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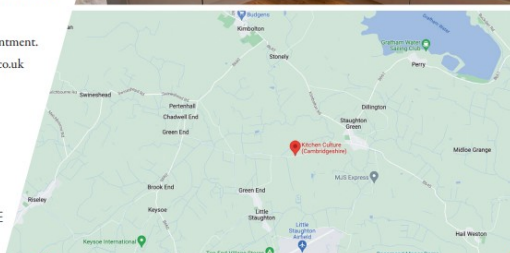
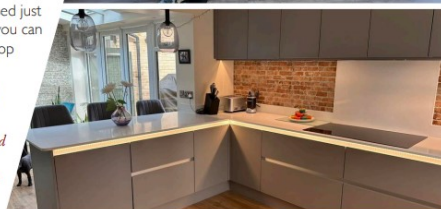
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Please do keep us informed of any village events and activities taking place

Mobile Library 2025 every fourth Wednesday of the month

Chichester Way, Perry 11:15am – 12:05pm. The Causeway, Gt Staughton 2pm – 2:30pm

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2025

7pm-9pm. At the moment all meetings to be held in the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

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Editorial Natter...

Hello everybody,



Welcome to your Spring - and penultimate issue - of the *Life Magazine*. The magazine will sadly be closing its doors with the Autumn Edition. I decided at the start of the year that it was time to step down from editing duties after 15 years, and we've been unable to find anyone to take over from me. I'll talk more about it in my final editorial in the autumn, but for now, if anyone in the villages have any fond memories of the magazine over the years, do email me and I can include them. I'd also like to do a full colour issue for autumn, so if you've got some lovely photos from Staughton and Perry that you'd like to share with the community, send them my way.

As we're approaching the end of the *Life Magazine*, I want to redirect Great Staughton villagers to the parish council website, where you'll be able to find contact information, news about local events, council minutes and everything else. Simply head on to www.greatstaughtonpc.org.uk.

I'll chat to you all for one final time soon! Enjoy your summers! (Oh yes, I thought I'd put a photo of my cat Jimmy on the cover, too)

This issue was edited by Rob

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Perry Coffee Morning

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Restaurant at **10:30 -**

12 noon every Wednesday for
tea, coffee, and a good chat.



We have cars available if walking
is too much We would love to see
more people join us.

**Call Joan Magee on 07785
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A Note From the Editors

Please send content to both below
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Keep us informed of any changes to
village clubs and activities, such as a
change of contact details and group
leaders. We want the magazine to be as
up-to-date as possible, and that can
only be achieved if you keep us in the
loop.

Finally, if you'd like to place a 'For Sale'
ad let us know when the item's been
sold, so the ad can be removed for the
next issue.

**Thank you,
Rob & Lorraine**

Treasurers Corner

Hello,

No Pots as I have removed them
as the magazine is on it's
penultimate edition.

It is sad but all information is
available online and Facebook,
and hopefully all villagers will
be able to access the information
they need to see all that this
wonderful village has to offer.

Happy summer
everyone,
Helen



Great Staughton has a defibrillator

It's outside the Village Hall
entrance.

It is alarmed which you need to
ignore when you open it in an
emergency. There is no code, it's
always open (must have a code
which you register with 999 so
they can give it to a caller).

If in doubt, use it! It tells you
exactly what to do, very clearly, it
won't deliver a shock if one is not
required.

VE DAY

The Perry celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day was a great success this year. It was a two day event in the Perry Baptist Church on Sunday 4th May and Monday 5th May.

On the Sunday evening there was support by our local councillor, Stephen Cawley, as well as representatives from Perry WI as well as local Veterans. Each took part in the service, along with a local poet who composed a special poem to mark the anniversary.

80 years ago the key word for many was peace. It was appropriate that the theme on Sunday was peace.

On the Monday there was a less formal drop in during the Monday with music from the war years and the VE Day.

Following this there was a "forties style lunch". We were thankful to see Joy Hartigan, President Elect of Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club, attending the Monday events. Above everything we are thankful to the community for giving such a wonderful support on both days.

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£50	5	Mrs Brenda Wilson
£25	99	Mr Alex Turner
£15	61	Mr Phil Yates
£10	14	Mrs Sheila Wells

March 2025

Prize	No	Name
£200	67	Mrs Hazel Ainscough
£100	74	Mrs Judy Chalkley
£50	7	Mr Bill Salmon
£25	65	Mrs Jean Wilmer
£15	100	Jill Ackroyd
£10	89	Mrs Flo Marriott

April 2025

Prize	No	Name
£50	8	Mrs A M Hamilton
£25	96	Mr Robert Gray
£15	100	Jill Ackroyd
£10	73	Mr Karl Reid

May 2025

Prize	No	Name
£50	6	Mr John Harrison
£25	75	Mrs Gray
£15	61	Mr Phil Yates
£10	36	Mrs Elaine Bell

Congratulations to all the winners!



**Kym Valley Carpet
Bowls Club**
Gt Staughton Village Hall
Club nights Tuesday and Friday
7pm to 9.30pm

The Kym Valley Bowls Club is as active as ever in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7pm.

If you've been a bit hesitant about the game you might be pleasantly surprised at the deceptive simplicity of the game.

Plus good company, a warm village hall, tea and biscuits and a bar of chocolate for the winners.

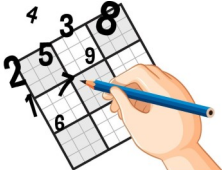
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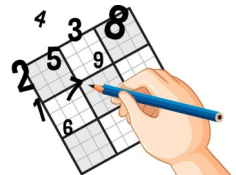
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Difficulty: easy

Thank You from Sheila Wells and family

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, condolences, hugs and many chats whilst meeting people in the village, following the passing of my dear husband Dennis; who lost his brave battle with cancer in April.

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'It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powered gold over the grassy hillside.'

Maud Hart Lovelace

Reading in the garden with a battered old hat to shade me from the sun whilst reading from an (also) battered book that I've cherished since I was a child, is my idea of heaven. That and a glass of something pink! So, if I don't respond to the doorbell, you know where you'll find me.

Meanwhile, April's book was **'Abroad in Japan'** by Youtuber Chris Broad and tells his story of moving to and living in Japan. A quick, light read.

Our May book is Joseph O'Connor's **'My Father's House'**. Based on a true story and set in Rome and the Vatican City (which was recognised as a neutral and independent country during the second world war), the novel

introduces us to wonderful characters, life-threatening derring-do and fabulous plot twists.

June's book **'Doppelganger'** by Naomi Klein is an eye opener and a matter of concern for us all. Klein, a journalist, has spent several years being mistaken for Naomi Wolf who is a conspiracy theorist. An interesting read.

Books for the rest of 2025

July:

Undercurrent by Naomi Klein

August:

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

September:

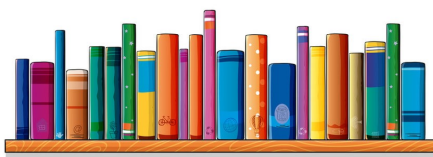
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

October:

Lessons by Ian McEwan

November:

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver



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**Hail Weston Wildlife and
Gardening Group**

Meetings take place in **Hail Weston
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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 2025 programme on page 12.
We would love for you to come and
join us.

**For more information and to book
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PERRY BOOK SWAP

Calling all bibliophiles.
Perry Parish Council
has a book swap for
the village,'



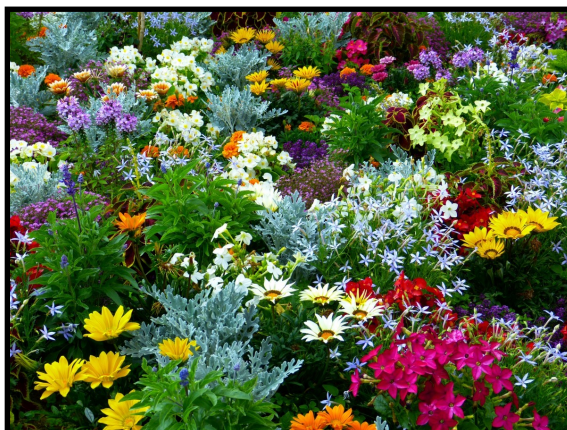
Here's how it works. If you have any
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them to the book swap containers,
located inside the bush shelter by the
village green. Put them in the boxes, and
if anything catches your eye, take it!

If you have a large amount of books,
collection can be arranged via the clerk,
Eugene Smith (contact details can be
found on page 5).

Happy reading!

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2025

Date	Title/ Speaker	Description
June 6th, Friday Programme tbc	Garden Safari, Details TBC	Our very popular tour of beautiful Hail Western Gardens.
July 8th, Tuesday 1.30pm Garden Cost £9.50 pp	Visit to Peterborough Elton Hall Gardens	Our visit will begin with a brief introduction to the history of the garden, followed by free time to wander. Access available for mobility scooters. Refreshments are available at the Bosworth's Garden Centre (where we park).
August 5th, Tuesday Time and cost tbc	Visit to NGS garden in Bed- ford	An evening visit to 1a St Augustines Road, MK40 2NB. Refreshments will be available.
September 2nd, Tuesday 7.30 Village Hall	Animal Safari	Safari STU will bring snakes, lizards, mini beasts and mammals for petting. Children will be welcome, at no cost when accompanied by an adult.



**GREAT
STAUGHTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**



Is it cheating to buy baby vegetable and bedding plants from a nursery? I have to admit that I did just that for the first time this year. It was my abysmal failure last year that prompted this development.

Everything seemed to grow at a snail's pace. My tomato plants were so late to fruit that they were still green at the end of the season. Cosmos germinated readily but the seedlings got really spindly and my attempts to strengthen them meant constantly putting them outside so that they'd be blown about in whatever wind was available then bringing them in again to keep warm. Leeks grown from seed were like skinny slivers of grass for weeks on end.

Courgettes can be reluctant to germinate so you sow too many then they all come up and you can't bear not to plant them and you are submerged in fruit for months.

So in the middle of April I bought some wonderfully sturdy cosmos plants, some respectable leeks, one courgette plant, big Gardener's Delight tomato plants and some carrots. Obviously I now had the risk of keeping them all alive till they could be safely planted out but my temporary plastic green house has been up to the task so far and everything has grown very satisfactorily.

The down side of all this is the multitude of equipment for raising seedlings which is sitting unused in all its plastic glory in my shed. Plastic guilt is a modern day curse. Some people seem to have no difficulty in chucking it all in the bin but

others agonise about contributing to the ever increasing mountains of discarded non-biodegradable materials.

One constructive thing we can do for our environment is to think about water. My water butt is already empty and very little rain is forecast for the rest of the month. How many times do we unthinkingly run the tap to get the water at the right temperature or to clear stale water from the pipes. If you get into the habit of collecting that water - have a bucket handy - it's amazing how much you can accumulate for watering the garden or filling your cistern after you flush the loo.

It will make a difference to your water bill as well as to your environmental credentials. I often think that if every one of the 69 million people in UK were to save 1 pint of water a day or even one glass, what a difference it would make!

As a nation we are fond of anniversaries particularly if they have a zero in them. So I hope you will join us in celebrating ***Great Staughton Horticultural Society's Diamond Jubilee Show on Saturday 23rd August 2025.***

If you have a favourite rose, geranium, courgette, carrot, photograph, bit of knitting etc please consider exhibiting for this auspicious occasion. Have a look at the entry categories and choose what interests you. Show information is available from committee members and Gilbert's the butchers shop. Otherwise come along at 2.30 on the day and marvel at the bounties of nature and jolly good cake.

GREAT STAUGHTON WI

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

All Martine's dogs had different characters. One of them didn't like the rain and when they got off the train guided her to a taxi so they wouldn't have to walk home in a downpour! Another one just sat

In February Martine Clarke gave us an interesting talk about Guide Dogs for the Blind. She was accompanied by her husband, Steve, her dog, Willow, and Ruth and Arthur who have been fundraising for the charity for 42 years. Martine explained that she was born in Bordeaux, France and aged 3 her parents noticed she was very sensitive to light. She was diagnosed with glaucoma and after unsuccessful treatment began to lose her sight. She boarded at a blind school for 12 years until she was 18. She then studied languages at university in her home town so was able to live at home again, although she would never go out on her own. She then taught at a school for a year but didn't like it so went to London to enrol in a Secretarial School. She worked at a Solicitors and learnt to use a white stick as she could see a little. In 1981 Martine had an accident and lost her sight completely. She explained that she was then terrified to go out but her husband made her venture out on her own. She then applied for a dog and was paired with Alma, her first Guide Dog. They went to a training school for a month and Martine described it as 'like a holiday'.

Martine told us about all of her Guide Dogs, Herbie, Jay Jay, Gable, Verity, April and Willow. She demonstrated how, as soon as the harness is put on, the dog knows she is working and Willow guided Martine around the crowded room, skilfully avoiding the many tables and chairs. Martine explained that although she can't see, she can 'hear' objects such as a tree in the street or a lamppost using echoes. However, she is very frustrated with electric cars as she can't hear those. If she encounters people on her walks, she wishes they would speak to her although, if a Guide Dog is wearing a harness, they should not be petted. She said that some people do speak to her and say where they are and whether they have a pushchair or where they are walking, but wishes more people would do that as it is very helpful to her.

down on the pavement and refused to walk for over 1½ hours! However, on the whole they were all amazing dogs. When they retire at age 10 or 11, they are either kept by their blind owner (which was too difficult for Martine as the dog became very depressed that he wasn't being worked), or gifted to someone they know.

The charity was set up in 1931 and they have provided more than five thousand dogs. They breed their own dogs of different breeds including labradors and retrievers, and the puppies live with puppy raisers for 12 – 13 months where they learn to socialise, learn to cope with everyday noises and everyday things like trains, buses, shops, lifts etc. Of course, everything needs to be paid for and it costs about £35,000 to train a dog as the charity pay for their food, vets bills and insurance. Martine says she pays 50p for each of her dogs, but has done a lot of fundraising. This amazing lady has completed two walks – one of 36 miles and another of 50 miles; has ridden a tandem for 100 miles around London, and jumped out of a plane in a tandem parachute jump. However, one most remarkable venture was learning to drive! Steve took her to a disused World War II airfield in Gravelly to learn and they also used a school car park. Before the Bedford bypass opened Martine was given permission to drive along the road but needed to use a dual control car. A driving instructor leant her the car with the proviso that the instructor would be in the back seat. The Mayor of Bedford was also in the car and they drove at 60 mph both ways! Another amazing feat was learning to fly and she has now taken off and landed, although she said the landing wasn't so good! At the moment both Martine and Steve are doing the 'couch to 5k' challenge.

This was such an interesting talk, given by an extraordinary lady. There was a table with Guide Dog merchandise for sale and our WI ladies raised over £104 for the charity on the evening. Martine, Steve, Ruth, Arthur and

Willow stayed after the talk and enjoyed hot drinks, homemade cakes and homemade shortbread.

For our March meeting we held our Spring Supper. The ladies on the committee provided all the food and the spread included quiches, cold meats and salads followed by delicious desserts. There was a large homemade cheesecake, a citrus bombe and fruit salad. The choice was too much for some and we enjoyed a small portion of each! We were also provided with wine and soft drinks to enjoy with our meal. A huge thank you to everyone on the committee for providing such a lovely meal for us. We also held our AGM after the meal, which went very smoothly. During the meeting the winners of the annual competition were announced and Shirley walked away with the first prize of a trophy and a plant. Linda came second and Barbara, our President, came third. Congratulations ladies.

Six ladies from Great Staughton WI took a trip to St Ives Corn Exchange on 26th March to attend the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation Day. On arrival there were welcome refreshments and an opportunity for a little retail therapy. The WI shop was there with its lovely handcrafted items and other stalls included baked goods, cosmetics and a plant stall. We then settled in our seats in the main hall to listen to the first speaker. Caroline Deeprose, the Founder of the Angels Foundation UK. An interesting and informative talk about how the charity, dedicated to supporting families fleeing domestic abuse in Huntingdonshire, came into being, the work it does today and its plans for the future.

Some WI business was conducted, including the approval of the Federation accounts, before our break for lunch. As well as lunch, we found time to have a wander around some of the shops in the town before returning for the afternoon session which included John Cushing OBE, Curator of the Thursford Christmas Spectacular. He gave a very interesting talk on his life and how the Thursford event first started with his grandfather's traction engines.

The WI National Federation Chairman, Jeryl Stone, addressed the audience and gave out birthday certificates to some WIs in the Federation. The Upton Trophy 2025 craft competition was 'Anything to do with a Fairground' and a beautiful applique quilt was awarded the first prize. There were also fabulous raffle prizes on offer and one of our ladies was lucky enough to take home the cheese and wine hamper. An informative and enjoyable day was had by all!

In April we had a talk about hypnotherapy by Christina Myers. Christina explained her route into hypnotherapy. She was a primary school teacher and was full of confidence and rose through the ranks to being in charge of a department teaching 60 children and had an input into management. She was an advanced skilled teacher and had to have her own mini-Ofsted report, which always went well. She came across a young teacher and took her under her wing and they shared the teaching of the children and planned everything together. Once this teacher had established herself, she began to undermine Christina and belittle her. It got so bad that Christina lost her confidence and suffered with stress and depression until she began to question whether she should be doing the job. The job that she used to love. She realised she needed some help and saw her GP who prescribed NHS counselling and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This did help but her husband said she still she wasn't herself. He had heard a talk by a Hypnotherapist and he encouraged her to make an appointment, especially as the first half hour was free! She did, although she did question whether it was the right thing to be doing as she was driving to an area she didn't know to see a man she didn't know! Christina said her Hypnotherapist, Giles, changed her life in five sessions and the old Christina was back. She was so impressed by this outcome that she began to wonder if she would be able to do it too and help others. After doing her research she decided to train and did it alongside teaching.

Christina described hypnotherapy as being like a detective and working out how her clients can heal themselves. She explained that it's all about the foundations and that behaviours are taught in childhood through

experiences or witnessing something that we might not remember. She explained that our sub-conscious tries to protect us by storing information of what is safe and what is harmful, for example, if a parent is scared of spiders and screams every time they see one, then the child witnessing it stores in their sub-conscious that spiders are scary and should be avoided. The sub-conscious mind doesn't realise how old we are but the conscious mind is different. In between the two is a Guardsman who tries to filter what is not true, but also stops some good things going in too. Christina explained that during regression hypnotherapy (where the client goes back to their childhood) the Guardsman gets bored and switches off so it is possible to reach the sub-conscious mind and reprogramme some childhood experiences. For example, she saw a scaffolder who suddenly became afraid of heights. She took him back to when he was a small boy with his cousins and they all climbed a wall. He looked around and they had all disappeared, leaving him balancing on top of the wall on his own. His sub-conscious had stored this information, and then couldn't contain it any longer so told him that heights were bad and made him feel the fear he felt all those years ago. Of course, he didn't remember it until Christina unlocked his sub-conscious. They were then able to reprogramme his sub-conscious and he is now able to go up the scaffolding again. Christina gave us a few more examples of people she had helped and told us that she acquires clients through word of mouth. This was such an interesting talk and hearing how our sub-conscious can protect us but also make us fearful was eye opening. Christina also stayed with us to enjoy a hot drink and homemade cakes.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Great Staughton Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you do fancy coming along you will receive a very warm welcome, a hot drink and maybe even some cake. For further details please contact our President, Barbara Wallis, on 07849272915.

Karen Larkins and Ruth Easom, Secretary, Great Staughton WI

Littlehey Prison Visit

His Majesty's Prison Littlehey, which is based to the south of our village, would very much like to foster a good relationship with our community, particularly since the resurrection of their Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) scheme, which has prompted a number of questions locally. Perry Parish Councillors were invited to visit the Prison for a tour on 4th March, two Councillors and a Perry resident took up this offer. The objective of our visit was to understand more about the workings of the prison and learn more about the ROTL scheme, which has been recorded in the following text.

We were met at the gate by very welcoming staff and given a tour around various areas of the prison which is home to 1241 male offenders. The tour included a visit to a cell block and basic cell, three workshops including a metal works and an impressive car renovation facility, the gardens, market garden (where food is produced for the prison) and the more homely G block, where prisoners aspire to being located due to a higher degree of freedom and better facilities more akin to life outside the prison, including the option for example to rent an allotment.

The visit was very informative and the staff were keen to make our visit worthwhile and show us as much as possible in the time we had, finishing with a meeting with the Governor. The atmosphere in the prison was friendly and when asked questions about their work within the prison workshops the prisoners were happy to explain what they did and how it helped them during their incarceration. The staff and prisoners appeared to have good working relationships, and it was impressive to note that this allowed prisoners to have a significant level of contribution to the running of the prison, from window and general cleaning, to cooking,

through to general maintenance such as plumbing.

Prisoners have the opportunity to improve their time spent in Littlehey by working hard and abiding by the rules and regulations, and some work affords them a very modest income that they can spend on things within the prison, such as watching on-site football matches or renting the aforementioned allotments. Applications can be made by the prisoners to move to G block, which has accommodation for up to 60, but the criteria for this is very strict, with rigorous vetting of applicants. The current ages of the residents throughout the prison varies from 23 to 93, and due to a higher average age the prison is very experienced with end-of-life care.


ROTL has been carried out at HMP Littlehey before and is a standard practice across the prison service. The previous programme saw prisoners working outside of the secure perimeter, going as far into the village as the Wheatsheaf public house. The new ROTL pilot programme which is now underway currently restricts prisoners to a relatively small area within prison grounds. The scheme appears to have been planned very well, with staff carrying out very thorough assessments of prisoners given ROTL, and trying to cover all eventualities to ensure the safety of everyone concerned; the staff, prisoners and public alike. The application process for ROTL is closely scrutinised and rigorous, and it was our understanding that generally only those prisoners who are coming close to release will be granted ROTL.

We spoke to three of the prisoners on the ROTL programme - there will eventually be ten - who were very appreciative of the opportunity, and also very conscious of the rules. For example, that they could not even step 5 inches over the boundaries they are given for their outside work (even to pick up a piece of rubbish) without endangering

their privilege or their hope of parole. The officers felt that strategies were in place to afford protection to anyone visiting the prison and that risk relating to prisoners absconding had been addressed.

The prisoners on this programme clearly understood the benefits to their mental health and the opportunity it afforded them for their future on release. The staff involved are clearly very passionate about it and have the desire to make life easier for prisoners to move on after they have finished their sentences. As a group, while we recognise that there is risk involved with ROTL, we went away reassured about the thought and care that has gone into the scheme. Note that at a recent Parish Council meeting HMP Littlehey committed to producing a regular and transparent report for the village about the positives and any issues associated with ROTL as it progresses.

All three who visited HMP Littlehey would be happy to share our experiences with other residents. And the Parish Council will be looking for ways to develop the village's relationship with the prison, particularly regarding some of the products they produce, and will keep you all informed about this.




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**Bedford National
Trust Association
Meetings**



Tuesday 3rd June. 2:15pm
-AGM for a short part of
the meeting, then Speaker Liz
Houghton reading from her
own book 'Rhyme After
Rhyme'

We meet in the Addison
Centre in
Kempston, MK42 8PN
There is plenty of parking.
No need to book. Just come,
Everyone welcome.

For further information
please contact Betty Thomas
on 01480 860 421.

PERRY DROP IN

The Perry Drop In continues to be
open to all twice a month.

On the first and third Monday of the
month Perry Baptist Church is open
between 10am and Midday for any in
the community to drop in for coffee,
tea or hot chocolate and biscuits or
toast.

The Drop In is not intended to be a
fund raising event but an opportunity
for the community to come together
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GREAT STAUGHTON GUIDES NEED LEADERS!!

I am sad to report that due to personal circumstances, I am no longer able to lead the Great Staughton Guides and if we don't find a replacement, this group is doomed to close permanently.

There is huge demand in Great Staughton for Brownies (aged 7-10) and Guides (aged 10-14). It's a fantastic village, the girls are polite, and the parents very supportive of our small and friendly guiding group. We have strong support from the community and lots of resources to hand over to the next leadership team, so you can hit the ground running.

If you are interested in working with children and offering this valuable service, please reach out to Lindy Bornman at FGSGuides@gmail.com for more information.

Alternatively, for Brownies there are currently lots of spaces available at the Little Staughton Brownies. To register your interest, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the links to 'Information for Parents - Register your daughter.'

Fill in your details and select the unit that is right for you and then someone will be in touch.



WELLBEING WALKS IN OUR AREA SUMMER 2025

Our Wellbeing Walks programme consists of friendly group walks that can help you become and stay active around Huntingdonshire. You can enjoy the walk at your own pace, but with the added benefit of being in the company of other walkers and trained walk leaders.

The Wellbeing Walks are led by volunteer walk leaders who are also first aid trained. Most walks cover around three miles and last approximately one hour. Walks are free to join, and everybody is welcome.

There is no need to book; simply turn up at the meeting point 10-15 minutes before the start time.

For a full list of all current walks across the entire district (covering areas around St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives, Ramsey and Yaxley), please visit:

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

Here, you will also find downloadable booklets of all the walks, with maps and directions.

Copies of the current leaflet listing the full programme of walks are usually available from Great Staughton Surgery. And of course, you'll find the upcoming walks on the next page.

DATE	TIME	WALK NAME	MEETING POINT
Fri 20 th June	2pm	KIMBOLTON HILLS	Kimbolton School, High Street entrance
Mon 30 th June	10am	GREAT STAUGHTON MEADOWS	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Fri 4 th July	2pm	DILLINGTON STROLL	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 9 th July	2pm	WEST PERRY WALK	Wheatsheaf public house, Perry
Fri 18 th July	2pm	KYMSIDE SAUNTER	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 30 th July	2 pm	GRAFHAM LAKESIDE	Cinnamon Restaurant, Grafham
Fri 1 st August	2pm	KIMBOLTON HILLS	Kimbolton School, High Street entrance
Fri 15 th August	2pm	GREAT STAUGHTON MEADOWS	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Mon 15 th September	10am	KYMSIDE SAUNTER	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Mon 17 th September	2pm	GRAFHAM PERRY WALK	Wheatsheaf public house, Perry
Mon 29 th September	10am	KIMBOLTON HILLS	Kimbolton School, High Street entrance



Neighbourhood Plan

Great Staughton Parish Council is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated neighbourhood area in Huntingdonshire. The production of the plan has now reached its final stage. I show below the conclusions of the Independent Examination.

The changes suggested have now been incorporated and the plan will now go before the Cabinet at HDC on June 17th with a recommendation that the plan moves forward to a referendum on September 5th.

Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted for a village, it provides several potential advantages.

- It defines the extent and where the Parish would like to see development take place.
- The introduction of some controlled development supports local services such as the school, shop, pubs and clubs.
- It adds more protection to the heritage aspects of the village.
- It provides more protection to the environment and ecology surrounding the village
- The Parish Council receives a higher level of grant allocation under certain circumstances.

The final version of the plan and associated documents can be found here at: <https://www.greatstaughtonnpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

Bob Jewell

5. Conclusions Summary

5.1 The Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan has been duly prepared in compliance with the procedural requirements. My examination has investigated whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements for neighbourhood plans. I have had regard for all the responses made following consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence documents submitted with it.

5.2 I have made recommendations to modify a number of policies and text to ensure the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements. I recommend that the Plan, once modified, proceeds to referendum.

The Referendum and its Area

5.3 I have considered whether or not the referendum area should be extended beyond the designated area to which the Plan relates. The Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan as modified has no policy or proposals which I consider significant enough to have an impact beyond the designated Neighbourhood Plan boundary, requiring the referendum to extend to areas beyond the Plan boundary. I recommend that the boundary for the purposes of any future referendum on the Plan should be the boundary of the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Overview

5.4 It is evident that a considerable amount of time and effort has been devoted to the development and production of this Plan and I congratulate those who have been involved. The Plan should prove to be a useful tool for future planning and change in Great Staughton over the coming years.

Andrew S Freeman
Examiner

Great Staughton Parish Council Update – March 2025

Garden Waste Subscription 2025:

Subscriptions for Garden Waste Collection Service are now open for the upcoming service year, which will run from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The cost per year is £57.50 for one garden waste bin and £30 per additional bin (up to a maximum of 3 additional bins).

To ensure your garden waste collections continue seamlessly from 1 April 2025, residents are encouraged to renew their subscription as soon as possible.

New subscribers: If you have not used the garden waste service before, you can sign up for the service for the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, using the Garden Waste Subscription Form (online)

Returning subscribers (card payments): If you subscribed last year (2024- 2025) using a card payment, you will need to renew your subscription for 2025-2026, using the Garden Waste Subscription Form (online)

Returning subscribers (Direct Debit): If you signed up last year via Direct Debit, this would automatically renew each year. You do not need to sign up again.

Budget 2025/2026: At last Full Council meeting, the budget for next year accepted (opposed by Conservatives who proposed amendments to make savings – rejected)

Council Tax increased by maximum amount without recourse to local Referendum.

Economic Growth Strategy Refresh:

HDC has commissioned PRD and Volterra (consultants) to undertake a refresh of the Council's Economic Growth Strategy. Members of the consultant team will be joining a member workshop on 11th March to explain how the refresh will be undertaken and the key factors that will influence future economic growth.

Devolution White Paper: Peterborough City Council is included. Constituent councils include all Districts, Unitary and the County. Other public sector colleagues (Health, Police and Fire) are included in discussions.

We are in Wave 2 and must have final plan submitted by the autumn, although initial plans need to be ready by March.

CCC elections and Mayoral elections will go ahead in 2025. HDC elections in 2026 – unknown at this stage.

The process continues with an extraordinary Full Council meeting on 19 March to consider HDC's response and proposal to be submitted by 21 March.

Tilted Balance: Because Central Government has upped housing targets across England, for the first time HDC finds its development pipeline below the 5 years land target and is in tilted balance. This means there could be a presumption in favour of sustainable development on any proposal brought forward. Local / Neighbourhood / Village Plans however still have an influence.

Perry WI
Every Second Monday of
the month at 7.30pm

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INSPIRING WOMEN

also about history happening right then and there: Napoleon, the Northwest Passage, the Beaufort Sea etc

So, March is our birthday! We get together and thank everyone on the committee and if anyone does anything for us they get thanked too (including me for writing this missive to you good people once a quarter – ah ladies ‘tis my pleasure), we eat cake and drink fizzy stuff and/or tea and generally pat ourselves on the back for being lovely and having a fab time. So, lots of cakeing, fizzing, teaing, thanking, patting and chatting – a perfect night really. And this March was no different. Happy birthday, us. Splendid!

April saw us donning our metaphorical stripy bandanas and bemoaning our callused hands as we were joined by Sea Shanty Supremo Stuart Green who hails originally from Southport (just down the road from my family) with a Heave Ho and an Up She Rises! We learned loads. Stuart started by telling us that rhythm is the heart of the sea, that the beat runs through the sea and the songs (how poetic is that, eh!), then he burst into song! Shanties (possibly from ‘chant’ or ‘chanceurre’) probably came from the 16th to 18th centuries when sailors were doing heavy manual jobs like hoisting sails and dropping anchors. They needed to work as a team to ensure the work was efficient – so sharp shanties for those sharp aggressive drags on the ropes for the short haul, to the longer slower pull to hoist the sail, to the capstan (turning the wheel to hoist the anchor) to the halyard shanties whose lyrics relate to sudden strong gales which could push a man overboard. The sailors needed to motivate themselves to stay in rhythm to get the job done and shanties were the way. Eventually a Shanty Man was employed who would lead/push them, and by the end of the 19th century, the Shanty Men were extremely well-paid.

We heard that shanties’ words would differ from Liverpool to Bristol (both excessively busy ports in 18th the 19th centuries due to the slave trade) and would be less than a little PC with songs about drinking and womanising (‘Up she rises’ isn’t just about an anchor), and

John finished with a shanty of his own devising about his grandfather on a steam ship in WWI – ‘The Ballad of Captain Green’ and ended his talk with one final message – ‘SING’! Thank you John, we had a great time, singing and learning.

In May we had a visit from G-Whizz! Graham Davies started the talk by explaining how he’d got into cycling. After a quadruple bypass, Graham’s great friend Sharyn helped him regain his confidence by cycling with him. They started by going round Grafham Water then increased the miles to Rutland (starting and ending at Sawtry) and progressed to the Way of the Roses (coast to coast from Morecombe in Lancashire to Bridlington on the other side) – with many more routes in the mix. During Lockdown, Sharyn fancied riding a tandem. They fell off a couple of times, had a laugh but shortly afterwards, Sharyn couldn’t get comfortable and was soon diagnosed with terminal cancer. Graham spent three days every week with Sharyn and they fulfilled quite a lot of her bucket list – she wanted to play bingo, have a go at snooker and visit the Lake District. They got a special bike, a Morpheus bike, a strangely shaped machine which enabled her to ride comfortably. These are made just outside Cambridge and usually have a waiting list of 5-6 months although theirs was done in two weeks. And then they cycled round Derwentwater, carrying Sharyn’s oxygen and both had a wonderful time. Before Sharyn died she told Graham she was cross with him for buying such an expensive bike and he assured her that he would use it for other people as he needed a purpose after retirement. True to his word, he advertised on line for anyone who wanted to go for a ride on this wonderful and strange machine. Richard answered and they rode together for a while. Now 42, Richard got retinitis pigmentosa and began to go blind at the age of 19. Although he’d been a cyclist and a keen sportsman in his youth he was now registered blind and didn’t need the adapted bike, so they got a normal

tandem and the rest is definitely history. G-Whizz now have several bikes of varying strangeness from straightforward tandems to a 'Goodies' bike (for three people, specially made to take adults), to a tandem with a bench seat, and a wonderful bike where the pilot (the sighted driver) sits at the back and the stoker reclines at the front. Graham showed us a bit of footage of him taking his mum (who was in her 80s at the time) for a ride on this one. She was completely secure and was certainly having a lot of fun.

Then Richard decided they should cycle from Lands' End to John o' Groats so they did! They did the training (finding hills in Cumbria), did a four day course on bike maintenance, got themselves a Support Wagon who would meet them at pre-arranged places with camping chairs, tea and snacks (they would give their Support a daily challenge eg 'custard doughnuts today please'). They pointed out that the hills they expected in Scotland were not forthcoming, that the *real* hills were in Devon and Cornwall! Their top speed was 50 mph and the slowest was less than walking speed, they discovered some beautiful countryside (Cheddar Gorge really is quite a hill and spectacularly gorgeous), and 19 days, 1016 miles and 66,000 feet climbed later, they made it. What an achievement.

Graham is keen to give cyclists a 'proper' ride so a standard ride is about 50 miles (their range is 50-100 miles) with a stop somewhere for tea and cake. This distance is safe because all the G-Whizz bikes are new. Other charities have only donated bikes which are unreliable and need to do shorter rides, sometimes only capable of track riding and not getting out and about. They manage to get out about 3 times a week and carefully match the pilots and stokers to increase the enjoyment of all involved.

The stories of the changes that they have made in people's lives were astounding: Andrew lost his sight 10 years ago and, until he met Graham and Richard, had not been out of the house in all that time. His wife got in touch and he has gradually got his life back, just recently travelling by several trains to Scotland to go outward bound – camping,

kayaking etc; Diana travels from Sheffield – as a visually impaired triathlete, she comes to train with G-Whizz as she knows the equipment is top-notch and she can do some serious miles.

Richard is now a trustee, helping to run the charity which was registered in March 2024. They have been to the finals of the BBC Radio Cambridgeshire 'Make a Difference' Awards and have been nominated for a King's Award for Voluntary Services (they'll only know in November on the King's birthday). We wish them huge luck – though I don't really think they'll need any.

We all agreed that G-Whizz is a wonderful charity which helps people with difficulties (either visually impaired or eg stroke victims) get out of the house, ride in a social situation and make friends.

They are of course planning the next stage of this epic journey – they need more workshop space and storage and would like to set up a course to train pilots properly. Their Facebook page is **G-Whizz itbr** (that stands for *inclusive tandem bike rides*) check them out, they really are quite wonderful.

Thank you to Graham and Richard for coming to speak to us and for simply being who you are – you are completely inspiring.

I'll wrap this quarter's report with a quick few bits of business: WI National Raffle Tickets are on sale - great prizes, hurry up and buy some, 'in-it-to-win-it' don't ya know! We are having a Fashion Show on 25 June at the United Reform Church in St Neots in conjunction with Eaton Belles WI. There will also be a spectacular raffle and cake (obviously there'll be cake).

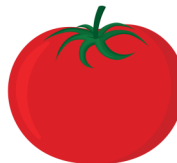
So happy summer and I'll be back in the autumn to tell you all about summer at Perry WI.

Classes for the Year 2025 Horticultural Show OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
Saturday, 23rd August 2025

There are two special jubilee prizes, class 69 for children and the most points in the classes marked with a **

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. 3 Fruits (any variety or varieties)
13. 2 Courgettes
14. 3 Bulbs of garlic
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 1 or more varieties in the pot)
36. 3 Flowers of the same colour, (must be different species)
37. 3 Sunflower blooms – any variety
38. 3 stems of sweet peas

FLORAL EXHIBITS (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)

39. A garland of flowers to make a headdress (fresh or artificial flowers, or a mix) max 12"/30cm diameter
40. An exhibit depicting '1960's' (up to 18"/45cm width & depth, unlimited height) **
41. A foliage arrangement for a novice (no flowers - up to 15"/38cm overall)
42. An exhibit incorporating a holiday souvenir (max 15"/38cm square, unlimited height)
43. An arrangement using hedgerow material (maximum measurements 15"/38cm wide, 18 /45cm high)
44. A floral arrangement incorporating a diamond or diamonds and white flowers (max size 12"/30cm circular)

NOVELTY CLASSES

- 45. Heaviest tomato
- 46. Longest runner bean
- 47. One flower, one vegetable
- 48. Heaviest squash
- 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. A chocolate Swiss roll with butter cream filling
- 55. A Victoria sponge (raspberry jam filling only, dusted with castor sugar)
- 56. A cheese and onion quiche
- 57. 5 pieces of diamond shaped traditional shortbread
- 58. A brown loaf 450g – hand made not bread machine **
- 59. An apple cake
- 60. Jar of jam
- 61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
- 62. Jar of lemon curd
- 62a. Jar of marmalade

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

- 63. A bug hotel made from recycled items (12"/30cm square)
- 64. Hand written text - up to 6 years of age
- 65. Hand written text - 7 to 11 years of age
- 66. Hand written text - 12 to 16 years of age
- 67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2026 show - A4 size, may be computer generated
- 68. A monster made from vegetables
- 69. A decorated card to celebrate our 60th birthday – maximum size A4
- 70. A village scene made from Lego/Duplo - not a kit (maximum base size 12"/30cm square)
- 71. 3 decorated cup cakes

The text for class 64 is:

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, Here comes the sun.

The text for classes 65 and 66 is:

*Bring me sunshine, in your smile, bring me laughter, all the while,
In this world where we live, there should be more happiness,
So much joy you can give, to each brand new bright tomorrow.*



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

- 72. A photograph 'of an insect'
- 73. A photograph incorporating water
- 74. A photograph of a celebration
- 75. A black and white photo of a person or people
- 76. A hand-made item (not knitted) **
- 77. Handicraft by a senior citizen (65+ years)
- 78. A knitted item
- 79. A flavoured spirit e.g. Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
- 80. A home-made soft drink e.g. juice, cordial, ginger beer or lemonade.

Anyone seeking advice, please contact the Show Secretary on 01234 376661/ email: caroline_byrne@live.co.uk or the Chairman on 07881621260.

Great Staughton Parish Council Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, 20 March 2025 Village Pavilion

Present: R Jewell (BJ) H Glanville (HG) G Brittain (GB) N Yates (NY) L Goody (LG) J Duberly (JD) H Hopperton (HH)

Also in attendance: Jo Russel – clerk
Stephen Cawley - District Councillor
Tracey Stokes – Stop East Park Energy.
A resident from GSN regarding
planning application 25/00225/FUL

1. Apologies for absence: Will Mumford (WM), David Moore (DM)

2. Residents' Forum: TS wanted to address the PC regarding the proposed solar park. The group have a number of concerns namely:

- Size of the development is larger than Gatwick Airport
- No meaningful screening of the solar panels
- It will take three or four years to build
- A large number of traffic movements
- Structural risk to buildings
- Effect on schools and businesses
- Closure of footpaths
- Vistas not maintained
- Concerns about battery fires

A planning application is due to be made between July and September 2025. TS is encouraging the PC to register as an Interested Party. TS will be asking HDC and CCC to object. She also asked if the PC would consider contributing £1000 for soil surveys. The best argument to stop this solar park is to look at the soil quality, which is good, and this is good argument for the solar park being refused.

A representative of GSN then spoke about planning application 25/00225/FUL. There was some concerns about large vehicles being able to access the site but GSN confirmed that they do not have any lorries but Highways had requested that large vehicles be able to access the site. Highways now want a traffic survey. There are some documents on the planning portal but these are not complete. Neither neighbour has objected. Another house has objected but this is not being considered by HDC as it is too far away.

3. Declarations of Interest JD: item 14 re Brook Farm HH – item 17

4. Reports from District Councillor Stephen Cawley

5. Approve minutes of 7 November 2024 and 9 January 2025: These were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meetings.

6. Matters Arising:

- *Footpath 40 – Staughton Moor:* – HH confirmed that this had now been cut back. HH will review the position in 3 months. Remove from agenda.
- *Blocked Drains—The Green/The Highway:* Issue resolved. Remove from agenda.
- *Police checks re 20mph speed limit:* An email has been sent to the police requesting mobile speed cameras to enforce the 20pmh speed limit.

7. Attendance at other meetings: LG will be attending the meeting on 24 March with the MP. Suggested issues:

- Local Government Reorganisation
- New housing targets for the District
- Solar Farm
- Support for rural communities

- New doctors surgery.

BJ attended a meeting about the proposed unitary authorities. It is recommended for reasons of viability that a UA should have approximately 500K people. This will mean that the combined area of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire is likely to be divided into 2 or 3 units. The new UA will have all the responsibilities of both District and County Councils and HDC and CCC will cease to exist in 2028. The mayoral function will remain and have additional strategic planning responsibilities. The functions of Parish Councils will remain unchanged.

BJ also attended a meeting on new housing targets and the Local Plan. The new targets for housing require HDC to provide planning for more dwellings than currently proposed. This will be addressed by HDC planning officers but in the meantime, there is a 'tilted balance' environment allowing more development than would otherwise be allowed. However, it should be noted where a Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' then that tilted balance may not apply.

8. Roman Site Community Event:

This will be held on 27 March at 6pm.

9. Net Zero Projects: BJ confirmed that the cost of constructing a cycle way to Hail Weston is prohibitively expensive and as a result has withdrawn from the application process.

10. Highways:

- LHi Bid 24/25 – no update
- Possible LHi Bid 25/26 – no update
- Blocked Highway in Perry - WM - c/f
- Drain defect Cage Lane

- Cycle race issues – WM – c/f
Drain - The Town - the residents have had a letter. If the first house acts as requested then this should resolve the issues. BJ reported that the ditches outside 67 and 69 The Green are also blocked. He has spoken to one homeowner and has contacted Highways to see who is responsible.

11. Planning:

- Five Acres Enforcement issues
- Wyboston Garden Village/developments in Beds near A1 - ongoing
- 22/01813/FUL Land East and West of Little Staughton Solar Farm – comments submitted re Rights of Way
- 25/00232/LBC Single storey rear extension Land at Garden Farm - no objections. The owners are saving the barn and improving the area.
- 25/00231/HHFUL Single storey rear extension Land at Garden Farm – see above.
- 25/00230/LBC Demolition of out building and conversion of barn and air source heat pumps The Barn, Garden Farm - see above.
- 25/00225/FUL GSN Conservatories – showroom extension– some concerns were raised about the considerable expansion of the site and about a potential increase in traffic particularly HGVs. Others felt that it was a small local business and that it was important to support local businesses and employment opportunities. The neighbours did not appear to be objecting. The PC had no objections.

12. Finance/Cashbook:

review payments in and out. Payments were approved. Approve CAPALC membership fee for 25/26 – this was agreed.

13. Correspondence: Email received from resident regarding Village Hall car park and heating system – the village hall will look into resurfacing the car park and look at signage, possibly on the bus shelter. Email received from resident regarding planning issue at 14 The Highway - a resident had reported this to the Chair and he asked the clerk to report this to HDC. Enforcement are now investigating. The issue is whether planning permission should have been applied for as the building is listed.

14. Neighbourhood Plan: BJ HDC completed their consultation on 5 February and it has now been passed to the Independent Examiner. He has raised 27 questions. HDC will then take the Plan to Cabinet on 17 June. There will then be a village referendum.

15. Reports from:

- *Village Hall committee* - HG reported that the hall will be replacing the oil boiler with an air source heat pump in April.

- *Playing Field committee* - NY reported that they are looking for batteries for the solar panels to try to reduce the very high electricity bills. This will cost in the region of £4k.

- *Speed watch* - no report.

16. Parish Matters: NY reported that regrettably Life Magazine will close in the Autumn. No one has come forward to replace Rob unfortunately.

BJ reported that a fence panel had been damaged at Jewell Close and People for Places will not accept responsibility. Investigations are currently underway to ascertain who is

responsible for this boundary. BJ also reported that he would be resigning as chair at the May meeting.

17. East Park Energy Solar Farm:

Regarding the request for the PC to contribute £1000 towards independent surveys for *Stop East Park Energy* it was thought that it the PC did not have the relevant power to do this. The PC has never given money to pressure groups and questioned whether tax payers money should/could be used for this purpose. In any event the request for a financial contribution was thought to be premature as the PC did not have all of the relevant information to make a decision.

18. Meeting dates for 2025:

3 July, 18 September, 13 November

Meeting closed 21.34

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Dave Scott-Morgan

Dave Scott-Morgan, former member of the **Electric Light Orchestra**, has arrived in Perry.

He and his team were due to be in Perry five years ago, but the visit had to be cancelled due to the Lockdown that year. This time there was nothing to get in the way of the weekend.

On Saturday 10th May Dave, along with his wife, Mandy, and Alan Smith, gave a wonderful concert style presentation at Perry Baptist Church. As an added bonus the singer of “Mister Bluesky” brought with him blue sky and sunshine.

The following day the team also led the Sunday worship in the Church. Both days were well supported by the community. As a community we extend our thanks to the team that brought so much to Perry.



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Confessions of a Baptist Minister

In September, local Baptist Minister, Jon Magee, had his third book published, entitled ***Confessions of a Baptist Minister.***

However, that is not the end of it all. This latest book is intended to be the first of a series of three on the same subject - life in the ministry.

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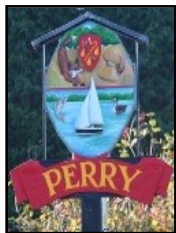




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MINUTES OF THE PERRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual
Perry Parish Council
Meeting held on

Wednesday 14th May 2025 at the
Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

*Please note that minutes are formal
records of official acts and decisions.
They are not verbatim reports of discus-
sions or decision-making processes.*

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Eleanor
Abbs (EA), Kay Darby (KD), Chris Jones
(CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew
(EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was
quorate.

District Councillor: Stephen Cawley
(SC).

Members of the public: two.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith
(ES).

**25/14: Election of Chairman for 2025 –
2026:** EA **elected** as Chairman for 2025 –
2026 (proposed EA, seconded CJ,
approved unanimously). EA signed the
Declaration of Acceptance of Office
form, witnessed by ES.

**25/15: Election of Vice-Chairman for
2025 – 2026:** Sheila Brighton **elected** as
Vice-Chairman for 2025 – 2026 (prop.
EA, app, unanimously).

25/16: Apologies: The apologies
received from councillors Sheila Brighton
and Pat Reynolds were **approved** (prop.
EA, app, unanimously).

**25/17: Councillors' declarations of
interest for items on the agenda:** None.

25/18: Minutes of the previous

meeting: The minutes of the Perry
Parish Council meeting held on 9th April
2025 were **approved** as a correct record
(proposed EA, approved unanimously)
and signed by the Chairman.

25/19: Clerk's report: Nothing to
report.

25/20: Highways and green space:

- Woodland Trust tree planting initiative
Area of grass at Crow Spinney Lane /
The Drive to be considered. **Actions:** ES
to check re public land requirement and
contact HMP Littlehey.

- Bug hotels - HMP Littlehey have kindly
provided the council with two bug / bird
hotels. It was decided to install both on
the village green (prop. EA, app.
unanimously). **Action:** ES to liaise with
contractors.

25/21: Update on meetings and training

attended: KD attended a councillor
briefing re the Brampton – Grafham Rd.
Public design showcases, where the
proposals will be discussed are on
Thursday 5th June, 1600 – 1900 hours,
Grafham Village Hall and Monday 9th
June, 1600 – 1845 hours, Brampton
Memorial Hall.

25/22: Events Working Party:

Fay
Wheatcroft provided an update, including
the following dates:

Saturday 13th September – garage sale

Saturday 4th October – litter pick

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance
ceremony

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas
event.

JS mentioned that members of the Events
Working Party / Women's Institute have
stepped in at short notice to help Grafham
Water Centre with refreshments for their
Craft Fair on Sunday 18th May.

25/23: Planning: No objections were
raised to the proposed works on the
telecommunications mast. **Actions:** ES to
inform works company and ask for

specific dates and any footpath restrictions.

25/24: Annual Administration:

a) *Committees* - The most recent minutes from the Staffing Committee were **received** by the council. N.B. the terms of reference, delegation arrangements and membership of this committee have been recently approved (12th March 2025, minute ref. 24/156/a&b, and will be reviewed at the APCM in May 2026).

b) *Standing Orders* - Standing Orders for 2025 – 2026 were **adopted** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

c) *Financial Regulations* - Financial Regulations for 2025 – 2026 were **adopted** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

d) *Asset register* - The current Perry Parish Council asset register was **reviewed and noted**.

e) *Insurance arrangements* - ES provided details of the premium for 2025 – 2026, which were **noted**.

f) *Council policies* - Perry Parish Council policies regarding complaints, Freedom of Information, press and employment were **reviewed and noted**.

g) Current council subscriptions to other bodies were **noted**.

h) *Expenditure incurred for 2024 – 2025* under s 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 was **noted**. **Actions:** ES to update policies as appropriate.

25/25: Finance:

a) The budget monitoring document for 2025 – 2026 was **noted**.

b) The bank reconciliation for January – March 2025, Quarter Four was **noted**.

c) The following authorised and regular payments for April 2025 were **noted**:

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for April): **confidential**

Eugene Smith (working from home allowance for April): **£26.00**

Colin Beesley (handyman's wages for April): **confidential**

HMRC (income tax for April): **£207.54**

Arthur Ibbett Ltd (gate painting materials): **£33.63**

Christine Halsall (Perry in Bloom): **£44.98**

CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils, subscription for 2025-2026): **£389.30**

SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks, subscription for 2025-2026): **£150**

Antony Abbs (grass cuts 1 & 2): **£440**

Fay Wheatcroft (Perry in Bloom): **£9.99**

Unity Trust Bank (service charge): **£6**

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SMARTY mobile phone fee March: **£5**

Monthly fees March: **£3**

d) The receipt of a credit of £22,791 (precept) from Huntingdonshire District Council on 29th April was **noted**.

e) The VAT refund of £729.08 received on 24th April was **noted**.

25/26: Agenda items for the Annual Perry Parish Council meeting 14th May 2025):

CJ requested that the Chichester Way line painting be reintroduced as a standing item. **Action:** ES to add to future agendas. JS has been contacted by residents re grass not being cut on Whitehall Way. **Action:** ES to contact Huntingdonshire District Council.

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 2nd June 2025.

Meeting closed at 20:02.



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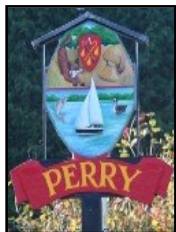
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2025 PERRY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MINUTES

Present: Parish
Councillors: Chairman
Eleanor Abbs (EA), Kay Darby
(KD), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel
Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP),
Jo Shirreffs (JS).

District Councillor: Stephen Cawley (SC).
Members of the public: two.
Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Vice
Chairman Sheila Brighton and Parish Councillor Pat
Reynolds (see also minutes of following Annual
Parish Council Meeting).

County Councillor Ian Gardener's apologies were
received.

Reports from County and District

Councillors: SC delivered his annual report, text
as follows.

Annual Report from District Councillor - Great
Staughton Ward (Hail Weston, Gt Staughton, Perry,
Grafham, Ellington parishes)

As a reminder, the Great Staughton ward contains,
from south to north: Hail Weston, Great Staughton
(including Staughton Moor and Dillington), Perry,
Grafham, Ellington (including Ellington Thorpe)

As last year, this year has been another one full of
event.

The Council convened five times during the
2024/25 year. These meetings addressed key
decisions, including budget approvals, strategic
initiatives, and policy implementations.

In early 2024, the Council approved the 2024/25
budget, which included:

- A £5 annual increase in Band D Council Tax,
raising it to £160.86.
- Commitment to protecting frontline services
despite reduced government funding and
rising costs.
- Introduction of a new Council Tax Support
Scheme to assist low-income households.
- A review of the proposed council tax base for
2025/26, noting an increase of 542 Band D
equivalent dwellings compared to 2024/25.

The Council also approved a new Community
Health and Wealth Building Strategy,
accompanied by a £750,000 Delivery Fund to be
utilised over three years. This strategy focuses on

enhancing financial security, health, and social
connections within the community.

Throughout the year, the Council undertook several
projects aimed at improving the district's
environment and community well-being, including:

- Biodiversity enhancements in St Neots and St
Ives.
- Redevelopment plans for The Old Falcon in St
Neots.
- Upgrades to St Neots Riverside Skatepark.
- Public engagement on active travel initiatives.

The Council projected the construction of
approximately 498 new homes in the district for the
2025/26 financial year. This estimate was based on
data from property inspectors and developers,
acknowledging potential uncertainties in the
construction industry.

In addition to the activities summarised for the
2024/25 Council year, Huntingdonshire
District Council initiated a "Call for Sites" as part of
the development of a new Local Plan.

The "Call for Sites" process invited developers,
landowners, agents, and local communities to
propose land within Huntingdonshire that might be
suitable for various types of development,
including:

- Housing (including specialist housing for the
elderly)
- Commercial uses (industry, retail, leisure,
logistics)
- Infrastructure (education, health, transport,
renewable energy)
- Open space (parks, biodiversity net gain, flood
safeguarding)

The initial Call for Sites ran from 29 March to 7
June 2023. Recognizing that circumstances change,
the Council continued to accept site submissions
beyond this period, with the understanding that late
submissions might not be assessed in time for
inclusion in the "Further Issues and Options"
consultation materials scheduled for spring/early
summer 2024. Sites not included in this phase
would be considered in the preparation of the
"Preferred Options" consultation scheduled for
summer/autumn 2025.

The Council provided opportunities for public
engagement through consultations on the "Further
Issues and Options" document, Land Availability
Assessments, and Sustainability Appraisals. These
consultations allowed residents to comment on the
assessments and express preferences for future
development strategies. The consultation period
closed on 27 November 2024.

Further sites were able to be added beyond this date and that further call closed on December 31 2024. These sites are now undergoing the same assessment process and will be available for further consultation this summer.

Finally, the biggest change on the horizon, in December 2024, the UK government unveiled plans for a significant reorganisation of local government structures in England, aiming to streamline operations by transitioning from the existing two-tier system to larger unitary authorities.

Following the government's announcement, HDC, alongside other councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, received a formal invitation to develop proposals for local government reorganisation. In response, council leaders from the region, including Huntingdonshire, submitted an interim update by 21 March 2025, expressing a collective commitment to collaborate on shaping the future governance structure, but no outline plan. The councils are considering various unitary scenarios, taking into account community identities, resident interests, economic geographies, and demographic representation. Further work is planned post the county council and mayoral elections to refine these proposals.

Timeline

- 28 November 2025: Deadline for submitting full Local Government Reorganisation proposals.

- April/May 2027: Proposed elections for shadow authorities.

- April 2028: Targeted vesting day for the establishment of new unitary councils. Throughout this process, HDC is committed to engaging with residents, MPs, and local partners to ensure that the reorganisation reflects the needs and aspirations of the community."

Annual report from the Perry Parish

Council Chairman: EA delivered her annual report, text as follows.

Part of the purpose of the annual parish meeting is to provide an update on what the parish council has been doing for the past year. Rather than read out a long list of activities, I shall mention selected highlights.

Firstly, I would like to offer a massive thank you to the Events Working Party. The dedication of these people is unparalleled, and I don't think their work is always as lauded as it should be. Without these volunteers, some of whom are here tonight, most of the past year's events wouldn't have been possible. The major event of the year was the Summer Festival and Family Fun Day. This was the largest event in the village for many years, and attracted

huge numbers of visitors, all of whom seemed to be having a great time. It raised over £1,800 for charity, so thank you to everyone who came, and of course to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success.

November's Remembrance Ceremony was once again a very moving and dignified occasion, aided by the WI's gorgeous poppy displays.

Smaller events have also enhanced our village, such as the litter pick, Perry in Bloom, the lovely Christmas tree, the book swap and the bulb planting, which gave us a beautiful display this year. The parish council continues to listen to residents' concerns on all subjects. And while it is unlikely that everyone will always be satisfied, we do encourage people to talk to us – it's what we're here for!

Road safety is an ongoing issue, and I am pleased to say that the buffer zones will be installed later this year. The council submitted an LHI application for an MVAS sign, we await the decision, which will also be later this year.

Our handyman Colin continues to ensure those jobs are done to keep the village looking tidy, and the biggest heartfelt thanks to our Eugene. Without his hard work and diligence, none of what we achieve would be possible.

This has been my first year as parish council chairman. I am delighted that we now have eight parish councillors, and I would like to thank each and every one for their help and hard work. And finally, I would like to thank County Councillor Ian Gardener and District Councillor Stephen Cawley for their continued support of the parish council.

Public forum: No matters raised.

Meeting closed at 7:18pm.

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Mr Bryan Kitchen & Mr Robert Manderson

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we look forward to the warmth and joy of summer. There's something special about these longer days and lighter evenings that lifts our spirits and brings us together as a community. I wanted to share with you some exciting events and important information for the months ahead.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

Father's Day Celebration - Sunday 15th

Join us at **Great Staughton** for a special All Age Service celebrating Father's Day at **10:30am**. This service welcomes families of all ages to come together in worship and celebration of the important fathers and father figures in our lives.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a **BBQ at Place House** (opposite the church) starting at **12pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, good food, and community connection - perfect for a summer afternoon spent together.

Confirmation at Ely Cathedral - Sunday 15th June Evening

We're delighted to be attending a confirmation service at **Ely Cathedral** in the evening. It's always a joy to witness such an important milestone in faith. Due to this special occasion, there will be **no Creative Communion at Hail Weston** that day.

JULY & AUGUST NOTICES

Church Day Camp at Grafham Water July 29th-31st - Please note that this event is now **CLOSED** for bookings.

Summer Service Schedule

From **July 27th** through the end of August, we will be holding **one 10am service** each Sunday somewhere within the Benefice. Summer brings a time of rest and reflection, and our adapted schedule allows us to come together as one community while giving our volunteers a well-deserved break. Please check the **church website** for the specific location of each week's service, as this will rotate between our churches during the summer period.

EXCITING CHURCH NEWS New Notice Board at St Andrews

We're excited to announce that St Andrews now has a **fantastic new notice board** that is clearly visible from the road. This will help us better communicate with our community about upcoming events, services, and important announcements. Please take a look when you're passing by - it's a wonderful addition to help keep everyone informed! As we move into these summer months, I encourage you to take time to appreciate God's creation around us - the beauty of nature in full bloom, the blessing of time spent with family and friends, and the gift of community that we share together.

"See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." **Matthew 6:28-29**

With warm wishes and prayers for a blessed summer.

With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland

Mobile: 07805078992

Parish email: revlesnicki@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES

Please visit our new website on
www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the
services.

All 10:30am services can be accessed via
Zoom ID 4184055563
Password 022 067.

Services for June 2025

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

- Sun 1:** 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10:30am - All Age Worship
Sun 8: 10:30am - Parish Communion
Sun 15: 10:30am – Father's Day All Age
Worship
Sun 22: 10:30am - Parish Communion
Sun 29: 9am - Benefice Communion at
All Saints, Little Staughton
6pm - Benefice Evensong at St.
Nicolas, Hail Weston

Little Staughton All Saints

- Sun 1:** 9am - Parish Communion
Sun 15: 10am - Pathfinder Service with
Communion
Sun 29: 9am - Benefice Communion
6pm - Benefice Evensong at St.
Nicolas, Hail Weston

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

- Sun 1:** 10:30am - Morning Praise
Wed 4: 10am - Morning Prayer
Sun 8: 9am – Parish Communion
Sun 15: 3pm - Creative Communion
Sun 23: 9am - Parish Communion
Sun 29: 9am - Benefice Communion at
All Saints, Little Staughton
6pm - Benefice Evensong

Services for July 2025

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

- Sun 6:** 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10:30am - All Age Worship
Sun 13: 10:30am - Parish Communion
Sun 20: 10:30am - Parish Communion
Sun 27: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Nicolas, Hail Weston

Little Staughton All Saints

- Sun 6:** 9am - Parish Communion
Sun 20: 9am - Parish Communion
Sun 27: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Nicolas, Hail Weston

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

- Wed 3:** 10am - Morning Prayer
Sun 6: 10:30am - Morning Praise
Sun 13: 9am - Parish Communion
Sun 20: 3pm - Creative Communion
Sun 27: 10am - Benefice Communion

Services for August 2025

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

- Sun 3:** 8am - BCP Holy Communion
10am - Benefice Communion at
All Saints
Sun 10: 10am - Benefice Communion
Sun 17: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Nicolas
Sun 24: 10am - Benefice Communion at
All Saints
Sun 31: 10am - Benefice Communion
6pm - Benefice Evensong at
All Saints

Little Staughton All Saints

- Sun 3:** 10am – Benefice Communion
Sun 10: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Andrew's
Sun 17: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Nicolas
Sun 24: 10am - Benefice Communion
Sun 31: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Andrew's
6pm - Benefice Evensong

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

- Sun 3:** 10am - Benefice Communion at
All Saints
Sun 10: 10am - Benefice Communion at
St. Andrew's
Sun 17: 10am - Benefice Communion
Sun 24: 10am - Benefice Communion at
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Sun 31: 10am - Benefice Communion at
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6pm - Benefice Evensong at
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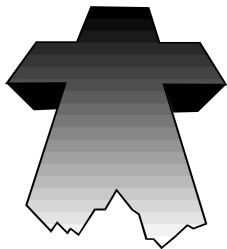
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Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906

Minister: Rev Jon Magee 01480 700810

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My dear friends,

"In the summertime, when the weather is high You can stretch right up and touch the sky."

So sang Mungo Jerry in the summer of 1970. For seven weeks it was a song that dominated the charts as many would sing and dance. The summer is often seen as the time to celebrate the wonderful weather. When the weather is high, as the song indicates, our hopes and our imagination stretches to amazing heights. The impossibilities all seem to be within reach.

Several Bible verses also mention summer, often in the context of God's creation, seasons, or the importance of taking advantage of opportunities during the warmer months. The summer is often referred to as the growing season, summer is the time of the year to enjoy the outdoors.

From hiking lush forests to swimming in refreshing water, summer is a great opportunity to indulge in the fun natural activities our planet can offer. However, the Bible also encourages us to work and remain prudent during this time as historically this season included

cultivation and shepherding. Yet the song refers to our hopes,

In the Bible, however, hope isn't something you earn through good deeds or merit. It's a gift from God, a divine promise rooted in his love and faithfulness. While trials and struggles can shape and strengthen hope, the ultimate source of hope is God himself. Romans says "hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 3 verse 5) Whether it be summer or winter may we always look to the hope that God has for each of us.

Offering hope to you all

*From the Perry village Pastor,
Jon Magee*

Clubs & Activities :

Telephone Prefix: 01480

Great Staughton W.I.....Barbara Wallis: 214 582
Perry WI:Email: perrywigroup@gmail.com
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CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS

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Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324
Kimbolton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.....1stkimboltonscouts@gmail.com
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