rain? Never mind, Spring is just around the corner, long sunlight days and balmy evenings, plenty of time to sort out the garden. But do take extra care when forking about in the flowerbeds.

In October we discovered Hiram K Hedgehog had taken up residence and built winter quarters behind a plastic trough covered with dry leaves. A lucky escape for him. We put a makeshift shelter above where he was sleeping and are hoping he has survived the awful weather. Just keep a lookout for prickly chaps who may be still hibernating.

It's almost too late to do any significant tree and shrub pruning as sap will soon be rising. Always clean and sharpen your secateurs / pruning knife before use and make a clean slanting cut just above a fat bud which is pointing outwards to avoid congestion and allow air circulation. Feed and mulch fruit trees and shrubs. The concentrated seaweed fertilizers are excellent and are easily diluted in a watering can. When Snowdrops have finished flowering it's time to dig up the clumps, pull them apart and replant to give them room to grow on, or you could share with friends. Start feeding and watering house plants.

It's time to start sowing hardy annual flower seeds and there's such a variety to choose from. Use seed composts or a fine general compost, taking care to scatter sparingly. A propagator is useful, or a sunny window sill, to help bring them on. Maybe we could set up a village seedling swap when potting on.

If you are a fan of home-grown vegetables, early April is the time to sow, in covered pots (to plant out later), French & Runner beans, tomatoes, cabbages, courgettes, pumpkins and winter squashes. Peas, lettuce & broad beans can be sown direct to the





soil, followed by carrots, potatoes & leeks. Feed and mulch roses to boost flowering. Start cutting the lawn, but leave a little bit long for the wildlife, and don't forget to use a moss and weed killer and fertiliser if you want an enviable finish.

April into May is busy for gardeners. This is the time to plant summer flowering bulbs and tubers:- lilies, gladioli and dahlias. Plant out seedlings when the frosts have gone. Pot up tomatoes and other seedlings to transfer to the garden when strong enough, or buy some ready to plant out. Don't forget to pinch out the top two leaves when others appear, to make your plants bushy. Hanging baskets can be prepared and planted up from your seedlings or use the many varieties available to buy.

Lift, split and replant daffodil clumps to encourage growth. In late May earth-up potatoes and prune Clematis which will have finished spring flowering. Tie in ramblers with light pruning. Liquid feed clumps of bulbs to encourage more flowers next year.

Sit back with a glass of something and enjoy your garden before the work of summer begins.

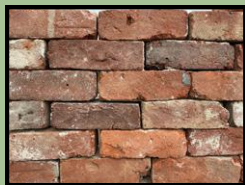
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Craft Corner

A Fairy Door for May Day Eve

The night of 30th May is thought to be when fairies are out and about. Maybe like 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

The door is a safe place for them to make home.

You will need:

10 Flat lollipop sticks (or similar).

PVA Glue and paint / felt pens.

For the door handle a button, acorn cup, shell, bead or pebble, small pebbles, moss and flowers.

Lay 8 lollipop sticks flat and side by side.

Paint glue on one flat side of the other 2 sticks,

Put them across the 8 sticks horizontally or diagonally about 3 cms apart.

When dry, paint the door and decorate in fairy colours. Stick on your chosen door handle.

Nestle into a nook in a tree or shrub in your garden, or bottom of a fence.

Make a little path leading into the garden, using the small pebbles / shells.

Decorate the edges with moss, flowers acorn cups, beech masts, etc.

Look out for tiny footprints.



Quiz answers

- (1) Knightsbridge (2) Elephant and Castle (3) Barking (4) Baker Street
(5) Die Hard (6) Top Gun (7) Funeral in Berlin (8) Batman
(9) 26 letters in the alphabet (10) 100 Cents in a Dollar
(11) 29 days in February in a Leap Year (12) 3 wheels on a tricycle
(13) Persia (14) Dutch Guyana (15) Burma (16) Bejam

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Staverton Parish Council invite you to the Annual Parish Meeting

**which will be held on
Thursday 23rd April 2026
in the Village Hall, Croft Lane, Staverton,
starting at 7.30pm**

Come along early and enjoy refreshments and meet your Trustees, Councillors and other parishioners.

The doors will open at 7pm.

There will be reports and presentations from Village Charities and Organisations summarising their performance and activities over the last twelve months, along with their hopes and plans for the future.

We will also be discussing the local plan, we hope you can join us.