

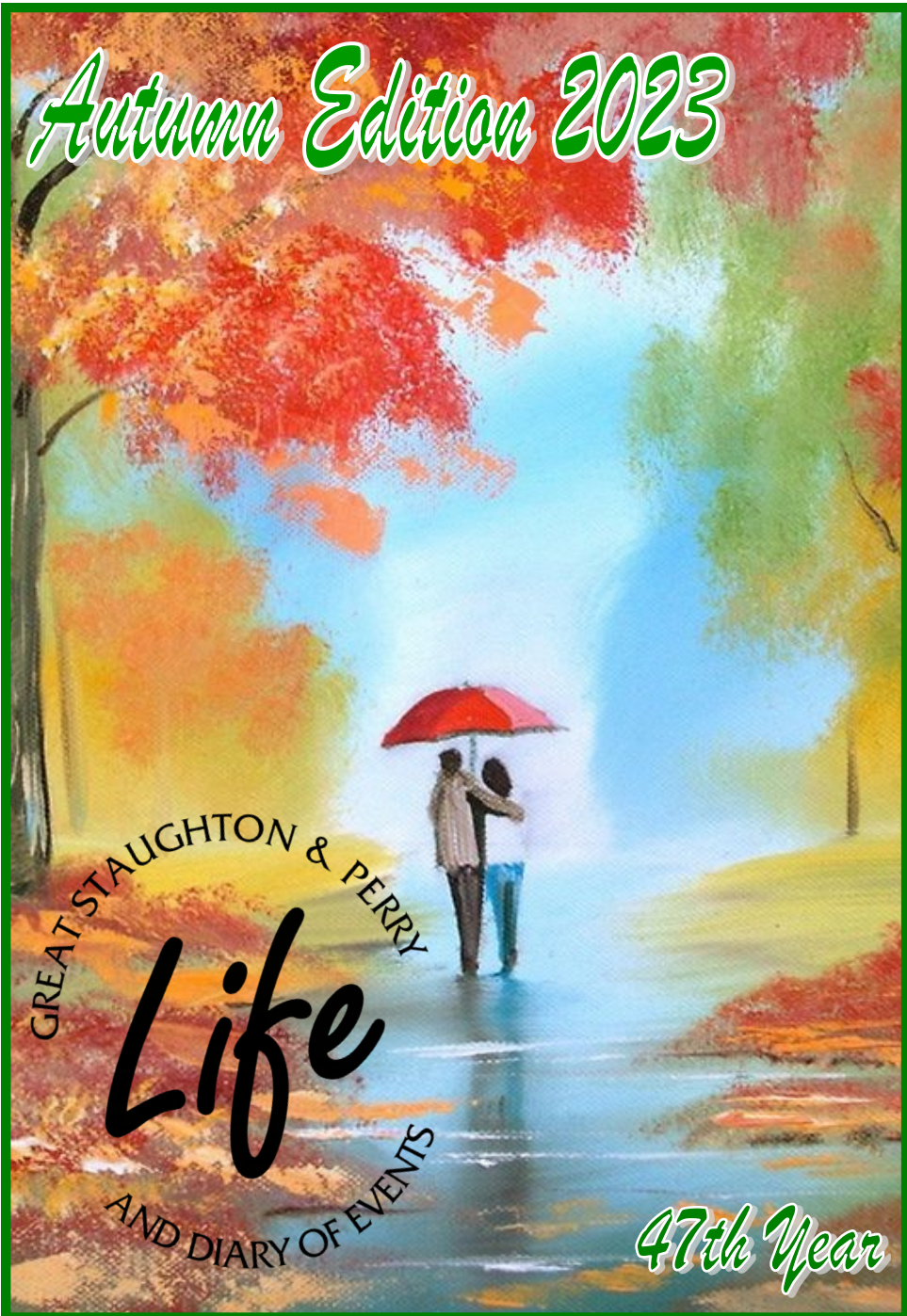
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Mobile Library 2023 - every fourth Wednesday of the month
Chichester Way, Perry 11:15am – 12:05pm. The Causeway, Gt Staughton 2pm – 2:30pm

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2023 - 2024
 September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th. February 14th, March 13th.
 7pm-9pm. At the moment all meetings to be held in the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2023
 September 14th, November 9th

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Editorial Natter...

Hello all!

Welcome to your Autumn 2023 edition of the Life Magazine.



Firstly, I am thrilled to see a packed *Dates for your Diary* on the opposite page. It's lovely to see so much happening in Great Staughton, Perry and the surrounding areas.

Secondly, I realise this is the *Autumn Edition*, and as you read this, the Great Staughton Horticultural Show would've been and gone, but as I write this in mid-August, it's yet to happen. What I'm trying to get at is, I look forward to sharing the full report and photos with you from the show in the *Winter Edition*.

Thirdly, and most importantly, we're looking to bring in a new co-editor in 2024. If you're interested in getting involved you can find more information on page 7.

I hope you all enjoy this issue, have a lovely autumn, and I'll speak to you all in December for the *Winter Edition*.

This issue was edited by Rob

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

Perry Coffee Morning

We meet in the Harbour View Restaurant at **10:30 - 12 noon every Wednesday** for tea, coffee, and a good chat.



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

Pick up for Perry



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

We will be litter-picking around Perry and along the footpaths between **10am and 12 noon on Saturday 23rd September 2023**

Meet at 10am outside
The Wheatsheaf pub

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

For any further information please contact Fay Wheatcroft, 16 Rose Croft, Perry on 01480 810734

Treasurers Corner

Hello,

Pots this quarter are a great **£70.74** so thank you once again for popping in those Pots. It really does all add up! Thanks also to Perry Parish Council for their annual donation.

Without the Council's donations the magazine would not be viable. Thanks also to those individuals who continue to make personal donations. It is very generous of you but definitely keeps the magazine able to continue.

Thanks,
Helen





GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB



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

Our annual membership fees for a junior member (under 16s) are **£5**, an adult member is **£10** and a family membership (for up to six members) is **£25**.

It has also come to the time when the current committee would like to hand over the reigns to others who have a little more time to invest in managing and developing the Club over the coming year and beyond.

Any current or new members interested in getting involved please do contact us using the email above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

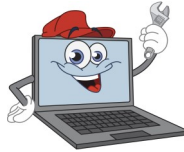
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May 2023

Prize	No	Name
£50.....	17.....	Rev Nicki Bland
£25.....	91.....	Caroline Himely
£15.....	5.....	Lady Sally Duberly
£10.....	48.....	Mrs Barbara Herdman

June 2023

Prize	No	Name
£200.....	18.....	Mrs Julia Gray
£100.....	96.....	Mr & Mrs Bryan Kitchen
£50.....	91.....	Caroline Himely
£25.....	80.....	Mrs Flo Marriott
£15.....	36.....	Mrs Jan Williams
£10.....	35.....	Mrs Kathy Brittain

July 2023

Prize	No	Name
£50.....	77.....	Mrs S Fory
£25.....	33.....	Mrs Tracey Stokes
£15.....	15.....	Jill Ackroyd
£10.....	52.....	Mrs Lorraine Goody

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Perry Parish Council and Perry Women's Institute are pleased to announce that this year's garage sale will take place on **Saturday 9th September between 10am and 2pm.**

It's a great opportunity to get rid of unwanted items, free up some space and meet your neighbours.

If you'd like to take part, please send your details by August 25th to the council clerk, Eugene Smith (contact details on page 5), and we'll add you to the route map.

Happy selling!

PERRY BOOK SWAP



Calling all bibliophiles. Perry Parish Council is pleased to announce a book swap for the village, starting late summer.

Here's how it works. If you have any books you no longer wish to keep, take them to the book swap containers, located inside the bush shelter by the village green. Put them in the boxes, and if anything catches your eye, take it!

If you have a large amount of books, collection can be arranged via the clerk, Eugene Smith (contact details can be found on page 5).

Happy reading!



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

Why become a Guide? Because GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING, and 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!!

We get involved with crafts, cooking, building fires, star gazing, STEM activities and much more.

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

Once registered, you will be contacted by one of our Leaders. Or, for more information, contact Lindy Bornman at FGSGuides@gmail.com.

**GREAT
STAUGHTON
VILLAGE
BOOK CLUB**



‘Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the Fall.’

F Scott Fitzgerald

Well, summer was a bit of a wash out, wasn't it! Thank goodness for the pile of books I had set aside to read!

The Great Staughton Book Club inevitably has fewer members turning up for the monthly meet ups during the Summer months. There are holidays for some, looking after the grandchildren for others, and then the inevitable last minute emergency to attend to but, even so, there were interesting discussions for those who could attend.

Our June book, ‘The Meditations’ by Marcus Aurelis, was mulled over in the garden with a glass of wine. We had an interesting discussion on Stoicism and ‘religious’ texts in general. The diary is at least 1800 years old, never meant for publication and ponders on such things as duty, forgiveness, strength in adversity and the best way to live life.

In July, we read ‘Unsheltered’ by Barbara Kingsolver. Written in 2018, this was an easier read although it did shift from the present to the past focusing on two families who had lived in the same house. In many ways, the book was about the house: Can it be saved? Is it worth saving? What does it mean to those who live within her four walls? But its characters are also interesting and their resilience and compassion during periods of change and upheaval are realistic and moving.

The August book, ‘The Mirror Crack’d’ by Agatha Christie, is, in my humble opinion, a well-constructed cozy crime story. It’s easy to read but full of twists and turns challenging us to guess who?, what? and how? before the denouement. What we learn from Christie is to never, ever, underestimate little old ladies!

Books for 2023

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

September: ‘Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine’ by Gail Honeyman

October: ‘All Quiet on the Western Front’ by Erich Maria ReMarque

November: ‘The Glass Hotel’ by Emily St John Mandel

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Meetings take place in **Hail Weston
Village Hall at 7: 15pm for a
7:30pm start.** Unless otherwise
stated events cost £1 for members and
£3 for non-members. Tea/Coffee/
glass of wine/biscuits are available at
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See our 2023 programme on page 12.
We would love for you to come and
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Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2023

Date	Title/Speaker	Description
Sept 5	Hedgehogs, Suzanne Tibbits (Hartford Hedgehog Rescue)	Learn about these complex little creatures and the important work that Suzanne does to help them.
Oct 3	Paxton Nature Reserve, Matt Hall	Ranger Matt will give a talk about the nature reserve.
Nov 7, 7,30pm, Village Hall	Christmas Wreaths and Decorations, Heather Northeast	A demonstration and top tips for festive wreaths and decorations.
Dec 5 7.30pm, Village Hall	Christmas Jolly Details TBC	

Harvest

It is that time of the year again, harvest time. As we enjoy the benefits of all that this provides, perhaps enjoying our favourite meals, how often do we take the time to express our thanks for such a provision?

There are many who have played a part in the process, but ultimately I hope we never forget there is a God who has been behind it all. On **Sunday 24th September** we can all join together to do just that. That is the day in which we will hold a Harvest thanks giving Service at Perry Baptist Church. This will be held at 10.30am, and all are welcome to join us at this time.

GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH CHARITIES

We have been pleased to provide two full sets of home computer equipment to help local youngsters with their schooling but now that schools have reopened fully we realise that needs may have changed. If anyone finds they now have a need for a computer please contact us.

We are including people who may be training or re-training for work and need access to equipment.

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**GREAT
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HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**



I'm writing this on 10th August, the best day for outdoor spinach sowing according to vegetable growing guru, Charles Dowding. Sorry you're now too late for this optimum date but you can be ready next year! Sowing earlier results in plants going to seed but if put in at the right time the spinach can develop enough to establish so that you may enjoy a crop right through the winter. I'm going to give it a go.

You already have a clue to what I was doing in late July - attending a no dig day course at Homeacres, Charles Dowding's amazing plot. I'm already a convert, as were the other 15 or so enthusiasts. It was a challenge getting there because it is in deepest Somerset - an idyllic spot but it seemed to be on a flight path of some sort. There was some intrusive aeroplane noise.

The first surprise was that it is actually quite a small site - only an acre or so of which about a third is under cultivation. Charles gets an enormous amount of produce from his plot and ensures that there are very few unplanted areas. He uses succession planting and is very precise in the timing of seed sowing so that he has small plants ready to go in at the appropriate time.

He is also meticulous in making a case for his methods. He showed us beds, established 10 years ago in which he'd planted the same combination of vegetables, from the same batch, at the same time but into ground prepared in different ways. One plot was dug - using traditional methods and incorporating compost, the other was a no dig bed which had been top dressed with the same amount of compost. Over the seasons he has weighed the produce cropped from each plot and has been able to show that he consistently gets 5-10% more produce from the no dig bed. Other advantages of not digging apart from expending less energy, are that there are fewer weeds, drainage is better, the soil does not compact or get muddy etc.

The thinking is that by digging you are interfering with a complex ecosystem involving all sorts of creatures and fungi which can act together to break down organic matter and interact in a symbiotic way with plant roots. He disputes the commonly held belief that plants roots need crumbly soil to get under way and claims that they grow better when the soil is firm.

Another thing to avoid in the no dig situation is artificial fertiliser which is thought to interfere with the natural balance of the soil micro-organisms.

The drawback for me in trying to establish and maintain no dig beds has been getting enough compost. We were shown Charles's very impressive compost bins and of course he generates lots of raw material from his own site which he can later return to the soil. He puts everything in his compost - including weeds (even bindweed!) and weed seeds! As long as the compost reaches 55%c the seeds will be killed. A compost thermometer may be the ideal gift for some.

It's not so easy in a smaller garden or household so it can be a bit expensive to start off if you have to buy large amounts of compost but once established only an inch of compost has to be added each year (preferably before Christmas).

There are numerous YouTube videos on making no dig beds, compost and all the other techniques Charles employs but it was great to see him in the flesh. He was very approachable and interested in input from the group.

Another, more local, expert will be on hand at the Garden Talk in Great Staughton Village Hall on **Saturday 7th October at 7:30pm**. Martin Roberts who is Head Gardener at Howbury Hall near Renhold will be sharing his wisdom on propagation. As well as feeding your brain with good stuff, the £10 ticket includes Sue's magnificent buffet and a drink, alcoholic or otherwise. Put the date in your diary!

GREAT STAUGHTON
W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

would stay by their side until their mood improved. Many messages sent back from the frontline would often include the phrase 'love to Crommie'.

In June we were entertained by the 'Sparkling Ukes', a group of players from the USA. There are usually 28 members of the group, but for our evening there were 13 players who were led by Katriona. We were shown the different types of Ukelele - the Concert Ukelele, Tenors, and Baritones. There is also a Soprano, which is the smallest Ukelele, but it wasn't being played that evening. The group were also joined by a bass guitarist.

The mixed group of men and ladies sang and played a variety of different music from DollyParton's 'Jolene' and Rod Stewart's 'Maggie May', to 'Bring Me Sunshine' - a Morecambe and Wise favourite. We were all encouraged to join in with the singing and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Roger Leivers gave us a very informative talk entitled 'Pink Gin Percy, Bonzo and Crommie' in July. This was all about Farm Hall in Godmanchester when it was requisitioned in 1942 by the RAF and became a 'spy school'. The 'Pink Gin Percy' in the title was Squadron Leader Cautley Nasmyth Shaw who was given the nickname because of his love of the tippie! He was the person in charge of the operation. 'Bonzo' was Wing Commander Bruce Bonsey who was second in command and 'Crommie' was Cautley's dog who was an expert at spotting a recruit with stress and

It is now recognised that the dog helped people with PTSD and he has been given a posthumous blue plaque by the PDSA.

We were informed about the many brave men and women who risked and lost their lives during the war. The people from Farm Hall were involved in Operation Sussex where they were sent to Normandy a couple of months before D Day to find safe routes, safe house and landing zones. We all owe these people so much.

Roger Leivers has written two books all about this subject and donates money from the sales to various charities. So far he has raised over £33,000, since 2015. We were all amazed, interested and humbled by his talk.

In August we rang the changes and instead of our usual evening meeting we met in the afternoon at our President's house for afternoon tea. All the committee contributed to the food and we all enjoyed a variety of finger sandwiches (crusts off, of course), quiches, cakes, and cream scones. The bad weather meant we had to stay indoors, but that didn't dampen our spirits and we all enjoyed the company, food and copious amounts of tea. Thank you to all the committee for all their hard work with preparing the delicious food and a special thank you to Barbara for also

letting us invade her home.

Our September meeting will be our annual harvest supper where the committee will again be cooking us a lovely meal.

On October 10th Les Blignaut will be giving us a talk entitled 'Kanjaji Project Zambia' and on November 14th our speaker will be Linda Brown who will be hosting our evening called 'The Merry Makers'.

These meetings are always held on the **second Tuesday in the month, now at 7pm at Great Staughton Village Hall.**

If you fancy coming along you will receive a very warm welcome, a hot drink and maybe even some cake. For further details please contact our President, Barbara Wallis on 01480 214582.

Karen Larkins

**Gt Staughton Women's Institute
Programme of Events 2023**

Date	Event
September 12th	Harvest Supper
October 10th	Kanjaji Project Zambia
November 14th	The Merry Makers
December 12th	Christmas Meal

**Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 7th October
Perry Baptist Church**

Right now, more than 3 million people are living with cancer in the UK. By 2030 this figure will rise to 4 million.

Macmillan nurses are here to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, by providing physical, financial and emotional support. They will do whatever it takes, no matter what a person's needs are, they will listen and support them however they can — big or small.

You are welcome to come along to Perry Baptist Church as we each find away to support those who are seeking to help us in our time of need.



Bedford
National Trust
Association



September Meeting

The speaker will be Paul Forecast who is the National Trust Regional Director for Midlands and East of England.

His topic is:

Forecast's Forecast: How the National Trust is preparing for the future

Tuesday September 19 2023 at
2.15pm in the Addison Centre,
Kempston, MK42 APN

Everyone welcome. No need to book. Plenty of parking available. There will be a small entry cost.

October Meeting

The speaker will be Martin Sirot Smith

His topic is:

Daily Life in Tudor Times

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Tilbrook Art Group would like to invite anyone interested in arts and crafts to join them on the first Tuesday of the month at Tilbrook Village Hall.

Bring your own crafting materials and join us in a social setting for a natter, whilst doing your craft.

Tea and coffee provided along with a warm welcome and a friendly place to share your crafting.

First session will be held on
Tuesday 5th September from 2 – 4 pm
at Tilbrook Village Hall.
Only £5 per session, payable weekly.

If you are interested, or for more information please call **Sheila Wells on 01480 861254**.

Perry WI
Every Second Monday of
the month at 7.30pm

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mulberries which is made into pots and pots of jam.

First, some sad news. We lost our lovely member Marion in May after a short illness. We will miss her cheeky smile and gentle manner and have arranged for a donation to be sent to St John's Hospice – this is now our charity for this year. Marion, you weren't a member with us for long but we will miss you nevertheless.

Ramsey Abbey Garden has a long and varied history which I would love to tell you (I wrote 8 pages of notes) but I doubt our esteemed editor would ever speak to me again so I'll give you just a few snippets from Jane Sills' delightful visit to us in May. Fellow WI member (Ramsey), Jane is a volunteer at the garden and goes in every day to water the greenhouses and, I don't doubt, just soak up the overall delight of the place.

Ramsey Abbey was founded in 969 by the Benedictines and the 15 century gatehouse is still there. In the 10th and 11th centuries it was one of the richest abbeys with a huge library, the Cromwells lived there, as did the Fellowes family and Sir Edward Bloor, then Diana Broughton bequeathed it in 1937 'to education'. And in 2004 a charitable trust was formed with a £25,000 Heritage Lottery Grant and the work began.

The gardeners (all volunteers) began by restoring the 1920s Apple Tunnel, moving the entrance away from the school and renovating the greenhouses using recycled bricks. The garden was completely overgrown with brambles, buddleia, self-sown trees, ivy – it was a terrible mess. And, of course, when all this stuff was hoiked out, the weeds came back with a vengeance. They found some interesting stuff though, particularly a Victorian Mulberry tree which had cuttings taken and some of the wood used for sculpting. The tree still crops black

Path clearance took ages and the carpets donated by a local shop filled 5 skips when eventually taken up! Wrought iron 18th century gates were repaired by a local blacksmith and in May 2013 Bunny Guinness was there for the official opening. There is a posh eco-toilet, a sundial in the centre (money raised by Ramsey WI) and a general restocking of largely local flora. Jane made us laugh when she said 'And remember that just because something is heritage doesn't mean to say that it's good!' so the gardeners have tried to plant local varieties of plants and fruit because they are tried and tested in this area – the dahlias give a spectacular display, there are over 900 varieties of salvia, they have the only Stone Pine in Cambridgeshire and lots of the crops are grown to be made into jams and chutneys and pickles.

So if this muddled wiggle through my eight pages of notes has whetted your appetite, then you'll need to visit www.ramseywalledgarden.org. Jane was enthusiastic and very knowledgeable and I really haven't done her talk justice. Perry WI are visiting the garden as our August meeting so watch this space!

Moving on to June, we had a visit from Liz Davies, curator at St Neots Museum for the last 11 years. She does the ghost walks in winter and the town walks in summer so you may know her. The museum is in the old Police Station and Magistrates' Court so was the epicentre of Law and Order in St Neots (1860-1989) – however, Liz began her talk with good old Adam and Eve, and those pesky 10 Commandments. Crime is, as we will all recognise, whatever people decide and make a law against and this understanding of good and evil is embedded in each worldwide culture to this day. So,

Trial by Ordeal goes back 4000 years, Henry II established juries of 12 local knights to sort both out, Richard II (he of Lionheart fame) commissioned knights to preserve the peace so that he could go and fight various people he didn't like, then in Tudor times Manorial Courts (when the Lord of the Manor was the boss) were beginning to fade and the parishes were growing in power. They were responsible for appointing Scavengers who were the Constables. They were appointed annually and as it was both dangerous and voluntary, it was a job that not many particularly wanted (they were paid 4p in 1701). They authorised the use of the whipping post and the stocks – the last one in St Neots was for Jeremy Tutt of Toseland in 1824. Caxton Gibbet was used of course and in 1815 the death penalty was available for over 200 offences. Judges were reluctant to use the death penalty and transportation was therefore increasingly used to Australia and Tanzania – Liz mentioned the words Braverman and Rwanda which gave us pause for a few moments. Pickpockets who stole less than 5 shillings were transported; to steal more was the death penalty. Oh and by the way, when put into those awful full-body cages and strung up on the gibbet, the person was already dead.

In 1780-90s the climate was in a dire way and famine was rife so on 30 July 1795 wheat being transported to market was intercepted at Southoe Turnpike by some hungry townfolk. The Riot Act was read the next day and the sensible people of St Neots dispersed because of fear of soldiers in their town.

After the Napoleonic Wars, the returning soldiers created havoc (needing jobs etc) but the authorities still had to maintain law and order including looking after the prisoners of war – there were 7000 at Norman Cross. Eaton Socon still has its lockup - I'm not sure if it's still in working order but I expect if you live next to one of the pubs on a rowdy match

-night you may yearn for its reinstatement. And in 1857 Huntingdon even had its own Police Force though the town didn't want it because the rate-payers had to pay for it. In that early Victorian period, there was actually a form of popular justice when folks simply got together to show their displeasure and in Eynesbury in 1878 the husband of a wicked stepmother had his effigy burnt on the village green to show the other villagers didn't approve.

St Neots had some famous crimes – in 1865 Suzanna Hollis (aged 21) was murdered by her husband for telling him to stop drinking. He was tried (twice) did 6 months and then went on to a long marriage and a large family! And then there was the world famous St Neots Poisoner. In 1898 one Walter Horsford managed to kill several people with strychnine. He was hung in Cambridge jail even though 3000 people signed a petition for a reprieve.

The advent of photography really helped and we saw examples of criminals from the Habitual Criminals' Register: Ruth Tack stole 2 oranges; James King stole 5 new eggs. You'll notice that these 'crimes' were often crimes of poverty and hunger but hard labour or picking oakum or sewing mailbags was the punishment. Harsh, unfair and savage.

Liz's talk was fast moving and interesting - starting with the story of law through our country's history and finishing with specific stories from our area. All I can say is thank heavens for our present (by no means perfect) system of law and order and the ongoing conversations we have at local, national and international levels about what crime is and what it isn't. Many thanks Liz, you entertained us and made us think about those people from the past and also to count our own lucky stars.

July couldn't have been more different as Geoff Gilbert came and regaled us with tales of butchery of a different ilk! Geoff started butchery when he left school in 1967, just before his 16th birthday and now he and his family have three shops. His first placement was at a butcher's and slaughter house, and he cried for almost his whole first day towards a first pay packet of 4 pounds, 2shillings and sixpence (probably enough for one really decent burger these days). One Christmas they had to slaughter and pluck loads of geese and thought they'd done them all. However, the next morning, they stumbled across a survivor who they named Lucky. Lucky old Lucky was given a reprieve and went on to live for another 3 years. Lucky old goose!

In 1971 he went to work for Hellets in Kimbolton and learnt to make left-handed sausages. He only discovered this sinister fact when a righty asked him why he was making them lefty! He told us about making 16 pigs' worth of sausages which is around 2 tonnes apparently. Wow. You needed to have a slaughter license which cost 5p - the stamp to send it in was 10p! He was at Hellets for 20 years.

In 1991 he made the jump and opened his own shop in Great Staughton. A big risk and tough getting started but he and Eileen went from strength to strength – he couldn't have done it without her, a proper team.

5-10 weeks after a local Tesco opened Geoff was asked about its impact on local butchers and was pleased to say that there was very little as people stop off with him for their meat on the way home from Tesco! The opening of the A14 had a bigger impact as there was less lorry traffic.

It was fascinating to hear about old cuts which have fallen out of fashion and that the main difference between butcher and

supermarket meat is that the supermarkets may purchase good quality meat but they do not look after it well enough after slaughter, often sending it straight to be processed without hanging it with the preconception (wrongly) that this maximises weight when it simply means that the meat shrinks on cooking.

His son Andy now runs the enterprise and is making a success of it with a shop in St Neots and one recently opened in Buckden. Andy only told Geoff he was thinking of opening the St Neots shop a week before he actually did, to stop Geoff from 'whittling' – now there's a nice bit of headology. And COVID helped the business with people not wanting to queue in supermarkets – isn't it good to hear something positive from those troubled times.

Geoff told us that his favourite cuts are brisket, ribeye steak and apparently there's some very nice Mexican Kyiv in the shop at the moment.

And I leave you this month with a conundrum. How Many Legs Are There On A Lamb?? Answer at end of this report ...

So there we have it! May, June and July couldn't have been more different for Perry WI, could it. In August we are off to Ramsey Walled Garden, September is D'Oyly Carte and October is Metal Detecting! Our Programme Organiser a complete gem.

If you need to know anything please do contact us on perrywigroup@gmail.com or if Facebook is your thing then we are at Perry WI.

(oh yes, and according to butchers, a lamb has two legs as its front legs are called shoulders – cool, eh!

Life Magazine

Thank You!

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

All these donations are very welcome. However, we still require more to continue. I have had a number of offers of help and will be taking those up now that I have moved and have time. If you would like to donate to the magazine, the account details are:

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WELLBEING WALKS IN OUR AREA AUTUMN 2023



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The Wellbeing Walks are led by volunteer walk leaders who are also first aid trained. Most walks cover around 3 miles and last approximately 1 hour. Walks are free to join, and everybody is welcome.

There is no need to book; simply turn up at the meeting point 10-15 minutes before the start time.

For a full list of all current walks across the entire Huntingdonshire district (covering areas around St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives, Ramsey and Yaxley), please visit:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/>

On this site, you will also find downloadable booklets of all the walks, with maps and directions.

In addition, copies of the current leaflet listing the full programme of walks are usually available from Great Staughton Surgery.

DATE	TIME	WALK NAME	MEETING POINT
Fri, SEPT 1st	2pm	Kymside Saunter	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Mon, OCT 2nd	10am	Kimbolton Hills	By the High Street entrance to Kimbolton School.
Mon, OCT 9th	10am	Great Staughton Meadows	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed, OCT 25th	2pm	Perry Walk	Outside the Wheatsheaf public house, Perry
Wed, NOV 1st	2pm	Grafham Lakeside	Cinnamon Restaurant Car Park, Grafham
Fri, NOV 17th	2pm	Kymside Saunter	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park

Great Staughton **Neighbourhood Plan**

The neighbourhood plan (NP) for Great Staughton has progressed.

A draft plan has been produced and discussed informally with HDC. It encompasses the results of the consultation at the Parish Assembly and decisions at the subsequent Parish Council meeting.

This will now be subject to a Parish wide consultation under the Statutory regulations, followed by a District consultation and assessment by an independent Examiner. As soon as the draft plan has its final amendments, details will be placed on Facebook and on the Parish Council website.

The draft NP plan states support for two areas for development namely Brook Farm and an area South of 29 The Green.

Consideration is now being given particularly regarding Brook Farm as to whether the site could encompass the provision of a new Doctor's surgery.

Anyone wishing to comment on these or other matters is invited to do so.

Any comments, queries to

Bob Jewell

gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com

Perry Parish Council Vacancies

Would you like to help decide what happens in Perry? The Perry Parish Council has vacancies for councillors. As a Parish Councillor you can make positive steps to improve the quality of life in your village. You will truly represent your community, and make decisions on everything from village events to street furniture. Here's a few frequently asked questions – and answers!

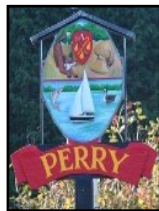
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Are there age restrictions? You must be 18 years or over. There's no upper age limit – and quite rightly so.

If you'd like to find out more, including other eligibility requirements, please contact any of the Perry Parish Councillors (contact details near the front of this magazine), or clerk Eugene Smith (clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk). And why not come along to a council meeting (dates in this magazine) to see what happens for yourself? Become a Parish Councillor, make a difference, and truly speak for your community.



MINUTED OF THE PERRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7pm on Wednesday
10th May 2023 at the
Grafham Water Sailability
Clubhouse

Present:

Parish Councillors: Sheila Brighton (SB), Eleanor Abbs (EA), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP). The meeting was quorate.

District Councillor: Stephen Cawley (SC)

Members of the public: six

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES)

23/17: Election of Chairman

Sheila Brighton was elected as Perry Parish Council Chairman for 2023 – 2024 (unanimous).

The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by SB and counter-signed by ES.

23/18: Election of Vice-Chairman

Eleanor Abbs was elected as Perry Parish Council Vice-Chairman for 2023 – 2024 (unanimous).

23/19: Apologies

County Councillor Ian Gardener's apologies were received.

23/20: Councillors' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None.

23/21: Meetings 2023 – 2024

The following dates were agreed: July 12th, September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th, February 14th, March 13th.

23/22: Open forum for public Participation

The possibility of holding an annual event (similar to the recent Coronation celebration) was discussed. SB thanked everyone for their hard work. **Action:** ES to add forming an event committee to July's agenda.

23/23: Report from District Councillor SC delivered his report.

23/24: Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23/25: Clerk's report

23/26: Parish / village matters

- Remembrance statue: The purchase and siting of a statue was discussed. **Action:** ES to contact a local supplier and report back at July's meeting.

- Village Roll of Honour: The recipients were announced, for 2021 Nigel and Wendy Noon (for services to the community during the pandemic) and for 2022 Fay Wheatcroft (for services to the community with regards to the Jubilee celebrations) **Action:** ES to arrange update of roll.

23/27: Highways / traffic

- Parking on grass areas: Following ES's summary of potential activities it was agreed to speak to the resident(s) concerned. A reminder was made regarding proper parking protocol. **Action:** EP to speak on behalf of the council.

23/28: Planning applications

a) Noted: the following application was returned with no comments:

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension.

Site Address: 1 Blythe Green Perry Huntingdon

Reference: 23/00606/HHFUL

b) No Observations: for The Lawful Development Certificate proposal for existing conservatory at 5 Cowley Close (ref. 23/00721/CLED) **Action:** ES to inform Huntingdonshire District Council

c) It was agreed that the Parish Council was willing to be involved with discussions regarding development of the water tower on Crow Spinney Lane.

23/29: Update on meetings attended

None

23/30: Areas of responsibility and representatives to outside bodies 2023 – 2024

Although no imminent developments are expected, EP to continue liaising with the Heat Scheme.

23/31: Council administration

In accordance with Standing Orders section 5/k, the following policies and documents were reviewed:

- a) Standing Orders – **approved.**
- b) Asset Register – **approved.**
- c) Financial Regulations – **approved.**
- d) Complaints Handling Policy – **approved.**
- e) Press and Media Policy – **approved.**
- f) Freedom of Information Policy – **approved.**
- g) Employment policies – Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety and Lone Working – **all approved.**

23/32: Insurance

The renewal of AJG Community Schemes Insurance Policy to cover 01/06/2023 – 31/05/2024, premium £450.37, was **approved.**

23/33: Subscriptions and memberships

In accordance with Standing Orders section 5/k the following memberships, subscriptions or affiliations are to be reviewed:

- Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) – approved 08/02/2023, minute ref. 22/268.
- CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils) – approved 12/04/2023, minute ref. 23/13/b.
- SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) - approved 12/04/2023, minute ref. 23/13/a. All **noted.**

23/34: Finance

The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) Certificate of Exemption for 2022 – 2023 was **approved**, and signed by SB and ES.

All sections of the AGAR Annual Governance Statement for 2022 – 2023 were **approved**. The statement was signed by SB and ES.

The AGAR Accounting Statements for 2022 – 2023 were **approved**. The statement was signed by SB (and had been signed on 2nd May by ES).

The following payments were **approved / ratified** (signified by*)

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary April 2023)*:

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- Eugene Smith (home working allowance April 2023)*: **£26.00**
- Eugene Smith (coronation flyers): **£65.47**
- Colin Beesley (handyman's wages April 2023)*: **confidential**
- HMRC: **£13.20**
- LGS (payroll services): **£127.80**
- askiT (Cloud backup): **£20.00**

The bank reconciliation for Quarter 4

(January – March 2023) was **noted**.

Section 137 payments were discussed and the following were **approved**:

- Magpas (air ambulance): £1,000.00
- Life and Diaries: £250.00
- Grafham Water First Responders: £100.00

23/35: Motion to exclude the public and the press. Approved

23/36: Clerk's appraisal

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Meeting closed at 8:20pm

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**Minutes of the Great Staughton
Parish Council Annual General
Meeting
held on 25 May 2023 – 7.30pm**

Present:

R Jewell (BJ), H Hopperton (HH), G Brittain (GB), N Yates (NY), W Mumford (WM), H Glanville (HG), David Moore (DM), J Duberly (JD), Ian Gardener (IG), J Russel – Clerk

Apologies for absence: L Goody (LG) Stephen Cawley (SC)

**Election of Chair, Vice Chair and RFO Chair – NY nominated BJ and HG seconded
Vice Chair – BJ nominated NY and WM seconded RFO – JR**

Declarations of Interest: JD declared an issue in item 19 on the agenda – Call for Sites discussion.

Resident’s Forum – no one attended

Election of Officers:

Playing Field: NY, GB, WM, HH, BJ
Village Hall – HH, HG, LG
Highways – DM
Parish Charities – WM, JD, LG
Footpaths – HG
Life Magazine - NY
Speedwatch - DM

Reports from District and County Councillors:

IG:
- Five Acres – the legal team at CCC have reviewed the barrister’s document and their view remains that the use permitted has not changed so the original planning permission stands. In 2001 the original use was

for a scrapyard. HH mentioned that during Covid the owners increased the size of a building without permission and installed CCTV and a weighbridge. IG will raise with CCC. HH will forward her emails to IG.

- Ting Bus roadshow is on 2 June, outside school in Great Staughton.
- LHI bids will be decided mid-June hopefully.
- Still no response regarding Footpath 40 and IG will chase the footpath officer once one is appointed. CCC are now altering the remit of the Highways Officer to do this work but they will require training first. So, there is likely to be further delay.
- The new scheme to apply for 20mph speed limits is due to be decided in June.

SC: emailed report as unable to attend:

- Alternative Land Management – HDC want to keep 25% of its grass verges uncut. The relevant piece of land in GS need to be identified and the clerk will email Emma Stannard. We only have a site number.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023: approved.

Matters arising:

- Blocked footpath (40) near 5 Acres Salvage yard – as above
- Replacement of parish streetlights - this is not yet complete. The old poles have not been removed. We have received an invoice for the work but this is not to be paid until all work is complete. Clerk will raise with Balfour Beatty.
- Trees The Highway and Green Lane

– CCC and HDC have been emailed again asking them to deal with this issue. They will be looked at in due course.

- Holiday activates for children - we are arranging some dates with HWPC. Matter ongoing

Attendance at other meetings:

nothing to report.

Highways:

- Current LHI bid 23/24 – bid now submitted. Results mid-June.

- Blocked drains – DM said that the corner of The Causeway/The Highway opposite the school was causing flooding. We will write to CCC and ask them to ensure that they are looked at on a regular basis so they do not flood.

- Blocked highway in Perry – see above re footpath officer

- Footpath from Dillington to The Green - BJ has received some costings.

An unbound path which is 1 metre wide would cost in the region of £35-40K. A path 1.5m wide would cost £55-60K. We need to know what an unbound path would look like so we will make further enquiries.

- 20mph speed limit – results in June.

- Speed Sign data – the data substantiates the claim that there is a speeding problem in the village. DM will continue to monitor the data.

Clerk will ask CCC if they are responsible for average speed cameras as there is some confusion about this. Also raise with the P & CC to see if police are responsible.

- Pavements in Manor Close – HG said that these had been repaired

badly. NY has already reported this to Anglian Water. It would be very helpful if local residents can also report this and are encouraged to do so via Anglian Water's website.

Planning:

- Staughton Moor planning enforcement – see above.

- 21/01016/FUL – Little America, Moor Road – 8 business

- Wyboston Garden Village/developments in Beds near A1 – ongoing.

- Appeal Against Enforcement Notice 21/00092/ENUCO – 11 Little

America Industrial Estate

- 22/00807/CLED Lawful Development Certificate B2 for Car repair

- Appeal Consultation 22/00730/HHFUL and 22/00725/LBC – 1 The Green – single storey flat roof extension to rear

AGAR 2022/23 – form approved by GSPC and signed by Chairman and Clerk/RFO

Cashbook: approved.

Current account - £47,121.40

Business account - £21691.93

(Minutes continue on next page)

Phil Yates	£194.40
Cambs Acre	£1,240.50
Phil Yates	£28.49
Cambs Acre	£1,800.00
Groundworks UK	£2,814.25
J Russel	£438.25
HMRC	£64.60
N Power	£1,148.16
ROSPA Play Safety	£201.00
GB Builders	£1,260.00
Bradgate	£129.60
Balfour Beatty	£483.48
CAPALC	£420.22
J Russel	£459.85
CAS Ltd	£403.39
Phil Yates	£124.75
Phil Yates	£234.00
J Russel	£5.99

Correspondence: none

Affordable housing update: property number 7 has had a very substantial water leak. The residents have had to move out as the property is uninhabitable at present and needs to be fully dried out. Regarding the occupation of the properties the locality issue has been fully met. HG expressed on behalf of the Parish Council thanks to BJ for all of his hard work on this scheme.

Three Villages Sustainable Heat Scheme update: no further report.

Reports from:

Village Hall Committee: HG reported the hall is very booked up and well used. £37k in the bank.

Playing Field Committee: the kitchen is due to be replaced during the summer. The committee has received a quote for the lights to be replaced. The Friendship Club has donated some funds to get the Lunch Club up and running. The pavilion will also be repainted and a quote has been received from Wicksteed for new play equipment.

Speed Watch: no report.

Parish Matters: HG - Birch tree outside the pub is in need of a trim. PY will look at this. BJ – the footpath from The Highway is overgrown. Clerk will write to the landowners. Also, we have received an email regarding Gigaclear not including GS in their plans to upgrade the network. Clerk will write to them to ask why. Truck in the village hall car park is still there – Clerk will now inform the police.

Neighbourhood Plan: JD left the meeting at 21.15.

Site Assessment consideration by Great Staughton Parish Council: The five potentially suitable sites were considered by the Parish Council.

After a significant discussion and taking into account the results of the poll at the Parish Assembly two sites were considered more appropriate than others for the following reasons.

NP1 Brook Farm:

This was considered the most suitable site and had the most support by some distance from the Parish Assembly. The Parish Council felt it had the best possibility of delivering a viable site with a new suitable NHS facility, affordable housing, and car parking. It was felt there was a potential gain in terms of removing unsightly warehouse type buildings and improving the conservation area. The site had access at the rear to open farmland which means that it has the opportunity to be developed in sympathetic way to its surroundings, it can accommodate potential requirements and deliver the need for an NHS facility.

It was also felt the site would have potentially good access to the B645 to accommodate the housing and NHS facility. Access from this site to local facilities the school, bus stop, playing field and shops is all easy.

NP4 The Green:

This site was considered the most appropriate second site for development. It was not felt it had the capacity to deliver an NHS facility but did have suitable the capacity to deliver affordable housing. Its location lends itself to complimenting the current village area and is included in the NP village envelope. The site has good access to all village

facilities but the increased pedestrian traffic should be reflected in improvements to B645 road crossings. Access on to the B661 would need to be well designed, but it was not seen as a major issue.

NP5 Cage Lane:

This site although complimenting existing development had more difficult issues with access. Cage Lane is a narrow road with a narrow access on to the B645. It has current parking issues as some houses do not have driveways which limits width even more. There are few options for widening as houses are close to the road at various points. Additional traffic along this road from an additional potential 12 properties would add significant issues.

NP7 North side of The Green:

This site has potential reasonable access to the B661. By being on the North side of The Green it was felt less desirable as residents would have to cross the B661 to reach the footpath. It also was felt less desirable to develop on this side of the B661 in terms of continuity of the village envelope.

NP 8 The Green:

This site seems too small to make any significant development possible. It also is separated from the rest of the village

Meeting dates for 2023:

14 September, 9 November.

Meeting closed at 21.51



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Please keep us informed about any changes to village clubs and activities, such as a change of contact details and group leaders. 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 us in the loop.

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New Life on The Old West - September 2023

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to our first indoor meeting of the autumn. This will be held on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall. Our speaker will be Howard Jones and his topic is New Life on The Old West.

The Old West River is part of the River Great Ouse starting east of Earith. The countryside around the Old West is an important habitat for rare and threatened species. It is located between the RSPB Ouse Fen reserve, the Ouse Washes to the west and Wicken Fen to the east. It is a stronghold for many threatened species such as water vole, greater water parsnip, turtle dove and lapwing.

This is a project that has been led by Howard Jones and he will be delighted to tell us about its value to conservation and the progress that has been made over recent years.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £3.50 and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. For more information please contact George (01480 450809 or georgecottam@virginmedia.com)

Butterflies and Moths - October 2023

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along to listen to Martin Davies, who will provide an illustrated talk on Butterflies and Moths. This will be held on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall. Martin is an all-round naturalist, but his main focus is now on butterflies. He worked for the

RSPB for more than 40 years and founded his own consultancy company working within the conservation movement in 2012.

This talk will be a follow up to his guided walk which was held at Therfield Heath in August and will concentrate on the butterflies and moths of this region.

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Lee Valley Regional Park - November 2023

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along to listen to Eamonn Lawlor, who will provide an illustrated talk on the wildlife and management of Lee Valley. This will be held on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall.

Eamonn joined the Wildlife Trust as Senior Reserves Officer for West Cambridgeshire in 2022, having previously spent several years as a ranger at London's 'green lung' – Lee Valley Regional Park. The park was formally constituted in 1967 after many years of planning and Eamonn will enlighten us on the development and success of this area for wildlife.

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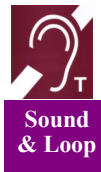
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Dear Friends,

September is the beginning of the academic year and as I have been in education for most of my life, to me the working year begins in September. I also know that it is the time when many people who don't have children go on holiday, it is cheaper and less busy.

Whatever September means for you I pray that you will be blessed.

We had our very successful camp for 36 young people from across the Benefice at the end of July and my thanks go to all who participated; and in August we have slowed down and there has been time to reflect and holiday. The works have not stopped on St Nicolas Church, however, and we are hoping that phase two will be finished by the beginning of October. We are starting a Benefice Service of **Evensong** on the last Sunday of each month and we are creating a Benefice choir to sing at it. The first Service will be at All Saints, Little Staughton on 24th September at 6pm, the next at St Andrew's Great Staughton on October 29th and the Sunday 26th at St Nicolas, Hail Weston. Please let me know if you are interested in joining.

I am hoping to hold **Confirmation Classes** starting in September these are for young and old alike, please let me know if you are interested and then we can find a day and time suitable for everyone.

Please also note **that St Andrew's Fete will be at the Vicarage on September 16th**. Last year it was enjoyed greatly as people returned home after their summer breaks and were getting back into the routine of school and work. If you are able to help in any way, setting up, helping on a stall, donating cakes, plants, produce and bottles, please contact me on 01485 869485.

A huge thank you to all those who continue to keep the churchyard tidy, the church so clean and who arrange the flowers so beautifully. It takes many people to keep the church building in good order.

With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland

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Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 3rd: 8am BCP Communion
10:30am All Age Worship
Sun 10th: 10:30am Parish Communion
Sun 17th: 10:30am Parish Communion
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Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 3rd: 9am Parish Communion
Sun 17th: 9am Parish Communion
Sun 24th: 6pm Benefice Evensong

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 3rd: 10:30am Morning Service
Wed 6th: 10am Morning Prayer
Sun 10th: 9am Parish Communion
Sun 17th: 3pm Creative Communion
Sat 23rd: 6pm Harvest Festival
Sun 24th: 9am Parish Communion

Services for October 2023

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 1st: 8am BCP Communion
10:30am Harvest Festival
Sun 8th: 10:30am Parish Communion
Sat 14th: 10:30am Messy Church
Sun 15th: 10:30am Parish Communion
Sun 22nd: 10:30am Parish Communion
Sat 28th: 4pm Memorial Service
Sun 29th: 6pm Benefice Evensong

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 1st: 9am Harvest Festival
Sun 8th: 12:30pm Harvest Lunch
Sun 15th: 9am Parish Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 1st: 10:30am Morning Service
Wed 4th: 10am Morning Prayer
Sat 7th: 6pm Harvest Festival
Sun 8th: 9am Parish Communion
Sun 15th: 3pm Creative Communion
Sun 22nd: 9am Parish Communion
Sun 29th: 10:30am Benefice Communion

Services for November 2023

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 5th: 8am BCP Communion
10:30am All Age Worship
Sun 12th: 10:45am Remembrance Service
Sun 19th: 10:30am Parish Communion
Sun 26th: 10:30am St. Andrew's Day
Service (with Kimbolton)

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 5th: 9am Parish Communion
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Sun 12th: 10:45am Remembrance Service
Sun 19th: 9am Parish Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 1st: 10am Morning Prayer
Sun 5th: 10:30am Morning Service
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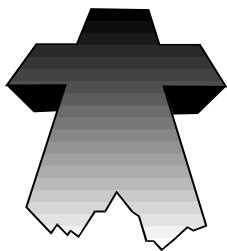


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My dear friends,

As we look at the beginning of Autumn what lies before us. September is known for the start of the harvest months and the autumn equinox, and traditionally, the beginning of a new school year. Usually we might think of the spring months high lighting new beginnings, yet there is a sense in which the autumn reminds us of life, from the harvest through to education.

Likewise it was this time last year that we were experiencing a 'bitter/sweet' moment. We mourned the death of the Queen, HM Elizabeth II, yet at the same time we celebrated a new King as we declared 'God save the King', uttering those words for the first time in 70 years.

Life is full of changes. We could all come up with numerous examples where things just do not seem to be the same as we might expect. Whether you're looking to change up your life with some drastic new beginnings or just thinking about swapping out the living room paint colour, for some of us, change of any kind can be a little daunting. Even though we know that change is inevitable and usually a positive thing, we are, by nature, creatures of habit, so it can take a little

prodding to get us to make a big move. The good news is that so many people out there have spoken about it and are willing to shed a little light at the end of the tunnel to give us comfort and motivation. One place that is always a sure source of encouragement toward growth is God's Word. The Bible has so much to say on the goodness of change and God's presence with you every step of the way. It may be hard, but you have a God who loves you and wants the best for you.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of change in the bible is the change the our Lord can bring into the lives of you and I. The bible says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5 verse 17) In Christ comes the possibility of us changing for the better. In Jesus comes our greatest hope.

*May you know new hope as we
continue into the Autumn, from
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Jon Magee

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