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

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March 8th, April 12th (Annual Parish Meeting)
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Editorial Natter...

Howdy y'all...

Welcome to another jam packed edition of Life Magazine!



I'm happy to say you have a full magazine this month with lots of content from around both villages. The Horticultural Show Schedule (Page 32) and Entry Form (Page 34) are both included, along with lots of content from the W.I, Book Club and some interesting parish council minutes.

There is also an entry from Phil Yates about the Gt Staughton Village Hub on Page 37 which makes for sad reading.

We are proud to say as a magazine that thanks to your generous donations we made a small profit last year and that we are able to keep the magazine running on our new seasonal rotation. Thank you all so much.

Enough waffle from me, I'll catch you later...

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Minutes of meetings can be found on the village website: www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk

Perry Coffee Morning

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We have cars available if walking is too much We would love to see more people join us. **Call John Magee on 07785 221993** for more details.

Treasurers Corner

Hello,

Pots this quarter are **£41.07**.

Thanks so much for dropping in those Pots, it really does add up. I am pleased to say that last year Life Magazine made a small profit so we are able to continue to provide the magazine to the villages. Thanks everyone that donated, and continue to donate, as we have saved the Magazine! Thanks again and well done!

*Thanks,
Helen*



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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Anyone interested in joining the Tennis Club, please email nicolehyates@aol.com and an application Form can be sent to you.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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£10.....67.....	Mr R Goody

January 2023

Prize No	Name
£50.....42.....	Mr R Grey
£25.....73.....	Mrs J Philpott
£15.....3.....	Mrs G Smith
£10....14.....	Mrs J Chalkley

Congratulations to all the winners!



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The **Kym Valley Carpet Bowls Club** continues to flourish although membership is down due to the effects of lockdowns and the pandemic. We are all looking forward to some lively bowling in the New Year.

In these days of fantastic energy prices it is also very pleasant to enjoy three hours of bowls in the lovely warm village hall.

New members would be welcome to our friendly club.

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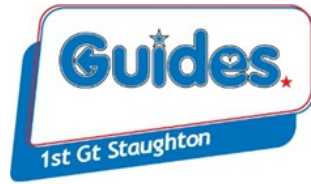
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 <p>Great Staughton Family Play Time</p>		<p>Suggested donation £1 per child</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St Andrews Church, The Town, Gt Staughton</p> <p>9am - 10.30am</p> <p><small>Term-time only</small></p>	<p>Playgroup</p> <p>A fun, family-orientated playgroup run by St Andrew's Church and Piglets Preschool for children aged 0-5 years.</p>	
<p>Join us for refreshments whilst the little ones play.</p>		
<p>Free-Play</p> <p>Stories</p>		<p>Activities</p> <p>Songs</p>
   <p><small>www.pigletspreschool.org.uk www.greatstaughton.com/religion/church-of-st-andrews-great-staughton/</small></p>		




The 1st Gt Staughton Guides have spaces available for new members but they're gradually being filled and soon we'll have a waiting list, so join up soon!

Why become a Guide? We make things happen! We give you the chance to explore, to try new things, to learn new skills, work as a team, to meet new friends. And above all **WE HAVE FUN!!**

Examples of activities we've done recently include **fireside songs, mixology, telling knock-knock jokes using sign language, sculpting with fondant icing, fashion design, cooking, creating zen gardens** and much more!

If you are a girl between the ages of 10-14, and would like to find out more, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the links to 'Information for Parents - Register your daughter'.

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BOOK CLUB**



“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.”

— Rainer Maria Rilke

How lovely to see the first blooms of Spring and enjoy the later daylight hours. But, I have to admit, there are still fires to be lit in the cooler evenings and a book to read and cats to be cuddled.

At the time of writing, we have only read one book from the list (‘Remarkable Creatures’ by Tracey Chevalier). There was a real mixture of whether we liked or disliked the novel but this led to an interesting discussion. Based on the true story of Mary Anning and the discovery of the fossilised prehistoric creatures in limestone rocks of Lyme Regis, the book explores many themes including Class, Misogyny, and Friendship. If, like me, you have a soft spot for Lyme Regis, for the dinosaurs in the Natural History Museum and for friendships that can cope with many challenges, then I can highly recommend this book.

Hope you find time to read a book or two (or more) over the coming

months. I’m still reading the books I was given for Christmas and enjoying cuddles with the cats.

Books for 2023

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

January: ‘Remarkable Creatures’ by Tracy Chevalier

February: ‘Rizzio’ by Denise Mina

March: ‘Bruno Chief of Police’ by Martin Walker

April: ‘Old Man and the Sea’ by Ernest Hemingway

May: ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ by Harper Lee

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

Warm Zones

With winter now upon us, warm zones are available in Perry.



At Perry Baptist Church, the Drop In has now doubled to being available TWICE a month. **On the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month** you are welcome to Drop In between **10am and Midday**. You can enjoy free tea, coffee, hot chocolate, as well as toast and biscuits while chatting with others in the community. All in the community will be welcome to Drop In and enjoy the time together. Its always good for a community coming together.

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What does a hard frost do to our soil? Traditionally gardeners have welcomed a period of cold weather in the hope that it will kill off pests and diseases but things appear to be much more complicated. We are realising that healthy soil is teeming with microbial life - fungi, bacteria, nematodes, tardigrades, amoebas etc as well as the familiar earthworms, beetles, ants and other visible creatures. Scientists are gradually identifying some of the organisms but only a tiny fraction of them - perhaps 5%. Some micro-organisms will die but may leave spores or reproductive material in the soil which will activate when conditions improve. Studies of carbon dioxide emissions of forests in Sweden - where it gets pretty cold! - indicate that some micro-organisms still function in freezing temperatures.

Soil condition is important for its resilience. The addition of organic matter increases the number of tiny air pockets in the soil. Working in a similar way to an eiderdown or polystyrene the air pockets reduce the heat transfer from soil to atmosphere - helping to slow down the cooling process and improving drainage at the same time.

I guess what is difficult for plants and organisms to cope with is a change to the norm. If a plant's roots are deep enough to avoid the frost layer then they are likely to survive. As the temperature in the ground drops plants release water from their roots before that water freezes, expands and breaks the cells apart. Sugars and salts in the roots lower the temperature at which the root water freezes. Astonishing! But if for the last five years there hasn't been a hard frost the plant might not have expended the energy to send its roots deep

and if during the hot summer a lot of watering has been done, that may have encouraged the roots towards the surface.

All will be revealed later in the season - not only the frost damage but last summer's heat damage. My hellebores have been decimated and I await the next revelation.

Talking of surviving freezing conditions brings to mind the wood frog - found in Canada and Alaska. It actually freezes solid for several months in the winter before miraculously thawing and carrying on as if nothing happened. It has been the subject of much research especially by scientists interested in cryonics - freezing the body after death in the hope of being brought back to life in a future when it is possible.

I had some tree work done this week and could not believe the transformation when ivy was removed. We are told that trees can co-exist happily with ivy but there must be competition for resources - and certainly for light when the ivy gets to the crown of the tree. A recent David Attenborough programme on plants illustrated that vividly. He showed a time lapse film of a lake in South America with plants gradually growing up. A late arrival on the scene was a form of water lily. Its leaves grew so enormous that they entirely covered the lake and killed everything else. Survival of the fittest in action.

Hopefully you will find the schedule for this year's Horticultural Show elsewhere in this edition. There's plenty of time to get organised, enjoy the excitement of growing, photographing, crafting or cooking. The Society's AGM will take place on Wednesday 1st March in the White Hart at 7.30pm. Please join us if you are interested. You will be most welcome.



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Our final meeting of 2022 was our Christmas meal and instead of all of us squeezing into a busy pub or restaurant, it was decided we would hold it at the house of one of our members. Brenda very kindly volunteered her home and outside caterers were used to provide a very delicious and generous Christmas dinner. A good festive time was had by all – thank you very much Brenda.

The first meeting of 2023 was a very interesting and informative talk by Paul Wyer about Hedgehogs. Paul works for the Wildlife Trust and he began his talk by telling us about the Trust. It was formed in 1912 by Charles Rothschild (of banking fame) at Wood Walton Fen. The Wildlife Trust now manages over 100 nature reserves across the country, of which Grafham Water is our nearest in this region. The trust also helps landowners to re-wild their land. One of these projects has been Strawberry Hill in Bedfordshire where the farmer has been turning his 150-hectare farm over to nature for the past 25 years. The Wildlife Trust is now in the process of purchasing this farm which means the public will be able to access a previously hidden natural landscape.

Paul then went on to tell us all about hedgehogs. The bad news is that they are declining at a rapid rate. In the 1950s there were about 36 million hedgehogs in Britain but now there are less than 1 million, with 75% being lost since 2000. There are various reasons for this, including road kills and habitat loss - with farmers using pesticides there are not so

many insects for the hedgehogs to eat and there are many new housing developments and roads which encroach on the

hedgehog's environment. There is also predation as badgers will eat hedgehogs if they are hungry as all the above also impacts on badgers and their food availability. However, there are things we can do to help, such as creating a wild corner in our gardens; making hedgehog highways in fences between neighbour's gardens and putting out water and meaty dog or cat food (apparently kitten food is ideal). Putting out bread and milk is now known to be harmful to hedgehogs, so is to be avoided.

We all enjoyed Paul's talk and he answered many questions at the end. We all felt more inclined to help hedgehogs and vowed to do our bit in our own gardens.

Our next meeting will be on February 14th where Lorraine Goody will talk about short story writing. If any ladies would like to come along and join us you will be made very welcome. Our meetings are always on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm at Great Staughton Village Hall. Below is our programme of events for the rest of the year. For further details please contact our President, Barbara Wallis on 01480 214582.

Karen Larkins

Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2023

Date	Event
MARCH 14	SPRING SUPPER
APRIL 11	THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH
MAY 9	PEGGY SPENCER MBE
JUNE 13	YUKALALEE SINGERS
JULY 11	HOUSE OF SPIES
AUGUST 9	AFTERNOON TEA
SEPTEMBER 12	HARVEST SUPPER
OCTOBER 10	KANJANJI PROJECT ZAMBIA
NOVEMBER 14	THE MERRY MAKERS
DECEMBER 12	CHRISTMAS MEAL

Great Staughton 2023 Litter pick

The 2023 litter pick will take place on Saturday 18 March from 9.00am.

We meet at the Village Hall car park where equipment will be provided and a short safety briefing is delivered, before pairs of volunteers are assigned to one of the several routes into and around the village. We are usually finished by lunchtime if there are plenty of volunteers.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and as ever, thank you in advance for your help with this somewhat unpleasant, but sadly necessary task.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Nicole Yates
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GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB

Membership renewal will be due again by 31 March 2023 and we will email all current members shortly beforehand with a reminder.

Our annual membership fees will again be unchanged:

Junior member (under 16s) - £5

Adult member - £10

Family membership (for up to six members) - £25.

It has also come to the time when the current committee (such as it is!) would very much like to hand over the reins 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 address below – with grateful thanks in advance!

Anyone interested in joining the Club for the forthcoming year, please email nicolehyates@aol.com and an Application Form can be sent to you

A Note From the Editors

If you're sending content to be published, please email it to both editors to ensure it will be included in future issues. Send all content to both
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&
rj.young@live.co.uk

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

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

**Thank you,
Shaun & Rob**

GREAT STAUGHTON AND ITS PEOPLE

How a Huntingdonshire village left its mark on England's history

For the past 22 weeks chapters of this history of Staughton have been appearing on the Parish Council website.

Here are the links to the website:

www.greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/great-staughton-and-its-people

Many people have asked whether a book will eventually be released of the history and the answer is yes.

The text and illustrations are already in the hands of an experienced book designer and publisher and we are working to produce a proper book during 2023. There will be regular updates on the Parish Council website so make sure you keep reading!

Any feedback is more than welcome so please get in touch on:

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Perry WI

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

two or three courses (depending on the elasticity of one's waistbands, obviously) with a drop of what you fancy and great

In September 2021, when Sylvia decided to do something arty with some logs from her son's garden, little did she know that she would be storing said logs (now cut into inch-and-half thick slices) in her garage, stacked with pieces of wood between them, for over a year while they dried out. In January 2022, Perry WI brought unwanted Christmas decorations (and a few presents too, if the evidence doesn't lie!) which were also stored until November WI came along and we gathered round a huge table, wire cutters and cups of tea at the ready. Many beady eyes were on Sylvia as she explained the resources and uttered the immortal words 'And here is one we prepared earlier' (there was a small cheer). We helped each other in true primary school junk-modelling style - holding wire for each other while pine cones were attached, keeping oddly shaped gewgaws in place while the glue dried, identifying which way up the greenery went, and sharing scissors and ideas with abandon. Some people incorporated a small candle cup but no candle was provided - although I am unsure whether this was because we meet in a wooden hut or perhaps our WI is known for its pyromaniac tendencies ... who knows! Anyhow, everyone made a rather lovely, totally individual, thoroughly imaginative festive table centre. Many thanks to Sylvia and Pauline for organising - what are we making next year ladies?

December saw us the recipient of a splendid Christmas meal supplied and served by the awesome Viking Catering. And wasn't it tasty! A full

company. The array of Christmas jumpers and all-round sparkle was a sight to behold and a great time was had by all. Thank you to the do-ers of the Raffle - we all won a gorgeous prize (mine's just about to flower) so that was totally brilliant. Then on to the Pass the Parcel with a Christmas Quiz Question in between each layer which was won by Jean, (who didn't open the parcel, preferring to save it until Christmas Day. Good for you, Jean ... I hope it was as tasty as the box was huge!). And a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours.

January saw an in-house talk called Shakespeare Groupie. I can't say how brilliant it was as I did the talk and that would be a bit ... y'know! But it did seem to go down well with lots of laughter in all the right places. The talk lasts from 45-60 minutes (there's a lot more so just invite me back again!) and is about the last 40+ years when I've been watching 'live' Shakespeare productions and all the amazing/daft/incredible/funny stuff that has happened during those productions. I've seen all his plays (how many are there I hear you ask. Weeelll, 37, 38 or 39 depending on how much of the play you want The Bard to have written. The utterly wonderful Sir Ian McKellen reckons 38, so let's go with that). A little taster: my first 'live' Shakespeare was Macbeth (come on people, we're grown-ups, we don't have to call it the Scottish play) and the very famous actor playing the lead was drunk as a skunk, I mean totally plastered; I once made Eddie Redmayne blush (he's still

the best Viola in Twelfth Night I've ever seen); and there was that time when the play was a Three-Fainter, ie two blokes and a woman fainted in the audience ... something to do with an eyeball If you're interested in having me to talk, just give me a call - rates very reasonable and I don't need any high-tech equipment like projectors etc.

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

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

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

Date	Event	Description
13th Mar 23	Annual Meeting and Perry WI 9th Birthday Party	Buffet food, Prosecco and Birthday Cake provided so come ready to eat!



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MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2023

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For the full list of current walks across the entire Huntingdonshire district (St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives, Ramsey, Yaxley), please visit:
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These are updated monthly.

You will also find downloadable booklets of all the walks, with maps and directions, on this site

DATE	TIME	WALK NAME	MEET AT
Friday March 24th	2pm	KYMSIDE SAUNTER	Great Staughton Village Hall car park
Wednesday March 29th	2pm	GRAFHAM/PERRY WALK	Outside The Wheatsheaf pub, Perry
Fri 21st April	2pm	GT STAUGHTON MEADOWS	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 3rd May	2pm	GRAFHAM LAKESIDE	Cinnamon Restaurant Car Park, Grafham
Fri 12th May	2pm	Dillington Stroll	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 31st May	2pm	Grafham / Perry Walk	Outside The Wheatsheaf, Perry

Fibre Broadband Update

For those that don't know me, I took over the role of 'Broadband Champion' after Roger Harding resigned from the role last year. Firstly a big 'Thank You' to Roger for his tremendous efforts over the years in gathering support and co-ordinating efforts with Cambs County council, BT and others to get improved broadband speeds to us all via the BT Openreach ADSL / VDSL legacy copper network.

Since taking over the reins, I have been communicating with potential alternative fibre broadband providers, also known as 'alt nets', who have been considering delivering full-fibre broadband services to Great Staughton, Perry and Grafham villages as an alternative to BT. A quick summary of potential providers is as follows:-

- 1). BT Openreach have no current plans to roll out Fibre to the Home (FTTH) within the next 5 years, so can be discounted in the near to mid term.
- 2) County Broadband marketed actively in the area last summer, and were looking to secure enough confirmed pre-orders for them to justify their business case to construct network in our area. You may have seen a number of County Broadband adverts in Life Magazine as recently as the last 'Winter' edition. I have contacted them a number of times for updates since the summer, but they have not yet confirmed any firm plans to progress, and it seems they have not met their order threshold, although this position may of course change.
- 3) Gigaclear were established in 2010 and have built full-fibre networks in a number of areas around the country, and are a relative newcomer to our area. Many of you may not have even heard of them, as they have not carried out any advertising or marketing. Gigaclear have a different business and funding model to County, and have already secured capital investment to proceed, and have confirmed to me very recently that they WILL be building fibre broadband services to our area very soon, and without the requirement for any pre-orders. Gigaclear will be sending out emails and letters to homes in the next few weeks, and will run a community online event in a few months time, once the network construction starts.

This following statement is from Gigaclear.

"Gigaclear works will soon be underway to bring full fibre broadband to several premises within the community of Great Staughton. This network will enable residents to access download and upload speeds of up to 900Mbps. To find out more and to see if your property is included, please visit www.gigaclear.com/mycommunity We do not require a minimum sign up to build to your community so regardless if there are 1 or 100 people interested, Great Staughton will see the benefit of Super-Fast speeds.

Letters will be sent soon and then a community event will be planned to answer your questions. Please do keep an eye out for these as if you have not signed up for updates, the letter will say "the resident" and we would not want you to miss out on this information.

For more information on roadworks taking place in your community, please visit the website <https://one.network> which publishes the latest information on highways works for civil engineering. We look forward to seeing you soon"

So in summary, great news for the village, as we now have a confirmed ultra-fast broadband company willing to invest in our rural community, and we should all be able to access lightning fast fibre services within this year. Teams meetings, Zoom calls, software downloads and gaming will never be the same again!

As a footnote, my role as village Broadband Champion is to remain neutral with regards to any prospective FTTH supplier and without fear or favour, to report on the facts, and help or advise villagers the best I can.

Dave Whitrow

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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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Please note my address for posting through the letterbox is **61 Beachampstead Road**. Thanks.

Do continue to use the advertisers in *Life*, mentioning where you found them. And, if any advertisers are considering using the magazine then please do, the magazine still really needs you.

If any business or individual feels that they can assist the magazine financially then please do contact myself at

steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you. Your magazine still needs your help.

Helen
Life Magazine Treasurer



Your care home experiences wanted!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you. What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future. If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope. Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:
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**Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish
Council held on 10 November 2022 –
7.30pm**

Present:

R Jewell (BJ)
H Glanville (HG)
G Brittain (GB)
N Yates (NY)
L Goody (LG)
W Mumford (WM)
David Moore (DM)
J Duberly (JD)
Ian Gardener (IG)
Stephen Cawley (SC)
J Russel - Clerk

1. Apologies for absence – Helen Hopperton
2. Resident's Forum – None present
3. Declarations of Interest – None.
4. Reports from District and County Councillors

IG:

- CCC are working on being able to accept bulky waste items at the recycling centre but if any items contain chemicals then they will need to go for incineration.
- Great Gidding primary school may be closed due lack of numbers.
- Ting Bus - there have been complaints about the app not working properly and buses not turning up when booked. IG is sending complaints to the Combined Authority.
- Green Close potholes – IG will chase the Highways Officer.
- Overhanging trees on The Highway – IG will chase up.
- Drainage The Town – the drain is blocked and then overflowing and freezing on the roads which is causing cars to skid. The overflowing is a year-round problem. LG will

provide IG with a map of where the drain is and report to CCC in the usual way.

- Staughton Moor – the resident who has raised this issue has asked a barrister to advise regarding the legality of the continuation of use as a scrapyard but as of yet nothing has been received. CCC will update IG as soon as they hear anything further.
- Still no response regarding Footpath 40 and he will chase the footpath officer once one is appointed.
- The new scheme to apply for 20mph speed limits commences in February 2023. Details will be sent shortly.
- Road Gritting – The Causeway up to the church had been gritted recently but it is believed that this was in error as it is a C road and not eligible. IG will see if he can get the road added to the gritting route as it is very dangerous once icy.
- Footpath from Dillington to The Green – IG advised that we need to speak to the footpath officer John Munslow but he will check if that is the correct person to speak to.
- GB asked if the Asbestos Service was being reinstated - IG will check this. JD reported the bridge fence on The Causeway is broken. He enquired as to whether this was the responsibility of CCC. IG will ask CCC.

SC:

- The Huntingdon Local Plan is being reviewed and updated.
- The Energy Bills Support Scheme is under review and he is awaiting final confirmation as to whether this will be extended.
- HDC has secured £1.5 million of funding from the Prosperity Fund.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 – approved.

6. Matters arising:
 - a. Green Close potholes – see above
 - b. Tree in Moory Croft – c/f
 - c. Blocked footpath (40) near 5 Acres Salvage yard – as above
 - d. Replacement of parish streetlights – work has commenced
 - e. Trees The Highway and Green Lane – CCC and HDC have been emailed asking them to deal with this issue
 - f. Bus shelter – JR has tried to obtain a quote for works to overhaul the bus shelter but no one seems interested in doing the work unfortunately. We will ask PY to enquire with a local contractor to see if he is happy to do the work.
 - g. Holiday activates for children - we will advertise on Facebook to see if there is any interest. All councillors thought it was a good idea in principal.
 - h. Email from Asmita Hynes regarding 21/02698/CLED. She wanted the PC to clarify that this application was withdrawn and not refused by HDC.
 - i. Drainage The Town - see above
7. Attendance at other meetings – WM attended the PCC Roundtable meeting. The general feeling was that people in rural communities were not happy with the local police response to crime.
8. Highways
 - a. Current LHI bid – halos – work completed.
 - b. Potential LHI bid for 23/24 – this has now been submitted by BJ. Will expect to receive costings back in 3 month's time.
 - c. Pedestrian crossing repainting – this has now been repainted.
 - d. Blocked drains – Green Lane and The Green/Highway – see above
 - e. Blocked highway in Perry – see above
 - f. Footpath from Dillington to The Green
 - see above
 - g. 20mph speed limit in Dillington – see above
9. Planning
 - a. Staughton Moor planning enforcement – monthly updates – see above - no further report.
 - b. 21/01016/FUL – Little America, Moor Road – 8 business units – objections submitted – response still awaited. SC will chase this again.
 - c. Wyboston Garden Village/developments in Beds near A1 – ongoing.
 - d. Appeal Against Enforcement Notice 21/00092/ENUCO – 11 Little America Industrial Estate – still ongoing – this is with the Planning Inspectorate and will be some months before any update/decision is received.
 - e. 22/00807/CLED Lawful Development Certificate B2 for Car Repair – consultation – 12 Little America Industrial Estate – no change but an officer has been appointed now.
10. Cashbook – approved. The AGAR for last financial year has been approved by the external auditor.

Current account £33603.98
Business account £21665.04
Expenditure: £
J Russel 438.45
Bradgate 117.60
Bradgate 117.60
P Yates 76.50
Red Shoes 46.80
DJ Hoenig 90.00
J Russel 438.45
HMRC 64.40
PKF Littlejohn 480.00
11. Correspondence - email from Jason Newell re drainage in The Town. See above.
12. Affordable housing update – BJ

reported that AW had failed to connect the site to the water supply. This should have been done before Christmas. The water was connected on 13 January and the builders can go ahead and complete their work now. It is hoped building will complete by 23 March 2023. The sale of 3 properties are going to the mortgage stage now. There is also an issue with the drainage at the back of the development. Builders need permission to dig a ditch and they have applied for it.

13. Three Villages Sustainable Heat Scheme update – no report other than CCC are still talking to suppliers and looking at potential schemes but they need investment from the government.

14. Neighbourhood Plan – BJ reported that the consultant has advised that the group can write the policies now. There is a site assessment on 30 January. The draft plan will be prepared and submitted to HDC planners.

15. Reports from:

- a. Village Hall Committee – HG reported the hall is very booked up and well used.
- b. Playing Field Committee – Phil Yates is now a trustee member of the committee. NY has been elected as Chair again. They are looking at replacing all of the windows and doors. Piglets have now closed.
- c. Speed Watch – no report.

16. Parish Matters - WM – raised the issue of a cycle route from Great Staughton to St Neots. BJ confirmed

that it is mentioned in the Local Plan. We could make existing routes better and improve the signage. NY – confirmed that the litter pick will be on 18 March. Thanks to DM and MJS Express for their efforts raising funds for the foodbank. GB reported that one of the footpath bridges had worn out grip strips. PC will ask Phil Yates to look at this.

17. Meeting dates for 2023 - 23 March, Parish Assembly 11 May, AGM 25 May, 6 July, 14 September, 9 November

Meeting closed 9.14 pm

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

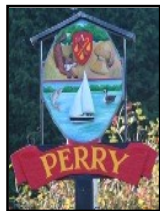
Meetings take place in **Hail Weston Village Hall at 7: 15pm for a 7:30pm start**. Unless otherwise stated events cost £1 for members and £3 for non-members. Tea/Coffee/glass of wine/biscuits are available at meetings for a voluntary donation.

See the rest of our 2022 and full 2023 programme on page 16. We would love for you to come and join us.

For more information and to book please email the Secretary at hwwgg@yahoo.com

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2022/2023

Date	Title/Speaker	Description
March 7 7.30pm, Village Hall	No Dig Gardening, Russell Attwood	Learning about 'no-dig' principles to aid the environment, condition of your soil and cut down on weeding!
April 4 7.30pm, Village Hall	A Year in the Garden at Horseshoe Farm, Neil Callam	A fully illustrated talk about a year in this garden which was created from scratch and now opens under the NGS
May 2 7.30pm, Village Hall	Cambridge Lavender, Danielle Bluff	<i>All things lavender: growing, propagating, harvesting, pruning and the ancient process of how to produce essential oils.</i>
Jun 9	Garden Safari, Details TBC	Our very popular tour of beautiful Hail Weston Gardens
Jul 4 7.30pm, Village Hall	Our 'Good Life' at Puddle Paddock, Sue Stephenson	An acre of land with animals and plants in abundance. The 'good life' it really is but the reality is a bit more amusing!
Aug 1 7pm. £10 per person	Visit to two Staploe Gardens	The gardens are opening for a private viewing for us in aid of NGS. Refreshments will be included.
Sept 5	Hedgehogs, Suzanne Tibbits (Hartford Hedgehog Rescue)	Learn about these complex little creatures and the important work that Suzanne does to help them.
Oct 3	Paxton Nature Reserve, Matt Hall	Ranger Matt will give a talk about the nature reserve.
Nov 7, 7,30pm, Village Hall	Christmas Wreaths and Decorations, Heather Northeast	A demonstration and top tips for festive wreaths and decorations.
Dec 5 7.30pm, Village Hall	Christmas Jolly Details TBC	



**MINUTED OF THE
PERRY PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7pm on
Wednesday 5th October
2022 at the Grafham
Water Sailability
Clubhouse**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Sheila Brighton
(Chairman - SB), Eleanor Abbs (EA),
Emma Prew (EP), Martin Wilson (MW)
District Councillor: Stephen Cawley (SC)
Members of the public: seven
Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES)

SB opened the meeting at 1901 hours,
thanking the parish councillors and clerk
for their efforts and contributions during
the year, and also all members of the pub-
lic who have attended meetings or other-
wise engaged with the parish council.
Thanks were also extended to former
handyman Ken Downs who has moved,
and who along with his wife Valerie con-
tributed much to village life.
SB reminded all present of the need to
abide by standing orders, especially dur-
ing public contributions to meetings.

22/241 Apologies

Parish Councillor Nigel Noon's apology
was accepted (proposed MW, seconded
EP). The meeting was quorate.

County Councillor Ian Gardener sent his
apologies.

**22/242 Councillors' declaration of inter-
est for items on the agenda**

None.

**22/243 Open forum for public participa-
tion**

None.

(item 22/244 moved to between 22/247
and 22/248)

22/245 Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the Perry Parish Council
meeting held on 9th November 2022
were approved as a correct record and
signed (proposed EA, seconded EP).

22/246 Clerk's report
Attached as appendix one.

22/247 Parish / village matters

a) Book exchange

Actions: SB to contact the organisers of
Catworth's book exchange and report
back in February 2023. ES to add this to
the next agenda.

b) Additional usage of Grafham Water
Sailability Clubhouse

Action: ES to contact Grafham Water
Centre management re safeguarding is-
sues.

c) Relocation of bench formerly opposite
the Wheatsheaf public house

Due to be completed before the end of the
year (2022).

d) Carol singing

Arrangements confirmed.

e) Anglian Water car park opening times

Action: ES to invite Operations Manage
Catherine Keating to a forthcoming par-
ish council meeting.

**22/244 Reports from County and District
Councillors**

(item moved due to availability of SC)

SC gave his report, attached as appendix
two.

22/248 Highways / traffic

a) Local Highway Initiative (LHI) /
Speedwatch

No update.

Actions: ES to contact IG and add to next
agenda

22/249 Update on meetings attended

None.

22/250 Planning applications received

None received.

22/251 Council administration

It was resolved to suspend for a maxi-
mum of one year the requirement for a
three-year forecast of revenue and capital
receipts and payments (prop. MW, sec.
EP).

22/252 Finance

a) The following payments were approved / ratified (prop. EA, sec. EP)

• Grafham Water Sailability(venue hire):
£25.00

• Ultimate Fabrication Ltd (bench relocation): £720.00

• Sheila Brighton (jubilee expenses):
£32.00

• Eugene Smith (clerk's salary November 2022): confidential

• Eugene Smith (home working allowance November 2022): £24.00

• Eugene Smith (jubilee expenses):
£45.00

• Martin Wilson (dog waste bags): £7.60

• The Christmas Decorators (tree):
£2,400.00

b) The precept request for 2023 – 2024 was set at £7,500.00 (prop. MW, sec. SB).

Action: ES to send precept request to Huntingdonshire District Council.

c) The budget for 2023 – 2024

Actions: Councillors to advise ES of requests for earmarked reserves. ES to add to February's agenda.

d) The approved bank reconciliation for Quarter Two (July – September 2022) was noted.

22/253 Motion to exclude the public and the press

Approved to facilitate item 22/254 (prop. SB, sec. MW)

22/254 Clerk's salary
Confidential – amended.

22/255 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting

Additional agenda items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 30th January 2023.

22/256 Date of next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 8th February at 1900 hours.

Meeting closed at 2038 hours.

END OF MINUTES

14TH DECEMBER 2022 – APPENDIX ONE CLERK'S REPORT

The defibrillator (located outside the Wheatsheaf public house) will be sent off for upgrading asap, and its absence fully publicised.

Thanks to Grafham Water Centre for providing the venue for tonight's meeting, and especially to Caroline who showed me how to get in etc.

The sailing club hedge should be being cut next week. There seems to be some confusion over the parish council's ownership of / responsibility for the hedge. It's owned by Anglian Water. Thanks to Catherine Keating (Operations Manager) who has been very helpful with this issue. Additionally, Catherine has asked me to relay the following, that she's very eager to address another meeting of the parish council, construction has begun on the new golf course, and the café now has a new coffee machine.

From the previous meeting (9th November 2022) – vegetation pathway obstructions, the relevant persons have been contacted. There is no rule which says that comments on Facebook etc. must be disabled, in fact these are positively encouraged (with appropriate moderation). Planning permission and other regulations regarding flagpoles are being looked into, and my thanks to District Councillor Stephen Cawley for his assistance with this.

APPENDIX TWO REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CAWLEY

Greater Cambridge Partnership City Access Scheme & Consultation
Encouraging residents and Parish Councils to access the link to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) City Access Scheme to offer feedback to the consultation. The GCP launched their Making

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

- 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx - can be Cherry Plums
- 5 Tomatoes with calyx
- 5 Runner beans
- 5 French beans
- 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 White potatoes
- 3 Coloured potatoes
- 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
- 2 Outdoor cucumbers
- 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
- A basket of salad items
- 2 Courgettes
- 5 Exhibition shallots
- A collection of chilli peppers
- Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
- 2 Edible squashes
- 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'
74. A photograph depicting sport
75. A black and white photo
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

GT. STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 2023 SHOW
ENTRY FORM

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Address: _____

<u>VEGETABLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>FLORAL EXHIBITS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S CLASSES</u>
1.....	19.....	39.....	63.....
2.....	20.....	40.....	64.....
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9.....	27.....	<u>NOVELTY CLASSES</u>	71.....
10.....	28.....	46.....	
11.....	29.....	47.....	<u>SUNDRY CLASSES</u>
12.....	30.....	48.....	72.....
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**ENTRY FEE: ADULTS 10P,
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Affordable Housing in Great Staughton

The affordable housing site is still moving forward to completion. The problems with the connection of supply from Anglian Water are now resolved and work is now continuing with the groundworks and finishing inside the properties. The completion date has now had to be put back until end of March.

The process of allocating the properties has begun in relation to the shared ownership dwellings and it is understood the 3 shared ownership properties now have appropriate buyers. The rented properties will be advertised 1 month from the agreed completion date. Any applicants will see an advert on Home-link and be asked to respond (assuming a pre-registration of the interest has been declared). This is now expected to be in late February and may have occurred by the time Life Magazine is delivered.

All the properties will be allocated according to the allocations policy and Section 106 policy as agreed with HDC and Chorus.

Any queries please contact me.

Bob Jewell
gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com



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Gt Staughton Village Hub

Over the last 15 months we at the hub have hosted monthly sessions in the Village Hall to all comers supplying tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits, IT assistance and general help and advice to those that needed it.

Despite advertising in 'Life' Magazine, our Facebook page and two leaflet drops, the attendance has averaged 3 people per session and, as you can imagine, it has been somewhat soul destroying for our small band of volunteers who put a lot of time and effort into the organisation.

We did manage 17 people at each of our last two meetings, the free wine tasting and Christmas wreath making, but these were one offs and not attended by people who would seek or benefit from support on a regular basis. As such, it appears there is not a need in the village for what we have been trying to offer and achieve. And so, it is with great reluctance that we have decided to end our monthly sessions as from the New Year. We would like to thank those that did attend regularly and hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

We will keep thinking about the future and if any suitable project arises that we can put our funds and efforts into, we will.

Thanks once again from the Village Hub team.



Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley

Paul Jones first came to prominence as the first lead Singer with the pop group Manfred Mann and till a few years ago had his own slot on Radio 2 with the a blues theme. His wife, Fiona Hendley, performed as an actress in such television programmes as "The Widows".

Whats more important for our locality is that the two of them will soon be coming to Perry. They will both be coming to Perry Baptist Church on Friday 21st April at 7pm.

Though we will have memories of them in their professional careers this will be an opportunity for us to hear what has happened in their lives since coming to fame singing such well known hits as "Do Wah Diddy Diddy". Together they will share stories of what has happened in their personal lives, including how they came to faith. I have arranged for them to come to churches many times before and each time they have left the people spell bound as they presented a humorous, inspiring and uplifting evening, with great songs, as they share their journey of faith.

The evening will have a free entry, but due to the limitation of space we would ask that those wishing to attend ask for free tickets to ensure we have seats for those attending.

Tickets can be obtained from myself, Jon Magee, by phoning 01480 700810.



Last year a community gathered in Perry Baptist church to mark a celebration of the life of Queen Elizabeth II. It was fitting that such an occasion included representation of the whole community. Throughout the nation communities included both churches and civic authorities coming together for this one purpose, and Perry was such a community.

This year on 7th May at 6pm there will also be a service of commemoration that is open to all faiths as well as those who do not usually attend any church. Our local Councillor, Stephen Cawley, will fulfil the civic responsibility as he brings an address to us in the community. You too will be welcome to join us too.



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March 2023 **Biodiversity For All**

The next meeting of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Following the election of Lara Davenport-Ray to Huntingdonshire District Council, Lara will speak to us about the Council's 'Biodiversity For All' project. Lara is the first Green Party Councillor for Huntingdonshire and is the lead for Climate and the Environment. She will explain how she plans to engage the community, parish councils and other landowners to take fast, direct action to deliver more biodiversity in our area.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Talks start at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Admission charge £3.50.

For more information please contact George on 01480 450809 or george.cottam@virginmedia.com.

Spring Walks – April 2023

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along to the following walks in April.

Our annual bluebell walks will take place at Brampton Wood on Sunday 23rd April and Saturday 29th April, 10.30am for approximately 2 hours. The walks will be led by George Cottam and other Wardens, depending upon demand. We will look at the rich variety of spring flora, focusing on the bluebells. We also hope to see and hear the wonderful birdsong at this time of year. Please meet at the Visitors Barn, near Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton, nearest postcode PE28 0DP. GR TL 184699. What3words:skinning.rhino.headboard.

We will visit Portholme Meadow on Sunday 16th April and Saturday 22nd April at 10.30am. Dr. Pat Doody will lead this walk and he will focus on one of Portholme's specialities, the Snakeshead Fritillary. We also hope to see and hear corn bunting and skylark. Please meet at the entrance to the meadow at Godmanchester Lock, TL241704. What3words: amused.finished.bulky. Nearest postcode PE29 2NB.

Please note that paths at both sites are very uneven and likely to be muddy. Parking is available, but it is limited. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

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Dear Friends,

We can already see the spring flowers beginning to emerge from their winter sleep and the birds are singing their distinctive songs. This gives us hope in a very troubled world. Christians also find hope in the belief that God is alongside them in the good times and the bad.

In the church's calendar this year the whole of March is Lent, the time when there are no flowers in church as we remember the time that Christ spent in the wilderness where he went without food for forty days and where he was tempted as he began his ministry to use spectacular ways to impress on others who he was.

Unlike all of us he did not give way to temptation and

chose to live a life of sacrifice and love.

It was important that he went through everything we go through so that he could understand what it is like to be human, to be tempted and to suffer.

In time of hardship for those in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan and Yemen it would make sense this year to go without this lent, in order to support the many people who are really suffering in so many ways.

So as we give thanks for all we have, let us not forget those who have lost everything. and Peaceful New Year.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

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Wednesday and Friday.

Services for March 2023

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 5th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Pet Service

Sun 12th 10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 19th 10.30am Parish Communion
(Mothering Sunday)

Sun 26th 10.30am Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 5th 9.00am Parish Communion

Sun 19th 9.00am Parish Communion
(Mothering Sunday)

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 12th 9.00am Parish Communion

Sun 19th 3.00pm Creative Communion
(Mothering Sunday)

Sun 26th 9.00am Parish Communion

Services for April 2023

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 2nd 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Palm Sunday)

10.30am All Age Worship

Tue 4th 7.00pm Compline

Fri 7th 2.00pm Hour at the Cross (Good
Friday)

Sun 9th 10.30am All Age Communion
(Easter Day)

Sun 16th 10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 23rd 10.30am Parish Communion
Sun 30th 10.30am Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 2nd 9.00am Parish Communion
(Palm Sunday)

Wed 5th 7.00pm Compline

Sat 8th 11.30pm Easter Vigil

Sun 16th 9.00am Parish Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Mon 3rd 7.00pm Compline

Thu 6th 7.00pm Maundy Thursday

Sun 9th 9.00am All Age Communion
(Easter Day)

Sun 16th 3.00pm Creative Communion

Sun 23rd 9.00am Parish Communion

Services for May 2023

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Sun 7th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Pet Service

Sun 14th 10.30am Parish Communion

Thu 18th 7.30pm Ascension Day
Communion

Sun 21st 10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 28th 10.30am Parish Communion
(Pentecost)

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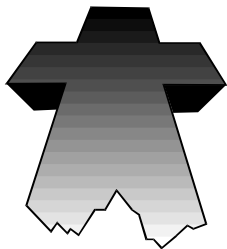
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My dear friends,

As I prepare this item for the spring edition of the Life magazine I am conscious that spring is the time in which we all look for new life. We do not need to look far when living here in the country to see the evidence of new life that is blossoming. The farmers are preparing the ground for the harvest they hope for. New born lambs are appearing. In the gardens flowers are shooting forth. New life that ushers in new hope.

This seems to contrast, perhaps, with the news that is still coming to our television screens in which after a year of invasion in Ukraine lives are still being lost. We live in a world in which we may question where we can draw hope.

2,000 years ago many felt all was hopeless, yet the Easter message

demonstrated that the miracle of hope is possible. Jesus rose from the dead and we still declare Jesus is alive and is present when all seems lost. The bible says "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4 verse 7) His peace is ours in the new life we can know in Him.

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

*Blessings to you all from the
Perry village Pastor,*

Jon Magee

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