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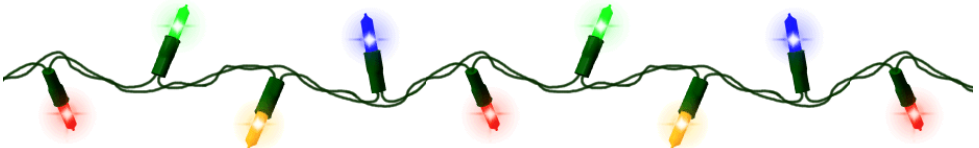


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22nd January, 26th February, 25th March, 22nd April, 27th May, 24th June, 22nd July, 26th August, 23rd September, 28th October, 25th November, 23rd December (TBC)

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Editorial Natter...



Merry Christmas, everyone!

Yes, it's that time of the year again! I know, I know, I don't know where this year has gone either.

We've got a positively festive issue for you. You'll find all the information on the traditional Gt. Staughton Santa Sleigh, Perry carol singing, and the Christmas Fayre at Great Staughton School Primary Academy. Oh and I've even strung up some fairy lights through the magazine too!

I just want to remind everyone that the deadline for content for the **January 2020** issue is a little earlier than usual, so if you want to get something in the first magazine of the New Year, please send it to myself and Shaun no later than **Tuesday December 10th**. We will aim to get the issue through your letterbox sometime between Boxing Day and New Years' Day.

As Shaun mentioned last month, I am editing back-to-back issues as he kindly stepped in while I was off gallivanting around Vietnam, so I shall speak to you all again in the next issue. Have a lovely Christmas.

This issue was edited by Rob

Great Staughton Parish Councillors

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Minutes of meetings plus other useful information can be found on the village website:
greatstaughtonpc.org.uk

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

Waste Collections Arrangements during Christmas & New Year

During Christmas and New Year,
residents will have a change of
collection day for waste.

Everyone will receive a bin hanger at
the beginning of December advising
of the changes .

NORMAL	CHANGE TO
Monday Dec 23	Sat Dec 21
Tuesday Dec 24	Mon Dec 23
Weds Dec 25	Tues Dec 24
Thursday Dec 26	Fri Dec 27
Friday Dec 27	Sat Dec 28
Mon Dec 30	Normal day
Tues Dec 31	Normal day
Weds Jan 1	Thurs Jan 2
Thurs Jan 2	Fri Jan 3
Fri Jan 3	Sat Jan 4

Treasurers Corner

Hello,

Pots this month and a
lovely total of **£29.11**. Thanks to
everyone for popping in those
Pots, it all adds up!

Helen



Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall
10:30 - midday

Every second Tuesday of the
month. The next one will be on
Tuesday 10th December

We look forward to seeing you
there!

Sharnbrook Villager Minibus

provides a service every 3rd Monday
except bank holidays to Huntingdon &
St.Ives via Kimbolton (09:48), Stonely
(09:50), Gt Staughton (The Snooty
Tavern 09:53) & Perry (The Wheatsheaf
09:56). Full details on website
www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk
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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.



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Perry - Chichester Way 11.15am – 12.15pm

Great Staughton – The Causeway 2.00pm – 2.30pm

The next visit of the Mobile Library will be:

22nd January 2020

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KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



Friday 20th December

Film: 7:30pm

Yesterday (12A)

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Bar, ice cream and free popcorn
Tickets: Olivers, Old Swan & Bytes
Café in Kimbolton.

Contact jrstratford@hotmail.com

JANUARY 2020 DEADLINE DATE

A reminder that the deadline for content for the **January 2020 magazine** will be earlier than usual.

Please get **all** content to us no later than

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

We will be delivering the issue the week between Christmas and New Year.

**Thanks,
Rob & Shaun**

Kym Valley Carpet Bowls



Gt Staughton Village Hall
Club Nights - Tuesday and
Friday - 7pm to 9.30pm

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and all the trimmings. Unbeatable.

December dates

Tuesday 3rd

Friday 6th

Tuesday 10th W.I. No bowls

Friday 13th Fish'n'chips and fun night

Tuesday 17th

Friday 20th

First bowls of the New Year

Friday January 3 2020

For more information call :
Anthony Withers - 01480 861224
aw.staughton@gmail.com

Perry Coffee Morning

We meet in the Harbour
View Restaurant at
10am every Tuesday
for tea, coffee, soft drinks
and good chat.



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.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019 - Perry

Thank you so much
to everyone who
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Special thanks to Wendy & Nigel
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Sailing Club and Kay & Chris at
The Wheatsheaf Pub.

Thank you
John & Diana Hickling

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The Playing Field Committee, a sub-committee of Great Staughton Parish Council, is looking for new trustees. The Committee currently has five Parish Councillors serving, plus two Great Staughton residents, a third having recently stepped down. We would be pleased to have more residents serving on the Committee, which involves attendance at four meetings annually and assisting with various tasks during the year. Recent examples include the organisation of Gala Day and the Family Quiz night fundraising events. If you are interested in joining our number, please contact Nicole Yates (gtstaughtonvicechair@outlook.com) or the Parish Clerk, Jo Russel (gtstaughtonparishclerk@outlook.com)

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

Tues 3rd December, 7.30pm,
GALAPAGOS AND ITS WILDLIFE,

Dr Pat Doody,
Hail Weston Village Hall

All adults welcome, members £1, non-members £2. Contact Liz Bacon on lizbacon187@gmail.com



Great Staughton 2020 **Litterpick**

The 2020 litterpick will take place on **Saturday 22 February 2020** from 9.00am.

We meet at the Village Hall car park where the necessary equipment will be provided and a short safety briefing will be delivered. You can stay for as long or as little as you like – even half an hour of your time is a great help. With a group of about 20 people we are usually finished by lunchtime and you can retire to the pub for a cold beer, or home for a hot bath – whichever is your preference!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and as ever, thank you in advance for your help with this unpleasant but necessary task.

Nicole Yates - 01480 860616
gtstaughtonparishvicechair@outlook.com





HEALTH WALKS IN GREAT STAUGHTON, PERRY & KIMBOLTON

We are pleased to be offering new Health Walks in Great Staughton in addition to those already running successfully in Perry and Kimbolton as part of the St. Neots and Huntingdon area programmes.

Come and join us. No special equipment required; all you need is comfortable sturdy footwear, a bottle of water, and maybe a waterproof jacket, just to be on the safe side.

Each circular walk is designed to take approximately 60 minutes and is led by two trained volunteer leaders. Start and finish points are usually close to car parks and refreshments for that important after-walk cuppa. The Health Walk Scheme is well established across the whole of Huntingdonshire. Its aim is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in year-round regular activity that will help improve physical and social well-being. Most walks are dog-friendly.

DATE	TIME	NAME OF WALK	START/FINISH POINT
Fri 13th Dec	2 pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton PE19 5DG
Fri 14th Feb	2 pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton PE19 5DG

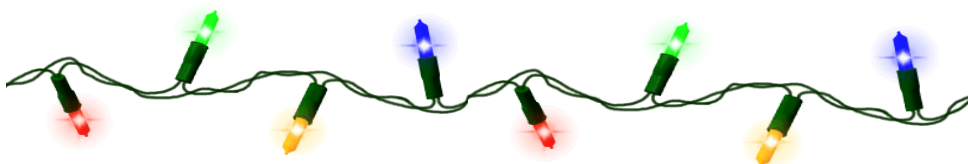
The cost of running and developing the subsidised scheme is helped by voluntary contributions, gratefully received.

For more information, contact:

Danielle Sancaster 01480 387047

activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or look online at

huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks or ask your walk leader for a current walks schedule leaflet which covers the whole district.



West Hunts Friendship Club

100 Club winners
October & November 2019

Oct:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Lesley Hynes.....	£50
Adam Hynes.....	£25
Janet Bowen.....	£15
Terry Scott.....	£10

Nov:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Iris Mumford.....	£50
Miss J Farrall.....	£25
Bob Jewell.....	£15
Margaret Emeleus.....	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

Quiz at The White Hart

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in the month as normal. This is the **10th December** 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.

Perry Baptist Church Election Dedication Service

A brand new event is coming to Perry this month! The Election Dedication Service will take place at Perry Baptist Church on **Sunday 8th December at 4pm**. It is new to this area but has been run successfully for many years in Scotland and more recently in the West Midlands at the last General Election.

It will be a Christian Service as one would expect in a church on a Sunday, to which all candidates for the Huntingdon constituency have been given a personal invitation to attend. Already there has been an enthusiastic response. Tea and coffee will follow when the opportunity will be available to mingle and talk with any who remain for this.

In previous Election Dedication Services it was noted by many that it was a great opportunity to meet up in a nonaggressive environment. There are those who have tired of the shouting of views and opinions, especially at the end of a long campaign. If you are hoping for a more peaceful environment, then this meeting is for you. All candidates attending will be acknowledged and introduced, and for those wishing to mingle with the candidates you are welcome to share tea or coffee with them after the service. If any in the area wish to take this opportunity then a warm welcome awaits.



GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Our October book was *The Sisters Brother* by the Canadian Patrick deWitt. It was unlike almost every novel I have read before. Set in the Californian gold rush in the 1850s, it is the antithesis of a good old-fashioned Western which, at times, mimics the stories I remember from watching John Wayne, Gary Cooper and Audie Murphy films with my Dad, except this novel is not filled with heroes or the equivalent of knights in shining armour. Instead Charlie and Eli Sisters are guns for hire and renown for being rather good at their job. Narrated by Eli, the younger brother, we were introduced to the story of their journey to California for one more job for the shady Commodore. It is a story of violence, sibling rivalry and a cold hard look at human nature. Although deadly serious, I have to admit to finding it rather funny in several places. It has been made into a film but I think that might spoil the picture I have created in my mind. Our discussion was lively and raised a few more questions than we could answer.

In December, we take a breather from reading a book (although I will be revisiting 'A Christmas Carol') and instead will be

enjoying a lovely meal together. If you'd like to join us next year, the books for 2020 are as follows (pop them on your Christmas list or ask for an Amazon voucher):

January – Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky

February – The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

March – The Island by Victoria Hislop

April – Dominion by C J Samson

May – The Overstory by Richard Powers

June – The Great Lover by Jill Dawson

July – The Beekeeper's Promise by Fiona Valpy

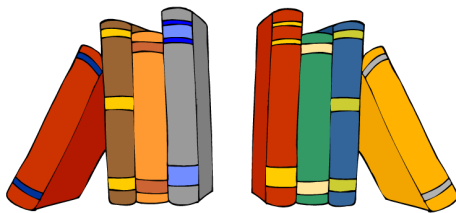
August – Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald

September – My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Fitzgerald

October – tbc

November – tbc

If you would like to join us for nibbles, wine and a natter, please contact **Margaret Sare on 01480 860963**





Gt Staughton Rainbows are looking for new leaders

It is with sadness that our current leaders announce that they will be leaving this small but thriving unit in the not so distant future, so we are now looking for new volunteer leaders to replace them. Our girls are enthusiastic and fun to be with and make volunteering all the worthwhile.

You do not have to have previously been a member of Girlguiding and full training and support is available.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer leader then go to:

<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/>

and fill in the online form. Once completed, one of our local leaders will contact you.



If you look just inside the door of **St Andrew's Church**, on the right-hand side, you will see that instead of a donation box there is a QR code.



Help Maintain our Beautiful Church

There is a record of a church in Great Staughton in the Domesday Survey of 1086, with re-building in the 13th century and several major repairs and restorations through the years.

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Thank you for your generous support.





St Andrew's Church

100 Club Draw

October 2019

Prize	No	Name
£50.....	11.....	Mr. John Hitchin
£25.....	67.....	Mrs. Wendy Noon
£15.....	60.....	Mrs. J Philpot
£10.....	90.....	Mrs. Lorraine Goody

Congratulations to all the winners!

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Gt. Staughton

A huge thank you to all who came and supported the event in Great Staughton, and for all the donations.

We raised **£243.00** for MacMillan

Margaret Sare



Save the Children

Save the Children were delighted with the magnificent response at the coffee morning on 8th November. The splendid sum of **£347.80** was raised, and we thank everyone so much for their very generous support.

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Perry W.I.



Great Staughton W.I.

This month was AGM month and so we decided to make it a bring and share food night. After general thank yous' to everyone for the past year and next years committee selection we got down to the serious business of eating and drinking. We had lots of very, very nice food - would anyone expect anything less of the W.I.? Scrummy cakes, sausage rolls and some particularly good ginger biscuits. Having a bit of a drool just thinking about them! We also had a bring and buy jewellery stall ably hosted by Maggie and Curly Pat. Some excellent necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings were on sale for a mere pittance. Alas, No tiaras.

Everyone must be holding on to them for the upcoming festivities. However I did find several very tasteful baubles to purchase. The raffle turned out to be a fun way to spend an hour as the ticket folder had a lapse and managed to fold twice as many tickets as she sold! Maybe we should make it a regular feature? All in all, as usual there was a lot of chat and laughs. If you've never been why don't you come and give it a go, first visit free of charge.

Next month - Christmas meal! How did that happen? If you are expecting to eat but haven't paid, money to Sylvia as soon as possible please.

Happy Christmas - lets see what 2020 brings.

Christine Halsall

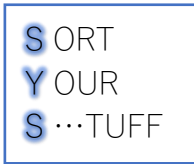
Where has the year gone? November's meeting was our

Annual General Meeting, which consisted of the usual reports. The existing committee were re-elected with the exception of Pat Backhouse, who having done sterling service in various roles over many years, has stood down for a rest (!). We are all grateful for her contribution to Great Staughton WI and no doubt she will be on standby should the need arrive. The existing officers, having agreed to continue, were re-appointed. The rest of the evening consisted of Christmas Crafts (yes I know it was mid-November but our next programmed meeting will be January). The ladies made Christmas crackers, lovingly and beautifully prepared by Maggie Dudman, filled Christmas Baubles, decorated tea light holders, sprinkled glitter on Pine cones and of course crafted Christmas cards. Some happily had a go at all that was on offer, whilst others were content to sit and chat over one activity. The convivial atmosphere was enhanced by mulled wine and homemade mince pies. All in all a very pleasant evening.

The next meeting is our Christmas Meal, so no report but I will try and give an update on next year's programme, once it is verified.

All that is left is to say Merry Christmas from Great Staughton WI and perhaps your New Year's resolution will be to give us a try.

Margaret Sare



**Hate admin?
Have no time?
Worried about a
mother/father/
grandparent and
their affairs?**

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Based in Great Staughton. Active member of the community as Treasurer of the Village Hall and Life magazine. DBS checked.

Please contact me to have a chat – helenglanville2@gmail.com



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

*'We look forward to welcoming
you soon.'
Hugh & Mary*

Santa Sleigh 2019

**Santa will be coming to Still & Sons and
touring Great Staughton from 4pm on
Saturday, 21st December 2019**

Santa will be at Still & Sons from 4pm, Sleigh leaves at 4:30pm

£3.00 per gift

**Please drop off your wrapped present clearly
labelled with the recipient's name and address
(or Still & Sons) together with the delivery fee to
Piglets Preschool by 17th December 2019**



**You will receive a special ticket that you need to
give to Santa to receive your gift.**

We are a registered charity (291000) and appreciate your on-going support.

Come along and join us for Perry Carol Singing December 22nd at 6pm



Meet at the village Christmas tree (outside the Wheatsheaf pub) at 6pm on the 22nd December

Some carols around the village before heading to the pub for mulled wine and mince pies

Seriously, no singing experience needed, just an opportunity to get the village together.

Remember to bring a mug for a warm drink on the way around.

For more information, visit the Perry and Great Staughton Facebook page, email brownwah@hotmail.com, or phone 07979 808593

A book about Staughton

December 2019

The adventures of Fanny Duberly, Part 2

One of the pivotal moments of the Journal occurred a week later on 25 October.

Waking up in her cabin, she notices that her horse is waiting, ready saddled, on the beach. An orderly brings her an urgent note from Henry, telling her to dress with all speed and take to her horse. There is to be a terrific battle and, in Henry's words, it promises 'to be a hot one. I send you the horse. Lose no time, but come up as quickly as you can: do not wait for breakfast.' Fanny is no stranger to the urgent summons to action. A month before, in a similar situation, she had risen to the challenge: 'Was awake by the reveillée at half-past two; rose, packed our bedding and tent, got a stale egg and a mouthful of brandy, and was in my saddle by half-past five.' A few days before one of the British army's greatest disasters Fanny is writing: 'This life is full of charm for me. You have an adventure, a danger, an excitement, every hour.' Thus, disarmingly, begins the most celebrated episode of the Crimean War, 'the disaster of the day,' and the most frequently quoted of all the passages in Fanny's Journal, with a vivid description of the sequence of events.

Once in the saddle, she moves quickly into action, urging Bob through the crowded narrow streets, and on towards the British forces. It is an enthralling episode, involving Turks fleeing from the charging Russian cavalry, whilst Fanny and Henry are galloping in the opposite direction, towards the foe, dodging bullets, barely escaping the incoming Russians before they find refuge in a vineyard. They watch as the Russian cavalry bear down on Colin Campbell's tightly grouped infantry. The

ground is soon covered with the dead and the dying; a horse, badly wounded, staggers up to Bob and collapses. Reinforcements, French and British, have been brought up, and the cavalry awaits its orders to launch into the 'disaster of the day,' now become 'a matter of world history.' Events are moving almost too quickly for Fanny to take them in, even when recollected in tranquillity. She sees Captain Nolan seemingly seizing the initiative from Cardigan, by charging recklessly in front of the commander's horse. His bravery, or foolhardiness, has only painful death as consequence. Every bush and every stone seemed to have been transformed into gun or rifle as a fusillade of Russian fire is poured upon the advancing cavalry. Fanny can hardly make sense of what she is witnessing. And then, suddenly, the cavalry, abandoning their position, move forward, and increase their pace under a deadly fusillade of bullets that comes at them from all sides. 'What can those skirmishers be doing? See, they form up together again,' wonders Fanny before realisation swiftly dawns. 'Good God! It is the Light Brigade!'

It is the late afternoon of the same day; the battle is over, and Fanny and Henry return to the scene to view the aftermath of the reckless, valorous charge. Fanny's nerves are shaking as she contemplates the desolation and destruction. As ever, horses are a significant concern: 'one poor cream-colour, with a bullet through his flank, lay dying, so patiently!' Then there are the dead, from both sides: a Russian soldier, very still in death, a Turkish soldier stretched out dead in a vineyard. 'Ah, what a catalogue!' is the entry in the Journal. That night, Fanny struggles to sleep 'but even my closed eyelids were filled with the ruddy glare of blood.'

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

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Date	Event	Speaker
December 10 th	Christmas Meal	

Perry Women's Institute

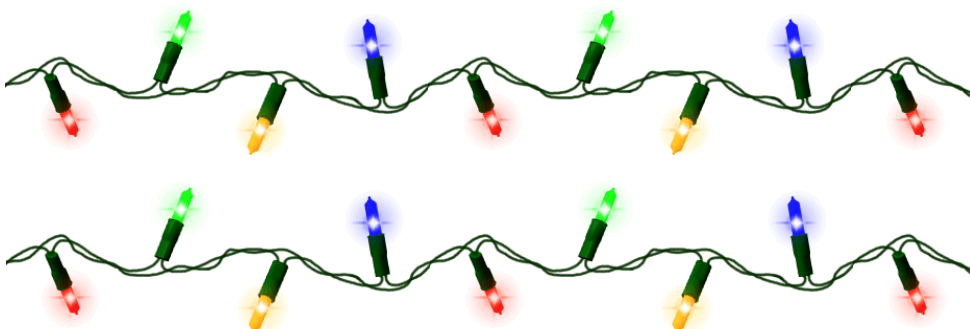


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DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
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Mike has a passion for both British and tropical wildlife and tonight he will share his tales of his extensive travels in the tropics. Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm.

We are expecting this to be a very popular talk and would ask people to book in advance to ensure that they get a seat on the night. Bookings should be confirmed either at one of our autumn meetings or by contacting Alistair Grant on alistairgrant@hotmail.com or 07775365507.

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- Never leave cooking unattended
- Do not cook when tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy
- Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built up fat can easily catch fire
- Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house
- Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob – tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire
- Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long.
- Oven chips or temperature control deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more

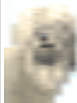
than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking

- Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers, never leave them on if you go out or go to bed and register your appliances online to ensure you are made aware of any faults or recalls
- Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm
- Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.
- If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.

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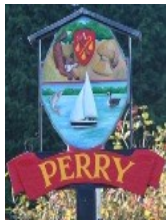


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 5th
September 2019
at 7.30 pm at Perry
Baptist Church

Present:

Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman,
Jason Harper (JH), Mark Fowler (MF),
Emma Prew (EP), Kay Darby (KD) –
Clerk, County Councillor Ian Gardener,
District Councillor Darren Tysoe

Members of the public: Five

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

19/100 - Apologies for Absence: Sheila
Brighton

**19/101 - Members Declaration of
Interest on Agenda Items:** None

19/102 -County Councillor Update:
Ian Gardener Introduced himself to the
meeting and gave the following report:

Transformation of the St Ives Park &
Ride Site into a renewable energy
generator will start in late a 2019. The
project is to install solar panels as car
ports above the two central zones of the
car park. The panels will generate
renewable energy, powering not only the
site, but also electric vehicle charging
points and will allow the sale of power to
local businesses. The project will also
include battery storage.

This project will avoid the release of
3400 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide over 25
years. This is the sort of project that is
key to the UK reaching its net zero
greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Residents across the county have
successfully saved over half a million
pounds over the last 5 years by signing

up to a collective energy switching
scheme. Cambridgeshire Energy switch
offers households the opportunity to sign
up to an auction scheme to receive
cheaper energy bills. Run by iChoose the
scheme harnesses the power of collective
bargaining for better deals on energy
tariffs.

Over 500 households signed up through
the Cambs CC for the last auction which
took place in FEB 2019. On average 70
per cent of residents signed up to the
offer, which resulted in residents saving
£120 per annum.

Registration for the new scheme began on
13 Aug, tom sign up to the scheme go to
**[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/
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-switch/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/economic-development/energy-across-cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-energy-switch/)**

District Councillor Update:

DT introduced himself to the meeting and
gave the following report.

‘TIME TO CHANGE’ MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Huntingdonshire District Council has
signed the Time to Change Employer
Pledge, a growing social movement run
by charities Mind and Rethink Mental
Illness to support people to talk
about mental health.

The Time to Change Employer Pledge is
a commitment to changing the way we all
think and act about mental health in the
workplace. For the past 12 months, the
Council has implemented and continues
to develop on a network of 32 Mental
Health First Aiders (MHFA). As well as
in a crisis, Mental Health First Aiders are
valuable in providing early intervention
help for someone who may be developing
a mental health issue. MHFAs’ are not
trained to be therapists or psychiatrists

but can offer support through non-judgemental listening and guidance.

In Autumn 2018, the Council developed a Mental Health action plan to demonstrate how as an authority we take mental health seriously. Signing the #timetochange pledge validates our commitment to change how we think and act about mental health in the workplace and make sure that colleagues who are facing problems feel supported.

HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK SCOOPS BIO-DIVERSITY AWARD

Hinchingbrooke Country Park, one of the Districts' three Green Flag status parks is celebrating after striking gold for bio-diversity in the regions annual Anglia in Bloom awards.

Working in partnership with Huntingdon Town Council to produce this year's 'in-bloom', entries consisted of projects around the town, sharing a vision to in making Huntingdonshire a better place to live by prioritising accessible, high quality and well-maintained open spaces.

St. Neots High Street Funding:

On 26th August 2019, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government announced that St Neots has been selected as one of 50 towns that will benefit from share of the £1 billion Future High Streets Fund. The scheme was launched in December 2018 and is a key part of the Government's plan to renew and reshape town centres and high streets in a way that drives economic growth and sustainably improves how people use them.

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) submitted an application to the fund, in collaboration with the local partners of the St Neots Masterplan Steering Group. The bid outlined the challenges facing St

Neots' High Street and Town Centre and seeks to set out the opportunities that could be explored and captured to drive future success of the Town in response to national trends on the changing role of High Streets. This has resulted in St Neots being shortlisted and selected as one of the 50 towns for the Future High Streets funding for reimagining town centre use and revitalisation.

Changes to car parking:

The District Council is committed to ensuring our car parking strategy supports and encourages retail in our town centres. The 'Off-Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 - 2023' adopted on 18th October 2018, was formed by listening to customers. The investment proposed is a response to customer demand for the convenience they expect from the high street and digital providers; greater convenience, including cashless payment. The Council agreed to new investment and charge structures in February 2019 to deliver a parking service that is sustainable, supportive of local residents, business and visitors and promotes further economic growth of our towns.

- Customer convenience and ease of use through an investment of £900,000 in car parking technology offering a choice of payment options (contactless card and cash)
- Value for customers through 'Pay for What You Use', on exit, based on 15 minute periods between a 1 hour and 4 hour stay.
- Retail in our towns through lower long stay charges compared to short stay, a minimum dwell of one hour, a longer dwell through pay for what you use on exit.

The Changes:

Customers want to pay for what they use, this requires a move to 15 minute charged intervals between a parking stay of 1 hour

and 4 hours and a change new charge structure. The benefit to the customer being that they pay only for what they use means they will no longer overpay for time they do not. The investment will benefit customers who will have the convenience of card payment, payment on exit and the ability to pay for the time of parking used. The Financial Principles of the Off Street Car Parking Strategy limit the Council's charges to be below the index of comparator car parks.

The car park charge structure:

- Remains below the cost of other comparator long and short stay car parks
- Meets the Council's budget requirements
- Delivers the convenience and simplicity of 'Pay for What You Use' in 15minute periods

Charge Structure:

This consists of two simplified tariff structures, one for short stay and one for long stay car parks:

- A minimum period of 1 hour in short stay car parks to encourage customers to staff longer in the towns.
- 15 minute charged intervals to enable 'Pay for What You Use', encouraging longer dwell time and value for money.
- Equal charges for timed intervals to ensure simplicity and ease of use.
- Long stay rates less than short stay to encourage turnover of car parking spaces closer to benefit retail whilst supporting reduced rates for long stay users including workers further away from the town centres.
- The starting time period for long stay car parks to be 2 hours to

encourage short stay closer to our town centres and free up access to cheaper long stay parking, supporting workers and longer visits to our towns.

EP queried whether the District Council would be looking at the findings of the Northamptonshire survey on parking and compare the findings with parking in Huntingdon and St Neots. DT responded that there was no empirical evidence that parking facilities and charges were driving people out of these towns. DT explained that the balance of long/short stay would need to be correct. To help with this press releases and perhaps signs at the Short Stay car parks explaining the cost of parking for longer lengths of time would be cheaper in the Long Stay car parks.

DT explained that he had not yet been able to provide the figure for the income revenue from parking.

NN queried whether there were plans to build a large retail park in the area, to which DT responded that he had not heard of any

19/103 - Public Forum on Agenda

Items: None

19/104 - To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th

August 2019: The Minutes were proposed for approval by EP and seconded by JH

19/105 - Matters Arising: (not covered by the agenda)

A member of the public enquired about the responsibility of clearing the tree stumps away on the land at the junction of Crow Spinney Lane and East Perry. It was agreed that we would look into who owns/is responsible for the land.

JH enquired if anyone had information on the stacking of planes over St Neots and

Perry at busy flight times. This will be looked into.

19/106 - Private Security Update:

There have been incidents in Valley Road recently where cars have been parked and there was suspected drug dealing. This was reported to the police. When this occurred again the Police and Blue Line Security were called to help with the incident. Blue Line security came out, spoke to the people concerned who then left but there were no proof of unlawful behaviour. The car registration number has been handed to the police.

19/107- Police Update: There was no update from the Police. The PCSO covering Perry will be leaving her job on Tuesday 10 September. Currently there is no replacement.

19/108 - Parish/Village Matters:

Buckden Court Pond: The life buoy has been purchased and a quote being obtained for the housing. Rope for the buoy will also need to be purchased.

Perry in Bloom Update: All planters have now been adopted. Reminders to hand in receipts and vouchers for repayment of costs will be sent out with a final repayment date of 31st October 2019.

Bus Shelter Roof Repairs update: EP to get a work start date for the repairs

Potential sale of Perry Water Tower Site: A small survey was carried out online to judge the interest in perhaps having a village hall. The results were positive and it was agreed that at the next meeting we would look at arranging a work party to help with a survey of everyone in the village. The work party would also look at costs/ongoing costs of having our own village hall. JH will contact those that responded to the survey indicating they would be interested in helping with the project.

Parking Signs: NN to ask for a quote for wooden signs.

Speeding in the Village: Speedwatch to be looked into.

Perry Annual Recognition scheme: Nominations had been received and the decision will be announced shortly. Trophy company should be contacted. Proposed EP and seconded MF.

Garage Sales: This was a question on the online survey and will be part of the village survey. Response was positive. To be discussed at next meeting with a view to organising next Spring.

Playground4Perry: JH to update at next meeting

Work Parties: Volunteers are required for this JH and NN to discuss.

19/109 - Clerks Report:

John Alford footpath: The legal orders to reorganise a number of Public Rights of Way in Perry, Great Staughton and Kimbolton are still progressing through the statutory legal process. The next stage is for the Orders to be advertised in the local newspaper, via site notices and a notification to relevant organisations including the local Parish Council. Once this has been completed the signs for the footpath will be erected.

Budget figures and explanations and the overhead report were distributed to the Councillors.

EP confirmed she had replacement Defibrillator pads. Clerk to attend finance training 11/12 September

19/110 - Correspondence received:

Thank you letters for the S147 Donations have been received from Magpas, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Life Magazine.

JH has received an email from Rev. Jon Magee regarding a community event for Remembrance Day. The matter was discussed but both Kimbolton and Buckden hold very large events on this day which local community groups and villagers already attend and perhaps a smaller service held locally at a time not covered by the other events for those who wanted to be involved would be more appropriate. The Clerk will contact Rev Magee.

19/111 - Finance and Legal Matters:

To agree payments for sanction:

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Printer Ink Black.....	£15.99

The above amounts were proposed for payment by JH and seconded by EP

19/112 - Meetings attended: None

19/113 - Planning Applications: 12 Roundhouse Drive. The Council had no comments on this.

19/114 - Neighbourhood Watch: JH to update at next meeting

19/115 - Social Media: The use of Social Media for the Parish Council was looked at. Facebook seemed the most appropriate site. The Council's Standing Orders would be looked at as well as a Media Plan. Proposed EP seconded MF. To be discussed at next meeting.

19/116 -Village Plan: Village Plan to be discussed at next meeting.

19/117 - Village Directory: To be updated and kept by Clerk

19/118 - Community Gritting: Clerk to contact Highways regarding the salt in the salt bins. Community Gritting information to be uploaded to website.

19/119 - Matters for the next meeting: To be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 23rd October at The Grafham Water Centre. The Meeting due to be held Thursday 7th November has been cancelled. Expect to see the Minutes in a future issue of Life.

Garage Sales, Christmas Carol singing, Prison report, Life & Diaries.



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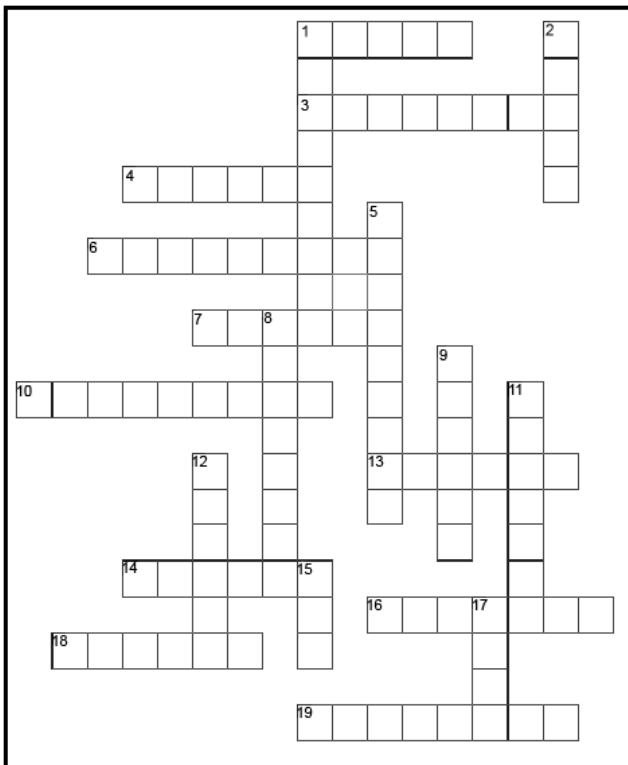
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Christmas Crossword



Across

1. Christmas hymn
3. The original Santa Claus
4. A bird traditionally eaten on Christmas dinner
6. A crystal of snow
7. Father of Jesus
10. An evergreen plant producing white berries
13. A traditional Christmas drink
14. Vehicle used by Santa Claus
16. Santa enters the house through this
18. Circular Christmas decoration for the front door
19. Another name for Christmastime

Down

1. A hard candy in the shape of a rod
2. December 25 is his birthday
5. The birthplace of Jesus
8. A sock filled with goodies on Christmas day
9. The sound bells make
11. A human figure made from packed snow
12. The four weeks leading up to Christmas
15. A mischievous fairy
17. The three wise men belonged to this tribe



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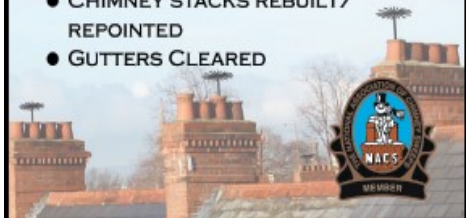
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Dear Friends,

We are now entering Advent, a time of waiting, waiting with expectation and longing for the birth of the Christ Child.

In 'The Meaning is in the Waiting', the book we are using for our Advent study, Paula Gooder says 'Imagine entering a room and finding a beautifully wrapped present on a table; attached to the present is a label that reads: 'This present is for you but don't open it now.....wait.' An instruction like this might evoke a wide range of emotions

Depending on who we are, we might feel just one emotion- entirely irritated or completely intrigued- but I, at least, would have a complex combination of the two :irritation tinged with anticipation or eagerness laced with frustration. In reality , I wonder how many of us would obey the command to wait.' The book goes on to talk about the value in waiting and encourages us to enjoy the present rather than always looking to the future.

So today, when we find it very hard to wait, especially for Christmas, when the shops are advertising Christmas and all that goes with it long before December we have lost that wonder and anticipation, that waiting that goes with Advent.

However, most of us will wait until Christmas to open our presents and I hope that Christmas will be for you all that you hope for.

There are many services, at our different churches to help you prepare for Christmas and Father Christmas is making an appearance at Little Staughton Church on the afternoon of December 8th. So hopefully we will see you at the Christingle, Carol Service or Midnight Mass or all of them.

May the peace of the Christ child be with you this Christmas.

*A very happy Christmas to
you all.*

*With love & prayers
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December 22nd

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CHURCH SERVICES December 2019

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

- Sun 1st:** 8am-BCP Holy Communion
10:30am-Joint St Andrew's
service at Kimbolton
6pm -Advent Evensong
- Sun 8th:** 10:30am – Parish Communion
- Wed 11th:** 5:30pm Evening Prayer (*To
be held in the Parish room at
the Vicarage*)
- Sun 15th:** 10:30am-Parish Communion
6pm Carol Service
- Sun 22nd** 10:30am-Parish Communion
- Christmas Eve:** 3pm Christingle
11:30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day:** 10.30 Family
Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

- Sun 1st:** 9am-Parish Communion
- Sun 15th:** 9am- Parish Communion
- Sun 22nd:** 3pm Christingle
- Christmas Eve:** 4pm Family Carol
Service
- Sun 29th:** 10:30 am BENEFICE
SERVICE communion

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

- Sun 1st:** 3pm- All Age Worship
- Wed 4th:** 10am – Morning Prayer
followed by 10.30am - Coffee
- Sun 8th:** 9am- Parish Communion
- Sun 15th:** 3pm Creative Communion
with carols
- Sun 22nd:** 9am- Parish Communion
- Christmas Eve** 5pm Christingle

*Merry Christmas one
and all!*

Saturday 7 December 2019

11.00am – 1.00pm

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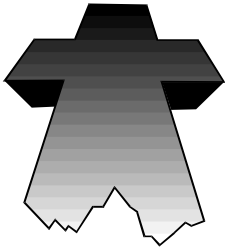
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All Welcome

My dear friends,

"So this is Christmas! And what have you done?" That's how the song went. Another year over, a new one begun.

Now as we begin December 2019, what is Christmas for you? What will you do, how will you celebrate this event? As I write this letter in November I am seeing the lights are going up, and no doubt there will be more as we advance through the month of December. In the midst of the dark winter nights perhaps this will bring a little brightness into our lives. So this is Christmas? In the shops, toys are emerging and the adverts are declaring what we really need to buy as presents for our friends. Within their empty lives, here are the things that will bring fulfilment for them. So this is Christmas, we are told. We need to have the turkey ready and all the trimmings too. We know this is essential because feasting will make all the difference, even if it means a new years resolution to diet and loose the excess weight we have accumulated.

2000 years ago, The world was to observe a light brighter than any of our decorations could ever bring into our lives. It was a world that was in darkness in the midst of so much cruelty that was taking place. The star shining brightly in the east illuminated the sky in a wondrous way. Yet it was there as a sign pointing to what would be a greater light to the world for eternity. I wonder what that would be?

In the hill side were the shepherds looking after the sheep which would make the opportunity for many in the community to feast on the meat. The shepherds were poor people who probably never knew what it was to feast for themselves. Their lives were

empty it seems. They never had the things that we say are important so how could they know much blessing in their lives? Yet on the hill side they discovered the true meaning of Christmas. When the Son of God was born in Bethlehem the message declaring the good news did not come initially to the important people or those who had time for leisure or food to fill their empty stomachs. The message came first of all to the ordinary people, the people who spent their lives serving the needs of others.

The angels appeared before them with a wondrous message. "The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy **for all the people**. Today **in** the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, **the LORD**."

So **THIS** is Christmas! A Saviour has been born, the one who was to be called the light of the world. May you all know a bright and blessed Christmas in 2019

Love and Blessings,

Jon Magee

Important dates for December

Sunday 8th: Election dedication service at 4pm

Sunday 15th: Carol Service at 10.30am.

Monday 16th: Friendship Circle

Christmas Programme with tea 2:30pm

Thursday 19th: "Carols by Candlelight"

Wednesday 25th: Christmas Day Service at 10am.

All other Sunday's services at **10.30pm** as usual

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