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Dates for your Diary



Future events

Saturday August 29th : Gt. Staughton Hort Soc Show

Saturday September 19th : St Andrews Church Fete.....Page 12

Saturday September 19th : VE & VJ Day Celebration Party.....Page 27

There aren't many dates for our diaries but as things begin to gradually come back to normal, do let us know



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Editorial Natter...

Hello everybody,

I trust you're all well in what is now day 3,639 of coronavirus lockdown.



I joke, obviously. As I write this, life is *gradually* coming back to normal. Shops are reopening, we're able to (partially) see friends and family again, and importantly, football is back. I'm still unable to get back to the village and see my parents and my cats, but when we can finally stay overnight in other places, I'll be on the first train back home.

I'd also like to ask for your help, dear readers. I want to showcase the gardens of the villages on the magazine cover - the places many of you have been spending lockdown. Do feel free to send myself and Shaun photos of your wonderful gardens. I've kicked things off with a photo of my parents' garden. And with that, I realise the last three covers of the magazine have been in Manor Close, so some representation from other parts of Staughton and Perry would be very welcome.

I look forward to seeing your snaps and I'll speak to you all again in the September issue.

This issue was edited by Rob

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Great Staughton Village
Hall 0:30 - midday

Sadly, because of the current health crisis and to comply with Church of England directives, we are obliged to suspend the monthly Tuesday coffee mornings for now.

We shall miss seeing all our friends but it is important that we all stay safe and well, and play our part in not spreading the virus. As soon as we can resume our meetings safely, we shall let you know!!

Treasurers Corner

Hello,



I hope everyone has stayed safe and well recently and that continues into the future. Still no Pots obviously but the magazine has managed to be produced every month. So, thanks to our editors, advertisers and especially our fabulous distributors all of whom are volunteers. Thanks!

Helen

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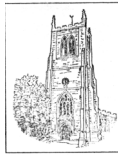
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May 2020

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£15.....	97.....	Mrs Hazel Ainscough
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June 2020

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
21.....	Louise Marsh.....	£50
76.....	Barbara Farrall.....	£25
85.....	Janet Howard.....	£15
77.....	Mrs. J Farrall.....	£10

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GREAT STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Midsummer! It's all downhill from now - the nights will start to draw in but luckily quite slowly. It has been a wonderful year for long warm evenings - unusual for Britain - but then everything has been a bit unusual!

First of all I have to cover official Horticultural Society business. It has been decided, with regret, to cancel all the planned events for the year. Obviously our biggest event is the annual show and it is really sad (and ironic) that the season in which a lot of gardeners have had time to lavish on their plants is the very one when they won't have a chance to show off in public. I'm finding it a bit of a relief because my produce is doing no better with extra attention than it did with benign neglect.

So apart from the show cancellation, there will be no official scarecrow festival and no garden talk in the autumn. Sorry if you were misled by last month's article which went to print before the decision was made. However there's nothing to stop anyone from displaying a scarecrow and it's likely that there will be a better audience this year since many people are continuing their lockdown walking routines.

I'm certainly keeping on with mine and have no problem distinguishing wifty, wafty barley from stiff, sturdy wheat. The difference becomes very apparent as the crops develop. And now there are small fields of oats and flax to give a bit of variety.

One of the delights of early morning walking is the scent of the countryside. It changes with the flowering of different species and I think it must be honeysuckle that wafts delicious trails of perfume at the moment. I haven't actually seen any but

can't think what else would smell that good. Sadly the rotten cabbage smell that often presents itself in the summer has just started. I have no idea what causes it but I hope it goes away soon.

It seems to be a good year for butterflies. They've been out in numbers on sunny days and I was excited to see a pink one which was new to me. In fact it's a moth - a cinnabar moth - which relies on ragwort as its food source and, unusual for a moth, is active in sunlight. It's interesting how certain species have evolved to eat only one thing. (Some of our youngsters seem to have a similar tendency.)

Apparently these insects can sniff out their host plant from a considerable distance. Scent plays a key part in another butterfly's life - that of the large blue. You may have seen the piece on Springwatch recently. The large blue is very rare and scientists aiming to protect it discovered that it depends on a particular species of red ant for survival. The caterpillar initially feeds on wild thyme flowers then it dupes its ant host by exuding a chemical which mimics an ant grub and is taken into the nest. It then feasts on grubs until it pupates.

I came across a red ants' nest when I was weeding the carpet - yes! - the weed suppressant carpet at the allotment which has proved to be an excellent seed bed and has been growing luxuriantly for weeks. I had to move a brick to get at some weeds and exposed a heap of ant eggs. They looked like a pile of rice. Immediately the ants scurried about to move them. After some time I returned, curious as to where they'd been moved to. I had a look under the brick in its new position and there they all were. I left them to it.

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We are again running the bottle stall (soft drinks & alcoholic) so any contributions large or small would be gratefully received.

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Storage can be provided if you want to get rid of stuff well before fete day. Please contact Bill Wetzel 811580, Martin Macfarlane or any PPC Member



Take our new survey about health and care during the coronavirus crisis

How has the covid-19 pandemic and lockdown affected your health and care?

People in Great Staughton and Perry are being asked to give their experiences in a new survey from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire - the local champion for people who use health and social care services.

The way most services are provided is changing to help keep people safe from Covid-19. So Healthwatch wants to know how this has affected you and those you care for and the impact on your mental health and wellbeing.

The survey is online, takes ten minutes to complete and is Anonymous, so you can share experiences in confidence.

What you say goes back to the people running the health and social care system, so they understand what is working well or what needs to change and why.

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Take the survey at:
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There is much to praise the book for. The language is poetic and masterful. The structure is interesting and original. The characters are believable as are their stories of suicide, betrayal and disillusionment. As the second part of the novel progresses, though, it does get rather 'preachy' which is rather a shame as the author had already made his point about our responsibility to, and reliance on, an ecosystem that long pre-dates mankind far earlier in the book. The other issue with the novel, which is no fault of the author, is

that it is not a book for 'book club': it was far too long for us to give it the justice it deserved (most of us hadn't finished it in time for our Zoom meeting) and, for those of us who had got a fair way through it, we felt we had missed some of the beauty of the book in our rush to 'get it done'. Definitely one to read – slowly – beneath the leafy boughs of your favourite tree.

Our books for the rest of the year are:

July - The Beekeeper's Promise by Fiona Valpy

August - Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald

September - My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Fitzgerald

October - Conclave by Robert Harris

November - The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet by David Mitchell





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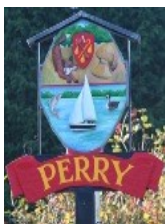
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Held via Zoom on
Wednesday 6th May
2020 at 7.30 p.m. at
Perry Baptist Church

Present:

Councillors Sheila Brighton (SB) – Vice Chair, Emma Prew (EP), Mark Fowler (MF), Jason Harper (JH)

County Councillor: Ian Gardener

District Councillor: Darren Tysoe

Members of the public: none

20/001: Apologies for Absence: Nigel Noon

20/002: Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items - None

20/003: County/District Councillor Update - IG updated the meeting on the Countywide Hub which has been set up to coordinate the distribution of support to the shielded group of residents who are at highest risk for 12 weeks. The contact information for the Countywide COVID-19 Coordination Hub – 0345 045 5219 Mon to Fri 0800 – 1800 at communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus Please note the Cambridgeshire Hub is using a password to identify themselves when contacting people using their services, owing to scams. Please be aware of Scams, such as direct phone calls purporting to be from Public Health. Trading Standards have shut down a website in Pboro selling hand sanitizer which was a scam. IG took the opportunity to thank all our local volunteers for the work they are doing to assist people in need. He informed the meeting that the work to convert the Marshall's site into a temporary Mortuary started on 08 April and is now completed

and that Addenbrookes is anticipating building an additional facility on land adjacent to Car Park 2 to provide surge capacity, it will provide an additional 254 acute beds. The ICU at Addenbrookes will be increased to 350 beds.

The County Council has taken the lead on commissioning additional care provision on behalf of both health and social care and have purchased c.370 additional nursing, residential and interim beds which are being utilised to discharge people from hospital to clear hospital space for COVID19 cases. They are supporting care homes and home care providers with PPE issues and access to PPE.

The CC has set up Home Learning for Pupils at home which is available on www.cambslearningtogether.co.uk which is a fantastic repository of activities for pupils to compliment work they are getting from school.

From Monday 23rd March all Cambridgeshire CC Libraries were closed until further notice. During this time overdue charges were suspended and return dates extended throughout the closure period and a number of digital services have been provided to browse eBooks, etc.

The CC Recycling Centres at Alconbury & St Neots are closed, however the County Council plan to reopen the Household recycling centres on Monday 11th May whilst maintaining social distancing.

IG also mentioned that a Facebook page had been initiated by a group unhappy with the closing by Anglian Water of the Grafham Water park. Anglian Water closed the park for the duration of the Covid-10 lockdown, and Cambridgeshire County Council agreed this is the correct approach, to prevent large gatherings of visitors in the car parks and around the villages close to the Grafham Water. IG brought to the attention of the meeting that: there are grants available for small

businesses. To date not many businesses have applied for this money. DT gave the meeting his update:

He shared what the District Council is doing to support residents during the Coronavirus situation. Further information on all of these initiatives can be accessed via HDC's dedicated Coronavirus website, www.wearehuntingdonshire.org or the normal call centre on 01480 388388. DT wished everyone well during this unusual time and looked forward to the recovery period which will improve in time, and he is available to offer advice or support on 01480 388388 and can be contacted by email on

darren.tysoe@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.

DT enquired about the support given to vulnerable people in Perry and was informed of the volunteers in the Gt. Staughton and Perry Volunteer Group who had been carrying out marvellous work in helping, anyone who requires it, with shopping, collecting medication, chatting or playing online word games, cooking or providing frozen food any trying to respond to any other needs or concerns people might have.

EP voiced concern over residents with mental health issues. We should all be aware of and look out for anyone needing help.

20/004: Public Forum on Agenda items

- None

20/005: To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2020

- The Minutes were proposed for approval by EP and seconded by JH

20/006: Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda Items) - None

20/007: Coronavirus Continuity Plan - Adoption of NALC Guidance with regard to Virtual Meetings: proposed MF and seconded by EP Standing Orders: No

need for amendment. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: to be held at the next face to face meeting. Proposed: EP, seconded SB

20/008: Gt Staughton and Perry

Community Support Group - SB read the following message from the Chair Perry Parish Council would like to offer tribute to the Great Staughton and Perry Volunteer Group for all the work that the Volunteers have undertaken at this difficult time. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your support to all the vulnerable residents of both Perry and Great Staughton who have benefitted from your kindness and your willingness to give up your time to help others. Thank You.

20/009: Police Update - None

20/010: Parish/Village Matters:

- Buckden Court Pond : No update
- Perry in Bloom: Plant vouchers have been given out to participants
- Potential Sale of Perry Water Tower Site: No update
- Parking Signs: No update
- Speeding in the Village: I volunteer has so far been in contact
- Garage Sales: Cancelled until further notice.
- Playground4Perry: No update
- Work Parties: No update
- Overhanging trees and vegetation on footpaths: Some issues have been noticed and the relevant residents will be contacted.

20/011: Heat Source Pump/Climate Change

- Cambridgeshire County Council are looking for other Villages to look at different heat sources– Swaffham Bulbeck are already working on their project. As a consequence Gt Staughton Parish Council indicated they would like to be considered and the residents agreed they could proceed with a feasibility

study. IG and EP attended a meeting with Anglian Water who have expressed an interest, and a watersource pump is now being investigated. With the close location of Perry and Grafham to Grafham Water it was thought these villages might also benefit from this scheme. Gt. Staughton and Grafham have now both indicated their willingness to go ahead. There are a large number of homes would could benefit from this project, and the resulting decarbonisation.

Government Grants are available for these schemes. A feasibility study for the project will need to be undertaken at a cost of £40,000 funding for which will be obtained via one of the Government Grants. The initial cost to the Parish would be in the region of up to £400 to help set up a website to keep everyone informed on the progress on the project. The Parish Council's agreement to join the scheme would be required to include Perry in the scheme.

It was proposed by JH that the Councillors agree that, as we are currently unable to have a village meeting due to the lockdown, they give their agreement to this proposal on the basis that once the lockdown was over we invite the representative from Cambridgeshire County Council to a meeting, where the benefits of the scheme could be explained to all residents. The residents could then indicate if they were happy for the project to proceed. There are currently grants for this type of project it would be an ideal time to become involved. It was also proposed to commit a sum of up to £400 towards the production of the website. MF seconded the proposals.

20/012: Clerks Report - Councillor

Vacancy: So far no enquiries have been received. It was agreed the current advert should be put in Life & Dairies whilst other ways of advertising the post are considered.

Social Media: There have been some

issues in setting these up but we are continuing to work on them

Events booked in March: All events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic

Grass Cutting: HDC have informed us they are not cutting the grass at the bottom of Roundhouse Drive as it is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. We are in contact with CCC and currently the Parish Council are undertaking the work.

20/013: Operation London Bridge -

Items required, along with photos of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have been purchased.

20/014: Correspondence received -

Email regarding Local Electricity Bill – resolution to be put forward at the next meeting.

Email from Learnay: it should be suggested that using other major search engines would be the best way of advertising their courses

Email from Reunite Foundation: Clerk to contact and give them the contact details for Life & Diaries

20/015: Finance and Legal Matters -

To agree payments for sanction:

Handyman's salary.....	£111.72
HMRC tax.....	£98.80
Clerk's salary.....	£352.20
Go Daddy domain payment.....	£23.98
Postage stamps.....	£9.12
J Jenkins for Solopress invoice for Highway Car Scheme flyers (S13)	
.....	£147.60
Office Depot stationery.....	£133.01
Arthur Ibbett Ltd.....	£30.00

Purchase of hedge trimmer for use by the handyman in the region of £200.00

The above payments were proposed for payment by JH and seconded by EP
Agreed payments already made:

Cambs CC for GWC room rental
04/03.....£15.00
Clerk's salary for March.....£355.34
Operation London Bridge items,
(tablecloth, ribbon, Condolence book)
.....£35.95
Handyman's salary.....£131.40
Arthur Ibbett Ltd asset
maintenance.....£42.38
Royal Images for pictures of
the Queen and Duke of
Edinburgh.....£120.00
HMRC tax on salaries.....£121.40
These payments were proposed by EP
and seconded by JH
A VAT claim has been requested in the
sum of £1085.17 for the years 2018-2019
and 2019-2020
Insurance renewal of the Parish insurance
with Came and Co has been received in
the sum of £364.96
It was proposed by SB and seconded by
JH that we accept this.

Resolution: To approve the Perry
Parish Council accounts for the year 2019
-2020 and, if approved, the council agree
to a level AGAR Part 2 audit to be
conducted by KE Wilson & Co. as
internal auditor.

Proposed JH and Seconded MF

Policies: All policies to be reviewed and
agreed at our next meeting.

20/016: Meetings Attended - Regular
remote meetings are being held regarding
the water source pump. EP has been
attending these. Ideally two people in
attendance would be best. MF and SB
would be willing to attend, but as with
EP, will be unable to do so Friday
mornings. EP to check on timings of
future meetings.

20/017: Planning Applications - 6
Duberly Close – No comments

20/018: Neighbourhood Watch - No
update

20/019: Village Plan: no update

20/020: Matters for the next meeting -
to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd
June. Venue to be decided: Garage Sales,
Local Electricity Bill, Standing Orders
and all Policies.

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An update from the Chair of the Great Staughton Parish Council

The Parish Council held its first ever virtual meeting on 21st May. I believe it was very successful with all Parish Councillors being present on-line. This was the AGM and Parish Councillors were appointed to the various supporting organisations. The Parish Council also clarified areas for grass cutting by the Parish, considered other planning and Highways matters, but specifically I thought I would update you on three topics:

- The affordable housing scheme on the Charities field on the Green has progressed. I thought I would recap on the proposals and the current situation and plans.

◇ The Community Land Trust has been seeking to provide affordable housing in the village with a priority for residents or those with a close connection to Great Staughton and Perry. The plans are for 12 dwellings to be built on the Charities field on The Green. The plans will be submitted for 4 x 3 bedroom house, 4x 2 bedroom houses, 2 bungalows and 2 flats. Of these 9 will be let on a social rent basis (60% of commercial rents) the other 3 dwellings will be made available for shared ownership.

◇ The scheme is being organised in the following way. Land which is

owned by Great Staughton Charities is being leased to Great Staughton Community Land Trust for 130 years and then being subleased to Chorus Homes for the provision of the housing with the above conditions. The Charities will benefit with a one time premium of £140.4K and the Community Land Trust £15.6K.

◇ The current status is that legal documents have been agreed between Chorus Homes and the CLT. These cannot yet be signed as the Charities have not finalised their legal position and the responses to contract. These matters are with the Charities solicitor and it is hoped will be resolved quickly. The implementation of the proposals will still be dependent upon receiving satisfactory planning approval and the ability to obtain viable contracts for the development.

◇ Once the documents are signed Chorus Homes will submit the planning application for the field this will probably take up to 3 months to be determined. Once this is achieved Chorus will negotiate contracts with developers for the build which will hopefully be concluded by the end of 2020. This will lead to a start on site in March 2021 dependent upon on weather and all other factors above being successfully concluded.

- I reported that the bid to get Highways funds to support speed

restrictions in the village had been successful. This has progressed with detailed plans providing for a 30mph speed limit through The Town but with the section from the bridge to the current 30mph limit remaining at 40mph. There will also be speed indicator poles positioned around the village. Whilst we would have liked a continuous 30mph limit through the village to the edge of The Town this is a considerable step forward. No timescale has yet been agreed but it should be anticipated that these changes will be in the next 9 months.

- The proposal for a possible Parish wide heating scheme continues to be explored with neighbouring Parishes and we are looking to engage consultants to take forward the funding application to the Rural Community Energy Fund.

If there are any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council please contact me or the Clerk details are in the magazine.

In the meantime I sincerely hope everyone is and continues to stay well.

Bob Jewell
Chair Great Staughton Parish
Council



After 32 years running her accounting practice Kathy Wilson retires on the 30th June 2020.

After careful consideration of those interested in buying her practice Kathy is pleased to announce that her business has been sold to Nikki Hageman of **Nicola Hageman Accountancy Ltd.**

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The hopes for the Perry Church beyond the lockdown

As you will be aware the government has made some gradual steps towards easing the lock down we are currently experiencing. One of those small steps is to say we will soon be able to open the building BUT not for public meetings. The advice the church has is that we will still not be able to have public services until the government moves further on easing the lock down. Therefore, for the time being you can access the Perry Sunday services either via the church

Facebook page on facebook.com/groups/971610836529533/ or via **YouTube** at youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg

In addition, even though we cannot have public services in the building please be assured that the local village Pastor in Perry, Jon Magee, is available to support you all through this time and beyond. If you need a listening ear please phone on 01480 700810.

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And if you're placing a small 'For Sale' ad in the magazine, do let both of us know when the items have been sold, so the ad can be removed for the next magazine.

**Thanks,
Shaun & Rob**

A book about Staughton July 2020

In May we celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE-Day. Here are two local people we remember.

The reality of war came to Staughton in 1943 and 1944. The November 1943 issue of the Great Staughton Parish magazine carried on its inside back cover the news that Robert Michael Ball, Service Number Ch/X 111845, of No. 41RM Commando Unit, Royal Marines had been killed in action during the invasion of Italy. On 8 September General Eisenhower announced the surrender of all Italian forces. This did not bring an end to hostilities. Indeed, the Germans' immediate response was to launch Operation Axis against the Allies. The Allies reacted on 9 September with Operation Avalanche, when British and US forces were landed on the beaches of Salerno, with the objective of marching on Naples. It was planned to be a surprise attack so there was no aerial or naval bombardment beforehand. The plan backfired. German High Command, under Albrecht Kesselring, had anticipated the Allies' tactic. As the Allied troops landed, they were greeted by a loudspeaker announcement: 'Come on in and give up. We have you covered.' Ignoring the taunt, the troops went in and met ferocious German opposition. By Friday 10 September, the fighting had intensified but the Allied forces were making slow but significant progress inland against a stubborn enemy who were hurriedly bringing up

reinforcements. It was during this push that Marine Ball met his death. He was 19. In the landings, the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines lost 83 men killed, 42 wounded. Marine Robert Michael Ball is commemorated at the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent.

A large military and civilian congregation were gathered for the Sunday service in the Guards' Chapel of Wellington Barracks, near Buckingham Palace on 18 June 1944, ironically the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo. At 11.20, unheard by the congregation and high above their heads, a German V1 flying bomb cut its engines and dropped silently towards the Chapel. The V1 crashed through the roof and exploded, destroying virtually the entire building and causing tons of rubble to fall onto the congregation, killing 121 soldiers, many of them Senior British army officers, and civilians including the Chaplain. 141 others were seriously injured. When the first aid teams attempted to reach the dead and injured, they were confronted with a shattered mound of bricks and debris and were forced to clamber over what was left of the roof and walls to try and reach the dead and injured. The operation to free the casualties took 48 hours. Amongst the fatalities was James Arthur Grey Duberly, aged 18, son of Major Montagu Richard William Duberly of Great Staughton, whose remains were amongst the last to be recovered. James Duberly enlisted in the Scots Guards on 9 August 1943 and served in the ranks until he was commissioned in the Scots Guards on 25 May 1944. He joined a training battalion at Pirbright on 30 May 1944 and

subsequently moved to Wellington Barracks on 11 June 1944. In a tribute to James Duberly, it was said that 'his one idea was soldiering and to make it his career'. He lies in St Andrew's Churchyard, Great Staughton and is commemorated on the War Memorial of St Mary's, Buckden. A tablet of Hopton Wood stone, erected in St Andrew's church, was subsequently dedicated to his memory. His parents endowed Winchester College to enable them establish the Duberly prize to be awarded each term for the best soldier in the Junior Training Corps.

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Broadband speed

Is you poor old broadband feeling the strain!? Perhaps your partner is streaming the latest box set on Netflix, Little Darcy is watching Peppa Pig on Youtube on her ipad, and little Jonny is playing an online game with his friends on Xbox Live - All whilst you're trying to download an important work file? Grrrr! Time to blame your broadband provider? Actually, your computer settings, poor wiring or the location of your router can all have an impact on your broadband speed. But thankfully, there are things you can do to improve your broadband speed: Firstly, try **moving your router**. Ideally, it should be positioned high up (on top of a bookshelf or mounted on a wall) and away from interference from baby monitors and microwaves.

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Sanitise your keyboard, mouse, landline phone and mobile phone using a disinfectant wipe or a soft, linen-free cloth dipped in isopropyl alcohol.

If you are guilty of eating at your desk, you could be dropping food particles, spilling drinks and leaving food wrappers behind. This mess attracts bacteria, insects and even rodents! Yuck! Eat and drink away from your

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Software to use to work remotely

Despite the odd distraction from your partner and children, working from home can actually boost productivity if you use the right set of tools available to you online.

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**A letter from The Lions Club to
The Life Magazine Editors**

Dear Rob & Shaun,

Good to see you are both keeping the Life magazine going at these difficult times for us all, thank you for your efforts to keep both Villages informed and entertained.

We Lions are currently keeping our heads down and waiting for the restrictions to ease so that we can continue our work, but as most of our members are now over 70, and some in the high risk category, we are a bit limited as to what we can do. All of the events we usually attend to raise funds have been cancelled, but we have been able to make donations of £250 each to Godmanchester, St Neots and Sawtry food banks from our funds, to help with their work during the pandemic.

Our other main activity the Lions Adventure Club is also suspended at present with hopefully a restart in September but like everyone we are dependent on Government guidance and the easing of restrictions.

We planned to hold our annual event at the Sailing Club, Perry on 19th September, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of World War 2 ending

this year, and continue to hope this may still be possible. However, we have to be mindful of the guidance regarding group gatherings and this may not go ahead. We have advertised this just in case, but supporters should be aware the event may not happen.

We suggest you reserve your tickets via Keith (812920) or from Perry Stores, as this might be the first opportunity to 'let your hair down' after the removal of lockdown!! Reserving tickets will give us an indication of the willingness of people to attend such a function and help us to decide whether to go ahead should the situation ease sufficiently.

We wish you all a safe and healthy Summer and hope the start of Autumn will bring a resumption of 'normal' life.

**Lions Bernard Dable & Keith
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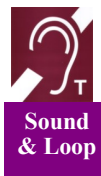
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Dear Friends,

As I write this, the three Churches are being cleaned and made safe so that they can be used for private prayer. Each church has slightly different opening times, All Saints Little Staughton is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the 2pm and 4pm. St. Andrew's Great Staughton is open for Private Prayer each day from 10.am – 4pm and St. Nicolas Hail Weston is open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am – 4pm. If you are used to enjoying a service in Church, I am sure that you will want to pop inside and spend some quiet time there. It is due to our many volunteers that you can do this.

Church, of course, is not the building but is the family of people who make up our worshipping community and throughout lockdown we have been able to meet together to pray and have fun via Zoom. We have a wonderful team who have worked together to produce services and other events in which many have participated. We have met together for Morning and Evening prayer every day except Sunday, we have had regular Study Groups, Family Fun and Meditation and on Sunday we have had a full participatory service with hymns and music.

I think the highlights were Rogation Sunday, the talk from Mary Cook on Sister Wendy and our Easter Sunday, and we also had a great concert which was enjoyed by many and an Agape meal for Ascension Day.

We were slightly worried about our finances so decided to do something about it and again everyone pulled together and after our Communion Service on Pentecost Sunday, starting at 12pm, we embarked upon our gospel marathon, reading all four gospels from beginning to end and raising something in the region of £1,800 and finishing at 8:45 that evening. Our youngest participant was 8-years-old and our oldest participant was older than 10x8 years old. In addition, we sought permission and were able to hold under strict distancing regulations, a produce sale on my front lawn. This raised another £900. So with the money from the sale of the pictures, each Church has received about £1000 to help them on their way. We are hoping to be able to stream our services when this is all over.

I would like to thank all three villages for their support in these events. I would also like to thank our wonderful Church Family for all their positivity, fun and fellowship throughout lockdown and most of all for their team work in pulling so many things off so well. We love our ancient churches, but we have proved that church is much more than the building, it is the people.

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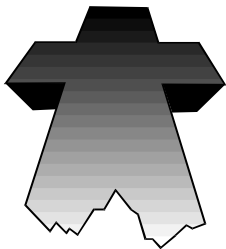


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My dear friends,

Living in a peaceful village we can sometimes miss how tough life is in the wider world. As I prepare this item for the Life Magazine I am struck by how quickly life in 2020 has changed. Yet I am equally struck by the good things that can emerge in the midst of the horrors of life. On the 25th May the world was shocked by the death of George Floyd whilst being arrested by police in Minneapolis. Demonstrations soon emerged, even here in the UK, to protest about both the death of George and also the racist treatment by some. It seems to me to be strange that such demonstrations then created headlines about statues which overshadowed the focus on the death of George, yet in the midst of that came a story of compassion that delighted me immensely. As demonstrations and counter demonstrations took place one person saw that the life of another in an opposing demonstration was at risk. So began his mission of mercy and carried the other man on his shoulders, taking him to a place of safety.

One of the great moral commands of the Bible says that you should 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). The greater context behind this command is to become closer to God, who 'causes His sun to rise on the good and the evil'. Showing compassion towards your enemies can have enormous benefits not just for them,

but for yourself. When you forgive someone, you can experience things such as lower blood pressure, improved symptoms if you suffer from anxiety or depression, and even a boost in your immune system. Letting go of bitterness can also have enormous benefits for your mental wellbeing, giving you higher self-esteem and improving your psychological welfare. More important, there is spiritual benefit. On the cross Jesus was forgiving to his enemies, and on that same cross reached out to you and I before we knew him. Why not trust him and discover a new dimension of his love to each of us, whatever we may have done in the past and an abundance before us.

Do keep in touch with each other even if it is by phone. Church services are continuing in a different form. Sunday services are being recorded and circulated on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg>. You are all welcome to join us at any time through this means.

If we can be of help to any of you please call me or email perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com

Love and Blessings,
Jon Magee

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