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Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2018:

15 November

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2018:

3 October, 7 November, 5 December

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Editorial Natter...

Hi everybody,



What a tremendous magazine I have put together for you this month! As always, I couldn't have done it without the help of all those in both villages who send us content and help to make the magazine as interesting as it is.

This bumper edition includes images from the Great Staughton Horticultural Show 2018 (Pages 24-27), it looks like the show was a great success given the extremely difficult growing conditions we faced over the summer. I say *we* because I also made an effort to grow some veg in our garden this year but reluctantly gave up half way through the summer when everything had died (could have just been my not-so-green fingers though). Well done again to all who entered and won in the show.

You may recall in September, Rob started Pet of the Month! I was going to follow on and put a picture of our Kitten on the cover of this months magazine, however I thought I should make the most of the wonderful pictures from the Horticultural Show that were sent over to us, thanks again! Enough waffle from me, see you in December (nearly Christmas, I know!)

This issue was edited by Shaun

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24th October

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.

Quiz at The White Hart

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in October. This is the 2nd October at The White Hart 7 30pm.

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

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

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

Kym Valley Carpet Bowls



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

Tuesday 2nd
Friday 5th
Tuesday 9th (W.I.)
Friday 12th
Tuesday 16th (Riseley at home)
Friday 19th
Tuesday 23rd
Friday 26th
Tuesday 30th (Alconbury at home)

For more information call :
Doris Dainty - 01480 812006
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Did you know Great Staughton has a defibrillator?

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

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

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

COFFEE MORNING

Gt Staughton Village Hall

10.30 until Midday

Monday 22nd October 2018

Hosted by West Hunts
Friendship Club

All welcome and no charge!!

A great opportunity to meet
and chat with others.

We look forward to seeing you
there to share some of these
cakes!



**West Hunts Friendship
Club
100 Club winners for
September 2018**

Number	Name	Prize
12	Else Unwin	£500
18	Nicole Yates	£50
46	Mary Perkins	£25
21	Sheila Colley	£15
41	Mrs D Moore	£10

***Congratulations to all the
winners!***

Treasurers Corner

Hello,
no Pots this month so
keep popping all your change in
to them. There is one in
Gilberts, Tavern, White Hart and
Perry Post Office. We get
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to just say thank you for
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GREAT STAUGHTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY



The Horticultural Show at the end of August was surprisingly successful as you can see from the photographs elsewhere in this edition. Despite the difficult season our star growers still managed to produce stupendous specimens - giant onions (half the size of last year's apparently), perfect potatoes and capacious carrots shared the stage with more modest examples. I'm always impressed with the flower arrangements and this year's entry did not disappoint. Some people are brilliant!

There were plenty of cakes, biscuits and preserves but the judges were obviously so overworked that they failed to recognise the merit of my efforts. Better luck next year perhaps and congratulations to the winners!

The children's items were a delight. Who could have foreseen the ingenuity of design of the decorated stones? The liquorice allsort animals were superb as were the vegetable sailing craft. We have a great poster for next year. Thanks for all the outpouring of creativity.

And so to autumn. We can't complain that we didn't have a summer and it's actually been lovely to see things recover as the temperatures have dropped. What is not so welcome is the burgeoning of weed seedlings everywhere.

I've been looking at the moss in my lawn which is looking the weakest it has for a long time. Apparently now is a good time to rake it up before the damp re-establishes itself. I'm never quite sure whether raking simply propagates the

moss. Website advice is to kill it before raking or scarifying. Whatever - it looks like hard work - so perhaps I'll just cultivate it like the Japanese.

For some tips on easy maintenance gardening don't miss Geoff Hodge's talk at the village hall on Saturday October 13th at 7.30. More information about Geoff Hodge's talk can be found on Page 12.

Can you spare a few hours a month?

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

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

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

We'd love to meet you!

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



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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:

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Wednesdays 10:30-12:30

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The van has wheelchair access.



KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



Friday 19th October
At Mandeville Hall
Meal 6 for 6-30pm

Menu: Chicken Pea & Pumpkin Risotto & Garlic Bread. Pear & Apple Crumble with Custard.

Film 7 for 7-30pm

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KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

We will be holding a Harvest Celebration in the Mandeville

Hall Kimbolton on October 16th at 7 pm for 7.30 pm. There will be supper and a Quiz. Please bring a Halloween Decoration. These will be judged with a prize for the winner.

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Throughout the year and particularly as the winter months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safe and warm all year round.

Chimneys and Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers –

regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information

- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

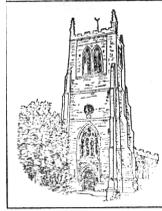
- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in

home fires in the winter months.

We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone.

Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

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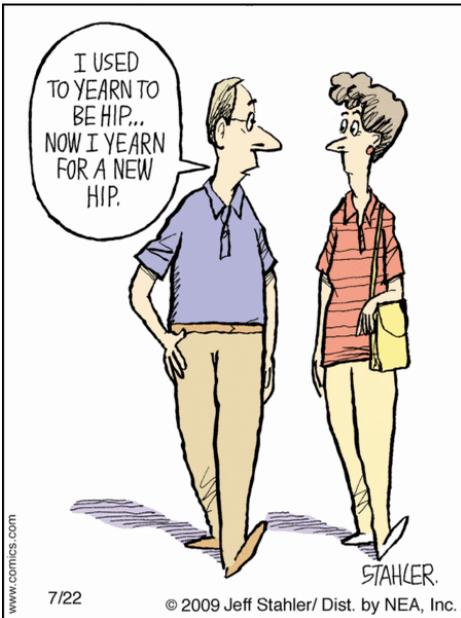
St Andrew's Church

**100 Club
August 2018 Draw**

August

Prize	No.	Name
£50.....	27.....	Mr Giles Brittain
£25.....	57.....	Mrs Ann Price
£15.....	78.....	Mrs Wendy Noon
£10.....	37.....	Mr R Peacock

Congratulations to the winners!



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Gill Broome

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**Great Staughton Horticultural
Society present:**

**A Garden Talk - Easy Gardening,
Low Maintenance Gardens**

Interested in gardening, want to learn more about easy gardening?

**Then come along to the Great
Staughton Village Hall on Saturday
13th October at 7.30.**

**The Horticultural Society are hosting a
garden talk by Geoff Hodge.**

Geoff is a freelance gardening and horticultural writer, author, editor and radio and TV broadcaster, whose aim is to help gardeners get the best from their plants and gardens.



He will be giving a slide talk and practical demonstration on the topic of Easy Gardening, low maintenance gardens.

Tickets are £7.50 and include a light supper and a glass of wine. They will be available from Gilbert's Butchers, Sheila Wells (tel 861254) or any committee member.

We hope to see you there!

**For more information about Geoff
Hodge visit
www.gardenforumhorticulture.co.uk**

The mystery of the commemorative plates - solved!

Readers of the September issue of Life will be heartened to learn that this great mystery of our time has now been solved thanks to Rita Bayford. I had a phone call from her the other day and she explained that the plates, six sets in all, had been purchased, at a cost of £90, to celebrate the millennium. Two sets only seem to be in existence, one owned by Rita and the other graces the walls of the White Hart. Rita would like to sell the set, complete, and donate the money to the church. If you are interested, please contact me in the first instance and

I'll pass the message on.

Anthony Withers

861224

aw.staughton@gmail.com

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST HUNTS FRIENDSHIP CLUB RECENTLY

We held our own indoor fete. Enter the new sport of welly whanging alongside hook the duck, quoits and longest paper plane flight!



Lots of fun recently when we were visited by Glen and his collection of puppets. We even had a chance to try them out ourselves...



Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall
10:30 - midday
Every second Tuesday of the month
The next one will be on
Tuesday 9th October
We look forward to seeing you there!

want to join in the fun? Please call Annabelle on 07527 741495 for details. We also would welcome volunteers to help out 1/2 days a month, with duties such as making tea, coffee, toast etc. and generally helping out. Meetings are always on a Monday from approx. 10am to 2pm. Please call Annabelle on the above number. Thanks in advance!!

Gt Staughton W.I.

the **WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN

Perry W.I.

One of the advantages of living in a village in the country is that you are aware of the seasons, therefore it seemed apt to have a home cooked Harvest Supper at our September meeting. The ladies dined on Cottage Pie followed by Apple Pie which was washed down with wine (sadly not home-made). Judging from the seconds consumed everyone had an elegant sufficiency but I did notice a few doggy bags disappearing out the door. The evening's entertainment was also home-made (of a sort) as we all had several goes at a good, old fashioned Beetle Drive. Much hilarity ensued with occasional cries of beetle and fix. It was noticeable who was artistic from the beetles that were consequently drawn. Some actually looked insect like, but others, for example mine, resembled squiggles more akin to a doodle or the efforts of a pre-schooler!! Prizes were awarded to the ladies with the highest total points over 5 games. The winners were mainly suited on one table, who funnily enough also won the majority of the raffle prizes as well as the monthly competition item!! Hence the good natured cries of "fix".

Grateful thanks were expressed by all to those involved in the organisation of what proved to be a great evening. Events in the diary include a trip to Jordan's Mill on 26th September for a trip around the mill itself. And a Coffee morning 30th October in support of MacMillan Cancer.

The next meeting is Tuesday 9th October 7.30 p.m. in the village hall and our topic is History of St Neots.

Margaret Sare

We all met at Perry Baptist Chapel for a very strictly run quiz!

First though Fay asked us all to think about becoming committee members as three of the committee will be standing down next year. If you're interested please let Fay know or come along to the next meeting and have a chat to the committee to see just what it involves. Now to the quiz. Once again the very brilliant "Quiz Liz" had devised a tricky little number for us to cogitate over. With holidays etc we were a little depleted but managed four teams of eager beavers. Liz handed out two sheets of photographs - some modern some definitely not so, for us to deliberate over and give names to. Lots of chat ensued but eventually we swapped papers in the traditional way and marks varied between 14-17 out of 22. Not so dusty. Oh, but then we had questions on said people. Heck! Some were hard some were very hard and some were almost impossible! Again there was a good deal of frivolity and some dissent but, as usual, a great deal of laughter. Scores ranged between 14 and 21 out of 23 so we reckoned we are a pretty ok bunch.

A tremendous vote of thanks to Quiz Liz for once again making us stretch our brains a bit, giggle, get very frustrated and just laugh out loud.

Next month we are back in the Baptist Chapel making Christmas table decorations. Come and join us.

Chris Halsall



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A Tale of Trees, the Battle to Save Britain's Ancient Woodland

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this presentation on ancient woodlands on Wednesday 10th October 2018. As usual this will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Derek Niemann, who is a renowned nature writer and Guardian country diarist. Derek will look at how the destruction of up to half of the county's mature trees happened 40 years ago and will explain what has been done in recent years to ameliorate their loss.

This should be a fascinating talk and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

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Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2018



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

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. **First visit is free.**

Dates	Event	Speaker	Competition Item
October 9th	History of St Neots	Rodney Todman	Something local
November 13th	New England in the Fall	Chris Smith	Something Colourful
December 11th	Christmas Dinner - Hail Weston to choose		

Youth Activity Clubs at Grafham Water Centre

YOUTH SAILING AND PADDLESPOrts

Grafham Flyers OnBoard sailing Club and Paddlesports Club introduce young people over the age of 8 to the exciting sports of sailing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. Our experienced instructors will provide safety cover, tips and advice!

Tuesday Evenings (10 April - 4

September 2018) 6pm until 8pm

Alternate Saturdays (7 April - 20 October 2018) 10am until 12.30pm

Sessions cost £14 per person.

Booking is essential

YOUTH CLIMBING

Learn to climb with the Grafham Gibbons! Our youth climbing club is designed especially for young climbers incorporating games, skills and techniques

Sundays 10am until 12noon

Sessions cost £12 per person.

Booking is essential

If you would like to try either of our Youth Clubs, please call 01480 810521 to book! More information about all of our activity courses can be found on our website.

www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk

Perry Women's Institute programme of events 2018



Perry WI is open to all women aged 18+, so come along and meet everyone in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

£41 for a year's membership

First meeting is free for newcomers to "try before you buy"

If you join part way through a year fees are £30.75 for April to Dec, £20.50 for July to Dec and £10.25 for Oct to Dec.

2018 DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
8 th Oct 7.30pm	Craft evening – practical floristry session making a Christmas table centre decoration	Beverly Jackson	Perry Baptist Church
12th Nov 7.30pm	Talk by Huntingdon Cancer Care nurse & AGM	Committee	Perry Baptist Church
10 th Dec ***7pm for 7.30pm***	Christmas dinner		The Wheatsheaf

A Note From the Editors

Just a friendly reminder that if you're sending content to be published, please email it to both editors to ensure it will be included in future issues. Send all content to both **lifemagazine@outlook.com**

&

rj.young@live.co.uk

And if you're placing a small 'For Sale' ad in the magazine, do let both of us know when the items have been sold, so the ad can be removed for the next magazine.

**Thanks,
Shaun & Rob**

A book about Staughton, episode 2

One of the vital components of any historical research is of course books and documents relating to the period of interest. Accumulating books could be a cause of significant financial outlay but there is a solution at hand, namely Abebooks. This is a vital online resource for obscure or out-of-print books. It links second hand booksellers world-wide so if you are looking for a particular book or author, simply tap in the name on the Abebooks website and it is likely that somewhere in the world, there will be a copy, often at a very low price. I've bought books for little more than the price of a pint. They've come from some surprising sources: a book on Anglo-Saxon Charters was despatched from Pennsylvania. Slightly nearer to home a recondite volume on Reading Latin inscriptions came from Oxfam in Newmarket.

My current interest is the old vicarage. The Rev. James Pope, the vicar of Staughton between 1796 and 1822, frequently complained that the vicarage, formerly known as the Hermitage, which was situated in the Town, was in a poor state of repair and to remedy the situation borrowed a considerable sum from St John's College to rebuild it. St John's College, Oxford, had been associated with the church since the fifteenth century when the living was transferred from the Carthusian monastery which stood on the site, to the Oxford College.

The land on which the vicarage stood was eventually sold to the owner of Staughton House (Denzil Onslow). This property has gone by a number of names in the past –

the Hermitage, Rectory Manor, and in the 19C, Staughton House, and, currently the Manor. The site of the vicarage is now, I believe, Rectory Farm. In the 1850s the new vicarage, now a private house, was constructed and on 7 June 1852 by Arthur Welstead of Stonely was instructed to issue a report on the state of the vicarage. Welstead prefaces the document with some general observations on the village. "The farms are small ...," he reports, but "the cottages exceedingly neat and clean, with good gardens with exception of a few wretched dwellings at Dillington and Perry."

Appropriately, in the context of the plan for the new vicarage, he has some observations on the religious inclinations of the inhabitants of Staughton who "are chiefly members of the C of E and there are no papists in the village." However, he continues, there exists "a strong feeling between the Dissenters and members of the church arising from animosities relating to parochial and electioneering matters." The curate, he notes approvingly, has done much good work to alleviate the situation, as is evidenced by the comment that "the church is full and two hundred children attend Sunday School."

He records that the vicarage estate belonging to Valentine Wauton is held under the Crown by George Parker who lets it to the Onslow family who reside at the Rectory Manor, now simply the Manor. Welstead then turns to the old vicarage to which he gives short shrift. "An ancient messuage, built with brick, timber and tiles of inferior and inconvenient construction, consisting of six bedrooms partly constructed in the roof, a drawing and

dining room, study and entrance hall all of small dimensions, also a kitchen, larder and altar." The house is "inconvenient and unpleasant" and the rooms are small. Besides, his neighbours are noisy, keep pigs, and cause "much nuisance." The property is bounded by the land and house of D Onslow. Welstead concluded that the annual value of the house and garden was £21.

The new vicarage was built a few hundred yards from the church, on the Riseley turnpike road, which meets the Highway at what was then Agden Green, and continues to St Neots. Halfway up the road was the toll house.

By the mid nineteenth century, St Neots had become an important market place both to buy and to sell produce. Welstead observes: "St Neots has well supplied shops with good articles sold at a moderate price." Meat, however, he considers to be "dear."

Anthony Withers

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Here's the 5 day forecast. To be honest, after tomorrow, your guess is as good as mine!

GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

In July, we read "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" (by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows) and enjoyed the discussion that followed. Told through a series of letters, we learnt of a novelist's growing interest in the trials and tribulations of members of a Guernsey book club established during the occupation of the island. Quite a few of us also made a trip down to the cinema to catch the film which, although quite lovely in its own way, pales in comparison to the book.

Our book for August, was 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce. It tells the story of a man who pops out to post a letter and then decides to deliver it in person. His trek from the south coast up to Berwick-on-Tweed in the most unsuitable footwear leads him to encounter many strangers who pour out their confessions to him and, in so doing, help Harold to come to term with his own grief, feelings of remorse and sense of belonging. I think this was possibly the first book that kept us on topic for the whole of the evening!

If you fancy joining us to discuss a book over nibbles and a drink, you would be most welcome. We usually meet on the last Thursday of each month but occasionally we have to make a few changes so ... the dates and books for the rest of 2018 are as follows:

4th October: **'The Book is Ordinary Thunderstorms'** by William Boyd.
1st November: **'Rings of Saturn'** by W G Sebald

20th December: our annual meal.

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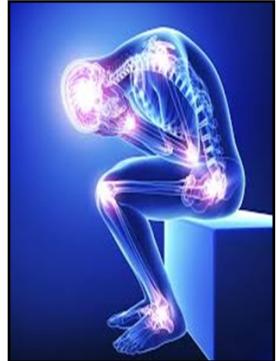
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2018 Schedule

Thursday October 18th - Sailability Duty at Grafham Water, hosted by Mike Reil

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Ian Gardner



Darren Tysoe

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Oct 3rd at 7pm – Perry Baptist Church

Nov 7th at 7pm – Perry Baptist Church

December 5th at 7pm – Grafham Water Centre



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF
PERRY PARISH
COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST
2018 at 7.30 p.m. at THE GRAFHAM
WATER CENTRE

Present:

Councillor Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman

Councillor Jason Harper (JH)

Councillor David Prew (DP)

Councillor Emma Prew (EP)

Richard Winsor – Clerk

County Councillor: Ian Gardener

District Councillor:

Members of the public: There were SIX
members of the public (in attendance).

The meeting was opened by the
Chairman, Nigel Noon, at 7.30 p.m.

18/067 Apologies for Absence: Sheila
Brighton, Darren Tysoe

18/068 Members Declaration of Interest
on Agenda Items: None

18/069 County / District Councillor
Update:

Ian Gardener updated that Sawtry
Community Centre was now open,
although this was slightly too far from
Perry to be a viable resource. Between
the 1st September – 8th October an
access lift will be installed at St Neots
Library. During this period the ground
floor would remain open but all other
facilities would be limited. Three
thousand Cambridgeshire residents had
written to campaign for the fairer funding
for schools. Cambridgeshire is one of the
worst funded education authorities in
England. The County receives £400 less
per child than the average funded

authority and £1600 less per child than
Westminster and the campaign was
bringing this to the attention of Damien
Hinds, Secretary of State for Education.
Cambridgeshire County Council had now
overturned an earlier decision and would
now continue to fund the passenger escort
service on the Perry to Great Staughton
school bus service. They were also
continuing to provide community
transport in rural areas from next month
although with some modification to the
existing service. Councillor Surgeries will
resume (half an hour before each Parish
Council meeting) from 12th September.
RW undertook to publicise this on the
village notice board with immediate
effect. NN stated he would make
enquiries as to the whereabouts of the
sign previously used to advertise
Councillor Surgeries with a view to
locating it outside the village shop
immediately before and during the event.
18/070 Public Forum on Agenda Items: A
member of the public mentioned that the
road resurfacing work as you enter the
village from the Grafham / Buckden end
had now begun to reinstate yellow lines.
They had noticed that some of line
marking was incomplete and questioned
if the ‘cats eyes’ would also be replaced?
IG stated that this work was work in
progress and should there be any issues
afterwards he would be happy to follow
things up. A discussion took place
regarding grass cutting and the necessity
of it during the uncharacteristic spell of
hot weather, a grass cutting crew had
recently been seen in the village although
the grass is not currently growing and
there is little to cut. IG stated he would
mention it to DT. RW undertook to look
at the contracted dates and discuss with
the contractor. A member of the public
also asked if the overgrown Holly Trees
adjacent to Lodge House could receive
attention, there were telephone lines
passing through the foliage. Martin
Wilson and RW to assess the issue,

determine if the overgrown trees are on council property and take the matter forward as appropriate.

18/071 Police Update: None

18/072 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2018: Minutes approved as a record of the meeting JH proposed, EP seconded.

18/073 Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda items): None

18/074 Address by the Chair – John Alford:

NN addressed the meeting - It is with sadness that I mention the death of Reverend John Alford who passed away on 14th July 2018, whilst away for the weekend with his wife Margaret, in Blakeney, Norfolk.

John was born 1st November 1935, he was an active leader within our community. John was well known locally for his involvement with The Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire Rural Support Group, where he was a trustee and for his work on Perry Parish Council since 2002. John was Chair of Perry Parish Council for the latter part of his tenure.

During his working life John moved to Cambridgeshire and took charge of the churches at Ellington, Shandwick, Grafham, Easton, Barham and Wooley. When he retired he remained in the locality and moved to Perry but continued to preach at The Staughton's and Hail Weston. In fact, John celebrated 40 years as a priest as recently as Sunday 1st July. He was also, a stalwart of Rotary Cromwell and all the charities it supports.

John had a passion for walking, wildlife and the countryside. Both he and his wife, were leaders of the Huntingdon Health Walks until only a couple of years ago. John campaigned tirelessly over many years to reinstate local public rights of way and some of the recent and on-going

reorganisation of them is a testimony to his determination.

The Parish Council has secured agreement for a lasting memorial to John and one of the Public Rights of Way will be named in John's memory.

The only path solely in the parish of Perry is Footpath No. 3 which will, once diverted, create a link between West Perry (B661) and the footpath running north-south between The Wheatsheaf PH and Dillington.

Having consulted John's family, this path (once established) will be known as the 'Alford Memorial Path' and the name of it reflected in associated signage.

RW conveyed thanks to James Stringer, Asset Information Definitive Map Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council for his assistance in making this happen.

At 7.48pm Councillor David Prew joined the meeting, having been delayed.

18/075 Applicants for Parish Council Councillor Vacancies: RW explained that there had been two applications for the current four Parish Councillor vacancies. All Councillors unanimously agreed that the two applications should be considered now and the date for applications should not be extended. Two applications were considered and there was unanimous agreement that they should both be immediately co-opted. JH proposed and EP seconded the motion. RW to write to both new Councillors and inform them.

18/076 2018 Perry Community Recognition Award: This award was conceived in 2013 to recognise those who make a significant contribution to our local community, RW stated that this year, seven nominations had been received for five people. NN directed that the selection process to identify the recipient for 2018, should take place after the formal meeting by ballot vote. All Councillors selected a design for the trophy that would be awarded. RW undertook to write to all individuals

nominated for the award.

18/077 Data Storage (back up) - Clerk: RW stated that the file directory for all Parish Council matters was contained on an external hard drive which allowed a complete transfer of files between Clerks upon handover. This also ensures that documents were not stored on anyone's personal computer. Although Parish Council data was retrievable from a variety of other sources, there would be a cost and time implication in doing so. Discussions took place concerning the purchase of a second external drive as a back-up. DP proposed and JH seconded subject to advice from CAPALC.

18/078 Closed Strategy Meeting: RW stated that there were a number of on-going initiatives examples being; Grants for Plants, WW1 Commemoration, Local Highways Initiative, Bus Shelter, Buckden Court Pond, Leader Funding and community assets that would benefit from a work package around them an identified lead (individuals). With time constraints of Parish Council meetings and full agendas during them, there would be a benefit in having a closed meeting to discuss strategies and direction. This meeting would be for Parish Councillors and any direction or decisions would need to be taken back to a public forum for transparent formal agreement. JH disagreed with a closed meeting but all other Councillors were in agreement. The timing of the closed meeting should be before the Grants for Plants Open Evening 15th September 2018. RW undertook to secure a venue and circulate a potential date

18/079 Grants for Plants – Village Open Evening, 7pm, 15th September 2018 – Grafham Water Centre: A venue for the open evening has been reserved and refreshments will be provided. An example planter has been constructed at Chichester Way (opposite the village

store), the component sleepers were donated to the village by SCL Railway Sleepers, as was the liner by Mr C Beesley. DP is in the process of making a sign that can advertise the event and be sited next to the Chichester Way planter. In addition to discussing the Grants for Plants initiative and the available funding for it, there will be an opportunity to meet the Councillors (and lead Councillor for the various work streams once decided), formulate early ideas for the next phase Village Plan and shape ideas for the future. JH agreed to design the flyer advertising the Open Evening event. RW to print and contact Life Magazine Perry distribution team to circulate and advertise.

18/080 WW1 Commemoration: Previous discussions had reached an agreement to plant a tree to commemorate the end of WW1. There is potential to align with one of the Church Services and have a formal planting ceremony afterwards. This will be discussed and expanded during the closed meeting.

18/081 Local Highways Initiative (standing agenda item): This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting.

18/082 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: JH stated that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme now have confirmed membership for 80 households, an increase of 26 on last month and Street Co-ordinators are continuing to door knock to sign people up.

A further 57 stickers have been ordered for new and old members.

JH has put out a request for support with some items but haven't received any interest so far:

1. Village Update: Provision of content for a weekly update to go to Street Co-ordinators and then onwards to scheme members. Content will mainly come from the daily "Neighbourhood

Alert” email. JH will provide a template for the communication.

2. Street Co-ordinator Support:

There is a need for someone to get familiar with national Neighbourhood Watch resources and the process for signing up to the ALERT database, along with how administration works and then be able to offer support to our own, Street Co-ordinators.

The next Street Co-ordinators meeting is planned for 12 September at Perry Baptist Church.

18/083 Speeding in the Village/ Radar Speed Signs: This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting.

18/084 Clerks Report:

The School Bus Service – RW elaborated on the decision from the Education Transport Officer to withdraw the School Bus Chaperone, the concern it had caused locally and the fact that the decision had been overturned. DA Payne will resume the service from September (start on new school year).

Defibrillator – good news story: JH mentioned an incident at the Sailing Club where someone’s life had been saved by the use of a defibrillator. NN stated he knew the person that had administered first aid and would like to co-ordinate her speaking at a training event. RW had made some initial enquiries about which organisations had defibrillator equipment, the location of them and person responsible. EP also expressed an interest in establishing what ‘after care’ strategies and provisions these organisations had in place for people involved in critical incidents where defibrillators needed to be deployed. This will be an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting. There was a general consensus to share appropriate ‘good news stories’ on the Parish Council Website.

Leader Funding - This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the

closed meeting.

The Water Tower Site – Previously the criteria and process to identify a Community Asset had been circulated. It allows for a five year period of registration. This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting.

Church Summer Day Camp – This involved 39 children between 24th – 26th July and was hosted by the Grafham Water Centre. RW mentioned the event as it will be repeated next year and will likely lead to the formation of a youth club this year, which they hope to base in Perry.

18/085 Correspondence Report: Response from the Buckden Court Management Company (Francis Butson & Associates) which will be detailed under Village Matters.

18/086 Meetings Attended: None

18/087 Finance & Legal Matters: The Clerk requested payments as follows:

035/18 Website Hosting

£120

036/18 R Winsor Salary – July

£320

037/18 Handyman Salary – July

£100.28

038/18 Meeting Room Rent– August

£15

039/18 HMRC Tax (ending 5th July)

£123.20

040/18 HMRC Tax (ending 5th August)

£105

Proposed by JH, seconded by EP.

Bank Account Reconciliation – Statement circulated

Overhead Report – Statement circulated

18/088 Planning Matters

Planning Applications - 18/70164/SCRE

- Screening Opinion - Installation of

ground mounted solar PV array, underground cabling, fencing and switchgear housing. - Land East Of Graham Water Treatment Works East Perry Perry – Consultation (information only)

Consultation / information only.

18/089 Parish/Village Matters: Allotments – No Update
Children’s Play Facilities – JH stated that he had some initial discussions around enhancing village play facilities for children within the village. The Parish Council do not own land but there was potential to link in with other organisations and negotiate enhancing existing facilities or locating a new one. JH agreed to take forward issues of capital outlay, maintenance, expectations of on-going maintenance and insurance. Discussions took place regarding the recent enhancement of play facilities at Marlow Car Park (on Anglian Water land). A member of the public mentioned that if people are visiting a new site to use the play facilities it may lead to compounding the existing parking issues. Working Parties – JH stated he was nearing finalising a date for the next working party, the task would be to install an Owl Box.

Buckden Court Pond – Correspondence received in response to cost contribution and provision of a skip, as it stands Francis Butson Associates would be more than willing to pay for a skip. They would be happy for the Parish Council to organise it and send them the invoice. Other costs (with quotes for work) could be discussed with the Company Directors after there is a clearer idea of what will be involved. This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting.

Bus Shelter - This is an on-going work stream that can be discussed at the closed meeting.

Village Sign – No update – NN to speak to contractor when he next sees him.

18/090 Village Directory: - on hold

18/091 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting:

JH requested that – Village Welcome Pack be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next meeting 1930hrs, Wednesday 12th September 2018 – Perry Baptist Church.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.



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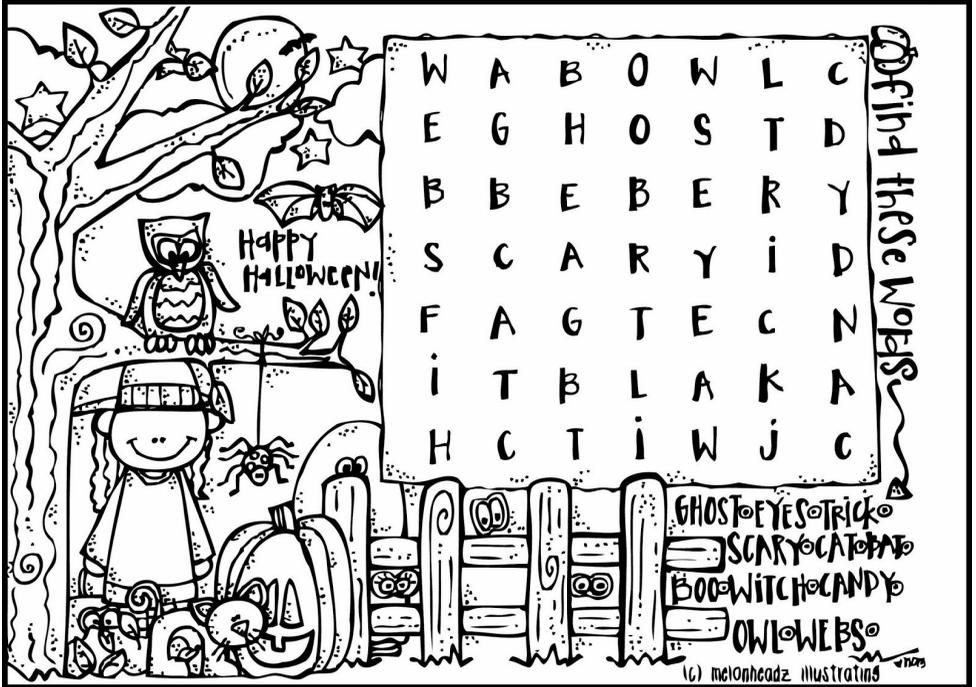
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In the last village survey for the 2018 Village Plan, 76.2% of residents felt that community contribution should be recognised.

The Perry Community Recognition Award was Introduced in 2013 to recognise those who make a significant contribution to the village and individuals that go ‘above and beyond’ or foster community participation without any expectation of reward.

Laurie was a main lead in the Highway Man Driver Scheme and would consistently work on his days off to accommodate demand and enhance the service, he was responsible for many initiatives to help the service users, like collecting prescriptions from the doctors surgery in Great Staughton and dropping them off at the Perry village store to assist those who may have difficulty in collecting their prescriptions in person.

Laurie was also pivotal with and fund raised for the local Friendship Circle for many years, making it the success it was.

When presenting the award Nigel said “This year we have received an unprecedented number of nominations. A total of five individuals were considered, each of which deserve a great deal of thanks and appreciation for their contribution in making Perry a great place to live. Our Councillors certainly had some difficult decisions to make”

Nominations for the award are requested annually in July, if you know someone that you would like to nominate please contact; Richard Winsor – Clerk to Perry Parish Council, clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk or via the nomination forms available at Perry Village Store.



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Q. When?

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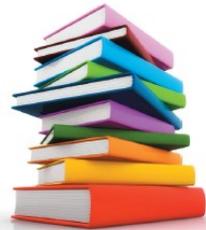
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Dear Friends,

I am writing this the day after returning from my Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela along the English Way.

The journey started many months ago when we decided that this is what we were going to attempt, because like all things in life preparation for this was essential. Jenny, my companion for the Pilgrimage and I, prepared weekly by walking, often from Great Staughton, to one of the wonderful Public Houses in the Benefice, enjoyed a drink or meal or both and then walked back. Many of you will have seen us on our way and it was a wonderful means of getting to know you and the area more.

Santiago de Compostela is the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia, in north western Spain. The 1,000-year-old pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James in the Cathedral there is known as 'the Camino' or in English 'The Way' of St. James. We Chose to walk the English Way starting in Ferrol (118.39 km) which is less well known than the French Way. This is a very hilly walk with few stopping places but with beautiful and varied scenery.

As we walked each day there was much time for reflection. Life is so much a journey, like the Camino, life has a beginning and an end, it is full of ups and downs, twists and turns. There are times when the road is smooth, the sun is shining on us and the world seems a

wonderful place and there are other times when life is an uphill struggle and we long for those flat easy paths. There are times when we look for direction, there are times when we take the wrong path, there are times when we have no idea what is around the corner. Sometimes we walk alone and sometimes we walk with others but for the Christian we are always accompanied by Jesus himself and we use him so much like a route map guiding us and showing us the way. Without that map we are lost but if we follow in faith we are found.

In the Cathedral there is a North and a South door and you can walk in through one and out through the other. On each door there is an Alpha on the outside of the door and an Omega on the inside. As you walk through the door it symbolises your journey from the beginning to the end and as you walk out of the Cathedral through the opposite door is symbolises the rest of your life. The journey has ended and you are stepping out in faith to a new beginning.

I pray that through all the ups and downs of your life you will find God beside you to lean on and to direct you.

With love & blessings
Revd Nicki Bland

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CHURCH SERVICES October 2018

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 7th 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion
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Wednesday 10th 5.30 pm Evening
Prayer (at church)

Sun 14th 10.30am- Parish Communion

Sat 20th 4.00pm Memorial Service a
service to remember our loved ones who
are no longer with us

Sun 21st 10.30am-Parish Communion
(play and pray)

Sun 28th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 7th 9.00 am Parish Communion

Sun 21st 9.00 am Parish Communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 3rd 10.00 am – Morning Prayer
followed by 10.30am - Coffee

Sun 7th 6.00 pm -Harvest Festival with
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Sun 14th 9am- Parish Communion

**Sun 21st NEW 3.00 pm All Age
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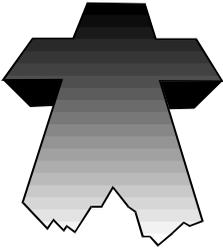
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try not to bite!

To find out about friendliness please join us any Sunday for the morning service at 10.30am. If that is too much for you please join us for the MacMillan Coffee Morning that we are holding in the Perry Church on 6th October. Also, we are hoping to hold a Songs of Praise at 4pm on Sunday 28th October. All are welcome at any meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Tony Whitlock

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