

GREAT STAUGHTON & PERRY

Life and Diaries



July 2016

40th Year



Sailing - Windsurfing - SUP Specialists @ Grafham Water Sailing Club



SUP 1 hour Taster sessions £15 per person

Brampton Mill River Safari £20 per person

W: www.jonti.co.uk E: sales@jonti.co.uk T: 01480 811242

I.R. Quince

Monumental Mason

New Memorials supplied & existing Memorials restored

Quincestonetworks

Granite worktops, Free estimates for all work

83, High Street, Biggleswade, Beds, SG18 0LA

Phone: 01767-314180. Fax: 01767-600872

E-mail: sales@quincestonetworks.co.uk

Nick & Caroline welcome you!

**Tuesday Evening:
Two courses for £12
Booking Essential**

Opening Hours: 12noon to
3pm
& 6 pm to 11pm

Telephone: 01480-860336

Or: snootytaavern@btconnect.com



12 The Green
Great
Staughton
CAMBS
PE19 5DG

STAGWORKS PERFORMING ARTS

Theatre School

- * Jazz
- * Singing
- * Tap
- * Drama
- * Street

Courses and Workshops

- * Full Time
- * Part Time
- * Specialist Workshops
- * Summer Schools
- * Teacher Training

Ballet School

- * Classical Ballet
- * Late Starter Classes
- * Boys Syllabus

*(Classes available for adults
and children of all ages)*

The Towers, High Street,
Buckden, St Neots, Cambs,
PE19 5TA
Telephone: 01480 812626

www.stagworksstudio.co.uk
info@stagworksstudio.co.uk



Business Slow? Advertise Here!

Contact Editors Shaun or Rob for prices!

Est. 1999



XYGEN-I.T.

oxygen-it.co.uk

On - Site Computer Engineers

Open 7 Days inc. Evenings

Low cost fixed price repairs and more.

No fix - No fee.

No Call - out charge.

AND you only pay when you are happy.

01480 390 395

07977 420 288

Tony Aldous
- Owner

Local, Reliable, Approachable & Honest.

Contents

Dates for your Diary.....	Page 4
Editorial Natter.....	Page 5
Community Notices.....	Pages 6-20
Cambs Fire & Rescue Service.....	Page 10
Healthwatch Cambridgeshire.....	Page 11
W.I News.....	Page 12
'Veteran Villagers'	Page 13
New Bus Service Notice	Page 14
Charity Bike Ride Thanks.....	Page 15
Wildlife Trust News.....	Page 16
Telecom Times.....	Page 17
G.S Tennis Club Needs You!.....	Page 18
Gt. Staughton Academy News.....	Page 19
G.M. Gilbert - A Potted History.....	Page 21
Grafham Water Centre Events.....	Page 23
Back in the Day.....	Pages 24
G.S Neighbourhood Watch.....	Page 28
Perry Parish Council Minutes.....	Pages 32
G.S Parish Council Minutes.....	Page 35
St Andrew's Church Letter.....	Page 42
St. Andrew's Church Notices.....	Page 43
Kimbolton Country Fayre.....	Page 44
Perry Baptist Church Letter.....	Page 45
Clubs & Contacts.....	Page 46
Useful Telephone Numbers.....	Page 47

This magazine is produced by volunteers. Running costs are met by donations from organisations, generous readers and advertising revenue. The Management and Editorial Committee do not necessarily agree with, or support, the views expressed in this magazine.

THE "LIFE" TEAM

Chairman: Bob Jewell: 01480 861259

Email: bjewell12@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Helen Glanville: 07745 920214

Email: steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk

Editors:

Rob Young Tel: 01480 860799

Shaun Prince Tel: 07563 441261

Correspondence to Editors:

Rob Young: 2 Manor Close, Gt Staughton
St Neots, PE19 5DU

Shaun Prince: Suite 2, Bellingham House,
2 Huntingdon Street, St Neots, PE19 1BG

Treasurer:

Helen Glanville: 2 Causeway Close, Gt
Staughton PE19 5BG

Editor Emails:

Rob - rj.young@live.co.uk

Shaun - lifemagazine@outlook.com

Delivery team co-ordinators:

Valerie Downs (Perry) Tel: 01480 812829
1 Blythe Green

Steve Bennett (Gt St.) Tel: 01480 861626
29 Beachampstead Rd

Contributions for every edition must reach the Editors by the 15th of the previous month, e.g 15th February for March issue *UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED*

Handwritten/typed contributions are acceptable but emails are preferred (see above). Please send content to BOTH editors.

Contact either editor to seek advice on the suitability of your input.

ADVERTISING

Ring either Editor for advertising enquiries/ quotes

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

between 9.30am—5.30pm



Dates for your Diary



JULY

<i>Friday 1st :</i>	Gt, Staughton Academy Summer Fayre.....	Page 19
<i>Saturday 2nd :</i>	St. Neots Museum ‘Murder Mystery’	Page 39
<i>Tuesday 5th :</i>	Gt. Staughton Cricket Club Quiz, The White Hart, 7:30pm.....	Page 9
<i>Sunday 10th :</i>	Kimbolton Country Fayre.....	Page 44
<i>Sunday 10th :</i>	Wildlife Trust Great Fen Walk.....	Page 16
<i>Tuesday 19th :</i>	Flower arranging Demo, Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.....	Page 9
<i>Wednesday 20th :</i>	Gt. Staughton WI trip to Woburn Abby & Gardens	
<i>Monday 25th :</i>	New Gt. Staughton bus service.....	Page 9/14

AUGUST

<i>Saturday 27th :</i>	Great Staughton Horticultural Society Annual Show.....	Page 8
------------------------	--	--------

SEPTEMBER

<i>Saturday 24th :</i>	Reach Festival.....	Page 38
------------------------	---------------------	---------

Looking Ahead:

Saturday October 1st - Lions 40th Abba Tribute Night, Grafham Water Sailing Club

Friday October 21st - Party of Light, 4:30pm - 6:30pm - Gt. Staughton Village Hall

Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2016:

6th Jul, 7th Sep, 9th Nov

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2016:

6th Jul, 3rd Aug, 14th Sep, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec

GREAT STAUGHTON PAVILION : Ideal for children's parties, small committee meetings etc. Use of kitchen facilities. Direct access on to playing field in summer. Children's parties/meetings: £15 for a 3 hour session. Sports' use - cricket club & football club - £26 per session.

For information and booking, contact Bob Jewell - **01480-861259**

GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE HALL : Need a venue for that special event:- parties, weddings, bring & buy sales? Modest rates, good facilities, easy parking.

For details, ring Vicky Goldsmith : **07739 469243/01480 860005**

Editorial Natter...



Hello readers,

Welcome to July's edition of *Life*. I'd like to begin by first thanking my co-editor, Shaun, who decided to put a picture of yours truly on the cover of last month's magazine. If I had known it would resurface 20 years later I would have opted for longer shorts and a smaller t-shirt!

I remember that day well. To celebrate the opening of the new pavilion, and the second tennis court, I took part in a tennis tournament, hence the attire (I didn't win). I also remember the speed at which John Major's armoured Jag swung into the field through the old gates!

We continue our year-long celebration of our 40th year on page 24 with cuttings from the July 1994 magazine, and again on the cover, with a couple of snaps from the Highway flood from, I think, the early 1990's. They're not of the best quality, but I like to think that simply adds to the nostalgia! We've really enjoyed looking through old photos and reading lots of your stories. It seems like we've really inspired you all to take your own trips down memory lane! Please do continue to share them with us.

Enjoy the rest of summer and I'll speak to you all again in September!

This issue was edited by Rob

Councillor Surgeries

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

District Cllrs. John Morris and Patricia Jordan, together with County Cllr. Peter Downes, will be present to respond to any concerns you may have. A member of Perry Parish Council will also be present. At other times please contact them as follows:

Peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel 07765 833 486

Patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk Tel: 457802

John.morris@huntingdonshire.gov.uk tel.458818

Great Staughton Parish Councillors

Sir Hugh Duberty (Chairman).....	860305
Robert Jewell (Vice Chairman).....	861259
Geoff Gilbert.....	509788
William Mumford.....	860460
Anthony Withers.....	861224
Janet Bowen.....	860472
Nicole Yates.....	860616
David Moore.....	861195
Kevin Fisk.....	861004
Jo Reid (Clerk).....	860833
Email: GtStaughtonParishClerk@outlook.com	

Minutes of meetings can be found on the website: www.greatstaughton.com

Perry Parish Councillors

Nigel Noon (Chairman).....	810368
Bill Wetzel (Vice Chairman).....	811580
Sue Astle.....	811121
John Cranston	811273
Peter Lawrence.....	810982
Kate Merrell.....	819723
David Prew.....	700952
Emma Prew.....	700952
Martin J. Wilson (Clerk)	
clerkperrycouncil@gmail.com	

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:

JULY 27th

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

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library for details of all the Mobile Library routes as well as some useful information.

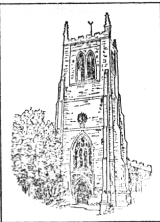
Treasurers Corner

Hello everyone,

No Pots this month so I have the time to thank Great Staughton Youth Club, who have made a donation to Life. It is brilliant to have a new village club doing this. It is also good that they are established enough to be able to make a donation. Well done to them and thanks again.



Helen



St Andrew's Church

**100 Club
June 2016 Draw**

Prize	No.	Name
£200.....	50.....	Mr. R Peacock
£100.....	07.....	Mr A Gilbert
£50.....	67.....	Mrs Jean Willmer
£25.....	65.....	Mr A Withers
£15.....	80.....	Mrs Judy Chalkley
£10.....	10.....	Mr James Duberly

Congratulations to the winners!

FOR SALE

Steam mop with spare cloth.
(£20)

"Henry" vacuum cleaner with all attachments and several spare bags. **(£40)**

Faux leather white sofa bed (single), little used, converts easily to bed and back. **(£120)**

**Contact: Anthony Withers
861224
or aw.staughton@gmail.com**

For Sale

**Genuine Volkswagen Passat
Lockable Roof Bars
to fit cars between 2001-2006
Excellent Condition**

£50 or nearest offer

Tel: 01480 861254



**KIMBOLTON
COMMUNITY
CINEMA**



**AT THE MANDEVILLE HALL
7 FOR 7-30pm FRIDAY 15th
JULY**

SPECTRE 12a

James Bond returns as a cryptic message from his past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation.

Tickets: Watson's, Yellow Bird, Bytes Café, or on the door if available.

[e-voice.org.uk/
themandevillehallkimbolton/
community-cinema](http://e-voice.org.uk/themandevillehallkimbolton/community-cinema) or 01480 860297 for more details.



**Kym Valley Carpet
Bowls**

Gt Staughton Village Hall
Club Nights - Tuesday and
Friday - 7.00 to 9.30pm

Dates for July

Friday 1st—Bass Trophy
Tuesday 5th
Friday 8th
Wednesday 13th - Renhold away
Friday 15th
Tuesday 19th
Friday 22nd
Tuesday 26th - Home to Spaldwick
Friday 29th

For more information call :
Doris Dainty - 01480 812006
dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk

FOR SALE

Children's In-Line Skates - Size 4 (£10)

**Children's Bike for a 9-10 year old -
may need new tires
(£15)**

**Ring Liz on 01480 811636 for more
details.**



We meet the 2nd
Monday of every
month, 2.30 pm at
Perry Church

You'll will be very welcome.

**Contact:- Marjorie Smith
01480812243**

**West Hunts Friendship
Club 100 Club**

**100 Club winners for June
2016**

Number	Name	Prize
63	Norman Hardy	£50
23	Gill Broome	£25
65	Bob Jewell	£15
38	Rose Johnson	£10

Congratulations to the winners!

**GREAT
STAUGHTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**



Officially summer started on the 1st of June but as I write this it is cold, damp day. After a lovely warm, sunny day for our Annual Plant Sale at the end of May, which was a very successful event, the weather deteriorated and it now feels like winter, I heard on a news programme that it is colder now than it was last Christmas! How does nature cope with all these fluctuations, some species struggle, others seem to take it in their stride.

Have you put these dates in your Diary ?

The Annual Horticultural Show on **Saturday 27th August**. The schedules for this year's show are now available from the Show Secretary, Dianne Palmer, 01480 861136 or committee members and Gilbert Butchers. Do take a look at one and be inspired to take part in the show. If you want to know more about staging your exhibits why not get a copy of our leaflet "Hints on Showing". These will be available in good time for use at the show.

Our Autumn Talk will be on Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. The speaker is Andrew Sankey and his topic is "Rethinking Your Garden".

Tickets are priced at £6.00 and include light refreshments and one glass of wine.

Hopefully warmer days are ahead!

***Great Staughton Horticultural
Society***

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
HEARING HELP?**

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is a charity for people with hearing loss. Our mission is to reduce the impact of hearing loss on daily lives.

We operate a drop-in session in Great Staughton once a quarter. These are always on a Tuesday at 2pm to 4pm, along with sessions in St. Neots and Brampton.

The remaining dates for the Staughton drop-in this year are **26th July and 25th October**.

These drop-in sessions are for NHS hearing aid users only and we offer free replacement batteries, cleaning and retubing hearing aids. We also offer free advice on hearing aid use.

For more information please visit **cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk** or turn to page 47 for contact details.

Great Staughton Cricket Club



Next Quiz

The next quiz will be on **Tuesday 5th July 2016** at The White Hart at **7:30pm**. Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners. All proceeds go to the cricket club. Come along and join in an evening of fun, many have joined us over the last few months. Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person to enter.

[https://www.facebook.com/
GreatStaughtonCricketClub](https://www.facebook.com/GreatStaughtonCricketClub)

Bob Jewell — 01480 861259

Sponsored by
K Fisk Plumbing & Heating Ltd

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE'S BUS SERVICE

The current 408 service which runs on a Thursday through Perry at 10:02am and Staughton at 10:10am will cease from **21st July**.

There is the new service to Huntingdon from Staughton at **11:20am** to Huntingdon returning at **2pm** commencing from **25th July**.

This means both St Neots and Huntingdon are served by bus services from Staughton.

For more information please turn to Page 14.

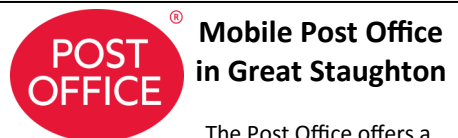
KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB



There will be a flower arranging demonstration on **Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton**. This will be by Zoe Podmore with the title 'A TURN OF THE PAGE.'

There will be a sales table and plant stall.

All welcome, admission for visitors £7.50, members £2, to include light refreshments.



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

Most Post Office services will be offered including banking for all of the major banks. Passports, driving licences and vehicle tax will not be available.

The van has wheelchair access.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
Working together to improve community safety

JULY BULLETIN

We are starting to see the first glimpses of summer and the hot weather – long may it continue.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999

immediately with clear details of your location.

Contact: Follow us on social media, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500.

'Like' us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/cambsfrs and follow us on Twitter [@cambsfrs](https://twitter.com/cambsfrs) and Instagram [@cambs_frs](https://www.instagram.com/cambs_frs)



Perry Photographic Club



- Did you have a new digital camera recently?
- Are you confused with all the buttons and switches?
- Perplexed by all the jargon?
- Not able to tell your f stop from your I.S.O.?

Don't worry, help is at hand. We are a friendly local group of photography enthusiasts (male and female) who meet on a very informal basis once every fortnight.

We can assist you to take control of your camera and enable you to produce far better photos; we also have in depth knowledge of Photoshop and Elements.

Perry Photographic Club
07788 409301



Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is our local health and care champion

There are lots of important conversations happening at the moment about the future of our local health and care services. It is our job to make sure you are listened to when decisions are made. We are there to ask questions on your behalf.

Some of the conversations we've been involved in recently include:

- Hinchingbrooke Hospital merger
- Care at Addenbrookes and the Rosie
- The future of older people's health care and adult community services
- Children and Young people's mental health
- Crisis mental health care
- NHS 111 and out of hours GP care

We have also published *Thriving*, our report into children and young people's mental health.

Talk to us

We need know how health and care is working in Cambridgeshire for you and the people who are important to you. We will listen to your experiences and share them with the people who make decisions about local services, without identifying you.

We also provide an Information Service and can help you find out about:

- health and social care services near to you
- what to do if you have a concern or complaint
- organisations that can give you help or advice

We are always happy to talk to local groups and attend events, so please do invite us.

Contact us

www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

or call **01480 420628**, find us on

Facebook (Healthwatch

Cambridgeshire) or follow us on Twitter

@HW_Cambs.

Celebrating 40 Years of Life & Diaries

You may have noticed that this year the Life Magazine celebrates its 40th Anniversary. We are all very proud to be able to keep the magazine going to the same standard as was originally intended.

On that note, we are on the hunt for old editions of the magazine from its 40-year history and pictures of Great Staughton and Perry from the 1970s and 1980s.

If you have anything you would like to send in, please send to both editors via email or post.

Thanks, Rob & Shaun



This year's collection in **Great Staughton** totalled **£536.61** (to which **£50.50** is added from those folk who were kind enough to Gift Aid their donation) – and sincere thanks go to all who have helped and all who have given over the past few weeks.

If you feel that giving a little time to this cause is something you could do and would be willing to join our small band of collectors next year then please get in touch with me. Thank you.

*Hilary Westcott
(tel. 861389)*

Gt Staughton W.I



good things floral and wowed us with her skill and knowledge. We came away from Perry Church (tables were at a premium so we had

After the usual business our speaker David Wilkinson told us about the history of Tulips and Keukenhof Gardens. The gardens are a very popular tourist attraction near Amsterdam. The photos he showed were of the beautifully kept gardens with the many and varied flowers. Most of the tulips all over the world are produced in Holland.

The competition was a posy. The winners were 1st Margaret Richardson, 2nd Barbara Wallis and 3rd Lynda Harness.

Raffle winners were Jean Lanell (a visitor), Tricia Richards, Margaret Emeleus and Barbara Wallis.

Our speaker for next month is Anne-Marie Hamilton on Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group. The competition is an Animal Ornament.

Helen Packer

Perry W.I

A few reminders before we start tonight ... Cakes to Meg's house (5 Hawkins Close) on Thursday 23rd for the Abbot's Ripton Flower Show. If she's not in, just leave them in the porch. Otherwise, take them to the WI Centre in Huntingdon 9-12am on the Friday. Also, if you wish to join in the Perry Pairs (pears) then bring your bra-hanging-basket to next month's meeting. We'll take a photo and it'll all go from there

So, our speaker (and do-er) was Bev Bradshaw. She came laden with all

to forgo our customary glass of wine at the pub) with at least one sometimes-cottagey, sometimes-classical, sometimes-spectacular but always-creative flower arrangement. Some of us used blooms and foliage from our own gardens and others of us completely forgot, simply turning up with smiles and secateurs. It really didn't matter as Bev had brought a surfeit of riches with gerberas, love-in-a-mist, dianthus, other-lovely-flowers-whose-names-I-know-not, and enough varieties of greenery at which yer average Kew-gardener would have shed a tear of happiness. We learnt to make a chocolate-box bow (called by florists 'the idiot's bow' - probably why I couldn't get mine to look like a bow though everyone else's turned out rather lovely), to manipulate cellophane and mesh (I kid you not, more difficult than you would imagine), and to discover 'negative space' - that's floral art, not Star Wars - it's actually the gap between the flowers which gives the whole thing structure and flow (though I did hear one exchange 'Ooo get you with your negative space', 'Yes dear, between my ears').

Fun was had by all and Bev was a clear and amusing teacher, showing us how to support droopy stems, warning us of the paper-cuts to be had from Bear Grass, how florists always use their teeth, and how to treat a gerbera kindly (put them in

water practically up to their neck for half an hour).

And the proof of the pudding is in the eating ... my husband woke up the next day, saw the arrangement in the fireplace and asked who had sent me flowers! Result! Thanks Bev!

Next month on the 11th July we will be tracing our family trees with Peter Gout, all welcome, half 7 start at The Wheatsheaf, Perry.

Written by Liz

VETERAN VILLAGERS

I'm sure that the current celebrations of *Life's* 40 years will have brought back a lot of memories for people who were around at its creation.

The new estate (or reservation as some called it) was built between 1970 and 1974 increasing the population of Great Staughton by several hundred. It is fair to say that many of the original villagers did have certain reservations about the sudden influx of newcomers, but over time, this disappeared as the new arrivals made a significant contribution to the village, not least *Life* magazine, Staughton Stagers, the Community Association and many others.

There are still a considerable number of people around who

remember those times, having been in the village for 30 – 40 years, and I wonder whether there is any mileage in forming a "Veterans" Group?

Answers on a postcard please.

Anthony Withers 861224
or aw.staughton@gmail.com



Rainbows is for girls from the ages of 5 to 7. We would also welcome any enquiries from adults who would like to join us as leaders.

For more information about us visit: www.girlguiding.org.uk, and if you are interested in joining us, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested to register your interest at the earliest opportunity. Once registered you will be contacted by one of our Leaders.

We would love to hear from you, and new members are always welcome.

Yours in Guiding,

Liz Wetzel and Ann Price
Gt Staughton Rainbow Leaders

Email:
gtstaughtonrainbows@icloud.com



Cambridgeshire Future Transport
Delivering local solutions



Cambridgeshire Future Transport (CFT)

New bus service coming to Great Staughton

The CFT programme has been working with communities to review and re-design subsidised bus services to achieve financial savings through new local transport solutions.

A new bus service to Huntingdon, operating Monday to Friday will start on Monday 25th July 2016.

Departs Great Staughton	11:20	Departs Huntingdon	14:00
Arrives Huntingdon	11:50	Arrives Great Staughton	14:40

**Timetables will be available locally shortly.*

The new service replaces the following bus services which will be withdrawn (last week of operation 18th July):

- 401: Grafham – Spaldwick – Huntingdon
- 404: Huntingdon – Bedford
- 405: Peterborough – Huntingdon
- 408: St Neots – Huntingdon

NB: The 400 bus service to Huntingdon will continue to serve the village Monday to Friday.

What are your alternatives?

- Other bus service(s): 150 Tilbrook – St Neots
- Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport (HACT) offers a pre-bookable, door-to-door service in your area. Their services can be used for shopping, appointments, visiting friends or relatives Monday to Friday.
- Travel to: Peterborough (Mon, Tue), St Neots (Thurs), Cambourne (Fri).

For more information please call HACT on 01480 411114
or email them at contact@hact.gb.com

The CFT Team: cft@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 045 0675

Charity bicycle ride to Spain - Thank you!

On 7th May I set off alone on a 1,000 mile charity bike ride to Spain over 19 days in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who has supported my charity bike ride to Santander in Spain. So far your donations have helped me raise more than £1,900 for a charity that does such great work supporting individuals and families affected by cancer.

If you would like to make a small online donation it's still not too late. Go to **www.justgiving.com/John-Morris10** to donate and find out more about my ride.

Some of the highlights of my ride in numbers:

1,100 - miles cycled

90 - most miles cycled in a single day

39.1 - top speed in mph going down hill in the Basque Country towards San Sebastián.

22 days - 3 days extra than planned due to a cancelled return ferry which meant I had to cycle 2 more days back to Bilbao from Santander to catch a ferry back to Portsmouth

7 - ferry crossings

3 - the number of bananas that fell out of my back pack, never to be eaten by a hungry cyclist

2 - the number of times I fell off my bike

0 - number of punctures - thanks to my bullet proof tyres!



Cllr John Morris

**Huntingdonshire District Councillor
for Brampton, Grafham & Perry**

Tel: 01480 458818 / 07788 977092

Twitter: @johnmbrampton



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire
Local Group

Registered Charity No 1000412

The Great Fen

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, invites you to attend a walk at the Great Fen on Sunday 10th July at 2.30pm.

Our walk will be led by Henry Stanier, who is the Great Fen Ecology and Recording Officer. We will visit the New Decoy Farm Area which is at the heart of the Great Fen. We hope to see a rich variety of wildflowers, dragonflies, butterflies and birds.

The walk will last about 2 hours; shorter options will be available, but unfortunately the walk is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at the Information Point on the B660 (known locally as Long Drove). Parking is limited so visitors are encouraged to car share. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.



Kim's Home & Mobile Dog Grooming Open Mon-Fri 9am -5pm



Small dog - £20, Medium dog - £25,
Large dog - £30, Giant dog - £50

Hand stripping : small dog - £40,
Medium - £50, large/giant - £60+

The prices include:

full groom -(clipping/scissoring)
a bath and dry, brush out, ear cleaning.

Additional services

(if not booked in for a full groom at the time)

Nail clipping - £5, anal glands care £5,
just a bath and dry - from £15

Contact for a mobile service price list.

T: 01480 474803/ 07522 847791

E: kimsdoggrooming@hotmail.co.uk
38 Lees Lane, Southoe, PE19 5YG

Suffering with stiff, painful muscles?

Did you know that if you don't
move your muscles actually get
stiff?

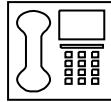
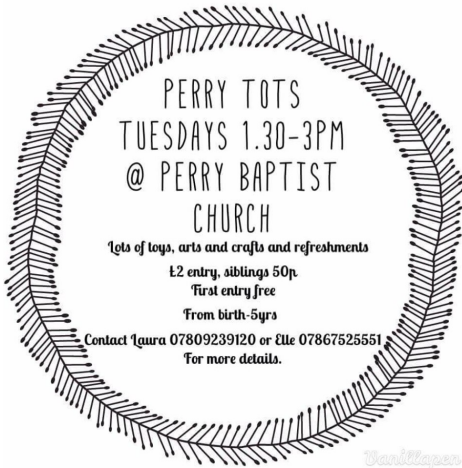
Targeted massage can really
improve how well and easily you
move!

Massage, nature's *natural*
muscle lubricant!

Call today!
Touch Point Therapy
Combining massage and movement
Elizabeth Hughes, ITEC, MCThA
07702 739968 or 01480 811369

All sessions are provided in the
comfort of your home!

info@massagehuntingdon.com



Telecom
Times
July 2016



Telephone : I have received no direct reports of any disconnections since last November.

Broadband : The last update I had was that 195 subscribers had fibre broadband activated by 19th May 2016. However, as of 1st June there is now a waiting list for fibre since the two patch cables between the two cabinets have now reached their maximum capacity of 100 connections each. If you are one of the people waiting for fibre I would appreciate you getting in touch with me please.

Despite the additional 39 fibre connections made this year I have still only received 7 full responses to my many requests for peoples' speed test results. Without this information we have no leverage with BT to improve matters within the village and get a third cable installed.

If you have any queries regarding the above, or would like help with any aspect of your telecommunications provision, please feel free to contact me and I will help as best I can.

Best regards,
Roger

Email : roger4321@yahoo.co.uk
Tel : 01480 860762

THE FOOT CLINIC

For a wide range of chiropody and podiatry treatments of the highest quality from a specialist with over 27 years of experience in both the NHS and private practice.

**Graeme A Paterson BSc
FCPod (S).**

**Podiatric Specialist
Health Professions Council
Registered.**

For further information
or to arrange a consultation or home
visit please contact:

**The Foot Clinic,
High Street, Southoe, St Neots,
Cambs. PE19 5YE.**

Tel : 01480 811145.



GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We have started a tennis group on Sunday mornings at 10.30am from Sunday 10 April 2016. All levels and ages welcome. Please feel free to come along and join in. We also hope to arrange an open day with a tennis coach coming along to spend some time with the children in the village.

We would like to invite anyone interested in playing tennis to register their interest using the contact details below, or posting on our new Facebook page. We look forward to hearing from you and to playing tennis with you very soon.

Tennis Club Committee:

Nicole Yates – 860616
nicolehyates@aol.com

Phil Yates – 860616
fourelevenltd@aol.co.uk

David Moore - 861195
david_j_moore@outlook.com

Mike Keeble - 860855
m.keeble855@btinternet.com

Roger Harding - 860762
roger4321@yahoo.co.uk

All Saints Church Grafham Little Fishes Stay + Play Tots Session

Grafham Village Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11:20am (*Term time only*)

Just turn up on the day
Sessions include free-play and craft
activities also a bible story and
sing-along
Babies welcome too

Please get in touch if you can help make
tea/coffee/squash on an
occasional basis

Contact Jean Clark 01480 890033
robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk

PERRY VILLAGE SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Perry village is looking to recruit
volunteers to assist with Speed Watch
exercises conducted within the village.
Exercises will take place at various times
during the week and at weekends and
will only last an hour in duration, all in
daylight hours. Full training will be
given.

If you would like to help or find out
more, please contact the Clerk to the
Parish Council on:

clerkperrycouncil@gmail.com
810978

Great Staughton Academy News



It has been another busy month at Great Staughton Primary Academy! We have been very sporty, attending a kwik-cricket competition (years 3, 4 and 5) and we're looking forward to taking part in an athletics competition very soon.

We have also been awarded the Gold Woodland Trust Green Tree Award for our outdoor learning. We are very proud of this achievement and our plaque is already hanging up in the entrance area.

Jack Cornell, the Trust's artist in residence, has also been working with us recently. The children have created a new mural for our playground wall which took inspiration from aerial maps of Great Staughton. It is an abstract creation but was very much built around our village.

Lastly for this month, we are looking forward to our summer fayre which will be on the school field from 3.30pm on Friday 1st July. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the day!





Laura's Mobile Hairdressing

Professional hairdresser & barber with
over 14 years experience



Qualified up to NVQ level 3 and insured.

Available to do men's, women's and children's cuts, blow dries, sets,
colours, colour correction, hair up's, perms.

Have your hair done in the comfort of your own home.

Contact me on **07809239120**

Email me at laurasmobilehairdressing2016@gmail.com

Facebook.com/laurasmobilehairdressing2016

SEEN HERE IN ITS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THE LESSER SPOTTED PUMPING STATION

If you have a private pumping station at the bottom of your garden or in your street we need to know about it. You are currently responsible if anything goes wrong but the good news is that from October 2016 we will take responsibility for many private pumping stations in our region. This will include the cost to maintain and run them, but we have to find them first. If you're not sure what you're looking for our handy spotter's guide can help.

So if you have one get in touch today:

03457 145 145

Or email us at:

privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk
spotapumpingstation.co.uk



love
every
drop!
anglianwater

G. M. Gilbert - A Potted History

It all started for us in July 1991 when we took over the premises at 60A The Highway and opened up as G. M. Gilbert Family Butcher. By then, Geoff had gained 24 years experience in the trade, learning all aspects including slaughtering. You might say he learned from the inside out! It quickly became obvious to our customers that he knew and understood meat, and that top quality produce was his aim.

With business increasing, Eileen and Andy often “helped out”, particularly in the busy run up to the Christmas period. Indeed, neighbours and friends offered help (or were pressganged, I’m not sure which). A lot of hours were worked and we all needed to relieve the tension at times. One memorable occasion happened on a very chilly December late evening, the radio was on and Queen performing Bohemian Rhapsody was just what was needed for a good sing along and jump about. It was a slightly startled pair of police officers that ran to the door thinking we were being burgled!

We felt extremely fortunate, and a tad proud, in early 2005, when Andy decided he wanted a change of career and joined his dad full time. Truly a family business, with Eileen doing the accounts.

Fortunately we have had good support from so many customers and we were very pleased when Steven completed the team full time in 2011.

Of course, with Andy moving back in to the village, the opportunity arose to create our wonderful new premises, which we moved to in 2013, thanks to a lot of hard work from family members.

So, 25 years since we first opened. So much has happened, but this could not have been without the ongoing support of good customers, good neighbours, good friends and a wonderful family.

THANK YOU ALL





G.B. BUILDERS

NO JOB TOO SMALL

FOR ALL MAINTENANCE, RENOVATIONS & DIY WORK

ALL GENERAL BUILDING REPAIRS AND ODD JOBS

SPECIALIST IN PAINTING, DECORATING, GROUNDWORK & GRASSCUTTING

**BRICKWORK - PLASTERING - DRIVEWAYS - PATHS - PATIOS -
SLABBING - CONCRETING - BLOCKPAVING - FENCING - PLUMBING -
CARPENTRY - ROOFING - TILING - DRAINAGE - GUTTERING -
RIDE ON LAWN MOWER GRASS CUTTING**

Call today - 078777 42420 or 01480 437511

g.bbbuilders@yahoo.co.uk or g.bgrasscutters@yahoo.com



**Children's Day Nursery
Before & After School Clubs
Holiday Club**

Open 7.30 am to 6.00 pm all year

Set in the beautiful grounds of
Great Staughton Primary School
Under the care of our highly qual-
ified staff we offer excellent facilities
for babies to out of school ages.

**Government funding available
to Pre- School children**

**For full details and introduction
to SPICE contact:**

**Nicola or Cheryl : 01480 861183
OR**

info@spicechildcare.com



Helping you start a new business
in Huntingdonshire

Award-winning business start-up support for Huntingdonshire residents

If you need guidance and support to start your new business, Outset Huntingdonshire is here to help. We are funded by Huntingdonshire District Council to provide the following free services:

- Business skills workshops
- One-to-one mentoring
- Online learning and business plan creation
- Access to finance

Our next workshops

First steps and business planning

- Tuesday 5 May – St Ives
- Wednesday 17 June – St Neots

Managing your business finance

- Tuesday 12 May – St Ives
- Wednesday 24 June – St Neots

Marketing, promoting and selling

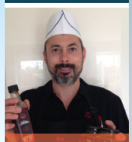
- Tuesday 19 May – St Ives
- Wednesday 1 July – St Neots

All the above workshops are held at:

- St Ives Corn Exchange, The Pavement, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5AD • 10am to 3pm
- Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots PE19 2BH • 10am to 3pm

Visit our website to find out more and register
www.outsethuntingdonshire.co.uk

Or give us a call 0800 032 7851



"I found the Outset workshops to be invaluable. They gave me a place to check ideas and the confidence to put them in to practice."

Paddy Mumby,
The Happy Chalk Company
Outset Huntingdonshire Client



"Outset gave me some great ideas about marketing my new business in an affordable way."

Lisa Mason,
Lisa Mason Photography
Outset Huntingdonshire Client

Activities for Families & Young People at Grafham Water

DISCOVERY CLUB

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY & SUMMER HOLIDAY

25, 26, 27, 28, 29 July ** NEW DATES ADDED**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 August

22, 23, 24, 25, 26 August

8.30am – 5.30pm each day (Booking essential) £36 per person, per day

Our multi-activity **Discovery Club** is for young people aged 8 -11 & 12+ who want to try new activities, develop existing skills, meet new friends and most importantly have fun! A packed lunch is included. Places are filling up fast so to secure your places, Please phone us as soon as possible!

FAMILY SAILING & FAMILY PADDLSPORTS

23 July, 20 August

£16 per person (Booking essential)

A chance for mum and dad and the children to try either a sailing or paddlesports taster session. Sessions are ½ day, either AM or PM. Groups must include at least 1 child under 16. Why not combine the two courses and have a full day of family watersports fun?

FAMILY DAY

17 July, 24 July, 31 July, 14 August, 21 August **NEW DATES ADDED**

£22 per person (Booking essential)

A chance for the whole family to take part in some of our many activities together. Family Days are designed for young people aged 8 and over. If you have children under 8, please contact us before booking. Please bring a packed lunch or picnic with you.

Come and spend time with us!

For more information and to make a booking contact us on 01480 810521 or visit www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk



ACTIVITY CLUBS

GRAFHAM GIBBONS Climbing Club

Sundays (10am-12noon for novice climbers & 1.30pm – 3.30pm for more advanced climbers) throughout the year

A fun and exciting way to climb with other young people. Games, skills, techniques, NICAS awards and much more! Grafham Gibbons is aimed at ages 8 -13

£10 per person per session (Booking essential)

RYA GRAFHAM FLYING ONBOARD (YOUTH SAILING & WINDSURFING)

Tuesday Evenings (6pm – 8pm) – First Session 5 April 2016

Alternate Saturdays (10am -12.30pm for beginners & 2pm – 4.30pm for more advanced) – First Session 19 March 2016

PADDLESPORTS CLUB

(ADULT & YOUTH)

Tuesday Evenings (6pm – 8pm) – First Session 5 April 2016

Alternate Saturdays (2pm – 4.30pm) – First Session 12 March

No previous experience is necessary for any of our water based clubs – so whether you are a complete beginner or more expert, these clubs will give you the chance to develop your skills in a club environment whilst having fun with friends! Call Ali on 01480 810521 for information on any of our clubs. **£15 annual membership then £12 per session (£16 for adults or non-members)**

ACTIVITY COURSES

We have courses running throughout the summer, for all ages and abilities in sailing, windsurfing, paddlesports, stand-up paddleboarding, powerboating, climbing and archery. So whether you are a complete beginner and looking for a taster session or beginner course or are more expert and need an advanced level course, there is something for you at Grafham Water Centre!

Back in the Day

Taken from the July 1994 issue

ANNOUNCEMENTS PAGE

‘RED HOUSE BOOK PARTY’

There will be a Red House Book Party from 10 – 12am at Liz Dive’s home, 6 Roundhouse Drive on Wednesday 27th July, in aid of Perry Children’s Christmas Party.

Come along and buy your Summer reading, children’s puzzle books for those long car journeys, maybe pick up some bargains!

If you’re already a member, remember, buying from a party saves you the postage!

PERRY CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY CAKE STALL

Perry Children’s Christmas Party are running our usual, tasty cake stall at Perry Fete. We would be grateful if you could bake for us any sort of cake and deliver to either Liz Dive at 6 Roundhouse Drive (811636) or Tracey Bachini at Grafham House (811997) on Friday 8th July, the day before the Fete. If delivery is a problem, please call us and we’ll collect.

We’re also having another raffle this year and would be grateful for any raffle prizes. Bottles of wine and chocolates seem to go down well.

Thank you in anticipation

Liz Dive

SUCCESSFUL SAFARI

The Lions Safari Walk took place on Sunday 15th May 1994. Over 500 walkers covered the 10 ½ mile around Grafham Water with many young children doing the mini-walk of 3 miles.

Initial estimates suggest that over £11,200 has been raised, the main Lions beneficiaries this year will be the Macmillan Nurses and The Upside Down Club, St Neots.

Watch out for future details of the trophy winners.

DON'T MISS IT!
THE
BEACH PARTY
FRI 14TH JULY
8PM
GRAFHAM SAILING
CLUB
TICKETS £4 FROM
PERRY STORES...
BE THERE!

GSN

CONSERVATORIES

Your home deserves the best...

You deserve the best that money can buy!

All our conservatories are made-to-measure from modern, low maintenance materials so you can be sure that whichever conservatory you choose, it will continue to look as good as new in years to come

**...the family firm with NO commission
paid reps and NO sub-contractors**

With over 20 styles of conservatories on display at our head office and 10 models on show at Wilstead we think you will be spoilt for choice!

Some
ex-display
models available
from both sites at
incredible savings!
Please enquire
for details.

PRICES START
FROM ONLY

£4,999

FULLY INSTALLED
INCLUDING THE
BASE AND VAT

The conservatory of your
choice individually
designed by GSN to suit
your home!

**Est 25
years**

SUN-LOUNGE • EDWARDIAN • VICTORIAN • COMBINATION

Pertenhall Road
(1 mile from Gt Staughton)
Gt Staughton, Nr St Neots
Cambs PE19 5BE

Tel: 01480 860000 Open 7 days a week 10am - 4pm

Also at: Season's Garden Centre Wilstead (main Road - A6)
Bedford Beds MK45 3HU Telephone 01234 740011
Open Monday - Saturday 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 4pm
and Seasons Garden Centre 69 Cranford Road
Burton Latimer Northamptonshire
Telephone 01536 721763
Open Saturdays & Sundays 10.00am to 5.00pm

GARAGE DOORS Full sales and service available

www.gsn.co.uk



GSN
CONSERVATORIES

TRADING
STANDARDS
APPROVED



MOT WHILE U WAIT
Cars. M/Bikes. Vans
Class 4 Class 2 Class 7
SERVICE - REPAIRS -
TYRES

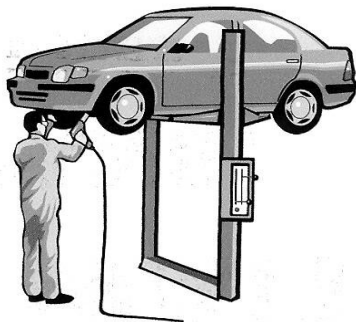
Free Courtesy Cars Available
Used Car Sales

Open 6 Days a Week
Mon-Fri. 8-6. Sat 8-4
Tel: 01480-830462/831058

GRAVELEY GARAGE

High Street, Graveley,
St Neots, PE19 6PL

2 Miles Left of
Offord Darcy.
From Perry &
Gt. Staughton,
Approx 15 Minutes.



GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH – NEIGHBOUR- HOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch: How it all began...

Back in 1964, in New York, USA, 38 witnesses stood by and watched while a young woman was murdered in the street. The story went ‘viral’ (as far as it could do, back then!) and the first Neighbourhood Watch schemes were set up as a community response to that horrific crime and the realisation that communities were simply not looking out for each other.

The idea spread and in 1982 the first scheme was set up in Cheshire, UK – then called Home Watch. It was only as recently as 2007 that the first national umbrella organisation for the movement was set up with the support of the Police and Home Office. Their mission statement reads:

“The aim is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and antisocial behaviour are less likely to happen. Our vision is that of a caring society that is focused on trust and respect in which people are safe from crime and enjoy a good quality of life. Neighbourhood Watch is about making sure that no-one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live.”

Of course, this is an ideal that we all share and for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme to work effectively in an area all residents ideally need to be involved. It’s not necessarily about becoming a volunteer to help run the

scheme but it is, most definitely, about looking out for your neighbour, reporting any suspicious activity to your NHW co-ordinator and, more importantly, the police, and also ensuring that anything you or your family do doesn’t impact negatively on those around you. In a nutshell, it’s all about being a good neighbour. That is the backbone of a truly strong community where everyone feels safe, respected and secure.

Since the recent thefts in Great Staughton, it’s been encouraging to see the number of people reporting problems and keeping an eye on what goes on in the village. That really is encouraging and we hope that this level of diligence is maintained. If you do have an elderly, vulnerable neighbour that you are concerned about (or even a new resident to the village) do please let your local co-ordinator know. If you are concerned about anything happening in the village and don’t know what to do about it, do please contact your NHW co-ordinator.

However, what we do ask is that you are careful about any personal information on other residents you may post up on the village Facebook page when discussing possible crime in the village. Please respect others’ privacy at all times.

Your Great Staughton Neighbourhood Watch scheme won’t be posting newsletters through your door every month from now on as we appreciate that advising residents of incidents after they’ve happened isn’t necessarily useful. What we shall be doing is posting every alert we hear

about on the “**Great Staughton Neighbourhood Watch**” Facebook page which means you will get alerts much quicker if you subscribe to receiving notifications from that page. Do please sign up, if you haven’t already done so.

If there is an urgent message we need to get to our residents we will either email you (if we have your email address) or put a note through your door. If you would like us to keep you up to date by email, please email frankbackhouse@yahoo.co.uk. Please note: any personal details held will be protected under the Data Protection Act 1998.

ECOPS

You can also sign up to the eCops yourselves and receive instant email alerts from Cambridgeshire Police about criminal activity in or around Great Staughton. Go to www.ecops.org.uk and register.

The Bobby Scheme

The aim of the Bobby Scheme is to reduce crime and fear of crime to older, vulnerable and disabled people in Cambridgeshire, thereby improving their quality of life and increasing their independence and safety.

The Bobby Scheme secures homes of victims aged 60 and over, non victims aged 65 and over, and disabled residents. Their ‘Bobbies’ not only fit security equipment to the homes of the elderly victims but also give safety advice. They offer the same service to non-victims for a small donation. You can contact them via www.thebobbyscheme.org, or telephone 01480 413311.

Please remember that:

- In an emergency contact **999** from a landline.
- If you are calling from a mobile telephone in an emergency call **112** (you can then be tracked if you don’t know where you are)
- For non-emergencies call **101**.
- If you are concerned about a neighbour or activity in your neighbourhood speak to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and call 101.
- If you don’t have the details of your local NHW co-ordinator, please contact Frank Backhouse on 861167.

As a final word: If someone comes to your door trying to sell you a service, or get you to sign up to Something, say NO, politely, and close the door. Most properties in Great Staughton have been given a sticker saying “We’re Not Buying It” and any callers should respect that. If you haven’t got one of these stickers please talk to your NHW Co-ordinator. It is a criminal offence if a caller does not leave when asked. Should you be concerned about the behaviour of the caller call the police and/or your NHW co-ordinator.

The Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group are:

Caroline Taylor - 869365
Mike Keeble - 860855
John Wakefield - 860314
David Moore - 861195
Frank Backhouse - 861167 or by email frankbackhouse@yahoo.co.uk.

Stay Safe!

The UK's No.1 Lawn Care Company



- Scarification
- Aeration
- Lawn Fertilising
- Weed Control
- Moss Control
- Water Conserver
- Pest and Disease Management



GreenThumb has a variety of treatment programmes to suit your pocket that include our traditional 'pay-as-you-go' service and our new, pay monthly, Direct Debit programmes, where you can save up to 25% annually.

Our treatments start from £5 per month, that's cheaper than D-I-Y and without the hassle!

Call your local branch today for a FREE lawn analysis and no obligation quote.

0800 0111 222

GreenThumb
LAWN TREATMENT SERVICE



Find us online at: www.greenthumb.co.uk

Let Agreed

More Properties Needed

The rental market is booming. We have tenants waiting for houses in and around Great Staughton.

**Village
Specialists**

Low Tenant Fees

Local Tradesmen

**Fully Referenced
Tenants**

Weekend



www.quiberts.co.uk
01480 861936

1 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DA

Do you like football?

So does Benjamin.

why not help him enjoy it....



Eddie's is looking for volunteers for its Befriending & Family Support Schemes.

It only takes a few hours of your time and it really does change lives.

Like to know more?

Call us on 01223 663141 or email volunteer@eddies.org.uk

Eddie's
LOCAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES
www.eddies.org.uk
Registered charity no. 042744



Scan this code for more info



FAIR
FABRICS AND
INTERIORS

MOBILE

SHOWROOM TO YOUR DOOR -
A LOCAL COMPANY

www.fairfabrics.com

An extensive selection of fabrics
- all leading manufacturers +
smaller design houses
Wallpapers, Curtain Poles,
Blinds, Lighting and Sofas
LARGE FABRIC SAMPLES
CURTAIN MAKE-UP AND
UPHOLSTERY SERVICE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL FOR HELP
AND ADVICE

EMMA LEWSLEY
01480 890026 07939 150217



Piglets Great Staughton Pre-School

<http://gspiglets.wix.com/gspiglets>



We offer places for children from 2 years and engage them in exciting, safe, healthy play and learning within our own purpose built pre-school. Fully trained and qualified staff deliver a broad range of activities using the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Please contact us for further details or to arrange a visit.

We look forward to seeing you!

Great Staughton
Pre-School (Piglets)
The Playing Field
Great Staughton,
St. Neots
Cambridgeshire
PE19 5BP
07759 382575
Registered Charity Number 291000



Farm House Holidays - For Dogs

Prefer not to use
boarding kennels?



Competitive rates

For a unique
service

01480 860330



Or e-mail at
dandhshelton@btconnect.com



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF
PERRY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1
JUNE 2016
at 7:30pm at Grafham
Water Centre
(unconfirmed)**



Present:

Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman, Emma Prew (EP), Kate Merrell (KM), David Prew (DP), William Wetzel (WW), Sheila Brighton (SB), John Cranston (JC), Martin Wilson – Clerk, County Councillor Peter Downes, District Councillor John Morris. There were nine members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Nigel Noon, at 7.32 p.m.

16/25 Apologies for Absence: Apologies had been received from Councillors Peter Lawrence, and District Councillor Patricia Jordan.

16/26 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: EP & DP declared an interest in item 16/38 and WW declared an interest in item 16/32

16/27 Public Forum on Agenda Items: There were no items raised by members of the public.

16/28 County / District Councillor Update: The Councillors Surgery would be on Saturday 4 June and EP would be in attendance. Peter Downes explained the situation, as it stood, regarding the potentially Elected Mayor for East Anglia and that a vote would be taken at County Council on 28 June and he looked for the opinion of the Council. The Council did not feel that they had enough facts available for them to make a decision and requested that if further detail became available, prior to the vote, that this be sent to the Clerk in order that it could be distributed to the Councillors.

John Morris stated that HDC had a new leader following the previous leader being elected to the Police and Crime Commissioner position. The road by the railway station in Huntingdon

would be closed on 4, 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July from 10:00 p.m. till 06:00 the following morning for bridge inspection works.

16/29 Police Update: Whilst there was no update from the Police, the Clerk had spoken with Sargent Tim Elliott at the visit of HRH Duke of Edinburgh about various matters and he had offered to assist where possible.

16/30 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2016: WW proposed and EP seconded that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

16/31 Matters Arising: There were no matters arising that would not be covered by Agenda items.

16/32 Defibrillator: EP confirmed that the Clerk had placed the order for the Defibrillator plus cabinet following receipt of the donation from Pope charity. The Clerk confirmed that the cabinet had been received however they were still awaiting the Defibrillator.

16/33 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: To be carried forward to the next meeting.

16/34 Clerks Report:

Website – The company appointed, Parish Council Websites, had commenced upon the website and it was hoped that it would be fully operational by the beginning of July. There were a number of outstanding issues to be resolved and the Clerk would be contacting Councillors on an individual basis.

Policy Documents – The clerk asked for any comments upon the Policy documents. The Clerk to arrange for the Chairman to sign all of the documents off and then to be loaded onto the web site.

Transparency Fund – Funds were available, from the Department for Communities and Local Government, if a Council applied, which would cover the initial costs of the web site development, staff costs in achieving transparency, Clerks training, running costs etc. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter and submit a claim at the appropriate time.

Neighbourfest – An event was to be held on Saturday 18 June at which the Council was asked to provide third party liability under its policy. The Clerk had enquired about the event with the Councils’ Insurers and provided that the Council was involved in the event they would provide cover. The Clerk and two Councillors had been asked to assist with the event.

Councillor Peter Lawrence – The Clerk had received an email resignation from Councillor Peter Lawrence and would seek a written confirmation.

16/35 Correspondence Report:

Insurance - The Clerk confirmed that the Councils Insurance policy had been renewed and a copy of the Insurance certificate was now on the village noticeboard.

Cambridgeshire Highways Depot Open

Day – there was to be an open day at Huntingdon on Monday 18 July at which the Clerk would attend and seek an appointment with the Project team to discuss Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

MAGPAS Helimedic – A letter from the Charity asking for a donation – to be carried forward.

EACH (East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices)

- asking for a donation – to be carried forward.

Liz Razzell – A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs Liz Razzell following her BEM presentation.

16/36 Meetings Attended:

Carrillon – HMP Littlehey - A meeting had taken place between the Chairman, Clerk and Andrew Parsons of Carrillon regarding the grass cutting of Gaynes Park and also street lighting was discussed. The Clerk to provide Andrew Parsons with a drawing show the position of the streetlights and indicating those that were defective.

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways

– The Clerk had held a meeting with Ian Winfield and discussed the following issues:

A) Exiting from the Baptist Church. A

cyclist and pedestrian sign was to be moved from the payment outside of Fox Lodge and repositioned on the footpath by the church thereby creating a chicane effect.

B) The water problem behind 1 Ridgeway and the accident of the coach sinking into the verge necessitated further investigation about what is to be undertaken however it was thought to install of double yellow lines and introduction of a residents only parking System.

C) The go-ahead has been given for the alteration of the road signage within the village and the work was being progressed with the relevant contractor.

D) Temporary road repairs have been done on the road opposite Bakers Lane and a more permanent repair was to be undertaken in the near future.

E) White road lines at end of Crow Spinney Lane being repainted now that the road has been adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council.

16/37 Finance & Legal Matters:

The Clerk requested payments as follows:

08/16 Came & Company – Insurance Renewal	£273.75
09/16 Toner Cartridges – M Wilson.....	£90.00
10/16 LGS Services.....	£72.00
11/16 M & S Flowers.....	£45.00
12/16 Clerk Salary May.....	£314.10
13/16 Handyman Salary - May	£43.20
14/16 HMRC – May.....	£78.40
15/16 Grafham Water Centre.....	£15.00

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

Bank Account Reconciliation – This had been circulated prior to the meeting however it was subject to verification once the Bank statement had been received by the Clerk.

Expenditure Reconciliation - This had been circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk but was subject to change once the bank statement had been received.

Community Infrastructure Levy – The Council had received the sum of £1088.32 as a result of the scheme and the property that had been built at 16a Roman Way. To be

carried forward to the next meeting.

16/38 Planning Matters: A planning application, 16/00972/HHFUL had been received. The plan was discussed and the Clerk was asked to respond to Huntingdonshire District Council stating they were not against the scheme however the application was being made by two Councillors and obviously the rest of the Councillors knew them and therefore had an interest in the application.

16/39 Parish / Village Matters:

Grafham Water Treatment Works

Chlorine Leak – Meeting arranged with Anglian Water for Wednesday 15 June and NN and the Clerk to attend.

Grafham Resilience Project – A site visit had been undertaken by a number of Councillors prior to the visit by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

Allotments – the Chairman and Clerk to enquire of Anglian Water when they attend their meeting on Wednesday 15 June if they were able to offer any land for use as allotments or a Village Orchard. The Ministry of Justice had reported that the farm by the Prison was being sold and therefore Sir Hugh Duberly would have first refusal and this was another potential option.

Liz Razzell (BEM) Presentation – went very well.

Gavnes Park – As previously reported.

Speedwatch – The advert had appeared in the May and June editions of Life & Diaries and a total of fifteen volunteers names had been received to date.

Footpaths – nothing to report.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers – trial continuing and to date had been successful.

Pedestrian Crossing Sign – Cambridgeshire County Highways had been asked to progress the change of signs.

Emergency Vehicle Access to AWA land – to be carried forward to next meeting.

16/40 Parish Plan:

Meet the Councillors – the Clerk was waiting to meet with Angela Tarry of Anglian Water to see if the Fishing Lodge could be used for such an event.

Benches – Gordon Halsall was making enquiries with Top End Farm regarding the removal of the two benches and whether they were viable to refurbish.

Action Plan - the Clerk would look at this before the next meeting and reissue the action plan to Councillors in the meantime however he was looking for a working party for Saturday 11 June commencing at 10 o'clock to cut back the grass verge on Chichester Way against the hedge.

16/41 Perry Emergency Plan: Ongoing. The Councillors would hold a 'Brain Storming' session after the meeting had been held with Anglian Water and the Emergency Planners for Cambridgeshire County Council.

16/42 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting: The next meeting would be on Wednesday 6 July 2016 at Perry Baptist Church commencing at 7:30pm.

The chairman NN then presented the Community Recognition Award to Valerie and Ken Downs. He also stated that he would like to record his and the Councils thanks to Anglian Water for the arrangements they had made regarding the recent Royal visit.

**Minutes of the Great Staughton
Parish Council
meeting held on
11th May 2016 in the Pavilion**

Present: H Duberly (HD) (Chair), J Bowen (JB), K Fisk (KF), G Gilbert (GG), R Jewell (RJ), D Moore (DM), A Withers (AW), J Reid (JR) (Clerk), N Yates (NY), W Mumford (WM)

Residents' Forum: The following members of the public were present: Ian Gerry (IG), Tracey Stokes (TS). IG was there to present his planning application (15/023704/REM) and receive clarification in light of the Parish Council raising objections to it.

1. Apologies for absence: none received

2. Election of Officers and Sub-committees:

The following persons were elected:

Chair – Sir Hugh Duberly, proposed by G Gilbert, seconded by W Mumford

Vice Chair - R Jewell, proposed by Sir Hugh Duberly, seconded by A Withers

Finance Officer – R Jewell, proposed by Sir Hugh Duberly, seconded by K Fisk

Planning - all Councillors

Playing Field Committee – J Bowen, G Gilbert, R Jewell, N Yates, & W Mumford, proposed by Sir Hugh Duberly, seconded by A Withers.

Parish Charities – Sir Hugh Duberly, G Gilbert & A Withers, proposed by R Jewell, seconded by J Bowen

Village Hall – R Jewell, D Moore & K Fisk, proposed by A Withers, seconded by G Gilbert

Highway Warden & Road Safety – D Moore, proposed by R Jewell, seconded by J Bowen

Life Magazine – R Jewell, proposed by N Yates, seconded by J Bowen

Footpaths – A Withers & R Jewell,

proposed by G Gilbert, seconded by W Mumford

West Hunts Friendship Club –

R Jewell, proposed by Sir Hugh Duberly, seconded by J Bowen

Speed Watch – D Moore, proposed by A Withers, seconded by G Gilbert

Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator – D Moore, proposed by W Mumford, seconded by K Fisk
All nominations were carried unanimously.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2015: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Parish Matters – KF has been accepted onto the school board of governors subject to checking.

Action: KF

Parish Matters – Environment response on flooding to be chased.

Action: JR

Item 14. Council approved purchase and installation of another gritting bin. **Action: RJ/JR**

Item 14. Instruction to clerk to update website as per the Transparency Code. **Action: JR**

5. Parish Assembly: HD reported on a successful meeting. RJ agreed to review the issue of parking on the Highway. **Action: RJ**

6. Attendance at other meetings:
None

7. Planning:

Planning Applications received after 2nd March 2016:

- 15/2374/REM – Land to rear of 59/61 The Highway: **Objections Raised**

- 16/00438/HHFUL – 1 Moory Croft Close, extension: **Agreed**

- 16/00771/HHFUL – 20 The Highway, extension: **Agreed**

- 16/00799/FUL – Change of use:

Agreed

- A discussion took place regarding the objections to 15/2374/REM – Land to rear of 59/61 The Highway. The objections were based on those raised by neighbours and access concerns. Although access has been amended, neighbour objections remain. As such, the Parish Council voted to adhere to the decision notified to Hunts DC in April.

8. Highways:

- Zebra Crossing is now in position. Congratulations to all involved.

- Junction of The Highway/Causeway – RJ reported that following the visit from CCC Highways, a technical design specialist is required to visit to review what can be done. **Action: JR**

- **Cage Lane** – RJ reported that CCC Highways had visited the overflowing ditches and advised the landowners be identified and written to about their responsibilities. **Action: RJ/JR**

- **The Green** – WM reported that drainage is poor. CCC Highways will attend to this when they have a contractor in the area.

- **Dillington** – HD to contact homeowners to address any obstruction caused by street furniture. **Action: HD**

- **The Causeway** – It has been reported that there is a hole between the Vicarage and The Old Vicarage. To be reported to CCC Highways.

Action: JR

- **Agden Road** - WM reported that there are numerous potholes in the road. CCC to be notified. **Action: JR**

9. Report from County & District Councillors: None

10. Correspondence:

Received

24 Mar – Dennis Vacher confirming availability of new gritter bin and cost.

13 Apr – Village Hall Plus – confirmation of Pavilion and playing field insurance.

27 Apr – Ian Gerry raised questions regarding PC objection to planning Application.

9 May – Notification of Cambridgeshire Community Fair 7 June, ACRE.

Sent

24 Mar – Alex Rothwell, Environment Agency. Request for work on River Kym following floods.

29 Mar – St Neots Police. Report abandoned car on The Green

9. Cheques in and out since 2 March 2016:

Income:

Pope Charity.....£967.55 (repayment)
Hunts DC (Precept).....£16,500.00

Expenditure:

Assc Local Council Clerk.....£77.00
Village Handyman.....£206.10
Oxygen IT.....£50.00
Balfour Beatty.....£349.28
Petty cash.....£37.50
Village Hall Plus Ins.....£310.37
Total.....£1,030.25

Balance in Community Account:

£18,450.60

Cashbook reviewed and approved to 11 May 2016 by the Councillors

The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 had been reviewed prior to the meeting and also approved by the Internal Auditor, KE Wilson & Co. The meeting recorded that they approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices. It was agreed that the Annual Return should be signed by HD, RJ and JR and submitted to the External Auditors. **Action: JR**

Expenses approved: Ibbets and Commemorative coins
Auto Payment – JR presented a proposal to automate payments via online banking. The Councillors approved this.

12. Affordable Housing: The Bill is at debate stage. HD suggested that the working party be reconvened.
Action: HD

13. Report from:
Village Hall Committee
KF reported good bookings

Playing Field Committee:
NY reported: PC has taken over ownership of the skate ramp facility and insurance is in place. Fewer bookings is impacting on Pavilion revenue. Play equipment funding application has been made, though now applying piece at a time. Use of school broadband in the Pavilion would be beneficial for the facility, NY to write to school. **Action: NY**

Neighbourhood Watch:
DM said there was a low response to request for committee members, so they are now looking at how to streamline services.

Speed Watch:
DM reported that they have 3 new potential volunteers.

14. Parish Matters:

AW requested the roadwork signs on Perry Road be remove. **Action: WM**
RJ reported that the Friendship Club has a new chair, Phil Yates.
RJ reported that streetlights in The Town are not working. **Action: JR**
RJ to request information from CCC regarding bus service amendments.
Action: RJ

There are concerns that the amalgamation of Hinchinbrook and Peterborough NHS Trusts will cause potential loss of services. RJ to write to Jonathan Djanogly. **Action: RJ/JR**
JB reported that, although cut, the hedge on Green Lane still overhangs the fence by 2ft.

There is to be a notice placed in Life to remind people not to play golf on the playing field. **Action: JR**
NY reported on a question regarding verge cutting. CCC Highways cut verges twice a year, neighbours can cut more often if they wish.

Action: NY

Dates of meetings for 2016:

6th July
7th September
9th November

HD thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

JJ WINDOW CLEANERS

TRADITIONAL WINDOW CLEANING -NO WATER-FED POLES

DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL

GUTTERS, UPVC FASCIA AND SOFFIT BOARDS CLEANED.

**MASTER TRADESMAN
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**47 CRANFIELD WAY, BUCKDEN
CAMBS. PE19 5TJ**

01480-812788



CALLING ALL CRAFTS PEOPLE AND ARTISANS

*Reach Festival is taking
bookings for stalls*

Reach Festival, Fair Green, Reach

Saturday 24th Sept 2016, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Reach Festival will showcase local genuine handmade crafts and local produce (food and drink). In addition there will be displays of crafts including potting, coin making, wool spinning and flint knapping.

The charges for pitches are:

£20 for 5m x 3m or £30 for 5m x 5m

For Pitch Enquiries and Booking Forms contact:

Claire Halpin on 07834 740881 / claire.halpin@ascontracts.co.uk

David Parr on 07887 563720 / reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

**SHAUN PRINCE
COMPUTER SERVICES**

As recommended on:
thebestofstneots
www.thebestof.co.uk/stneots



Free Anti-Malware Protection Download

- By Shaun Prince (IT Practitioner & Professional ACRBO Member, www.sh Shaun Prince.com)

Many people underestimate the power of Malware and assume that their Anti-Virus software will automatically be protecting them against malicious intrusions. However, in most cases (particularly where a free Anti-Virus software has been installed), **this is not the case...**

Malware is a term used to refer to a variety of forms of intrusive or hostile computer software. The different forms include worms, ransomware, spyware, adware and scareware and can be spread by code and script hidden in emails, webpages or even transferred by memory stick or optical disc in some instances. So how can you protect yourself from these malicious infections? As mentioned earlier, a lot of the free Anti-Virus software do not protect users against some forms of Malware. Fortunately, there is a free program which will protect you against these threats. Malwarebytes "Detects and removes malware on an infected computer with industry-leading anti-malware, anti-spyware, and anti-rootkit tech. Scans for the newest and most dangerous threats. Safely removes malware."

To download the free version or purchase the premium version, please visit the full article on my blog at www.sh Shaun Prince.com/blog

**'X' Marks the Spot
St Neots Museum &
'Mystery in History'
present a shocking
Murder Mystery!
Saturday 2nd July
6.30 – 10.00pm**

Tickets £30.00 per person, including three course meal and complimentary glass of fizz on arrival (or alternative).

Come and enjoy a brand new Murder Mystery written for St Neots Museum.

The evening starts at the United Reformed Church and includes a delicious three course meal, made for us by the Friends of St Neots Museum, then continues around town, as you follow the clues and attempt to find the dastardly murderer!

Based around the dramatic St Neots Urban District Council elections of 1896 - but using fictional characters - the story unfolds - it is Saturday 28th March 1896, the night of the final hustings before the vote...and feelings are running so high that people may be tempted to resort to desperate measures to win the vote ... even murder!

Tickets available from
St Neots Museum
Call in to the museum
Email us at

curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk

01480 214163

More details from the Museum and on our website

www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk



**Do you have cats?
Would you like
someone to feed them
while you're away?**



We're a group of Staughton cat owners who'll come to your house once a day while you're away, feed your cats, water your plants and put out your bins. If you would like to join us please email me at:

Broome773@btinternet.com

Gill Broome

**Quality Bespoke
Secure Storage**

Space for all your storage needs...



Easy to open & fast to access. High security with PIN codes, megapixel CCTV cameras & individual room alarms. Choose as little or as much space as you really need. Clean, dry, ventilated & condensation free Store just about anything for any length of stay, with no long term commitment. Friendly & helpful service with packaging available. Viewings arranged by appointment.

More Space

Located at Manor Farm, Graveley, PE19 6PH. Mention GSP11 to receive £5 discount on your first months rental.



- Home
- Document
- Commercial

01480 830130

morespacestorage.co.uk

SIMON MERCHANT

PROPERTY SOLICITOR

Property Law Specialist
Buying and Selling, Re-mortgages, Buy-to-Let
Evening and Weekend Availability
Competitive Rates

*A personal approach to
residential conveyancing*

Phone: 01480 860808
Mobile: 07866 671787
Fax: 01480 860808

www.simonmerchant.co.uk
mail@simonmerchant.co.uk

14 The Highway, Great Staughton, St.Neots, Cambs. PE19 5DA

Hays Travel Lisa Drake

I am a **PERSONAL TRAVEL CONSULTANT**
based in **Cage Lane, Great
Staughton**
**Working for ABTA's largest
Independent Travel Agency**

I offer for all aspects of travel including:
Package Holidays



**Ski
Caribbean
Cruise**

Holidays Extras: Car Hire, Car Parking

**Tailor Made Holidays
UK Breaks**



**Flights and Accommodation
You name it, I can do it at a
competitive price.**



**Telephone Lisa on:
861852 or E-mail:**

lisa.drake@hays-travel.co.uk

D.S.PLUMBING & HEATING

FOR ALL YOUR DOMESTIC PLUMBING

& HEATING NEEDS

OIL & GAS BOILER SERVICING
GAS HEATING SYSTEM INSTALLS
RADIATOR VALVES
TAPS



GAS FIRE INSTALL & SERVICING
GAS COOKER INSTALLS
BATHROOM INSTALLS

SHOWERS AND SHOWER PUMPS

GUTTERING AND DOWN PIPES

HOT & COLD WATER TANKS & CYLINDERS

GAS SAFE REGISTERED



CALL DARREN ON
TEL: 01480 353368
MOB: 07843 605896

dsplumbingandheating1@Virginmedia.co.uk

The White Hart

56 The Highway,
Gt. Staughton
PE19 5DA

Tel: 01480 861131
**Good home-made,
honest pub food now
being served**

Thursday: 12pm - 2pm. 6:30pm - 9pm
Friday: 12pm - 2pm. 6:30pm - 9pm
Saturday: 12 noon - 9pm
Sunday: 12 noon - 3pm

'We look forward to welcoming
you soon.'

Hugh & Mary

**The Eaton's
Home, Garden & General Property
Maintenance Co.**

- * Internal painting & decorating
- * External painting & staining
- * Gutter cleans, repairs & replacement
- * Supply & fit UPVC fascias & soffits
- * Fence repairs & replacement
- * Patios, paths & driveways
- * General property maintenance

**Public Liability Insured
Buy with Confidence Scheme
Trading Standard Approved
Criminal Record Bureau checked**

**Telephone: 01480 406130
Mobile: 07718 957281**

**DAVID OSBORNE
CHIMNEY SWEEP
FULL LIABILITY INSURED**

ROD & BRUSH OR POWER SWEEP

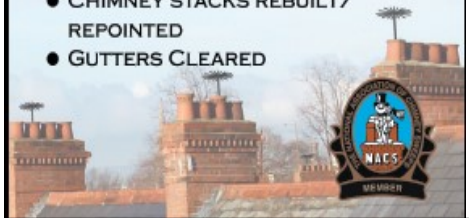
TEL: 01487 841361 OR MOB: 07802 346371

EMAIL: david@kadella.demon.co.uk

- Clean • Efficient • Friendly

OTHER SERVICES:

- BIRD CAGES AND COWLS FITTED
- WOODBURNERS INSTALLED
- FIREPLACES BUILT
- BUILDING WORK ARRANGED
- CHIMNEY STACKS REBUILT/
REPOINTED
- GUTTERS CLEARED



Plumbing & Heating

- Boiler replacement
- Boiler repairs
- Cylinder changes
- Heating systems
- General plumbing
- Heating controls

Bathrooms

- Bathroom installation
- Baths / basins / toilets
- Wetrooms



Contact us today to discuss your requirements!

Mobile 07846 428600

Office 01480 582581

Email james@willowservices.co.uk

www.willowservices.co.uk



**Cambridgeshire ACRE
Community Oil Buying
Scheme**

**Want to save money on the cost of
your heating oil?
So do we!**

**Join our countrywide community oil
buying scheme and see how easy it is.**

To join, visit:

**[www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-
buying-scheme.php](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme.php)**

Enquires:

Tel: 01353 860850

Email: oil@cambsacre.org.uk





THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW GREAT STAUGHTON AND PERRY

Rector: The Reverend Judi Clarke (01480 861215)
St Andrew's Vicarage, The Causeway, Great Staughton,



CHURCH WARDENS: Mr Bill Wetzels, 8, Welby Close, Perry : Tel: 01480 811580
Mrs Janet Perrett, 38, Beachampstead Road, Gt. St. 01480 860703

Dear Friends,

In recent weeks I have been sorting out filing cabinets and drawers here at The Vicarage and discovered all the Life magazines since my arrival here in December 2002. This made me think about the journey that finally brought me to serve you as your Parish Priest in these beautiful villages. So I hope you will forgive me if I share with you a brief part-history of my life journey that brought me here!

I have always felt blessed that in my life I have been able to do the things that I love – at a very young age I knew I was going to be a nurse, and so trained as a State Registered Nurse and then a State Certified Midwife. I also knew I would go to Africa, and in 1971 flew to Lesotho as a volunteer, to nurse in a tiny, remote Anglican Mission Hospital high up in the mountains for 15 months. In that time I met the man I was to marry and so we came back to England at the end of my contract for our wedding before returning to Lesotho for a further seven and a half years.

During that time my two beautiful sons, Tim and Steven, were born and we finally returned to this country when Tim was ready to start school.

I had been out of nursing for too many years to return without a full-time refresher course and with two small children I found that Impossible, so spent the next 16 years as a Warden in a complex of bungalows caring for the elderly in the days when wardens lived on site and were 'on call' 24 hours a day – and I loved it.

When the boys both went off to university I decided the time had come for a change in my life too and that was when – much to my surprise (and shock) I discovered God's call

towards entering the Church. After two years of heart-searching I finally told my sons that I was seeking this way forward and was astonished when Steven asked me if that meant I was looking at the possibility of becoming a 'lady vicar' and, admitting that was a possibility, he calmly told me I should have done that 'years ago!'

And so I began the arduous journey of discernment, with many interviews and finally a selection conference until eventually I was told I had been selected for training to the priesthood. I then began a three year part-time course on The East Anglian Ministerial Training Course while continuing to work as a warden.

I was ordained a Deacon in Ely Cathedral in June 2000 and as a Priest in July 2001 and became a curate in the six parishes of the Shingay Benefice in Ely Diocese.

Much to my surprise, in the summer of 2002 I was asked by the Bishop of Ely to come and look at these villages as a possibility of serving you in God's name, moved here in November of that year and was licensed in St Andrew's Church on December 16th

In my first letter for 'Life' January 2003, I wrote that I was looking forward to getting to know you and becoming part of the villages knowing my days would be 'filled with sunshine, promise and the joy of God's love'. God has indeed filled my life here with sunshine, promise and the joy of his love and I feel very privileged to serve you and be part of your wonderful community in his name, and I thank him for you all.

With love and prayers
Judi

CHURCH SERVICES - July 2016

ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON

Sun 3 rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Worship
Sun 10 th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Weds 13 th	5.30pm	Short Evening Prayer
Sun 17 th	10.30am	Parish Communion with 'Pray and Play' for the children
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 31 st	10.30am	Group Communion

ST NICOLAS HAIL WESTON

Sun 3 rd	4.00pm	Family Worship
Wed 6 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Coffee in Church
Sun 10 th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 24 th	9.00am	Parish Communion

ALL SAINTS LITTLE STAUGHTON

Sun 3 rd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 17 th	9.00am	Parish Communion

PLAY & PRAY 2016

Play & Pray, a group for 4-11 year olds takes place once a month at St. Andrew's Church.

We meet on the **third Sunday** of each month during the morning service starting at 10.30am. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Our meeting dates for the coming months are:

July 17th

No meeting in August

Come & find out what we get up to!
If you would like more details please call
Sylvia Swain on 01480 812022.

CREAM TEAS AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH HAIL WESTON

Sat July 9th Sat July 16th & Sat July 23rd
2.30 - 4.30pm

Please come and join us all proceeds in aid of St Nicolas Church funds

Rev'd Judi Clarke, who has been our priest in these parishes for 13 years, is retiring at the end of August 2016.

The last service she will take in the benefice will be on **Sunday 21st August**. It will be a Group Communion Service and will be followed by a barbecue in the grounds of Place House, from **12.00 to 3.00pm**.

We hope that this will give all those in the parishes, churchgoers or not, an opportunity to say good bye.

(If you wish to come to the barbecue, it would be helpful if you could let Bill or Janet know.)

Janet Perrett 01480 860703

Bill Wetzel 01480 811580

From our Registers

WEDDINGS

We celebrate the commitment in love of the following:

**James Robert Hackett
and Ellen Ann Davenport**

**Steven Fender
and Kirsty Victoria Morgan-White
Jonathan Barber
and Harriet Kuni Elizabeth Gray**

FUNERALS

We remember in love those who have died

**Patricia Elsie Smith
Elizabeth Mary Thornhill (Beth)**

The Kimbolton Country Fayre

Classic Car Show

KIMBOLTON CASTLE
SUNDAY
10TH JULY
2016

25th
Show!



Main Ring Events for 2016: Camel Racing, Sealed Knot, Beagles

Stage 2016: Galaxy Big Band, Lindy Hoppers,
Andrew Hubbard, Morris Dancers

Other Attractions: Up to 1000 Classic Cars on display, over 70 craft stalls, tea and beer tents, food court, Vincent and Ariel static motorcycle display, Knowles Dairy (a unique display of vintage dairy from 1940's to 1960's), Classic Car Dream Rides, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

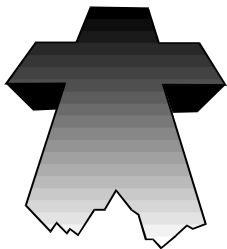
Children: Air Dome, Air Port Big Slide, Coconut Stalls and Millers Ark.

**Raffle
Great
Prizes**

**Ground admission for Public from 11.00am,
Main Show Ring Events from 12.00pm
Entrance: Adult £10, Family £25,
Children £5 (Under 5's free)**

Charities for 2016: Hemi Help, Samuel Pepys School,
Ellesmere Opportunity Group, Autism Concern,
EACH (East Angles's Children's Hospices), Burn Camps, Holly Ward





Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906
Moderator Rev Roger Watkins 01480 810168

Sunday Services at 10.30am each Sunday
Website www.perrybaptist.org.uk

All Welcome

Dear all,

Well I hope you all enjoyed the Queen's 90th birthday with activities on the weekend of 11th & 12th June. Here at the Church we had a very good service which was enjoyed by all who came! It was good to see many villagers present and enjoy the tea afterwards. We were also very pleased by the response to the booklet "The Servant Queen and the King she serves". I do hope that you have found time to read it and take in the wonderful story of our Queen's Christian faith. Many said how they appreciated the gift and even wrote expressing thanks! So that is the celebrations over and I will definitely write about something different next month. Although I had to smile when the Queen wondered if she would be so pleased if people were still singing "Happy Birthday" to her in December!

I only just got back home for the weekend as we had been away for two weeks. We went on what was called the Grand European Tour! Actually a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam up the Danube through the canal and along the Rhine. It was a very pleasant trip with a chance to see several countries and cities. We were struck by the beauty and difference of the cities and architecture along the rivers. Also the different ways of life and the resilience of people living along the rivers. Wertheim between two rivers that we visited is regularly flooded

and the inhabitants have adapted the town to cope! There is a sense of community with a band of volunteers ready to help move furniture and erect walkways. This made us feel how fortunate we are where we live in Perry to have no fear of floods! If our bungalow was flooded much of the area around would be drowned.

What we really appreciated was the friendship and community spirit that brought the towns folk together to help. I would hope and pray that would be the response in our community if disaster was to strike!

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Tony Whitlock

Services and Preachers for July 2016:

3rd Keith Doe
10th Simon King
17th Rev Roger Watkins -
Communion
24th Jon Cobb
31st Rachael Carron

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

Great Staughton W.I.....Barbara Wallis: 214582
 Perry WI: Ann Jackson: 810625
 West Hunts Friendship Club.....Barbara Bishop: 861319
 (Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall) Phil Yates: 860616
 St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....David Cope: 869322
 Perry Friendship Circle..... Marjorie Smith: 812243
Great Staughton Book Club.....Sandra Allen 861586/ Pat O'Dell 860907
 Horticultural Society.....Mike Keeble: 860855

Email: m.keeble855@btinternet.com

Lions Club (Hunts Grafham Water Branch).....Bernard Dable: 810704/07969 207227
 Kimbolton Flower Club.....Carol Grundy: 01832 710339
 Brampton Scale Model Club: Wed 7.30-9.30pm.....Dave Gait: 861387
 Perry Photographic Club.....Adrian Arnett: 07788 409301
 Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS

Busybees Baby & Toddler Group
 (Wednesdays 10:00am -11:30am, Gt. Staughton Village Hall - Run by SURESTART)
 Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to: ...
http://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk and register your interest there.
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324
 Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsyc2014@gmail.com
 Kimbolton Beavers/ Cub Scouts/ Explorer Scouts.....Sarah Holyoak: 861755
 Kimbolton Scouts.....Lis Osbourn: 07846 869007
 Piglets Pre-School.....Katie Oliver: 07759 382575
 Perry Tots @ Perry Baptist Church. Tuesdays 1:30—3pm.....Laura 07809 239120/Elle
 07867 525551

SPORTS' CLUBS

Badminton Club Steven Prince: 07521 509596
 Mondays, 8pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall.
 Gt. Staughton Cricket Club.....Dave Bonham: 07817 309170
 Gt. Staughton Golf Society.....Derek Fitzgibbon: 861234
Gt. Staughton Tennis Club Committee.....Nicole & Phil Yates: 860616
Kym Valley Carpet Bowls.....Doris Dainty 812006

Email: dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk

Grafham Water Sailing Club.....Club Office: 810478

VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES

Grafham Wildlife Group.....Sam Malt: Day:810844 / Eve: 811654

HIGHWAYMAN Social Car Service.....07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays

[see opposite page] For all your transport needs, charged at 30 pence per mile

Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Dawn Auton: 07985 925761

Patient Participation Group Gt St).....Lorraine Harris: 860770

Email: loraine.harris@nhs.net

Village Hall Vicky Goldsmith - 860005 / 07739 469243

PavilionBob Jewell - 861259

Gt. Staughton WEBSITE...www.greatstaughton.com

E-mail: greatstaughton-website@gmail.com

USEFUL & EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Telephone Prefix 01480 unless otherwise shown

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 101

POLICE EMERGENCY 999;

Crime Watch Management 456 111. **VICTIM SUPPORT:** www.victimsupport.org.uk :

An independent charity helps victims and witnesses of crime confidentially & free.

Support services: 0845 389 9523 To volunteer: ring 01480 4553000

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—PERRY : Maggie Putnam 731785

GAYNES PARK: Gordon Handley 811598

GT STAUGHTON: Frank Backhouse 861167, Caroline Taylor 869365, Mike Keeble 860855.

Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770

Buckden Surgery: 810 216

Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205

HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL: 416 416

NHS NON-EMERGENCY: 111

PALS: [Patient Advice & Liaison Service]:

0800 279 2535

AGE UK CAMBRIDGESHIRE offer a range of information and services on matters of concern to older people and their carers e.g. issues on benefits, home care, aids and adaptations, safeguarding and going into a care home. Also practical help: home help, visiting schemes, day centres and warden schemes. The advocacy service can offer support to represent the interests of those over 65 years, & help to obtain the services they need.

We are available 9am - 3pm Monday to 'Friday on 0300 666 9860

CONSUMER DIRECT : www.consumerdirect.gov.uk - Practical help and advice for consumers with queries/problems with goods/services. Telephone : 08454 04 05 06 - Charge 4p pm. Minicom users: 08451 28 13 84: Mon to Fri - 8.00 am to 6.30 pm. Sat. 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP: Charity to assist people with hearing loss.

Tel: 01223 416141 / www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Drop-in hearing help sessions are when we assist with basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids, supplying batteries, re-tubing and cleaning. **St Neots:** Dumbleton Medical Centre, Chapman Way, Eynesbury, first Friday of the month, 2pm – 4pm. **Brampton:** Brampton Surgery, 69 Miller Way, last Friday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

@ enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk

DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk

Adviceline: 01223 569 600—charity for disabled/older people and carers in Cambridgeshire.

Provides free, confidential and impartial information and advice on disability and access issues.

Email: info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk

THE LIBRARY AT HOME SERVICE : (formerly THE DOORSTEP SERVICE)

FREE home delivery service for people who can no longer get to a library. Call 0345 045 5225

HIGHWAYMAN CAR SCHEME: Ring: 07786 520 540.

For residents of Gt Staughton, Hail Weston, Kimbolton, Perry and surrounding area.

Volunteer drivers provide transport for social and medical purposes. Can undertake journeys to visit friends and family in hospital and outpatient appointments.

[Supported by Cambs CC (Transport Services) and Care Network]

SHAUN PRINCE COMPUTER SERVICES

As recommended on:

thebestofstneots

www.thebestof.co.uk/stneots



Tel: 07563 441261 | hello@shaunprince.com | shaunprince.com



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A LOCAL ACCOUNTANT ?

Kathy Wilson FCA CTA specialises in taxation and accountancy advice for individuals and all types of businesses

For friendly, personal advice please call her on (01480) 860688

Email: kathy@kewilson.co.uk Website: www.kewilson.co.uk

K.E. Wilson & Co. Chartered Accountants serving Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.
40 The Highway, Great Staughton, St Neots, Cambs PE19 5DA

St Neots Chiropractic Clinic

28 Market Square St Neots, Cambridgeshire

Telephone: 01480 - 473472

Chiropractors specialise in the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of conditions such as:

Back pain and Sciatica, neck, shoulder and arm pain, Headaches and Migraine, Joint sprains, muscle strains and Sports injuries

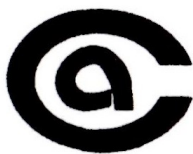
BUPA and PPP Registered

WHY NOT BOOK IN FOR A FREE BACK CHECK?

Other therapies available include:

- Chiropody/Podiatry/Homeopathy
- Hypnotherapy/Pschotherapy
- Massage therapy
- Aromatherapy massage
- Kinesiology

Team of registered and fully qualified therapists



C & A Hurst Opticians

Registered Opticians & Contact Lenses

359 Great North Road
Eaton Socon
St. Neots, Huntingdon
Cambs. PE19 7HN
Telephone: 01480 406002
FREEPHONE: 08081-445556

A WIDE SELECTION
OF FRAMES
VDU SCREENING
VISION THERAPY

MILL HILL RD

CONTACT LENSES
SOFT
GAS PERMEABLE
TINTED
DISPOSABLE

GREAT NORTH RD

359



DULOE RD

LARGE RANGE
OF CHILDREN'S
FRAMES



G. M. GILBERT FAMILY BUTCHER

OPENING HOURS

Monday 9am -6pm
Tuesday to Friday 8am- 6pm
Saturday 8am - 1pm

1 A The Highway, Great Staughton
Tel: (01480) 509788



SILHOUETTE



- International Standard
- Professional Hair Care
- Family Salon
3 Cromwell Court,
Kimbolton, Cambs.
01480-860694