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Howdy,

Welcome to the August edition of Life Magazine, brought to you (at the time of editing) in the glorious sunshine and fingers crossed it stays this way!



It's lovely to see some events showing up over there on the left hand side of this page, and it's great to hear that various events and clubs around the villages are able to start up again. Please do continue to send in new and updates for your clubs and groups, we love reading and sharing everything that is going on around the villages (it's exactly what we are here for!)

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Treasurers Corner

Hello,

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total of £30.31. So, big thank you
to all who contributed, especially
the marvellous plant sales in Perry
Post Office!

***Thanks,
Helen***



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Great Staughton Primary

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GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB



Anyone interested in joining the
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£50.....	18.....	Mrs E Bell
£25.....	16.....	Mrs Rita Bayford
£15.....	49.....	Mrs L Lowe
£10.....	78.....	Mrs A Hamilton

Congratulations to all the winners!

Tri Village Heat Scheme

A public meeting was held on 15th July. A recording of it will be available on the website together with the slides. It detailed the results of the feasibility study. The findings were such that there was no economic case for progressing a District heating scheme in rural environments such as ours.

The group felt that this cannot be the only outcome. The group is intending talking with other bodies, other interested groups and companies to find acceptable solutions to reduce the CO₂ emissions from domestic rural heating. A much fuller report and details of both collective and individual ways forward will appear in the next edition of Life Magazine.

Bob Jewell



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GREAT STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Don't you love the summer! Warm, light, leafy, floriferous and sweetly scented (if you're in the right place). Lime tree blossom is my absolute favourite but sweet peas are amazing too. I was astonished to hear that one of my neighbours hates the scent of sweet peas. I suppose it's a bit like coriander leaves. To some they taste delicious but are revolting to others.

I just picked my first french beans. They were unscathed but something has been eating the leaves - concentrating on the top ones - perhaps birds rather than slugs or snails although I've seen some acrobatic slugs high up on grass stems. The raspberries are ripening too. Unless some blight befalls them it looks like a bumper crop. We've had such good growing conditions with plenty of rain to complement the light and the plants are loving it.

Cucumbers are on their way. I've been growing a small variety called mini munch which suits me very well. It produces an abundant crop of snack sized crunchy cucumbers. They're yummy and nothing like the watery specimens you get at the supermarket. I have one in a grow bag at home and several on the allotment. The home one is watered regularly and is looking pathetic while the ignored ones at the allotment are romping away. There's a message there I think.

In idle moments in the garden I've been fascinated to watch bumblebees feeding on hosta flowers. The flowers are trumpet shaped and the bee disappears completely for quite a long time before emerging somewhat sheepishly (in my view) to find another one.

I haven't seen any lily beetles this year. I only have one pot of lilies but I usually have to patrol it regularly to prevent devastation. No house martins either in our part of the village but my goodness there are sparrows a plenty after a long absence.

There have been a few encouraging wild flower developments in my tiny patch along with some worrying trends. Worrying is the preponderance of creeping yellow leaved clover which is prevalent in the rest of the grass. It looks like it will smother the few cornflowers, bergamot and oxeye daisies unless I take action. But I'm busy decorating at the moment and by the time I get to it the seed will have dispersed! Rats!!

I can't believe that it's August already. That's the bad thing about writing ahead of publication. Time appears to go even faster!

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood plan group had its meeting with Cambridgeshire Acre neighbourhood planning team on May 19th. This provided the project timetable for the development of the plan and the information to apply for a grant. Grant funding has now been applied for and duly granted. This will now result in the finalisation of the leaflet, and residential and business surveys. These will then be produced and distributed throughout the village.

If anyone wants more information or wants to join the group, please let me know.

Bob Jewell

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An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council on the Affordable Housing Project.

I am pleased to say Planning permission has been granted for the development.

All legal documents have now been signed. Chorus now have a 130 year lease on the field and the Charities and CLT have received their lease fees of £140,400 and £15,600 respectively.

Chorus have now fenced off the site as a prelude to completing the pre-commencement development activities as required in the planning conditions.

This will only involve intermittent site activity and no construction. Following this there will be a Construction mitigation plan produced which will detail development activity and communication.

This may include temporary closure of the footpath whilst the development is in process.

There will then be meetings to discuss the plan with the CLT. The overall expected build programme is 64 weeks including the initial 8 week phase.

There has been discussion on agreeing the process of applying for a property either for rent or shared ownership. Any applicant must register on Homelink and ensure you have ticked the local connection box. Any applicant must decide if they are applying for shared ownership or for rent. There is no priority given to those who register early. The allocation of rented properties will not happen until 28 days before they are ready for occupation. This period will be considerably longer for shared ownership properties. Chorus have agreed to produce a draft process for circulation, this will now be in the September magazine.

Any queries please contact me.

Bob Jewell

Chair Great Staughton Parish Council
gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com

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Cambridgeshire Libraries Read a Little Aloud Online

Over the last couple of years, Cambridgeshire Libraries has brought you Read a Little Aloud.

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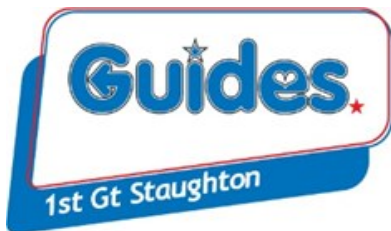
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Good news! As we're easing out of lockdown, the 1st Gt Staughton Guides are now back to face-to-face meetings on Wednesday evenings during school term.

AND it's now being run by a new leader, Lindy Bornman. Lindy started as a parent helper while her own daughter attended the group... and then enjoyed it so much that she has now progressed to be the new Guide Leader.

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

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**For more information, contact
Lindy Bornman at
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Alice's Adventures at ... Girl Guides

If you have a daughter aged between 10-14 who might **Wonder** what it's like to join the **Guides**, come along for a **Tea Party** and see if we're **Mad as a Hatter** or just full of **Fun**.

Date: 7 July @ 7pm

To join, register your interest on
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and someone will be in touch with more details.

There are 4 sections in Guiding:

Rainbows (5-7) Brownies (7-10) Guides (10-14) Senior Section (14-25)

We also welcome enquiries from adults willing to join us as Leaders or unit helpers, or who perhaps have a yearning to start up a Brownie unit for the village.

If you wish to become a member with a local unit, please go to the [Join Us](#) pages on the [Girlguiding UK website - girlguiding.org.uk](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Perry W.I.**Gt Staughton W.I.**

Because of restrictions still in place for meetings, we again found ourselves in a member's back garden. So this month it is a big thank you to Pauline for hosting us - and providing coats for those not quite under the umbrella when it poured for several minutes. Also thank you to the folks who pitched up with camping chairs and various bits of garden furniture for the evening. And of course Paul who put up the gazebo which kept most of us dry when the weather got all inclement on us.

A relaxed social evening was had by all, catching up on each other's news and photos of eg new grandchildren, discussing school trips, hobbies and what GDPR actually means.

We are hoping with the lifting of restrictions that we may be able to have speakers from September (fingers crossed), as next month will be our usual August ramble then back to the pub. We will meet outside the pub at 7.30 and go on either a short or long route (both sorted by Jenny who knows every highway and byway in the vicinity) and end up back at the bar. There is of course the option to miss out the strenuous middle bit and just go straight to the bar

So quick reminders: we 'need' your 5 quiz questions (and answers please!) to a member of the committee as soon as you can think of them (next meeting will do); Federation Day is 12 October via Zoom so if you're interested please tell Jakki; ditto diaries; and don't forget to bring raffle prizes (this month's offerings of wine, chocs and a huge bag of coffee beans went down very well!) All are welcome.

***See you next month.
Liz Dive***

Margaret Sare has been keeping you all informed on the activities of Great

Staughton WI for many years now, however, she will soon be moving out of the area and she has asked me to take over the reins. I would like to thank Margaret for all her entertaining articles. We will miss you at WI and will also miss Roger's delicious Shepherd's Pies at the (Pre-Covid) Harvest Suppers. We all wish you well with your move and all the best for the future.

Obviously it hasn't been possible for us to have our normal monthly meetings for over a year now, but as restrictions have eased some of us have been on enjoyable walks together and we had a very lovely afternoon in our Chairlady's garden drinking tea and eating cake! This month we were very fortunate to enjoy a garden party in the Old Vicarage Garden in Great Staughton. A huge thank you to Liz Edmunds for allowing us to take over her garden for a few hours. The weather looked very unsettled in the morning and we weren't sure whether we would need sun hats or rain hats, parasols or umbrellas, but we all dressed in our summer finery anyway and were lucky the rain stayed away. We sat under a marquee, just in case, around tables beautifully decorated with pretty table cloths and flower displays. It was so good to have most of us together again and lots of catching up was done by everyone.

The committee did a fantastic job preparing a superb afternoon tea. There were a choice of delicious sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiches, scones, and, of course, cakes; all washed down with cups of tea. It was a feast everyone enjoyed and some of us were lucky enough to take doggy bags home too!

Our Chairlady, Barbara, gave us a quiz to get our brains working. Our tables were our teams and we all struggled to think of birds that fitted the clues and puzzled over the general knowledge questions. We all giggled over some of the answers we made up! Well done to the winning team who took away a small prize each.

We also held a raffle where there were numerous lovely prizes to win. As Liz is supporting a charity to help a young lad, Alex, an ex-professional dancer who suffered a C5 spinal cord injury, we were delighted to donate the raffle takings and also to contribute a donation from WI funds to this cause. The total we raised was £100, which was fantastic. If you would like to know more about Alex you can read his story at www.getalexwalkingagain.com. He is an amazing young lad.

After all the high jinks some of us wandered around the amazing gardens and admired the vegetable patch, the flower borders, the chickens, and marvelled at the swimming pond. A truly lovely place to be. We are not sure when we will be able to enjoy our normal meetings in the Village Hall, but our next two meetings are meals out at local pubs. We don't just drink tea you know!

Karen Larkins

GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Our June book choice proved to be a real treat. Beautifully written and charming, 'A Gentleman in Moscow' by Amor Towles tells the story of Count Alexander Ilyich Ros-tov who, unrepentant of his noble upbringing, was saved from execution because of a poem he had written several years before the Russian Revolution which was considered a call to arms for the cause.

Set in 1922 as the Bolsheviks took power in the newly formed Soviet Union, the novel follows the thirty years that the

Count spends in exile in the Metropol Hotel, knowing that he would be killed if he were to leave its confines. From beautiful suite to attic space, guest to waiting staff, the Count makes the most of everything that his lockdown forces upon him. There is romance, thrills, fear and politics all woven together in this extraordinary tale which we would all highly recommend.

As the Count faced his own lockdown, we were beginning to make moves towards an escape from our own and, so it was that our June discussion took place in a garden beneath a blue sky.

If you would like to join our discussions, please contact

**Margaret Sare on
01480 860963.**

Book Club List 2021

July: The Day She Came Back by Amanda Prowse

Aug: The Woman in the White

Kimono - Ana Johns

Sept: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Oct: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Nov: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders



A Note From the Editors

If you're sending content to be published, please email it to both editors to ensure it will be included in future issues. Send all content to

both

lifemagazine@outlook.com

&

rj.young@live.co.uk

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

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

**Thank you,
Shaun & Rob**

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

Tuesday 3 August, 7pm

The Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group will be visiting a 1 acre garden in Buckden which is part of the National Garden Scheme. The garden is unusual, quirky and consists of many garden designs, including Japanese. There is also a large selection of acers, pines and unusual shrubs.

The cost is £4 per person.

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



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Saturday 9th October 2021

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To HUMS Big Band
with period menu

7 for 7.30 pm
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Proceeds to Lions Adventure Club.

Life Magazine **Thank You!**

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

All these donations are very welcome. However, we still require more to continue. I have had a number of offers of help and will be taking those up now that I have moved and have time. If you would like to donate to the magazine, the account details are:
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Please note my address for posting through the letterbox is 3 Causeway Close for a few months. Thanks.

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

If any business or individual feels that they can assist the magazine financially then please do contact myself at
steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk.
Thank you. Your magazine still needs your help.

Helen
Life Magazine Treasurer

The ROPE (Replace Our Play Equipment) Project

Well, it's been a very, very long time since we've been able to provide any update on the Project! Phase 1 was completed in Spring 2018, although it doesn't seem like that long ago. Since then, we have been working behind the scenes on various grant funding applications that have ultimately been unsuccessful.

The great news however, is that Phase 2 is finally about to come to fruition and four brand new pieces of play equipment have been ordered. New swings, roundabout, see-saw and slide are, at the time of writing, under construction. Installation is expected to begin in the week commencing 9 August 2021, so please be aware that the play area will be off limits for a little while around this time whilst Wicksteed install these fabulous new pieces of equipment.

This new equipment, together with the safety surfacing required and all installation work has cost just under £25,000, which we have been able to pay for with funds accrued by the Playing Field Committee over two Gala Days, a quiz night, a donation from the Great Staughton Golf Society on its closure and reserve funds, together with generous grants from the Parish Council (£12,000) and the Great Staughton Parish Charities (£5,000).

We therefore extend our sincere thanks to each and every person that has, in whatever small way, contributed towards these fantastic new facilities for the village – a true community project. Well done everybody!

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Playing Field Committee
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My first published book relates to a teenagers experiences in Aden (South Yemen) at a time of extreme terrorism and the British evacuation. Below is the 4th excerpt from the book.
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(In the midst of terrorism there was certainly the dangers, but its good to see the positives to enjoy as long as one remains alert. For those interest in the scouting aspects, there is one chapter that relates to a visit to Kenya, stopping of to visit the last resting place of Lord Baden Powell, along with a three week visit to a Methodist Mission station on the foot hills of Mount Kenya, just above the equator.)

The book can be obtained from Amazon as well as numerous other places online. It can also be ordered from any book shop, Covid rules permitting, by quoting ISBN-13: 978-1434381491 or ISBN-10: 1434381498.

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Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council

held on 8 July 2021 – 7.30pm

Present:

R Jewell (BJ)	H Glanville (HG)
	G Brittain (GB)
N Yates (NY)	L Goody (LG)
	W Mumford (WM)
David Moore (DM)	Andrea Gilbert
(AG)	James Duberly (JD)
Ian Gardener (IG)	

Apologies for absence – Darren Tysoe (DT), Jo Russell (Clerk)

Resident's Forum – 8 residents of Staughton Moor attended to voice concerns regarding the planning application for 8 business units at Little America. This comes in the context of current enforcement investigations being conducted by HDC and CCC as a result of alleged unauthorised development at the Little America and 5 Acres sites. The objections are that:

The roads on the Moor are unsuited to heavy traffic, both in terms of volume and large vehicles.

Substantial development has already occurred without planning consent or environmental controls.

Enforcement investigations are ongoing and it would be inappropriate to permit further development before those matters are resolved.

Residents feel the planning system is being manipulated and individual small scale applications are made in a piecemeal fashion, meaning that the wider impact of the combined effect of various developments are not considered as a whole.

Residents require proper scrutiny of all moves towards further development, regulations imposed on the permitted hours of industrial traffic movements and protection of the surrounding amenity land

on the Moor.

BJ advised that the PC are not the final arbiters on planning applications but will put forward residents' objections to HDC. IG stated that CCC and HDC are now working together to gather all the relevant information and to review responses received from residents on the planning enforcement matters. It has been agreed that a monthly written update will be supplied to IG from the team conducting the investigations and he will pass those monthly updates to residents directly to keep them informed.

The residents extended their thanks to IG and DT for their efforts in ensuring that residents' concerns are being taken seriously and investigations are now underway.

Reports from District and County Councillors – no report from DT, however IG advised that DT was absent as attending an overview and scrutiny panel meeting dealing with flooding issues. IG reported that HDC, CCC, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water are now working together to alleviate flood issues and to provide more training to council officers, particularly with regard to consideration of flooding on planning applications.

IG also reported that Police will now attend PC meetings on request, gave an update on COVID statistics for the County and advised that the consultation on alterations to Luton airspace had concluded and the plans were approved. The plans are now for air traffic to fly over Huntingdon, St. Neots and over the Black Cat roundabout heading in to Luton. One positive concession to concerns raised over stacking aeroplanes is that the lowest height permitted will now be 9000 feet. It is reported that the hope is that the stacking system will not actually need to be in use on a regular basis.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May

2021 – approved.

Matters arising:

Green Close potholes – last time Highways viewed it was not considered bad enough to take any action. Highways to be asked to visit again and reconsider. Replacement of village streetlights – this has been done. However, the CIL payment contributing towards the costs has yet to be received from HDC. The Clerk has chased this and an unsatisfactory response received from the CIL officer dealing with the matter. DT has been asked to pursue this further.

Tree in Moory Croft – Highways have confirmed that it will be removed before the winter.

Bus services – carry forward to keep under review.

Blocked footpath near 5 Acres Salvage yard – no progress has yet been made and the rights of way officer that had been dealing with the matter has now advised that they are leaving their role. IG to follow up and ensure this is passed to a new officer.

Proposed constituency boundary changes – at present, GS is within the Huntingdonshire constituency and that is not going to change. It is proposed that Hunts is to be divided and St Neots will then fall into a different constituency. The issue for GS is that, naturally, we tend to be more closely affiliated to St Neots in terms of schools and shops etc. IG identified the new proposals now brought the whole of his County Division into the same Parliamentary constituency. Whilst the Parish Council accepted that GS did have a greater affinity to St. Neots it recognised that it was inevitably difficult to find solutions which retained consistency of District, County wards and local affinities and it did not regard there was sufficient reason to object to what was a complicated proposal. The PC will not take any further action.

Luton Airport consultation – as noted by IG, approved, but the minimum height for aircraft has been increased and the route will be further to the East. Since the decision to approve has now been taken, the only route left to anyone still wanted to pursue objections would be to write to their MP.

PC representative for the Parish Charities – BJ now standing down, AG and WM to stay. LG will take BJ's place.

Attendance at other meetings – none.

Highways

LHI 20/21 – No answer yet as to when works will start. IG will follow up with Highways officers.

Pedestrian crossing, potential LHI bid 21/22 – IG will ask a Highways officer to visit and look at possible improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing on Green Lane.

Blocked drains – Cage Lane is due to be cleared by 13 August. Highway/Green Lane bend is thought to have been done. Further blocked drains noted – Moor Road by Rushey Farm and on the Vicarage Walk junction with Green Lane – Clerk to report.

Humps on Dillington road – No response to report. Carry forward until a new Highways officer has been appointed, currently recruiting.

Footpath works – also to carry forward until a new Highways officer has been appointed.

Blocked bridleway Perry – WM to highlight the bridleway on a map and send to Clerk to pursue this. IG also pursuing this point.

Planning

Staughton Moor planning enforcement – PC agree to publish the monthly update to be provided by the enforcement officers and comment on any issues that may be noted in those updates.

Chestnut nursery site – in Clerk’s absence, not aware of any update. Carry forward.

20/02098/FUL - cemetery railings – some councillors remain unconvinced from a cosmetic perspective, however accept that the plans are a compromise position for financial reasons. Ultimately, no objection, simply request that as far as possible the works are in keeping with the existing wall.

21/01050/LBC – Blaysworth Manor – no comments.

21/01016/FUL – Little America, Moor Road – 8 business units – objections to be presented on the grounds that the road is unsuitable for additional traffic and industrial use as it is too narrow. Impact on the local environment would be substantial. The enforcement matters pending should ideally be resolved prior to granting permission for new development, on the basis that viewed on a cumulative basis with existing development on site, this new proposal would result in overdevelopment in a rural location.

A query has been raised as to whether vehicles being marketed for sale on the verge at GSN Conservatories would require specific planning consent. Clerk to ask Planning Officers for advice.

Correspondence – no queries.

Cashbook – approved. BJ reported that the CLT has now received money on completion of the leases for the affordable housing development. The PC should now therefore be reimbursed for expenses paid to date, to include £350 insurance premium and Clerk’s fees. Costs of £817.96 to be requested from the CLT, and thereafter the CLT will be self-funding.

Affordable housing update – BJ confirmed that the legal documents have now been signed, the leases completed and

HDC has granted planning permission. Places for People now has 2 months to prove they will comply with the planning conditions and to produce a construction statement. It is expected that the build will take 14 months and completion aiming for September 2022. HDC is expected to consult with the PC as to the new road name, with three proposals put forward for consideration – Jewell Close, Greenfields or Orchard View.

Three Villages Sustainable Heat Scheme update – HG and BJ advised that a meeting is to be held on 15 July when a full update will be given on the outcome of the feasibility study. The study is expected to conclude that whilst the plans are technically possible, they are not financially viable. The same problem is being experienced across the country in rural areas, however the next steps are to come up with ideas to determine how we can move forward with how to tackle our carbon footprint and this will become an issue of wider concern beyond the three villages.

Neighbourhood Plan – The group has had a meeting with Cambridgeshire ACRE and grant claim has been applied for. On receipt of grant funds, will then move to organising the next steps in arranging surveys and recruiting more volunteers to develop the plan.

Reports from:

Village Hall Committee – HG reported that all groups are now back using the Hall and there is a steady income. The first phase of the roof repairs have been paid for and phase two will be starting shortly.

Playing Field Committee – NY reported that the new play equipment is currently in construction phase and due for installa-

tion towards the end of July. Wicksteed has not yet raised their invoice, but this is expected to be as per the quote received - £24,763.20 plus VAT. The Committee will transfer £9,814.84 to the PC account to cover our contribution towards the costs, which includes the £5,000 grant received, with thanks, from the Parish Charities.

An issue has arisen with the grass cutting contractor being asked by staff at the School not to park in their car park, leading to them now parking their van on the main road. The car park does not belong to the School and the contractor is entitled to park there. Clerk to please write to the School to ask that staff are reminded/informed that the car park is PC land and by historic agreement, shared use.

Neighbourhood Watch – no report.

Speed Watch – no report.

Friendship Club – no further report since last meeting.

Parish Matters

LG – grass verges, other than those cut by the PC, have been very overgrown. Since reported, these have now been cut. BJ confirmed that CCC only cut twice a year. LG will attend to a footpath sign in The Town that has been covered by long grass.

NY – a rotten slat on a bridge on the footpath at the rear of Moory Croft Close to Dillington was reported by several residents. Phil Yates has repaired this. The PC records their thanks.

BJ – reports of noisy motorbikes driving through the village and sometimes, apparently at speed, have been made. WM suggests the offer of a Police representative to attend PC meetings could be taken up to raise this.

The PC website needs further work. Shaun Prince and Kat Moir of Online Designs have started working on it for a monthly fee of £50 and have suggesting revamping the website, possibly integrating this with an online version of Life Magazine. This may encourage further advertising to support Life Magazine financially and possibly reduce the print run with paper copies being delivered to those that still want it, but others can view online as they choose. BJ and NY to meet with Shaun and Kat to consider this in more detail.

Next meeting – 9 September.

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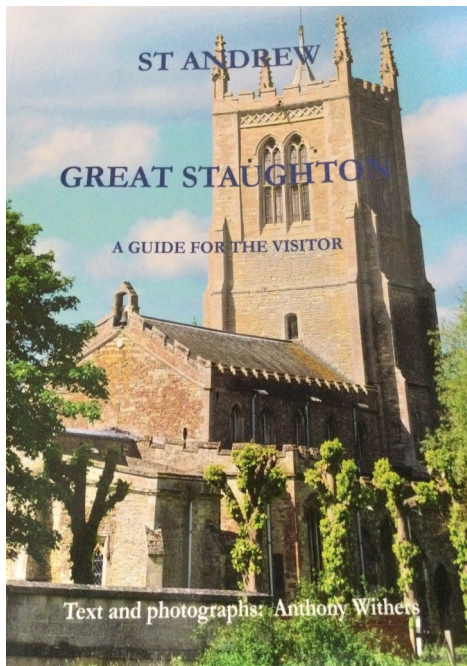
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Sun 15th 3pm -Creative Communion

Sun 22nd 9am- Parish Communion



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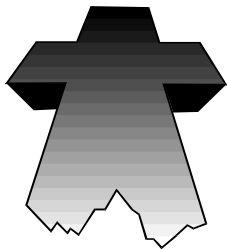
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Services each week at 10:30am in the church
Services also available on our website and Facebook page
www.perrybaptist.org.uk

My dear friends,

Looking back on history I was amazed at how much bad news was head lined through the years in the month of August. Germany and France Declared war in 1914. Iraq Invades Kuwait in 1990. Anne Frank Captured By Germans in 1944. "The Great Train Robbery" in 1963. Elvis Presley Died Of a Heart Attack in 1977. Lord Louis Mountbatten Murdered in 1979. The list seems endless. Is it any wonder that it was in August, in 1965, that the Beatles released the album "Help!"

Do you remember the lyrics of that song? It went something like this

I never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone, I'm not so self assured

Now I find I've changed my mind and opened up the doors

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
And I do appreciate you being 'round
Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won't you please, please help me?

There are times when we all want to cry out help, whatever the month maybe. We "need somebody, not just anybody". Well said, but the answer does not come from the Beatles. Jesus promised to be with us even till the end of the age. The apostle Paul wrote "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians chapter 4 verse 19)

Throughout the ages men and women have found that the same God has met their need, and can meet our need to.

Whether or not you think you need help you are welcome to join with us each Sunday at 10.30am. For those unable to visit with us in person you are welcome to join us online on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg>

You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means.

As the Perry Village Pastor I am available for you all. Please call me or email perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com

***Love and blessings to you all
from the Perry Village Pastor***

Jon Magee

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

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