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Dates for your Diary



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Mobile Library Dates 2019 - every fourth Wednesday of the month

27th Mar, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th Jun, 24th Jul, 28th Aug, 25th Sept, 23rd Oct, 27th
 Nov 26th

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Editorial Natter...

Hello everybody,



As part of our 'Pet of The Month' feature, we've got the gorgeous Bella on this issue's cover. Heartbreakingly, Bella is no longer with us, but her owner has written a lovely, special note on Page 12.

We really appreciate the photos that have been sent to us. We're already covered for the next couple of months but if you'd like to see your pet on the June cover and beyond, do email your snaps to myself and Shaun.

On a completely different note, over the last couple of issues, our chair, Nicole Yates, has requested all our wonderful magazine deliverers get in touch. We're keen to get our contact list up-to-date so cover can be arranged if anyone is ill or on holiday. If you deliver the magazine every month, you'll find all the information you need on page 20. Thanks!

I hope you all have a lovely March (let's hope Spring arrives soon), enjoy the magazine, and have fun with the cryptic crossword on Page 39.

This issue was edited by Rob

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Minutes of meetings can be found on the village website:
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Quiz at The White Hart

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in March. This is the **5th March** at The White Hart 7 30pm.

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and we are very grateful they 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. A guest quizmaster to add to the fun.

Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person to enter.

Did you know Great Staughton has a defibrillator?

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Fridays (first two visits are free!)

March dates

- Friday 1st
- Tuesday 5th
- Friday 8th
- Tuesday 12 Catworth away
- Thursday 14th away to Risley
- Friday 15th
- Tuesday 19th
- Friday 22nd
- Tuesday 26th
- Friday 29th

For more information call :
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West Hunts Friendship Club 100 Club winners for February 2019

Number	Name	Prize
6.....	Leslie Hynes.....	£50
35.....	Sheila Willmer.....	£25
56.....	Kath Britain.....	£15
32.....	Iris Mumford.....	£10

*Congratulations to all the
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of **£28.61!**

Thanks to everyone who popped in
those pots.

Helen

GREAT STAUGHTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY



Longer days are so welcome don't you agree? From mid February it's noticeable both at the beginning and end of the day. And it helps when we are blessed with wonderful sunshine.

Daffodils are starting to appear and all those bulbs planted last year which you didn't bother to label will soon reveal what they are. Spring is always an exciting time with new growth unblemished by insect attack and disease. It would be great if human bodies could have a new start each spring!

Talk of insects is popular at the moment with a recent study showing a 40 percent decline in insect biomass and diversity in the northern hemisphere over the past four decades. I'm not surprised to hear that there has been a reduction but it is larger and more widespread than I had imagined. Pesticide use and intensive farming are cited as major contributory factors. It's a conundrum. How do farmers keep productivity high without destroying habitats? But if no action is taken the consequences are unimaginable.

I'll keep on doing my bit and avoiding pesticides and weed killers but I'm not going to stop squashing lily beetles unless I can discover and harness a natural predator.

Our WEA plant hunting course has continued to fascinate. Last week's hero was David Douglas who explored the wild west of the USA in the early 19th century. He chose to walk everywhere and carrying his specimens and equipment on his horse covered unbelievable distances. He befriended

members of various Native Americans who were invaluable guides. Among the hundreds of new plants which he collected were many species of fir and pine, including the Douglas Fir by which he is immortalised. His story reads like an Indiana Jones movie - so intrepid he was - but he came to a sticky end, falling down a ravine in Hawaii at the age of 35.

Perhaps we should spare a thought for the plant hunters next time we're at the garden centre. Many of them perished in their attempts to find new species but those who brought back their bounty transformed the British garden.

The Horticultural Society will be stirring after the winter break. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 6th March** at the White Hart at 7.30. Do join us if you feel like it. Everyone is welcome.

West Hunts Friendship Club

A really big thank you to Charlotte at May's Hair Lounge in The Highway Gt. Staughton as they have donated £200 to us from their Christmas raffle. We are always amazed at the generosity of local businesses and this is just representative of that. We do rely on donations such as this to keep our club running and the 'more mature' of our community fed and entertained once a week. May's generous donation won't get lost in general funds, but will be used to fund the entertainment that we lay on for our members most weeks.

If you are interested in joining us once a week on a Monday please phone **Annabelle Blackham on 07527741495 or myself Phil Yates on 07801798611.**

Can you spare a few hours a month?

Would you like to give something back to your community and make a difference to people's lives?

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join a team supporting the West Hunts Friendship Group held at a Great Staughton Village Hall on a Monday, either monthly or fortnightly.

You'll get the opportunity to befriend our lovely members, & get involved in preparing lunch & joining in activities.

We'd love to meet you!

Please contact Annabelle on 07527 741495 or Phil on 07801798611 for more details.



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**KIMBOLTON
FLOWER CLUB**

On March 19th the Flower Club will be having a talk with slides on **THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME** by **VICTORIA DIGGLE**.

This will be at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Mandeville Hall Kimbolton. There will be light refreshments and a sales table.

All welcome; admission for visitors £7.50.



HEALTH WALKS IN GREAT STAUGHTON AND PERRY

We are pleased to be offering new Health Walks in Great Staughton, in addition to those already running successfully in Perry and Kimbolton as part of the St Neots and Huntingdon area programmes. Come and join us. No special equipment required; all you need is comfortable sturdy footwear, warm clothing and a weatherproof jacket.

Each circular walk is designed to take approximately 60 minutes and is led by two trained volunteer leaders. Start and finish points are usually close to car parks and refreshments for that important after-walk cuppa.

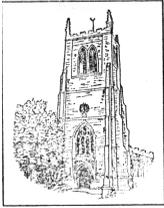
The Health Walk Scheme is well established across the whole of Huntingdonshire. Its aim is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in year-round regular activity that will help improve physical and social well-being. Most walks are dog-friendly. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of running and developing the subsidised scheme is helped by voluntary contributions, gratefully received.

For more information, contact:
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or look online at

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks or ask your walk leader for a current walks schedule leaflet which covers the whole district.

Do make a note of these forthcoming walks in your area

DATE	TIME	NAME OF WALK	START/FINISH POINT
Friday April 5	2pm	Dillington Stroll	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton
Friday April 12	2pm	<i>NEW</i> Kymsey Saunter	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton
Friday May 17	2pm	Kimbolton Hills (<i>not suitable for new walkers</i>)	Kimbolton School entrance, Kimbolton
Wednesday May 22	2pm	Grafham/Perry walk	Wheatsheaf pub car park, Perry
Friday May 24	2pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton



St Andrew's Church

100 Club
December 2018 &
January 2019 Draws

December

Prize	No.	Name
£500.....	05.....	Mr A Withers
£200.....	42.....	Mrs Janet Perrett
£100.....	49.....	Mr & Mrs Kneeshaw
£50.....	37.....	Mr R Peacock
£25.....	18.....	Mr Roger Cunningham
£15.....	46.....	Mrs Hazel Ainscough
£10.....	82.....	Mrs Emma Langley

January

Prize	No.	Name
£50.....	17.....	Mrs D Brown
£25.....	13.....	Mr T Lockwood
£15.....	48.....	Mrs L Rowe
£10.....	73.....	Mrs & Mrs D Clarke

Congratulations to the winners!

Perry Coffee Morning

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



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

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

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Gill Broome

Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall
10:30 - midday

Every second Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on **Tuesday 12th March.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

SPECIAL THANKS
(IN MEMORY OF BELLA)

On Sunday 27th January 2019 I took my beautiful and precious girl, Bella, for one of our many lovely walks that we had enjoyed since arriving in Great Staughton, having returned home to the UK from France.

Sadly, Bella saw a rabbit and it could have gone three ways. The two ways would have been across the fields and I am sure Bella would have given up eventually. Tragically, the rabbit ran through a copse and across the main road. Bella followed and was hit by a vehicle that did not stop and I heard it happen. I got to her within a few minutes but knew she had died.

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the woman and man that stopped first and stayed with me the whole time. To the young man who simply stopped and gave me some blankets, to "keep Bella warm". To my new very dear friend, Gail, who came, sorted everything out, took us to the vets and supported me throughout and finally to all the wonderful dog walkers in the village, who had got to know both Bella and I, for the kindness, support and cards with the most comforting words in them.

I have been deeply touched and I will never forget what everyone has done. Thank you all again so very much.

Linda



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COFFEE MORNING

Gt Staughton Village Hall
10.30 until Midday

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

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer leader then go to:

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Perry W.I.



This month's W.I. welcomed Mel, Joy, Colin and the very charismatic Eric - Medical Alert Assistance Dog. He was a star! (No disrespect to the humans with him intended). The charity started in 2004 and its original purpose was to detect bladder cancer by sniffing urine of people who were suspected of having the disease. Now the dogs are used for detecting changes in people with Type 1 Diabetes, Addisons (cortisol levels) and POTS a condition where the sufferer just collapses with no warning but these clever dogs can sense when it's about to happen and alerts the client. The dogs sense of smell is so great that they can detect a teaspoon of sugar diluted in water equivalent to two full size Olympic swimming pools!

Training starts at around 8 weeks old when the puppy moves in with a family to be socialised (I suspect a lot of us have a family member who could do with a being socialised!). In this instance it means going anywhere and everywhere with their family - including the loo! The family drops the dog off a couple of days a week to work (as in be trained) and then picks them up again at the end of the day (bit like the school run).

The dogs used are mainly gun dog types because of their highly sensitive sense of smell but other sorts of dogs, spaniels, poodles etc have been used as well.

Once "socialised" (don't eat peas off their knife) the dogs are sorted into bio

instance for prostate cancer where they have a 90% detection rate (amazing or what?) Or they go to clients whose scent they will be trained to recognise. The client/dog relationship is sorted in a kind of speed dating process where dog and client find each other mutually acceptable. Unfortunately not all dogs make the grade - for example the gorgeous Eric. Too laid back apparently. Great at detection just not too hot on the urgency front! He is now an ambassador for the charity and does it with charm and big brown eyes!

What a worthwhile charity this is, in its 10th year and with over 100 medical alert assistance dogs placed with clients, the staff and volunteers should be very proud of their work. Let's hope it continues for many years to come.

Thanks once again to the team for a very informative and genuinely interesting talk - and Ambassador Eric for just being there.

Reminders ladies - if you haven't paid your subs yet it's £42 and I'm sure any of the committee will take cash/cheque from you with pleasure.

Next month we will be meeting at Perry Sailing Club and Lynn Whittington will be giving us a demonstration of flower arranging. New venue for us but as always all are welcome.

Chris Halsall

Great Staughton W.I.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

She explained that each piece is unique and wax can also be applied to canvas, watercolour paper and even brown paper to achieve different effects.

The topic of the last meeting was Wax Art and none of us were sure what that actually entailed. Our speaker Anthea Moore became hooked about 9 years ago when as a member of the St Neots Art Group she had witnessed the process and subsequently bought the kit.

Apparently wax was used by the Ancient Egyptians to decorate bodies and tombs and was known as Encaustic art which means “burning in”. The kits today consist of specialist flat iron, blocks of coloured wax and card with a special sealed surface. Beeswax and metallic / natural pigments were the order of the day millennia ago.

Anthea made the whole process look so easy, starting with rubbing different blocks of wax (up to 3 at a time) directly onto the hot iron then spreading it onto the special card. The wax sets quickly so the next layer can be applied and we watched in amazement as the colours blended together. Then Anthea used the point and edge of the iron in turn to produce landscapes and flowers and abstract works in a matter of minutes. The other essential items were plenty of scrap paper and wipes to collect the drips. A final polish with a cloth and beautiful pictures resulted.



Some of the ladies bravely stepped up to have a go and also managed to achieve incredible results. For the rest of us we were able to purchase unique and individual cards Anthea had made, with the money raised going to Friends of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

It was a fascinating evening and highly recommended as an art form. The next meeting is Tuesday 12th March 7.30 p.m. in the village hall and our topic is “Behind closed Doors”.

Margaret Sare



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Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2019



WE meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the Village Hall at
7.30pm

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. **First visit is free.** We shall have a full programme of 2019 events in the next issue.

Date	Event	Speaker
March 12 th	Behind Closed Doors	Hazel
April 9 th	Galapagos Islands	Chris Hall
May 14 th	Teenage Fostering	Lynn Dixon
June 11 th	Lung Functioning	Melanie Bryce
July 9 th	History of the Royal Oak, Hail / Weston	Reuben
August 13 th	Informal Dinner	
September 10 th	Harvest Supper and Quiz	
October 8 th	Talk on Meats	Geoff Gilbert
November 12 th	AGM and Christmas Craft	
December 10 th	Christmas Meal	

**Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton
Tuesday March 12, 7:30pm for 8pm start**



Meet or bring friends. There will be a bar, cake,
good prizes and an excellent night out.

See you there!

Perry Women's Institute

Perry WI is 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.

£41 for a year's membership

First meeting is free for newcomers to "try before you buy". If you join part way through a year fees are £30.75 for April to Dec, £20.50 for July to Dec and £10.25 for Oct to Dec. We shall have a full programme of 2019 events in the next issue.



2019 DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
11 March 7.30	Demo – Spring flower arrangement	Lyn Whittington	Grafham Water Sailing Club
8 April 7.30	'Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron'	Helen Green	Perry Church
13 May 7.30	Yoga Workshop	Linda Tongue	Grafham Water Sailing Club
10 June 7.30	Bees and Bee - Keeping	Sue Jakeman	Perry Church
8 July 7.30	Children's author	Jenny Landor	Grafham Water Sailing Club
12 August 7.30	No formal meeting – informal ramble followed by drinks at The Wheatsheaf		
9 September 7.30	'Reasons to be Cheerful'	John Hitchin	Grafham Water Sailing Club
14 October 7.30	Games Evening with a Personal Trainer	Julia Dive	Grafham Water Sailing Club
11 November 7.30	AGM	Committee	Grafham Water Sailing Club
9 Dec 7pm	Christmas Dinner		Grafham Water Sailing Club

Perry in Bloom – ‘Grants for Plants’



Did you know that with our six existing planters, Perry Village now has a grand total of 24?!

That's right, eighteen new planters are now in position at various locations, again thanks to the efforts of Martin Wilson and Richard Winsler.

Seventeen of the latest addition have already been adopted and just one more volunteer is required to adopt the remaining planter at the junction of Crow Spinney Lane / The Drive. If you are interested or know someone that would be, please let us know?

The Perry in Bloom – ‘Grants for Plants’ initiative will sponsor several planters from central funds (over a three-year period), each adopted by one of our volunteer residents to

enhance our village and make it ‘Bloom’. Many of those adopting planters for this year are local children.

Although the construction and positioning process has concluded, lining each of them is underway. Keep an eye out for Colin Beesley who is set to get this done before soil is ordered from the A14 Development Site.

After the soil has been delivered and distributed, the vouchers will be issued and planting can commence!

You will be kept up to date with progress as we are conscious that many of our volunteer adopters are poised and ready to go.

Both Martin and Richard are moving on but should you need any further information or wish to express an interest in adopting a planter, please contact – Clerk to Perry Parish Council (via email, which will remain unchanged) – clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk



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All You Wanted to Know About Bats

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to our next talk on Wednesday 13th March. As usual this will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Aidan Matthews, who works for the Wildlife Trust as the West Cambridgeshire Reserves Manager. He is also an active member of the Bedfordshire Bat Group. Aidan has an extensive knowledge about this group of mammals and for this talk, he will focus his attention on the many different bats found in our region. Aidan will also demonstrate the technology that is used for monitoring bats and will be pleased to answer any of your questions.

Anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact **Tim on 01480 457795**.

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To help us provide transport for people who are unable to use conventional public transport or to make essential journeys by any other means.

You would use your own car and receive a mileage allowance for expenses incurred. Additional insurance cover is provided.

Do you like helping people? Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you hold a clean driving licence? Then you could be just who we are looking for!

How it works:

The coordinator phones around to see if any drivers are free for calls that have come in. Calls are booked in advance normally giving at least 3 to 5 days notice.

You are under no obligation to take the drive that you are phoned about. If you can help us provide this valuable service to local people please call

Jacky on 07786 520540

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VOLUNTEER DELIVERERS

Dear all,

Thank you for your ongoing support in delivering Life Magazine each month.

Our current distribution list is a little out-of-date and is missing one or two pieces of information. I would like to bring the list up to date and make sure we have contact details recorded so that deliveries can be covered in the event of holidays or illness etc.

To that end, please could each of you kindly either send me an email, give me a call or drop a note through my door with the following information:

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Once again, thank you for your efforts. After all, our wonderful magazine would be useless if there was no-one to deliver it and people could not read it!

Best regards,
Nicole Yates
Life Magazine Chair
nicolehyates@aol.com



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Working together to improve community safety

As the weather drops we use our fires, burners and chimneys more. But, have you had your chimney swept in the last year?

Follow our 'top tips' to ensure your home is kept safely warm and cosy all year round:

Chimneys and Open Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the

company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information

- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again. At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone. Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

For more information or to get in touch contact us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or on **0800 917 9994**.



My name is Lyn Whittington and I am a Pain Therapist

I have been asked what do you actually do? So let me tell you!

First a little about pain:

Pain acts as a protective message to get a person to take action. Usually it stops before the tissues have healed. Chronic Pain (that continues after 3 months) is like a fire alarm continuously ringing years after the fire has been put out. The pain felt is very real, but it is not in the tissues, but is created in the brain pathways. Current research shows that pain doesn't just relate to cell damage but takes into account emotions, thoughts, beliefs and circumstances.

So can anything be done about chronic pain?

Yes! OldPain2Go is a grounding breaking process which is based on sound logic and current research of the mind – body connection. It quickly 'turns off' unnecessary pain, usually in 1 to 2 sessions. It is talking therapy, working with the part of you that controls the pain. It is safe and suitable for everyone as there is no physical manipulation, medication, hypnosis, or exercise involved.

Impossible I can hear some of you saying. My local clients don't think so .It doesn't matter if you are a sceptic, no one believes it until they experience the results. Just an intent to lose your pain will do.- including back pain, arthritis, fibromyalgia , migraine, anxiety I am confident I can significantly reduce your pain or in most cases completely otherwise my **guarantee** is I won't charge you

So if you have been medically diagnosed and pain management is the only answer why not find out more **on my Facebook page LoveYourHealthTherapies** and on www.OldPain2Go.Com where there are 140 testimonials , or talk to me 01480 811329.

'After the session, I had no pain (from rheumatoid arthritis) ,and did not need to use my stick. I am still pain free

This an amazing treatment, Thank you Lyn You have given me my life back' K Perry

'My sciatica pain went in one session What a relief!! I can now move freely, with joy and go to the gym' L Great Staughton

I suffered from migraines for 25 years Thanks to Lyn the have gone completely 'D Perry

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Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group (HWWGG)

The Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group offers a varied programme including: presentations on gardening and wildlife related topics and visits to places of gardening, horticultural, wildlife and conservation interest.

We always welcome new people. If you wish to become a member, be added to our email list or have any queries, please contact Liz Bacon on

lizbacon187@gmail.com

Or Rod Scuffle on

rodscuffle@yahoo.co.uk or call 07706 198807.

Our programme for 2019:

Tues 5th March, 7.30pm: The RAPTOR FOUNDATION INTRODUCES BIRDS OF PREY (including a selection of birds and small indoor flight demonstration), Hail Weston Village Hall, *includes items for sale*

Tues 2nd April, 7.30pm: BRITAIN'S COASTAL WILDLIFE: I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE, Dr Pat Doody, Hail Weston Village Hall, *includes raffle*

Tues, 30st April: HAIL WESTON HOUSE GARDEN VISIT (hosted by Nigel Smith, and includes tour of grounds and glass of wine on summerhouse terrace), 6.30pm meet at Hail Weston Village Hall. *Booking essential*

Fri 7th June, 6.30pm until late: OPEN GARDEN SAFARI. Includes a glass of

Pimm's and a glass of Prosecco. Village meeting point to be confirmed, £8 (members £6).

Tues 2rd July: GARDEN TOUR AT BUCKDEN TOWERS, meeting at Buckden Towers car park 7.15pm (Tour starts 7.30pm, 8.30-9pm finish) £6 (members £4). *Purchase of tickets in advance is essential*

Tues 3rd September, 7.30pm: VEG FOR VALUE, Rodney Tibbs, Hail Weston Village Hall, *includes raffle*

Tues 1st October, 7.30pm: PRUNING - MAKING IT SIMPLE: THE FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST, Geoff Hodge, Hail Weston Village Hall

Tues 12th November, 7.30pm: THE SWISS GARDEN: RESTORATION OF A REGENCY GEM, Corrine Price, Hail Weston Village Hall, *includes raffle*

Tues 3rd December, 7.30pm: GALAPAGOS AND ITS WILDLIFE, Dr Pat Doody, Hail Weston Village Hall
Membership is available (£7/year) but non-members are also welcome to attend at anytime.

Non-members pay £2 for a session, members £1. Fees may differ for special events/ trips and are stated within the programme.

Sunday 5th May 2019

A New Annual Local Fly-Fishing Event

Elinor Trout Fishery, Lowick Road, Aldwincle, Kettering,
Northamptonshire, NN14 3EE



The 'Geordie' Mountford'Pairs' Memorial Competition

Please join us for a friendly fly-fishing competition with prizes for the first three places and an award for the 'largest fish'; match proceeds (£6 per entry) will be donated to Sue Ryder Care, Peterborough. If you are new to competitive fly-fishing this is an ideal opportunity to experience a competitive event in a relaxed informal setting with a boat partner of your choice. The event is a 'Pair's fly-fishing competition', where each 'Pair' fish together in the same boat. Placings are determined based on the combined aggregate catch weight (plus a time bonus if applicable). Boat bookings are essential - elinortf@aol.com

- Anglers of all ages and ability are encouraged and welcomed to participate.
- Elinor Trout Fishery rules apply.
- The competition will take place between 0900hrs – 1600hrs.
- The catch limit is 12 fish per boat (irrespective of who catches them in your 'Pair'), thereafter a time bonus of 2lb per hour will apply.
- Anglers may use their own electric outboard motors.
- Boats can either drift or fish (static) at anchor.
- Anglers must not cast behind the boat, even to rising fish, and will not permit their flies to be behind the boat whilst they are fishing. There is no trolling either with oar or engine power.
- The use of fish finders and other such electronic devices are not permitted during the competition.
- Competitors are permitted to have their mobile phones on during the match.
- Each angler may have a spare rod mounted and ready for use.
- Accidentally foul hooked fish may be retained and included in the bag of fish to be weighed.

Entry £70 per Pair (which includes venue fee) available from:

- Ed Foster – 01832 720786

Further information:

- Richard Winsor – 07885 931100

News from Great Staughton Primary Academy School Council

Here at school, we have had a very busy time, with school visitors, visits to London and exciting new learning opportunities.

Young Voices Event



On January 30th, our year 6 children travelled to the O2 Arena in London to take part in the Young Voices event. Our children had been practising the songs in school for several weeks prior to the event. The children had a very long day, which began at 9.30am with a bus trip to the venue and ended once they arrived back at school at 11.45pm. Their day was very busy with rehearsals and the final performance to parents and friends at 7pm. The children were also treated to a performance by the Urban Striders, who gave a dazzling performance of street dance – a huge hit with the children. They were very impressed with the professional lighting systems, but their favourite part of their performance was the “Move It” section, where they learnt dance routines to the songs - the audience joined it too! A day, that they all agreed, they will never forget.

Forest Schools

January saw the start of our exciting new Forest Schools outdoor learning sessions. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals through positive outdoor experiences. We have the perfect site for this with our Wild Life Garden and Outdoor

Learning areas. Under the guidance of Mrs. Tickle, the children have taken part in den building, nature inspired art (including making their own spider’s webs), mini beast hunts and storytelling around our new fire pit.

Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese New Year by welcoming a visitor to our school who told us why and how New Year is celebrated in the Chinese community. She brought some beautiful artefacts into school for us to see and she gave every child in school a pair of chopsticks!

Drumming Workshop



The whole school have taken part in a drumming workshop where we all learnt so much about rhythm and timing and above all, we had fun whilst learning. The children learnt to play syncopating samba style rhythms with a variety of instruments. We also learnt many interesting facts about Mardi Gras which is celebrated across the world on Shrove Tuesday and the words are translated into Fat Tuesday - celebrations include huge street parties and parades with samba music and dancing.

Safer Internet Day

On February 5th, the whole school took part in Safer Internet Day, by learning how to stay safe online. Parents also had the opportunity to attend a workshop, where they were given tips and advice on how to keep their children safe whilst on the internet.

A book about Staughton March
2019
‘A Traveller in Time’

In and about the years 1535 and 1543, John Leland (1503 – 1553), scholar, antiquarian, poet and acknowledged father of local history, criss-crossed the counties of England and Wales, from Bedfordshire to Yorkshire, Cornwall to Rutland. In the subtitle to his Itinerary, it was, he stated, the *“laboriouse journey and serche of Johan Leylande for Englandes antiquitees.”*

He began his *serche* in Cambridge, proceeded westward to St Neotes, and thence, by way of Great Staughton, on ward to Melchbourne and Kimbolton. His first stop is at the village of Eltesle (Eltisely). *“From Cambridge to Eltesle village al by champeyne counterey (through open country) 8. miles. At Eltesle was sumtyme a nunnery Cambridge- wher Pandonia the Scottish virgine was buried, and there is a shire, well of her name yn the south side of the quire. I hard that when this nunnery was destroyid a new was made at Hinchingbroke by Huntendune....”* (Huntingdon).

A mile from Eltesle toward S. Neotes is the limes (boundary) of Cambridgshire.

From Eltesle to S. Neotes 4 miles.

“The rivar there (the River Great Ouse) harde by the towne stondinge on the estc syde of it devidithe

Huntyndunshire from Bedfordeshire and yet a lytle lower bothe the ripes (banks) be in Huntendunshir.”

“The bridge at Seint Neotes is of t ymbar.” St Neots straddles the banks of the River Great Ouse, which has been since earliest times a vital trade and communications artery linking the important towns of Bedford, ten miles south west, with Huntingdon, St Ives and eventually reaching the North Sea at King’s Lynn.

Leland then follows what is now the B645, from S. Neotes to Stoughton village *“by sum enclosid ground a 3. miles, it is in Huntenduneshir.”* Passing through Staughton, he would cross the River Kym by the bridge, called thirty years before, in a bequest for its repair in 1502, the Wrong Bridge, and he would find himself on Staughton Highway, lined with farm labourers’ cottages, and small allotments. The White Hart coaching inn, a prominent feature now, would not be built until the beginning of the next century and the sundial, the most celebrated historical monument on the Highway, was a century away.

Finding little to detain him on the Highway, Leland takes the little road to the left, and descends to the Town, again crossing the meandering River Kym over Staughton Bridge, reaching the church of St Andrew. He may have noted the tower which by 1535 was in a serious state of disrepair. He ignored altogether the

interior of the church, preferring instead to visit the splendid, newly-built manor opposite the church, home of one of Great Staughton's wealthiest and powerful men, Oliver Leder. *"There hard by the chirch is a pretty house of Olyver Leders, and pratie commodites about it."*

"From Staughton to Melchbourn (Melchbourn) village a. 4 miles be much pasture and sum corne ground. Here is a right fair place of square stone, standing much upon pillerd vaultes of stone, and there be goodly gardeins, orchards and ponds and a Parke thereby. This Milchburne is in Bedfordshire, almost on the egge (edge) of it. About the quarters of Milchburn, but not hard by it, ryse to armes of brokes (brooks) of divers springs, whereof one cummith owt of Higheham Parke. These 2 cum to one botom and streame, and so go by How village (How End), whereof the broke is caullid How-water..... How water after cummith to Stoughton village, and thens about a mile lower then [St Neotes in to] Use ryver (River Great Ouse).

Thus Leland describes the source of what would later be named the River Kym, which runs through Great Staughton, passing by the church in the Town, and following a meandering loop round Bird's Meadow to emerge at the eastern end of the Highway, where it is crossed by the "Wrong bridge."

From Melchbourn, Leland chose a more indirect route to his next destination, Kimbolton, *"a market towne yn the egge*

of Huntenduneshire. The toune it self is but bare. The castelle is dowble dikid, and the building of it meately strong ; it longgid to the Mandeviles, Erles of Essax. Then to Bohuns, Erles of Hereford and Essax, and sins to the Strafordes." The castle here was formerly the residence of the Dukes of Manchester, and it was here that Katherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife, was exiled in April 1534, and where she died in January 1536.

In Kimaltoun, Leland's curiosity is aroused by the history of the tiny twelfth century priory of Stonely, whose entire congregation consisted of just seven monks or canons, as Leland has it.

"Syr Richard Wingfeld buildid new fair lodgyns and galleries upon the olde foundations of the castelle. The priory of Chanons not far out of Kimolton was as I learnid of the foundation of the Bigrames. It was a house but of vii Chanons (canons) There lay yn this Priory few men of name buried : but of the Bigrams and the Coniers."

Despite the many changes that the village has seen over the centuries, Leland's itinerary through Great Staughton is recognisable even today, and many of the buildings he describes here and in the other villages he visited are still standing.

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Empowering people at the end of life

Wednesday 27 March 2019,
10am to 4pm, The Burgess Hall,
Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27
6WU

Find out about end of life planning and understand your rights at this one day event held by the local Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

When family, friends and medical staff know what is important to you, this can help you have a good death.

Doctor Philip Hartropp, a retired Cambridgeshire GP, will talk about being in charge of how you die.

There will be workshops on issues like setting up power of attorney, mental capacity and supporting someone at the end of their life.

Lunch is free and refreshments are included.

The event will be accessible, with British Sign Language Interpreters and speech to text reporting.

Entrance is free but you must book your place in advance.

For more information or to book your place visit our website at www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/endoflife-2019

Or contact Debbie:

Email: debbie.drew@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Office: 0330 355 1285

Text: 0752 0635 176

Councillor Surgeries

Meet your County or District Councillor each month 30 minutes before the Perry Parish Council Meeting



Ian Gardner



Darren Tysoe

Dates

- 7pm Thurs 7th March - Grafham Water Centre
- 7pm Weds 3rd April – PCC Annual Assembly – Perry Baptist Church
- 7pm - Wednesday 1st May – PCC Annual Meeting – Perry Baptist Church
- 7pm Thurs 6th June - Grafham Water Centre
- 7pm Weds 3rd July – Perry Baptist Church
- 7pm Weds 7th August - Grafham Water Centre
- 7pm Thurs 5th September – Perry Baptist Church

. Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council Meeting held on 24th January 2019 - 7.30pm in the Village Pavilion

Present: R Jewell (BJ), H Glanville (HG), G Brittain (GB), D Moore (DM), N Yates (NY), A Gilbert (AG), J Bowen (JB), Ian Gardener (IG), J Russel (JR) (clerk)

Apologies for absence – L Goody (LG), W Mumford (WM), Darren Tysoe (DT)

Residents' Forum

Mr Ray May attended to discuss the parking issues in Lauras Close and the cones that had been placed in the area. The cones were there for 10 days in total but should have only been place there for 7 days. Mr May stated that Lauras Close is not a junction. Their junction is with the footpath and not the main road. He queried whether now the road is a B road and not an A road whether the white line could be shortened. The cones have affected his business. BJ explained that this was a police issue. The PC had advised people via Facebook and Life that it is illegal to park in that area and that the police will enforce, so it is important that people are aware of the issue. People outside of the village park there when visiting the Doctors, for example, and unfortunately this is leading to discord with the residents from Laura Close. AG advised that the PC have made the decision not to put yellow lines in the area which had been requested by the residents of Lauras Close. The people from Lauras Close have therefore contacted the police to put the cones in the area and as expected this has moved the problem

elsewhere. The Doctors have requested that their staff park in the village hall which will help alleviate the problem. Mr May confirmed that he informs his customers not to park illegally. BJ advised that the PC understands the issue and will not make matters more difficult. But it is the job of the police to enforce the law. As part of an objection raised to a local development the PC has requested that CCC Highways review the parking on The Highway and the PC will look at their response as soon as it is received.

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018 – The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of interest – none

Matters arising:

Parking on grass verges on The Highway: no further problems reported.

Ditches: BJ met with James Duberly at Cage Lane and identified the problem ditches and he will see what he can do to alleviate the problem. WM is also due to do some work in the area so that will also help.

Missing County sign: Clerk has again reported as it has still not been replaced. But CCC report that matter is being dealt with and the works ordered.

Time bank: BJ has made the grant application to the Innovate Fund to set up the scheme but unfortunately this was not successful. IG has spoken to the grants committee and advised that further information should be supplied, and the grant application resubmitted. IG offered to attend that grant committee

meeting with BJ. JR will notify Perry and Hail Weston of the current situation.

PC Website: Dianne Palmer is doing a wonderful job in keeping the website up to date.

Green Lane potholes: DM has photographed these and will submit to CCC.

Speed limits in The Town: DM no longer able to email his contact at CCC but RB is assisting in trying to find another contact.

Weight Limit on the bridge, The Town: Unfortunately the response from CCC means this is not going to be a possibility. JR will let the residents know.

Broken Fence Beachampstead Road: JB will contact David Hoenig to see if he can assist.

Bollards Green Close: JB has emailed the Horticultural Society to see if they can help with the planters.

Vacancies on committees: carried forward.

Little Staughton air field solar project grant: the new company dealing with this development will provide £60,000 divided between 4 parish councils. It was agreed that GSPC would accept the offer of approx. £21,000 and express their gratitude.

Rural watch: it was agreed that due to the level of commitment and organisation required it was not feasible to join the scheme.

Attendance at other meetings: BJ attended Cambridgeshire Local Council Conference on 23 November 2018. This was well attended by 85 town and parish councils. The Mayor of Cambridge spoke about how he is trying to facilitate more housing. There is also a scheme

proposed for a tram from St Neots to Cambridge. There is significant investment going into the St Neots Masterplan. They are also looking into the Cambridge to Oxford railway line. Swaffham Priory CLT are also looking providing a heat source pump for their village. IG advised that there are grants available to villages who are looking to provide an alternative way of heating their homes. CCC are looking for a village interested in taking such a project forward. IG has some documentation that he can pass to the PC and they may be willing to come to talk to the PC at some point.

HG attended the Planning Forum at HDC which she found very useful. BJ will attend that Hunts Forum in February 2019 and there is also a Mobility and Energy Seminar on 5 March which BJ and HG will attend.

Planning:

Local Plan: GS was previously named as a Local Service Centre, but this has now been deleted by the Planning Inspector. He did not like the category and so HDC were told to remove it. Bluntisham and Alconbury were also previously named as LSC. The PC felt this was potentially a good idea to be a LSC and this will be communicated to HDC.

Solar Farm - Grafham Water: GSPC is not a statutory consultee, but it was agreed the clerk would raise the issue with Perry PC to see if a joint meeting should be held between Anglian Water to obtain more information. The clerk is awaiting a response from Perry regarding meeting dates, but their clerk has recently left so there may be a delay.

Applications:

Crown Farm Moor Road Great Staughton (ref 18/02749/FUL) – grain store – no objections/comments

Stable Cottage The Town Great Staughton (18/02532/HHFUL) – no comments/objections

Land South Of Beacon Farm Moor Road Great Staughton (ref 18/02755/FUL) – no comments/objections

Land West Of 69 The Highway Great Staughton (ref 18/02095/FUL) – objections raised by the Parish Council by email on 16 November 2018.

Highways:

Parking issues Lauras Close - if people are parking illegally then this is a matter that needs to be enforced by the police. Derek Chapman has made a complaint to the Monitoring Officer at HDC regarding the conduct of BJ and the PC. This is in the hands of Lisa Jablonska at HDC.

Norman Hardy has written to the council to express his concern about the parking difficulties elsewhere in the village caused by the police placing cones around Lauras Close. On the agenda for the next meeting will be to discuss speed limits in The Town and what can be done to reduce speed of traffic and increase safety in the area. IG said he can arrange for an engineer to have a look to see what solutions may be possible.

GB raised the condition of the footpath over the bridge near the church running from The Causeway to The Town. Clerk will raise this with CCC Highways.

JB raised parking in Beachampstead, which is particularly bad on the bend.

PCSO has visited but unfortunately there were no cars present on that occasion. BJ will talk to the resident.

JB - Piglets have asked if they can grit the car park which is fine. Need to check if the grit bins are full in the village so the Clerk can report if necessary.

Report from District/County Councillors:

IG reported that CCC have agreed to replace two mobile libraries and these will also provide additional services. The new route for the A428 will be announced on March 2019. There is a consultation on 16 February in the Priory Centre St Neots about the Cambridge to Oxford railway line. There are also grants available from CCC for electric charging points. We can raise this at the Parish Assembly on 2 May. IG will bring the information to the PA. The CCC Budget meeting is on 5 February.

Correspondence :

SENT

HDC - Precept 2019

N Orchard - Dillington street light issues

Ashley Smith - Planning application 18/02095/FUL

HDC planning - Response to 18/02095/FUL

M Mcknight - Green Close bollards

Resident of GS - Parking on grass verges

Tom Ruzsala CCC - Footpath Notices in Moorycroft

D Chapman - Lauras Close

Balfour Beatty - Streetlight issues

Lisa Jablonska HDC - Lauras Close

Roy Amner - Little Staughton Solar farm

James Duberly - Cage Lane ditches

Ray May - Parking Lauras Close

RECEIVED

HDC - Local Plan

HDC - Precept 2019

Ashley Smith - re Planning Application

18/02095/FUL

Tom Ruzsala CCC - Footpath notices in Moorycroft

Resident of GS - Parking on grass verges

M. Mcknight - Bollards Green Close

Gareth Guest CCC - Weight limit - The Town

HDC - Local Plan

James Duberly - Ditches in Cage Lane

Lisa Jablonska HDC - Lauras Close parking

Roy Amner - Little Staughton Airfield solar project

Norman Hardy - Parking issues

Piglets - Recycling issue

Cashbook, Cheques in and out :

Income:.....£5926.76 – VAT reclaims

Expenditure:

Cambs ACRE.....£54.00

Eyelid Productions.....£655.00

HMRC quarterly payment.....£184.00

Bradgate Ltd.....£117.60

New Flame.....£414.00

J Harrison.....£637.91

DJ Hoenig.....£62.00

Clerk Nov Salary.....£245.18

CH Brown.....£378.22

Red Shoes Accounting£14.40

HMRC quarterly payment.....£183.80

Clerk Dec Salary.....£245.38

Cambs ACRE.....£28.80

Balance in Community Accounts:

£4,956.83

Balance in Tracker Account.

£18,488.37

Cashbook was reviewed and approved.

Affordable Housing – RJ provided an update. The Director from Luminus has left and so this is likely to cause a short

delay while his replacement gets up to speed. BJ is meeting him in two weeks time. The valuation of the land is a higher figure than previously agreed - £3000 rather than £2000. The grant application to Homes England was refused so there will be a funding gap which the PC may have to pay.

Report from:

Village Hall Committee: HG reported that CCC are hiring the hall at £50 per day. This could provide an income of £5000 for a full academic year.

Playing Field Committee: Next meeting is on 7 February. Gala Day date may need to be changed as Kimbolton County Fayre is on 14 July.

Neighbourhood Watch: no report

Speed Watch: no report

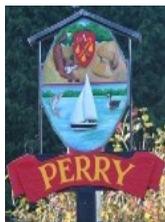
Parish Matters:

JB reported that Piglets staff found drugs on the playing field.

NY – litter pick will be on 23 February 2019. PC agreed to fund equipment.

BJ – Norman Hardy pointed out that the field behind the proposed CLT development was a ridge and furrow field, which could mean it should be subject to conservation order. The clerk is to contact HDC and raise the issue. The light outside the school on the driveway is not working and it is therefore very dark for pedestrians. The clerk is to write to the school asking whether it can be fixed.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 5th
December 2018
at 7.30 p.m. at The
Grafham Water Centre

Present: Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman, Jason Harper (JH), David Prew (DP), Sheila Brighton (SB), Martin Wilson (MW), Emma Prew (EP), Mark Fowler (MF)

Richard Winser (RW)– Clerk

County Councillor: Ian Gardiner (IG)

Members of the public: There were nine members of the public in attendance

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

18/162 Apologies for Absence:
Darren Tysoe

18/163 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: None

18/164 County / District Councillor Update: All Council Libraries are closing at 1pm on Monday 24th December and reopening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

The County Council has agreed to fund two replacement Mobile Libraries at a cost of £275K. This secures the future of this valuable Rural Service and will

provide an opportunity for other outreach services to be accessed by our rural villages.

The Public Health Team is running a Stay Well Campaign this winter to provide vulnerable groups with the appropriate information on how they can minimise the effects of the cold, along with where they can find the support and services provided by voluntary organisations and District Councils that are vital in cold weather such as heating grants and boiler repairs. See Cambridgeshire County Council website.

The Winter Health Pack part of the Stay Well Campaign includes tips, information and useful contacts on Staying warm and well during the Winter months. These packs will be available from all libraries and mobile libraries from the beginning of December. The Construction of the Bridge at the Kings Dyke Crossing will commence in Late February 2019 with completion by December 2020.

A Cambridgeshire village is one step closer to a community heat scheme. The scheme at Swaffham Prior would allow the village to move away from relying on oil and onto a renewable energy through heat extracted from ground water. The proposed project will be retrofitted, one of the first of its kind in the country and as such will act as a pilot project for both government and similar villages looking to convert to sustainable heat systems. Monies for progressing the scheme are being provided by government and the Combined

Authority (Mayor). Cambridgeshire CC will be providing the Land for the Proposed Energy Centre. It is hoped the route for the A428 St Neots Bypass will be made this month. Finally, IG wished the Parish Council and residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

18/165 Playground 4 Perry: Mrs Sarah Harper and Laura Bowmer gave a presentation in relation to Playground4Perry and circulated a briefing paper. Playground4Perry is an Independent Community Initiative, separate from the Parish Council who will identify options / costs, apply for funding and make all necessary third party (land) approaches and partnerships to provide further children play facilities in the Village. At the conclusion of the presentation they made a request that a vote of support was taken by the Council Members and a start-up fund grant of £250 be awarded (to cover meeting room hire, printing and administration). A member of the public questioned if the funds allocated in the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) could be used towards funding. RW Undertook to make the enquiry. MW stated that the Council would need time to consider the detail in the briefing paper and requested that this be included on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda before the vote of support. All Councillors agreed the allocation of £250.

18/171 The Budget 2019: RW requested two items on the agenda be moved for earlier consideration

(namely 18/171 The Budget 2019 and 18/181 Finance for approval) – this was agreed. The 2019 budget had been previously circulated for consideration, proposed by MW seconded by JH. All Councillors were in favour. The Precept will remain the same as the previous year (£14,901), proposed by MW and seconded by SB.

18/181 Finance & Legal Matters: RW requested payments as specified:

070/18 Dog Waste Bags.....	£7.20
071/18 Memorial Plaque.....	£39.13
072/18 Clerk Salary – Nov.....	£352
073/18 Handyman Salary Nov	£125.40
074/18 HMRC.....	£119.20
075/18 SLCC Membership.....	£106
076/18 Meeting Room Rent – December.....	£15
077/18 HDC Grass Cutting..	£1478.11

RW stated that correspondence had been received (detailed under agenda item 18/179) from HDC Grounds Maintenance Services that they would not be contracting outside of their core responsibilities due to staff reductions during 2019, this could potentially incur additional contractor costs next year. MW proposed the payments, seconded by DP.

18/166 Public Forum on Agenda Items: A member of the public questioned why two ‘posts’ she had made on Social Media had been referenced in the previous parish council minutes. RW explained that they had been included in relation to

conduct of a serving councillor and as the wife of a serving Councillor she was also encompassed under the Code of Conduct. Each Councillor had completed a Register of Members Interests and Dispensation Request Form. JH questioned what checking had been done in relation to the 'posts'. RW stated he had not checked the posts but one of them had caused some embarrassment as the Chairman had been asked about it with no previous knowledge. JH stated (in his opinion) it was tantamount to surveillance or 'hear say'. MW stated he had become aware of the posts and had brought them to the attention of the Clerk.

18/167 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2018: RW explained that he had received some amendment requests and the protocol to change minutes. The Clerk was legally responsible for the minutes and RW stated that he would be receptive to change requests concerning errors or factual accuracy. Having examined the requested amendments, he conceded on two error points only. These were amended. JH stated there was a need to clarify the legal position concerning the Video Recording Parish Council Meetings. RW stated that since the query raised outside of the formal agenda (November meeting) he had taken advice. The advice he had previously referenced was NALC Guidance (October meeting). The NALC Guidance was derived from The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, thereby

making recording legally permissible. RW stated that did not change his personal perspective, the Clerk role was a part time responsibility which he undertook to support the village. Should RW be legally obligated to comply and his privacy infringed by doing so, RW would withdraw from the role. The minutes were proposed for approval by EP, seconded by SB. A vote was taken, six Councillors agreed, one objected.

18/168 Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda items): None

18/169 Police Update: None

18/170 Perry Parish Council Community Account: RW there was no update. RW had requested details of the appropriate department to raise the queries and awaited further information

18/172 The Next Phase Village Plan: RW stated that consideration should be given by all Councillors in relation to instigating a group to compile the next phase village plan. There will need to be advertising and a further public meeting to gain the necessary momentum. RW suggested this as a standing agenda item. The Parish Council need to lead the initial stages of this and set it in motion. EP requested that this be discussed further, and a strategy agreed at the January Meeting of Councillors.

18/173 Buckden Court Pond /Work Parties / Children's Play Facilities: RW stated he had taken advice from the Conservation Team concerning

Ecology considerations in relation to the proposed work at Buckden Court Pond, they in turn had directed him to the Wildlife Trust. The Wildlife Trust had issued advice which will be provided to the contractors. The sensitised and informed work can continue to address the overgrowth. MW stated that since taking over the working Party portfolio from JH one person had contacted him. There was a proposal to arrange a working party between 10 – 12am on 30th December to clear debris from the pond (water levels permitting). RW was authorised to arrange for a skip as necessary. Proposed by MW, seconded by DP.

18/174 Neighbourhood Watch

Scheme: JH updated on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, he was preparing a paper concerning it.

18/175 Village Carol Singing: Mr Martin and Mrs Helen Brown were arranging a Carol Singing Event which had been advertised on 23rd December 2018. A member of the public stated that he was able to provide a microphone and amplifier unit for use together with carol sheets. MW provided contact details for the organiser.

18/176 Village Christmas Tree

Decorations: SB proposed that local children are invited to make (Eco) Christmas Tree Decorations for the tree on the village green. Materials could be available and distributed from the shop. MW stated he may be able to source a supply of pine cones. A member of the public

suggested arranging an event at Harbour View Restaurant where people could attend with their children to assemble decorations and undertook to arrange it.

18/177 Speeding in the Village / Radar Speed Signs / Local

Highways Initiative (standing agenda item): MW updated that the recent advertisement if Life & Diaries had not attracted any further Speed Watch volunteers. DP stated that radar speed signs of the specification proposed for Perry were in situ at Bluntisham and suggested a visit to assess them. MW stated that funding could potentially be available from the Policing Crime Commissioner.

18/178 Clerks Report:

RW reported that the forth Councillor Surgery had been held 5th December (ahead of the Parish Council meeting). No members of the public had attended.

Buckden Court Pond – Update detailed under separate agenda item.

January Meeting – A meeting of Councillors was agreed on 17th January 2018. This is a strategy meeting.

Meeting Dates 2018 - The meeting dates for 2019 has been published and rooms reserved.

18/179 Correspondence Report:

HDC Grounds Maintenance Services 2019 – Terry Barry discussed under budget agenda item.

18/180 Meetings Attended: None.

18/182 Planning Applications:

None

18/183 Parish/ Village Matters:

Allotments – No Update

MOJ Street Lamps – Gayness

Park: The issue remains unresolved.

18/184 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting:

None, other than those identified in these minutes.

Next meeting held on 7;30pm
Wednesday 6th February 2019 –
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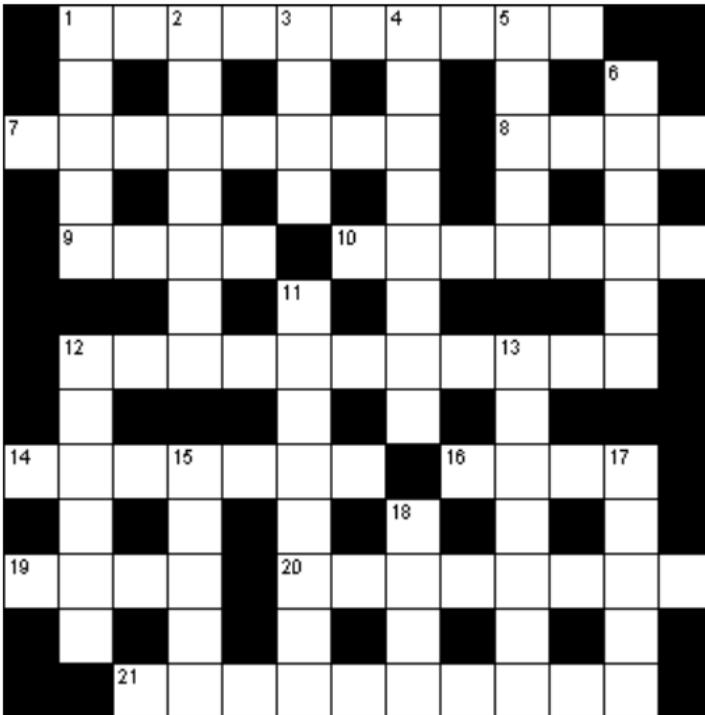
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- 1 Parent in good health in Scotland (10)
- 7 Type of punishment for NCO (8)
- 8 A fish for the home help (4)
- 9 A little red engine in the first garden (4)
- 10 Biblical character not so much unemployed (7)
- 12 Holiday area, also coldest resort (5,3,3)
- 14 Ailment resulting from seaside upset (7)
- 16 Secure real estate (4)
- 19 Formerly in concert (4)
- 20 A savage who gets fed up with other people (8)
- 21 Being there, have a ball a couple of hours before midnight? (10)

Down

- 1 An American elk or a Scottish rodent? (5)
- 2 Displaying a chest without a lid (7)
- 3 Some fearless nobleman (4)
- 4 Use footbridge, perhaps, for effortless victory (4-4)
- 5 Behold California, being in the vicinity (5)
- 6 A young woman forged medals (6)
- 11 Slaughter in service area? (8)
- 12 Heaps of terriers (6)
- 13 A marine creature is a lone ranger? (3,4)
- 15 Standing up before court (5)
- 17 Dine out, entertaining a girl ... (5)
- 18 ... dine out with Miss Blyton? (4)

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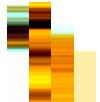
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This train of thought is typical for this time of year. By mid February our New Year's resolutions are history but we get a second chance in Lent to give things up. Lent is supposed to have a more spiritual emphasis than this, however, and yet for many of us our Lenten disciplines are more about us than about God. The focus could however be different. As a Benefice we are offering a Lent Course at the Old Vicarage on a Wednesday afternoon and Christian meditation at the Vicarage at 7 pm on a Wednesday evening. You would be made very welcome.

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On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, there will be two communion services with the Imposition of Ashes - at 10.00am at Hail Weston and at 7.30pm at Great Staughton - which will help us to focus on the true meaning of Lent.

So as we turn our eyes from the Christmas Season and look towards the cross and Easter help us to walk alongside Christ as he prepares for his ministry and the road ahead.

*Love & prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

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(EDITOR NOTE: I don't know how many noticed the mistake but the February letter was actually written by Rev Nicki, not Janet Perrett.)

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Sun 10th 10.30am- Parish Communion
Wed 13th 5.30 pm Evening Prayer (at
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Sun 17th 10.30am-Parish Communion
(play and pray)
Sun 24th 10.30am-Parish Communion

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Sun 17th 9am- Parish Communion
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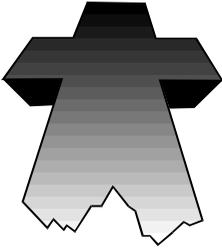


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Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906
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All Welcome

My dear friends,

We are now well into 2019 and it probably won't be long before we say how quickly the year is passing. Although never a day goes by without some twist or turn in the Brexit saga! Which is seeming to drag on forever. With those in power completely as ever ignoring the wish of the people, their electors. I must admit a lot of our politicians both amuse and dismay. If it was not the future of our country and livelihoods it would be entertaining!

However, this whole saga has got me thinking. It does not paint our politicians in a very good light. It then makes me think as to how our Churches are viewed by those outside looking in. What do people see and think of when they come in contact with Christians. We like to think that we are approachable, kind and listen to all we meet. It does not always work out like that. Unfortunately, we have our off days like everyone else so please make allowances for us. Just as we hopefully make the same for you. I know that first appearances are so often how we judge people and places. So, I hope that you have noticed that the Church building has been spruced up. Soon hopefully the wooden planter supplied by the parish will be a mass of colour. Have you noticed the one thing that lets the notice board down? Yes, there is an 'r' missing in Perry! I hope that is the only thing

missing in the Churches mission and appeal to the village.

Easter is late this year but we will still be putting out our usual invites to our services. Before then you are welcome any Sunday to come and worship with us at our 10.30am service.

**Yours in Christ,
Tony Whitlock**

Preachers and Services for March 2019:

Services in March all at 10.30am

3rd Rev Paul Hills
10th Rev Vilma Broadhurst
17th Rev Roger Watkins
24th Rev David Taylor
31st Tony Whitlock

Perry Friendship Circle

Monday 25th March 2.30pm in Perry Church

“Ethel Miller Chocolate”

Sue Stevens demonstrating and presenting her home made chocolates.

All welcome please join us. For more information ring Cilla on 810906.

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	Email: m.keeble855@btinternet.com
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Kimbolton Flower Club.....	Carol Grundy: 01832 710339
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