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Dates for your Diary



June

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Mobile Library 2022 - every fourth Wednesday of the month
 Chichester Way, Perry 11:15am – 12:05pm. The Causeway, Gt Staughton 2pm – 2:30pm

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2022
 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December,
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Editorial Natter...

Hello everybody!



Welcome to your Summer Edition of the Life Magazine. I hope you all had a lovely spring.

We've got a packed issue for you. As you might expect, we've got lots of information about Platinum Jubilee celebrations going on in both Great Staughton and Perry. There will be a Picnic In The Park on Great Staughton Playing Field, celebrations at Graffham Water Centre, and a garden party at Perry Baptist Church, and all three events promise to be lots of fun.

We also have the return of the Great Staughton Horticultural Society Show in August. It's not too late to enter, and you'll find all the details, the full schedule and entry form later in this issue. I'm sure we'll feature lots of photos from the event in the Autumn Edition.

Finally, thanks to Anthony Withers for this edition's cover photo. If you'd like to get a picture on the cover, do email us.

I hope you enjoy the magazine I'll see you all for the Winter Edition.

This issue was edited by Rob

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£10.....2.....	Mr Geoff Gilbert

March 2022

Prize No	Name
£200.....36.....	Mrs Sheila Wells
£100.....12...	Mr Richard Millthorpe
£50.....46..	Mr & Mrs David Palmer
£25.....90.....	Mrs Jo Reid
£15.....30.	Mr & Mrs Simon Maylor
£10.....31.....	Mrs Mary Deacon

April 2022

Prize No	Name
£50.....45.....	Mrs Shelagh Doyle
£25.....77.....	Ms Lesley Loftus
£15.....2.....	Mr Geoff Gilbert
£10.....9...	Mrs Barbara Herdman

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Do come and join us. We are a friendly crowd, you get a cup of tea and biscuit during the interval and if your team wins on the evening your prize is a bar of chocolate. It really is too good to miss.

**Anthony Withers
Chairman, KVCBC**

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Friday 3rd June 2022
2.30pm – 7pm
Perry Jubilee Picnic

Residents of Perry are invited to a free village celebration to be held in a marquee in the grounds of the Grafham Water Centre.

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BOOK CLUB**



*“Come with me,’ Mom says.
To the library.
Books and summertime
go together.”
— Lisa Schroeder*

Spring has sprung and the long fragrant days of Summer are almost upon us: days in which to snatch time to read and dream. Or have nightmares depending on the book we’re reading! Our Spring books certainly encouraged lively debate.

In March, we read Anne Tyler’s ‘A Spool of Blue Thread’ which tells the story of four generations of the Whitshank family. The story unfurled well enough but only the narrator, Abby, was truly likeable.

Our April book, ‘The Salt Path’, by Raynor Winn, tells of the author’s real story of dealing with losing her home and business and facing the unexpected diagnosis of her husband with a terminal brain condition. Homeless and stony broke, the couple set off on the 630 mile trek along the South West Coast Path. Full of beautiful descriptions of the

landscape, this book, although difficult to read in places, is also cathartic and liberating.

In May, we read ‘Ridley Road’ by Jo Bloom which tells the story of a young hairdresser from Manchester and her move to London, after her father’s death, in the hope of finding Jack, the man she has fallen in love with. What she finds in the capital at the start of the swinging 60s are bee-hive hairdos, coffee shops, pop music, anti-semitism, fascism ... as well as her beloved Jack. It is definitely a love story with a bit of social commentary and politics thrown in for good measure.

Book Club List 2022

If you want to read along with us, these are the books for the remainder of the year:

June: ‘Empire Land’ 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

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HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**



“The answer lies in the soil” may trigger a few smiles in those of us who remember Kenneth Williams in Round the Horne. But for life on earth or even in Great Staughton and Perry it certainly applies.

I’ve been enchanted by the emergence of mystery plants on my tiny wild flower patch. It’s like being in a new garden for its first spring and wondering what is going to appear. Oxeye daisies have lorded it for a few weeks and yellow and pink flowers - no idea what - are following on. When I dug out the turf for the project last year I took it to the allotment, turned it upside down and made a coffin shaped bed out of it. Next to it I deposited a similar sized heap of soil conditioner obtained from green waste processed by the local council. It has a strange smell that stuff. I planted potatoes in each pile and both did reasonably well but having left both heaps to their own devices over the winter, the ex turf mound was covered in grass and other green stuff and full of worms while the soil conditioner was bare - inert. It was a stark and somewhat shocking demonstration. I had used that same soil conditioner to fill up the bed where the wild flower mix was sown. I was concerned that it would be too nutritious for the plants which need a poor soil. Obviously there was no worry on that score. But it does pose some questions about the value of extra hot composting. Obviously pests and diseases need to be controlled and green waste also deals with food waste but are we throwing the baby out with the bath water? Home composting is definitely more desirable. I must try harder - my

compost heap is so dry it’s infested with ants! It is amazing how we take soil for granted and yet it is crucial for our survival. Healthy soil needs the millions of micro-organisms and invertebrates whose activities keep it in balance. A careless spill of noxious chemical or boiling water can do untold damage. Let’s stop treating our soil like dirt! Existential worries fade into the background with the magnificence of Spring. New unblemished growth which bursts forth each year makes us feel that we have another chance to get it right.

And this year sees the return of the **Horticultural Show on Saturday 27th August**. The schedule is on page 34 while you’ll find the entry form on page 40. It may seem that the show is an old fashioned, out dated tradition but “grow your own veg”, home baking, photography, handicrafts and houseplant keeping are all the rage so if you haven’t done so yet why not think about getting involved? Show what you grow! There’s no need for it to be perfect - although some people seem to achieve perfection, certainly not me.

We’re always happy to welcome new members to the Horticultural Society - we’re quite a friendly bunch - so if you’re interested please use the contact details on the show schedule or come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 6th July at 7.30 in the White Hart in Great Staughton.

Affordable Housing Development

The development of the affordable houses is continuing.

- The access road to the dwellings has now been completed subject to a final top dressing.
- The foundations ground layer is complete with the foundations now in place for the properties.
- The footpath through the site is now re-opened.
- 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
- BT have confirmed that fibre to the site will be provided and are assessing necessary infrastructure.

General

There have been further submissions and discussions on the surface drainage. These now show on the website. There will be further road closures of the B661 to accommodate final integration of all services.

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 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
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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:

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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 17th June
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**Friday 15th July
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A young boy and his working-class Belfast family experience the tumultuous late 1960s.

**Friday 18th August
Death on the Nile (12)**

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&
rj.young@live.co.uk

Please keep us informed about any changes to village clubs and activities, such as a change of contact details and group leaders for example. We want the magazine to be as up-to-date as possible with all the relevant info, and that can only be achieved if you keep the editors in the loop.

Finally, if you'd like to place a 'For Sale' ad in the magazine, do let both editors know when the items have been sold, so the ad can be removed for the next issue.

**Thank you,
Shaun & Rob**



The 1st Gt Staughton Guides meet 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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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

A note from Perry Parish Council

Perry Parish Council is pleased to announce that the village now has a second noticeboard. Located inside the bus shelter near the Wheatsheaf pub, this is for general village and community matters.

It is currently displaying posters regarding the food bank, mobile library services, the Platinum Jubilee and Baptist Church events. The original noticeboard, opposite the village shop, will now be used exclusively for Parish Council notices.

Any notices that *Life Magazine* readers would like to see displayed can be given to Nigel or Wendy in the shop, or to Parish Clerk Eugene Smith, at 2 The Drive, Perry.

To mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, Great Staughton Parish Council cordially invites you to join us for a



PICNIC IN THE PARK

at Gt. Staughton Playing Field on Sunday 5 June 2022 from 12. noon to 4.00pm

Bring your own picnic, drinks, blankets, deckchairs, games, etc. for a family friendly village get together to celebrate The Queen's 70 years on the throne.



We will be marking the occasion with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque alongside some newly planted oak trees as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Come along and have a wander down 'Memory Lane' with photos and other memorabilia from the past 70 years on display in the Pavilion.

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During the evening we had a 'Bring and Buy Sale' table to raise funds for our WI. There was also a raffle and the winners of the 'Item' competition were

For our March meeting we were thoroughly entertained by David Bale in an evening entitled 'Magic of the Mind'. David began with dice magic by telling us what number had been thrown by different ladies throwing one die, even though he couldn't see it! From there he asked Maggie to choose her Desert Island Disc items and amazed everyone by knowing what each item would be. He also predicted what section of a newspaper Susan would choose and had the exact words written in an envelope. The climax of the evening was when he asked two ladies to choose one number each between one and nine and then asked another lady which order the two numbers should be. This number was 78, which he wrote on a large board at the bottom of a grid and then proceeded to fill the grid with numbers. We were amazed to discover that each horizontal, vertical and diagonal row added up to 78. The four corners also added up to 78 and even the top and bottom two boxes, all four side middle boxes and the centre boxes all added up to 78. Even more impressive was that he had written 78 down on a piece of paper which was inside a wallet that Mary had been holding all evening! This was a baffling act and left us all wondering how it was done and if David really could read our minds!

Following our entertainment, we had our AGM in which our Treasurer, Secretary and President read us their reports. Our President then read out the notices during which we held a minute's silence, as our meeting coincided with International Women's Day, to show our support for the women of Ukraine.

announced. This competition is usually an annual event, but because of the erratic nature of our meetings due to Covid it included more than a year's worth of points. Every meeting ladies are invited to take along a different item that ties in with that evening's talk or demonstration and then members place coins on the items they like the best. After each meeting the coins are added up and points are earned for those placed in first, second and third (you even earn one point for just entering an item). These coins are then collected for charity. The lucky ladies winning the overall competition were Ruth in third place, Barbara in second place and the winner was Linda. All ladies took away a prize. Congratulations to all three.

For our April meeting, Jon McGee gave us an interesting talk entitled 'Across the World Single Handed with 6 Children'. It transpired that the person travelling the world was Jon's Mother, Violet, and that Jon himself was the youngest of the 6 children. Jon's Father was serving in the RAF at the time and therefore the family travelled the globe to destinations including Singapore, Germany, Aden, Malta and Cyprus. Jon informed us that he attended 14 different schools as they travelled so often. Jon entertained us all with tales of his and his siblings' exploits on the various ships they travelled on. On one occasion Violet found one of Jon's older brothers staring at a gate on the deck. A crew member also saw him and told him to move on. We could all picture Violet whisking the brother away before he could get up to mischief, but unfortunately, as they hurried away, they heard a loud crash followed by some colourful language.

Jon's brother had undone the fixings and the gate had fallen on the poor unsuspecting crew member's foot! One of our members asked Jon how his Mother had coped and he replied that she had never felt alone as she had a strong faith and always felt Jesus was with her.

A few of our members also attended the WI Federation Day in April which was held at The Priory Centre in St Neots. It was an opportunity to meet members from other local WI's and we were all struck by how friendly everyone was. During the meeting we were introduced to the committee and heard some of their reports. In the morning we had some very interesting talks from Mrs Julie Spence, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, who talked about The Queen's Green Canopy, and two ladies from MIND, The Mental Health Charity. As the weather was so glorious, we ate our lunch on the terrace overlooking the river. In the afternoon we had an amusing and informative talk by Nick Bailey, a Presenter on BBC Gardener's World who spoke about changing your garden. We were then entertained by St Neots Jewels Choir and the audience were asked to join in with rounds for two of the songs. It was an amazing day.

Coming up in our future meetings are:- Pamela Tasker giving us a talk on the history of buttons on May 10th; Lynne Souter-Anderson talking about clay therapy on June 14th; Pat King demonstrating paper flower making on July 12th. On September 13th we will have our Harvest Supper and on October 11th Peter Gout will tell us how to trace our family tree and then on November 8th the committee will be showing us various crafts, accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to join us at any of these events you will be made very welcome. For further details please

contact our President, Barbara Wallis on 01480 214582.

Karen Larkins

GREAT STAUGHTON WI
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2022

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



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Perry WI - May 2022
by Liz Dive



to make a point) added to just a dot of common sense. Here is some of her advice:

(7.30pm, second Monday of the month, in the green shed at the Residential Centre – just walk down the slipway towards the lake and follow the noise. Don't worry, someone will stop you before you get wet feet!)

Well! We learnt '*How to Wear our Inside on our Outside*' at our meeting this month. Not, as the title appears to suggest, entrails and general gory twiddly bits – oh no! We learnt how to wear our inner fabulousness for all to see. Mary Blackhurst-Hill (Colour Analyst and Personal Stylist) began her talk by becoming invisible. It was easier than you'd expect and I'll bet that lots of us do it as a matter of course when we go out into the world. She removed her blingy hair clips and brooch, sweet little earrings, colourfully chunky necklace, bright turquoise jacket, orange lippy, natty suede shoes, and then she covered her rather snazzy mustard coloured spotty trousers with a pair of smart-but-boring black trousers and eh voila! Mary had disappeared! It is so easy to be invisible that I'll bet she's on retainer to teach M15!

Mary gave us all a sheet with 50+ adjectives for us to decide 'Who Am I?' – everything from *Accepting*, through *Enthusiastic* and *Nurturing* to *True* and *Wise*. We chose five ways to describe ourselves (all positive) then chose more descriptions from a sheet entitled 'How Do I Want to be Seen?' – examples this time were *Polished*, *Authoritative*, *Sophisticated*, *Cute* and *Chic*.

Mary approached this (for some people) really tricky subject with humour and positivity using a mixture of anecdote, science (backed up with lengths of fabric

- There are no good/bad figures – there is what there is (I particularly like this one)
- Honour your architecture (generally, if you're little, wear shorter skirts and jackets, otherwise you look like you've no legs). Everything to scale
- If you are '*nurturing*', wear soft fabrics because everyone will want to hug you!
- Decide how long you are prepared to spend on your make-up. If nothing else, a dab of powder and a splat of lipstick
- Find out what your hair does by itself – don't fight it!
- Respond to what you like
- Less clothes but better quality – helps the planet *and* your style
- Accessorise – not just hair clips, and jewellery but handbags, scarves, lace, change the buttons to something individual - details, details, details.

Thanks Mary, you gave us plenty to think about as we meet the world as our truly fabulous selves.

**Perry Women’s Institute Programme of Events 2022—2023 Second Mondays
7.30pm**

Sailability Clubhouse, Grafham Water Centre (GWC), Ridgeway, Perry, PE28 0GW
Contact perrywigroup@gmail.com or Jakki Spall, President, **07703431900** for further information.

Date	Event	Description
11th July	Paul Wyr, from the Wildlife Trust ‘Hedgehogs and How to Care for Them’	An insight into how we can help the ever decreasing populations of hedgehogs in our area together with the Wildlife Trusts
8th Aug	An informal walk with maps!	From The Wheatsheaf and return there for a drink afterwards.
12th Sept	Patrick McDonald ‘An Author and his books’	Patrick has written a thriller and a book about the Irish famine. He is setting his third book in Godmanchester!
10th Oct	Carina ‘Mary’s Meals’	An international charity which provides one daily meal in a place of education to some of the world’s poorest children
14th Nov	Christmas Crafts Sylvia Swain & Pauline Moody	Come and re-cycle some of our old Christmas decorations and local log slices into beautiful table centre pieces. Everything you need to be creative
12th Dec	Christmas Meal	Once more we’ve asked Lisa and Alex, from Viking Catering to serve us with their wonderful Christmas Dinner. It will be delivered to us at GWC this year.
9th Jan 23	Our very own Liz Dive! Shakespeare Groupie	All the daft stuff that’s happened whilst Liz was watching the plays.
13th Feb 23	Helen Oddy Jigsaw Race	Get your competitive hats on. We’ll be in groups attempting to complete a 500 piece jigsaw before the other groups do!
13th Mar 23	Annual Meeting and Perry WI 9th Birthday Party	Buffet food, Prosecco and Birthday Cake provided so come ready to eat!

WELLBEING WALKS (FORMERLY HEALTH WALKS) IN OUR AREA



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Just turn up ten minutes before the walk is due to start.

See all our local summer walks on the next page.

For more information:

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www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/ 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

JUNE		WALK NAME	MEET AT
Fri. 24 th	2pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park
JULY			
Fri. 1 st	2pm	Kymside Saunter (Gt. Staughton)	Village Hall Car Park
Wed. 13 th	2pm	Grafham Perry Walk	Outside The Wheatsheaf
AUGUST			
Mon. 1 st	10am	Kimbolton Hills	Kimbolton High St., outside school entrance
Wed. 3 rd	2pm	Grafham Lakeside	Cinnamon restaurant car park, Grafham
Fri. 19 th	2pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park
SEPT			
Fri. 2 nd	2pm	Kymside Saunter (Gt. Staughton)	Village Hall Car Park
Fri. 23 rd	10am	Perry Walk	Outside The Wheatsheaf

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Helen
Life Magazine Treasurer

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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 rediscovered a love for reading. During 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.

In the 1950’s there were still a lot of very painful memories surviving from those horrific years of the Japanese occupation. Those who had lived through those years in Singapore had an amazing story to tell. Every story that was told was still fresh on their minds.

Pastor Chew Hock Hin shared some of those heart breaking experiences from the war beginning on the 15th February 1942. It was the Chinese New Year, but would forever be remembered for the blood of the fallen. 3 days after the surrender of Singapore he spoke of how he gave a lift to some friends who wanted to inspect their property in Geylang road. What they saw sickened them to the core. They saw the devastation of wrecked

buildings, dead bodies, some British soldiers with their heads cut off, cars damaged and burnt. Nothing could ever have prepared them for the horrific sights and carnage that met their eyes.....

..... a few days later, the friends had hardly settled down when an ammunition dump half a mile from their house exploded and thousands of shells and bombs went in all directions killing people in the vicinity. He also spoke of the foreign missionaries that were treated as enemy personnel and made to walk 16 miles from the city to Changi prison. He also spoke of how many died in the torture chambers of the Japanese secret police, notoriously known as the Kempeitei.

There will be many more stories of the experiences of the native Singaporeans during the occupation.

Some of those stories of the occupation are also recorded in the book “Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey”.

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

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The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust have two events in June.

The first is a guided walk at Madeleine's Patch on **Saturday 11th June at 10.30am**. Madeleine's Patch is a small local nature reserve that was previously intensively farmed arable land. It is set up in memory of environmentalist Madeleine Parnwell, who tragically died 4 years ago. The reserve features a species rich wildflower meadow, plus otter, great crested newt and water vole. Park at Green Willows Farm, First Fen Drive, Warboys, PE28 2TZ, TL3174382118, What3Words copies.emerald.resettle.

Our second outing is to Brampton Racecourse SSSI at **17.30pm on 19th June**. This is an extremely rich lowland floodplain meadow and the vegetation is exceptional over most of the site. Among others flowers, we should see Dropwort and Sulphur Clover and hope to hear Corn Bunting and Quail. Access is by private arrangement only. Please meet in the car park at PE28 4UX, TL208720, What3Words crypt.groups.fuel.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

For more information please ring Alistair on 07775365507 or alistairgrant@hotmail.com or George on 01480 450809.

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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
10 Jun	Garden Safari	Traditional fun and sociable evening touring a number of beautiful and contrasting Hail Weston Gardens. 6.30pm start: Garden of Rest opposite Bird Lane for a glass of Pimms. Tickets (£10.00 per person) can be purchased from Barbara Willis before 03/06/2022 (cash/cheque, babngra@gmail.com, tel 07849272915) The evening will end at the Royal Oak Pub with a glass of prosecco (included).
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
14 Jul	Plant Sale at Village fete	A selection of beautiful plants for sale
2 Aug	National Garden Scheme visit Tempsford	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.



**Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish
Council meeting
held on 31 March 2022 – 7.30pm**

Present:

W Mumford (WM), H Glanville (HG), N Yates (NY), L Goody (LG), D Moore (DM), A Gilbert (AG), J Duberly (JD), G Brittain (GB), Jo Russel (Clerk), Ian Gardener (IG)

Apologies for absence - Bob Jewell, Darren Tysoe

Declarations of interest – AG, LG, JD, WM, HG all declared an interest regarding the letter received from the Parish Charities asking for their legal fees to be repaid.

Resident's Forum - Asmita Hynes from Little America Industrial Estate and Joe Hull from Unit 12 Forestry Fuels attended regarding the Enforcement Notice. JH reported that the Enforcement would make 4 people unemployed if the business could not continue. It is a British product which occupies a tiny proportion of the land and they are abiding by all of the government rules. He confirmed that he had not demolished any buildings nor does he intend to. He stated that the rings for producing charcoal were there since 2013. BJ is the only person who has visited the site and he had to ask exactly where the charcoal burner was as he could not see any smoke nor hear anything. Asmita Hynes confirmed that she and her family had planted trees/hedges around the site but HDC would not allow them to put in a water pipe in order for them to be watered. Mark Middleton and James Hopperton spoke regarding their concerns for the area should the business be allowed to continue. They are concerned about the development of Little America. JH is very supportive of local family businesses but he thought the site would be occupied by craft type

businesses not industrial. He does not believe that B2 use is suitable for the setting as Staughton Moor cannot cope with more vehicles using the very narrow roads and it is not suitable for industrial vehicles. Gina Chapman is also concerned about the type of vehicle using the road if B2 use is granted. She has a 200-year-old cottage which shakes when a heavy goods vehicle goes past.

Joe Hull said that the Enforcement Notice has been issued regarding noise and emissions. In his Appeal the noise report shows the lowest level possible to residential properties and the Emissions Report meets all the Environmental Health requirements. He stressed that he ran a responsible business which is carbon neutral. It is impossible for him to relocate in 4 months.

Reports from District and County Councillors – IG reported that Sharon Middleton had now visited GS and repairs will be done shortly. The pedestrian crossing and poles will be repainted. Regarding Dillington speed limits, CCC are going to have separate funding for these types of scheme towards the end of 2022. IG will let us know nearer the time when we can apply. The results of our LHI Bid for the pedestrian crossing halos will be decided in the next couple of weeks. The Ting Bus scheme is going to be extended for another 6 months. In relation to the Five Acres planning - D Jeakins reported that CCC and HDC have visited the site and confirmed that there are no matters that need addressing. It is not being used for waste activities. HDC will lead the investigations into whether there are any buildings without planning permission.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 – approved.

Matters arising:

- Green Close potholes – will be repaired in the next 3 months
- Tree in Moory Croft – we have asked Highways to replace this tree
- Pavilion Repairs – CIL funding not successful but the pavilion has the Covid grants so the work will go ahead.
- Blocked footpath near 5 Acres Salvage yard – waiting for the new footpath officer to be appointed
- Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct – the PC agreed to accept this.
- Drainage in New Development – there is recent activity on the planning portal. The developers have submitted some further information on the runoff through the ditches, speed of flow and acceptability of ditches.
- Councillor Nomination forms were completed at the meeting.

Attendance at other meetings – BJ attended meeting with CCC and other parishes on the heat scheme. They are looking at possibilities to get help through grant aided community scheme but there is still a lot of work to do. Great Staughton is being a pilot for any such scheme.

Highways - LHI bid 21/22 – still waiting to hear about this application but see above.

Blocked drains – these have been silted up again but the Highways officer has agreed to clear again.

Speed limits Dillington – see above

Footpath works, The Causeway – this requires no further action

Blocked public highway Perry – clerk has emailed CCC and copied IG.

Footpath from Dillington to The Green- WM is dealing with this.

Motorbikes – PCSO will be asked to attend the Parish Assembly.

Rerouting of footpath near new housing development – WM and JD – an

alternative footpath route needs to be found before this issue can be taken any further. WM has spoken to the landowner and alternatives have been suggested for consideration.

Planning

Staughton Moor planning enforcement – monthly updates from HDC/CCC – see IG comments above.

21/01016/FUL – Little America, Moor Road – 8 business units – objections have been sent to HDC.

Wyboston Garden Village – HWPC say that this application will not be looked at until April/May 2022.

21/02698/CLED – The Cook House, 14 Little America - objections sent to HDC – matter ongoing.

S142 – Licence to Cultivate 35 The Town – withdrawn.

22/00301/LBC 1 Cage Lane – Garden Shed – no objections.

Proposed Solar Farm on land to the south of High Wood – no formal application submitted yet. This relates to the existing solar farm being extended.

Appeal Against Enforcement Notice 21/00092/ENUCO – 11 Little America, Forestry Fuels – the clerk will reply with comments by 11 April 2022.

Cashbook – reviewed and approved.

Expenditure

J Russel.....	£431.37
P Yates.....	£58.98
Cambs ACRE.....	£57.00
J Russel.....	£431.17
Village Hall.....	£100.00
Balfour Beatty.....	£460.32
Balfour Beatty.....	£483.48
HMRC PAYE.....	£6.80
Red Shoes.....	£45.00
Cambs ACRE.....	£2,179.06
Cambs ACRE.....	£1,500.00
J Russel BACS.....	£490.06
Income.....	£0

Bank accounts

Community Account.....£19419.20
Business Tracker Account.....£21644.67

Correspondence - Letter from Parish Charities re repayment of their legal fees. It was agreed that we would ask the Parish Charities for a copy of their minutes discussing this issue. The clerk will check again the minutes of the Parish Council and CLT.

Letter from CAB asking for a donation. Ask if they are able to attend the Community Hub once per quarter.

Affordable housing update – BJ provided a written report. Good progress is being made on site. The end date is now end of 2022. The footpath through the site has been reopened.

Platinum Jubilee – the Picnic in the Park will be on Sunday 5th June. PC agreed to pay for some decorations.

Three Villages Sustainable Heat Scheme update – see above. Looking at Great Staughton being in a pilot scheme to provide alternative heating source but there is a lack of funding at present so it may be a long process.

Neighbourhood Plan – BJ provided a written report. There was a very effective meeting on 10 March. The next stage is developing vision and specific ideas for the plan from the brainstorming sessions and survey results. There will be the chance to further consult on these ideas at the summer picnic.

Reports from:

- Village Hall Committee – roof repairs are finished.

- Playing Field Committee – Thanks to Paul Young for moving the oak trees.

- Pavilion repairs still being looked at.
- Neighbourhood Watch – no report.
- Speed Watch – no report
- Village Hub – meetings have commenced. It is hoped more people will attend as the weeks go on. Another leaflet drop is planned.

Parish Matters - GB said the bridge on one of the footpaths needs some maintenance. The entrance is boggy and the grippers are worn. He will contact BJ to find out the footpath number so it can be reported. Streetlight 5 is still not working. This has been reported to Balfour Beatty already but clerk will chase this up again. Entrance to Old Vicarage near Loves Lane needs resurfacing. Clerk will need exact location so this can be reported online. Drain outside church in The Town is blocked.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Our AGM was held on 19 May. Minutes will be in the Autumn Edition of the Life Magazine.

Next meetings – 30 June, 8 September, 10 November.

Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report

Great Staughton Neighbourhood planning group in conjunction with Great Staughton Parish Council has completed the following.

- A survey of all residents and businesses in the Parish.
- The results were analysed
- These were then discussed at a workshop facilitated by Cambridgeshire Acre
- The suggested vision and objectives are shown below.

Neighbourhood plan Vision

To value, protect and enhance the rural and historical character and community spirit of Great Staughton, ensuring that future development retains the green spaces and vistas, and also provides a sustainable community with appropriate facilities for its residents.

Objectives

1. To support growth in line with Great Staughton's Indicative housing requirement
2. To ensure any additional housing provision meets the needs of local people within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
3. To preserve and enhance the village characteristics of Great Staughton that are considered distinctive and make it special.

4. To protect and enhance the historic character of Great Staughton

5. To protect and enhance the setting of Great Staughton's settlements together with its valued green and blue spaces

6. To ensure that Great Staughton is resilient against the future impacts of Climate Change

7. Any development coming forward in the parish will not exacerbate existing flood risk and opportunities will be sought to manage and reduce existing flood risk.

8. To improve transport connections and accessibility around parish for all non-motorised users including those with disabilities.

9. Support a revitalised and vibrant hub with shopping, commercial, leisure, cultural and community Activities.

Any Comments to me please as soon as possible as we are now moving to the next stage.

***Many Thanks
Bob Jewell***

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

1. 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx - can be Cherry Plums
2. 5 Tomatoes with calyx
3. 5 Runner beans
4. 5 French beans
5. 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
6. 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
7. 3 White potatoes
8. 3 Coloured potatoes
9. 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
10. 2 Outdoor cucumbers
11. 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
12. A basket of salad items
13. 2 Courgettes
14. 5 Exhibition shallots
15. A collection of chilli peppers
16. Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
17. 2 Edible squashes
18. 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 macaroons
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
81. A home-made soft drink e.g. juice, cordial, ginger beer or lemonade.

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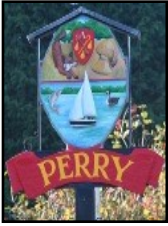


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**MINUTES of the
PERRY PARISH
COUNCIL
MEETING held on
Wednesday 6th April
2022 at the Grafham
Water Centre**

Present:

Parish Councillors:

Martin Wilson (Vice Chairman /
MW), Eleanor Abbs (EA), Nigel
Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP)

County Councillor:

Ian Gardener (IG)

Parish Clerk:

Eugene Smith

Members of the public:

Six

The meeting was opened by the
Vice Chairman at 1927 hours

22/149 Apologies

Chairman Sheila Brighton

**22/150 Councillors' declaration
of disclosable pecuniary and
other interests**

None

22/151 Public comment

The footpath at the rear of Rose
Croft is overgrown with brambles,
possibly a result of cutting
suspension due to nesting birds.
IG to make enquiries and

inform **MW** of the result.

When asked when the next garage
sale will be, **EP** suggested around
the same time as last year's,
middle to late September.

The recent litter pick collected 10
bags of rubbish. Huntingdonshire
District Council was asked to
provide equipment (litter sticks
etc) but didn't reply. **IG** to make
enquiries with HDC. Thanks were
given to Nigel and Wendy Noon
for helping with equipment.
Setting the date for 2023's litter
pick to be added to May's
agenda.

The Anglian Water orchard
contains three dead trees and a
large amount of dog waste.
Enquiries to be made re removing
the trees and providing a dog
waste bin.

**22/152 Reports from County and
District Councillors**

IG reported that the bidding
process for 20mph speed zones
would begin towards the end of
the year. He will keep the PPC
updated as he gets more
information. Discussion of zones
to be added to May's agenda.

There was a discussion re the
siting of Mobile Vehicle Activated
Signs (MVAS), **IG** to ask the

Highways Engineer to survey the village for the best locations for the MVAS posts.

22/153 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2022 were approved (prop EP, seconded NN, unanimous) and signed by the Vice Chairman.

22/154 Matters arising from the minutes

Proposal for bible reading – deferred to next meeting

Notice board – MW stated that this had been paid for and is due around 20th April 2022

Jubilee picnic – set for Friday 3rd June 2022 and progressing nicely

Car parking signs – it was decided to keep these until the replacements arrive.

22/155 Parish / village matters

Speeding:

EP suggested restarting the Speedwatch initiative, possibly involving refresher training. MW to look at the list of volunteers

Grass cutting:

To be added to May's agenda. In the meantime, Clerk to contact the current provider to ask for a cut

22/156 Update on meetings attended

Anglian Water User Group

Meeting attended via Zoom by SB and EA, nothing to report

Heat Pump Scheme

EP reported that an energy efficiency and decarbonising plan was being put together for residents

22/157 Planning matters

No applications received

22/157a Payment of bills and other finance

£500 to Life magazine

£100 for First Responders

Noticeboard paid for (see 22/154)

Agenda items for next meeting

Grass cutting

Village newsletter

Hedge cutting

New noticeboard

22/158 RESOLVED – exclusion of press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, to discuss appointment of Clerk.

ES appointed.

Meeting closed at 2028 hours

GT. STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 2022 SHOW
ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

<u>VEGETABLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>FLORAL EXHIBITS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S CLASSES</u>
1.....	19.....	39.....	63.....
2.....	20.....	40.....	64.....
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8.....	26.....		70.....
9.....	27.....	<u>NOVELTY CLASSES</u>	71.....
10.....	28.....	46.....	
11.....	29.....	47.....	<u>SUNDRY CLASSES</u>
12.....	30.....	48.....	72.....
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	37.....	<u>CAKES & PRESERVES</u>	79.....
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**ENTRY FEE: ADULTS 10P,
CHILDREN 5P. TOTAL FEE
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Jubilee celebrations at Perry Baptist Church

Throughout our locality there are many ways in which residents are celebrating the 70 years the Queen has been on the throne. It is a tremendous achievement and is therefore worth celebrating. I hope that we all find ways to take part in as many opportunities as possible. Perry Baptist Church has a few opportunities to invite you to share in.

On **Saturday 4th June** you are invited to the “Jubilee garden Party” to be held in the Perry Church Garden. The event will take place between 10am and 3pm and we hope that all in the community will feel able to join with us at this special time.

In addition on **Monday 6th June** our usual monthly “Drop In” will continue to take place. The Drop In will be open between 10am and Midday on the Monday. The Sunday Morning Service on 5th June will be a “Jubilee Thanks Giving Service”. At 10.30am there is an open invitation for all to share in this special thanksgiving service, followed by Tea and coffee.

Finally, a free gift is coming to every house in Perry! Now that sounds like good news for the people of Perry. As part of the Jubilee celebrations Perry Baptist Church are pleased to bring to every home a good quality book that is a presentation of the life and reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, including pictures and features of what she sees as the influence that has enabled her to bring the best to the nation and the commonwealth, particularly her personal thoughts on faith. It is hoped that all homes will be offered this gift by the time of the Jubilee weekend. **If you have not received this gift please contact Rev Jon Magee telephone 01480 700810.**

John Gaughan comes to Perry

John Gaughan, who once sang with Herman’s Hermits, is coming to Perry!

On **Friday 10th June** he and his wife Linda will be at Perry Baptist Church at 7pm. He will sing the songs many of you will be familiar with and reveal the journey of life that has led him to where he is now. If you wish to attend please phone Jon Magee 01480 700810.

John Gaughan was catapulted into fame and fortune in the music business as a young man in the early 1970s. John worked with the Cook/Greenaway team as an in-house singer & songwriter and contributed his classic pop vocals on many recordings. The Cook/Greenaway team had worldwide success with a string of blockbuster hits including several number 1's and scores of top ten hits in the U.K., U.S.A. and International markets. John himself worked with many famous names including, The Seekers, Marmalade, The Hollies, The Fortunes, The Drifters, Rubbing shoulders with legendary pop producers such as Sir George Martin.

It seems he “was into something good”, yet John says there was something better for him. He will reveal all at Perry Baptist Church on Friday 10th June.





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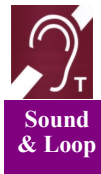
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Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the celebrations celebrating the seventy years of faithful service of Our Queen, we must not forget what that seventy year stint has meant to her and her family. A life of duty and service where, so often her duty has come before family. A family which has given her both pleasure and pain like any other family. A life of duty which is ceaseless and at times thankless but also exciting and adventurous. She is Head of State and Head of the Armed Forces and as such is the only person who can declare when the country is at war and when war is over, although she does take advice from the government first. Also, every day 'red boxes' are delivered to the Queen's desk full of documents and reports from Government ministers, all must be read and where necessary signed. Her life is one which has faith at its core, a faith which has been central to everything she does. Publicly and privately, she has put her trust in God and drawn strength from her relationship with him.

The Queen is the Head of the Church of England, which is a position that all British monarchs have held since it was founded by Henry 8th in the 16th Century. She appoints archbishops and bishops on the advice of parliament although the spiritual leader of the Church of England is the Archbishop of Canterbury. At times of great sorrow or times of great

celebration the Queen leads the nation and this year we have much to celebrate.

The Official Beacon event at Wood Farm, Hail Weston, sold out very quickly but there are more celebrations on Sunday 5th June with cream teas at St Nicolas Church, and on Sunday morning at Little Staughton there will be a joint service with All Saints and the Baptist Church on the green, giving thanks for her reign. Teas, coffees, and cake will be served in the Baptist Church afterwards.

On September 10th there will be Jubilee Finale with Church fete followed by a barbeque at the Old Vicarage, Great Staughton.

I hope to see you at one of these events or one of the many others that are being held in our villages.

*With love and prayers,
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Services for June 2022

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 5th 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10:30am Pentecost All-Age
Worship

Sun 12th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Sun 19th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Sun 26th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 5th 10:30am - Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Service on Green

Sun 19th 9am- Pathfinder's Service
with Communion

Sun 26th 2pm - Teddy Bear's Picnic

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 1st 10am - Morning Prayer

Sun 12th 9am - Parish communion

Sun 19th 3pm - Creative Communion

Sun 26th 9am - Parish Communion

Services for July 2022

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 3rd 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10:30am - All Age Worship

Sun 10th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Sun 17th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Sun 24th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Sun 31st 10:30am - Benefice
Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 3rd 9am - Parish Communion

Sun 17th 9am - Parish Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 6th 10am – Morning Prayer
followed by 10:30am – Coffee

Sun 10th 9am - Parish Communion

Sun 17th 3pm - Creative Communion

Sun 24th 9am - Parish Communion

Services for August 2022

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 7th 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10:30am - All age Worship

Sun 14th 10:30am - Parish Communion
led by Revd Roger Henthorne

Sun 21st 10:30am - Parish Communion
led by Revd Roger Henthorne

Sun 28th 10:30am - Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 7th 9am - Parish Communion

Sun 21st 9am—Parish Communion led
by Revd Roger Henthorne

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 14th 9am - Parish communion led
by Revd Roger Henthorne

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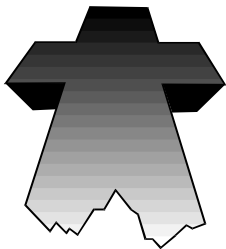
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My dear friends,

“We’re all going on a summer holiday...”

So sang Cliff Richard some years ago. Perhaps you are in the midst of planning your own holidays at the moment. Maybe its the first time after this past two years of pandemic that seemed as if it was never coming to an end, yet here it is at last. Our hopes and dreams have arrived, but is that the only hopes and dreams we have? Throughout life we need to make new goals. We may see the barriers of life which surround us and as we look toward them our visions become so very blurred and we stumble on the road of life. The process will come with fears and uncertainty. Yet when we look beyond it all and fix our eyes on the finishing line what a difference transpires. When God is the finishing line we aim for there is hope on the way before us.

The beauty of new seasons is the opportunity to set new goals. New seasons come with new dreams. Yet the goals come best when we seek the guidance of God. The bible says “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil chapter 4 verse 6 to 7)
May we know the beauty of the peace of God in our lives.

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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Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbows/Guides.....Lindy Bornman: FGSGuides@gmail.com
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324
 Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsyc2014@gmail.com
 Kimbolton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.....1stkimboltonscouts@gmail.com
 Piglets Pre-School.....Cheryl Lowden: 07759 382575
Great Staughton Family Playtime.....manager@pigletspreschool.org.uk
Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at St Andrews Church, Gt Staughton

SPORTS CLUBS

Great Staughton Badminton ClubDavid Giddings: 07926 135455
 Kimbolton Cricket Club.....Kevin Fisk: 07875 602919
 Gt. Staughton Tennis Club Committee.....Nicole & Phil Yates: 860616
 Kym Valley Carpet Bowls.....Anthony Withers: 861224
 Grafham Water Sailing Club.....Club Office: 810478

VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES

Grafham Wildlife Group.....Sam Malt: Day:810844 / Eve: 811654
 The Highway Community Car Scheme07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays
For all your transport needs, charged at 30 pence per mile
 Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Dawn Auton: 07985 925761
 Patient Participation Group Gt St).....Melanie Dingemans: 01480 860770
 Email: greatstaughton@nhs.net
 Village HallVicky Goldsmith: 860005 / 07739 469243
 PavilionGiles Brittain: 07740 647322

USEFUL & EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Telephone Prefix 01480 unless otherwise shown

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PERRY : Sue Astle 811121, Jason Harper 07779 123125

Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770
Buckden Surgery: 810 216

Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205
HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL: 416 416

NHS NON-EMERGENCY: 111

PALS: [Patient Advice & Liaison Service]:
0800 279 2535

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The Surgery, 57 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DY.

Every 3 months: June 5, September 4, December 4 2019 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE. www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk

Adviceline: 01223 569 600—charity for disabled/older people and carers in Cambridgeshire.
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Email: info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk

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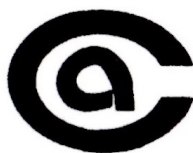
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