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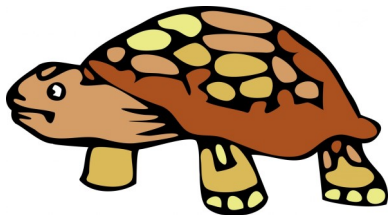


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Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2017:

19 April (assembly), 10 May (AGM)

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2017:

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Editorial Natter...



Good day to you all, readers,

Happy April, time really does fly and it doesn't seem possible that it is time for me to sit down and edit another edition of Life.

This months edition includes lots of event information for the coming year, including the Village Weekend (Page 35) and the Great Staughton Horticultural Schedule 2017 (Page 30), so there is plenty to keep you reading.

Included in this edition are inserts from the families of Joyce Hoenig and Terry Lockwood who sadly both passed very recently. On behalf of the magazine, I would like to send our thoughts to the families. Both Terry and Joyce were key figures in our village and we will miss them.

Anyway, I will keep it short this month as I'm sure you all have more important things to do than read what I have to say :). See you in June!

This issue was edited by Shaun

Councillor Surgeries

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

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

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Friday 7th

Tuesday 11th W.I.

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Friday 14th

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We held the AGM in early March, a good occasion being a combination of business and pleasure. After over twenty years as Secretary Jackie Wilkie retired, we all appreciate how much she put into this post, thank you for all your hard work Jackie. We are pleased to welcome Shelia Wells, our new secretary. Once again we will be holding the ever popular Plant Sale and Cream Tea, on Saturday 27th May, 2.30pm at The Pavilion in the Playing Field, another date for your diary ! As you know the Annual Show will be on Saturday 26th August, classes are open to all, members and non-members alike. We plan to hold the Autumn Talk in October but as yet the date is not confirmed. We are also planning something completely new for Great Staughton, involving all ages, handicraft and garden, watch this space !

We hope to take part in the Parish Assembly, Wednesday 19th April and The Village Hog Roast on Sunday 18th June. We look forward to seeing friends old and new and may be some of you will think about joining our helpful, friendly society as we'd be so pleased to welcome you.

Hoping for good spring weather and being out once more in our gardens and allotments.

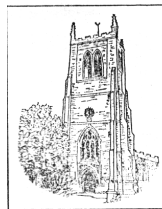
***Great Staughton
Horticultural Society***

**West Hunts Friendship
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**100 Club winners for
March 2017**

Name	Number	Prize
Sue Cowley	75	£500
Christian Pritchard	4	£50
Mrs J Newman	25	£25
Richard Willmer	55	£15
Treasure Barringer	10	£10

Congratulations to all the



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Church**

**100 Club February
2017 Draw**

Prize	No.	Name
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£25.....	94.....	Mrs Bayford
£15.....	17.....	Mrs Emeleus
£10.....	78.....	Mrs Flo Marriott

***Congratulations to the
winners!***

Joyce Hoenig

Linda, David and Mark would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the collection in memory of our Mother, Joyce. A magnificent £377.89 was collected in total. This has now been forwarded to Cancer Research UK, which was Mum's wish.

Thank you to all who attended her funeral and made a donation.

Terry Lockwood

Barbara, Julie, Melanie and all the family would like to thank everyone who sent condolence cards and for the many messages and flowers we received on our loss of Terry. It was a great comfort to us all at this saddest of times.

Kind regards

Melanie McKnight
01480 860573



KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

April 18th will be
the Kimbolton
Flower Club
Annual General

Meeting, at 7.30 pm in the
Mandeville Hall Kimbolton. This
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Thanks to everyone who took part in Pick up for Perry

Thanks to everyone who gave up a couple of hours on Saturday 4th March to give our village a Spring clean and keep it looking beautiful. 20 people took part and managed to clear up 9 bin bags of rubbish and 8 bags of plastic bottles and drinks cans for recycling. Unusual finds included a beer barrel (empty, alas), a plastic swing bin and the skeletal remains of a few animals.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUP GREAT STAUGHTON

Good Friday Family Walk & Egg Hunt

Date: Friday 14th April 2017

Time: 10.0am - 11.30am

Venue: St. Andrew's Church

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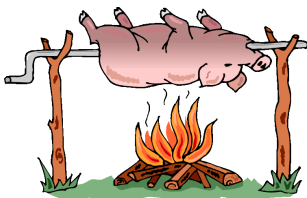


Family Hog Roast 2017

We hope that 18th June is firmly in your diaries. More information and tickets will be on sale soon but please bring your picnic plates and cutlery, pick up your garden chairs and come along to The Old Vicarage at 12.30 to join us to eat a tasty Hog Roast, delicious salads and scrummy cake. Live music and a bar will add to the atmosphere. Watch this space for more details.

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Gt Staughton W.I**Perry W.I**

Our speaker Pat Wallace-Pope and her husband gave a very interesting talk on the History of Tartan and Kilts. All of her kilts are hand sewn and she has made them for some very famous actors and royalty. Pat chose three of our members and gave them a tartan sash each and also brought us some Scottish fudge. She is the last of three generations to carry on the tradition of hand sewn kilts and unfortunately her daughters don't want to follow on with this family business. A lovely lady who also has taught Scottish dancing for many years.

Our competition was Something Scottish. Winners were: 1st Mary Deacon, 2nd Jean Pentney and 3rd Maggie Dudman.

Raffle winners were: Liz Walter, Pat Backhouse, Maggie Dudman and Ruth Easan.

At our meeting on April 11th Pat King will be our speaker - Table Science Fun is going to be 'different' from the normal format. Our competition is going to be 'Something Different' !! Interpret how you will!

Helen Packer

So, 'Happy Birthday to us ... etc' - we are 3 this month. We

celebrated in proper fashion with a magician, sumptuous party food laid on by our lovely pub hosts (though no party jelly and ice cream, I noticed), a welcome to 2 visitors from the Eaton Belles WI, and lots of laughter.

Housekeeping first: If you are interested in donating to the Hospital Carer's Pack (ref - last month's report) then simply get your stuff over to Meg's and she'll do the rest (thanks Meg) (tip - if they are on BOGOF, it's like you've not even paid for the things); remember the monthly Book Swap; keep a look out for an interesting/puzzling antique item for our May meeting; and save those scarves and handbags for the June meeting.

So on to our speaker. Paul Vickers is a magical entertainer with a difference - he did the trick, flummoxing us completely, then told/showed us how it was done. He added in a little bit of history of magic with the patter and so we learnt that magic is one of the oldest professions (yes, along with that other one) being practised in Ancient Egypt; that a book entitled 'The Discoverie of Witchcraft' by Reginald Scott was the first book written disclosing magic's secrets and that it was ordered by King Charles to be burned (one survived - on a ship bound for Spain - was eventually returned and is now at Magic Circle HQ, hands up who'd like to have a read of that!); that the Magic Circle has *never* paid the £1000 reward for solving The Indian Rope Trick (the one where the man charms the rope to stand up straight, the boy shins up

the rope and disappears) and now calls it The Trick That Never Was; and finally that Harry Houdini was one of the best card magicians of his time but wanted to be famous so, on realising that people will watch anything they think is crazy, became an escapologist (though he actually died from a punctured spleen after a punch to the stomach). Wow.

Paul made us laugh, gasp and puzzle over ropes which were/weren't cut/knotted (Ellie took it personally that the rope wouldn't behave for her); showed us how he palms the pea in The 3 Shell Game (it looks effortless and although Paul said it is only practise, it's incredibly difficult); how there are actually 4 balls in the 3 Ball Game (some people nodded sagely when he explained this but I, being on the thick end of the scale, was suitably gobsmacked); card tricks with blank cards, cards surreptitiously pushed under the deck and cards which just pleased themselves so far as I could see; and the word tricks – the ones where our minds correct what our eyes see (try this one: write *I / love / Paris in the / the springtime* in a pyramid with the breaks where I've put the slashes, then ask someone to read it. They'll know the phrase and will miss out the second 'the' because their brain is correcting the fault – clever eh!)

Magic is dishonest, distracting tomfoolery and our guest suggested that anyone can do these tricks with enough practise (like driving or typing). I think that that may be so but honestly Paul, we'd sooner watch you do it because the chat was fast and funny and the tricks were effortlessly done.

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April 10th 7:30pm	"A man who is paid to talk to himself" - a look at the life and experiences of a professional ventriloquist	The Wheatsheaf Pub
May 8th 7:30pm	Behind the scenes at the saleroom - with David Fletcher	Perry Baptist Church
June 12th 7:30pm	Flower arranging - a hands-on session	Perry Baptist Church
July 10th 7:30pm	Why exercise matters - a look at how to exercise, how much to do and the benefits	The Wheatsheaf Pub
August 14th	No meeting - informal drinks at the pub	The Wheatsheaf Pub
September 11th 7:30pm	"Beware of sharks" - estate planning	The Wheatsheaf Pub
October 9th 7:30pm	Cake decoration and Sugar-craft	The Wheatsheaf Pub
November 13th 7:30pm	All about Alpacas & Perry WI Annual General Meeting	The Wheatsheaf Pub
December 11th 7:00pm	Christmas dinner	The Wheatsheaf Pub



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We are also offering a walk at Portholme Meadow on Wednesday 26th April, at 7.00pm. Portholme is believed to be the largest flood plain meadow in England and has a good-sized population of snakeshead fritillaries at this time of year. Please meet at Godmanchester Lock at 7.00pm. Parking is in Godmanchester and the lock can be accessed via the Chinese Bridge. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

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(clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk or 810978)



PERRY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Perry Neighbourhood Watch is being revitalised by John Cranston and Sue Astle.

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**John Cranston on 811273 or
Sue Astle on 811121.**

The Parish Councillors take pleasure in inviting you to join them at the

Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday, 19th April 2017

at 7.15 pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Each year the parish organises the Annual Parish Assembly which is the chance for residents to question Parish Councillors, give voice to views and opinions and express their concerns about topics relating to our village. There will also be an opportunity to meet with representatives of key facilities in the village such as the school, Neighbourhood Watch, together with other clubs/groups.

Why not come along and find out more? The Assembly is the best way to get your views and concerns on the Parish Council agenda and find out what is happening in our village.

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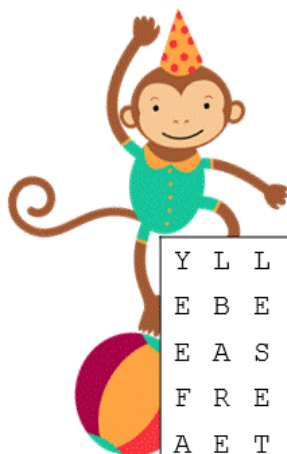
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
PERRY PARISH
COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
8 March 2017

at 7.30 p.m. at Grafham
Water Centre, Perry



unconfirmed

Present:

Councillor Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman
Councillor Kate Merrell (KM)
Councillor Gordon Halsall (GH)
Councillor Bill Wetzel (WW)
Councillor David Prew (DP)
Councillor Sheila Brighton (SB)
Martin Wilson – Clerk
County Councillor – Peter Downes

Members of the public:

There were five members of the public in attendance.

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

16/157 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies had been received from
Councillors Emma Prew, John Cranston
& Sue Astle and District Councillors John
Morris & Patricia Jordan.

**16/158 Members Declaration of
Interest on Agenda Items:** None.

**16/159 County / District Councillor
Update:** County Councillor Peter
Downes presented a synopsis of the
County Council budget process and the
decisions that had been reached and the
implications to Cambridgeshire residents
both currently and longer term.
District Councillor Patricia Jordan had
sent her apologies for the meeting but
asked to be contacted if there were any

problems associated with the new refuse
bin collection programme.

16/160 Public Forum on Agenda

Items: Mr John Cardwell of 7 Whitehall
Way enquired about the trees adjacent to
his property outlining the problems that
they gave. The Clerk would determine if
they had preservation orders against them
and if not who the owner of the trees was
and advise the resident accordingly. It
was stated that a tree at 14 Blythe Green
had recently been removed.

16/161 Police Update: Nothing to
report.

**16/162 Approval of the minutes of the
meeting held on Wednesday 8**

February 2017: GH proposed and WW
seconded that the minutes be approved as
a true and accurate record of the meeting.
This was agreed by all Councillors
present.

**16/163 Matters Arising (not covered
by Agenda Items):**

Dog Waste Bin Lagoon area – The Clerk
had contacted Anglian Water regarding
the provision of such a bin and they had
determined that there were sufficient bins
in the various car parks or surrounding
areas.

Unprotected Gully near Fishing Lodge –
Anglian Water were aware of the
problem and were awaiting a Contractor
to attend site and attend to the works.

Defibrillator Signs – these had arrived
however the adhesive could not be used
until such time as the outside temperature
had risen.

Cambridgeshire County Council
Highways – The Clerk was still awaiting
a response from the local engineer.

Entrance to the Spinney from Valley

Road – Anglian Water had placed some wood chippings at the entrance to the Spinney which has resolved the issue.

Gaynes Park Roads – the Ministry of Justice had undertaken a further piece of work on the damaged road on the junction of Crow Spinney Lane and The Drive.

16/164 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: No update.

16/165 Clerks Report:

Web Site – updates continue to be done as and when provided.

Handyman Vacancy – Interviews to take place.

Litter Pick Saturday 4 March – This had been a great success with fourteen adults and six children volunteering.

Grass Cutting 2017 – A quote had been received from HDC which was the same price as last year. DP Proposed and GH seconded that the quote be accepted. This was agreed by all Councillors present. It was agreed to ask HDC to commence on 3 April and to have a cut every four weeks and a total of eight cuts

Community Recognition Award – Residents to nominate people for the award. Clerk to place adverts in Life & Diaries, Web Site and Village noticeboard.

Annual Assembly Invites – The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a recommended list of invitees. This was agreed by all councillors present with the addition of inviting the WI.

16/166 Correspondence Report:

Bakers Way Surface Water – an email and telephone call had been received relating to surface water drainage near to

4 Bakers ay. The Clerk was following up the matter with both Cambridgeshire County Council and Anglian Water.

Magpas – letter of thanks following donation made.

Life & Diaries- letter of thanks for donation.

16/167 Meetings Attended: None.

16/168 Finance & Legal Matters:

The Clerk requested payments as follows:

79/16	Seton AED Signs	£79.50
80/16	SP Services	£17.88
81/16	St Andrews PCC	£300.00
82/16	Life & Dairies Magazine	£550.00
83/16	Magpas Helimedix	£250.00
84/16	East Anglia's Children's Hospice	£250.00
85/16	East of England Ambulance Service	£100.00
86/16	RNLI	£25.00
87/16	Stamps (Petty Cash)	£6.60
88/16	No Nails (Petty Cash)	£4.47
89/16	Handyman – February Salary	£43.20
90/16	HMRC February Payment	£80.00
91/16	Clerk – February Salary	£320.00
92/16	Cambridgeshire County Council Room Hire March	£15.00
93/16	Data Protection (Subscription)	£35.00

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

Bank Account Reconciliation – The Clerk had circulated the information prior to the meeting.

Overhead Reconciliation - The Clerk had circulated the information prior to the meeting.

S137 Allowance 2017 – The Clerk reported that the amount allowed for the next Financial year would be £7.57 per elector.

Financial Regulations Policy – Councillors reviewed the revised regulations and agreed upon the various amounts that should be stated within the policy. The policy would be verified at the June meeting of the Council.

16/169 Planning Matters: Application 16/00345/FUL Cycle track at Grahame Water Centre – Change of hours withdrawn. A new revised application was going to be presented.

16/170 Parish / Village Matters:
Allotments – No further progress.

Speed watch – no exercises conducted since the last meeting.

Working Parties – Saturday 11 March at 9.30 Lymage / Valley Road.

Memorial to Paul Deacon MBE – carried forward.

Buckden Court Pond – The Clerk had written to the managing agents who were consulting with the owners and would respond accordingly.

Whitehall tree Survey – see agenda item

16/160.

Energy Club – no further action till next Autumn.

Bus Shelter – due to a number of suggestions being put forward the Clerk suggested that the residents should be consulted as to what should be done with the facility. An advert to be placed in Life & Diaries as well as on the web site and noticeboards.

16/171 Parish Plan:

Meet the Councillors – session in Harbour View restaurant arranged for Saturday 18 March between 10:30a.m. and 11:30a.m.

Benches – awaiting further action from Steve Breeds. Work expected to be started early March and also looking to concreting area opposite shop.

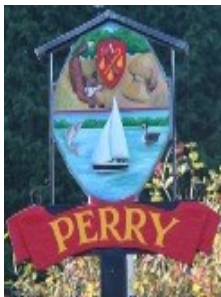
Action Plan – the action plan had been loaded onto the web site. GH had made contact with the U3A and was to determine if they would be prepared to come to a future Council meeting to make a short presentation.

Village Directory – on going.

16/172 Perry Emergency Plan:
Carried forward.

16/173 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting: The next meeting would be on Tuesday 4 April (Annual Assembly) and the next Parish Council would be on Wednesday 24 May (Annual Meeting) both commencing at 7.30 p.m. and at Perry Baptist Church.

The meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.



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Annual Community Recognition Scheme

The Parish Council is now seeking nominations for the above scheme. In order to qualify as an eligible person to be nominated the individual must either be resident or have their main place of employment within the village. Nominations should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by either email clerkperrycouncil@gmail.com, or in writing to the Clerk at 19 Ridgeway, Perry. The nomination should state why the person is being recommended. The closing date for nominations will be on Friday 19 May. The Parish Councillors will then vote upon the nominations received to determine the successful person or persons accordingly.

The Parish Council Wants Your Ideas!

The Parish council is the owner of the Bus shelter within the village that is located opposite Chichester Way and by the entrance to the car park of the Wheatsheaf Public House. Buses no longer pick up or drop off by the shelter.

The Council is therefore looking at ways that the Shelter can be altered / transformed into a facility that would benefit both villagers and visitors alike. If you have an idea or ideas as to how this facility could be put to better use why not let the Council know.

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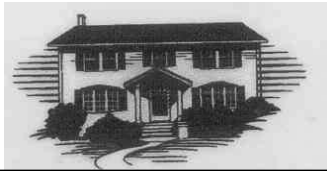
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3. 5 Runner beans
4. 5 French beans
5. 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
6. 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
7. 3 White potatoes
8. 3 Coloured potatoes
9. 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
10. 2 outdoor Cucumbers
11. 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
12. A basket of salad items
13. 3 Courgettes
14. 5 Exhibition shallots
15. A selection of chilli peppers
16. Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
17. A Marrow fit for the table
18. Collection of vegetables (minimum of 3 different varieties)

FLOWERS (Vases provided for all cut stems)

19. 3 Rose blooms
20. 1 Stem of cluster flowered roses

21. 1 Specimen rose bloom
22. 3 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias
23. 3 Decorative dahlias
24. 1 Specimen dahlia bloom
25. 3 flowers of the same colour (must be different species)
26. 3 stems of spray Chrysanthemums
27. 1 Spike gladiolus
28. 3 Stems of pinks or of carnations
29. 3 Heads of geraniums - can be mixed
30. Vase of mixed flowers from your garden (excluding gladioli, dahlias, & roses)
31. 3 Spikes of gladioli
32. Vase of mixed foliage from your garden
33. A flowering Orchid (must have been in your possession for 9 months)
34. Potted plant in flower (not an Orchid)
35. Cactus in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
36. 5 Stems of sweet peas
37. Succulent in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
38. 3 Stems of scented sweet peas

FLORAL EXHIBIT (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)

39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4" overall)
40. An exhibit to depict the end of monochrome television (white flowers only, can include any foliage) (up to 20" overall)
41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers – up to 12" overall)
42. An arrangement by a novice (never having won first prize - up to 12" overall)
43. An arrangement using a cup and saucer
44. A petite arrangement in a cupcake case (from 4" to 9" overall)

45. A buttonhole

NOVELTY CLASSES

46. Longest runner bean

47. One flower, one vegetable

48. Longest Marrow

49. Largest pumpkin (by girth)

50. A truss of cherry tomatoes (can be part green)

51. Fresh culinary herbs in a jar (please name)

52. Plate of home grown fruit

53. A quirky/ugly vegetable

CAKES AND PRESERVES

54. A Bakewell tart

55. A Victoria sponge - jam filling only

56. 4 ginger biscuits

57. An Olive loaf – can be made in a bread maker

58. 4 Flapjacks

59. 4 Blueberry muffins

60. Jar of jam

61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish

62. Jar of lemon curd

OPEN CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Up to 16 years. Please state age on all entries)

63. 5 jam tarts

64. A decorated wooden spoon – up to 6 years of age

65. A decorated wooden spoon – 7 to 11 years of age

66. A decorated wooden spoon – 12 to 16 years of age

67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2018 Horticultural Show - A4 size (may be computer generated).

68. An animal made from vegetables

69. A drawing or painting of an animal

70. A vehicle made from recycled materials (up to 12" overall)

71. A photograph taken on holiday – maximum size 8" x 6"

SUNDRY CLASSES – photos maximum size 8" x 6"

72. A photograph of a statue

73. A photograph entitled 'Reflections'

74. A photograph of a tree/trees

75. A photograph depicting one of the seasons

76. A hand made item – not knitted or sewn

77. Handicraft by a senior citizen

78. A home made fabric shopping bag

79. Knitted bobble hat

80. A flavoured spirit eg Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin

81. A home made soft drink

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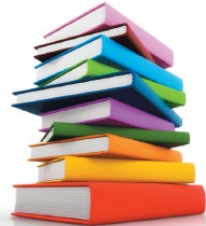
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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Stephen Conway, has appointed the Revd Nicki Bland to the half time post of rector in this benefice – Great and Little Staughton with Hail Weston. Nicki is currently the chaplain at Kimbolton School and assistant priest in the Kim Valley benefice. She will be able to join us in the autumn, and the date for her induction is Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm. Do come along that evening to meet and welcome her if you are able.

If you walk down towards the church you will have noticed a lot of building work on the vicarage site. There was some asbestos in the roof of the former garage, which called for men in white suits for a few days. And a major refurbishment was necessary to provide a room for the priest to meet people and to accommodate anyone in a wheel chair. A disability compliant access and toilet will be part of the new facilities. It will soon be possible for the 'public' part of the vicarage to be shut off from the family part – a much improved situation from before. Nicki's husband John might not wish to spend his evenings alone upstairs while his wife holds a meeting, which is what has happened up to now for all our clergy!

The daffodils are looking wonderful around the village again. It lifts my heart to see them glowing in the sunlight –

when the sun shines that is! And the clocks change on the last Sunday of March, so the days will suddenly seem much longer and brighter, which cheers most of us I think.

As we approach Easter there are many special services and activities which help us to remember that this is the season of resurrection and new life for all, not only Christians. And that Easter eggs are more than just chocolate (well, that as well, of course!) but symbols of re-birth.

There will be our usual Easter walk and egg hunt on the morning of Good Friday, followed by hot cross buns in church and a short talk; and a quiet devotional service at 2.00pm.

I will remember to send Rob and Shaun the list of services for April – apologies for last month

Please pray for us, as we do for you, as we carry on through the vacancy, and prepare for Nicki and John to join us all.

*With love and prayers
Janet and Bill*



Services in April

Apr 2nd

GS 9.00am BCP

10.30am Family Worship

LS 9.00am Parish Communion

HW 3.00pm Family Worship

Apr 9th Palm Sunday

GS 10.30am Parish Communion and Liturgy of the Palms

LS 9.00am Parish Communion

Monday Apr 10th 7.00pm Compline at HW

Tues Apr 11th 7.00pm Compline at LS

Weds Apr 12th 7.00pm Compline at GS

Thursday 13th Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Service of Communion and stripping of the altars

Friday 14th GS: Good Friday Walk and Egg hunt
10.00am – 12.00, ending with hot cross buns and short talk in church.

GS 2.00pm Devotional Service for Good Friday

April 16th Easter Day

GS 10.30am Family Communion

HW 9.00am Parish Communion

LS 9.00am Parish Communion

April 23rd Low Sunday (First Sunday after Easter)

GS 10.30am Parish Communion

HW 9.00am Parish Communion

Apr 30th 10.30am Group Communion at Little Staughton

Monthly Coffee Mornings

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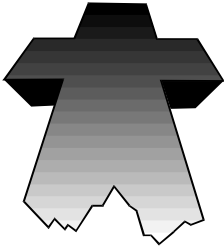
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All Welcome

Dear all,

Here I am again sitting in front of my computer wondering what to write. I start to think if only we had a Minister to whom I could delegate the task. Don't get me wrong there is no way I would ever dream of dictating to the Minister. This however is one task that I would like to see on their job description! It is always a fine line between responsibilities in many walks of life, In the home, work, club and even in the Church. There are many who expect others to be there and available whenever something wants doing but don't seem to believe that they have any responsibility to do the work. To suggest to some that they may like to contribute to getting the tasks done is to invite blank stares and every excuse in the book as to why they cannot do it and how it is someone else's responsibility!

There is the story of four people named: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. Forgive me if you have heard it before!

There was this important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it!
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did!

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it!

It ended up that Everybody blamed

Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

I hope that you do not see yourself in this story! I am fortunate that there are people in Perry Church who will muck in and do most things. I wish at times like this that if nobody else volunteers to write this column that more ideas would come to me!

Please see our notice board or website for services at Easter. It would be lovely to see you.

May God Bless You All,

Tony Whitlock

(Interim Minister)



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Preachers and Services for April

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9th Liz Herrington

16th Rev Roger Watkins

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 Perry WI:Fay Wheatcroft: 810734

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