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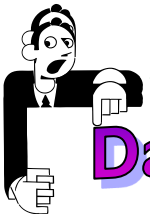

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Editorial Natter…

Good day to you all, readers,

I'd like to first thank Sheila Wells for sending us this month's lovely cover picture. She captured the wonderful morning mist across the Great Staughton Playing Field while on her way to the school.

If you've taken any beautiful pictures while you've been out and about in Great Staughton or Perry, and you'd like see them adorn our future cover, please do send them to Shaun and I. And that goes doubly for all our Perry readers. We hear you've got a very photogenic lake in your back gardens, so, yeah, get those photos in.

Another little bit of general housekeeping. If you've successfully sold anything through the magazine, do let us know and we'll remove your advert. We wouldn't want you getting lots of unnecessary phone calls for items you sold several months ago.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy what this March issue has to offer. We've got a Litterpick report with a difference and if you're into them, there are a couple of Sudoku puzzles tucked away too. See you in May!

This issue was edited by Rob

Councillor Surgeries

First Saturday of the month at The Wheatsheaf, Perry - 12 noon to 12.45

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MARCH 22nd

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Treasurers Corner

Hello everyone,

No Pots this month so I can tell you that the minutes of the AGM were in January's edition and are also on the village website.

Helen

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Bridget Jones's Baby

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Dates for March

Friday 3rd
Tuesday 7th - Home to Godmanchester
Friday 10th
Tuesday 14th - Catworth away
Friday 17th
Tuesday 21st
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As promised we are now able to give you the date and venue for the AGM. It will be taking place on **Wednesday the 8th of March** and will be held in the **Back Room (Restaurant) of the White Hart at 7.30 pm.** This being a sociable as well as business meeting there will be a glass of wine for members old and new. If you are not already a member do come along, see what we do and perhaps join us ! We are a very friendly group of gardeners and allotmenteers.

Last month the first signs of spring Appeared. Snowdrops in bloom and other bulbs emerging after a cold January, with the promise of cheerful displays during the next two to three months. A few seeds will have been planted in greenhouses or on windowsills. March is the busiest seed planting time but don't plant outside until the earth has warmed up, which may be not be until April. This is better than seeds rotting in the ground and more having to be planted for a second time. Most seeds catch up once the ground is warm enough for germination.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 8th of March and warm, gardening weather in the coming month for us all.

Great Staughton Horticultural Society

West Hunts Friendship Club 100 Club

100 Club winners for February 2017

Number	Name	Prize
32	Iris Mumford	£50
13	Hilary Westcott	£25
12	Else Unwin	£15
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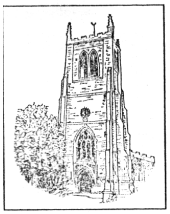
Congratulations to all the winners!



St Andrew's Church

100 Club January 2017 Draw

Prize	No.	Name
£50	15	Mr & Mrs Boutell
£25	25	Mr Robert Gray
£15	81	Mr George Peck
£10	55	Mr & Mrs Kneesaw

Congratulations to the winners!

Pick up for Perry

Across Britain, the weekend of 3rd/4th/5th March 2017 has been designated for a litter blitz.

Come along for a couple of hours to help give our village a Spring clean and keep it looking beautiful.

We plan to do litter-picking around the village and along the cycle path between 10am and 12 noon.

Saturday 4th March 2017
Meet at 10am outside The Wheatsheaf pub

Please bring your own gloves. Litter-picking sticks, high-vis tabards and bin bags will be provided.

March forth and pick litter!
For further information please contact **Fay Wheatcroft, 16 Rose Croft, Perry on 01480 810734**

KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

Join us for our meeting in **March** for a flower arranging demonstration by DOUG HOWARD entitled:

AS WINTER FADES

This will be held in the Mandeville Hall Kimbolton on **March 21st at 7.30 pm.**

Admission for visitors £7. 50, members £2, refreshments included, all welcome.

There will be a sales table and plant stall.

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MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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1. Fire safety in the home - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
2. Falls prevention - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
3. Alcohol use - Alcohol related illness in the over 65s is on the increase. We can provide you with helpful information.
4. Stay well and warm - Can you afford to heat your home? Do you have access to a hot meal? Do you have access to all the services available to you?
5. Crime reduction - We can provide advice on making your home more secure in addition to advice to make you less vulnerable to scams or fraud.

You are under no obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.

During March, we will also be raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking, with national No Smoking Day on the 8th.

We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly, it increases someone's chance of having a fire.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:
• Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.
• Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin.
• Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep.
Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If they don't, that is something we can provide as part of a Safe and Well visit.

To find out if you are eligible for a Safe and Well visit, Enquire online. Alternatively, if you are unable to apply online or have a query about an enquiry form that has already been submitted, please telephone **0800 917 9994.**

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Come along and join in an evening of fun.

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

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Litterpick 2017 Report

Our special correspondent reports:

"There was a fantastic turnout for our 9th annual Great Staughton litterpick on February 11.Truly fantastic. The media, the lying media, I know them well, say that the turnout was much less than for Trump's inauguration. They lie, they lie. Total liars. We had a great turnout. We have great people in Great Staughton. Great people. They're the greatest litterpickers in the world. The greatest. They're no pussies, they know you can do anything with litter, believe me, you can just grab it and stuff it in the bag. Amazing.

But now we're gonna do something about these people, these people who come to our village, they come from dangerous litter throwing communities, and think they can just throw their trash out the window. Well, I got news for them. Today, today, I signed an executive order, an executive order, to subject them to extreme vetting before they are allowed into our village. It may call for extreme measures, well, I'm not against extreme measures, we may have to skateboard them, I'm not opposed to that.

We gonna make Great Staughton tidy again. And from now on, it's Great Staughton first. Great Staughton first."

From our Washington correspondent, as told to Anthony Withers

Anthony Withers (861224)
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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUP GREAT STAUGHTON

Good Friday Family Walk & Egg Hunt

Date: Friday 14th April 2017
Time: 10.0am - 11.30am
Venue: St. Andrew's Church

Come and join us for a fun Easter walk around Great Staughton, collecting eggs along the way. Refreshments will be provided in St. Andrew's Church after the walk.

Suitable clothing essential! No dogs please. Come Along-Rain or Shine!

For more details & for catering purposes please register with Sylvia Swain Tel:01480 812022

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION 2017

Calling all children up to 11 years of age! There will be 3 different colouring activities, one for pre-school aged children, a second for KS1 aged children & a third for KS2 aged children. Colouring sheets will be made available to all children's groups in Gt. Staughton, Gilbert's butchers, Perry PO or from Sylvia Swain Tel:01480 812022.

Prizes for each category will be awarded at the end of the Good Friday Family Walk & Egg Hunt at Gt Andrew's Church, Gt Staughton on 14th April.

All entries to be returned to your group **by Friday 31st March at the latest.**

The Edmunds family have confirmed that they are happy to host the **Village Hog Roast on Sunday 18th June** so could you find somewhere for a little save the date info?

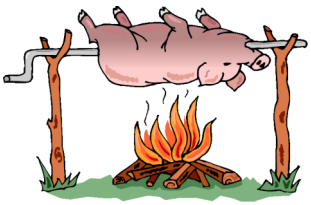
SAVE THE DATE

Over the last few years, members of the village and their families and friends have joined together at The Old Vicarage to enjoy a tasty hog roast with salads, home made cakes, a bar and some great live musical entertainment.

The Rotary Club of Kimbolton Castle and Great Staughton Youth Club are lucky enough to be able to offer another opportunity to celebrate together on **Sunday 18th June 2017**. More details will be here in future editions of the Life and Diaries and tickets will be available from Gilbert's Butchers.

Watch this space for further details.

Fay Staple
On behalf of Great Staughton Youth Club



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Broome773@btinternet.com

Gill Broome

Gt Staughton W.I

After the usual notices and business, our speaker Pamela Tasker gave a very interesting and informative talk about ACCW (Association Country Women of the World).

Our competition was 'Something Homemade' the winners were: 1st Jean Pentney, joint 2nd Janet Bowen and Mary Deacon and joint 3rd Sue Nobles and Gloria Smith.

Raffle winners were: Hilary Worsley, Helen Packer, Sonia Fory and Sue Lee.

Valentine's day wasn't forgotten - we had red roses on the front table, little chocolate hearts and 3 choices of cake that committee members kindly made to eat with our tea and coffee.

The speaker at our next meeting on March 14th is Pat Wallace-Pope who will be telling us about the History of Tartan and Kilts. The competition is Something Scottish.

Helen Packer

Perry W.I

First, some reminders. First, there will be a village litter pick on Saturday 4th March beginning at 10am outside The Wheatsheaf. Just bring your own gloves and everything else will be provided. Next, please help the Parish Council (and thence, obviously our village) by giving them ideas for any imaginative uses for the bus shelter: a place for games and books to swap, to sell your vegetables, the list is only contained by the size of the shelter and your ideas.

Next, in March please remember to bring a few items for the Carers' Welcome Comfort Pack - a small pack of essentials to be given to carers in hospital when unable to go home for supplies to keep them going (suggestions = toothbrush/paste, wet wipes, small notebook and pen, tissues, puzzle book, deodorant, comb (all new, sealed, in long date please). We will get them to WI centre for collection, collation and delivery.

And finally, remember to not take your unused/unloved handbags and scarves to the charity shop just yet as we'll be having a bag and scarf sale in a couple of months - more info in next month's report.

So, here we go! Jean Clarke told us about her daughter's charity, Spring of Hope **(www.springofhopetrust.org.uk)** which has worked with disabled children in Uganda since 2004. Jean spoke with humour and love as it's clearly close to her heart. Her daughter Teresha went out to Uganda 17 years ago with YWAM (Youth With A MIssion though she joked it meant Young Women After Men, and now that she is married to

a Ugandan and has two children this did make us chuckle). Whilst there she noticed that there were no disabled children brought to the local clinic for immunisations. She looked into this and discovered that often the parents were too ashamed to bring disabled children who were hidden (and often locked) away from society. The belief that illness was a curse or punishment for wrongdoing was inflicting further damage on these families. She decided to come back home, earn some more money to finance herself, do a course on working in developing nations and form Spring of Hope. She has no salary and has her living expenses paid for by her family and friends so that the work can go on. The paid workers at S of H are local Ugandans: physios, community workers, occupational therapists, etc.

In a land where 82% of people live off the land, with little electricity, no mains drains (they use mainly pit latrines, though some are en suite - hmm, think that one through ...) and tarmac roads only on main thoroughfares in Kampala, rural people need a boost in education to understand and cope with disability (assessment clinics run once a month with drop-ins twice a week), nutrition (advice, not food. The only food supplied is for those with soft palettes [cleft palate is rife] and those whose nutrition is too bad to be ignored), and help to be self-sufficient. Local schools also often have trouble integrating disabled children and this has ended up with S of H beginning to build a small school - the walls are there but no roof yet as funds are needed - which is specifically for chn with profound disabilities which the local schools can't manage. There is also training by the Ugandan Deaf Association in the schools and homes - all begun or managed by S of H.

A useful, hard-working, loving charity - shown by the very smiley children in the photos - which shows that a difference can be made however small we start out.

Thank you Jean. And thank you for bringing the goods to sell, we enjoyed the bookmarks, jewellery, textiles and handbags with a different Ugandan vibe to them. And finally, happy Spring to all from the Perry W I!

Jukebox Promotions
Presents

Elvis Anniversary Spectacular

Friday 31st March
8pm start – doors 7.15pm
Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton

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".

March 13th	The History of Magic - from the beginning to wartime	The Wheatsheaf Pub
April 10th	"A man who is paid to talk to himself" - a look at the life and experiences of a professional ventriloquist	The Wheatsheaf Pub
May 8th	Behind the scenes at the saleroom - with David Fletcher	Perry Baptist Church
June 12th	Flower arranging - a hands-on session	Perry Baptist Church
July 10th	Why exercise matters - a look at how to exercise, how much to do and the benefits	The Wheatsheaf Pub
August 14th	No meeting - informal drinks at the pub	The Wheatsheaf Pub
September 11th	"Beware of sharks" - estate planning	The Wheatsheaf Pub
October 9th	Cake decoration and Sugar-craft	The Wheatsheaf Pub
November 13th	All about Alpacas & Perry WI Annual General Meeting	The Wheatsheaf Pub
December 11th	Christmas dinner	The Wheatsheaf Pub

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What Nature Does For Britain

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Tony Juniper who will present an illustrated talk entitled What Nature Does For Britain. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Tony Juniper is a well known Environmentalist and has been President of the Wildlife Trusts since December 2015. For more than 25 years Tony has worked for change owards a more sustainable environment at local, national and international levels. Tony has written books such as 'What Nature Does for Britain' and 'What is Really Happening to Our Planet'.

Tonight Tony will tells us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce the food we eat. Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend.

Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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healthwatch Cambridgeshire

Community Listener volunteers needed

This is Lizzie, she is one of our local Healthwatch Cambridgeshire volunteers and is helping us with a new project to look at how health and care services communicate with people who have a sensory loss.

Lizzie's told us *"I am a service user myself and have disabilities so I rely on good healthcare and support, such as having a good relationship with the GP."*

Our volunteers are people like you who live or work in Cambridgeshire. You know the place you live and the people in your community. We need your help to talk to more people about Healthwatch and find out what care is like for them.

- You will listen to people within your local community who have used health or social care services. This may be your family, neighbours and friends, or people you meet within your local networks.

- You may visit local groups, chat with people and record what they have to say.
- You might talk to people about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire. This may involve giving a short presentation, or working with us on a display stand.

We will give you training and support, as well as paying agreed out of pocket expenses.

As a Community Listener, you could also train to take part in our 'Enter and View" visits to local health or care services. This is our legal right to visit places that provide publicly funded health or care services, to see and hear how people experience care. In the last year, we have visited Addenbrooke's and Hinchingbrooke Hospitals.

Contact Heather or Elizabeth for an informal chat.
Call 01480 420628,
email
enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

or visit
www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

PERRY VILLAGE SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Perry village is looking to recruit volunteers to assist with Speed Watch exercises conducted within the village.

Exercises will take place at various times during the week and at weekends and will only last an hour in duration, all in daylight hours. Full training will be given.

If you would like to help or find out more, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk or 810978)

PERRY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Perry Neighbourhood Watch is being revitalised by John Cranston and Sue Astle.

We are currently looking for volunteers. We need Co-ordinators and Deputies to assist us.

Our aim is to bring neighbours together to create an active community where we can all look out for each other. If you would like to be involved or would like more information please contact either **John Cranston on 811273 or Sue Astle on 811121.**

COME AND MEET THE PERRY PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Perry Parish Councillors are holding an 'Open Forum' on **Saturday 18 March 2017 from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m**. at which you can come and talk to the Councillors either collectively or individually on any topic concerning the village. The informal meeting will be at the **Harbour View restaurant in the Mander Car Park.**

This deemed to be an ideal opportunity to speak with the Councillors away from the normal Parish Council meetings. Anglian Water have agreed to suspend the parking charges in the car park for the duration of the meeting.

So why not come along and ask a few questions about the village on any topic or put forward your views (we are always willing to listen) and at the same time have a cup of coffee or tea in the restaurant and see the wonderful views over the reservoir.

Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club
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Lions Safari Walk 2017

Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club announce date of Annual Safari Walk and this year's Charity.

Since 1979 Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club have held their Annual Safari Walk, a sponsored walk around Grafham Water, on the third Sunday in May.

In the past 37 years the walk has raised over £200K benefiting many local charities and worthy causes and will take place on **Sunday 21st May** this year. We are hoping for plenty of interest from local Charities, Clubs and Individuals, interested in raising money for their own worthy cause. Walkers retain 90% of the money raised for their own chosen cause and 10% is donated to the Lions Club chosen charity. The Lions Club deal with all the organisation required for a successful day, all participants need do is to obtain sponsors, do the walk, and collect the money.

Last year's walk enabled us to contribute £1000 to The Lions UK Disaster Fund, from the 10% contributions from walkers, and we

Photograph shows Lions Club members with the cheque for The Lions UK Disaster Fund following last year's walk.

hope that this year we can raise the same, if not more, for our chosen cause. Any groups or individuals interested in taking part, or for further information, should contact Lion Peter Wallwork on 01487 834669.

This year Lions Clubs International celebrate their centenary and we hope to get a good turnout for our very worthy cause, **East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA).** (Registered Charity No 1083876).

Few people realise that EAAA are a registered charity reliant solely on voluntary contributions, receiving no regular support from Government or National Lottery funding. We never know when we might need the wonderful service they provide.

By taking part in this year's Lions Safari Walk you can help your local Lions Club raise money to support this worthy cause, but if you are unable to participate, and would like to help, donations can be made online via: www.eaaa.org.uk Please mention Lions Safari Walk as the reason for your donation.

Lions Clubs work together to help others in their local and global community and further information about the organisation can be found at **www.lionsclubs.org**.

The Hinchingbrooke Bösendorfer Piano Concerts 2016 - 17

To mark the tenth anniversary season of Bösendorfer concerts we are including many artists who have over the years significantly contributed to the success of the series. The Bösendorfer concert grand piano, donated to the school by past pupils in memory of former music master Kenneth Brown will feature on each occasion.

Friday March 31st 2017: Masayuki Tayama, *piano*.
Masa needs no introduction for he has established himself as a firm favourite at Hinchingbrooke , playing for us on five occasions as well as performing three times as concerto soloist with Hunts Philharmonic Orchestra. (Brahms, B♭concerto, Rachmaninov, C minor and Tchaikovsky B♭minor)
His international career continues to expand as it surely deserves to.
The programme will include music by Beethoven (Sonata in C♯ minor), Chopin and Rachmaninov.

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Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2017 in the Village Hall Committee Room

Present
Sir H Duberly (HD, Chair), R Jewell (RJ), W Mumford (WM), A Withers (AW), N Yates (NY), D Moore (DM), P Downes (PD), K Fisk (KF), Jo Reid (JR) Clerk

Residents' Forum
None present.

1. Apologies for absence:
Jonathan Gray (JG), G Gilbert (GG), J Bowen (JB)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2016
The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising:
- AW to attend school governor meeting 24 January **Action: AW**
- Grit bin now in place
- Green Lane overhanging hedge, letter sent
- Piglets yet to respond regarding Pavilion lease, chaser to be sent **Action: JR**, **Action: JB**

4. Attendance at other meetings:
Parish Council Conference
RJ attended this well run event in December. The key take away is that Parish Councils are increasingly being seen as service providers. RJ will present a summary at the Parish Assembly in April.

5. Planning:
Applications received:
16/02313/FUL - Spice Childcare: Application for temporary cabins
16/02313/FUL - 12 The Highway: T1 Lime: tree encroaches onto Powerlines.
No comments from the Parish Council.

6. Highways:
Local Highways Improvement 2017
Every year Cambs County Council makes £100,000 available to Parish Councils for Local Highway Improvements (max. £10,000 per scheme). In the past 4 years we have benefited from the scheme with the road calming measures on the Kimbolton road, improved signage on the B645 bend, a pedestrian crossing and new 40mph and 30mph speed limit signs on The Green. Our 2017 application is to widen the pavement at the junction of the B645 and the Causeway to prevent traffic travelling at high speed (often without indicating) from the B645 onto the Causeway, passing the school. AW and DM made a presentation to County Councillors and Highway officials to plead our case. We should know the result by March.

Causeway Parking
There is still cause for concern about cars parking on the grass verge between the school and the junction of The Highway. Cars often do not have parking lights and there is no street lighting. It also impedes the view of traffic pulling out of the school.

Cage Lane Ditches
Cambs CC have provided a map, WM to review and visit to be arranged with Karl Brockett (CCC). **Action: JR**

7. Report from County & District Councillors:
Peter Downes
Devolution is now going through, a combined authority with Mayor will be in place by 4 May.
Winter gritting routes have been reinstated.
Government grant to CCC has will

have been reduced £83m from 2014 to 2019. Cost savings are being reviewed.

Jonathan Gray

Notice that refuse bin routes are being revised in February, no change to frequency, just to dates/times. Jonathan advised by email that he is standing down as Deputy Leader of Hunts DC.

8. Correspondence:

Correspondence In

Frank Mastrandrea, Hunts DC - Affordable Housing
Lisa Jablonska - Interim review of polling districts, places & polls
Derek Crosby, Cambs Police - Notice that LHI bid can proceed
Jane Cantwell - HGV covenant
Mark Deas, CambsAcre - CLT
June Jukes,Gransden Show- Funding application regret
Tina Webb,Capalc - Parish Council funding to Churches
Karl Brockett, CCC - Review of Cage Lane in New Year
Ciara Cousins, CCC - LHI Panel Invitation
Dave Humphrey - FOI Request re: HACT funding
N Hardy/J Bashford - Tree Wardens and Trees
Jane Cantwell - Extension of CCC gritting
Lynn Palmer - Precept Notification Letter
Tony Roberts, HDC - Donations to Church Graveyeards
Capalc - Donations to Church Graveyeards
Dennis Vacher - Confirmation of Grit Bin

Correspondence Out

Richard Braddick - PCSO Welcome
Derek Crosby, Cambs Police - LHI application
Frank Mastrandrea - CLT Update
Lauren Fisk - Piglets Lease of Pavilion
Dennis Vacher - Placement of gritting bin
Karl Brockett - Cage Lane Update
June Jukes - Acknowledgemet
Suzi Whiting, GSPA - Update on Broadband
Dave Humphrey - Response to FOI request
Tina Webb - Donations to Church Graveyeards
Tony Roberts - Donations to Church Graveyeards
Peter Harrod – Streetscape acceptance Letter

9. Cheques in and out since 7 September 2016:

Expenditure

St Andrews Church graveyard.....£400.00
J Harrison.....£915.00
CH Brown.....£378.22
R Jewell Exps.....£15.00
Hunts Pest.....£744.00
Total.....£2452.22
Balance in Community account: **£18,457.50**
Councillors reviewed the Cashbook. RJ/HD confirmed review of the reconciled cashbook up to 11 Jan and approved it.
Payments to C Brown, R Jewell, Hunts Pest approved.
Precept – 17/18 precept application has been approved. **Action: JR**

10. Affordable Housing:

CLT meeting to be held in February **Action: RJ, JR**

11. Reports:

Village Hall Committee (RJ)

Guttering and soffits quotation agreed from GW Plastics. **Action: RJ**

Playing Field Committee (NY)

Application for play equipment funding via Streetscape is in process.

Neighbourhood Watch (DM)

No report

Speed Watch (DM)

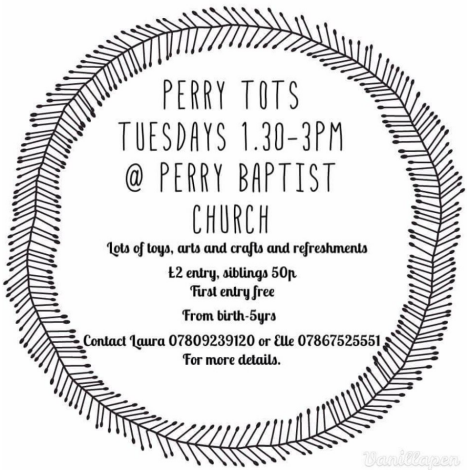
Nothing to report **Action: JR**
Action: DM

12. Parish Matters:
- Graveyard donation being reviewed to ensure it is within guidelines. CAPALC/HDC to respond
- Brown tail moth treatment has begun.
- Work will begin on the village brook from 1 March, starting at the church.

Dates of meetings for 2017

8 March
19 April (assembly)
10 May (AGM)

HD thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.48pm.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCILHELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Perry Baptist Church Unconfirmed)

Present:
Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman, John Cranston (JC), Gordon Halsall (GH), Emma Prew (EP), David Prew (DP), Kate Merrell (KM), Sheila Brighton (SB), Bill Wetzel (WW)

Martin Wilson – Clerk

County Councillor – Peter Downes

Members of the public:
There were four members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Nigel Noon, at 7.31 p.m.

16/140: Apologies for Absence: Apologies had been received from Councillor Sue Astle and District Councillors John Morris & Patricia Jordan.

16/141: Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: None

16/142: County / District Councillor Update: County Councillor Peter Downes submitted a written report highlighting that a decision would be made on 14 February as to whether the Council tax will be increased by 2% with an additional 2% allowed for adult social care. A scheme for reforming school funding had been published. The election for the Combined Authority Mayor would be held on 4 May the same day as County

Council elections and Perry will be under a new division. There was an analysis by the Public Health Committee for the County.

District Councillor John Morris had sent a written report relating to two topics. Firstly the new bin collection rota and secondly Huntingdonshire District Council had awarded £534,000 in voluntary sector funding for the next three years in the form of two contracts. Rural Cambridgeshire Citizens Advice and a consortium of Hunts Forum, Allia, Cambridgeshire ACRE and Living Sport for supporting and building capacity in the voluntary sector.

16/143: Public Forum on Agenda Items: Questions were raised by members of the public on the following items:

- Inconsiderate parking in Chichester Way by visitors to the village.
- The provision of a dog waste bin by the Lagoon area.
- The unprotected hole / Gully near the cycle track when exiting the spinney near the fishing lodge that was marked by cones.

16/144: Police Update: A report had been received from PCSO Gemma Clark stating that since June 2016 that had been five reported incidents.

16/145: Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2016: DP proposed and JC seconded that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

16/146: Matters Arising: The Chairman mentioned the recent death of Stuart Impey who had been a Councillor for four years and lived in the village for over thirty.
Defibrillator signs had been ordered and received and installation would occur as soon as the weather was warmer.
A mask also ordered and received for use with the defibrillator.
Cambridgeshire County Council Highways had been contacted regarding the outstanding issues but no response had been received.

16/147: Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Still looking for volunteers. Clerk requested a list of volunteers names and areas covered and where further volunteers were required for.

16/148: Clerks Report:
Website – updates being done on a regular basis. Since the beginning of September 2016 there had been 862 sessions with 495 users, 2833 page views. Still more interesting information required.

Hedges & Footpaths – still a number that required attention.

Gaynes Park Roads – a fair area of the Drive had been resurfaced.

Handyman Vacancy – Advert placed on both website and in Life & Diaries. Three applicants however after providing further information only two had expressed interest in the position.

Litter Pick Saturday 4 March – There would be a litter pick in the village on Saturday 4 March starting at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers were required and Huntingdonshire District Council would be providing the litter pickers bags etc.

16/149: Correspondence Report:
Cambridgeshire County Council Gritting – had reinstated the gritting routes to those for 2015/16

Countywide Annual Parish Conference – details had been circulated to all Councillors which mainly focused on HDC working better with Parish Councils.

Refuse Collections New Arrangements – Households would be receiving a letter from HDC in the coming weeks. Details were available on the HDC web site and the Clerk had entered them onto the Parish Council website.

Councillors Survey from Cambridgeshire Acre – details had been circulated to all Councillors

16/150: Meetings Attended:
Anglian Water Leisure – Diary of events for 2017 requested, signage along cycle path asking cyclists to keep to the left requested. Entrance to spinney area at the bottom of Valley road, wood / bark chippings requested. Car parking barriers being progressed with graduated charges.

16/151: Finance & Legal Matters:
The Clerk requested payments as follows:

63/16 Huntingdonshire District Council – Grass Cutting……..**£1614.49**
64/16 Refreshments December Meeting……..**£37.50**
65/16 CAPALC – Chairman Training……**£105.00**
66/16 CAPALC – Councillor Training……**£140.00**
67/16 Handyman – December Salary……**£64.80**
68/16 HMRC – December Payment……**£100.00**
69/16 Clerk – December Salary……..**£400.00**
70/16 Office Depot Toner Cartridge……**£58.90**
71/16 Office Depot Toner Cartridge……**£58.90**
72/16 Petty Cash Stamps……**£6.60**
73/16 Handyman – January Salary……..**£43.20**
74/16 HMRC January Payment…**£80.00**
75/16 Clerk – January Salary…..**£320.00**
76/16 Cambridgeshire County Council Room Hire Jan……**£15.00**
77/16 Perry Baptist Church Hire February……..**£20.00**
78/16 LGS Services Payroll August 2016 – January 2017……..**£60.00**

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

Bank Account Reconciliation – The Clerk had circulated the information prior to the meeting.

Overhead Reconciliation - The Clerk had circulated the information prior to the meeting.

Precept 2017/18 – The Parish Council element would rise from **£42.92** per annum to **£57.16** in 2017/18 For a band D property this would mean an extra **£10.24** per annum or 20p per week.

Section 137A Donations –
St Andrews Church……...£300
Life & Diaries……...£550
Helimed/ Magpas……..£250
EACH (East Anglian Childrens Hospice)……£250
Kimbolton First Responders……..£100
RNLI……£25

JC proposed and EP seconded the payments and all Councillors in favour.

The External Auditor for 2017/18 to 2021/22 would be PKF Littlejohn LLP.

16/152: Planning Matters: Application 17/00093/FUL Grafham Water Treatment Works for the Construction of a new Hypochlorite building, emergency

shower and associated connections. The Council were in favour of the application as it would ultimately mean that the use of Chlorine gas would be replaced.

16/153: Parish / Village Matters:
Allotments – nothing to further to report awaiting response from Anglian Water.

Speed Watch – one exercise conducted on Saturday 28 January but no vehicles exceeding limit during a one hour period. Other planned exercises had to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers through non availability and sickness.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers – new dispenser in place. Many thanks to Reg Weeks.

Working Parties – more volunteers were required. Next working party Saturday 11 February 09:30

Memorial to Paul Deacon MBE – carried forward

Buckden Court Pond – carried forward

Whitehall tree Survey – carried forward.

Energy Club – carried forward.

Bus Shelter – Working group to be formed to produce a feasibility study DP, GH and Clerk.

16/154: Parish Plan:
Meet the Councillors – session in Harbour View restaurant arranged for Saturday 18 March between 10:30 and 11:30

Benches – awaiting further action from Steve Breeds. Work expected to be started early March and also looking to concreating area opposite shop.

Action Plan – discussed at brain storming session and actions assigned with a view to completing it as far as is possible by the end of 2017. Action plan to be put on website.

Village Directory – draft put forward at Brain Storming session but further work still required to complete.

16/155: Perry Emergency Plan:
Carried forward.

16/156: Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting: The next meeting would be on **Wednesday 8 March** 2017 at Grafham Water Centre commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m.

PERRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2017

March 8…….Grafham Water Centre

April 4 (Annual Assembly)……..Perry Baptist Church

May 24 (Annual Meeting) ……Perry Baptist Church

June 7……Grafham Water Centre

July 5……Perry Baptist Church

August 2……...Perry Baptist Church

September……Perry Baptist Church

October 4……..Grafham Water Centre

November 8……..Perry Baptist Church

December 6……...Grafham Water Centre

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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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Dear Friends,

Another cold wet Sunday is here, at the end of a wintry week, and it is time to write a letter again. The weather forecasters promise us warmer temperatures during the coming week, so we hope for some sun with warmth in it.

At St Andrew's, we are full of hope for another reason, as we heard this morning that a candidate has come forward for the part time post of Priest-in-Charge, and a formal interview will take place at the end of February. If all goes well, it is possible that by the time you read this, an appointment will have been made. That would be good news indeed for all of us, including those good people who have given their time to ensure that we have been able to maintain our pattern of services throughout the vacancy so far. We are grateful to all of them.

You may know that the Church is busily raising funds for necessary re-wiring, and at the same time, renewing the lighting and heating systems. We also have other schemes in mind to allow the Church to become a more versatile space for the use of the congregation and possibly other groups. Changes are afoot all round!

Soon we shall be into the Lenten period in the calendar, and this is a good time to take stock of our lives to see if there are areas that could be changed for the better, for ourselves and perhaps for others with whom we live and work.

Many of us give up something for Lent: chocolate, wine, cake or some luxury, hoping that, as well as the self discipline involved, we will benefit by losing some weight as well! How about giving up some of our spare time instead, or as well, in order to do something for our neighbours or our work mates? Time is an increasingly precious commodity these days, and there never seems to be enough, but perhaps we could use our abilities in some way to ease someone else's burden, or indeed to help in a group situation. It's a good way to make friends, so there is benefit all round!

Think about it!

With love and prayers
Judy

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

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March 19th
April 16th

Come & find out what we get up to!
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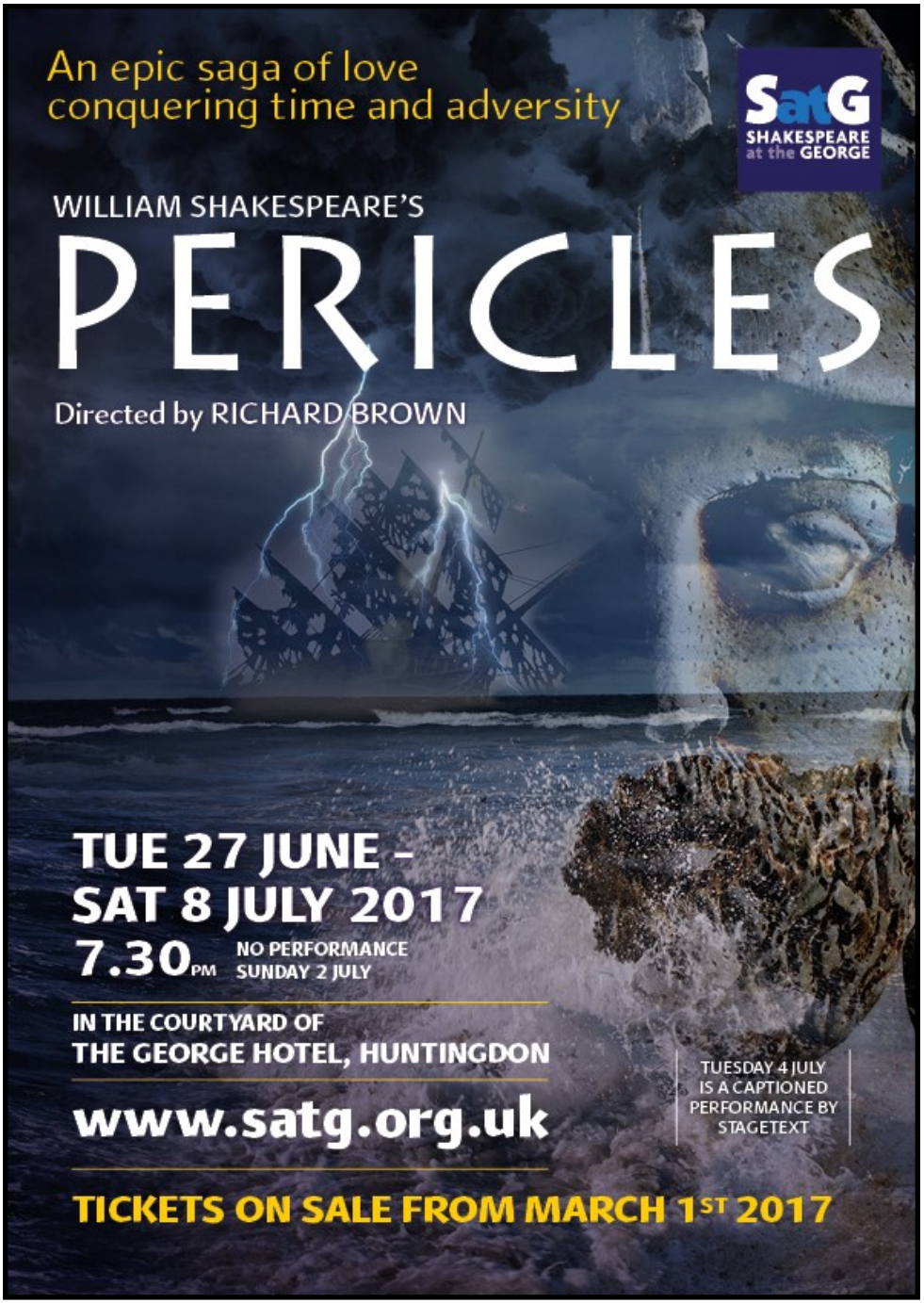
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All Welcome

Dear all, a thought for the month…

I was recently reading of someone who visited an ice-rink and watched a teenage girl trying to perfect an extremely difficult jump. She had a coach with her seeking to give help and advice. Time and again she fell down on the ice and each time the coach motioned with his hand to get up and try again.

With one fall she did not get up and the look on her face apparently showed total discouragement. Her coach again helped her up and told her to try again. Another fall followed but this time she got up immediately and skated around the rink several times with increasing speed, then came the jump and she succeeded with a twist and a turn included and a perfect landing. She stayed motionless for a few moments enjoying the sense of achievement and her coach applauded.

Life is like that for all of us at times. We attempt things and set out to achieve things only to be often knocked over by the pressures and demands of life. We can easily fail and fall but usually we move on and try again. Following the Christian life is never easy either. There are many joys and blessings in store along the way, many encouragements which God sends, but we often fail and fall in the hopes and aims we seek to fulfill.

The Christian life is not ultimately dependent upon our ability or failure however, but rather upon the life of Jesus Christ that we possess and the God in Whom we trust.. Yes, God calls us to persevere and at times to face many challenges but He also provides the strength and faith to win through as we live in trust in Him. Life can be a challenge but God's blessings are many and His daily presence can be real to those who place their faith fully in Him.

Yours in Christ
Tony Whitlock
(Interim Minister)

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