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Dates for your Diary



Future events

Unfortunately events scheduled for October have had to be cancelled. But do let us know about any planned events for later in the year.

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Editorial Natter...

Hello everyone



Welcome to another fine edition of Life magazine. A much, much smaller edition than normal, but still full of exciting content from both villages. This months cover comes from Phil Yates of Lye Close with his impressive lawn stripes. We've had loads of pictures sent in and please do keep them coming!

As I write this, the likelihood Lockdown 2 coming is increasing so we must all play by the rules and do what we can to try and pull through it together. The important this is always to stay safe and look out for each other.

Enough from me, see you all in December!

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall 0:30 - midday

Sadly, because of the current health crisis and to comply with Church of England directives, we are obliged to suspend the monthly Tuesday coffee mornings for now.

We shall miss seeing all our friends but it is important that we all stay safe and well, and play our part in not spreading the virus. As soon as we can resume our meetings safely, we shall let you know!!

Treasurers Corner

Hello,



No Pots this month but I know that the Perry Post Office has been taking donations for excess vegetables! So, thank you to those that donated, both the growers and the consumers!

Thank you! Stay safe.

Helen

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).

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GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB

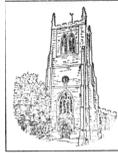


We have been very pleased to see so many people enjoying playing tennis over the last few months and we have been happy to facilitate this without charge, particularly whilst the Coronavirus has limited us all being able to live our “normal” lives.

However, maintenance of the courts does not of course come for free and as such, we feel that now is the time to reintroduce membership fees to allow the Club to gain funds to carry out future maintenance and repairs as and when needed. Please be assured, that we are by no means seeking to make a profit nor place use of the tennis courts beyond anyone’s financial reach. The annual membership fee for a junior member (under 16s) is **£5**, an adult member is **£10** and a family membership (for up to six members) is **£25**.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, please email our Chair, **Nicole Yates** at nicolehyates@aol.com and an Application Form can be sent to you, together with payment details.

We look forward to hearing from you!



St Andrew's Church

100 Club Draw

August 2020

Prize	No	Name
£50	59	Bill Wetzell
£25	25	Bryan Kitchen
£15	27	Brendan Sturgeon
£10	63	Pat Townley

Congratulations to all the winners!



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Gt Staughton Village Hall

Kym Valley Bowls began playing again on 4 September after a five month break. Maximum 8 people, social distancing etc. But we are at least playing again!

Note revised times: 7.30 to 9pm

Tuesday October 6, 13, 20, 27

Friday October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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We also play Bingo and have a raffle and usually finish around midday.

We have cars available if walking is too much We would love to see more people come. **Call Marjorie Smith on 01480 812243 or 07753 426 823** for more details.

Meetings are on hold at the moment but we will keep you updated.

West Hunts Friendship Club

**100 Club Winners
September 2020**

No.	Name	Prize
33.....	Lesley Hynes.....	£500
37.....	Paddy Hynes.....	£50
14.....	David Moore.....	£25
51.....	Sir Hugh Duberly.....	£15
89.....	Laurie Barringer.....	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

If you need help, just ask

To all our village residents, the Great Staughton & Perry Community Support Group is still here to help if you're isolating. We have an army of volunteers who are prepared to:

- Pick up shopping / medication
- Have a chat or play online Word games
- Cook a meal for you / provide a frozen meal
- Respond to other needs and concerns you may have

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Life's still weird isn't it. OK schools are back and traffic has built up again but restrictions are very much part of this new routine and uncertainty is the principal reality of most people's existence.

One thing that is reliable and steadfast is the living world. Weeds keep growing, flowers develop and go to seed, ripe fruit falls off the trees and autumn is progressing. On my walk this morning - still mid September, there was a heavy mist revealing countless spiders' webs. How many insects are needed to feed all these spiders? And what eats spiders? Presumably birds, toads or bigger spiders.

The landscape is steadily being altered by farming activity. The stubble has been mashed in. I noticed a crop which looked like turnip had been sown in a recently harvested field but it was ploughed in after a few weeks - presumably some sort of green fertiliser. All the fields look ordered and tilled and smell manured and the hedges and ditches have been tidied up. I guess it's going to be relatively static for the next few months. I've been amazed how much change you observe when

you regularly patrol the fields. These farmers work hard!

I came across the poignant remains of a pheasant the other morning. Just feet and feathers (th)foughtlessly flung on the (ash) felt. It took a fair few feet to fathom out that flight of fancy - something the pheasant will never enjoy again. There are plenty of pheasants wandering around Garden Farm apparently being raised for a shoot. I was shocked by a statistic I came across on "More or Less" - a favourite programme of mine. They said that after the shooting season - for which thousands of pheasants are bred - the survivors are set free to fend for themselves and make up one third of the body mass of all the birds in the country. Now one pheasant is obviously equivalent to an awful lot of sparrows but we do have lots of heavier birds like pigeons and swans and seagulls. It's not surprising then that we find so many bodies on the roads.

It's bulb planting time but as usual I've done nothing about it. I do love tulips don't you? Perhaps I'll get some. I'll let you know.

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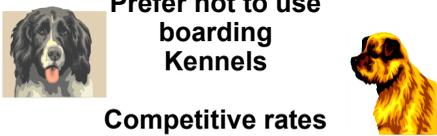
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healthwatch

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People in Great Staughton and Perry are being asked to give their experiences in a new survey from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire - the local champion for people who use health and social care services.

The way most services are provided is changing to help keep people safe from Covid-19. So Healthwatch wants to know how this has affected you and those you care for and the impact on your mental health and wellbeing.

The survey is online, takes ten minutes to complete and is Anonymous, so you can share experiences in confidence.

What you say goes back to the people running the health and social care system, so they understand what is working well or what needs to change and why.

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Take the survey at:
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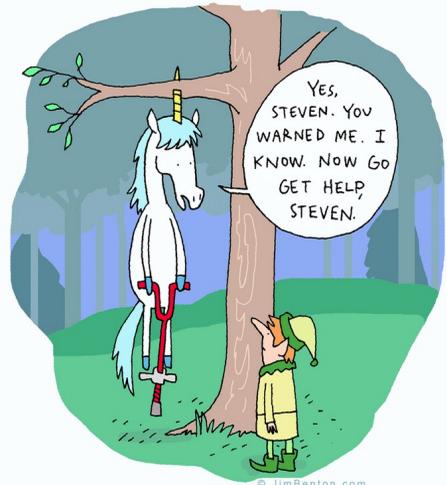
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Gt Staughton W.I

It seems forever since I last wrote anything for the Life Magazine, let alone a report of WI activities. Like every other organisation we ground to a halt and have been unable to congregate or meet in our normal venue.

Then in August our President had the bright idea of an outdoor meeting, initially for the committee. This somehow morphed into an open meeting so 22 of us assembled with our camping chairs and sandwiches on the playing field. I was subsequently told this raised a few eyebrows from passer-by's.

Forming a rather large, socially distanced circle we were able to catch up on each other's news, discuss possibilities of further meetings and scratch our heads over ways to meet for our Christmas Dinner. The option of splitting into smaller groups and eating on different evenings for the latter was a suggestion met with great delight by our President, not least because she felt she should attend all sessions to ensure we maintained decorum, kept Government guidelines and upheld the honour of the WI.

Unfortunately the plans we discussed for a meeting in October, of either another outdoor session, or if inclement weather, a different venue were scuppered the day after by a further restriction on gatherings. Therefore all I can say is this will be my last report for a few more months. Keep well, keep safe

Margaret Sare

GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Our August book, 'Human Voices' by Penelope Fitzgerald, is a short novel shining a spotlight on workers at the BBC during World War 2. In many ways, the novel seemed disjointed, giving few details of the various characters and jumping from one to another just as your interest has been piqued. But, perhaps, that was also the beauty of the book: it left it to the reader's imagination to fill in the detail. These snapshots of their lives helped create the claustrophobic mundanity of the work as well as their hopes and dreams. The characters often dwelt on the little things just to get them through the monotony of the days. It seemed, from that point of view, an honest tale of what it must have been like to live and work in central London during the Blitz.

Fitzgerald's story didn't fully satisfy us though. Whilst there was humour, loss and frustration, her skeletal development of character and plot left many of us feeling dissatisfied and wanting more detail.

UPDATE: Last year, we read 'Magpie Murders' by Anthony Horowitz which several of us enjoyed. A sequel, 'Moonflower Murders', has just been released which I can highly recommend if you, like me, enjoy murder mysteries.

Our books for the rest of the year are:

October - 'Conclave' by Robert Harris
November - 'The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet' by David Mitchell

If you would like to join our discussions, please contact
Margaret Sare on 01480 860963



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

Progress has continued to be made on the project. The signing of the legal documents was slightly delayed by difficulties of transmission of signatures in Covid times, but by the time you are reading this I am confident contracts will have been exchanged. This will initiate the process of a planning application which I am also confident will have been submitted by the time you are reading this. Full details of the planning application can be found through the Staughton Parish Council website <http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/> and I will post a link on the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Staughton-Parish-Council>. It will also be available through the HDC planning portal. Once I know the reference number it has been allocated I will post it on the website and facebook page.

If any member of the community wishes to comment please do so and if you feel you may have a need for one of these properties or any member of your family might do so it would help the smooth passage of the application if there were a number of favourable comments posted on to the HDC planning portal.

The planning process can take up to 3 months and so is unlikely to be complete before Christmas.

The contracts for the work will then be negotiated and the CLT will have a part in this process. Any thoughts, comments residents may wish to make please let me know. The start on site is expected to occur in March 2021 with the enabling works. The CLT AGM on 15th September had to be held as virtual meeting following the latest Covid regulations. It though did enthusiastically applaud the progress.

Any queries please contact me
Bob Jewell
gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com
Or 07812725680



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Working together to improve community safety

Get ready for winter

As the colder months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

To ensure you keep your home safe from fire, follow our top tips below:

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

vent 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.

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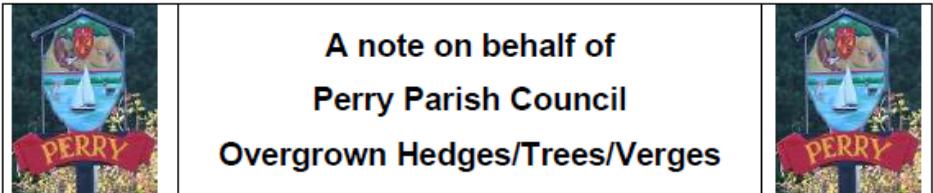
It is with great regret that following a recent meeting the committee has reluctantly decided to 'mothball' the club until at least April 2021.

This decision was not taken lightly, but we cannot and will not prejudice the health and welfare of our members, most of whom are classed in the extremely vulnerable group. Multiple households meeting indoors is just a non-starter until a vaccine is available. Further, the transport involved in getting our members to the Village Hall would double in price because of social distancing rules.

Following on from this we have also decided to end the 100 club as this provided cash flow which is not currently needed, since the club will not be operating for the foreseeable future. The final draw with the first prize of £500 took place as normal in September; so, we would now ask those that have standing orders to please cancel them as from 1st October 2020. We have written to all 100 club members to thank them for their support in the past and to cancel future payments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our many volunteers over the years who have given up their Mondays and prepared food, washed dishes and generally helped out with our members. A very sad time for all of us that contributed so much with their efforts over the years to make the club successful.

With kind regards to all
Phil Yates - Chairman WHFC



The Parish Council is concerned about the amount of trees/hedges that are overgrowing footpaths within the village. Residents are reminded that all trees, hedges and verges should be regularly trimmed to ensure they do not overhang or foul footpaths. Failure to do so may result in drivers' vision on roads being obscured or cause pedestrians to walk within the road, as the footpath is partially or fully obstructed.

If any resident requires clarification or help with trimming a hedge or trees, then they should contact the Clerk (07899000026) or clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk who will then be able to offer advice/assistance.

The Great Staughton Oil Syndicate

With quite a few newcomers to the village since this was last posted I thought it opportune to remind you all of the oil buying syndicates operating in Great Staughton, Perry and the surrounding villages.

The Great Staughton & Kimbolton syndicate is operated by Conquest Oil. They deliver on the 15/16th of each month, flexing a bit when either date falls on a weekend. All you need to do is ring up to place an order, or email info@conquestoil.co.uk, and ask for it to be supplied via the Great Staughton & Kimbolton syndicate. You can order a fixed quantity or request a tank top up. Their phone numbers are **01525 402209 & 402073**.

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In both cases, as with all suppliers, there is a minimum order quantity of 500 litres.

If you know of suppliers that beat either syndicate's prices then please let me and other villagers know.

If you have any query with the above let me know and I will help as best I can.

Best regards,

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**Thanks,
Shaun & Rob**

A book about Staughton

October 2020

(Draft version of final chapter.
Comments welcome)

In 1970, work began on a project that would bring arguably the greatest transformation to the village since the Enclosure Acts of the early nineteenth century. House-builders Kier began construction of the first phase of the Beachampstead Road estate on various parcels of land, much of which was occupied by HJ Odell's Automotive Workshop and Filling Station, situated across the Highway opposite the Baptist Chapel. The second phase of the project was undertaken by Hillsdon and Twigden and when the estate was finally completed in 1975, 104 new homes had been added to Great Staughton's housing stock and the population of the village increased from 1042 in 1971 to 1576 ten years later. Over the two decades since the census of 1991, the population of the village has remained fairly static: 834 in 1991, 836 in 2001 and 896 in 2011. Beachampstead Road swings through two sharp left hand and one right hand bend before emerging onto the B645 opposite the playing field. Three small cul-de-sacs branch off Beachampstead Road, all named after historic settlements in the village; Moory Croft, Lye Close and Manor Close.

Great Staughton has always been a thriving community even before the building of the new estate. Until the 1980s, the main A45 route linking the east coast ports and the Midlands ran through the village to the benefit of the local grocery shop and post office; HGV drivers and motorists would often pull up in the village to buy sandwiches and refreshments or to fill up with petrol. When the A14 motorway was opened in the 1990s, such traffic declined and the A45 was downgraded to the B645. Nonetheless, the village flourished. In addition to the shop and post office there were the three pubs, the New Tavern, the Crown and the White Hart but changes were coming; car ownership increased, the village shop became a victim of the all-powerful supermarkets; The nearest supermarket, a two-man business, was five miles away in St Neots. Even the pubs struggled. In 1982, the New Tavern, the last example in the village of the old beer house, finally called time after the death of Dickie Bruce, one of

Staughton's most engaging characters, colourful both in personality and language. Opposite the New Tavern, The Crown, formerly owned by Paine's Brewery of St Neots, was renamed the Snooty Tavern in the late 1990s and finally the White Hart, a Watney's pub in the 1970s, was subsequently taken over by Bateman's Brewery of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire.

Half a century on, the 1970s seems a very different place, like an old newsreel. The housing and house price boom had not yet fully recovered from the severe oil price shock inflicted by Sheikh Yamani and the resulting three-day week and this proved to be a financial benefit particularly for first-time buyers. It was a time when houses could be purchased with a mortgage based on a single salary. At one point in late 1974, a three-bedroom house on Beachampstead Road could be had for just under £11,000, a price that would quadruple within a decade. Several of the houses in Lye Close were purchased by the then Home Department for officers working in the Gaynes Hall Borstal, located in Perry. The village was also home to a number of US servicemen and their families from the US air force base in Alconbury, some 12 miles away. It was the start of the scramble to get on the housing ladder and the people who bought houses in Great Staughton were the middle managers of the public and private sector. They came from across the UK and brought with them their children; the recently-opened school soon reached its capacity of 200 pupils. The new estate quickly acquired the nickname of 'the Reservation' but it was the term used without malice. When asked, now, what attracted newcomers to the village in the early days of the estate, back comes the response that the 'old' villagers were always very welcoming and the village possessed numerous excellent facilities and amenities, not least the surgery and the school, but there was also a vibrant church and Baptist community as well as numerous clubs which would benefit from the surge in population.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL
Remote Meeting via Zoom
Held on Wednesday 1st July
2020
at 7.30 pm

Present:

Nigel Noon - Chair
Councillor Sheila Brighton (SB)– Vice Chair

Councillor Emma Prew (EP)
Councillor Jason Harper (JH)

Eleanor Abbs (EA) – for Co-option
Kay Darby (KD)– Clerk

County Councillor: Ian Gardener
District Councillor: Darren Tysoe
Anglian Water: Angela Tarry (AT) Arrived
at 20.00 and left at 20.35
Members of the public: None

Apologies for Absence: Mark Fowler

**Members Declaration of Interest on
Agenda Items:** None

County/District Councillor Update
IG updated the meeting on Covid 19
infections and the County Council's local
plan,
our recycling centres, his current activities
and LHI bids.
The full report can be seen on our website

DT updated the meeting on One Leisure, re-
opening Huntingdonshire and Covid 19
Response from HDC.
The full report can be seen on our website.

Public Forum on Agenda items: none

**To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting
held on Wednesday 3rd June 2020**
The Minutes were proposed for approval by
JH and seconded by EP

**Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda
Items):** None

Co-Option of New Councillor
It was agreed by all Members of the Parish
Council that Eleanor Abbs should be co-
opted as a Councillor and Eleanor Abbs
signed her Declaration of Acceptance of
Office.

Police Update: No update

Parish/Village Matters:

Perry in Bloom: 4 more vouchers
have been received for redemption
**Potential Sale of Perry Water
Tower Site:** No update
Parking: Angela Tarry from Anglian
Water joined the meeting at 8 pm
to update the Council on parking
at Grafham Water Park

Anglian Water (AW) had not advertised the
opening of Grafham Water Park (GWP) in
an effort to keep visitor numbers down. AT
informed the meeting that the car parks
each open at 8am and currently close at
8pm. The closing time is dependent on the
time of year so this time does reduce as the
nights draw in. The car parks are opened as
soon as staff arrive on site and close the car
parks when staff leave the park. AW does
not encourage visitors into the park outside
these times as there are no staff available
should there be an emergency.

Grafham Water Park is experiencing a large
number of visitors coming to the park
particularly to Marlow Car Park at the
weekends since it reopened. GWP are
managing these visitors to ensure they pay
for parking even if the Marlow Car Park is
almost full. Visitors are informed at the
entrance to the car park that the car park is
very full so if they can't find a space, they
need to head to Plummer Car Park and
Mander Car Park. GWP are managing the
visitors in this way to ensure that they
purchase a ticket upfront so that there is no
temptation to park in either Grafham or
Perry or in gateways or on verges if there
are no spaces available in Marlow Car Park.
Over the last couple of weekends this traffic
management plan has worked well.
Plummer car park has been full in addition
to Marlow car park. GWP are also working
on strategies to stop the amount of visitors
trying to park at Hill Farm, Grafham as this
has become a particular problem area.

AT informed the meeting that they were
working hard to discourage parking in local
villages hoped that the new charging
system would help. SB noted that there
were no facilities at Plummer, which is why
it was not usually used.

DT thanked AT for their work on trying to
ease parking and hoped the new system
assisted with this.

EP informed AT that runners who choose to
run early morning or later in the evening
park in Perry as the opening times for the
car parks are not conducive to the hours

they choose to exercise. Could GWC look at opening earlier and closing later in one car park. AT has agreed to look at this possibility, but with a view to health and safety for employees manning the car parks. Mander car park is open later in the evening to allow the fishermen time to bring the boats in by 21.00.

AT informed the meeting that the new charges were as follows: 20 mins free, £1.50 charge for 1.5 hours, £3.50 for 3.5 hours and £6.00 for all day parking. EP was concerned that this was nearly twice the previous cost for all day parking and asked if GWC would monitor the parking as she felt Perry would have even more visitor parking with these charges.

AT explained it was difficult to monitor until all the new meters were installed but she realised this change could have an impact on the village and agreed to work with, and help, the village if there are problems.

EA suggested that if visitors were made aware of how their parking fees were used by GWP they might be more will to pay the charges. EP agreed that it would be helpful if an explanation of how the money was spent was shown at the car park or on directional signs to the car parks.

EP enquired as to the possibility of having permanent signs erected directing visitors to the car park and asking them not to park in the village.

AT informed the meeting there was still an annual ticket available for parking.

DT enquired if there was data on dwell times in the car parks. AT responded that data could be obtained from Rutland Water as they were using this system and she believed the most popular length of time was 3 hours, but Rutland is larger than GWP. She will try and obtain the data.

JH enquired as to how GWP would monitor parking in the village. AT responded that the rangers regularly drive through and check areas where it is known visitors park. Any help with information on this from the Parish Council and residents would be welcomed, especially information on problem areas.

EP enquired what response leafleting the cars had. AT informed the meeting that residents helped with the leafleting and it was helpful. GWC would be happy to provide leaflets, which would include details of where the parking money was spent, for

residents to put on visitors to GWP cars, but there should be no confrontation.

KD asked if there could be a discounted season ticket rate for Perry residents as most of the facilities at GWP are at Marlow car park which involves, for most people, driving to that car park. AT agreed she would look at this.

AT left the meeting 20.35.

Speeding in the Village:

Information on speed signs has been obtained and the Council is looking at costs and procedures to have these installed. Also being considered are road markings. EP expressed concern at the speed at which motorcycles were driving through the village at weekends.

Garage Sales: No update.
Playground4Perry:

The group has now reviewed the original briefing paper and decided to move on from early tasks in order to complete a feasibility assessment – tasks requiring village input can be returned to once this is complete.

Five established local parks will be looked at and information gathered on the facilities, land size and costs involved. Data will then be used to draft a high level specification for the Perry playground, and land options can then be addressed (securing land will be a major deciding factor on whether or not the project is feasible).

It was put forward to the Parish Council that perhaps Playground 4 Perry could team up with the Allotment Working Party with a view to securing land together – an option could be for an alternative type of playground, including a children's secret garden.

Work Parties: No update
Overhanging trees and vegetation on footpaths: Notices will be sent to any residents with overhanging trees or shrubs in August after the birds nesting season

Community Heat Scheme

EP informed the meeting that work is continuing on getting the website up and running and quotes were coming in for hosting the website. There would also be a licence fee to pay. It is expected that each of the three villages will be asked to pay £20 each year for the hosting. The website

is to keep villagers involved with project updates and information. The group currently working on the project is made up of Parish Councillors from each of Great Staughton, Grafham and Perry with Martin Joiner whose previous work involved tenders. Volunteers will possibly be requested at a later date. SB proposed that the Parish Council pay up to £20 per annum (one third) for the hosting fee for the website and JH seconded the proposal

Defibrillator

Covid-19 instructions and hand gel are now in the defibrillator case. The instructions are also on the Parish Notice board along with the list of people trained in using the defibrillator. .

Correspondence received

This included information on Accessibility, the retirement of our Accountant, letter from MAGPAS, a response to KD's letter to James Duberly enquiring about land for allotments and an email regarding wild camping.

Clerk's report:

Councillor Training has been booked for EA. The training will be held remotely in August at a cost of £75.00

Accounts up to 31st May have been sent to all Councillors.

Grafham Water Centre: GWC have agreed to keep us updated on their activities.

Finance and Legal Matters:

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019-2020 was agreed and signed with reserves of £6000 going towards traffic management. The return was signed. The documents now to be sent to PK Littlejohn and uploaded to the website.

Reserves proposed by EP Seconded EA
Accounts Proposed JH Seconded SB

To agree payments for sanction:

Plant vouchers 3 and 4	£30.00
Arthur Ibbett	£105.00
Arthur Ibbett	£14.71
Clerk's salary	£400.35
Postage stamps	£16.92
Handyman's salary	£139.40
HMRC	£116.40
Plant voucher 5	£13.99
Plant voucher 15	£13.00

The above payments were proposed for payment by SB and seconded by EA

It was agreed that the Clerk should pay the Handyman Salary, Clerk Salary, HMRC and plant vouchers that are handed in in July/ August as there will be no meeting in August

Proposed SB Seconded EA

It was agreed that the handyman purchase a one meter extension pole with the CIL monies, the cost of which would be £110. The Handyman did not agree to the use of the shredder.

Proposed EP Seconded JH

It was agreed to pay a homeworking allowance to the Clerk of £11.00 per month
Proposed JH Seconded SB

It was agreed that EP would become a signatory on the bank account and JH would be removed.

A new printer is required as the Clerk's own printer is not coping with the amount of work and scanning required. Printers to be investigated by Clerk and JH

Policies: Website Privacy document was agreed by NN and a new email policy is to be given to him for approval. The Decisions during Covid-19 Policy was proposed by EP and seconded by SB

Meetings Attended: Regular remote meetings are being held on Fridays regarding the water source pump. EP has been attending these. JH will be attending monthly meetings of the Playground4perry group

Planning Applications: 6 Duberly Close now approved

Neighbourhood Watch: No update

Village Plan: no update

Matters for the next meeting, to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd September.

Email privacy, Solar Farm
The meeting closed at 21.30



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Dear Friends,

As I am writing this in the middle of September, the sun is shining, there is a gentle breeze and I can hear woodpecker drilling into my lawn, it is hard to believe sometimes that we are in the middle of a pandemic, and yet when I turn on the television reality strikes home.

We are so fortunate, my ninety-year-old Aunt is less so, she lives in Little Lever on the outskirts of Bolton, she told me at the time that it had the highest number of cases of Covid in Great Britain. To begin with she was on the shielding list and so didn't go out for three months. She was all excitement when her neighbours said they would take her out in June, only to be told that they were still in Lockdown, and they have continued to be in lockdown ever since. She has no television, no internet and is very deaf, but her main worry is that she won't be able to buy us any Christmas presents!

I think looking at someone like her helps us to put the inconveniences that we are experiencing at this time, into perspective.

After an enjoyable coffee morning in my back garden, with the appropriate Covid restrictions, we were looking forward to a breakfast at the same venue under the same restrictions, but obviously with the new rules it couldn't go ahead, and so we wait with anticipation for the lifting of the meeting in sixes restriction. Church services are happening, although less frequently, so please look at the rota because we would love to see you. There is, of course, mask wearing and hand sanitizing and one way traffic for communion-just the bread, but as we meet, we can give thanks that we are in a country where we are allowed to meet and worship freely, and we can do so knowing that wherever we are and however we may feel, Jesus is there in the midst of us.

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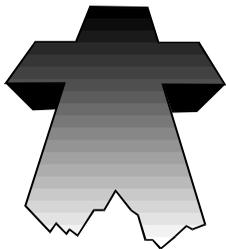
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My dear friends,

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another” (Hebrews chapter 10 verse 24 to 25)

The Perry Church Building is open. It seems like we have waited a long time to hear those words but the day has finally arrived and we can meet and see each other for real. It is the day we have yearned for, not merely to talk on the phone or to join in services on line but to be able to interact in every way possible as part of the family of God. As we reflect on this verse from the bible we are reminded that God intended for us to have this desire to meet with each other. Yet it is not merely about what we get but what we can give to each other as we meet. Don't let it be, “Okay how can I be served by this church? How can I go and attend and have my needs met.” Don't go with that approach. Go with the approach of saying, “How can I encourage people? I'm going on Sunday to gather with the church and I'm going to meet together with other followers of Christ in this local church I'm a part of. How can I encourage them? Who can I pray for? Who can I build up? How can I stir others up to love and good works, to help them grow in their relationship with Christ?” What happens when an entire community of people gathers together regularly with

that on their minds. We all have access to God through Christ and we're going to spur one another on toward Christ. That is God's design for the church. We look forward to seeing you and encouraging you this Sunday as we come together to worship our Lord. Above all things may we be encouraged to trust Jesus through these uncertain times as our Saviour and Lord.

The government guidelines at the moment do require us all to have some form of masks and would ask you to take this into account. We are aware that some may not feel comfortable in returning yet so we will also continue to provide online services on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg> You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means if you are not able to attend the building.

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

Love and Blessings,
Jon Magee

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Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at St Andrews Church, Gt Staughton

SPORTS CLUBS

Great Staughton Badminton ClubDavid Giddings: 07926 135455
 Kimbolton Cricket Club.....Kevin Fisk: 07875 602919
 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
 The Highway Community Car Scheme07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays
For all your transport needs, charged at 30 pence per mile
 Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Dawn Auton: 07985 925761
 Patient Participation Group (Gt St).....Melanie Dingemans: 01480 860770
 Email: greatstaughton@nhs.net
 Village HallVicky Goldsmith: 860005 / 07739 469243
 PavilionGiles Brittain: 07740 647322

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 : Sue Astle 811121, Jason Harper 07779 123125

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

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

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

We hold drop-in Hearing Help sessions for basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids, cleaning and re-tubing of hearing aids, supplying free replacement batteries and offer free advice. No appointment is necessary.

The Surgery, 57 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DY.

Every 3 months: June 5, September 4, December 4 2019 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

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

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