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March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, at 7:15pm for the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm. More dates TBC

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Editorial Natter...

Howdy,

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of Life Magazine. This magazine will see you through from March – May on our new seasonal schedule, and included is a whole host of activities throughout the coming months as you can see in the 'Dates for your Diary' section opposite.



One of the most exciting insets is the Horticultural Show Schedule for August which we are all hoping will go ahead as normal this year. For more detail see Pages 32–33.

Also included is a notice about the recent Neighbourhood Plan for Great Staughton. It makes for interesting reading, and for those who are interested there will be a meeting in the Village Hall on 10th March.

Certainly an interesting read, and we do hope you enjoy it. Rob will be putting the Summer edition together, so believe it or not, I'll see you in the Autumn...

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Minutes of meetings can be found on the village website:
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what to do, very clearly, it won't deliver a
shock if one is not required.

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*Thanks,
Helen*



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Prize	No	Name
£500.....	15.....	Mrs B Herdman
£200.....	58.....	Mrs J Chalkley
£100.....	59.....	Mrs M Dudman
£50.....	75.....	Mr J Brown
£25.....	74.....	Mr B Sturgeon
£15.....	72.....	Mrs M Emeleus
£10.....	21.....	Mr B Wetzel

November 2021

Prize	No	Name
£50.....	17.....	Mr R Grey
£25.....	57.....	MR R Brightman
£15.....	58.....	Mrs A Hamilton
£10.....	46.....	Mr & Mrs D Palmer

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Tuesday 15th, Friday 18th, Tuesday
22nd, Friday 25th
Tuesday 29th

April dates

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Tuesday 12th, Friday 15th, Tuesday
19th, Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th,
Friday 29th

May dates

Tuesday 3rd, Friday 6th, Tuesday
10th, Friday 13th, Tuesday 17th,
Friday 20th, Tuesday 24th, Friday
27th, Tuesday 31st

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 <p>Great Staughton Family Play Time</p>		<p>Suggested donation £1 per child</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St Andrews Church, The Town, Gt Staughton</p> <p>9am - 10.30am</p> <p><small>Term-time only</small></p>	<p>Playgroup</p> <p>A fun, family-orientated playgroup run by St Andrew's Church and Piglets Preschool for children aged 0-5 years.</p>	
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Great Staughton 2022 Litter Pick

After skipping 2021 due to the pandemic, the 2022 litterpick will take place on **Saturday 12 March from 9am.**

We meet at the Village Hall car park where equipment will be provided and a short safety briefing is delivered, before pairs of volunteers are assigned to one of the several routes into and around the village. We are usually finished by lunchtime if there are plenty of volunteers.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and as ever, thank you in advance for your help with this somewhat unpleasant, but sadly necessary task.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

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**GREAT
STAUGHTON
VILLAGE
BOOK CLUB**



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold:

when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

There is something rather wonderful about snuggling up on the sofa with a cup of tea and a good book during the months between Christmas and Spring. January and February can be quite depressing (and not just because the Christmas Barclaycard bill has arrived!) with colder, shorter days making us hunker down and feeling grateful for a log burner.

So, in the hope of feeling sunnier, our January book was ‘The Great Gatsby’, by F Scott Fitzgerald, where the only winter was in the icy hearts of most of the characters. It is always interesting to read books that speak of a specific time and place but with themes that transcend them. All of the characters are flawed, and most of them are dislikeable, but we’ve all probably behaved stupidly or lusted after others’ lifestyles. It seems that almost every US teen movie covers the same ideas with mean girls with jock boyfriends and poorer, less popular students standing on the sideline either wanting to be accepted or learning how to accept themselves. Perhaps the most important question asked about the book was Redford or Dicaprio? The jury is out on that one!

In February, our book ‘Shantaram’, by Gregory David Roberts, proved to be an interesting tale but its length was certain-

ly a challenge to get read before our meeting especially in the shortest month of the year. It tells the story of a convicted Australian bank robber and heroin addict who escapes from prison and heads to India. The vivid depiction of Bombay and the people who live there in the 1980s is extraordinarily well written and challenging. The book is certainly worth reading especially if you haven’t got a deadline.

If you’re looking for a book to read, feel free to read along with us.

Book Club List 2022

March: ‘A Spool of Blue Thread’ by Anne Tyler

April: ‘The Salt Path’ by Raynor Winn

May: ‘Ridley Road’ by Jo Bloom

June: ‘Empireland’ by Sathnam Sanghera

July: ‘Portrait of an Unknown Woman’ by Vanora Bennett

August: ‘Agent Sonya’ by Ben MacIntyre

September: ‘The Boy Who Taught the Beekeeper to Read’ by Susan Hill

October: ‘Platform Seven’ by Louise Doughty

November: ‘Vow of Silence’ by Suzanne Walsh

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GREAT STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Isn't it lovely to have more light in our days? By this time of year there is a welcome acceleration in the rate of change and the dawn chorus will soon be waking us too early. Talking of dawn reminds me of the stunning displays of colour we've had this winter both at the beginning and end of the day. Some of the sunsets were so vivid that an accurate painting just wouldn't be believable. The camera on my phone took pale imitations of the real thing but serves as a record of some memorable events.

It has been a relatively dry winter so far - a complete contrast to last year. I was shocked when looking at photos I'd taken of the flooded river that they were dated 29th January 21. The water stayed high for a very long time. Crisp cold dry days are so much more bearable than endless gray skies and rain. It seems like the bulbs agree. We have snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils flowering at the same time. I hope they don't all finish too early.

So a new season is kicking off and some gardeners are springing into action. We can't use waterlogged ground as an excuse this year! There's also hope that life is returning to normal - whatever that means now. You'll find the schedule for this year's Horticultural Show elsewhere in this edition. The Plant Sale will be held in and around the Pavilion on Saturday 28th May from 2.30 - 4.00pm. Don't miss the cream teas while you're collecting some bargain plants.

While we were confined to our gardens in the last two years, I grew many more plants from seed - simply because I knew

I'd be around to look after them. Hopefully there will be no restrictions this year so the garden centre will get more of my trade. It seems silly now that I'm equipped with lots of small flowerpots but I don't want to be a hostage to my plants.

I was lucky enough to be in Nashville for Christmas and was intrigued by my daughter in law's goji berry plant. It was covered in fruit and my 6 year old grandson and friends were feasting on them. They don't have a very strong flavour but there is a hint of chilli in the fresh berry. That figures because the plant is in the solanaceae genus which includes the chilli, tomato, potato and aubergine. I assumed that they would need the sort of heat they'd get in southern USA but apparently they are fully hardy and easy to grow in UK either in container or in the ground. Given their superfood status they might be worth a try.

The larks are back in the fields around Staughton and I heard yellow hammers for the first time today. We are so bombarded with doom and gloom about mass extinctions that I'm almost surprised to hear birdsong but I'm not knowledgeable enough to know if there's a reduction in diversity. Whatever birds are singing are very welcome.

Having watched David Attenborough's recent series on plants makes one think of them rather differently. Obviously they want to survive but the time lapse photography transforms a tranquil picture of nature into a desperate life and death struggle rather like the programmes on birds. Darwinian survival of the fittest is alive and kicking!

Affordable Housing Development

The development of the affordable houses is continuing. There have been one or two early setbacks.

It has been decided that the foundations for the properties must be piled. This may take a little longer

HDC have been very slow in resolving planning condition queries.

Formal approval is still awaited from the Highways authority for the works to connect the new road on to the existing B661.

On the positive side

The initial connection for mains water to the site and eventually the dwellings has been completed

The connection to the electricity supply to the site has also been completed

There was a problem with a BT cable which has now been resolved.

The footpath running alongside the site is expected to be fenced off and re-opened in March.

General

There have been some questions raised re surface water drainage from the site by some residents. HDC, and Anglian Water have laid down criterion with which the developers have confirmed their intention to comply. This includes a tank type reservoir under the new road and an aqua flow control releasing water into the ditches. This has the effect of limiting the flow of surface water from the site to 2 litres a second.

Occupation of the Properties

The dwellings are not now expected to be ready for occupation until late 2022 or

early 2023. Any applicants for both the rented properties and the shared ownership will be assessed against the local criterion.

In order to register interest in the homes

Please email :

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Shared Ownership

It is the intention to try to sell the shared ownership off of plans.

People need to register with the Help to Buy agent for the south of England <https://www.helptobuyagent3.org.uk/>. These databases will hold much of the key information required and will be cross checked against the names on the e-mail register above.

The shared ownership plots have been valued 100% as follows: The portion to be included in any purchase needs to be negotiated.

2 bed house £255,000

3 bed house £310,000

However, these prices are subject to revision and will be revalued 3 months prior to the sales completion date.

Rented Accommodation

People need to be registered on the HDC Homelink system <https://www.homelink.org.uk/choice/>

The rents for the social rent properties are already set and won't change. They are:

1 bed flat £84.53 per week

2 bed house £113.26

2 bed bungalow £108.38

3 bed house £124.91

If you have any queries please contact me. Bob Jewell



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Friday 22nd April

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Friday 20th May

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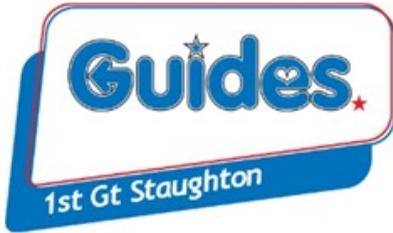
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items have been sold, so the ad
can be removed for the next
issue.

**Thank you,
Shaun & Rob**



The 1st Gt Staughton Guides are now back to face-to-face meetings on Wednesday evenings during school term.

AND it's now being run by a new leader, Lindy Bornman. Lindy started as a parent helper while her own daughter attended the group... and then enjoyed it so much that she has now progressed to be the new Guide Leader.

Why become a Guide? We make things happen! We give you the chance to explore, to try new things, to learn new skills, work as a team, to meet new friends. And above all **WE HAVE FUN!!**

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- Information for Parents
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Once registered, you will be contacted by one of our Leaders.

There are 4 sections in Guiding:
Rainbows (5-7) Brownies (7-10) Guides (10-14) Senior Section (14-25)

We also welcome enquiries from adults willing to join us as Leaders or unit helpers, or who perhaps have a yearning to start up a Brownie unit for the village.

If you wish to become a member with a local unit, please go to the Join Us pages on the Girlguiding UK website - girlguiding.org.uk

For more information, contact Lindy Bornman at FGSGuides@gmail.com

Grafham and Ellington Art Group

Annual Art Exhibition 2022

**Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May
from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

at
Grafham Village Hall
Van Diemens Way
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Cards, framed and unframed original paintings will be on sale.

Refreshments available



The
Queen's
Platinum
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village
picnic in
June 2022

Residents of Perry are invited to a village celebration during the Jubilee bank holiday weekend, to be held in the grounds of the Grafham Water Centre
More details to follow

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUP
GREAT STAUGHTON**

**GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY WALK & EGG
HUNT 2022**

Date: Friday 15th April 2022
Time: 10.0am—12noon
Venue: Starting at St. Andrew's Church

Come & join us for a fun Easter walk around Great Staughton, collecting eggs along the way. There will be a new challenge for filling the small plastic eggs & a prize for the most inventive ideas. Hot cross buns, hot & cold drinks & chocolate eggs provided in St. Andrew's Church after the walk. We will gather together at the end of the morning to hear the Easter story & sing Easter songs.

Suitable clothing essential! No dogs please. Come Along-Rain or Shine!

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First Date

He sank his teeth into the soft golden flesh of the fruit he'd plucked, letting the sweet juice dribble down his chin. The sun shone high and hot, burning his head. Pushing through the lush green undergrowth, damp with dew, cooling his bare limbs, he came to a clear place under a shading canopy of trees. He sat down on the sandy earth, his back against a trunk; watching and listening. Cries and noises everywhere, squawks and whistles and chirps; mews, and roars and bleats, rustles and stampings. Creatures came and went, passing him, unafraid. They had no reason to be; yet. A wolf and his mate, a zebra and his, wandered down to the waterhole. A lion and a lioness padded by, purring to each other. Coloured birds landed by him, scratching the earth for grubs. A pair of pink flamingoes paddled, heads in the water, fishing for shrimps. Two iridescent backed beetles scurried over his foot into a rock crevice. Of course he knew none of their names; they hadn't been given them yet. It was all too new. He became conscious of his oneness. A fearful empty hole in his core. Everything was

two. He was one. Alone. Lonely. The feeling grew until water spilled from his eyes; he rubbed them with a dusty hand. The voice spoke in his head, telling him to lie down; sleep. When he woke, he had a different feeling, a raw sore place in his side. He sat up, and recoiled in shock. Beside him was another body, like his own, but rounder, different, smooth, without the dark rivers of hair on his own limbs. Sleeping. His hand of its own accord reached out and touched it's shoulder. It woke, with a stretch and a yawn. Sat up and smiled. He was entranced. His face lifted and echoed her smile. His side throbbed. I have a pain, here, he said. She leaned forward, laying a gentle hand on his. Ah, you poor thing. I'm here now to comfort you. Just her voice gave him comfort. She looked at his tousled hair, grubby sticky face, unkempt beard, dirty toes. I'll soon tidy him up, she thought, checking out his muscled biceps, he'll be worth it. He looked quizzical. Don't you know me? She asked, with a little pout. I'm Eve. It's all going to be lovely. He exhaled, with relief. And the pattern was set. For as long as ever.

GREAT STAUGHTON
W.I.



photographer whose photographs of British wildlife were superb. Of particular local interest were the photographs of the wildlife along the Embankment in the centre of Bedford!

Our last meeting of 2021 was a meal at The White Hart in Great Staughton. This happened just before the extra Covid restrictions were put in place in December (how lucky were we?). Some of our members were unable to attend, but those who did enjoyed a delicious meal, friendly chatter and had a fabulous festive time. Thank you to Janet for organising a very enjoyable evening.

The first WI meeting of the New Year was held in the Great Staughton Village Hall in January. It was well attended, with members keen to get back into their regular monthly meetings.

At this meeting members voted on the annual 'Resolutions'. This process is unique in putting members at the heart of decisions about the WI campaign activity. It is the WI members' opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign, every year, with the results of this voting relayed to the National Federation of WIs.

After discussing some WI news, including the forthcoming Annual Federation Day, lunches out and coffee (with a lot of cake!) mornings, we were thoroughly entertained by local Alex Turner with various monologues and verse. There was a lot of humour, some very clever tongue-twisting, a little audience participation and some reminiscing. Everyone certainly enjoyed having a good laugh!

Our February meeting was also well attended. It was quite busy with our President bringing members up to date with various issues and members booking on to events including the Annual Federation Day, which will be held in St Neots this year, and a Winter Walk in Huntingdon. Members were also able to make menu choices for a lunch out. We have plans to set up a craft group and to trial a 'Bring and Buy' stall at the monthly meetings in order to raise more funds.

Our speaker this time was Alan Goodger, who came to share with us some of his wildlife photography. Alan is a member of the Singing Ukuleles who thoroughly entertained us last October. However, he is also an extremely accomplished wildlife

photographer whose photographs of British wildlife were superb. Of particular local interest were the photographs of the wildlife along the Embankment in the centre of Bedford!

Coming in our future meetings are David Bale giving us a 'Magic of the Mind' evening on 8th March; Jon McGee talking about how he travelled across the world single handed with 8 children on 12th April; and Pamela Tasker giving us a talk on the 'History of Buttons' on 10th May. If you would like to come along to any or all of these meetings you will be more than welcome. Please contact our President, Barbara Wallis on 01480 214582 for more information. Ruth Easom and Karen Larkins

GREAT STAUGHTON WI
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2022

January 11th: Monologues and Meanderings - Alex Turner

February 8th: Wildlife Talk - Alan Goodyear

March 8th: Magic of the Mind - David Bale

April 12th: Across the World Single-Handed with 6 children - Jon McGee

May 10th: History of Buttons - Pamela Tasker

June 14th: Clay Therapy - Lynn Souter-Anderson

July 12th: Paper Flower Making - Pat King

August 9th: We are hoping to arrange an afternoon tea

September 13th: Harvest Supper

October 11th: Tracing your Family Tree - Peter Gout

November 8th: We are hoping to arrange for a craft demonstration

December 13th: Christmas Meal

PERRY W.I.

We meet at the Sailing Club in Perry every second Monday of the month. Please feel free to come and join us for a chat, a cuppa (or stronger) and a speaker. After beginning our programme again when Lockdown rules allowed, in December we had our Christmas feast, deliciously catered for us by Viking Catering (which most people will know as 'Lisa from the Sailing Club'). We ate splendid seasonal food and some of us even wore the silly hats from our crackers. We then partook of a few daft games including a Pass the Parcel which included a chocolate coin and a Festive Fact between each wrapper (so everyone's a winner!). Did you know that for Father Christmas to deliver to every home he would have to travel at 4,921,200 mph (which sounds perfectly fine to me) and that 1:3 men do their shopping on Christmas Eve (oo, who knew!).

By the time you read this, you'll have missed our February speaker (Hazel Ainscough Life Behind Closed Doors) but I will include our list of speakers for the rest of the year. Sylvia has sorted us a fab programme as you can see, so if you fancy coming along to just one or two meetings, please do. You can come as a guest/ visitor for merely five of Her Majesty's pounds though maybe bring a couple of extra quid for the raffle. You will be made very welcome.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2022

14th Feb: Hazel Ainscough "Behind Closed Doors"

14th Mar: AGM & our 8th birthday celebrations – cake and fizz!

11th April: Patrick Macdonald "An author & his books"

9th May: Mary Blackhurst Hill "How to wear your inside on the outside"

13th June: Ria Jefferies "Heritage & wartime cookery"

11th July: Paul Wyer "Hedgehogs & how to care for them"

15th Aug: Our informal summer walk

12th Sept: Jeanette Moser "There is a book in Everyone"

10th Oct: Carina from "Mary's Meals" - an international charity

14th Nov: Christmas crafts. In-house craft evening

12th Dec: Christmas meal



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HEALTH WALKS IN OUR AREA MARCH 2022



Like many of us, did your New Year's resolutions include 'I'll get more exercise?' in 2022? Yes? Then do come along and join a local walk in good company. We run two walks each week in St Neots and Huntingdon (as well as in St Ives, Ramsey and Yaxley). Each walk is designed to last approximately an hour and is led by two trained volunteer leaders.

All you need is comfortable sturdy footwear and suitable clothing. It's as easy as that!

Make a note of these forthcoming walks planned for March in our area. There is no charge. While we prefer you to book, which you can do up to 7 days in advance, you may prefer to just turn up on the day initially. **You can book either by phoning One Leisure 01480 388111, or via the One Leisure website <https://www.oneleisure.net/>, or via the One Leisure App (downloadable from Google Store or Apple).**

The Health Walk Scheme is well-established across the whole of Huntingdonshire and is now allied with Ramblers Wellbeing Walks, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Its aim is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in year-round regular activity that will help improve physical, mental and social well-being. Most walks are dog-friendly.

For more information:

Look online at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks for all walks across the HDC district. **Details of forthcoming walks will be available from 1st of each month.**

Or contact:

Hannah Postlethwaite

Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator

One Leisure Active Lifestyles Team

Tel: 01480 388858

Email: hannah.postlethwaite@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

St. Neots Health Walks

DATE	TIME	WALK	MEETING POINT
Fri 4 th	2 pm	Church Walk	Riverside Car Park, St Neots PE19 7DS (pay & display)
Mon 7 th	10 am	The Railway Walk	St Neots Football Club, Rowley Park, Kester Way PE19 6SL
Fri 11 th	2 pm	Eaton Socon Pightle	B & Q, Alpha Drive, Eaton Socon PE19 8EL
Mon 14 th	10 am	Riverside Ramble	Riverside Car Park, St Neots PE19 7DS (pay & display)
Fri 18 th	2 pm	Offord Walk	The Offord Shoe, 90 High St., Offord D'Arcy. PE19 5RH
Mon 21 st	10 am	Two Bridges	Priory Park Car Park, Huntingdon Rd., St Neots PE19 1AJ
Fri 25 th	2 pm	Three Lakes	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve, St Neots PE19 6ET
Mon 28 th	10 am	Marina View	Riverside Car Park, St Neots PE19 7DS (pay & display)

Huntingdon Health Walks

DATE	TIME	WALK	MEETING POINT
Wed 2 nd	2 pm	Hardwick Circular	Buckden Village Hall, Buckden. PE19 5UY
Fri 4 th	10 am	Hartford Riverside	The Barley Mow, 42a Main St., Hartford, Huntingdon PE29 1XU
Wed 9 th	2 pm	Woodland Ramble	Cafe, Hinchbrooke Park, Huntingdon PE29 6DB (pay & display)
Fri 11 th	10 am	Portholme Meadow	Bridge Place Car Park, Godmanchester PE29 2AB (pay & display)
Wed 16 th	2 pm	Brampton Village	Frosts Garden Centre, Brampton. PE28 4NF
Fri 18 th	10 am	Diddington Duddle	Buckden Village Hall, Buckden. PE19 5UY
Wed 23rd	2 pm	Perry Walk	The Wheatsheaf, Perry. PE28 0BX
Fri 25 th	10 am	Reserve Walk	Cow Lane, Godmanchester. PE29 2EJ
Wed 30 th	2 pm	Alconbury Weald	Lobelle Way Car Park, Alconbury Weald PE28 4XA

Life Magazine

Thank You!

Following on from my plea, we have had a lovely response, so, thank you!

All these donations are very welcome. However, we still require more to continue. I have had a number of offers of help and will be taking those up now that I have moved and have time. If you would like to donate to the magazine, the account details are:

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Please note my address for posting through the letterbox is **61 Beachampstead Road**. Thanks.

Do continue to use the advertisers in *Life*, mentioning where you found them. And, if any advertisers are considering using the magazine then please do, the magazine still really needs you.

If any business or individual feels that they can assist the magazine financially then please do contact myself at

steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you. Your magazine still needs your help.

Helen
Life Magazine Treasurer



Your care home experiences wanted!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you. What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future. If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope. Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:
www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/care-home-survey

Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey

In the midst of the lockdown, many have rediscovered a love for reading. During the lockdown I shared with you details of “From Barren Rocks to Living Stones”, written by a local author that brings to life the experiences of the past.

My second book is “Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey” and it is a pleasure to share with you an excerpt.

Paddy and Violet walked together from Street to street, both of them intensely engrossed in their own personal thoughts. Service life will always bring its own peculiar manifestations of stress in the development of any family. They were so engrossed in talking that they never realised where they were walking. It was a place that was infamous for some of the less savoury parts of life.

As they walked they could hear in the distance some singing. The words were new to them, words they had not heard before, yet there still appeared to be something familiar about the singing that came across in a foreign language. They could see the house where the singing was coming from, a wooden house with a sign

indicating the name of the house, “Peace Cove”. Peace? Now that was something that they yearned for in their lives, but it always seemed to be just out of reach. A bus stop was situated outside, so they listened from their in the hope that they would not draw attention to themselves.....

..... Though this European couple were walking through forbidden territory it was here that they were to discover peace among local people who a few years previous had lived through the heartache of facing the Japanese occupation. As they found a friendship with the people of Peace Cove they heard many stories of how they had discovered peace of heart in difficult circumstances. Some of those stories of the occupation are also hred in the book “Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey”.



Paradise Island can be purchased from Amazon or locally by phoning Jon Magee 01480 700810.

It's a TING Thing!

*Tailor-made bus trips in West
Huntingdonshire.*

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor Nik Johnson is promoting a new on-demand bus service for the area called **Ting**.

Ting covers St Neots, Cambourne, Sawtry and the surrounding villages. The service has been introduced to improve transport links for those living in rural areas, removing young people's dependence on parents for lifts and allowing local residents to lessen their reliance on cars.

All you have to do is download the Ting App onto your phone or call **01223 433 255** and a bus will collect you from a bus stop in the village or other suitable stopping points, and will take you as required in the area.

Any one-way ride within the service zone costs just **£2** for all adults. Children under 5 travel for free with an accompanying adult. Concessionary Bus Pass holders can also travel for **free** on the service.

Demand-responsive bus services are not fixed to a specific route or timetable - the movement of buses is determined by the demands of those wanting to travel. Using the Ting app, customers can hail a bus directly from their smartphone and travel where they like, when they like within the service operation times and zone.

The Ting bus service and call centre is open **7am-7pm Monday to Friday and 8am-6pm on Saturdays**. Ting does not operate on Sundays or Bank Holiday Mondays.

For more information about this new bus service and for a detailed view of the service map, visit the website **ting-trips.co.uk**.

If you have any questions you email the team on:

ting.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com,

or call on **01223 433 255**.

Please be aware Ting will not affect other local bus services.



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"Two adults (one with a concessionary Bus Pass) with two buggies was no problem and got us all into town for just £2."

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GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH CHARITIES

We have been pleased to provide 2 full sets of home computer equipment to help local youngsters with their schooling but now that schools have reopened fully we realise that needs may have changed. If anyone finds they now have a need for a computer please contact us.

We are including people who may be training or re-training for work and need access to equipment.

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East of England Ambulance Service
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Community First Responder Scheme

We would like to make you aware of an impending initiative to establish a Community (Ambulance) First response scheme in this area. Once fully established, we hope the scheme will benefit five Parish Council areas, which cover the General Practitioner Surgery areas of Great Staughton and Buckden.

until an emergency ambulance arrives. They will be tasked and deployed through the Ambulance Service Emergency Operations Centre.

The idea behind the scheme is a simple one; local people with the appropriate training and equipment can get to local emergencies quickly because they are just around the corner. Time in responding is a very important factor and ambulances can't be everywhere at once.

The Grafham Water Community First Responder Scheme will be made up of volunteers who, within the community in which they live or work, have been trained to attend emergency calls received by the East of England Ambulance NHS Trust and provide 'first aid'



Sudden cardiac arrest claims around 150,000 lives each year within the United Kingdom, with survival rates being around 3 - 5% outside of a hospital setting. If a person's heart has stopped due to an accident or heart attack and is in a rhythm called ventricular fibrillation, the only way to get the heart into a more regular sustaining beat is to pass an electrical charge through the heart muscle. The first eight minutes are the most vital for the collapsed person and if first aid and a defibrillator are on hand, then the chance of survival will increase considerably.

In Cambridgeshire, thanks to Community First Response Groups working with the ambulance trust, the survival rate is between 21 – 23%.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Community First Responder and live (or work) in either Great Staughton, Dillington, Perry, Buckden, Grafham, Ellington Thorpe or Ellington, please contact Richard or Phillipa Winsor via email: kingfisher.10@btinternet.com

Great Staughton Parish Council Elections May 5th 2022

Every 4 years Parish Councils are subject to elections. There are 9 Parish Councillor positions in Great Staughton available for election.

Many, but not probably all, of the existing Parish Councillors will stand for re-election. This is the opportunity for anyone with an interest in the Parish and a desire to influence the future to become a Parish Councillor.

It requires attendance at about 7 meetings a year as well as perhaps a particular interest in an aspect of Parish life e.g. the playing Field, or Village Hall.

The Parish Council would welcome new Councillors, we are fortunate in having better representation from both sexes and a younger profile than many other Parishes, but we would want to maintain and improve this balance and strengthen representation from younger age groups.

If you are interested and would like any more information, please contact me

Jo Russel, clerk

gtstaughtonparishclerk@outlook.com or any of the existing Parish

Councillors all of whom are shown on Page 5 of the magazine.

Anyone who is interested should be aware they will have to complete the necessary forms by early April.

Pick up for Perry

Come along for a couple of hours to help give our village a Spring clean and keep it looking beautiful. We plan to do litter-picking around the village and along the cycle path between 10am and 12 noon.

Saturday 2nd April 2022
Meet at 10am outside The
Wheatsheaf pub

Please bring your own gloves. Litter-picking sticks, high vis tabards and bin bags will be provided.

For further information please contact Fay Wheatcroft, 16 Rose Croft, Perry on 01480 810734

Louise Whalley 1965-2022

We would like to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy and supported us through Louise's illness, particularly staff from the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke and the Hunts Community Cancer Network

**Roger, Oliver & James
Whalley**



Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2022

Meetings take place in **Hail Weston Village Hall at 7: 15pm for a 7:30pm start**. Unless otherwise stated events cost £1 for members and £3 for non-members. Tea/Coffee/glass of wine/biscuits are available at meetings for a voluntary donation.

See our full 2022 programme on the opposite page. We would love for you to come and join us.

**For more information and to book please email the
Secretary at hwwgg@yahoo.com**

Date	Title/speaker	Description
1 Feb	Animal Experience Mitch Price RAFFLE	An hours talk and hands on with a variety of animals including owls, meerkat, pygmy hedgehog, sugar glider and chinchilla. Children over 8 welcome.
1 Mar	Nature Friendly Farming Martin Lines	Martin farms in Cambridgeshire and has a passion for the preservation for the countryside. He champions a way of sustainable farming that is good for nature and is part of the Nature Friendly Farming Network and is chair of the UK steering group.
5 Apr	Burghley House Gardens Joe Whitehead/ Head Gardener. RAFFLE	Talk about Joe's background and his role in maintaining and developing the gardens which were originally designed largely by Capability Brown.
3 May	Guided walk in Brampton Wood	Brampton Wood is a haven for nature and we will be escorted by experts, learning about the conservation work within this very beautiful site
TBD Jun	Garden Safari	Our traditional fun and sociable evening of touring a number of beautiful and contrasting Hail Weston Gardens. Tickets, including refreshment. Cost TBC
TBD Jun	Plant Sale	A selection of beautiful plants for sale
5 Jul	Traditional Garden Flower Names Twigs Way RAFFLE	An illustrated talk that meets our desire to re-engage with our floral heritage and landscape
2 Aug	National Garden Scheme visit Temsford	An enchanting, wildlife friendly garden with lots of interesting and unusual plants with different areas to explore. Cost TBC
6 Sep	Summer Social RAFFLE	Join us for a Summer Social evening with something tasty to eat and drink. Tickets £4 each
4 Oct	Winter Colour Geoff Hodge AGM	Beating the winter blues with garden colour
1 Nov	Hampton Court Palace Gardens Andrew Sankey	We will hear about the 500-year-old gardens which include 60 acres of spectacular formal gardens
6 Dec	Festive evening. RAFFLE	Cheese and wine.



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Godmanchester Nature Reserve

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to participate in a guided walk at Godmanchester Nature Reserve on Sunday March 27th 2022 at 10.30 am.

Godmanchester Nature Reserve consists of 4 lakes which are former gravel pits and therefore attracts a wide variety of birds, particularly ducks, geese and kingfishers. There are also areas of grassland and ancient hedgerow, making a diverse habitat for wildlife. At this time of year we hope to see and hear singing chiff chaffs, cettis warblers, reed buntings and skylarks. We will look for wildflowers such as coltsfoot, celandine, cowslip and violets. Given good weather, we may also see the first butterflies such as brimstone, comma and small tortoiseshell and possibly see housemartins overhead.

Please meet at the reserve entrance at the end of Cow Lane, PE29 2EJ, GR TL2639 7149. There is parking available, but it is limited. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George Cottam on georgecottam@virginmedia.com.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Firstly, a thank you to all the residents who returned their surveys. I expect you will want to know the overall results and impressions.

The results will be presented at a meeting in the village hall on Thursday March 10th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

There will also be a discussion on how we move forward on developing the plan. The meeting will be facilitated by Cambridgeshire Acre who have assisted in producing neighbourhood plans for other villages.

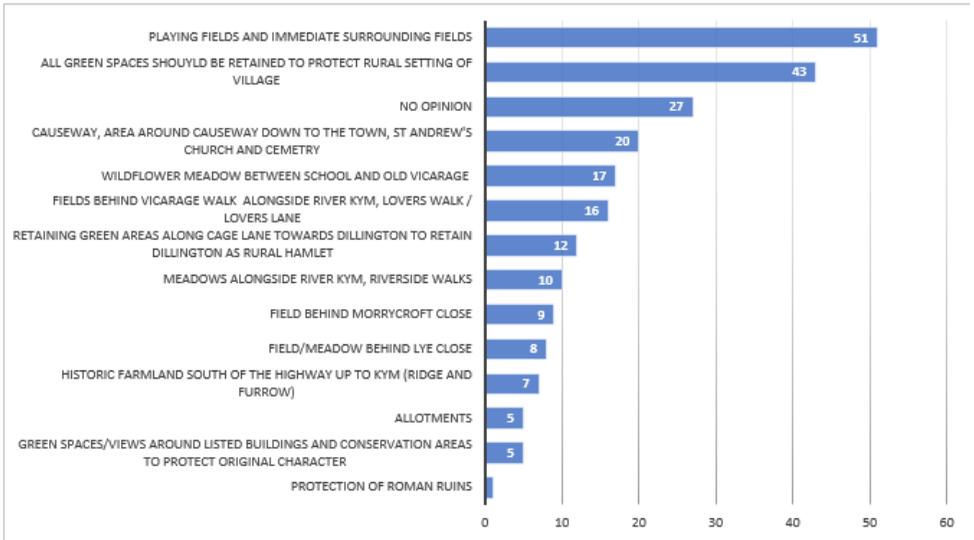
There were many themes from the survey but some had much more support than others.

- * Protection of the views around the church
- * Housing should be in small developments and of a smaller type.
- * There were many complaints about both speed and noise of traffic.
- * There was a request for a shop, a post office, and improvements to the village hall, Broadband and better road repairs.
- * There was some support for small business development sites.

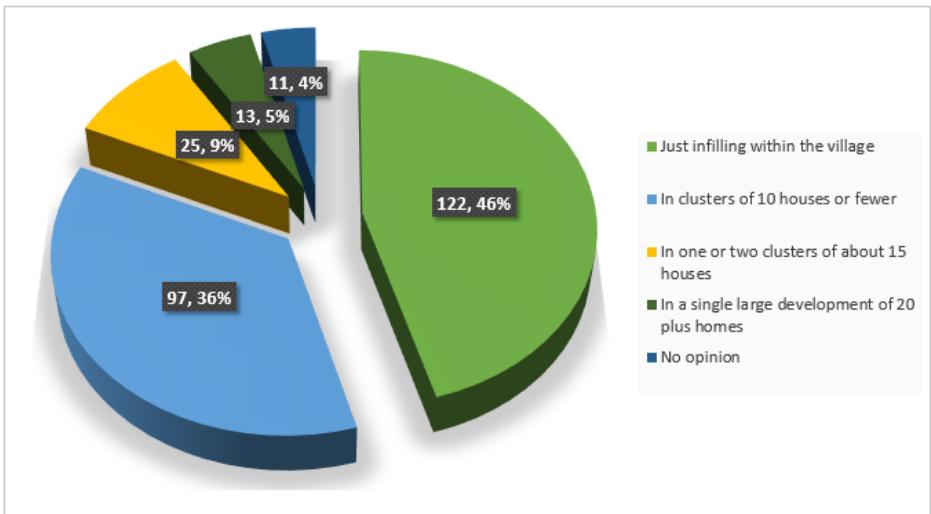
If you have any queries please contact me.

Bob Jewell

1. Green spaces to be protected



5. Future Development in our Parish



CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2022 HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday, 27th August 2022

Plus:- Gt Staughton Primary School Exhibition (work by children of all ages)
(Maximum of 2 entries per person per class)

VEGETABLES

- 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx - can be Cherry Plums
- 5 Tomatoes with calyx
- 5 Runner beans
- 5 French beans
- 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 White potatoes
- 3 Coloured potatoes
- 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
- 2 Outdoor cucumbers
- 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
- A basket of salad items
- 2 Courgettes
- 5 Exhibition shallots
- A collection of chilli peppers
- Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
- 2 Edible squashes
- Collection of vegetables (minimum of 3 different varieties)



FLOWERS (Vases provided for all cut stems)

- 19. 3 Rose blooms
- 20. 1 Stem of cluster flowered roses
- 21. 1 Specimen rose bloom
- 22. 3 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias
- 23. 3 Decorative dahlias
- 24. 1 Specimen dahlia bloom
- 25. 1 Dahlia not mentioned elsewhere in schedule, e.g. water lily, pompom
- 26. 1 Hydrangea bloom
- 27. 1 Spike gladiolus
- 28. 3 Stems of pinks or carnations
- 29. 3 Heads of geraniums - can be mixed
- 30. Vase of mixed flowers from your garden (excluding gladioli, dahlias, & roses)
- 31. 3 Spikes of gladioli
- 32. Vase of mixed foliage from your garden
- 33. A flowering orchid (must have been in your possession for 9 months)
- 34. Potted plant in flower (not orchid) Maximum pot size 9"/23cm
- 35. Cactus/succulent in a pot (can be 1or more varieties in the pot)
- 36. 3 Flowers of the same colour, (must be different species)
- 37. A collection of edible flowers – in water
- 38. 3 stems of sweet peas



FLORAL EXHIBITS (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)

- 39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4"/10cm overall)
- 40. An exhibit to depict Strictly Come Dancing (up to 18"/45cm overall, accessories may be used)

41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers - up to 15"/38cm overall)
42. A posy
43. An arrangement using hedgerow material (maximum measurements 12"/30cm wide, 18"/45cm high)
44. A petite table centre arrangement in red, white and blue (from 4"/10cm to 9"/23cm overall)
45. A corsage

NOVELTY CLASSES

46. Longest runner bean
47. One flower, one vegetable
48. Longest marrow
49. Largest pumpkin (by girth)
50. A truss of cherry tomatoes (can be part green)
51. Fresh culinary herbs in a jar (please name)
52. Plate of home grown fruit
53. A quirky/ugly vegetable

CAKES AND PRESERVES

54. 5 Fruit scones
55. A Victoria sponge (jam filling only)
56. 5 Coffee & Walnut cupcakes
57. 4 Coconut macarons
58. A fruited tea loaf
59. 5 Cheese straws
60. Jar of jam
61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
62. Jar of lemon curd



OPEN CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Up to 16 years. Please state age on all entries)

63. A crown made using natural materials
64. A decorated Rice Crispy cake creature - up to 6 years of age
65. A decorated Rice Crispy cake creature - 7 to 11 years of age
66. A decorated Rice Crispy cake creature - 12 to 16 years of age
67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2023 Horticultural Show - A4 size, may be computer generated
68. A mini beast made from vegetables
69. A painting that makes you think of climate change
70. A castle made from Lego - not a kit (maximum base size 12"/30cm square)
71. A photograph of a celebration (maximum 8"x 6")

SUNDRY CLASSES (All photographs: Maximum 8"x 6")

72. A photograph of a celebration
73. A photograph entitled 'Sunrise or Sunset'
74. A photograph of a castle
75. A photograph of a pet
76. A hand-made item (not knitted)
77. Handicraft by a senior citizen
78. A home-made item of jewellery
79. A knitted item
80. A flavoured spirit e.g. Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
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Please return this to Rev. Nicki Bland by the 15th of April. If over subscribed priority is given to local Church families.



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We are really pleased to announce that the “Summer day camp” organized by the Staughton and Hail Weston Churches and Grafham Water Centre will go ahead again this year.

This is a three day activity centered event designed to encourage children and young adults to come together and experience new activities such as Kayaking, Climbing, Mountain biking, sailing and more in a safe environment with expert instructors, whilst learning more about the Christian way of life and its meaning.

The theme “The Body of Christ” “Church, God and Us” is looking at how the parts of the body work together, the body of the Church and the meaning behind the “eucharistic body” of Christ.

The Programme

Day 1

Registration
Welcome, Introductions, Thought for the day
Team games, making friends
Lunch time activities
Afternoon group sessions e.g. Canoeing

Day 2

Welcome, Thought for the day
Morning group sessions Climbing / Archery
Lunchtime activities
Afternoon group sessions e.g. Sailing

Day 3

Welcome, Thought for the day
Morning group sessions High ropes
Lunchtime activities
Final group session Raft building / racing
Farewells and home

Applications should be in by the 15th April. This is so that we can give priority to the Staughton and Hail Weston young people as spaces will be limited.

Thanks to GWC generosity and local business sponsorship the cost has been kept as low as possible at £70 per young person age 6-11 for the three days inclusive of all activities.

A deposit of £20 is payable with the signed application form which also must include information about each young person, such as medical conditions, Allergies, etc.

The balance becomes due on the 1st July (one month before the start)

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We are still working on the finer details and more information will be available on Facebook over the coming weeks and in the Summer Edition of Life Magazine.

As a sneak peak, we are planning 'A Walk Down Memory Lane' featuring historic photographs and ancestry of Great Staughton families and to offer a full bar selling alcoholic and soft drinks on site.

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Dear Friends,

As we approach Lent and look forward to Easter, and the Covid restrictions are going, I would like to let you all know what we have available for families and young people in our churches.

We have been encouraged by the gradual return to services and activities we have on offer. Also, please let us know if there is something you wish we were running. The Good Friday Walk is back on Friday 15th April. This has always been very popular for families and begins and ends at St Andrew's Church. There are eggs to find and other challenges, Hot Cross Buns, a story and music when you have finished.

Church Camp will be running again at Grafham Water Activity centre from August 2nd until and including August 4th. Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to attend. Also, if your child is older than that and attended regularly before the Lockdown, they can ask if they can come along.

It is so good to see the young people at those services and activities which are really for them. On the first Sunday of every month at St Andrew's Great Staughton we have an All-Age Worship Service led by Glenn and Maggie. This month there was an interactive play and next month we are hoping to see young and old with their pets (you can come of course if you don't have a pet) at the PET SERVICE which will be held outside if the weather is good.

Another regular service is Creative Communion a St Nicolas Hail Weston on the Third Sunday of the Month. This again is a very interactive service for all ages. There is a band which practices on a Thursday which plays the music, Bryan and Tracy make bread

which you can smell as you enter the church, some is blessed for Communion, and some is left for those who would like some. There is no Sermon as such, instead there is an activity, or play, or quiz and the prayers are also interactive.

Then we have Funday Sunday at All Saints, Little Staughton on 4th Sunday on the month at 3.00 pm. This is run by a group of six Worship leaders who take it in turns to lead the afternoon. There are activities for the Children, lively music and a story. The last one of these before we break for the Summer is going to include the Teddy Bear Parachute drop.

Family Fun on Friday at St Andrew's is well attended. This is for preschool children and their carers. It is a good chance to get together over a coffee while the children play. There is always a colouring activity for the older ones, chance to run around, story, singing and playing of instruments.

Also please come along to the Services for Mothering Sunday and Easter.

We haven't forgotten the rest of you. It is lovely to see you at our Coffee Mornings and at the Breakfast.

Please also come to our Concert of Contemplative Music with The Chamber Choir Tenth Muse -conducted by Derek Saunders on Saturday March 12th at 5.00 pm at St Andrew's.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

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Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Wed 2nd 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday
Communion with the imposition of Ashes
Sun 6th 8.00am-BCP Holy
Communion

10.30am PET SERVICE An
All-Age Service(outside if weather
permits) Bring along your pets

Sun 13th 10.30 am Parish Communion

Sun 20th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Sun 27th 10.30am- MOTHERING

SUNDAY All Age Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 6th 9am-Parish Communion

Sun 20th 9am- Parish Communion

Sun 27th 3.00pm- Sunday Funday

(Mothering Sunday)

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 2nd 10.00 am – Ash Wednesday
Communion with the imposition of Ashes

Sun 13th 9.00am- Parish communion

Sun 20th 3.00pm -Creative

Communion

Sun 27th 9.00am- Parish communion

(Mothering Sunday)

Services for April 2022

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 3rd 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am – All Age Worship

Sun 10th 10.30 am Parish Communion

Palm Sunday

Tues 12th 7.30 pm Compline

Fri 15th 10.00-12.00 Good Friday Walk
with Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Cross Buns
2.00-3.00 An hour at the Cross

Sun 17th 10.30am-EASTER DAY All

Age Communion

Sun 24th 10.30 am -Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 3rd 10.30 Benefice Communion

Wed 13th 7.30 pm Compline

Sat 16th 11.30pm Easter Vigil with
Communion

Sun 17th 9.00am- EASTER DAY Parish
Communion

Sun 24th 3.00pm -Sunday Funday

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 6th 10.00 am – Morning Prayer
followed by 10.30am – Coffee

Sun 10th 9.00am- Parish Communion

Palm Sunday

Mon 11th 7.30 pm -Compline

Thurs 14th 7.30 pm -Maundy Thursday
Communion

Sun 17th 3.00pm -EASTER DAY

Creative Communion

Sun 24th 9.00am- Parish Communion

Services for May 2022

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 1st 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion
10.30am- All age Worship

Sun 8th 10.30 am Parish Communion

Sun 15th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Sun 22nd 10.30 am Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 1st 9am-Parish Communion

Sun 15th 9am- Parish Communion

Sun 22nd 3.00pm Funday Sunday

Sun 29th 10.30 am Benefice Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 4th 10.00 am –Morning Prayer
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Sun 8th 9.00am- Parish communion

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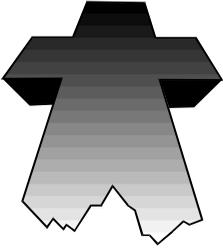
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My dear friends,

*“When its spring again
we’ll bring again
Tulips from Amsterdam...”*

Or will we? That’s certainly the words of the song, and the tulip is often seen as being symbolic of the Netherlands, but where is it that tulips initially came from? When I visited Amsterdam I popped into a tulip museum, just across the canal from the Anne Franks house. I wondered what could be of interest in such a museum, but soon discovered some fascinating information.

While tulips may be very popular in the Netherlands, they didn’t originate there. They’re believed to have originated in the Himalayas and the Tien Shan mountain ranges in Central Asia, already being cultivated by gardeners in the Ottoman Empire for decades. They were officially introduced to the Netherlands in the 16th century. The Dutch had a reputation for being good businessmen at the time, and they used the tulip bulbs as a form of currency. Indeed some of the bulbs were worth as much as a house!! Then the “tulip bubble” burst and they were left with worthless bulbs. What could they do with them? Simple, plant them and see a beauty spring forth that would fascinate the world far more than finance could ever do.

We are reminded with this edition of the Life magazine that spring has arrived. Yet in the words of the song may we discover that what springs forth best is more than our financial hopes. Jesus says “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (Matthew chapter 6 verse 28 to 29). We may worry about so much in life, but if God cares about these flowers that are here for such a short time, how much more will God care about us. In the midst of this season may we spring into a trust in the God who can meet our every need.

In the meanwhile if you are looking for a spiritual home here on earth you are welcome to join with us each Sunday at 10.30am. For those unable to visit with us in person you are welcome to join us online on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghs1FLULGCblekWCQ4pg>
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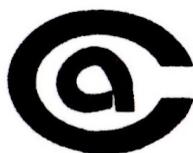
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