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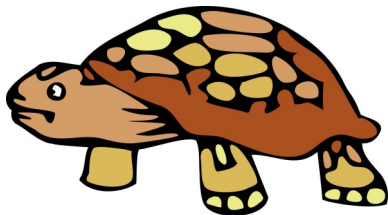


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# Dates for your Diary



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### Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2017:

6 September, 22 November

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# Editorial Natter...



*Hello there, dear readers*

First off, let me thank Shaun for covering the July issue for me. The reason? I was lucky enough to get invited on a press trip to Quebec, where myself and five other journalists learnt all about the indigenous 'First Nations' culture of Canada. If you're looking for a holiday with a difference, I couldn't recommend it more. Now, to cram an entire week's worth of fun and adventure into just 800 words for work...

This month's cover comes courtesy of the Grafham and Ellington Art Group, who are hosting their Annual Art Exhibition later in August. This is just one of the local event happening this month. As you all know, the Gt. Staughton Horticultural Show will be taking place on Saturday 26th. Be sure to see the schedule and entry form further in the magazine. It always promises to be a wonderful day and I look forward to seeing all the beautiful pictures from it. We'll definitely be doing a full colour centre spread in our October issue.

Anyway, have a lovely August whatever you're doing and I'll see you all again in the Autumn.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

## Councillor Surgeries

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*Helen*

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Come **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August** the big day will be here again, the **Annual Horticultural Show** being the highlight of the Society's year. Once again the Schedule, Entry form and Rules are on pages **34, 35 and 37**. If you haven't already looked at the many varied classes do and enter some, the more entries we have the better the show for everyone to enjoy. Even if you don't feel like entering, although we hope you do, come along in the afternoon, **2.30pm – 4pm** and look around, have tea and cake, meet old friends and make new ones, we are a friendly bunch. After the prize giving at 4pm many of the exhibits are for sale on the Produce Stall, from vegetables, cakes and preserves to flowers.

Looking further ahead, we will be holding the Annual Garden Talk on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30pm in the Great Staughton Village Hall. The speaker to be confirmed so watch this space! Happy Summer Time Activities.

**Great Staughton  
Horticultural Society**



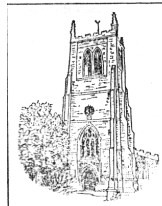
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Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8th W.I.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 15th

Thursday 17th away to Ravensden

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 22nd

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

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**14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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If you feel that giving a little time to this cause is something you could do and would be willing to join our small band of collectors next year then please get in touch with me. Thank you.

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***Gill Broome***

## **Quiz at The White Hart**

The next quiz will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** at The White Hart 7 30pm. Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners.

The proceeds will go to the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun. There was a record entry last month with new winners, see if we can more next month.

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## Gt Staughton W.I



## Perry W.I

After the usual business our speaker Gerry Dodds gave a very interesting and amusing insight on his career, wearing many hats - the main one being a chef's hat. At one point in his working life he was in charge of around 250 catering staff at The Grosvenor Hotel.

The competition was a "favourite kitchen item". The winners were:  
**1st** Christine Bresitz  
**Joint 2nd** Lynda Harness and Jean Pentney  
**3rd** Hilary Worsley

Raffle winners were: Pat Backhouse, Tricia Richards, Barbara Wallis, Mary Deacon and Ruth Eason.

Members of Kimbolton WI joined us this evening so what better excuse than to have cheese, wine and cake instead of tea and biscuits!

No meeting next month but some of our members are going to The Snooty Tavern for an informal dinner.

Our September meeting will be a harvest supper, we will be playing games instead of a speaker. The competition is an Autumnal Arrangement.

*Helen Packer*

Our July meeting was back in the Wheatsheaf and after some of the hottest weather known to man the talk this month was all about the benefits of exercise.

We all sat quietly, glass in hand and listened hard praying there would be nobody called upon to do a demonstration.

Marion Foreman is an ex nurse-turned gym owner and personal trainer. She has seen first hand the benefits of exercise on such things as high blood pressure, stress, stiff and aching joints, and depression, not to mention cutting the risk of Type 2 diabetes. Marion suggests that just 150 minutes (just 2.5 hours) of moderate exercise - something that makes your heart beat faster (suggestions on a postcard please) will alleviate a lot of what ails you.

There is no need to join a gym, although we do have a few gym bunnies amongst our number who were nodding sagely at Marion's words. Walking a dog either you own or a borrowed one - or just walking is excellent. It gets you out in the fresh air and lets face it we have some lovely walks right here on our doorstep. On days too miserable to want to go out Marion suggested trying exercise bands. Cheap as chips (whoops!) on the internet. These can be used to stretch those tired muscles into long, lean and luscious. Bottles of water used as weights are also good - bottles of wine probably not so good. Cans of baked beans, or haricot, cannellini or



whatever other posh stuff you have in a tin are good too.

So, to tighten up bingo wings, Michelin man spare tyres, wobbly thighs or saggy bottoms get moving ladies. How about cucumber juggling, lettuce spinning, dressing shaking. Whew! I'm worn out just making a salad!!

Thank you Marion for battling against waiters whizzing about with bowls of chips and the smell of delicious food to give us some very wise words on how to keep our bodies moving for as long as possible.

On July 20th there is an open visit to Loves Farm W.I. where the speaker will be talking about and selling Stilton cheese (yum!). Sounds excellent for the waistline. Contact Fay if you need more information.

Next month no official meeting but gathering at the Wheatsheaf for a short amble and back to the pub for a long drink! All very welcome.

*Chris Halsall*



## **The ROPE (Replace Our Play Equipment) Project**

The Playing Field Committee is currently applying for grant funding to allow us to replace the old and worn play equipment on the Playing Field.

We are delighted to have been successful in our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. The ROPE Project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores **from 1 July to 31 August 2017.**

For those not familiar with the Scheme, three projects are put forward for public vote in Tesco stores. Blue tokens are given to customers at the checkouts and are also available at the self-service checkouts. The customer then votes by putting their token into the container for their favourite project on their way out of the shop. Customers can vote every time they shop during the voting period. The project that secures the highest number of votes will be awarded £4,000. The second placed project receives £2,000 and third place receives £1,000. These community awards are funded by the 5p levy on plastic bags.

At the time of writing, we have not received confirmation as to which Tesco stores in the area will take part in the voting. As soon as this information is available we will post this on Facebook and in next month's Life.

Please keep your eyes peeled for updates and as from 1 July, get voting!

Thank you all in advance for your support.

**Nicole Yates**  
**Playing Field Committee**  
**[nicolehyates@aol.com](mailto:nicolehyates@aol.com)**

## What's on at the Perry Women's Institute in 2017

Perry WI's open to all women aged 18+, so come along and meet everyone in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Guests are always welcome if you want to "try before you buy". Membership from now until the end of 2017 costs just **£28.75**.

Date	Event	Venue
14th August	No meeting – a gentle ramble followed by informal drinks at the pub	The Wheatsheaf pub
11th September 7.30pm	"Beware of sharks" - estate planning with Mr Keyth Rooney	The Wheatsheaf pub
9th October at 7.30pm	Cake decoration and sugarcraft with Mrs Anne Robinson	The Wheatsheaf pub
13th November 2017 at 7.30pm	All about Alpacas with Mrs Nicki Sly & Perry WI Annual General Meeting	The Wheatsheaf pub
11th December at 7pm	Christmas dinner	The Wheatsheaf pub



### **A note on behalf of the Perry Parish Council Overgrown Hedges / Trees / Verges**

The Parish Council is concerned about the amount of trees / hedges that are overgrowing footpaths within the village.



Residents are reminded that all trees, hedges and verges should be regularly trimmed to ensure that they don't overhang or foul footpaths.

Failure to do so may result in driver's vision on roads being obscured or causing pedestrians having to walk within the road as the footpath is partly or fully obstructed.

If any resident requires clarification or help with trimming a hedge or trees, then they should contact the Clerk (**810978**) or ([clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk)) who will be able to offer advice / assistance.



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The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trusts is pleased to announce the first of our Autumn indoor events. This will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall**, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our speaker will be Josh Hellon, who is the Wildlife Trusts Monitoring and Research Manager for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Josh will give an illustrated talk about the use of drones in monitoring and conservation, concentrating on the work of the Ecology Groups.

This should be a really interesting and innovative talk and anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information.

**Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.**

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## Your Life Mag Editor WALKED to Brighton, and he'd love to say thank you to those who sponsored him

**Y**ou may remember back in the May issue I told you all about my big plan to walk 100km (62 miles) from London to Brighton, pretty much non-stop for the small charity, **South London Cares**.

Well, you'll be pleased to hear that I **completed** the walk in **29 hours, 48 minutes**. It took maybe a little longer than planned, but I put that down to spending too much time at the designated rest-stops along the route, restocking all my snacks and re-taping my poor feet. But nevertheless I am extremely proud of my effort.

I must say a massive thank you to those who sponsored me, helping me raise an amazing **£776** for South London Cares.

I will admit, it was the most gruelling challenge I have ever done. There were aches, there were pains, there were tears. I'm not ashamed to say I cried a little at 72km, at around 5am on the Sunday morning.

The whole experience had left my body broken and exhausted. It's easy to underestimate just how far Brighton actually is. Our route took us from Richmond, South West

London, along the Thames, through Surrey suburbs, under the M25, down Sussex country lanes, under the Gatwick flight path, across fields, up the South Downs, and eventually, into Brighton.

Upon crossing the finish line at Brighton Racecourse, as the adrenaline wore off, the aches set in. Everything was in pain, and I was so tired. I had done **157,818** steps and burnt **4,708** calories. My feet had blisters (although granted, not as bad as some people), I could barely walk, lift my legs, sit down, get up, climb stairs, get into bed, get out of bed... well, you get the idea. The journey back to London later that day was no fun at all, I can tell you.

But, despite all the agony, it was experience I'll never forget. And, quite probably, **NEVER** do again.

**Thanks again,**  
**Rob**





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## AUGUST BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

**W**ith the Summer Holidays in full swing and a heatwave upon us, we are warning young people to stay safe in the County's waterways and making you aware of the dangers of swimming in open water.

With the sun shining, the public and particularly young people are more inclined to gather around waterways to socialise and enjoy the weather, and we have seen this during the past weeks.

We want to remind people to keep our #RememberRony campaign on their minds before they get tempted to cool down in rivers and lakes and instead go to a supervised lido. Young people often gather near lakes and rivers, some of which are not always the easiest to access for emergency vehicles and many which are actually private property, not designed for public swimming with no lifeguard on site.

The fire service's #RememberRony campaign aims to educate young people about the risks associated with open water. It is backed by the family of Huntingdon schoolboy Rony John, who sadly died in 2014 during the first week of the summer holidays, while playing with friends in the Great River Ouse.

It is important for parents and young people to be aware of the many risks that open water possesses, such as being deeper than anticipated, with hazards below the surface to get trapped on. Even though the sun may be shining, the water could still be very cold causing the body to cramp up quickly and posing a risk to you getting out the water safely.

It is also important that if you see someone in trouble in water that you know what to do. Call 999 immediately with clear details of your location and if possible send someone to the nearest road to flag down the emergency services when they arrive. You can find the nearest life ring or anything that could help them float, and if someone goes under the water, mark on the water's edge the place they were last seen with something like a piece of clothing.

For more information about water safety visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or to pledge that you will stay safe around open water this summer, use the hashtag #RememberRony on social media.

For more information about any fire safety concerns, visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call **01480 444500**.



## The Great Staughton Village Family Hog Roast, June 18th



**T**his year's roast was another spectacular success. The weather was kind – not too hot or cold and it stayed dry, keeping everyone happy.

Geoff and Andy cooked and carved the hog to perfection and the Youth Club team had come up trumps again with the colourful and tasty array of salads. Thanks to Gill for ensuring there was plenty of scrummy cakes too.

The ice cream van's appearance encouraged the children to leave the bouncy castle for a few moments and the soothing live music topped off the afternoon beautifully. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Events such as these could not take place without firstly the wonderful generosity of Richard and Elizabeth Edmunds for hosting us all; the sheer hard work of some Rotary and village members, most notably Dennis Clarke, in transporting and carrying tables and chairs, gazebos and canopies for the comfort of others; and the Youth Club team, especially Sue Cowley, for taking the brunt of the food organising due to my own challenges. A Huge THANK YOU to the whole team.

The day managed to make over **£1200** for local charities and 50% of that will be donated by the Kimbolton Rotary Club to the Youth Club with much of the remainder being donated to other local groups such as Piglets, Brownies and the West Hunts Day Centre. A truly Village affair!

**Fay Staple – on behalf of Great  
Staughton Youth Club**



## Church Fete June 2017



Piglets Pre School had a stall at the recent Great Staughton St Andrew Church Fete. We would like to thank all who visited us and brought something or made a donation.

We would also like to thank the church for arranging the event and the Edmunds for hosting the event in such stunning grounds.

Excellent work was put in by the parents who made cakes, provided refreshments or collected donations. We received numerous compliments on both the cakes and American Lemonade.

Alexia Gilbert was the lucky winner of the "Name Our Bear" competition, she has given a loving home to her new bear Twinkle.

We are pleased to report we managed to raise a healthy total of £163 and that will be used in the ongoing running of the pre-school bridging the gap between funding and operation costs.

Don't forget Piglets Pre-School are currently taking registrations for the September places for children between 2 and school going age so if you are interested in reserving your child a place please contact the school on 07759 382575 or find us on Facebook for more information.

**David Moore**  
**Davidj.moore80@gmail.com**

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**Minutes of the Great Staughton  
Parish Council  
meeting held on  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Village  
Hall Committee Room**

**Present:**

R Jewell (RJ) (Chair), J Bowen (JB, G Gilbert (GG), Hugh Duberly (HD), D Moore (DM), A Withers (AW), J Reid (JR) (Clerk), N Yates (NY), W Mumford (WM), J Russel (JR, New clerk)

**Residents' Forum**

Karen Miller, Tania Jenkins, Lorraine Goody, Ross Goody, Nigel Jenkins, Keith Hiden, Wendy Cain, Dougie Cain, Jason Newell, Andrew Buchanan, Murray Mackay (applicant).

The Residents' Forum welcomed a group of parishioners from the Town who wished the Council to take note of their objections to the development at Orchard Farm. Mr Murray MacKay from Orchard Farm attended the meeting to answer questions.

Murray Mackay began by apologising to his neighbours for the consternation caused by his application. He then went on to explain more about his business Zantra Ltd and about the planned application. The old farm buildings are no longer suitable to support the chemical company's growth plans. He argued that larger warehousing space would reduce the number of unnecessary HGV deliveries as goods could be ordered in bulk.

The principal objections voiced by residents were as follows:

1. The development was aesthetically unpleasing and on a scale inappropriate to a conservation area.
2. The scheme should be considered an industrial rather than an agricultural development.
3. The concern was expressed that there might be further expansion of the buildings and some might be sublet to other, separate businesses.
4. Particular concern was expressed concerning traffic volumes and movements:

HGVs would be accessing the site via The Causeway, at school start and finish times.

The number of lorries was felt to be a serious underestimate.

The Causeway is going to be reconfigured to prevent cars proceeding at speed from the B645.

Manoeuvring a 40 tonne HGV around this highway improvement will cause serious H & S issues.

The East and West entrances to the village, on the B645, already have chicanes, which significantly inhibit HGV movements.

Loading / unloading vehicles will require powerful and intrusive lighting on winter days or at night.

Several of the houses in the Town have no footings, and the impact of 40 tonne HGVs is likely to be deleterious.

The Kym river bridge is unsuitable for sustained HGV traffic.

The footpath from the start of the Causeway to the Town exit of the village would be a hazard to any pedestrians, particularly those walking with children, the elderly and infirm.

The Parish Council, having duly taken note of the objections of residents, decided unanimously to support their objections to this scheme and a formal letter of objection will be duly forwarded to HDC Planning Dept.

**1. Apologies for absence:**

K Fisk (KF), Jonathan Gray (JG), Ian Gardiner (IG,)

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on  
8th March 2017:**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

**3. Matters Arising:**

RJ was very pleased to welcome Jo Russel as new clerk, starting 1 July.

Annual Return has been completed and submitted for external audit.

Village website update is going to proceed.

Moory Croft bridge remedial work to go ahead **Action: AW, WM**

Parish lunch was thoroughly enjoyable and a great success and thanks go to the Edmunds for hosting and the Youth Club,

Kimbolton Rotary and Gilberts for arranging and running the event. **Action: JR**

#### **4. Attendance at other meetings: Piglets (DM)**

Piglets called an Extraordinary General Meeting as the committee wanted to resign and fold Piglets due to falling numbers. A vote was taken for it to remain open. An AGM was then called and a new Committee was elected. Considerable work has been undertaken by DM and the new committee in the last month to renew Piglets energy, repair and improve facilities and infrastructure and put in place marketing to improve roll numbers. The Parish Council wished to thank Lauren Fisk and Sarah Rawlinson for their work previously on Piglets Committee.

#### **West Hunts Friendship Club (JB)**

JB attended the AGM. The news from the club is very positive and there is a new coordinator (Lynda Howlett) who has plenty of ideas and energy.

#### **5. Planning:**

Applications Received:

17/00764/FUL to build new warehousing at Orchard Farm

Letter to be sent to Hunts DC Planning detailing reiterating objection (as above) and querying the notification process.

**Action: JR**

17/01070/FUL retrospective change of use to A1 at 1B and 1C The Highway

No Comments

17/009800/FUL change of use B1 to Residential C3 at Central Offices, The Town

No Comments

#### **6. Highways:**

LHI 2017: Chaser to Mark MacDonald for latest update **Action: JR**

HGV Limit, The Green ditch, Cage Lane ditches, HGV weight limit – chase CCC for response **Action: JR**

Blocked drain opposite the Village Hall – chase CCC for response **Action: JR**  
CCC to send out inspector to review footpaths.

LHI Bid 2018: PC members to consider areas of improvement ahead of deciding the 2018 LHI bid project at September

meeting.

Footpath options to cemetery to be reviewed **Action: WM,RJ**

#### **7. Report from County & District Councillors:**

None present

#### **8. Correspondence: Received**

Bridget Halford HDC - Seminar Tree Safety

Marion Davies - Rev Bland Installation

Terry Hayward - Future of HDC Tree

Warden Coordinator

John Bashford - Support for HDC Tree

Warden Coordinator

Norman Hardy - Support for HDC Tree

Warden Coordinator

Mark MacDonald - LHI Bid Update

Andi Caddy CCC - Surface Dressing Update

Jo Challis CCC - Footpath inspection

Karen and Peter Jones - Gates at

Kimbolton Primary Academy

Terry Hayward - Tree Warden Coordinator Update

Tracey Stokes - CLT

Jonathan Gray - Confirmation the service desk for Hunts DC is scheduled to close.

It was agreed by the Parish Council that they would oppose this and write to HDC stating their opposition to the loss of the service desk in St. Neots.

Lauren Fisk - Piglets rental agreement

Debbie Wildridge - CLT

Hunts Planning - Orchard Farm Planning Application

J Newell - Orchard Farm Planning Application

Andrew and Kelly Buchanan - Orchard Farm Planning Application

Jan Bingham - Orchard Farm Planning Application

HDC planning workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Commissioner for Police conference 15<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Sent**

Terry Hayward - Tree Warden Info

Bridget Halford - Seminar questionnaire

Jan Bingham - Orchard Farm Planning Application

Andi Caddy - Surface Dressing

Karl Brockett - Ditches Cage Lane,

Contact J Brown

Jo Challis - Footpaths

Peter and Karen Jones - Gates at  
Kimbolton Primary Academy  
Hunts Planning - Orchard Farm Planning  
Application  
J Newell - Orchard Farm Planning  
Application  
Andrew and Kelly Buchanan - Orchard  
Farm Planning Application

## 9. Cashbook, Cheques in and out:

### Income:

CLT Legal Grant.....£4,000.00

### Expenditure:

Ibbetts – mower.....£76.64  
E.ON - Street Lights.....£618.26  
CAPALC - Membership.....£268.27  
CAS Insurance.....£318.38  
CLT - Membership.....£150.00  
St Neots Museum - Grant.....£50.00  
G&W - Village Hall Work.....£5,031.00  
Ibbetts - Strimmer maint.....£79.17  
Balfour Beatty – street lights.....£463.08  
CH Brown – path maint.....£378.22  
Bystander Advert Clerk.....£96.00  
Playsafety inspection.....£79.80  
Clerk salary to end June 2017.....£947.72  
**Total.....£8556.54**

Balance in Community Account

**£18,457.50**

Cashbook was reviewed and approved.  
Clerk salary and expenses were approved  
Bank mandate changes were approved:  
Jo Russel to be account owner/maintainer  
Add AW as signatory.  
Clerk to be allowed to make electronic  
payments.

## 10. Affordable Housing:

£4k grant received for legal costs.  
A model has been received of how CLTS  
work.  
Taking CLT forward and setting up. Some  
legal queries to be resolved with Tracey  
Stokes.  
Steering Committee to be convened.

## 11. Report from:

### **Village Hall Committee**

Sofits and guttering work complete £32k  
application for remedial works grant.  
Contribution of 11% of that figure will be  
needed from Parish Council if the grant  
bid is successful

## Playing Field Committee

PFC have been successful in the St Neots

area Tesco Bags Of Help for the period 1  
July to 31 August.

Second application to Big Lottery Fund  
has been submitted. £10k has been  
requested.

Accounts to 31/3/17 have been audited.

## Neighbourhood Watch

No report

## Speed Watch

No report

## 12. Parish Matters:

It was agreed to send tree wardens on a  
Tree Safety Seminar at a cost of £104.  
The street light opposite the village hall  
has not be working. Clerk to investigate  
and chase maintenance company

## Action JR

## Dates of meetings for 2017:

6<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**BJ thanked everyone for attending  
and the meeting closed at 9.21pm.**

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## St Andrew's Church Fete 17 June 2017

Martin and I have worked together for a number of fete's and each year we are reminded that fete's success is due to the hard work and involvement of so many different people from within our villages. Thank you seems so inadequate for the time, help, support and participation you give large or small; we could not do it without you.

The weather was blustering hot and I was worried it might be too hot, however, the heat did not put you off and I am pleased to say that we made an amazing total of **£3,175**.

St Andrew's church fete is a community event which allows us to get together for a couple hours on a Saturday afternoon. During this time we are able to renew friendships, make new ones, test our skills at the various stalls or find a bargain before someone else does. When it's over we get the opportunity to relax at the village hog roast where we get the chance to enjoy good food, music and good company.

I look forward to our annual gathering and on behalf of St Andrew's Church PCC, Martin, and I would ask that you please accept our thanks and congratulations; we hope to see you all again next year on **June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018** when we will have an opportunity to do it again.

Finally, it would be wrong not to give a special thank you to Mr & Mrs Edmunds for allowing us to use their home and grounds, a perfect setting for a perfect weekend; thank you once again.

***Bill Wetzel***

***On behalf of Martin Macfarlane and myself***

## The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre comes to Perry

On **Wednesday 23 August** the A14 Mobile Visitor Centre will be coming to Perry and will be parked in the layby opposite the Village Shop from 7.00 p.m. in Chichester Way.

The A14C2H improvement scheme covers a long and congested section of the A14. To ensure everyone has the information they need about the project, the team has invested in a mobile visitor centre that will allow them to visit local communities and events.

The project team will be available from **7.00 p.m.** to answer your questions as well as sharing information about traffic management, scheme progress, possible job opportunities and other topics of interest.





## Perry Parish Council Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please send a brief CV of your work experience and what you feel

you are able to bring to the Council, to the Clerk, preferably by email. Your time will be well spent and there are no real barriers to becoming a Councillor. The council meet usually meets on the first Wednesday in each month for two hours depending on what needs to be discussed and council meetings are open to the public.

A parish council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is a local authority in its own right that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its "parish" and has a District & County authority hierarchy that sits above it. Councillors are elected but are an unpaid for their time. Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding experience and often described by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

### Qualifications

Any person can be elected as a councillor if they are:

1. A British national, commonwealth citizen or a euro-national on the day they are nominated.

2. 18 years of age or over

3 a) on the day they are nominated and thereafter they continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority *or*

3 b) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area *or*

3 c) their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area *or*

3 d) during the whole of those twelve months has resided in that area *or*

3 e) in the case of a member of a parish council has during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or community or within three miles of it.

### Disqualification

A person is however disqualified from being elected or being a councillor if they:

a) hold any paid employment or office in the authority that they seek election *or*

b) are the subject of a bankruptcy

restrictions order or other interim order *or*

c) have within five years before the day of election or since their election been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine *or*

d) has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification.

**The closing date for applications is  
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## **Heather is fundraising for Spinal Research**

On 3rd September, I'm taking part in **Parallel London** in aid of Spinal Research.

I have supported Spinal Research for many years . Money raised helps to bring the day closer, when a cure will be found to end paralysis caused by spinal cord injury.

I set myself the challenge of taking part in Parallel London as something to focus on following shoulder surgery at the beginning of this year.

My aim is to raise much needed funds for my charity. If you would like to donate, simply type the below link into your web browser.

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Spinal Research is the UK's leading charity funding medical research around the world to develop effective treatments for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury. Every year 1,000 people in the UK and Ireland are paralysed following an injury to their spinal cord.

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**Thank you,  
Heather**



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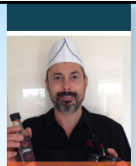
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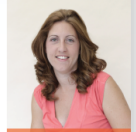
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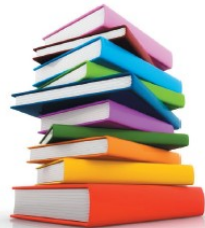
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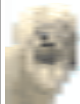
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**VEGETABLES**

1. 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx – can be Cherry Plums
2. 5 Tomatoes with calyx
3. 5 Runner beans
4. 5 French beans
5. 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
6. 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
7. 3 White potatoes
8. 3 Coloured potatoes
9. 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
10. 2 outdoor Cucumbers
11. 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
12. A basket of salad items
13. 3 Courgettes
14. 5 Exhibition shallots
15. A selection of chilli peppers
16. Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
17. A Marrow fit for the table
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. 3 flowers of the same colour (must be different species)
26. 3 stems of spray Chrysanthemums
27. 1 Spike gladiolus
28. 3 Stems of pinks or of 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 an Orchid)
35. Cactus in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
36. 5 Stems of sweet peas
37. Succulent in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
38. 3 Stems of scented sweet peas

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

39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4" overall)
40. An exhibit to depict the end of monochrome television (white flowers only, can include any foliage) (up to 20" overall)
41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers – up to 12" overall)
42. An arrangement by a novice (never having won first prize - up to 12" overall)
43. An arrangement using a cup and saucer
44. A petite arrangement in a cupcake case (from 4" to 9" overall)
45. A buttonhole

**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. A Bakewell tart
- 55. A Victoria sponge - jam filling only
- 56. 4 ginger biscuits
- 57. An Olive loaf – can be made in a bread maker
- 58. 4 Flapjacks
- 59. 4 Blueberry muffins
- 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. 5 jam tarts
- 64. A decorated wooden spoon – up to 6 years of age
- 65. A decorated wooden spoon – 7 to 11 years of age
- 66. A decorated wooden spoon – 12 to 16 years of age
- 67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2018 Horticultural Show - A4 size (may be computer generated).
- 68. An animal made from vegetables
- 69. A drawing or painting of an animal
- 70. A vehicle made from recycled materials (up to 12" overall)
- 71. A photograph taken on holiday – maximum size 8" x 6"

### **SUNDRY CLASSES** – photos maximum size 8" x 6"

- 72. A photograph of a statue
- 73. A photograph entitled 'Reflections'
- 74. A photograph of a tree/trees
- 75. A photograph depicting one of the seasons
- 76. A hand made item – not knitted or sewn
- 77. Handicraft by a senior citizen
- 78. A home made fabric shopping bag
- 79. Knitted bobble hat
- 80. A flavoured spirit eg Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
- 81. A home made soft drink

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**SUNDRY CLASSES**

**CAKES & PRESERVES**

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2017  
at 7.30 p.m. at Perry Baptist  
Church, Perry

UNCONFIRMED

### **Present:**

Councillor Nigel Noon (NN)  
Chairman, Kate Merrell (KM),  
Gordon Halsall (GH), Emma Prew  
(EP), David Prew (DP), Sheila  
Brighton (SB), Bill Wetzel (WW),  
Martin Wilson – Clerk, County  
Councillor Ian Gardener,  
District Councillor John Morris

### **Members of the public:**

There were six members of the  
public in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the  
Chairman, Nigel Noon, at 7.30 p.m.

### **17/040: Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies had been received from  
Councillor Sue Astle. District  
Councillor Patricia Jordan

### **17/041: Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: None**

### **17/042: County / District**

**Councillor Update:** Councillor  
Ian Gardener reported that  
following the realignment of the  
County Councillor boundaries there

were now only **61** Councillors as  
opposed to **69**. This meant that each  
Councillor had a larger area to cover  
and he had 25 Parish Councils that he  
was covering. The make up of the  
County Council following the  
elections in May was now **36**  
**Conservative, 15 Liberal Democrat,**  
**7 Labour** and **3 Independent**.

He was on the following committees:

- Highways
- Planning
- Fire Authority

A written report had been received  
from Councillors John Morris and  
Patricia Jordan which covered the  
following:

- HDC car parking strategy
- HDC Website
- New Social Housing
- TK Maxx
- Luminus

Councillor Morris added further  
comments to his report.

### **17/043: Public Forum on Agenda**

**Items:** There had been a report that  
some garden waste had been  
'dumped' at the rear of 2 Roundhouse  
Drive. The working group would  
remove this the next time they met.

The problem with Whippet coaches  
speeding through the village appeared  
to be occurring again. The Clerk  
suggested that the matter be  
monitored when the service started  
again in September.

The graffiti had been reported to  
HDC and being as it wasn't offensive  
or on a public building they were not



responsible for its removal. One householder had removed his and the Working party group would look at the other.

**17/044: Police Update:** On 2 July in Roundhouse Drive, unknown offender(s) have entered a vehicle whilst it was parked on driveway by unknown means and taken items from within.

There was also a report of a van being broken into on Glebe road, but it had not been reported to the Police, but mentioned on Nextdoor.

**17/045: Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2017:** GH proposed and EP seconded that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

**17/046: Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda Items): Trees Adjacent to 7 Whitehall Way** – the Clerk had determined that the trees were the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. An officer had been to the village on Thursday 29 June and a report was awaited.

**Bakers Way Surface Water** – Richard Peverell of Anglian Water was unaware of the works being undertaken. The resident was happy with the works however it was still unclear as to who had undertaken the them.

**Defibrillator Signs** – the signs had been found and required refitting. The Clerk would arrange this as soon as possible.

**Manhole Cover in Whitehall Way** – the Clerk had undertaken a survey of the area but was unable to determine the offending manhole cover.

**17/047: Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:** Nothing to report.

**17/048 Clerks Report:**  
**Councillor Vacancy** – The Statutory notice had been posted and no one had called for an election. The Council was now free to co-opt. An advert to be placed on page 26 of this issue of the Life & Diaries magazine.

**Website** – updates continue to be done as and when provided.

**Handyman Vacancy** – job profile, lone working policy and generic risk assessment had all been passed to the Chairman for him to pass onto the applicant.

**Clothing Recycling Bin** – An approach had been received from HDC relating to the possibility of a clothing recycling bin being placed in the village. The Clerk was trying to ascertain as to who was the owner of the land immediately behind the bus shelter as this had been identified as a suitable place to locate a bin. All Councillors were in agreement with the proposal. An approach had also been received from East Anglian Air Ambulance for a similar bin. This was also to be investigated.

### **Community Recognition Award** –

The certificate had been updated and would be passed to Mary Deacon.

### **Village of the Year Competition** –

no further information had been received.

### **Cambridgeshire County Council**

**Highways** – a meeting had been held and the following items discussed:

- Drainage pipe from drain to hedgerow replacement in Chichester Way.
- Area behind Bus Shelter - who is the owner of the land.
- Whitehall / Welby Close trees pollarding due to them casting a shadow over No. 7 Whitehall Way.
- Name of person to contact in HDC concerning broken street name sign.
- Roundhouse Drive - large crack in road.
- Footpath in Roundhouse Drive, 2 in number, large indentions.
- Ownership of piece of land in Chichester Way near to trans-former.

**CAPALC Training** – The booking had been undertaken and confirmed to the Councillors concerned.

### **Neighbourfest – Road Closure** –

The Clerk had applied to Cambridgeshire County Council for a road closure on Saturday 22 July for the last part of Rose Croft where a street party was to be held. All of the residents had been written as well as the Emergency Services.

### **17/049: Correspondence Report:**

**A14C2H Visitor Centre** – a number of dates had been obtained from the project team. It was decided to have the unit on the evening of Wednesday 23 August. The Clerk to advertise the event both on the village web site and in Life & Diaries magazine.

### **UK Cycling Event 12 August** – The

Clerk reported that there would be a cycling event coming through the village on Saturday 12 August with circa 1000 riders and they would be released over a staggered start.

**St Andrews PCC** – The Council would be represented at the Installation of the Reverend Nicki Bland by the NN, EP and WW (Churchwarden of St Andrews).

### **17/050: Meetings Attended:**

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways on Thursday 29th June.

### **17/051: Finance & Legal Matters:**

The Clerk requested payments as follows:

17/17 CAPALC Annual Subscription	<b>£242.34</b>
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25/17 Parish Council Websites 12 months hosting.....	<b>£120.00</b>

SB proposed and WW seconded that the payments be made. This was agreed by all Councillors.

**Bank Account Reconciliation** – The Clerk circulated copies at the meeting.

**Overhead Reconciliation** – The Clerk circulated copies at the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the amended Bank Mandate had finally been accepted by the Bank.

**17/052: Planning Matters:** The Clerk provided an updated copy of the planning applications summary that had been submitted since 2015.

Application 17/00993/FUL:

**The Wheatsheaf Public House:**

Demolition of existing porch. Single storey extension to trade area. Single storey extension to form new entrance and disabled WC. Extend existing patio. Erect new timber pergola. The original statement made by the Council had been submitted to HDC. Further information had been supplied relating to the car parking facility and the Clerk had been asked to draft a response. It was proposed by DP and seconded by SB and agreed by all Councillors present that the statement be sent to HDC.

Application 17/0721/FUL:

**Grafham Water Centre:**

Retrospective change of use of existing amenity grassland and fringe scrub / woodland (currently used for

mountain biking, camping and team activities) to incorporate hard surface mountain bike trails. The Clerk explained the differences between the original application that was submitted in March 2016 and the retrospective application. EP proposed and WW seconded that a no comment response be made. All Councillors were in agreement.

**17/053: Parish / Village Matters:**

**Allotments** –The Clerk currently arranging meeting with Anglian Water to progress.

**Parking** – private meeting to be held to discuss the current problems and explore possibilities. Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and Police to be invited. Conclusions would be brought back to the full council.

**Speed watch** – no exercises conducted recently – more volunteers wanted.

**Working Parties** – **Allotments** –The Clerk had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18 July with Anglian Water to progress.

**Parking** – private meeting to be held to discuss the current problems and explore possibilities. Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and Police to be invited. Conclusions would be brought back to the full council. The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 16 August.

**Speed watch** – no exercises conducted recently – more volunteers wanted.

**Working Parties** – In view of the lighter evenings the next session would be on Wednesday 19 July at 7.00 p.m.

**Memorial to Paul Deacon MBE** – The Clerk had been to the nursery to enquire about an Acer or Red Maple tree but these were not available till the Autumn. Clerk to follow up at the appropriate time.

**Buckden Court Pond** – The ivy on the trees had been cut low down and was now dying. It had been suggested to wait till the Autumn before clearing works were undertaken.

**Bus Shelter** – carried forward.

**Christmas Tree** – carried forward.

**Crow Spinney Lane** – carried forward.

**Ice Cream Vendors** – no vendors had appeared during the last month at the bottom of Chichester Way.

**Overgrown hedges / trees / verges** – The Clerk had circulated three proposed articles / letters. The first would appear in Life & Diaries plus the village website. The next would be sent to residents after a suitable period of time where it had been identified that a problem existed and the third would be a follow up sent again at a suitable time if no action had been taken.

It was agreed to put the first article into the August edition of the Life & Diaries Magazine. (See page 14).

**17/054: Parish Plan:**

**Benches** – both had now been completed and installed plus the invoice had been received which would be paid at the next meeting.

**Action Plan** – carried forward. Next Meeting update.

**Village Directory** – on going.

**17/055: Perry Emergency Plan:**  
Carried forward.

**17/056: Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting:** The next meeting would be on **Wednesday 2 August** commencing at 7.30 p.m. and at Perry Baptist Church.

Items for the next Agenda: Wind turbines at Southoe.

The meeting was closed at  
9:12 p.m.



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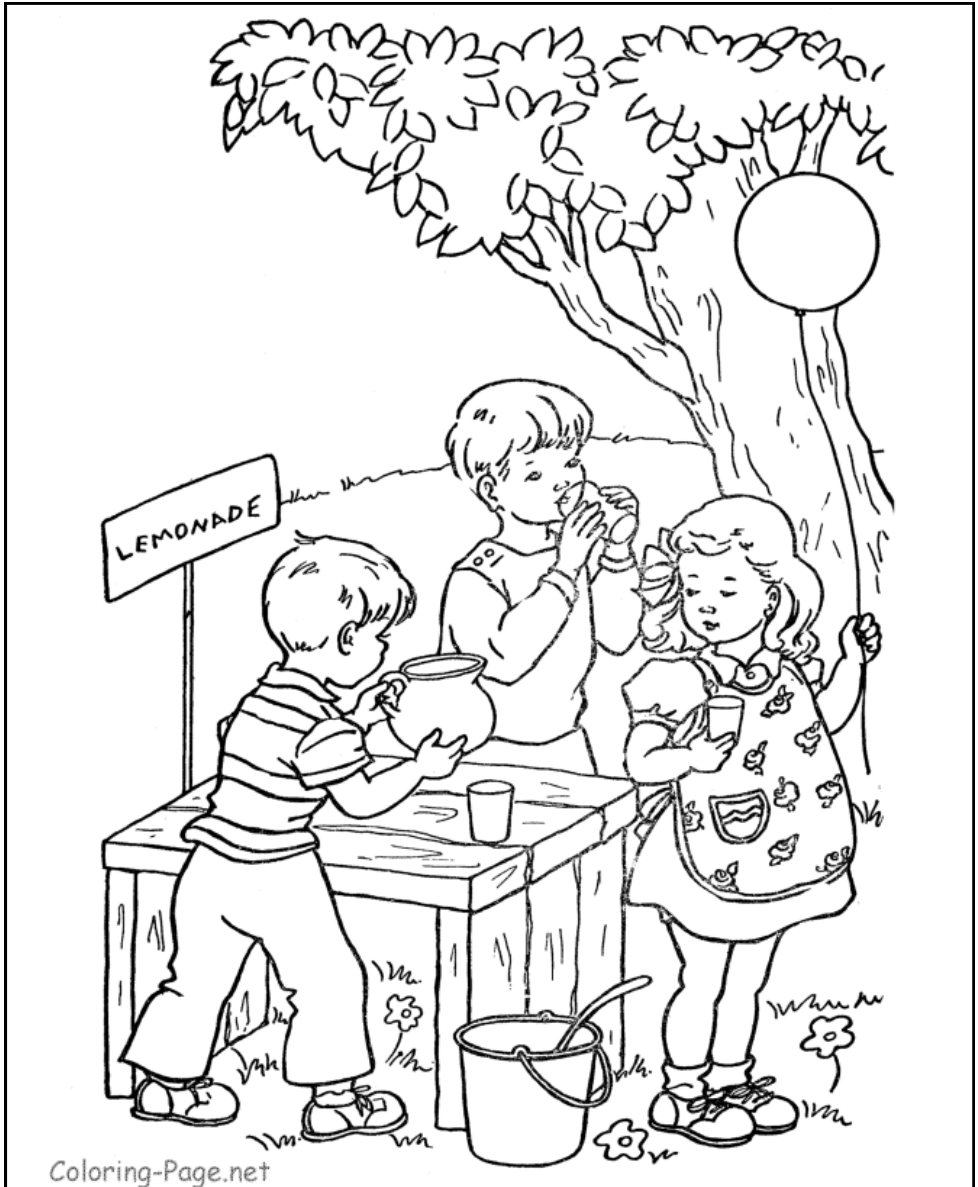
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**CHURCH WARDENS:** Mr Bill Wetzel, 8, Welby Close, Perry : Tel: 01480 811580  
Mrs Janet Perrett, 38, Beachampstead Road, Gt. St. 01480 860703

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*Dear Friends,*

July is half over, and the holidays are upon us, and I don't know where the year has gone! I see from Facebook that the harvest in Great Staughton has begun, and that makes autumn seem closer, and that's not what I want to be thinking in July.

You may not know that I am a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, and the July sessions were from 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> last week. You may have seen in the news that there were two debates on human sexuality, and to my surprise they were much more positively received and voted on that I had expected. It is still a difficult subject for those who are unable to accept the physical and medical reality of gay relationships, but the debates were generous and thoughtful, without any of the harsh denunciations that I have heard on some occasions. A call for a 'vote by Houses' was made: this means that the three houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity vote electronically, every vote is recorded (and subsequently published), and a motion has to pass in all three Houses. Both the one on 'conversion therapy' (you can be talked out of being gay), and the one on a welcoming liturgy for those who have undergone a sex change (for gender dysmorphia) were passed with large majorities. A very significant change in tone and mood from the February sessions. Welcome – to me

at least – but making more difficult the relationship with the Global South churches of Africa.

At the recent PCC meeting we were planning for the licensing service for the Revd Nicki Bland, which is on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. If you would like to come you will be very welcome. Bishop David of Huntingdon will be leading the service, and there is a lot of movement around the church as the new priest is led to each of the key places in the church: the font, the pulpit, the altar and the priest's stall, and 'inducted' into each. This is followed by a certain amount of festivity, with wine and soft drinks and nibbles as many people say farewell to Revd Nicki from her previous posts, and she is welcomed by her new parishioners.

If you are going away on holiday I hope you all travel safely and have good weather. The recent huge traffic congestion resulting from an accident at Brampton Hut reminded us all of the long delays that can occur on the roads, and how dangerous our roads can be. Take care and enjoy a break .

*With love and prayers  
Janet and Bill*

## CHURCH SERVICES August 2017

### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 6th:** 9am - Book of Common Prayer

10:30am - Family Worship

**Sun 13th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 20th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 27th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

### Little Staughton All Saints

**Sun 6th:** 9am - Parish Communion

**Sun 20th:** 9am - Parish Communion

### Hail Weston St. Nicolas

**Sun 6th:** 3pm - Family Worship

**Sun 13th:** 9am - Parish Communion

**Sun 27th:** 9am - Parish Communion

### **No Play & Pray meeting in August but we will return in September**

Come & find out what we get up to!  
If you would like more details please call  
**Sylvia Swain on 01480 812022.**

## Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall  
10:30 - midday

Every second Tuesday of the month

The next one will be on  
**Tuesday August 8th**

We look forward to seeing you  
there!

Just a reminder that **Revd Nicki Bland** has been appointed to the half time post of rector in this benefice – **Great and Little Staughton with Hail Weston.**

Revd Nicki's Licensing Inn will be held on **Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm** in St Andrew's.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### *All Saints Church Grafham*

#### *Little Fishes*

#### *Stay + Play Tots Session*

Grafham Village Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11:20am (*Term time only*)

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**Contact Jean Clark 01480 890033**

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# Summer Scavenger Hunt



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017



Great Staughton Pavilion

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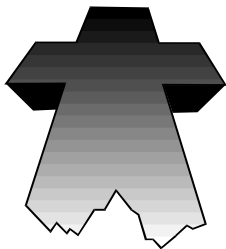
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## Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906  
Moderator Rev Roger Watkins 01480 810168

Sunday Services at 10.30am each Sunday  
Website [www.perrybaptist.org.uk](http://www.perrybaptist.org.uk)

### All Welcome

*Dear all,*

**W**e all have a choice - what a gift! I can choose a cup of tea or coffee and what to eat today even if to cook or go out for a meal! I can choose what to wear today, I can choose who to call, text, email or not. I probably have more choice about things, activities and relationships than I really want. Recently I change my email although the old one is still active until I change broadband provider. In the process, I cleaned up my inbox by unsubscribing from loads of mailings from various stores where I have shopped and they have kindly been thinking of me, treating me like a friend and regularly telling me what I may like to buy in the future. Very thoughtful, but they clutter up my inbox and my mind. I have choice to stop them from invading my computer. I had immense pleasure clicking on the unsubscribe box. I have unsubscribed from annoying adverts, well for now at least. It makes me think, how well do we exercise our right to choose?

How many times do you hear people saying, 'oh I just have to...' but do you? Often the things we feel tied to are not those things which being fruit in our lives. We should attend school, college, work; we must invest in deep and meaningful relationships, and we must look after our mind, body and soul, eat and exercise well. But the rest? Which of

the choices that we make, bring good fruit in our life? Paul, in the Bible writes of the fruit of the Spirit which is: 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, goodness and self-control, against such things there is no law' (Galatians 5:24). I exercise the choice to be a Christian and follow Jesus, this I hope and pray, results in some of this fruit being evident in my life. What about you, what choices are you making which result in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control?

As ever we would love to see you at one of our services.

**Every blessing in Christ,**

*Tony Whitlock*

### **Preachers and Services for August**

All at 10.30am unless stated otherwise.

*6<sup>th</sup> Keith Doe*

*13<sup>th</sup> Simon King*

*20<sup>th</sup> Rev Roger Watkins*

*27<sup>th</sup> Tony Whitlock*



**No meeting in August, but we will return in September.**

**Clubs & Activities :****Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....Barbara Wallis: 214582  
 Perry WI: .....Fay Wheatcroft: 810734

West Hunts Friendship Club.....Lynda Howlett : 07790 014730  
 (Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall) Phil Yates: 860616

St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....David Cope: 869322

Perry Friendship Circle.....Cilla Whitlock: 810906

Great Staughton Book Club.....Pat O'Dell 860907

Horticultural Society.....Mike Keeble: 860855

Email: m.keeble855@btinternet.com

Lions Club (Hunts Grafham Water Branch).....Bernard Dable: 810704/07969 207227

Kimbolton Flower Club.....Carol Grundy: 01832 710339

Brampton Scale Model Club: Wed 7.30-9.30pm.....Dave Gait: 861387

Perry Photographic Club.....Adrian Arnett: 07788 409301

Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

**CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS**

Busybees Baby & Toddler Group  
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Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to: ...

.....<http://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk> and register your interest there.

Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324

Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsyc2014@gmail.com

Kimbolton Beavers/ Cub Scouts/ Explorer Scouts.....Sarah Holyoak: 861755

Kimbolton Scouts.....Lis Osbourn: 07846 869007

Piglets Pre-School.....Katie Oliver: 07759 382575

Perry Tots @ Perry Baptist Church. Tuesdays 1:30—3pm.....Laura 07809 239120/Elle  
 07867 525551

**SPORTS' CLUBS**

Badminton Club ..... Steven Prince: 07521 509596  
 Mondays, 8pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall.

Kimbolton Cricket Club.....Kevin Fisk : 07875 602919

Gt. Staughton Golf Society.....Derek Fitzgibbon: 861234

Gt. Staughton Tennis Club Committee.....Nicole & Phil Yates: 860616

Kym Valley Carpet Bowls.....Doris Dainty 812006

Email: dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk

Grafham Water Sailing Club.....Club Office: 810478

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Patient Participation Group Gt St).....Loraine Harris: 860770

Email: loraine.harris@nhs.net

Village Hall ..... Vicky Goldsmith - 860005 / 07739 469243

Pavilion .....Bob Jewell - 861259

**Gt. Staughton WEBSITE...www.greatstaughton.com**

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**USEFUL & EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Telephone Prefix 01480 unless otherwise shown**

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**Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770**

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**@ [enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk)**

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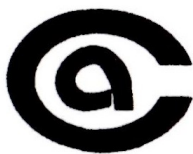
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