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# Dates for your Diary



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## LOOKING AHEAD

*Saturday August 24th* : Great Staughton Horticultural Show



### **Mobile Library Dates 2019 - every fourth Wednesday of the month**

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

### **Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2019:**

21 March, Parish Assembly 2 May, AGM 16 May,  
4 July, 19 September, 21 November.

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# Editorial Natter...

*Hello readers,*

A Happy New Year to you all (seems strange saying it in February I know).



A smaller than normal edition this month, but still full of exciting content. Our AGM meeting minutes can be found within this edition, we are so grateful to all who support the magazine, advertise within it or send in content. We are always looking to expand the magazine, so please don't forget to send in any clubs or activities throughout the villages for a mention : )

This edition Pet of the Month is Jasper the Hungarian Rescue dog resident of Gt Staughton. Jasper was rescued through the Hungary Hearts program in November 17 and judging by his outstanding dress sense I feel he is well looked after now.

I think that's more than enough waffle from me this month, enjoy the cold spell which is due to arrive soon and I will see you all in April : )

*This issue was edited by Shaun*

## Great Staughton Parish Councillors

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## Quiz at The White Hart

### **YOUR MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Mobile Library (route H24) comes to the villages every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next visit of the Mobile Library will be:

**27th February**

Telephone **0845 045 5225** for more information of visit

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) for details of all the Mobile Library routes as well as some useful information. See full list of dates on page 4.

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in February. This is the 12th February at The White Hart 7 30pm.

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and we are very grateful they provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners.

The proceeds will go to the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun. A guest quizmaster to add to the fun.

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



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### **Did you know Great Staughton has a defibrillator?**

It's outside the village hall entrance. There is a towel to dry your patient and a razor to shave where the contact pads go.

It is alarmed which you need to ignore when you open it in an emergency. There is no code, it's always open (most have a code which you register with 999 so they can give it to a caller).

If in doubt, use it, it tells you exactly what to do, very clearly, it won't deliver a shock if one is not required.

The Perry Speed watch Team are appealing for volunteers to assist with the Speed watch initiative in and around the village.

If you are able to commit some time and are prepared to work in a small team committed to improving road safety, please contact the speed watch Co-ordinator  
Martin Wilson  
[martin.wilson@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:martin.wilson@perryparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Full training will be given.

## West Hunts Friendship Club 100 Club winners for January 2018

Number	Name	Prize
33.....	Lesley Hynes.....	£50
8.....	Wendy & Dennis Clarke...	£25
23.....	Gill Broom.....	£15
28.....	Olive & Paddy Hynes...	£10

*Congratulations to all the winners!*

### *Treasurers Corner*

*Hello,*



A lovely donation from Perry WI this month. We are so lucky to have such a variety of clubs and societies in our villages. So, support them and they support us!

*Helen*



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**GREAT STAUGHTON**  
**HORTICULTURAL**  
**SOCIETY**



It is strange writing in advance for a publication date especially when there are momentous events due in the interim. 15th January is the big Brexit vote - sorry to mention it - and you'll know what happened by the time you read this. How magazine writers cope with writing for the future on a regular basis is a mystery to me. I guess they just deal with neutral subjects like horticulture!

Today I attended the first in a series of lectures by Andrew Sankey on Plant Hunters. Andrew was one of our autumn talk speakers at the Horticultural Society a few years ago. Some of the things he was saying today amazed me. His first observation was to praise the UK's moderate climate which allows a huge variety of plants to thrive. He compared Cambridgeshire to Minnesota in the USA - both at similar latitude - in fact Cambridge is further north but vastly different in climate. In Minnesota the harshness of the winter and its abrupt arrival makes it virtually impossible for most garden plants to survive from one year to the next without extreme protection. Winter lasts for seven months!

It's the Gulf Stream that keeps us relatively ice free. Andrew showed us a doctored picture of the Houses of Parliament encased in ice and snow which could become the norm in the future if global warming causes the changes to deep ocean currents which are projected by some. So let's enjoy our damp, mild, overcast climate while we still have it! Britain has a relatively small number of native plants which have been added to over the centuries by Crusaders, invaders, monks, traders and eventually plant hunters.

Relatively recent excavations of Roman villas have revealed stores of seeds which indicate that many plants, for example lavender, were introduced at the time of the Roman occupation but didn't survive because they were not looked after properly. Lavender was re-introduced in the 12th century. Other introductions like nettle and ground elder naturalised and have been hard to contain ever since.

A short quiz in which we were asked to identify which plants were native and which were introduced proved to be really tricky. Apparently cowslips, aquilegia (some colours), foxglove, verbascum, primrose and pulsatilla are native while winter aconite, delphinium, hollyhock, lilac and buddleia were all introduced. Who'd have thought it?

As for today's garden, snowdrops are already out and bulb foliage is pushing through all over the place. Camellia buds are swelling. Spring is around the corner although winter hasn't arrived yet.

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## Can you spare a few hours a month?

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

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

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

We'd love to meet you!

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

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### Mobile Post Office in Great Staughton

The Post Office offers a mobile Post Office service situated at Brook Farm car park (the former Blades car park) on The Highway in Great Staughton. The times will be:

**Mondays 14:30-15:30  
Wednesdays 10:30-12:30**

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### KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

Our meeting in February 2019 will be a flower arranging demonstration by JOANNA POULTER with the title ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.

This will be held in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton at 7 pm for 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

There will be light refreshments and a raffle of the arrangements and a sales table.  
All welcome: admission for visitors £7. 50p members £2.



## HEALTH WALKS IN GREAT STAUGHTON AND PERRY

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

Each circular walk is designed to take approximately 60 minutes and is led by two trained volunteer leaders. Start and finish points are usually close to car parks and refreshments for that important after-walk cuppa. Make a note of these forthcoming walks in your area:

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

For more information, contact:  
Danielle Sancaster 01480 387047  
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or look online at  
[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks) or ask your walk leader for a current walks schedule leaflet which covers the whole district.

Date	Time	Name of Walk	Start/finish point
Fri 1 Feb	2 pm	Gt. Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton

**GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH  
COUNCIL**

There have been a number of comments made recently about parking on the Highway in the vicinity of the Doctors, Lauras Close and Mays Hairdressers. Many residents will have seen the cones placed in this area. This was a Police response to complaints by residents of illegal parking in this area.

It is important everyone is aware it is illegal to park on either side of the road where there is a solid white line in the middle of the road. This applies to the whole stretch of the Highway to the bend (and beyond) from where the solid white line commences in the middle of the road. Full details can be found in the Highway Code.

The reason for making this post at this time is to make people aware that the Police have stated they will be enforcing this regulation. It is a Road traffic offence and carries a penalty of 3 points on the licence and £120 fine.

Bob Jewell  
Chair Great Staughton Parish Council



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*Gill Broome*

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## Great Staughton 2019 Litterpick - Saturday 23 February



We meet at 9am at the Village Hall carpark where all necessary equipment is handed out. We then divide into small groups before dispersing to various litter hotspots, mainly along the verges that line the roads into the village, and spend a not entirely enjoyable few hours picking up after other less public-spirited folk.

The good news is that there is a great feeling of camaraderie amongst those of us that have donned the very fetching high-vis jackets ('elf and safety!') and it is truly astonishing how many bags of rubbish are collected. The even better news is that we reconvene at The Snooty Tavern later in the evening for drinks and hot soup.

The turnout of volunteers each year so far has been excellent so please do come along and muck in – the more the merrier. The more people helping, the quicker the job gets done.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, for as long or as little as you can.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

**Nicole Yates**  
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01480 860616



## Councillor Surgeries

Meet your County or District Councillor  
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Ian Gardner



Darren Tysoe

### Dates

1900hrs - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Grafham Water Centre  
1900hrs - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Grafham Water Centre  
1900hrs - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - PCC Annual Assembly - Perry Baptist Church  
1900hrs - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - PCC Annual Meeting - Perry Baptist Church  
1900hrs - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Grafham Water Centre  
1900hrs - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Perry Baptist Church  
1900hrs - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Grafham Water Centre  
1900hrs - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Perry Baptist Church

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## Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2018



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

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

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



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## Perry Women's Institute

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£41 for a year's membership

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



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

## Perry W.I.

Our shiny, new President, Liz Dive, welcomed us all to the first WI of 2019. We've got a really varied and interesting programme planned for the year ahead. First things first, we sorted out this year's tea rota as the first item on the evening's agenda. Thanks to all those members who have volunteered to take a turn brewing up for everyone (feel free to insert your own Mrs. Overall joke here).

January's speaker was Heidi Field, along with the Assistant Waste Minimisation Officer Kathryn Cobb. They shared their knowledge about recycling with us, and all the different materials that HDC can collect from our homes. They were bombarded with questions from WI "bin nerds" from the outset.

Here are some of the fascinating facts we discovered during the evening:

- ◇ 56% of the waste that HDC collects from our homes is diverted from landfill and recycled
- ◇ Everything is recycled in the UK – apart from the cardboard
- ◇ If you have a huge cardboard box you want to recycle, just flatten it and leave it with your blue bin (it doesn't have to be inside, wedged tight, never to budge again)
- ◇ Yes, they can recycle those black plastic trays that you get with ready meals!

- ◇ Yes, they can recycle Christmas cards, even if they have glitter!
- ◇ Yes, teabags and coffee bags can go in the green bin (despite their coating)
- ◇ No, don't put corn starch bags or compostable bags in the green bin (it's composted faster by HDC than the rate at which these bags will decompose)
- ◇ No, as suspected, they can't recycle Pringles tubes (mixed materials make it impossible)

Their talk showed us how much we should be trying to influence manufacturers and retailers to change their packaging, if it isn't capable of being recycled at the existing UK plants.

Finally, a quick reminder that the membership fee for 2019 is £42 for the full year's programme. If you haven't already paid, (your absent-minded writer smiles sheepishly at this point), please bring your payment to the February meeting.

Our next meeting is on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Perry Baptist Church where there'll be a medical detection dog in attendance (no, I don't have any idea either).

Come along to find out more, visitors are always welcome. Contact details for Perry WI are on the back page of this "Life" magazine.

Fay Wheatcroft



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Local Group

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire *Registered Charity No 1000412*

## ***A Butterfly's Eye View of Conservation***

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

Our speaker will be Dr. Ed Turner, who holds several academic posts at the University of Cambridge. Ed has been involved with the Wildlife Trust since 2006 when he worked as Ecology Groups Officer on a project studying Duke of Burgundy Butterflies. Since then his research has concentrated on the impacts of deforestation and palm oil expansion in Southeast Asia. Ed has also been a Trustee for the Wildlife Trust since 2015. Tonight's talk will centre on these beautiful butterflies and the impact of conservation on their success in the UK.

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

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### **HIGHWAYMAN Community Car Scheme needs drivers**



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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VOLUNTEER DELIVERERS**

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### Our programme for 2019:

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, HOW TO COPE WITH A DRY GARDEN, Andrew Sankey, Hail Weston Village Hall, includes raffle**

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

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

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**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 7.30pm, VEG FOR VALUE, Rodney Tibbs, Hail Weston Village Hall, includes raffle**

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

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

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm, GALAPAGOS AND ITS WILDLIFE, Dr Pat Doody, Hail Weston Village Hall**

Membership is available (£7/year) but non-members are also welcome to attend at any time. Non-members pay £2 for a session, members £1. Fees may differ for special events/trips and are stated within the programme.

## A book about Staughton

The pre-history of the area which would eventually become the village of Great Staughton is thin on the ground, so to speak, but nonetheless archaeologists have uncovered evidence of our pre-historic forbears in the form of artefacts, principally tools and weapons, which give us elusive clues of what our area looked like some 10,000 years ago.

What is now Huntingdonshire was covered by a dense forest, a source of food, fuel and shelter for our hunter-gatherer ancestors. Agriculture had not been introduced from the fertile crescent of Mesopotamia, and besides the heavy clay soils of our area were resistant to any primitive ploughing tools that these peoples possessed. These tools were flints, sharpened by a process known as chipping or knapping and knives, borers, scrapers and flint arrow heads have been discovered in the area.

One of the most interesting discoveries found on the Highway in Great Staughton was an axe, made of polished greenstone. The interest in this find was not so much the tool itself but its origin. Greenstone is found in mountainous areas and archaeologists believe that this example came from the Langdale Pikes area of the Lake District where a veritable axe factory has been unearthed. These greenstone axes were evidently highly prized for examples of them have been found throughout the country indicating the trading and communication links of these primitive Britons.

Flint arrowheads, knives, scrapers and an adze have been uncovered in the area. From c. 2700 BC, until c. 800 BC (the boundaries of the age are inexact), the Neolithic Age gradually gave way to the Bronze Age. It was marked by the arrival of a people whose origins are still the subject of much discussion – the Beaker people, so named after their distinctive pottery. It is now believed that they originated in the Iberian Peninsula, although, although forensic research has revealed that some of them came from Switzerland. They swept through much of southern and eastern England and evidence of their presence has been found in our area.

The Beaker people brought with them the technique of combining copper and small amount of tin at high temperature to form bronze, thus giving the name to an era.

Alongside this technological advance, agriculture began to be widely adopted. The significance of these two developments was twofold: more land could now be brought into production, which in turn could create the surpluses of crops and produce. These could be stored for the future, used as barter, or sold. It was the start of a trading economy.

With an increasingly settled population, another striking cultural change occurred: the emergence of ceremonial, perhaps religious practices, exemplified

by the building of elaborate funerary barrows, in which cinerary urns (containing cremated ashes) were often interred. Several round and bowl barrows, used for burying the dead, have been discovered in Great Staughton. It was the era when huge monumental structures were being built at Avebury and Stonehenge.

Ring ditches, all that now remains of the ditch that was originally constructed to surround a round barrow, have been discovered in the area. Perhaps more interesting was evidence of the religious and burial rituals of these peoples. Round barrows have been found in Kimbolton, and a cinerary urn (to hold the ashes of the cremated dead) was unearthed in St Neots.

On Staughton Highway, two Bronze Age round barrows have been excavated, and to the south of the village, two bowl barrows which were evidently part of a group of four, have been identified. It has been suggested that the bowl barrows may have been part of a much larger Bronze Age cemetery, linked to the discovery of the round barrows discovered on the Highway, a mile to the north east. The mounds did not go to waste in medieval times, when one was the site of a wind mill.

These barrows were used for individual burials, especially in the case of high-status warriors or tribal chieftains, or for group burials, and were almost certainly a ceremonial and ritual focus for the community. It is possible that the barrows found in Staughton were the final resting place of some Bronze Age chieftain.

As we approach more historical times, the Bronze Age gave way to the Iron Age in around 500 BC, which was fostered by yet another incursion of a race from Europe, who were to have a decisive influence in the history of the country for more than five hundred years – the Celts. It is thanks to Roman historians such as Tacitus and Dio Cassius, the geographer and traveller Ptolemy and the soldier Julius Caesar that we know a tremendous amount about the Celts, who proved such doughty opponents of the Romans after the invasion of the island by the emperor Claudius in 43 AD.

There is ample archaeological evidence for Celtic settlement in our region. In Great Staughton, the site of an Iron Age hut was discovered. An Iron Age coin was retrieved in Dillington, and in St Neots. Elsewhere in the area, Iron Age pottery has been found in Little Paxton, Brampton, Alconbury Offord Cluny and St Neots. Pery shows evidence of an Iron Age rectilinear enclosure, and the nearby village of Hail Weston has traces of an Iron Age settlement.

Perhaps the most celebrated of the Celtic warriors was queen Boudicca, who laid waste Colchester, St Albans and London in 61 AD.

News from Great Staughton Primary Academy School Council

**Christmas Celebrations**



We hope all of you enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. Here at Great Staughton Primary Academy, we staged a performance of Shine Star Shine. Every child in the school took part – Key Stage 1 took the character roles and they were very well supported by our key stage 2 choir. We had lots of positive feedback from our audiences and a few proud tears were shed by parents! We would like to thank all the staff for the time and commitment that they gave to our performance – it really was a whole school team effort.

**Grafham Water Centre**



We had a super start to our new school year at Grafham Water Centre.

The whole school attended for two days. Key stage 2 children also stayed overnight – including some staff! Activities included archery, mountain biking, bush craft, pioneering, low ropes and the Tunnel of Doom. Everyone had a wonderful time and we learnt lots about working together in a team.

"The food was delicious."

"It was the best school trip that I have ever had."

"My favourite activity was trying to balance my whole group on a seesaw, during problem solving."

"I did and experienced things that I never thought I ever would – I challenged myself."



**Looking Ahead**

At school we have been discussing New Year Resolutions. The school council has a resolution too – we want to try and reduce the amount of plastic that is used in school as there is so much evidence to show how plastic is damaging our environment. Over the next few weeks, we will be talking to the whole school to get some ideas and we will keep you up to date with how we are doing over the year - we hope that we can raise awareness in the community too.

We would like to wish our family, friends and wider community a very happy and healthy New Year.

The School Council

Minutes of the meeting of members of the Great Staughton Community Land Trust (GTSCLT)

Held on: 9th December 2018 at 3pm  
At: the Village Hall in Great Staughton

Apologies for absence: Janet Bowen, Elaine Bell, Nigel Jenkins, Sir Hugh Duberly, Jo Russel (Secretary)

Present:

Board members: Bob Jewell (Chair) (BJ), Tracey Stokes (taking minutes), (TS) Frank Backhouse (FB), Phil Yates, Audrey Newman, Anthony Withers, Tim Spafford

Members: Pat Backhouse, Mick Ascher, Neil Taylor, Anthony Houseago, Mervyn Young, Ron Payne, Sue Cowley, Daniel Bream, Charlotte Bayford, John Bashford, Tony McClure, Steve Glanville, Helen Glanville, Janet Perrett, Carol Mayes and Kevin Mayes.

Introduction and background

As the meeting was quorate, BJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

He introduced himself as the chair of GTSCLT, explained that there would be some formalities to get through but that the meeting would be informal and if anyone had any questions they should ask them as we go along. He also asked if the speaker could identify themselves and if all could sign the attendance form. BJ explained that if a vote is needed during the meeting, it would be necessary to be a member of GTSCLT to be able to vote (which requires filling in a membership form, paying £1 and being on the electoral roll for the parish of Gt. Staughton). He stated that there are currently about 80 members of GTSCLT, which is about 10% of the population of Gt. Staughton.

The rest of the board of GTSCLT who were present also introduced themselves. BJ explained which board members were unable to attend the meeting and that the board can comprise a maximum of 12 people. There is currently a vacancy for 2 people on the board and BJ asked if anyone present might wish to join it. He explained that going forwards it is intended that there will be about 4 meetings a year, unless there are additional issues to discuss.

BJ stated that the purpose of the meeting was to update members on the progress of the affordable housing project since the date of the last meeting of members, as well as an opportunity for the board to provide any further information to members.

BJ then summarised how we had got to this

point – a field owned by the Gt. Staughton Parish Charities (PC) north east of 29 The Green, Gt. Staughton (the field) was identified as a possible site for affordable housing following a housing needs survey of the village in 2013. The PC agreed that the field could be used for this purpose and when Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) was approached it agreed that the field could be eligible as a rural exception site for planning purposes for affordable housing. Luminus were also approached as a possible local supplier of affordable housing.

From the members of GTSCLT a board of 12 volunteers was formed, with Jo Russel, the clerk to the Parish Council of Gt Staughton, as the secretary. The board has met regularly since March 2018 in order to drive matters forward. GTCLT was incorporated and became a legal entity on 9th August 2018 and so it can now have its own bank account, enter into legal documents and the like. GTSCLT has a set of rules which it must comply with - these rules state what the duties and responsibilities of the members and the board are and how the GTSCLT must be governed.

In addition, the field has now become registered with the Land Registry (which was required in order to be able to enter into any legal agreements which relate to the affordable housing scheme). The field was previously rented out at a low level of rent (approximately £250 a year), but is currently not let out. Representatives of the board of GTSCLT have met with HDC and Luminus on several occasions.

Recently, Luminus carried out a new online housing survey, in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Acre, in order to double check the likely current local need for and interest in affordable housing in the village, partly because HDC recognised that an update would be helpful. As a result, 16 potential households in Gt Staughton and Perry were identified as being interested in the affordable housing scheme, being a slightly larger number than in 2013 and which further validates the need for the scheme.

Allocations Policy

BJ explained that the rule of GTSCLT which requires members of GTSCLT to be on the electoral roll of the parish of Gt Staughton helps to keep control of the affordable housing scheme within the village and local area.

The Allocations Policy has been drafted for the affordable housing scheme and this has been distributed and made available to members and via the Gt Staughton village website. A few copies were also available at the meeting. This

policy defines who is eligible for and how people can obtain the affordable houses once they have been built, so is an important document. It will be incorporated into the legal agreement with Luminus so that they are also required to comply with it, ensuring that the dwellings (some of which may be bungalows) are made more available to our community. The priority criteria in the policy are in this order:

- A. a requirement for applicants to have a housing need (clause 1.2.1 of the policy), be on HDC's housing register (which anyone can join) and also be unable to afford either open market rent or to buy a property in Gt. Staughton (which will be means tested), then
- B. those who live in Gt. Staughton (which is all defined) take priority, then
- C. those with a family association to the village (also defined and which includes the widest concept of family, to include step, foster and adopted children) take priority, then
- D. those who work in the village (defined to require it to be for a certain amount of time, so that it is a meaningful connection).

After those overarching criteria, there are secondary criteria which apply if there are not enough people from Gt Staughton to fill the houses, so that people from Perry can then apply for the housing (the PC were originally intended to cover Gt Staughton and Perry) and the same categories A, B, C, D apply to people from Perry.

If there are still not enough applicants for the houses, then the same criteria and categories apply to the surrounding villages and then eventually to Buckden (as Buckden is a large area in itself it could overwhelm the scheme if Buckden were to be given a higher level of priority).

If there are still not enough people to apply for the houses (which is unlikely) then they would be offered for the broader needs of Huntingdonshire.

So under the policy, local geographical needs take priority over general housing needs in the wider local area. However, if an applicant had these housing needs and were homeless, they would take priority. In general, those with just a low level of housing need on the HDC housing register would have no chance of getting housing from HDC but they still might be eligible under our scheme if they fulfil the local criteria.

Luminus will operate all of these criteria

independently of GTSCSLT, unless applicants with similar needs apply for the housing, in which case Luminus will consult with the board of GTSCSLT so that the board can assist with the prioritization of applications, as there may be other relevant factors of which Luminus are unaware. The board will also resolve any appeals.

BJ explained that the wording of the Allocations Policy was borrowed from the CLT set up for an affordable housing scheme at Swaffham Prior in Cambridgeshire, although amended for our purposes. That village is of a similar size to Gt. Staughton and as BJ met their chairman recently he is aware that they are looking to develop their use of their CLT further, perhaps by making ground source heating and high speed fibre broadband available to all residents of their village. Therefore, the additional benefit of having established a CLT for Gt Staughton is that in time, we also might be able to use it for other purposes which are beneficial to our village.

BJ then asked the members if they would please approve the Allocations Policy. The consensus was that the policy was well written and easy to understand and it was agreed.

#### Proposed Layout Plan for the housing

The proposed layout plan for the affordable housing scheme (the plan) had already been distributed to the members present.

BJ explained that there had been some changes to the plan as a result of discussions in board meetings and subsequent negotiations with Luminus and HDC.

The current plan shows 13 properties on the site (the most recent housing survey this year having identified 16 potential households, but not all of these can be guaranteed to have a suitable housing need). This is an increase from the 10 properties originally proposed, partly as it was clear that by re-organising the site layout it would be possible to increase the number of properties which could be built on it and partly because the most recent housing survey identified a higher potential number of households in need than the original 2013 survey. However, this density of housing is lower than most developers might build on the site.

Luminus no longer need to sell any of the properties on the site as they now have government funding to support the site, whereas originally they believed that they would need to sell two properties to fund the construction of all of the properties. Therefore, all of the properties will now be available for occupation by local people, taking the actual number of properties which will be available

from 8 to 13. Luminus will also achieve more rental income as there will be more properties available to rent.

In addition, Luminus intends that at all of the properties which can be rented on the site will be at a social, not affordable rent. Social rent is at 60% of market rent and affordable rent at 80% of it. The board is very pleased with this, as it means that the scheme will be even more affordable for local people. BJ was asked to explain the concept of shared ownership, which is intended for up to 3 or 4 properties in the scheme (the number still under discussion with Luminus).

BJ explained that for the rented properties, they would be paid for by a weekly or monthly rent and if the tenant proves to be a good tenant (paying their rent, looking after their property etc), then after a period of time (probably 12 months) the tenancy would become a long term statutory tenancy, which could be indefinite whilst the tenant requires the property.

However, in relation to properties which could have shared ownership, the occupant may acquire a part ownership share in the house, probably from 25-50%, in order to get on the housing ladder, paying the remaining 75-50% of the usual rental cost as well. When they decide to sell the property, the next owner can buy into the same property.

The board is still in discussion with Luminus about 'staircasing' issues, meaning the maximum amount that could be purchased (50/75%?) and whether Luminus could subsequently re-offer the relevant property back for sale starting at 25% (not 50/75%) after any sale by a co-owner, whatever the percentage of ownership at which the property was previously sold (and not pocket the difference itself). This issue has not yet been resolved with Luminus and the board believe that Luminus is concerned about setting a precedent which is not currently in operation in any other similar scheme. Luminus has told the board that, in their experience, very few people acquire 75% of their houses, so the maximum shared ownership percentage may be 50% in any event.

No ceiling on the value of the properties is proposed – it would be the relevant market value at the time, as in the future values may be very different.

If there are no potential occupants who are interested in shared ownership from time to time, then all of the houses will be able to be 100% rented.

(Please note that subsequent to the meeting, the shared ownership aspect is subject to

relevant legal advice as to how this could be achieved given that the PC currently only intends to offer a lease of the field to GTSCLT, not the freehold, and the possible government reform of long leases for property for sale and whether affordable housing schemes will be excluded).

The ratio of types of property (i.e. one, two or three bedroom houses and bungalows and the number of each) on the plan has been determined by the housing needs surveys and discussions with the board, Luminus and HDC. Regarding the plan, the board is collectively happy with the overall scheme, particularly as it is not a dense development (probably less than Beachampstead Road) and as there are now potentially more houses for local people than originally envisaged.

However, the scheme is still subject to planning approval, although HDC have been involved in all of the discussions to date and have previously agreed that this site could be a rural exception site, which is outside the village boundaries, but only because it is for affordable housing – this is why evidence of needs from the housing surveys was required. Planning permission would not currently be granted for this site if it were for an ordinary housing development.

Therefore, the whole ethos of the proposed scheme is to make housing available to those (including family members) who otherwise couldn't afford to remain in or come back to the village or the other villages in the list of priorities in the plan.

BJ asked the members to endorse the plan, which they duly did.

#### Leases of the field

The PC have agreed to lease the field to GTSCLT for 130 years and GTSCLT are then proposing to let the field to Luminus for 125/130 years, less 1 day. Luminus are happy to build the properties in the scheme on this basis.

Both of these leases have been drafted and some legal advice has been received about them and more is yet to be obtained.

The PC have suggested that GTSCLT should be charged £500 ground rent each year for the first five years of the lease, so that GTSCLT can build up some funds (in addition to any other monies, such as from grants, which BJ has already applied for) in order to be able to administer itself in its infancy. From the sixth year of the lease, the ground rent would be £1000 a year, all ground rent to be subject to indexation by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) – as this is the index to which Luminus is subject.

Luminus has proposed paying GTSCSLT £2000 p.a. ground rent under their sublease.

The PC have recently been obtaining a rent of £250 p.a. for the field, so this would represent an increase in their income from the field.

As a charity, the PC also have to be able to demonstrate that they maintain their charitable purposes, otherwise they are not able to continue to exist.

At present, the PC dispense money annually to local applicants for educational purposes. This affordable housing scheme will enable the PC to distribute more money, as well as to demonstrate additional charitable purpose, as a result of the benefit afforded to the village(s), by also providing the means to create the affordable housing scheme.

As GTSCSLT becomes established, its annual running costs in relation to the scheme should stabilize and probably reduce. Like the PC, GTSCSLT is also a not for profit organisation but it can use its income more widely than the PC (because its purposes are wider than the PC's) and over time, like Swaffham Prior, it may have the resources to help to benefit the village in other ways.

The meeting discussed the amount of ground rent which Luminus could pay and whether it should increase more over time. One reason that the board is prepared to agree to ground rent of £2000 p.a. plus CPI, and not more or not much more over the duration of their lease, is that Luminus is only proposing to charge the tenants of the affordable housing rent, not ground rent as well. It is also proposing to maintain all of the communal areas, which could be expensive – such as grass cutting and tree maintenance. So there will be a point at which the scheme is not financially viable for Luminus going forwards if their ongoing costs are too high – and Luminus is also a not for profit organisation.

#### Next Steps

BJ explained that as well as finalising the terms of the draft leases and subsequently getting them legally executed, there are several other matters to finalise, including:

- the valuation of the field which the PC is required to obtain under the Charities Acts, which is currently in hand
- an application by Luminus for planning permission for the affordable housing on the field, once they have an executed lease (this permission will take at least 3 or 4 month to obtain, HDC having already agreed it in principle)
- Luminus will let the building contracts

(and has said that the board will have some input into the building materials to be used, which are intended will be environmentally friendly where possible)

- Luminus is very committed to this project and is about to have a topographical survey done of the field, for example for drainage purposes.

Although the board cannot predict when the houses will actually be built, the whole project is well under way and it is hoped that construction will be able to be completed in 2019.

After a request by BJ, the members agreed that the board could proceed to agree relevant matters with the PC, Luminus, HDC and others as needed.

The members requested that the window of application for the properties is both well-advertised and long enough.

NOTE: BJ agreed that the board will ensure that potential tenants will have plenty of opportunity to apply for the housing and that it will be widely advertised at the appropriate times, including when construction begins, although we cannot yet predict when the advertising will start.

BJ reminded the members that potential applicants will also have to go on to HDC's housing register, which includes an online process.

#### New board members

BJ explained that two board members are resigning.

Firstly, Sir Hugh Duberly, who was instrumental at the commencement of the scheme but is no longer eligible to be a member as he has moved out of the village and will not be on the electoral roll of the Parish going forwards. Secondly, Janet Bowen is also resigning. Therefore BJ asked for volunteers to replace them.

Helen Glanville, currently a Gt Staughton parish councillor, and Janet Perrett, currently a trustee of the PC, agreed to do so.

BJ agreed that the outcome of the meeting will be published in Life Magazine and on the village website.

The members thanked BJ and the board for all of their efforts. They also asked what the naming process for the scheme would be – which BJ explained is governed by HDC.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

Signed by R. Jewell, as a true and fair record of the meeting.

## Life Magazine – Notes from the AGM Held on Friday 28th December 2018, in the Tavern, Great Staughton

Present: Nicole Yates (Chairman), Helen Glanville (Treasurer), Rob Young (Co-Editor), Shaun Prince (Co-Editor)

Apologies: Mark Fowler (Perry representative)

**Accounts.** The Treasurer produced the draft accounts for the year (2018), which showed an decrease in assets of £941.34. We had produced 12 colour covers this year and 1 colour centre. The Collection boxes fund half an edition. The adverts seem to have stabilised. We have managed to run a 40 page once, 44 page twice, 52 page 5 times and 56 page 4 times. The increased expenditure is due to running so many more larger editions. The editors are going to be mindful of larger editions and try to pace the content. We are going to increase the price to £32.00 for a whole page and halves and quarters pro-rated. Cover ads will increase to £110.00 for large and £65 for small. We will also charge for business adverts even if they are for the community. Both Great Staughton and Perry Parish Councils have donated to the magazine in 2018 and the Committee expressed their gratitude to them.

**Bank Account.** The money held in the Life Magazine account was £3206.49 which was £941.34 down on last year. We use an HSBC Community account with Bob Jewell, Helen Glanville and Nicole Yates as

signatories. Copies of all bank statements are available at any time to ensure visibility.

**Printing Costs.** Easiprint was the cheapest in our last quotes and the price has again been held for 2019. It is still efficient and easy for the Editors to use. They also allow us to change the size of the magazine monthly which gives us good flexibility with a varying level of content. The committee acknowledged that Easiprint has been very good but as it has been 4 years since the last quote then new quotes will be obtained.

**Advertising Prices.** The cost for a page will rise to £32 for a whole page. Covers to increase to £110.00 for large and £65.00 for small. The committee are grateful to those loyal advertisers for sticking with the Magazine and point out that there has not been a price rise since 2013.

**Posting Magazines Out of Area.** The cost of posting copies to "out of area" readers will remain at £14.00.

**Magazine makeup.** We have managed to run a 40 page 1 time, 44 page 2 times, 52 page 5 times and 56 page 4 times. All have had a colour cover and 1 had a colour centre.

**Advertisers.** The policy, that advertisers who are slow to pay are invoiced twice and/or given two months grace with their advert, but then are removed from the Magazine, was reaffirmed.

**Editors Payment.** It was agreed to pay the Editors payment for both Rob and Shaun. The editors incur many costs and it was felt that even this token amount will help towards paying for

some of it! The amount was agreed to increase to £160.00 and it would be paid by BACS. Rob and Shaun also kindly agreed to continue editing! The rest of the committee truly thanked them!

**Minutes to be Published.** It was agreed to continue to publish these minutes on the Village website and within the magazine. The website minutes still have been well read and commented on!

10. **AOB.** We still have spaces on the cover for advertising. £65 for small and £110 for large for the year.

Free Ads will be only run for one month so advertisers/societies/events need to ask again for subsequent months.

We need more photos so we can increase the colour content of the magazine and specifically more seasonal/pet photos for the front cover. Come on all you budding photographers - get yourself on the cover! Also, if anyone has any historical photos we would love to include those too.

We have some representation from Perry! The committee welcomes Mark Fowler.

We would like to have a list of distributors in case we need to contact them. So, if you are a distributor please can you let us know at [lifemagazine@outlook.com](mailto:lifemagazine@outlook.com)?

Finally, the committee is delighted with the increased content and thank everyone for their contributions.

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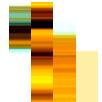
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*Dear Friends,*

*I loved you first  
by Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*

*I loved you first: but afterwards your love  
Outsoaring mine, sang such a loftier song  
As drowned the friendly cooings of my dove.  
Which owes the other most? my love was long,  
And yours one moment seemed to wax more strong;  
I loved and guessed at you, you construed me  
And loved me for what might or might not be –  
Nay, weights and measures do us both a wrong.  
For verily love knows not 'mine' or 'thine';  
With separate 'I' and 'thou' free love has done,  
For one is both and both are one in love:  
Rich love knows nought of 'thine that is not mine';  
Both have the strength and both the length thereof,  
Both of us, of the love which makes us one.*

**A**s I write this we are enjoying fantastic weather for this time of the year, the days are lengthening and the skies are beautiful. The spring flowers are beginning to appear to brighten the countryside and gardens, a wonderful setting for February, the romantic month of the year.

I have spent the last few days meeting up with several wedding couples who are looking to get married in our churches this year and the hope and expectations that they bring with them are infectious and exciting.

February is the month when we remember St Valentine. The first official Saint Valentine's Day was declared on 14th of February by Pope Galasius in 496, in memory of a 3rd century martyred priest in Rome. It is believed that the young priest rose to distinction after betraying Emperor Claudius in 270 AD by conducting illegitimate wedding ceremonies in the capital. This gained him unwelcome notoriety, which became Bishop Valentine's downfall. He was jailed and ultimately

beheaded, but not before he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. It is thought that on the evening of his execution the bishop passed her a note which read "from your Valentine". This story has blossomed into the defining tradition of Valentine's Day.

The Christian faith also has its foundation in love. The love of a God who sent his Son into the world to live and die for us.

It is this belief that, as a Christian, I hang onto in the ups and downs of life, but I also believe that we can see this Christian love in the actions and kindnesses of those around us. I cannot begin to thank people individually for their cards, support and help in the last difficult months and so I am using this letter to express that thanks.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

*With love & blessings*  
**Janet Perrett**

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# CHURCH SERVICES February 2019

## Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am- All Age Worship

(Candlemas)

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am- Parish Communion

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am-Parish Communion (play and pray)

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am-Parish Communion

## Little Staughton All Saints

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9am-Parish Communion

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** 9am- Parish Communion

## Hail Weston St. Nicolas

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** 3pm- All Age Worship

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 am – Morning Prayer  
followed by 10.30am - Coffee

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** 9am- Parish Communion

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** 3.00 pm Creative Communion

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**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

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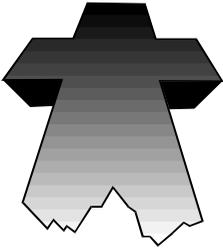
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### All Welcome



*My dear friends,*

This month I reproduce with permission an article written by Rev Roger Watkins for a different magazine. He wrote; I was recently reading of someone who visited an ice-rink and watched a teenage girl trying to perfect an extremely difficult jump. She had a coach with her seeking to give help and advice. Time and again she fell down on the ice and each time the coach motioned with his hand to get up and try again.

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

Life is like that for all of us at times. We attempt things and set out to achieve things only to be often knocked over by the pressures and demands of life. We can easily fail and fall but usually we move on and try again.

Following the Christian life is never easy either. There are many joys and blessings in store along the way, many

encouragements which God sends, but we often fail and fall in the hopes and aims we seek to fulfill.

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

**Yours in Christ,  
Tony Whitlock**

### **Preachers and Services for February 2019:**

Services in February all at 10.30am

3rd Keith Doe  
10th Stephen Draper  
17th Rev D Taylor  
24th Rev David Williams

There is no Friendship Circle in  
February.

Next one is 25th March

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

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**Gt. Staughton WEBSITE...[www.greatstaughton.com](http://www.greatstaughton.com)**

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**Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205**  
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**The Surgery, 57 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DY.**

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**Email:** [info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk](mailto:info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk)

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