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# Dates for your Diary



## Future events

Unfortunately events scheduled for September have had to be cancelled. But do let us know about any planned events for later in the year.



### Mobile Library Dates 2020 - every fourth Wednesday of the month

23rd September, 28th October, 25th  
November, 23rd December (TBC)

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# Editorial Natter...

*Hello everyone*

First off, I'd like to thank Chrissie Beesley of Moat Lane, Perry for providing us with this month's fabulous garden cover photo. The ideal spot to have spent the recent heatwave! If you'd like to see your garden featured on the cover do email myself and Shaun. And thank you to everyone who has sent photos already, we will get round to using them!



On a slightly sadder note, I think it's the first time our 'Dates for Your Diary' has ever been completely empty. It's a shame the Church Fete and the Lions Club VE & VJ Day Celebration had to be cancelled. A stark reminder that we're not quite out of the woods just yet despite some coronavirus restrictions being relaxed. But I hope everyone is staying safe, well and positive and have at least been able to catch up with friends and family in person, enjoyed the recent sunny weather together or even been away on a little 'staycation'.

Here's hoping that when I come to edit the November issue we'll have some village events to talk about. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

## Great Staughton Parish Councillors

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Minutes of meetings plus other useful information can be found on the village website:  
**[greatstaughtonpc.org.uk](http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk)**

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Businesses can sign up at [www.beecp.org/sign-up](http://www.beecp.org/sign-up) or call 01733 882549 to check eligibility and for further information

**Monthly Coffee Mornings**



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,*



Managed to get to the Post Office and pick up the Pot. Thank you to all that popped in during lockdown and beyond. A still tidy total of **£11.72.**

Thank you! Stay safe.

*Helen*

**Did you know Great Staughton has a defibrillator?**

It's outside the village hall entrance. There is a towel to dry your patient and a razor to shave where the contact pads go.

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## GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB



We have been very pleased to see so many people enjoying playing tennis over the last few months and we have been happy to facilitate this without charge, particularly whilst the Coronavirus has limited us all being able to live our “normal” lives.

However, maintenance of the courts does not of course come for free and as such, we feel that now is the time to reintroduce membership fees to allow the Club to gain funds to carry out future maintenance and repairs as and when needed. Please be assured, that we are by no means seeking to make a profit nor place use of the tennis courts beyond anyone’s financial reach. The annual membership fee for a junior member (under 16s) is **£5**, an adult member is **£10** and a family membership (for up to six members) is **£25**.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, please email our Chair, **Nicole Yates** at [nicolehyates@aol.com](mailto:nicolehyates@aol.com) and an Application Form can be sent to you, together with payment details.

We look forward to hearing from you!



## St Andrew's Church

100 Club Draw

### July 2020

Prize	No	Name
£50	61	Mrs Chrissie Beesley
£25	55	Mr Roger Cunnington
£15	01	Mrs Anne Price
£10	95	Mrs Jenny O'Dell

***Congratulations to all the winners!***



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Drop by, have a coffee or tea, and see what is available.



### Kym Valley Carpet Bowls Club

We have some encouraging news to report. The government

has relaxed the lockdown rules for Village Halls, permitting them to open on **4 September**, with the usual safeguards in place.

Several members of the club wish to see whether this is a practicable proposition so 8 of us will gather at **7pm on Friday 4 September** to enjoy the first game of bowls in 5 months.

**Anthony Withers**  
Chairman, KVCBC

**01480 861224**  
**aw.staughton@gmail.com**



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£1 per child

### Friday

St Andrews Church, The Town, Gt Staughton

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We meet in the Harbour View Restaurant at **10am every Tuesday** for tea, coffee, soft drinks and good chat.



We also play Bingo and have a raffle and usually finish around midday.

We have cars available if walking is too much We would love to see more people come. **Call Marjorie Smith on 01480 812243 or 07753 426 823** for more details.

Meetings are on hold at the moment but we will keep you updated.

## West Hunts Friendship Club 100 Club Winners

*August 2020*

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
73.....	Mike Keeble.....	£50
20.....	Leslie Denham.....	£25
25.....	Mrs J Newman.....	£15
89.....	Carol Corn.....	£10

***Congratulations to all the winners!***

## *If you need help, just ask*

To all our village residents, the Great Staughton & Perry Community Support Group is still here to help if you're isolating. We have an army of volunteers who are prepared to:

- Pick up shopping / medication
- Have a chat or play online Word games
- Cook a meal for you / provide a frozen meal
- Respond to other needs and concerns you may have

### Great Staughton Primary Contacts

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Lorraine – 07855 826096

Elizabeth Ann – 07741 830102

Mandy – 07974 377681

### Perry Primary Contacts

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**B**y the time you read this we'll probably have forgotten how hot it was in the middle of August. It was such a relief when temperatures returned from the low 30s to the low 20s and the water butts filled up in the first thunder shower.

My runner beans were giving up - baby pods falling off in the drought - but they are flowering again. I dread to think what the cucumbers will do. I'm never going to grow five plants again! I was overwhelmed with bounty before the rain.

In a normal year the end of August would be a busy time for those preparing for the annual show. The organisers have a frantic time as the day approaches as do the major exhibitors. For example it's amazing how many potatoes and onions are needed to find three that match in shape, size and colour. Needless to say one of the three will have a great big worm hole or some other glaring fault. Then when you take your careful selection, scrubbed and polished, and arrange them on the display table some paragon will have just deposited their perfect produce! Unless you are that paragon you've been spared the angst this year. You've also been spared the calorie load of cakes, scones and biscuits that would have been prepared for the competition.

I think there has been an element of relief from some of the treadmill of life in the Covid restrictions but it's the effort we put into things that gives us satisfaction. And there's extra pleasure from seeing what other people can achieve. I'm always amazed at the creativity of the flower arrangements, the children's pictures or vegetable sculptures and the variety of crafts that are so skillfully executed. No doubt the show will return. Perhaps we can do it on Zoom next year if necessary.

I've been interested in the furore about estimated exam results. Of course there's going to be unfairness in individual cases and we all know that mock exams don't attract the same effort in some individuals as the real thing but there must be plenty of statistics looking at the predictive value of mock exams. It's just so sad that these students have missed the bonding experience of doing their A levels and GCSCs and unless they sit them at some future date will never know what they would have achieved.

On the basis of estimation on past performance at the show, I'd win the sweet pea cup but I actually had complete failure of my sweet peas this year. So there!

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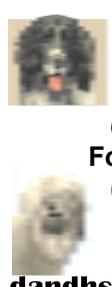
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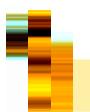
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**~~September 19<sup>th</sup> 2020~~**

**The Vicar, Church Wardens and PCC  
regret that due to the current  
restrictions caused by  
coronavirus the Annual Church Fete  
due to held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
has been cancelled for this year.**

**We hope to see you all in 2021.**



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.

Like a paper questionnaire?  
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Take the survey at:  
[www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/coronavirus-yourviews](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/coronavirus-yourviews)

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'The Beekeeper's Promise' by Fiona Valpy proved to be the perfect read for our July meeting. We had all read it (which makes a change) and we had all, mostly, loved it. The story focuses on the lives of two women living in the same village but in different time frames: Abi has escaped to rural France for a yoga retreat but ends up taking a summer job at the same chateau that Eliane had worked in prior to and during World War II. Here she learns not only to be resilient and to trust again but about the lives of the Martin family and particularly of Eliane's.

Eliane's story is one of quiet bravery in the face of great adversity and highlights the everyday battles that ordinary French people faced under German occupation. Abi's past is slowly revealed and she, too, has had adversity to face but finds hope and courage as she learns about Eliane's quiet resistance. Both characters have interesting stories but, in the telling, Valpy doesn't quite do either of them justice. We all agreed that there was enough 'meat' for two books rather than one and that Abi's story was weak in comparison to Eliane's which we were all fully invested in. This was a shame

because the underlying causes of Abi's fearfulness and anxiety were subjects that deserved a fuller narrative.

If you're looking for a book to read in the late summer sun, we would all recommend this one for, even with the few quibbles we had with it, it is beautifully told.

*Our books for the rest of the year are:*

**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

If you would like to know more about the book club, please contact Maragret Sare on 01480 860963





**Gt Staughton Rainbows are looking for new leaders**

It is with sadness that our current leaders announce that they will be leaving this small but thriving unit in the not so distant future, so we are now looking for new volunteer leaders to replace them. Our girls are enthusiastic and fun to be with and make volunteering all the worthwhile.

You do not have to have previously been a member of Girlguiding and full training and support is available.

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**Perry Baptist Church**

The future of church in Perry post-coronavirus. As we prepare for the reopening of the Perry Church building we are looking at some exciting plans. You will appreciate that we must take the time to ensure that we do this with your safety in mind and keeping within the current legal requirements. Please keep looking at this space as we make arrangements, looking forward to meeting you all.

## Going Zero in Grafham, Great Staughton & Perry



The project to provide a sustainable heating solution for the three villages is making progress. We have identified consultants to carry out an appraisal of a ground or water source district heating scheme. This has allowed us to make an application to the Rural Communities Energy Fund for funds to finance the study. We have been helped in making this application by Cambridge County Council and South East Energy Hub staff, so we are optimistic that our application will be approved, we should hear some time in October.

Meanwhile it would be helpful if you could visit the GOGrafham website <http://www.g0grafham.co.uk/> and have a go at completing the home energy check. This will help you understand the benefit of energy saving improvements you could make to your home and it would help us understand more about the likely energy demand for heating our villages.

We are also watching the progress of the proposed ground source district heating scheme in Swaffham Prior, they have just made a planning application. Look at [heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/](http://heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/) for more details.

## An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council on the Affordable Housing Project

Progress has continued to be made on the project. The signing of the legal documents is expected to be complete by early September. This will initiate the process of a planning application.

I will post on the Staughton Parish Council website [greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/](http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/) and on the Facebook page [facebook.com/Great-Staughton-Parish-Council](https://facebook.com/Great-Staughton-Parish-Council) the documents and also the proposed design and access statement as well as a video presentation of the dwellings once it is all finalised. The planning application will take up to 3 months. It is hoped that all of this will be available for the CLT AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. It is also hoped this can be held in the village hall with appropriate social distancing. Currently regulations can only allow 30 people to attend. Could you therefore please let the clerk know if you are attending by emailing her on [gtstaughtonparishclerk@oulook.com](mailto:gtstaughtonparishclerk@oulook.com) If we do have to limit numbers we will try to ensure one person from each household can attend. Any queries please contact me.

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## Your editor is doing another sponsored walk

As some of you might know, I do enjoy a big long walk. So, I've signed up for another one, and this one is through work. I'll be taking on a 26-mile walk around north London to raise money for **The Hygiene Bank** - an amazing charity that looks after families in desperate need of everyday essentials. They have teamed up with my company, Metro.co.uk, as part of a brand new fundraising campaign.

### This is The Hygiene Bank's story

It's not right that keeping clean should be a luxury or a privilege for anyone in our society. Hygiene poverty exists, closer to home than you think, and it's unjust. Those who don't have the means to access hygiene products can be held back from fully participating and contributing to society. It can lead to a crippling lack of confidence and leave those affected feeling isolated, excluded, shamed, bullied and humiliated. It impacts mental and physical health and reduces opportunities for education,

training or employment. Poverty strips people of their dignity.

Ultimately, solving hygiene poverty is about restoring peoples' dignity, self-confidence and mental wellbeing so that they are able to overcome some of the barriers they face and take the necessary steps to move forward.

I know asking for charity donations at the moment is tough, but if you could spare a few pounds for this amazing cause I'll be so thankful.

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Or, you're welcome to drop any donations at my parents' home at **2 Manor Close, Gt Staughton.**

*Thank you*  
**Rob Young**

### To Interested Parties in Perry

We have recently renovated our house in Perry, adding a window in the main bedroom, a front porch, and a three-foot front fence so our small dogs can roam free in the flower garden. We also added a shed/summer house and pergola at the rear.

I discussed the window with both the elderly lady in the bungalow next door and her relatives. Although the elderly lady opposed the window she was in favour of the fence. Her relatives felt that her views on privacy were unfounded as did the planning office as her windows are “already in the public domain”. In other words, the postman would get a much better view than us! And we would get an enviable view of the lake!

Other objections to the proposals made no sense to us as there are already fences, porches, tall plants (including hedges and trees) and many alterations to the appearance of houses on the estate; whether that has been in the 80s, 90s or this side of the millennium.

The porch, shed and pergola are within permitted development



guidance and follow building regulations. Spending on properties to keep them maintained and up to date is encouraged by the government (surprise, surprise!).

The original schedule, on the Title Deed written in 1966, stipulates that “not at any time hereafter without

*the Transferor's written consent to place plant erect or construct on the property hereby transferred any building shed structure hedge fence wall or post other than as existing at the date hereof or included in the said landscape work*”. The schedule is now 54 years old and has been quashed for many years.

Our obligation was to “*make further advances*” which we took to mean “ask for planning permission” which we did; and that “*These advances will have priority to the extent afforded by section 49(3), Land Registration Act 2002*” whatever that means! The Restrictive Covenant (1973), on our Title Deed, says “*No building shall be or be allowed to become detrimental to the... “high-class” ... appearance of the estate ... by reason of the lack of repair or decoration*”. There is no mention of “building, shed, structure, fence, hedge, wall or post” in this part of the Title Deeds.

Opinions on what looks good differ; and positive changes promote the up-keep of any estate over many years. The planning permission for the alterations that we received, overrode all the objections. I have copied the summary below and all the documents are available to view on the Huntingdonshire planning website. So, we did dare, with much deliberation and trepidation, to join all the others who have functional fences, elevated erections, and bountiful bushes! We did talk again to the objectors and considered their views by excluding the driveway gates, placing the fence well inside our boundary to the front and South, and leaving the fence colour natural. Most people were very compromising! To us, and many other people, our property is a pleasure to look at! We can enjoy all the plants as they grow, and to make it pleasant for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, bees, and other people to enjoy too! Indeed, we have had a lot of positive feedback; (not from the wildlife yet, but I'm sure they're grateful for another place to live).  
Jakki Spall.



*Framework 2019 calls for “sustainable development” to be achieved by considering economic, social, and environmental objectives.*

### **SUMMARY OF ISSUES**

**1. Design and Visual Amenity:** *The proposed picket fence*

*allows views through to the front garden and given the scale of the fence with a height of 0.9m, the fence is not considered to have a significant visual impact nor is it considered to detract from the open plan character of the area. It is considered that the scale, bulk and design of the proposed window complements the host building and would not harm the general character of the area.*

**2. Residential Amenity:** *The fencing is not considered to result in overshadowing nor loss of light and would not have a significant impact upon residential amenity. The neighbour comments regarding overlooking and a loss of privacy are noted however, given the positioning of the window in relation to No. 11, the proposed window affords views to the front of the neighbouring property which are already in the public domain. Accordingly, the proposal is not considered to result in*

**From the planning permission  
Huntingdonshire District Council  
The National Planning Policy**

*a loss of privacy nor significant overlooking.*

**3. Highway Safety:** *The neighbour comments regarding the fence resulting in restricted access to the driveway of No. 7 are noted. However, the fence is to be situated wholly on land within the ownership of the applicant. As the neighbouring occupiers do not have rights over the application site, an impact on parking is not considered a sustainable reason for refusal. Given the scale and siting of the fencing, it is considered that the proposal would not have an adverse impact on highways safety. A condition will be attached to any permission requiring the gates to be hung inwards in the interest of highway safety.*

**4. Conclusion** *The proposed development is considered to be compliant with the relevant national and local policy as it:*

- *Is of an appropriate scale and design*
- *Would not have a harmful impact upon the character and appearance of the area;*
- *Would not have a significantly detrimental impact upon the amenity of neighbours;*
- *Would not have a harmful impact upon highway safety.*

*Taking national and local planning policies into account, and having regard for all relevant material considerations, it is recommended that planning permission be granted, subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions. (ref; 18/02613/HHFUL)*



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## **Keep caring - Coronavirus hasn't gone away**

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is getting behind the local **#KeepCaring** campaign led by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, and supported by partners. The campaign outlines ways that people can

take care of themselves and each other, to help control the spread of coronavirus.

**Here are some ways you can keep caring:**

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- Caring is washing your hands regularly, when you enter or leave a new place.

**We're also asking residents to keep caring by being fire safe at home, and on the roads when out and about:**

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## The Great Staughton Oil Syndicate

With quite a few newcomers to the village since this was last posted I though it opportune to remind you all of the oil buying syndicates operating in Great Staughton, Perry and the surrounding villages.

The Great Staughton & Kimbolton syndicate is operated by Conquest Oil. They deliver on the 15/16th of each month, flexing a bit when either date falls on a weekend. All you need to do is ring up to place an order, or email [info@conquestoil.co.uk](mailto:info@conquestoil.co.uk), and ask for it to be supplied via the Great Staughton & Kimbolton syndicate. You can order a fixed quantity or request a tank top up. Their phone numbers are **01525 402209 & 402073**.

The Grafham syndicate is run by Simon Johnson, (email [grafhamoil@gmail.com](mailto:grafhamoil@gmail.com)). All you need do is email him and ask to be added to his circulation list. He emails the people on his list asking how much they want each month, a fixed amount or a tank top up, but there is no obligation to purchase. He then obtains the best price from a selection of suppliers and emails you back with the details so you can then place your order with the winning supplier. Deliveries are normally made during the first week of the month. Again there is no membership or fee involved.

In both cases, as with all suppliers, there is a minimum order quantity of 500 litres.

If you know of suppliers that beat either syndicate's prices then please let me and other villagers know.

If you have any query with the above let me know and I will help as best I can.

*Best regards,*

**Roger Harding**

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### **A Note From the Editors**

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**Thanks,  
Shaun & Rob**

## A book about Staughton September 2020

I have been working on the last chapter of the book which looks at the post-war changes in the village. Rather than simply rely on my memory plus research in the local papers I thought it would be more sensible to ask the people who are experts about the village, namely the people who live here. I asked a few people and I was gratified to receive some excellent responses reminding of things that I had either forgotten or never knew. (Did you know that the White Hart skittles played by both Beds. And Northants. rules? Me neither.) So I thought I would ask the helpful residents of the village if they had any memories to add. I can't use people's names for data protection and privacy reasons, unless of course you are recounting your own recollections and don't mind being quoted. Any errors please correct me.

Here are some dates and events which trigger additional information. Any help gratefully acknowledged.  
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Here we go:

◇ In 1948 – 9 council houses were built in Vicarage Walk and Cage Lane.

◇ In 1970 Kier Construction began work on the Beachampstead Road estate. The second phase by

Hillsdon and Twigden and the estate was finally completed in 1975. Dubbed the 'Reservation'. Several of the houses in Lye Close were purchased by the then Home Department for officers working in the Gaynes Hall Borstal, located in Perry. The village was also home to a number of US servicemen and their families from the US air force base in Alconbury, some 12 miles away.

◇ The new village school with swimming pool quickly reached its capacity of 200 pupils.

◇ A Play and Chat club was set up, meeting every Wednesday in the village hall.

◇ A Playgroup was established in 1977 and was officially opened in February 1982.

◇ More ambitiously, a pre-school Piglets was established and also located in the same portacabin.

◇ The Parish Council – new members from the estate.

◇ The village shop, the butcher's and the three pubs were also beneficiaries of the enlarged village population. The shop was to close in the 1990s and there were changes to the pubs.

◇ 1976 *Great Staughton and Perry Life* and the Staughton Stagers.

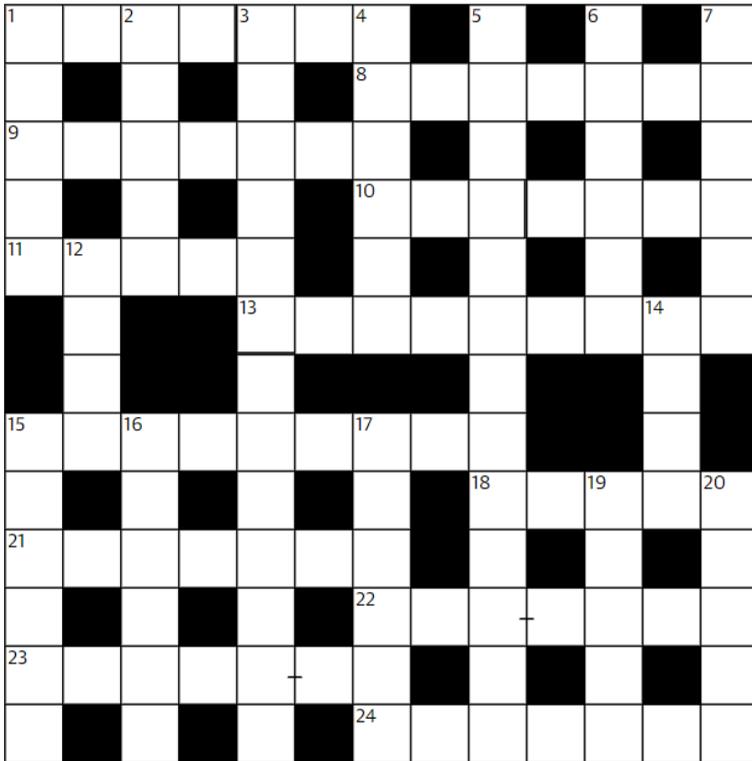
**I'll have some more next month.**

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# Have go at Sudoku, Killer Sudoku and a crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1. This baby will grow up to be a fierce canine (4,3)
- 8. Stupendous (7)
- 9. Far beyond the norm (7)
- 10. Cable way for coming down fast under gravity (3,4)
- 11. Display of bad temper (5)
- 13. Storyteller (9)
- 15. Starters (9)
- 18. Games played with a pack (5)
- 21. Official conducting inquests (7)
- 22. Unsurpassed (3-4)
- 23. Composition of flat objects on a board (5-2)
- 24. Moorhen (anag) - internal secretion (7)

**DOWN**

- 1. Industrial sites (5)
- 2. Shelf (5)
- 3. Small silky-coated dog (6,7)
- 4. French novelist, Honore'd 1850 (6)
- 5. At right angles (13)
- 6. The fuzz (6)
- 7. Surface (6)
- 12. Kinship group (4)
- 14. Employed (4)
- 15. Say 'yes' (6)
- 16. Beat conclusively (6)
- 17. Angel of the first order (6)
- 19. Horned pachyderm (abbr) (5)
- 20. Large yellow edible root (5)

*(answers on page 26)*



Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club regret that they have had to cancel the VE & VJ Celebration event on 19th September due to the continuing restrictions on large group gatherings. Our band has also been unable to rehearse due to the restrictions which left us with little alternative but to cancel. We hope to reorganise a similar event in the spring. Keep safe and well.

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We need **all the residents and businesses in Great Staughton** to register their address, landline telephone number and residential or business status to **[gscfp2020@gmail.com](mailto:gscfp2020@gmail.com)**, an email address specifically set up to administer the submissions. We guarantee these details will not be used for anything other than establishing the CFP. This is purely for registration purposes, you are **not making any sort of commitment**. Regular updates will be provided via the usual information sources. If all the properties in Great Staughton submit the requested information we stand a chance of getting FTTP ( Fibre To The Premises ) sooner rather than later.

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**Increased bandwidth:** For example, if your family uses several devices at once – laptops, game consoles, iPads, streaming films, etc – then FTTP will be that much faster than FTTC, and won't slow down any of your gadgets.

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### *Dear Friends,*

I have been looking back at my newsletter for September 2019. It was full of all the fun we had had at Summer Camp and also contained a diary of upcoming events.

A year later, life is not so predictable, and it is difficult for me to know at this stage what we will be able to do in September, therefore I sadly cannot publish a list of services yet.

My hope is that we will continue to be allowed to have services in our Churches but also, we will continue to stream in some form, for those who still prefer to stay at home.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, weather permitting, we will have a family picnic in the churchyard with puppets and scavenger hunt, hopefully our Family Fun families will attend.

Also, on the third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm at St. Nicolas', Hail Weston we will resume Creative Communion, of course with a difference, this is an interactive service for people of all ages, and with children taking the lead.

If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation, please let me know, as classes will start in September at a time that suits those who want to attend. Can you also contact me if you would be interested in a group for those who want

to find out about Christianity and the Church? We propose to have a small group meet at the Vicarage but then others can join via Zoom. This will give an opportunity for those who have children at home and can't get out in the evening, to be able to join us.

These are still difficult and uncertain times but throughout everything it is good to know that we are not alone, we are all in this together, and I hold each and everyone of you in my prayers Morning and Evening, as I pray for these villages and those of us who live in the Benefice.

In the words of Minnie Louise Haskin 1875-1957 I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth and, finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.

*With love and prayers,  
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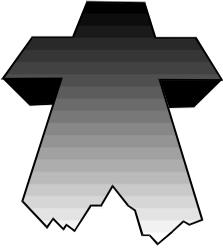
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## Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906  
Minister: Rev Jon Magee 01480 700810



Services at Perry Baptist have been suspended until further notice. There are services online on our website and Facebook page.

Website [www.perrybaptist.org.uk](http://www.perrybaptist.org.uk)

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*My dear friends,*

**W**e have had some interesting weather recently. It is strange how we live in a culture where the weather soon comes into the conversation and we never seem to be satisfied. It is too hot. It is too cold. It is too wet. It is too dry. Yet how often do we say it is just right and we are satisfied with what the good Lord has provided for us.

During our recent thunder and lightning storms I was reminded of my experiences when living in the Far East. The lightning in tropical countries would strike far more fiercely than anything we may see around these parts. Many of us may tremble at the sight of the lightning, yet on a real hot day it is often the one thing that will clear the air and enable us all to start afresh. As the air is cleared I was often amazed as a child to see at these times the brightness of the light that would emerge in the middle of the night. What a contrast the light brought to the blackness of the sky.

The bible has a lot to say about light. Light is used to symbolise God, faith, and holiness throughout Scripture. As Christians, we are called to not only walk in the light but to be the light for others. Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John chapter 8 verse 2). There is

much that we might fear, but when everything seems to be at its darkest point Jesus is saying "trust me". Trust Jesus not only as Saviour but as your Lord and let Jesus bring light and life in your way even when it seems impossible.

We are preparing the church building for it to be reopened very soon. We are aiming to reopen the building the first Sunday of September, about the time you will have this copy of the Life. The government guidelines at the moment do require us all to have some form of masks and would ask you to take this into account. We are aware that some may not feel comfortable in returning yet so we will also continue to provide online services on 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 these means if you are not able to attend the building.

Do keep in touch with each other even if it is by phone. As the Perry Village Pastor I am available for you all. Please call me or email [perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com](mailto:perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com)

**Love and Blessings,**  
*Jon Magee*

**Clubs & Activities :**

**Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....Margaret Sare: 860963  
 Perry WI: .....Liz Dive: 811636  
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