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# Dates for your Diary



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

**Mobile Library 2022 - every fourth Wednesday of the month**  
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**Perry Parish Council Meetings 2023**  
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# Editorial Natter...

*Hello everybody,*



Welcome to the Summer Edition 2023. I'm going to kick things off by thanking my now former co-editor Shaun Prince, who, after eight years, has decided to step down from the Life Magazine. Shaun has been brilliant in his time editing the magazine and I couldn't have asked for a better co-editor over the years. He's left a nice note for everyone on page 6 so go and give it a read.

So, for the rest of the year, or the *Autumn* and *Winter Editions*, I'll be editing solo. But myself and Chairperson Nicole would like to invite anyone interested in coming on as our new co-editor to reach out to us. We can provide more detail over email.

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I hope you all enjoy this issue, and have lovely summers, and I'll see you all in September for the *Autumn Edition*.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

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## **A note from Shaun Prince**

**A**fter eight joyful years, I have stepped down as Co-Editor of the Great Staughton & Perry Life Magazine.

I have always enjoyed editing the magazine and being involved in the great community spirit between the two villages, but since a change of job and a relocation I am sadly no longer in a position to continue editing the magazine.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement with the magazine over the last 8 years, and for continuing to make it one of the best local magazines around.

Also a big thank you to all those directly involved in the magazine.

It's incredibly difficult but extremely rewarding to produce the magazine and I hope it continues for another 45 years to come!

### ***Treasurers Corner***

***Hello,***

Pots this quarter are a fabulous **£59.62** and as ever we are grateful for every penny popped in.

The Annual Accounts have been audited by Numbers Quarter Accountants and we thank them profusely for their kindness in preparing them. Life once again made a slight profit so remains viable.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support!

***Thanks,  
Helen***





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It has also come to the time when the current committee would like to hand over the reigns to others who have a little more time to invest in managing and developing the Club over the coming year and beyond.

Any current or new members interested in getting involved please do contact us using the email above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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£500.....99.....	Mrs Tracey Stokes
£200.....60.....	Mrs Margaret Richardson
£100.....64.....	Ms Caroline Himely
£50.....9.....	Mrs Barbara Herdman
£25.....93.....	Bell Ringers
£15.....100.....	Mrs Sarah De Souza
£10.....49.....	Mrs Audrey Newman

**February 2023**

<b>Prize No</b>	<b>Name</b>
£50.....16.....	Mr Robert Gray
£25.....45.....	Mrs Elizabeth Wetzel
£15.....70.....	Miss Sally Ann Peck
£10.....33.....	Mrs Tracey Stokes

**March 2023**

<b>Prize No</b>	<b>Name</b>
£200.....33.....	Mrs Tracey Stokes
£100.....18.....	Mrs Julia Gray
£50.....57.....	Miss Sally Bruce
£25.....47.....	Mr Richard Edmunds
£15.....40.....	Mr & Mrs John Boutell
£10.....69....	Mrs Margaret Richardson

**April 2023**

<b>Prize No</b>	<b>Name</b>
£50.....31.....	Mrs Wendy Noon
£25.....98.....	Mrs Sarah De Souza
£15.....28.....	Mrs Shelagh Doyle
£10.....54.....	Lady Sally Duberly

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## **TING Roadshow Friday 2nd June 2023**

The TING bus will be in Great Staughton on Friday 2nd June at 9:45am.

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VILLAGE  
BOOK CLUB**



*‘One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.’*

— *Jeanette Walls*

Do you, like me, change up the reading material depending on the amount of daylight hours we have? In Winter, I’ve usually got my nose stuck in a cosy crime novel where bodies are found in front of roaring fires and clues are discussed over cups of tea. By the time Summer arrives, it still tends to be cosy crime but the bodies are found on tropical islands and a glass of sangria is the preferred tippie. Thank goodness then for Book Club where I have to extend my reading matter and find new favourites for the book shelf.

We’ve certainly had some interesting reads already this year. ‘Rizzio’ by Denise Mina tells the story of the murder of Mary Queen of Scots’ private secretary and the threat to her reign. There was more murder in ‘Bruno Chief of Police’ by Martin Walker. It was an easy read and I’m looking forward to reading more of

the series. April’s book, ‘Old Man and the Sea’ by Ernest Hemingway, led to a lively discussion. None of us were particularly interested in the fishing but it was a powerful short novel. Our May book, ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’, fully deserves its’ place as a modern classic.

The glass of sangria is calling me, there are cushions on the deckchair and the book bag is full of delights still to discover. I hope we all can find a quiet moment or two or more, to lose ourselves in a good book.

### **Books for 2023**

If you want to read along with us, these are our upcoming books:

**June:** ‘The Meditations’ by Marcus Aurelius

**July:** ‘Unsheltered’ by Barbara Kingsolver

**August:** ‘The Mirror Crack’d ‘ by Agatha Christie

**September:** ‘Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine’ by Gail Honeyman

**October:** ‘All Quiet on the Western Front’ by Erich Maria ReMarque

**November:** ‘The Glass Hotel ‘by Emily St John Mandel

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See our 2023 programme on page 13.  
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I think this is the best time of the year for gardens - particularly when there's been the ideal combo of warmth and rain. The brightness of new foliage is a delight and blossom is always surprising in its sheer profusion. No matter how many seasons you have seen there is such hope at the beginning of a new one; disappointments of the previous year temporarily forgotten.

This second week of May as I write, the beech hedges have just come out. They take their time but when the leaves unfurl they are magnificent.

Of course many of us have had to accept losses after the fierce frosts. Potted plants were particularly vulnerable, cordylines, yuccas and phormiums seem to have been devastated, my potted agapanthus and surprisingly a well established camellia and bay tree bit the dust. But things that had looked very sad have come back with a vengeance. We have no choice but to adapt to the new normal of unpredictability.

On the allotment the usual fortifications against animal attack are in evidence. I've invested in heavy duty fleece, fine netting and a lot of weights and so far the rabbits have stayed out. They usually love the raised beds and dig out all the contents. Not yet and hopefully not at all - fingers crossed.

I happened to be in London on the day of the coronation - not by design. I had an engagement booked long before the coronation date was announced. For anyone who hadn't camped on the Mall or wherever it was permitted there was no chance of seeing anything. We were all herded to the various big screen areas in the pouring rain. On route there were various floral displays being photographed

- a large one featuring artificial flowers. However there were one or two stunning living walls, notably on The Athenaeum, Piccadilly. It seems impossible to manage vertical gardening like that. However on reflection it is like a massive hanging basket. Waterproofing the wall and arranging an effective watering system seem to be the key. I won't be trying it any time soon.

It seems ages until the next Horticultural Show but it will be over before the next edition of Life Magazine so keep this one and you can sort out your entry which you'll find on pages 32 - 34. Whether you are a grower, a baker, a crafter, a photographer, a preserver, an artist or a floral arranger, there's a class for you. It feels good to take part even if you don't win. Some people manage perfection and we are all in awe of them but all entries are welcome.

You may have noticed that 'creatures' feature prominently in the children's classes this year, marshmallow, vegetable, Lego or living and in keeping with this theme we've devised a creature/ big bug competition with a massive £50 prize! To enter you'll have to complete a form and pay £1. Your creature/bug needs to be on parade in your garden from 12th August 2023 and judging will take place on that weekend. Entries will be photographed and on display at the Annual Show at the end of that month. So get your creative head on. Please keep an eye on Facebook for updates.

Talking of creatures, I was thrilled to see a barn owl up close the other morning. It was flying low towards me along the road to Little Staughton - enormous wing span and beautiful circular face. I stopped and it kept coming until it spotted me and veered off. I used to see one up on the ridge above Garden Farm but that was years ago. Hopefully this one will stay in the area.



## Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title/Speaker</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Jun 9</b> 6:30pm Meet at village playing fields	<b>Hail Weston Garden Safari</b>	Our very popular tour of beautiful Hail Weston Gardens. Tickets £10 per person purchased/reserved ideally pre the date (tel 07918 184986). Ticket price includes a Pimms to begin the tour followed by a Prosecco at the Royal Oak at the end
<b>Jul 4</b> 7.30pm at Village Hall	<b>Our 'Good Life' at Puddle Paddock, Sue Stephenson</b>	An acre of land with animals and plants in abundance. The 'good life ' it really is but the reality is a bit more amusing!
<b>Aug 1</b> 7pm	<b>Visit to two Staploe Gardens</b>	The gardens are opening for a private viewing for us in aid of NGS. Refreshments will be included. £10 per person.
<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>Hedgehogs, Suzanne Tibbits (Hartford Hedgehog Rescue)</b>	Learn about these complex little creatures and the important work that Suzanne does to help them.
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Paxton Nature Reserve, Matt Hall</b>	Ranger Matt will give a talk about the nature reserve.
<b>Nov 7,</b> 7,30pm, Village Hall	<b>Christmas Wreaths and Decorations, Heather Northeast</b>	A demonstration and top tips for festive wreaths and decorations.
<b>Dec 5</b> 7.30pm, Village Hall	<b>Christmas Jolly</b> Details TBC	

## GREAT STAUGHTON W.I.

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Chris was assisted by his wife Sylvia. They are obviously seasoned travellers who have enjoyed visiting a lot of North America and Canada.

Our February meeting was held on Valentine's Day, but that didn't put off our lovely ladies and we had a large attendance. Our speaker was Lorraine Goody who gave us a writing workshop. We were each given a piece of paper and told to write the numbers 1 to 10 down the side and then to think about something that had happened during the day. We then had to write five words next to each number and that would be our story. After a few initial blank faces, we all wrote a few lines and some of the ladies read out their stories. They were all very good and all very different and it just goes to show what creativity can be achieved when we put our minds to it.

Lorraine told us that if you enjoy writing, to write for yourself as the chances of being published are very slim. She also told us that we each have a story to tell about our own lives and that stories should be written by us for future generations to read. She suggested we have a memory box to put things in, including our life story, and label it 'This is My Life'. It was a very enjoyable workshop which made us all think.

In March we enjoyed our Spring Supper. This was a new event on our calendar where our committee worked very hard cooking and baking to create a lovely meal for us all to enjoy. There were two chillies to choose from as well as jacket potatoes, tuna and salad. Not forgetting the delicious desserts. Thank you to our wonderful committee for all their hard work. After our meal we held our AGM where it was decided to now start our meetings at 7pm, beginning in April.

At the April meeting members welcomed Chris Smith who talked about 'The Beautiful South' of America.

They last visited our WI in 2018 and talked about their trip to Canada. This time, their talk was about their trip in 2019 to the south of the country, with an emphasis on the popular music of the 1950s and 60s. Together with their slides they played a few soundtracks of the music which the south of America is famous for, starting with Willie Nelson's Freight Train Boogie.

Their trip began when they flew from Heathrow airport into Nashville, Tennessee. They visited the famous RCA Victor recording studios where such famous names as Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and the Everly Brothers recorded their hits of the fifties and sixties. They visited Music Row, widely considered the heart of Nashville's entertainment industry and Country Music's Hall of Fame where Johnny Cash was inducted in 1980. They also visited the Grand Ole Opry, the world-famous home of country music.

Next, they visited Franklin, a lovely town in Norfolk County, Massachusetts with a strong connection to the American Civil War. They went to Memphis and took a trip on a river boat on the Mississippi. In Memphis, known as the 'home of the blues' they said they visited B.B. King's Blues Club where the food was outstanding! Elvis Presley's Graceland was also a memorable part of their trip. They recommended the purchase of the VIP tickets to anyone planning a visit there.

Sun Studios was another destination. Opened by rock and roll pioneer Sam Phillips in 1950 and where Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, B B King and many others recorded their music.

Tupelo, Elvis' birthplace and where he began his singing in a gospel choir, was visited too. The small shack where grew up is still

there. On they went, to Chattanooga and Atlanta. Chris said the people they met along the way were very friendly and the further south they went, the friendlier they became. An evening talk with slides from someone else's holiday, can be extremely soporific but Chris and Sylvia gave a very entertaining account of their trip.

Also in April, a few of us attended the Annual Federation Day, held this year in Peterborough at The Key Theatre. We all enjoyed browsing the stalls before the meeting began and tried our luck at the raffle – without any success unfortunately! Our Federation Chair, Phyllis Brooks, presided over the meeting and we enjoyed interesting talks. The first was by Vanessa Pool, who told us all about The Greenbackyard, a community garden in Peterborough. Vanessa was followed by Beth Elkins who gave an enlightening talk about ADHD and Autism in Girls. We found out that this is an area where girls are struggling to be diagnosed as boys were always thought to be the only sufferers, therefore, the diagnosis is now based on their symptoms, but girls present differently. After our picnic lunch we were entertained by Charles Hanson, the Auctioneer and Television Personality, who regaled us with amusing tales of his experiences in the antique world and also in the world of television. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day out.

For our May meeting we carried on the Coronation celebrations by all dressing in red, white and blue. The hall was decorated with numerous banners and Union Jacks; we sang the National Anthem and toasted King Charles III with a small glass of bubbly. We also held a special Royal competition where our members were invited to take along something connected to the Royal Family and our speaker chose her favourite to win a special prize.

Congratulations to Barbara Herdman whose antique miniature model of the Coronation Chair was chosen.

Our speaker for the evening was Sue Jakeman who spoke about the life and career of her aunt – Peggy Spencer MBE. She told us how Peggy started life as a secretary and then during air raids in the second World War, whilst sheltering in Underground stations, she noticed how all the children would run around making mischief. She wondered whether dancing would help to control their energy and asked them if they would like to learn to dance. She learnt some steps of the Waltz from a book and taught them to the children. She then progressed to other dances and whilst teaching the children, taught herself to dance. Peggy went on to open up a dancing school with another lady.

In 1939 her ex-husband's brother, Frank Spencer, moved into the family home. (He eventually became Peggy's second husband.) He was a World Championship dancer and began teaching advanced dancing classes at Peggy's school. They also started a formation team which was very much in demand. They were asked to appear on The Generation Game; were photographed with the Beatles, and also performed for the staff at Buckingham Palace.

Along with Eric Morley, Peggy devised the television programme 'Come Dancing', she appeared on 'Surprise, Surprise' with Cilla Black and was honoured with the red book on 'This is Your Life'. Even after Peggy retired she carried on working, by mentoring an older generation formation team; coaching Anton du Beke (among others) and was even the Deputy Mayoress of Kings Lynn. Peggy's nephew, Michael, was also a champion dancer and is now a judge on Germany's version of 'Strictly Come Dancing'.

Sue's talk about her very talented family was both interesting and entertaining. It was also lovely to see the many photos that she passed around of Peggy and Frank and the many famous people they worked with.

Our next meeting is on June 13th and is 'The Ukulele Singers'; on July 11th we have a talk entitled 'House of Spies' and then on August 8th we will be holding an afternoon tea (which will be in the afternoon and not the evening!). These meetings are always held on the second Tuesday in the month, now at 7pm at Great Staughton Village Hall. If you 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 01480 214582.

*Ruth Easom and Karen Larkins*

**Gt Staughton Women's Institute  
Programme of Events 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
June 13th	Ukulele singers
July 11th	House Of Spies
August 9th	Afternoon Tea
September 12th	Harvest Supper
October 10th	Kanjanji Project Zambia
November 14th	The Merry Makers
December 12th	Christmas Meal

***If you need help, just ask***

To all our village residents, the Great Staughton & Perry Community Support Group is still here to help. 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

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**St. Andrew's Church**  
**Good Friday Family**  
**Walk & Egg Hunt**



The weather had been extremely wet for several weeks before the morning of Friday 7th April when we were looking forward to going on our Good Friday Walk and Egg Hunt around the fields near St. Andrew's church. The track was somewhat muddy but did we let that put us off? No we did not! A good crowd set off across the fields in their wellies with the children hunting for Easter egg tokens along the way.

The plastic egg competition was quite tricky this year with the items going into the egg beginning with the first letters of the colours of the rainbow. We must have clever children in the Gt. Staughton area because they all got their thinking caps on & did a good job. Several children received a chocolate cream egg for the best collections.

On returning to the Church after the walk children exchanged their egg tokens for chocolate eggs, checked in their plastic egg collections & were able to join the activity table for Easter puzzles & colouring. Hot & cold drinks & hot cross buns were served to everyone. The morning concluded with songs & the Easter Story being told by Rev. Nicki.

Thank-you to all the helpers who ensured that the morning ran smoothly & thank you all of those who joined us.

Hope to see you again next year!

***Sylvia Swain***

**Jewell Close, Great**  
**Staughton**

I am pleased to report that 11 of the 12 homes on Jewell Close are now occupied, and the last one is expected to be occupied by the end of May.

I can confirm that as required by the Parish Charities and Community Land Trust there is a strong local connection with those who have moved into their new homes.

- 6 had previously lived in Great Staughton
- 3 had families living in Great Staughton
- 1 was employed in Great Staughton
- 1 was living in Perry
- 1 was living in St. Neots

This will be the last update I will issue on this project, but I am sure all will agree with me in wishing everyone in the new Close all the very best in their new homes.

***Bob Jewell***

**Perry WI**  
**Every Second Monday of**  
**the month at 7.30pm**

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definitely experts at this task.

The winning team, Lesley, Annis, Elaine & Sylvia, were

given boxes of Maltesers & we were all rewarded with a welcome cup of tea or coffee & a cake. So it just means we must say thank you to Helen for an enjoyable evening.

Sailability Clubhouse, Grafham Water Centre (GWC), Ridgeway, Perry, PE28 0GW  
 Contact [perrywigroup@gmail.com](mailto:perrywigroup@gmail.com) for further information.

**T**he evening of our February meeting had arrived & the members of Perry WI were eagerly awaiting the start of the Jigsaw Race. Each team of 4 members sat around a small table ready for the distribution of the 500 piece jigsaws. The enthusiasts of the group were itching to get started & others were hoping that their jigsaw would not be too difficult. We were assured that all the jigsaws were of equal difficulty & showed scenes of everyday life such as a farm yard with animals.

The packages plus picture were handed out to the groups.

Ready, steady, GO. We were off!

Helen Oddy was the organiser of the event & kept an eye on us as we beavered away. We had about an hour to complete our puzzle & every last second counted. Would any of the groups finish? Most were nearing completion as the hour drew to a close but as Helen looked at her watch the last pieces of the farmyard scene were being slotted into place by ladies who were

March came around and we had our 9th birthday. I know, right! 9! How did that happen!! We've always mixed our birthday party with our AGM because... why not? So, lots of business was done, our committee was chosen, there was a (gluten-free) 9th birthday cake (totally delicious) and (obviously) a glass of Prosecco with also certificates and a bunch of daffs for various folks to say thank you for doing various things.

And then April came around with Mike Knight's talk on Milestones and Turnpike Roads. Now this subject may seem a bit random and left field but Mike was so passionate and well-informed that he kept us interested, nay fascinated for the whole time of his talk (and he definitely could have gone on for another several hours). With slides and overhead projections, he waltzed us through some of our local milestones and turnpikes along with their official history and the local history of them being saved for folks (like you and me) to see. Mike reminded me of members of any small English village, the ones who have a passion for

something - usually historical, usually marginal - which used to be an integral part of the village's life and existence. And so we learnt (among much else) that any road called London Road was not the road to London but the road to the road to London – how amazing is that! Thank you Mike, you were fab.

So, if you fancy coming along for a visit to Perry WI, we meet at the wooden hut on the slipway (same place as Perry Parish Council) at 7.30 on the second Monday of each month. We are a friendly bunch, we make a decent cup of tea (or bring your own booze) and have some fab

speakers and activities. See you soon.

Oh, and lest I forget. We made over £750 on our WI cafe and Raffle at the Perry Coronation Celebration so thank you to all who bought raffle tickets/baked/ stood and sold/ate cake/etc

And of course, as you no doubt know, with the passing of our dear Queen Elizabeth II, the WI lost a loyal and long-serving member. Our new Queen Consort will continue in her shoes. Thank you ma'am. God Save the King.



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No need to book – simply turn up at the meeting point 10-15 minutes before the start of the walk. It's a great way to enjoy a pleasant walk and meet new people. You will be made very welcome.

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

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/>

You will also find downloadable booklets of all the walks, with maps and directions, on this site. **In addition, copies of the current leaflet listing the full programme of walks are available from Great Staughton Surgery.**

DATE	TIME	WALK NAME	MEET AT
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2 pm	Kimbolton Hills	By the High Street entrance to Kimbolton School.
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10 am	Dillington Stroll	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2 pm	Grafham/Perry Walk	Outside The Wheatsheaf, Perry
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am	Kymsey Saunter	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	2pm	Grafham Lakeside	Cinnamon Restaurant Car Park, Grafham
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> August	2 pm	Kimbolton Hills	By the High Street entrance to Kimbolton School.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> August	2 pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park



## **Great Staughton** **Neighbourhood Plan**

The neighbourhood plan (NP) for Great Staughton has progressed.

There are draft documents on Facebook and the website showing the landscape and townscape assessments, Non-designated heritage site, Views and vistas and possible sites for new development. These were all presented at the Parish Assembly on **May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

The potential sites for consideration for new development were considered together with the need to try to safeguard the presence of a Doctor's surgery in the village. The opinions expressed at the Assembly on the preferred sites will have been discussed by the Parish Council on **25<sup>th</sup> May**.

Anyone wishing to comment on these or other matters is invited to do so as the next stages will be discussion with an Inspector, HDC and then subsequent referendum in the village.

Any comments, queries to

***Bob Jewell***

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## **Perry Parish Council Vacancies**

Would you like to help decide what happens in Perry? The Perry Parish Council has vacancies for councillors. As a Parish Councillor you can make positive steps to improve the quality of life in your village. You will truly represent your community, and make decisions on everything from village events to street furniture. Here's a few frequently asked questions – and answers!

**Is it political?** No, your role is to act on behalf of your fellow residents. Politics simply doesn't come into it.

**How much time will it take?** The council has ten regular meetings each year.

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**Are there age restrictions?** You must be 18 years or over. There's no upper age limit – and quite rightly so.

If you'd like to find out more, including other eligibility requirements, please contact any of the Perry Parish Councillors (contact details near the front of this magazine), or clerk Eugene Smith ([clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk)). And why not come along to a council meeting (dates in this magazine) to see what happens for yourself? Become a Parish Councillor, make a difference, and truly speak for your community.

## Life Magazine

### Thank You!

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

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

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***Helen***

**Life Magazine Treasurer**

## Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley

April was a great opportunity in Perry as a packed Perry Baptist Church welcomed Paul Jones, first lead Singer with the pop group Manfred Mann and his wife, Fiona Hendley, who performed as an actress in such television programmes as "The Widows". Everyone were delighted as they all joined in singing "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" with Paul.

However, as well as singing together Paul and Fiona shared something of their journey of life which for them includes a discovery that a life of faith brought to them more than fame could have done. It was a humorous, inspiring and uplifting evening, with great songs, as they share their journey of faith. Many have spoken of the evening as being a challenge that gave them something to think about in their own lives.

Perry Baptist Church have arranged similar events with well-known personalities in the past. Looking to the future we wait to see what will be the next event made available in the community.





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National Grid are updating the power lines which run through Great Staughton.

As a result they are offering grants to affected communities of up to **£20,000** for suitable projects. This is a real opportunity to get grant money as obviously there are only a relatively small number of Parishes affected.

**Organisations which can apply.**

Registered charities, social enterprises and non-profit organisations.

**Potential purpose of the grants – these are very broad**

**Social benefits:**

- Initiatives that support hard-to-reach members of the community improving diversity and inclusion.
- Initiatives that support community safety – from electricity safety to protecting at-risk members of society including the elderly and those with special needs.
- Initiatives which achieve improved educational attainment through building confidence and self-esteem of children and young people.
- Education projects especially those that upskill young people with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) skills.
- Activities that promote or support health and wellbeing in the

local community, for example addressing energy efficiency.

**Economic benefits:**

- Initiatives that support employment either through a work placement or retraining schemes which increase the employability of people from lower income communities back into the workplace.
- Initiatives that support capacity building for community, charity or voluntary groups to help them improve their services, whether it be reaching more users or extending the hours that the service is available.

**Environmental benefits:**

- Initiatives such as conservation projects that have a direct and positive environmental impact or awareness raising projects that improve environmental behaviour or understanding from recycling to water resource management.
- Improvement of the energy efficiency of community facilities.
- Initiatives which help people to manage their energy usage and access affordable tariffs.

**Some organisations which have benefitted in December 2022:**

- Axe District Scouts
- **£5,000**
- Uffington Village Hall
- Porthamdog Jnr Football
- Langton Herring Village Hall
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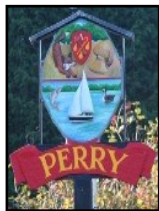
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**MINUTED OF THE  
PERRY PARISH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
held at 7:40pm on  
Wednesday 12th April at  
the Grafham Water  
Sailability Clubhouse**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Sheila Brighton (SB), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP)

**County Councillor:** Ian Gardener (IG), **District Councillor:** Stephen Cawley (SC)

**Members of the public:** ten

**Clerk to the Council:** Eugene Smith (ES)

**23/1 - Apologies:**

Parish Councillor Eleanor Abbs' apology was accepted.

**23/2 - Councillors' declaration of interest for items on the agenda:**

None

**23/3 - Open forum for public participation:**

A complaint was raised regarding resident vehicles being parked on grass areas (on agenda as item 23/8/b, dealt with here). Action: ES to research potential actions.

**23/4 - Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**23/5 - Clerk's report**

**23/6 - Parish / village matters:**

a) Litter picking equipment. Purchase approved Action: ES to purchase.

b) Dog waste bags. It was agreed to continue the council's provision of dog waste bags, with suitable signage attached Action: ES to arrange signage.

c) Post box removal / return. Thanks were given to Julie and Brian Collins-Cole for all their efforts in securing the return of a village post box.

d) Daffodils. The purchase of daffodil bulbs to compete the seeding of the B661 was approved. Action: ES to arrange purchase and planting.

e) Flagpole. It was agreed to proceed no further with a village flagpole.

f) Gaynes Hall 'estate' sign Replacement. The purchase and installation of a replacement sign was approved. Action: ES to source a new sign.

**23/7 - Coronation celebrations:**

Arrangements to date were discussed. It was agreed to proceed no further with the dog show due to safety concerns. Nigel and Wendy Noon will supply the chocolate oranges for the crown treasure hunt. It was agreed to hire Banquet Inns Bars.

**23/8 - Highways / traffic:**

a) Speeding. It was agreed to submit an application to Cambridgeshire County Council for a 20mph speed limit. Action: ES to write and submit application.

b) Parking. See Public Forum (23/3).

**23/9 - Update on meetings attended:**

None.

**23/10 - Planning applications:**

None received.

**23/11 - Council administration:**

- a) Internal auditor. It was agreed to appoint Kim Webb as internal auditor for 2022 - 2023. Action: ES to inform Kim Webb.
- b) Clerk's contract of employment. The amendments were approved.

Colin Beesley (handyman's wages March 2023)\*: confidential

Colin Beesley backdated pay rise (minute ref. 22/289): confidential

CAPALC (AGAR course): £30.00

SLCC (membership 23-24): £177.00

CAPALC (affiliation 23-24): £325.83

**23/12 - Training:**

- a) AGAR course. The expenditure of £30.00 for the clerk's attendance on 'Understanding the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return)' run by CAPALC (Cambridgeshire And Peterborough Association of Local Councils) on 18/03/2023 was approved. (see also item 23/14/a).
- b) CiLCA. The expenditure of £850.00 for the clerk to undertake the Certificate in Local Council Administration, starting in autumn 2023 was approved.

b) It was noted that a direct debit of £35.00 was taken by the Information Commissioner's Office on 13/03/2023 to cover the data protection fee for 2023 – 2024 (ref. ICO:00012323773)

**23/14 - Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:**

Agenda items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 1st May 2023.

**23/13 - Subscriptions and memberships:**

- a) SLCC. Membership renewal for SLCC (Society of Local Clerks) for 2023 – 2024, at £177.00, was approved.

**22/193 - Date of next Parish Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7pm. this will be the Annual Meeting of the Perry Parish Council for 2023.

- b) CAPALC. Renewal of affiliation to CAPALC (Cambridgeshire And Peterborough Association of Local Councils) for 2023 – 2024, at £325.83, was approved.

*Meeting closed at 8:45pm.*

**23/14 - Finance:**

- a) The following payments were approved / ratified (marked with \*):

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary March 2023)\*: confidential

Eugene Smith (home working allowance March 2023)\*: £26.00

**CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2023 HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

**Saturday, 26th August 2023**

**Plus:- Gt Staughton Primary School Exhibition (work by children of all ages)**

(Maximum of 2 entries per person per class)

**VEGETABLES**

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



**FLOWERS (Vases provided for all cut stems)**

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



**FLORAL EXHIBITS (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)**

39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4"/10cm overall)
40. An exhibit depicting 'in the garden' (using flowers from your garden, up to 18"/45cm width & depth, unlimited height)

41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers - up to 15"/38cm overall)
42. A circular table arrangement by a novice (with or without candle, up to 9"/23cms overall)
43. An arrangement using hedgerow material (maximum measurements 12"/30cm wide, 18"/45cm high)
44. An arrangement using five flowers with or without foliage (maximum width & depth 12"/30cm, unlimited height)
45. A corsage

### **NOVELTY CLASSES**

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

### **CAKES AND PRESERVES**

54. 5 Viennese whirls
55. A Victoria sponge (raspberry jam filling only, dusted with castor sugar)
56. 5 Iced finger rolls (yeast based)
57. 5 Choc chip cookies
58. A sourdough loaf
59. A vegetarian quiche
60. Jar of jam
61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
62. Jar of lemon curd



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

63. A crown made using natural materials
64. A decorated marshmallow creature - up to 6 years of age
65. A decorated marshmallow creature - 7 to 11 years of age
66. A decorated marshmallow creature - 12 to 16 years of age
67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2024 Horticultural Show - A4 size, may be computer generated
68. A creature made from vegetables
- 69 A bookmark
70. A creature made from Lego/Duplo - not a kit (maximum base size 12"/30cm square)
71. A photograph of a living creature (maximum 8"x 6")

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

72. A photograph of Great Staughton
73. A photograph entitled 'Stormy weather'
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76. A hand-made item (not knitted)
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79. A flavoured spirit e.g. Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
80. A home-made soft drink e.g. juice, cordial, ginger beer or lemonade.

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## Coronation celebrations at Perry Baptist Church

Now the coronation weekend is complete at Perry Baptist Church it is time to say thank you to all that made it such a successful time.

The Sunday Evening was the Coronation Commemoration Service which included representatives of a wide number of the locality including Councillor Stephen Cawley.

The Monday was a free Coronation lunch/tea. Collectively there was something for all in the community.

Thank you to those who worked so hard baking, making sandwiches, serving tea/coffee, moving furniture etc. Thank you to those who took part on the Sunday evening. There are so many of you but thanks to all.

Not forgetting to say thank you to the people of the locality who came over the weekend.

What a difference it makes when society comes together and supports each other!





## **A Note From the Editor**

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Please keep us informed about 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 with all the relevant info, and that can only be achieved if you keep us in the loop.

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The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along to see one of the Trust's newest reserves on Tuesday 6th June. We will be taken on a guided tour of Strawberry Hill reserve by one of the Trust staff members.

Strawberry Hill was originally an arable farm, but was left to rewild for 25 years by its previous owner. It is a 150 hectare site, the largest area of scrub and young woodland in the region. It has become a brilliant place for wildlife with birds such as nightingale, willow warbler, garden warbler and turtle dove.

Please meet at 10:30am at the reserve entrance at Knotting Green, Bedfordshire, MK44 1AA, what3words carpentry.threaten.saving. GR TL00550 62583.

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Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact **George (01480 450809 or [georgecottam@virginmedia.com](mailto:georgecottam@virginmedia.com))**.

### **Kings Dyke – July 2023**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to join our guided walk at Kings Dyke Nature Reserve on **Sunday 16th July at 10:30am**. This walk will be led by Sarah Lambert, who is a freelance ecologist based in the Peterborough area. She has a particular interest in botany and photography.

This 'brownfield' site is an old clay pit, which closed in the 1970s and was finally restored in 1995. It demonstrates how industrial land can be transformed to benefit both wildlife and the

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Please meet at the reserve entrance. The site is just off the A605 with parking available near the Forterra Customer Service Centre, Peterborough Road, Whittlesey, PE7 1PD. What3words Twinkled.fields.unwell.

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### **Therfield Heath – August 2023**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to join our guided walk at Therfield Heath, Royston on Sunday 6th August at 10.30 am. This walk will be led by Martin Davies, who is a local butterfly expert.

Therfield Heath is chalk grassland, which is hilly in places. We hope to see common blue, brown argos, adonis blue and dark green fritillary butterflies.

Please meet at the Heath Café Bar Car Park, Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG. What3Words searching.supposing.backfired. Grid ref TL 3485 4050.

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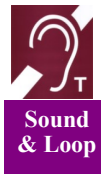






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### *Dear Friends,*

As we look towards the Summer months and hopefully better weather, I am sure many of you are out in your gardens mowing your lawns and fighting the ever growing weeds.

Many of you will be looking at some sort of break in the next few months. I just hope your holidays go more smoothly than mine did.

A friend and I were bound for the Galapagos islands and Costa Rica. It was to be the holiday of a lifetime with a stay on a luxury yacht whilst in the Galapagos islands.

We set off from Heathrow an hour late and when we arrived at Miami the pilot circled round and round but was unable to land because of a huge storm, he tried again and eventually flew us to Orlando to fuel. We stayed on the runway for a while and then when it was safe, we returned to Miami. We had been in the plane for fourteen hours. We had missed our connecting flight and so were put up by British Airways in a hotel we were told would provide us with all meals for the next day.

On arriving at the hotel and seeing the sign outside 'no soliciting' we realised that the hotel had no dining room and we had no cases. We spent the next day in Miami airport and when we were about to get on the plane to Guayaquil we were

taken aside and told our tickets had been cancelled. That sorted out we flew to Guayaquil a day late, and on arrival saw our hotel in the distance so decided to walk.

In the morning, we decided to look at what we could do at Guayaquil as we were not going to Galapagos that day. We had sorted a few things out when my son rang up and said that we were to take off our jewellery and not go out as it was dangerous. An escort by the police was needed if anyone wanted to get money out and even taxes were dangerous.

We stayed in and waited for news of when we would get to the Galapagos but it was not forthcoming. After two days of incarceration in the hotel we decided we would be better going back to Miami, so that is what we did. Our Galapagos trip was not to be! WE were told by someone on the plane who lived in a gated community that if we had gone out to the park, we would have been 80% safe at the park because of the police presence but our taxi would have been ambushed on the way. There was a curfew from 9.00 pm at night until 5.00 am in the morning, that is how we stayed safe when walking to the hotel.

We did have a lovely week in Costa Rica but on my return home I realised I had the wrong case, it belonged to someone from Bogotá ! So next day I was back in Heathrow doing a swap!

Life is a journey with both ups and downs

and sometimes there are more downs than ups, it is then that we need to remember that God is with us wherever we are and however we may feel.

And so I am ending this letter with an Irish blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again may God hold  
you in the palm of his hand.

*With love and prayers,  
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### **Services for June 2023**

#### **Great Staughton St. Andrew's**

Sun 4th: 8am - BCP Holy Communion  
10:30am - All Age Worship  
Sun 11th: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
Sun 18th: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
3pm - Creative Communion -  
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Sun 25th: 10:30am - Parish Communion

#### **Little Staughton All Saints**

Sun 4th: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 18th: 9am - Pathfinder Service

#### **Hail Weston St. Nicolas All services to be held in the village hall**

Wed 7th: 10am - Morning Prayer  
Sun 11th: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 25th: 9am - Parish Communion

### **Services for July 2023**

#### **Great Staughton St. Andrew's**

Sun 2nd: 8am - BCP Holy Communion  
10:30am - All Age Worship  
Sun 9th: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
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Sun 23rd: 10:30am - Benefice  
Communion

#### **Little Staughton All Saints**

Sun 2nd: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 15th: 9am - Parish Communion

#### **Hail Weston St. Nicolas**

Wed 5th: 10am - Morning Prayer  
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### **Services for August 2023**

#### **Great Staughton St. Andrew's**

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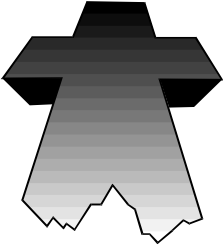
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*My dear friends,*

As I prepare this item for the summer edition of the Life magazine there is one topic that seems to be on the mind of people throughout the country, including our own locality, the coronation! Maybe some of you were following the events as they appeared on the television, perhaps you had a street party or found some other way to celebrate. In the church in Perry we had a number of events which drew people together from the community. Whether we consider ourselves to be Royalists or not as human beings we all have a need to interact with each other and here was such an opportunity.

Jesus said "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13 verse 35)  
Love for each other was seen by Jesus as being the badge of

discipleship. God calls us to know that unity that sometimes may seem to be impossible. Yet the greatest expression of such love is by God himself who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that He gave His son". ( John 3 verse 16) This offer of love is ours when we **come to trust** Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. Such love is for us as an individual, but it is a love that draws us all together in service of each other.

Sharing with you in the love of our Lord, as Partners of the gospel.

*Blessings to you all from the  
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**Tel: 01223 416141 / [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)**

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

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**DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE.    [www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk)**

Adviceline: 01223 569 600—charity for disabled/older people and carers in Cambridgeshire.  
Provides free, confidential and impartial information and advice on disability and access issues.

**Email: [info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk](mailto:info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk)**

**THE LIBRARY AT HOME SERVICE : (formerly THE DOORSTEP SERVICE)**

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