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Dates for your Diary



Future events

Saturday August 29th : Gt. Staughton Hort Soc Show

At the moment, there are no immediate dates for our diaries because we're all staying at home, protecting the NHS, and saving lives



Mobile Library Dates 2020 - every fourth Wednesday of the month

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

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Editorial Natter...

Hello everybody



This is strangest issue of *The Life Magazine* I have edited in my ten years in the job. It's been a bit tricky putting together a community magazine when we haven't had any community events to talk about. But you'll find fewer village notices and more activities to encourage us all to stay indoors during lockdown. We also have a new feature on page 28 called 'My Quarantine Routine' that hopefully you like. And if you would like to contribute to it, do email myself and Shaun.

As you can see from this month's cover, I am pleased Great Staughton is involved in the global Teddy Bear Hunt. People around the world are putting stuffed toys in windows to give kids a fun activity to do while out on walks with their parents. In fact, it's great to see Staughton and Perry coming together as a community during this challenging time and helping out those more in need. With that in mind, I'd like to thank all our deliverers who are helping ensure you still get to read this magazine.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue and find something in it useful. Please stay safe and I'll speak to you again in the July magazine.

This issue was edited by Rob

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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,



I managed a collection before lockdown and so the Pots totalled £19.78 which is great! Thanks for popping in. I Don't know when my next collection will be but once we are released again I am sure we shall all be back in those public places!

Keep safe everyone,

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).

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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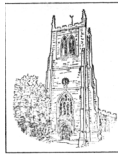
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March 2020

Prize	No	Name
£200.....	35.....	Mrs Barbara Herdman
£100.....	73.....	Mr Dennis Clarke
£50.....	11.....	Mrs Gloria Smith
£25.....	63.....	Mrs Pat Townley
£15.....	54..	Mr & Mrs Glenn Coiley
£10.....	51.....	Lady Sally Duberly

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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.

We aren't meeting at the moment
due to the coronavirus lockdown but
we'll keep you updated.

West Hunts Friendship Club 100 Club winners

March 2020

No.	Name	Prize
52	Chris Usher	£500
82	Adrianne McNaughton	£50
66	Jill Morgan	£25
14	David Moore	£15
35	Sheila Wilmer	£10

April 2020

No.	Name	Prize
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So allow us to present to you a simple recipe for delicious chocolate brownies that are ready to go in the oven in just five minutes, baking to a fudgy, crackly-topped brownie perfection in just half an hour.

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Serves: 9

Ingredients

- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet or dark)
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F/176 C.
Lightly grease an 8x8-inch baking

dish or pan with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.

- Place the butter and chocolate chips in a large microwave-safe bowl.
- Heat in the microwave for about two minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until the chocolate chips are melted and smooth.
- Remove from microwave. Whisk in the sugar then the eggs one at a time until batter is smooth.
- Add the cocoa powder and stir until well incorporated.
- Spread the batter evenly into the prepared baking dish.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.
- Let cool completely in pan.
- Enjoy!

Author: Maegan - The BakerMama.com



**GREAT
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SOCIETY**



This has been the strangest Spring in my memory but one of the most beautiful. Perhaps because there's been little else to focus on I've been bewitched by the gradual emergence of leaves and flowers in the glorious weather we've had since the rain stopped. It's got to the point now that rain is definitely needed. Soil is baking hard and if you missed getting those weeds out you're going to have a difficult job.

We're so lucky in our area to have plenty of walks within easy reach and I've been alternating between two or three. When you repeat the same walk regularly you notice every small change. I saw my first cowslip about the 1st of April, the first few bluebells coincided with the unfurling of horse chestnut leaves on 4th April. Great excitement early on 7th April when three hares gamboled across my path.

The birds have been at full volume - yellow hammers and sky larks particularly - and I've seen lots of goldfinches darting about - usually in pairs. Probably it is the lack of traffic that makes them seem so much louder but I have no

complaints at all.

Evidence of the tussle for life is there to see in a couple of scatterings of pigeon feathers. Would a fox do that? I doubt if we have peregrine falcons around here. I found a severed leg with grey fur on it. I hope it was a squirrel rather than a hare. A broken egg on the verge - small and blue and a dead baby bird on my driveway - one of the jackdaws that are nesting under the solar panels.

One thing that has been really striking is the speed at which the crops are growing. For days the fields are brown, then overnight a green fuzz of baby shoots appears and it seems to take such a short time for them to mature and fill out. Respect to the farmers who keep everything in such good order around here.

Having procrastinated as usual, I finally sowed some Cosmos seeds the other day and was amazed how fast they germinated - at least the fresh seeds did. I planted a seed tray half with new seed and half with two year old seed. That was an interesting lesson. The older seed still hasn't come through.

Now that we're all at home it's difficult to make excuses for

missing gardening opportunities. Parts of my garden have been weeded for the first time ever. I've probably got rid of some of the lovely poppies that self seed most years!

Incidentally if you have any curiosity about the mystery of my chewed bark (referred to in a previous article) I've decided that the culprit must have been a squirrel. The hole that seemed to have appeared was simply the collapse of an old tree stump and while I was clearing the patch I found a suspicious horse chestnut. There are no chestnut trees anywhere near my garden so something must have imported it. Got to be a squirrel.

The allotments have been busy, as they normally are at this time of year but everything is looking extra spick and span. Sadly we seem to have attracted a badger on to the plot to join the rabbits, pheasants and mice so fortifications are needed around every precious crop. Luckily rhubarb doesn't seem to be vulnerable.

It's strange not being able to look forward to next month with any certainty. I have a feeling that normality will be a long time coming.

Happy gardening!

Great Staughton Litterpick 2020

Great Staughton's 2020 Litterpick is now cancelled.

If any of you happen to see a piece of litter on your exercise walks, please consider picking it up and taking it home with you, if you can do so safely.

The date for the 2021 litterpick will be decided much nearer the time!



GARAGE SALE

Perry Parish Council are looking at organising a weekend for garage sales (selling your unwanted items from your garage) in Perry.

The date for the event would be either 14 or 21 June 2020, but this could change depending on coronavirus developments

If you think you would be interested in participating please let us know by email:

clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk,

Telephone: 07899000026 or inform Nigel in the shop.

An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council

I am writing this in mid April to meet the Life magazine deadline and you will be reading it in late April or early in May. We know how quickly things change and so if any of this seems out of date that is the reason.

I hope everyone reading this is well. Great Staughton is blessed with a wonderful community spirit and this has shown itself at this time. I would like to pay my tribute to all those who have taken time to volunteer to help others. I know from personal experience the community groups are so useful and helpful. Cathy and I have been self-isolating for a while and we have been very grateful for people getting us our medication and shopping. I would also like to thank local businesses which have adapted to try to ensure everyone is helped.

The residents of Great Staughton have shown their appreciation every Thursday to all the essential workers. We pay special tribute to our magnificent health and social care workers, but also to other essential workers across many sectors. A continued service from retail, distribution, all the utilities and waste collection services is vital for our well-being. I know our Parish is very grateful. We would normally have had our Parish Assembly in late April early May, but this year it has had to be postponed. This is a great shame as I particularly wanted to say thank you to John Harrison who retired at the end of March. John has

been looking after the verges and surrounding areas along the Green and Highway for over 25 years. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say what wonderful job you have done John and the whole village thanks you. We are pleased to welcome Phil Yates to the role, he has a hard act to follow.

I also would have paid tribute to a Parish Councillor who has recently resigned after about 20 years. Janet Bowen has been a very able, thoughtful, and conscientious Councillor. She has served in many roles on the council being a real advocate for the preschool, charities, and Friendship club. She has served for many years on the playing field committee and more recently on the community land trust. This will be another very hard act to follow and we thank you deeply. The Parish Council is pleased to welcome James Duberly to the Council as a co-optee.

I would also have updated residents at the Assembly on a number of matters, but I will mention a few of the most important here.

- The affordable housing project on Charities field on The Green is moving forward. Heads of Agreement outlining the agreed terms have been signed by all parties and it is hoped that a planning application will be submitted soon. The current emergency has made things more difficult and introduced a level of uncertainty but it is hoped that Chorus will be able to proceed. Whenever we hold an assembly it is intended we can show a video depicting a model of the 12

dwellings which are to be built on the field.

- The proposed change of speed limit through The Town has been accepted as a valid scheme to receive part funding from the County Council Highways. The Parish Council will be required to contribute but this is good news for safety on the road through the Town. Incorporated in the scheme will be speed reminder signs throughout the village. No timescale has been agreed at the moment but we have agreement to work up a scheme with the County Council.

- At last years Parish Assembly we heard about the possible Parish wide heating scheme being developed for Swaffham Prior. I am pleased to say Helen Glanville has progressed this and it is agreed we can make an application for the first tranche of funding to assess the feasibility of a scheme.

I am sure there are many other issues you would have wanted to raise and on which the Parish Council would have wanted to provide information. I hope that we can hold a Parish Assembly at an appropriate time when all issues can be discussed.

In the meantime I sincerely hope everyone stays well, stays safe, and follows Government advice.

Bob Jewell
Chair Great Staughton Parish
Council

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We didn't all have the opportunity to meet to discuss the book though because of self-isolation but a few of us managed to meet via Zoom. As usual, some had read the book, others had started it and some hadn't picked it up but we did appreciate the chance to see a friendly face and catch up on how we were coping with a new way of life.

Our books for the rest of the year are:

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 – 'Conclave' by Robert Harris

November – 'The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet' by David Mitchell

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



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Fete Great Staughton

**CHURCH FETE -
~~JUNE 27th 2020~~
POSTPONED**

CORONAVIRUS

The Vicar, Church Wardens and PCC regret that due to the current restrictions caused by the Coronavirus the Annual Church fete due to held on 27th June 2020 has been postponed.

We hope to reschedule the Fete for later in the year and will update you further as the situation develops.



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.

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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.



SPEEDWATCH

Perry Parish Council is looking for volunteers to be trained and become part of a Speedwatch initiative in the Village.

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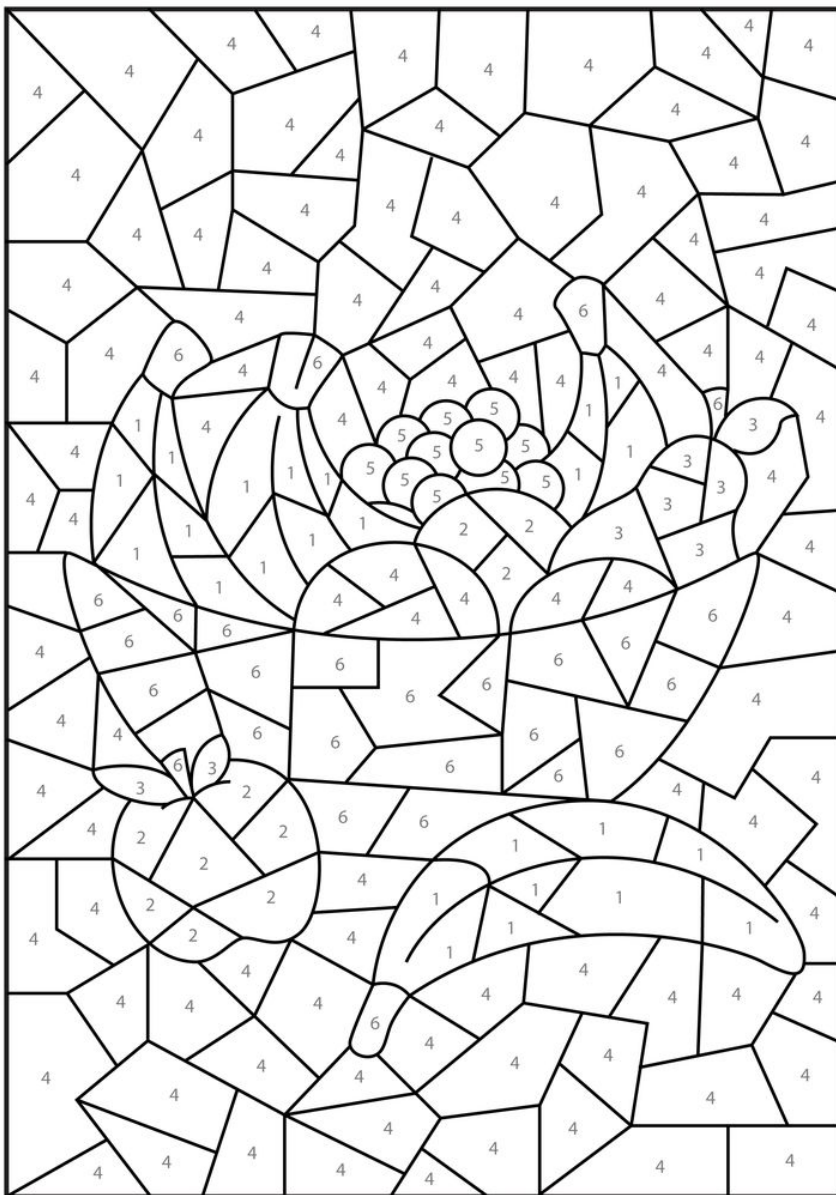
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GREAT STAUGHTON & PERRY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Ah, Kindness.

What a simple way
to tell another struggling
soul that there
is love to be found
in this world.

This past month has proved to be an Enigma On the world hand, everything we considered to be normal has changed beyond recognition and, on the other, we have found everything exactly the same although perhaps delivered in a more creative way.

When we asked for volunteers to join the Community Support Group, we could never have imagined that nearly 100 villagers (from Perry and Great Staughton) would answer the clarion call and, right from the off, there has been shopping bought and delivered, meals cooked, prescriptions collected, WhatsApp groups set up to coordinate how best to serve one another, and – always - an ear at the end of the telephone line.

Others in the villages have used Zoom for church meetings and book club meetings; pubs have closed and then reorganised to provide hot meals almost every night of the week – all delivered by a team of friendly locals; the doctor's surgery has been open longer hours and rejigged how they meet our physical needs; the butchers have started to deliver food and there have been so many other amazing ways in which our villages

have been looking after and serving one another that, it seems to me, we are living in just the right place at this uncertain time.

If you need help, just ask

To all our village residents, the Great Staughton & Perry Community Support Group are here to help during these times of isolation. 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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**Thanks,
Shaun & Rob**

A book about Staughton May **2020**

'Comrades of the Great War'

Following the end of the war there were many public ceremonies of remembrance for the fallen and gratitude for their sacrifice in every part of the country; in Great Staughton a Roll of Honour commemorating the 94 villagers who had served in the conflict was placed in the church and a new tenor bell was commissioned and installed in the west tower. On 19 November 1919, a year after the signing of the Armistice, a public meeting was held in Great Staughton at which a proposal was put forward that a branch of the 'Comrades of the Great War' club should be established in Great Staughton. The purpose of the club was to provide activities such as billiards, snooker, darts and card games and to organise concerts, dances and flower shows which would enrich the everyday lives of villagers who had endured four years of hardship and loss. Harry Day, the cycle agent, proposed Captain Evelyn Hugh James Duberly, who had served with distinction in the war as a machine-gun officer in the Grenadier Guards, for the position of chairman. It was a position he was to occupy on and off for the next thirty-two years until his death in 1951. The committee of the club consisted of men whose names would feature in the life of the village for the next 40 years. Samuel Bruce proposed L Hollis for Honorary Secretary. Other members of the committee were Arthur Mehew,

landlord of the Robin Hood and Little John pub, which also became the temporary headquarters of the new club. Other committee members were H Standen, C Hackett, J Leflay and A Brewitt (one of the two butchers in the village. The other was Reginald Willmer who was shortly to join the committee). In June of that year, the master of the village school, Charles W Pearson joined the committee alongside Frank W Lack, who ran the grocer's shop and the Post Office. Mr Lack was to be a prominent contributor to village life over a period of forty years; he was a churchwarden, member of the Parochial Church Council, he served as a Parish Councillor and was instrumental in the formation of a branch of the Mothers' Union in the village. The committee was strengthened by the presence of the Rev. John Watford Wragg, since 1917 the vicar of St Andrew's church. Another new member was JC Barnard, a miller and baker. He also played a prominent role in village activities for several decades. He built Avery Cottage in Cage Lane. The club was thriving and enjoyed an enthusiastic membership of around thirty people.

An important change occurred in the organisation of the club in 1923 when, on 26 February of that year, a general meeting was held to change the name of the Comrades of the Great War club and to replace it with the Great Staughton Parish Social Club. The new club would have the same objectives as the Comrades and would be run by largely the same committee members.

One of the stipulations of the new club was that five of the elected committee should be ex-servicemen. The club was open to anyone over the age of sixteen and ran every night except Sunday from 6pm until 10pm. Captain Duberly was elected president of the club. Mr Lack was elected Vice-chairman. Subscription was 2d per week, and for the use of the billiard table a charge of 3d per hour was levied. The club was open to all persons over the age of sixteen. Mr Reginald Willmer joined the committee in 1924 and was quick to make a valuable contribution to the club's entertainment. The meeting of 12 March 1925 recorded the committee's gratitude to Mr R Willmer who offered to provide a wireless concert to be held in the village hall on Monday 6 April 1925. This must have been a very real novelty. Mrs Enid Saffron Duberly generously offered to provide a number of books for the club in order that a library could be established. Rev. Wragg swelled the library with a donation of thirty books. It wasn't the only donation of reading matter that year; Mrs J Pearson donated eight annual volumes of the *Illustrated London News* to the library.

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As you may have gathered there is no WI this month. However I came across this on Facebook so thought I would share for those less technologically minded. Hopefully it might raise a smile or too;- oh if anyone is offering to knit I am sure I can find a home for a Haz Mat suit or two!

Margaret Sare

Copied. But it's brilliant.

Subject: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

EMAIL - Imagine JOYCE GRENFELL saying this... Been thinking and Victoria Wood would sound awesome doing this or Julie Walters

Mobberley WI have issued the following guidance for isolation.

Right ladies, Judith Bickerstaffe has kindly emailed the crochet patterns for the face masks and matching underwear sets. Anyone who runs out of wool should message Delia who will leave fresh supplies in a vacuum sealed sandwich bag on your doorstep. She will knock the theme tune to Miami Vice on your door so you know it's her, you'll have to take pot luck on colours, but I do know there is a particularly lovely shade of burnt copper. Mavis has drawn up a rota for the Haz Mat suit and WW2 Gas Mask, it is one size fits all so please don't specify size requirements. If any of our less able members need provisions such as bread, milk, wine, Gin or pickled walnuts please contact Cynthia, who will pop to the shops for you providing her moped isn't being used by her grandson for pizza deliveries.

Laura will go ahead with her useful and inspirational talk on Christmas and other gifts made from j-cloths via Skype. Currently we will have to abandon our collection of soft toys made from used hosiery, particularly after that unfortunate

incident when Derek Malmsbury was found doing unspeakable things to the elephant made by his wife, Nora. I'm sure we all support Nora at this upsetting time.

Apparently they WERE Derek's fishnets, which is why he was confused and why he wanted them back. Still that should never be done to a child's soft toy. Connie is finishing off the template for making an emergency face mask and draft excluder from a spare bra. I know some members have raised concern that as Connie is a 46GG she has more material to work with than most, but she assures me her template will be scalable from 32 A upwards.

Audrey wants to apologize for the mix-up with the medication run, but please rest assured Joan suffered no side effects from taking Marjorie Butterworth's husbands Viagra and haliborange. And likewise Marjorie's husband seems to have responded really well to the HRT. Marjorie says they even agreed on the pattern for their new curtains.

Sad news because of the Government announcement, the trip to Leeds and 'Miss Fifi's Private Dungeon and Macrame club' has been postponed and at this moment we don't have a rescheduled date.

Great news: we have already started collecting prizes for the summer fayre raffle. It looks like the star prize this year may well be a pack of 9 Andrex Quilted Aloe Vera toilet rolls. Shortly followed by a complete set of knitted Nolan Sisters toilet roll covers. Mavis says any resemblance between Colleen and Anne Widdecombe is purely coincidental. Right Ladies I must dash, I hear Springitts has just had a fresh delivery of tinned prunes.

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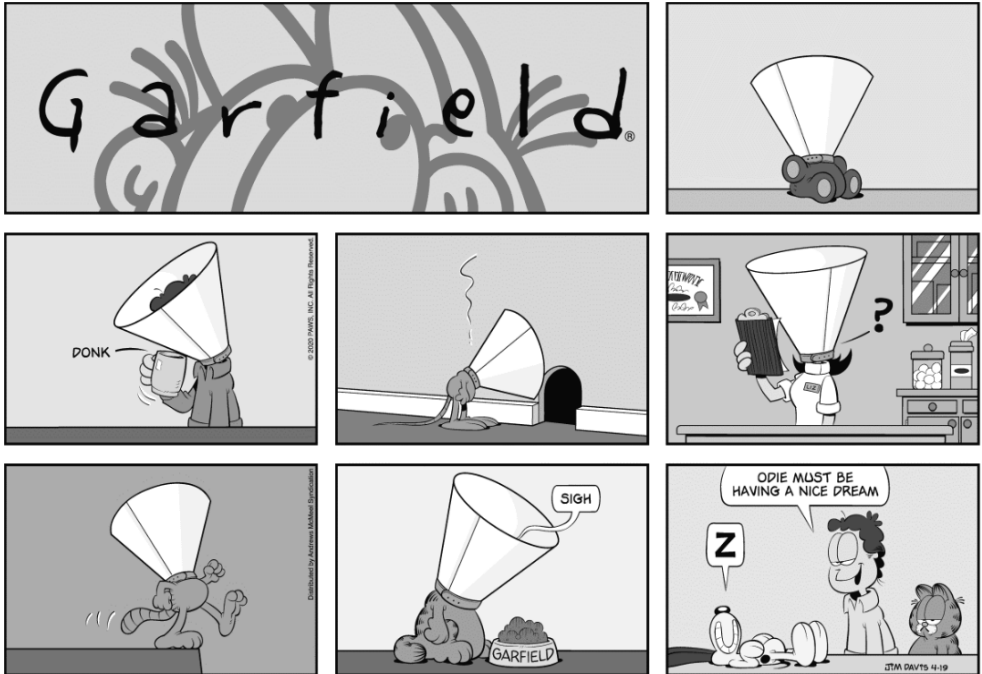


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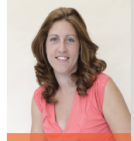
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When powering up your BBQs and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- Never leave it unattended
- Keep children, pets and garden games well away from the cooking
- Make sure the BBQ is well away from your fences or hedgerows
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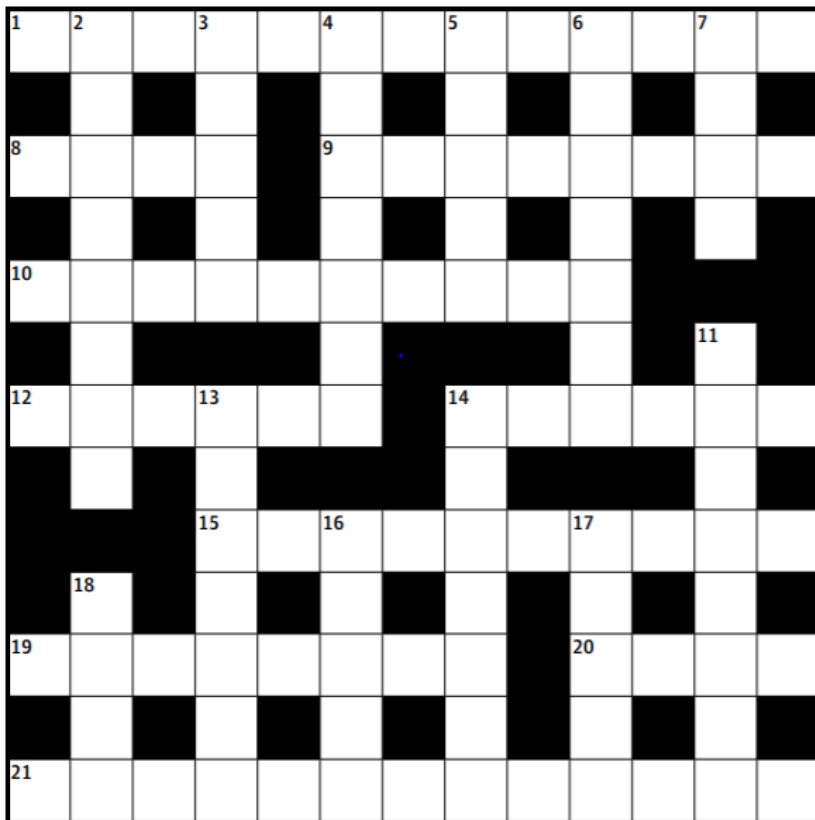
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1. Making trivial distinctions (4-9)
8. Loose body fat (4)
9. Not absolute (8)
10. English-speaking (10)
12. Bring out — evoke (6)
14. Putty-like cement used as adhesive or filler (6)
15. Modest (10)
19. Canadian prairie province (8)
20. Necessity (4)
21. Living things (5,3,5)

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2. On the whole (3,2,3)
3. Insurgent (5)
4. Fortification consisting of a low wall (7)
5. Snow house (5)
6. Silly laughs (7)
7. Armed force (4)
11. Irish political movement (4,4)
13. Messenger (7)
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My Quarantine Routine

Seeing as we are all currently in lockdown I am keen to find out how you are all keeping yourselves busy.

Are you now working from home? Are you home-schooling your children? Are you a vital key worker? Perhaps you run a business in the villages and you've adapted how you work. Or maybe you've rediscovered an old hobby.

If you'd like to tell us all about your 'Quarantine Routine' please do email myself and Shaun and we'll include you in a future issue. Let's kick things off with our first two entries...

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In my day job I am a journalist & Social Media Editor so I am thankful I am still able to work. I have been working from home for about a month now and it's something I have got used to very quickly. I even treated myself a decent keyboard and mouse because I didn't fancy hunching over a laptop all day long.

I stay in regular contact with all my colleagues through Zoom and instant messaging services. We have two editorial meetings a day - one at 9am and another around 3:30pm.

We're still coming up with lots of ideas and doing our jobs to the best of our abilities. Obviously some things have been put on hold. Before the lockdown happened I was in the process of working on an idea for

London mayoral candidate Rory Stewart but that will now have to wait until next year.

For the last couple of weeks I've been working the late shift, which I have strangely enjoyed. It means I get to sleep in for one thing! I log on at 2pm, and close my laptop at 11pm.

I've been good at keeping to a routine before I start work and I haven't fallen into the trap of staying in my pyjamas all day just yet. As my local gym is closed I'm now really into Joe Wicks' daily PE workouts, and I've been doing them every morning. I make sure I go for a walk everyday too, even if it's just around the block. I am determined to stay fit during lockdown.

Like many of us, I've had to change how I shop, and start planning out my meals carefully so I don't need to make unnecessary trips to the supermarket. Let's say I've eaten a lot of chilli, stir fry and Bolognese lately. Thankfully, I have a few local corner shops near my flat if I do run out of anyway essential. I can't quite justify queuing up at Sainsbury's just to get milk. I STILL can't find eggs though.

In my free time I've been working my way through my Netflix 'Watch List', watching Disney+, having Zoom calls with the family and 'virtual visits to the pub' with friends. I'm running, going on long walks, and of course, playing my PlayStation.

I did tell myself I'd do more reading, or attempt to rearrange my bedroom. But at the time of writing, neither of these things have happened.

**Rob Young**



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We are a family of four in Great Staughton but no one is at school.

Lockdown has been both a trial and a bonus for us. Both children are finishing at University with jobs to go to straight after, away from this area. So, they were never going to live at home again. Indeed, my eldest has not spent more than five days in a row here for over two years. But now they are both at home! Whilst this has been challenging at the beginning as everyone is used to their own space and mealtimes, now we have a happy household. Myself and my husband were used to being just the two of us but apart from having to buy at least double the food and provisions it has been a beautiful thing to have them back.

The daily walk, which we obviously never did before, and the shared meals has been time we would never have had before or into the future. We have followed the guidance and stayed inside but just seem to have reached a calm acceptance that never would have happened in the past. There is no annoyance and niggles as there has obviously been in the past and indeed we are truly embracing this strange new experience.

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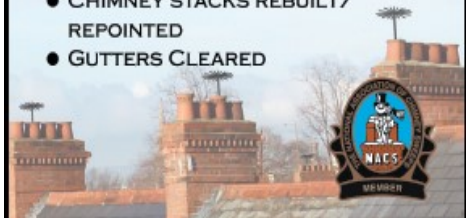
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My brother is a Paramedic in Taunton, Somerset and he said that you cannot believe the support they are getting. He is putting on weight because when he stops for petrol he is given free sandwiches and drinks, there are always cakes that kind people have made when he gets back to the station and last week in addition, the local Chinese and Indian take-aways were providing them with meals. But he said what topped it all was when they were driving through a village at 8 o'clock and as they went through everyone was clapping and cheering, which really raised their spirits and self-esteem. It is great to hear the clapping and cheering from the villages here, showing the collaborate effort of love,

care and obvious appreciation of all that is being done.

The jigsaws have been moved from the church to the bench at the front of the vicarage (as long as it isn't raining or windy,) please do borrow them, there are plenty.

We have just celebrated Easter, the season of hope in the Christian calendar and although we were disappointed not to be in church, over 100 of us gathered on Easter Day via Zoom to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Every day, except for Sundays, we have Morning prayer at 8.30am and Evening prayer at 5.30pm, there is a service on Sunday at 10.30am and meditation at 7.00pm on Tuesdays. On Wednesday at 2.00pm we have a study group which you are welcome to join.

As from May 1st on Fridays at 10.00am we will have a Family Fun session for young people. This will vary from week to week but will have puppets, stories and singing, and may even have a Blue Peter-like craft session. **The Zoom meeting ID for all of these is 712447549 and the password is 022067.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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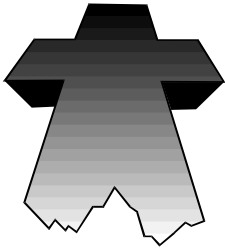


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Services at Perry Baptist have been suspended until further notice. There are services online on our website and Facebook page.

Website www.perrybaptist.org.uk

My dear friends,

The bible says “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah chapter 43 verse 19) In recent weeks we have all been seeing a new thing, a war on a virus that we cannot see has meant a complete change among the things that were once a regular daily part of our routine. Socialising in the shops are no longer a feature, shopping is now only for essentials, and then we head for home. Some of our hobbies that required interaction with others have ceased to be.

For many of us it has become a lonely place of isolation though never forget there are folks in the community that have grouped together to support others if you have a practical need through this time.

What about the church? Some of us have had to learn anew that the biblical concept of the church was never about a building, but the people, the gathered believers. With the use of modern technology people have gathered together without a building to enter. Using the internet Perry Baptist church have had “virtual coffee Mornings”. (Please contact me for more details) which

creates an opportunity for informal interaction. Using the telephone we are able to talk with those who have no computer availability. As BT used to say “its good to talk”. Sunday services are being recorded and circulated on the church website, Facebook, and Youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghsIFLULGCblekWCO4pg>

God is doing a new thing in our midst as he enables us to fellowship when it seems impossible. And in our midst he is bringing to us hope to replace our despair. But the greatest hope came in the Easter message. “God sent his son, they called him Jesus”. The Easter story reminds us that his death and resurrection provides for us a new life. Trust Jesus as your Saviour and Lord and discover he has done a new thing in your life that lasts for eternity.

If we can be of help to any of you please call me or email perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com

Love and Blessings,
Jon Magee

Clubs & Activities :

Telephone Prefix: 01480

Great Staughton W.I.....	Margaret Sare: 860963
Perry WI:	Liz Dive: 811636
West Hunts Friendship Club.....	Annabelle Blackham: 07527 741495
(Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall)	Phil Yates: 860616
St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....	David Cope: 869322
Perry Friendship Circle.....	Cilla Whitlock: 810906
Great Staughton Book Club.....	Margaret Sare: 860963
Horticultural Society.....	Mike Keeble: 860855
	Email: m.keeble855@btinternet.com
Lions Club (Hunts Grafham Water Branch).....	Bernard Dable: 810704/07969 207227
Kimbolton Flower Club.....	Carol Grundy: 01832 710339
Perry Photographic Club.....	Adrian Arnett: 07788 409301
Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....	Phil Howard: 861201

CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS

Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to:
enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk and register your interest.

Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....	Head Teacher's Office: 860324
Gt Staughton Youth Club.....	gsyc2014@gmail.com
Kimbolton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.....	1stkimboltonscouts@gmail.com
Piglets Pre-School.....	Suzanne Worrall: 07759 382575
Great Staughton Family Playtime.....	manager@pigletspreschool.org.uk

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

SPORTS CLUBS

Great Staughton Badminton Club	David 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 Scheme	07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays
<i>For all your transport needs, charged at 30 pence per mile</i>	
Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....	Dawn Auton: 07985 925761
Patient Participation Group Gt St).....	Melanie Dingemans: 01480 860770
	Email: greatstaughton@nhs.net
Village Hall	Vicky Goldsmith: 860005 / 07739 469243
Pavilion	Giles Brittain: 07740 647322

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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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

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

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

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

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

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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

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