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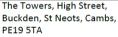
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#### **Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2016:**

6th Apr (Annual Parish Assembly), 11th May (General Meeting), 6th Jul, 7th Sep, 9th Nov

#### **Perry Parish Council Meetings 2016:**

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## **Editorial Natter...**

#### Howdy readers,

hat an exciting edition we have pieced together for you this month! There has been a huge input of content from both the villages, along with some "Back in the Day" content and more besides...

With the clocks wound forward an hour and everyone still recovering from loosing an hours sleep, I was going to try and keep the reading simple by highlighting the key content in my natter; However, there is soo much content in this months magazine I may as well just list the contents again, so I shan't bother.

I have been handed by Bob Jewell (thanks Bob) a huge bag of old Life Magazines from the last 40 years, along with some good photos of the villages and special occasions; They do certainly make for a good read and a laugh. This month I have included a special "Back in the Day" section (Pages 26-29) with input sent in by Anthony Withers, along with some inserts taken from old Life editions. It really is interesting reading about village life over the last 40 years.

There are lots of events packed into this edition, along with Club News and a rather interesting article about keeping your Computer Safe on Page 11, have a flick through and a good read. See you all in June... This issue was edited by Shaun

#### Councillor Surgeries

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

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#### St Andrew's Church

100 Club February 2016 Draw

Prize	No.	Name
£50	63	Ann Marie Hamilton
£25	13	,Ann Price
£15	61	Janet Perrett
£10	85	Eileen Gilbert

Congratulations to the winners!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, 6th April

Gt Staughton Annual Parish Assembly in the Village Hall at **7.30pm.** 

#### Treasurers Corner

#### Hello everyone,

No Pots this month but feel free to keep popping in the change ready for next month! I have to thank Kathy Wilson again for doing the accounts for Life and the Village Hall. Her advert is on the cover should you need an accountant! Thanks Kathy!

Helen.



We meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 2.30 pm at Perry Church

A very interesting afternoon was spent in the company with Lynette from 'CARE NETWORK CAMBRIDGESHIRE'. We do not always know how much help is available to us in our area. We tend to think 'Social service' is all that is available. This afternoon we heard about the voluntary work of CNC.

Who help in so many ways. We have leaflets in church for anyone who would like to learn more about them or contact me on 01480 812243 for more details on this. Our programme for the next few months-

11 th April:- is our AGM & Beetle drive
9th May:- Ann Townshend sharing her
work and experiences in Nepal
13th June:- Recipes & food tasting
11th July:- strawberry tea
12th September:- Quiz afternoon
So if you have a free afternoon why don't
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You'll will be very welcome.

Contact:- Marjorie Smith 01480812243

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Number	Name	Prize
2	Peter Wilmer	£500
82	Jo and Karl Reid	£50
100	Joy Peacock	£25
61	Margaret Emeleus	£15
9	Laurie Barringer	£10

Congratulations to the winners!



#### Kym Valley Carpet Bowls

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

#### **Dates for April**

Friday 1st
Tuesday 5th
Friday 8th
Thursday 14th away to Riseley
Friday 15th (AGM)
Tuesday 19th
Friday 22nd
Tuesday 26th Catworth Home
Friday 29th

On 4th March we had a competition for the Dakwes trophy. The winners were Frank and Bill, runners up Doug and Barbara. Well done to all those who took part!

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Welcome to the second month of spring, yes really, the metrological spring starts on 1st March.

The old saying "April's showers brings forth May's flowers" suggests something to look forward too! but perhaps not after the heavy downpour in the second week of March, as on the evening of the AGM (9th) Great Staughton was cut off by floods at both bridges, preventing several members from attending but this did not put off two new members from joining, welcome to you both.

Our Annual Plant Sale and Cream Teas, will be held as usual on the second Public Holiday in May, Saturday 28th May, in and around The Pavilion, from 2.30pm. We hope for sunny weather, many assorted plants for us all to choose from and of course your company over a cup of tea or two!

Gala Day, date yet to be confirmed, is being organised by the flourishing Great Staughton Youth Club, another event we hope to take part in, in some way to help make this another great village event.

The Horticultural Show, Saturday 27th August, arrangements are well underway. Have you had any thoughts yet about the entries you'd like to make?

The schedule was in the March edition of LIFE.

Plans are in hand for the Autumn Garden Talk, to take place on Saturday 15th October, always an interesting, sociable occasion, watch this space.

## Great Staughton Horticultural Society



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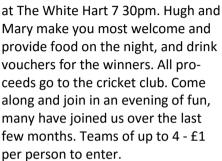
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## KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

**April 19th** will be the Kimbolton Flower Club Annual General Meeting.

This will be a short meeting at 7.30pm followed by a garden talk, 'Death in the Garden' by Michael Brown.

This will be held in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton. All Welcome.

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The programme will contain light music, (tunes that you know), on organ, cello and pianoforte, (not at the same time), songs, recitals, monologues, campanology demonstrations and who knows what

After the concert (which last year lasted for just over an hour) refreshments and wine will be available. (so you will be home for match of the day!!)

Admission is FREE. A donation being requested to cover the cost of refreshments.

The Church is in need of re-wiring. There is no big pot of money for "headquarters" to distribute. We must find it. All profits from the evening will go towards this cause.

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## Your Church Bells Need You IF You Can Ring

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ring it would be absolutely great if they
could get in touch us and join us
occasionally. We've got plenty of
events already planned for 2016 so it
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## Celebrating 40 Years of Life & Diaries

You may have noticed that this year the Life Magazine celebrates its 40th Anniversary. We are all very proud to be able to keep the magazine going to the same standard as was originally intended.

On that note, we are on the hunt for old editions of the magazine from its 40-year history and pictures of Great Staughton and Perry from the 1970s and 1980s.

If you have anything you would like to send in, please send to both editors via email or post.

Thanks, Rob & Shaun



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By Shaun Prince (IT Practitioner & Professional ACRBO Member, www.shaunprince.com)

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#### Gt Staughton W.I



Competition winners were: Pat Backhouse, Eileen Peck, Sonia Fory and Barbara Herdman.

After the usual business, our speaker for the evening was Gary O'Shea who gave a very interesting talk on his "Hazardous Occupation".

At our April meeting, Helen Tilley will be giving a talk/demonstrating Hat Making. The competition is "Favourite Headwear"

Although he has now retired from this voluntary life, for 21 years, Gary was a member of International Rescue (not Thunderbirds!). After serving in the army (he was in the Falklands War) he did have a regular full time job. He saw an article in Readers Digest about International Rescue and applied, did extensive training and made himself available at any time, to head off anywhere in the world where some humanitarian disaster had occurred. He told us about some of the earthquakes he went to, the terrible conditions that met them when they arrived and how many other countries also sent rescue teams.

His organisational skills lead him to be the coordinator and negotiator. He went through training in case he was kidnapped and held hostage. With a wife and family to consider, he left doing this very skilled and hazardous job, he now works for a chemical company!

The competition was 'something beginning with 'H'
Joint 1st winners were:
Janet Bowen and Hillary Worsley
2nd Linda Harness
3rd Mary Deacon

#### Helen Packer

#### March Perry WI report

Well, it was our birthday bash - we are 2 - so we celebrated by listening to the very entertaining Gregory Belcher from the Wildlife Trust of Beds and Cambs and Northants (though in my head, he is Greg from the lake), then we bought another glass of wine, tucked into a Wheatsheaf buffet (highly recommended) and had a natter for another hour or so. Happy birthday to us ...

We all know the facts about our lake: built early 1960s; 3rd largest by area but 8th largest by volume; lake officially opened by D of E in 1966 (how do you open a lake?) and Nature Reserve opened by Sir Peter Scott (I once sat next to his son at a wedding, pointless-fact-fans); created ansSSI in 1986 because of breeding and wintering wildfowl and the fabulous (or yeuch-inducing, depending on your point of view) Great Crested Newt which are very rare in Europe - though we have a 'ridiculously large population'.

Greg has been working here for 9 and a half years so totally knows his stuff. He told us fact after fact – and with pictures! So we saw before and after shots of the hedging up Pylon Hill (great to know the old crafts live on); how the grass is cut – by small tractor, by hand and by mouth (pedigree cattle); and bird hide renovation

(the one he showed us was 'more creosote than wood' -sounds like our shed). And onto the flora and fauna: did vou **know** that the easiest way to trap a newt (in the 13 ponds which contain them at Grafham) is with a 2litre pop bottle (a 2litre wine bottle has the same effect on me)? That bluebells were crushed for bookbinding adhesive in the 16th 17th centuries? Cowslips used to be called 'cowslops' (don't ask, no really, don't ask)? That Black Tailed Skimmers (a type of dragonfly) are quite rare though they were once very common in East Anglia (300 million years ago when their wingspan was 1 and half feet)? That there are 30 species on bumblebees in UK but half of them are cuckoos (and I always thought that bees were all-round good guys)? The avocet, that graceful, elegant black and white symbol of the RSPB is 'pugnacious'? That the Great Crested Grebe kicked off the conservation movement in the 1880s when ladies wanted their feathers for their hats and we nearly lost them all? That the teal is two-thirds the size of a mallard and doesn't quack - it squeaks? And that the Nightingale who lives next to the dragonfly area has been clocked at 80-90 decibels though one has been clocked at 120 db (it lives next to a road) - Greg's chain saw is only 114 db. And that the dunnock has a 'Jeremy Kyle' sex life?! ועאסעא

We went on to ask questions which Greg answered with humour and knowledge – the best of which was 'How do twitchers know so quickly when something interesting arrives?' Answer? They have pagers!!

Thank you to Greg for an informative and entertaining talk with great pics.

Oh by the way, we sent two teams to the Comrades Club in Godmanchester in Feb

for the WI quiz. One team came 5<sup>th</sup> (only 4 points adrift from the winners) and won nothing. And the other team? They came last and won the Booby Prize. We did think of mugging them for the Dairy Milk but decided that knowing which of the Great Lakes is the largest gave us the moral high ground – though not the chocolate! Well done ladies. And a big thanks to Meg for organising the quiz – even though she was a bit cross because they were double booked so we were a little ... cramped?

Crowded? No ... cosy!

See you next month, second Monday of the month at the Wheatsheaf in Perry. All are welcome.

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# A great staughton Village Weekend At The Old Vicarage

## Make a weekend of it at The Old Vicarage Great Staughton on June 18th and 19th

Saturday June 18th 2.00pm - 5.00pm

St Andrew's Church Annual Fete with many stalls and children's activities

#### Sunday June 19th 12.30pm - 5.00pm

The Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club are holding a Hog Roast and Barbecue. Live music from Gabriella and the Panetellas, a Children's Entertainer and a chance to raise a toast to wish HRH Queen Elizabeth a Happy 90th Birthday.

All proceeds from the Hog Roast will go to local charities.



St Andrew's Church Fete free admission.

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The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, invites you to attend a walk at Upwood Meadows on Sunday 22nd May at 2.30pm.

Kevin Doidge, the voluntary warden, and other local wildlife experts, will guide us through these ancient meadows. A rich variety of flowers should be seen in the three meadows that have been largely undisturbed by modern farming methods. We hope to see green winged orchids, mousetail, meadow cranesbill, lady's bedstraw and vellow rattle. Elusive turtle doves can sometimes be seen and heard.

Kevin explains that this National Nature Reserve is one of the finest examples of ancient meadows that can still be found locally and was shaped by the medieval agricultural methods of ploughing with oxen.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Upwood Meadows Car Park, Meadow Lane, Upwood at 14.30. GR TL 251825. Parking is limited so visitors are encouraged to car share, walk or cycle. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

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

#### **Annual Parish Assembly on** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 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 is also be an opportunity to meet with representatives of key facilities in the village – the school, Neighbourhood Watch, together with 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.

Issues for consideration this year are – the community defibrillator, the skateboard facility and parking within the village.

If you have a particular issue you would like to raise please submit your question at least 1 week before the meeting to the Clerk, Dianne Palmer, on 01480 861136 or GtStaughtonParishClerk@outlook.com





Tt's been a while since you have heard from us, so we thought its time we bought you up to date with how your local Rainbow unit has been getting along.

This last year has been busy for Gt. Staughton Rainbows, who meet regularly at Gt Staughton School. Our programme is varied; based mainly around Girlguiding's 'Rainbow Roundabout' resources and these are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The girls have tried all sorts of activities, including nature walks, many craft activities and, of course, their favourite games. On top of that we found time to run a stall at St. Andrew's Church Fate back last June. Then at the beginning of last November 5 of our girls joined with other girls from the St Neots area for a Winter Wonderland activity afternoon run especially for Rainbows, where they played sledge races and bowled over snowmen as well as making Christmas decorations which they took home.

This term we have been enjoying activities from all around the world, including Chopstick races and making Russian dolls, and we even spent a meeting learning how to clean dirty water!

While writing we would like to send our thanks to Gt Staughton School for allowing us to hold our meetings there, and to the Gt Staughton Charities whose generosity has paid our annual Girlguiding membership fees this year and has bought 2 new playshoots for the unit too. So a very big thank you goes from us to both of them.

Rainbows is for girls from the ages of 5 to 7. We would also welcome any enquiries from adults who would like to join us as leaders.

For more information about us visit: <a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk">www.girlguiding.org.uk</a>, and if you are interested in joining us, go to <a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested">www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested</a> to register your interest at the earliest opportunity. Once registered you will be contacted by one of our Leaders.

We would love to hear from you, and new members are always welcome.

Yours in Guiding,

#### Liz Wetzel and Ann Price

Gt Staughton Rainbow Leaders

Email: gtstaughtonrainbows@icloud.com



#### 2016 London Marathon



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#### Matthew Ward

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On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 I will be running the London Marathon to raise money for Crohn's & Colitis UK who provide support for those diagnosed with an Inflammatory Bowel Disease and fund research to find a cure rather than managing symptoms.

I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease back in 2009 and after a tough first year with different medications I have been fortunate enough since to continue what is close to a normal life.

Around my day job I am the treasurer at AFC Rushden & Diamonds since the supporter owned club was formed in 2011 and having started running and given up smoking in March 2015 my wife challenged me with a statement of 'this running won't come to anything'. My foolish, stubborn response led me to apply to run the London marathon!!

As at the start of March I have completed two separate half marathons in Norwich & Cambridge and have raised £675 towards my £2,500 target.

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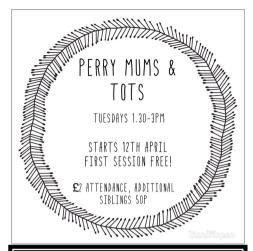
The Friends of St Denys' Church, Colmworth are organising a series of talks in the New Year beginning with a talk by Lt Commander Peter Cobbold, who served as a National Serviceman and then rose through the ranks of the Royal Navy. He is also author of "The National Service Sailor".

This first talk will take place on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 12:30pm at St Denys' Church, Colmworth.

Doors will be open from 11:30am for soup and a hunk of bread included in the cost of £5.

To reserve your tickets contact the Joint-Chair at <a href="mma.pegler@btinternet.com">emma.pegler@btinternet.com</a> or <a href="mailto:01234">01234 376541</a> (leave message on answer phone).

A further series of lunchtime talks will take place in the summer months on a Wednesday on various interesting topics.





## PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

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 Wednesday 27 April. The Parish Councillors will then vote upon the nominations received to determine the successful person or persons accordingly.

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## Minutes of the Gt Staughton Village Hall Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016

Apols: Liz Wetzel, Mike Keeble, David Palmer.

Present: Kevin Fisk (Chair), Bob Jewell, Vicki Goldsmith, Doris & Ken Dainty, Tricia Richards, Jackie Wilkie, Helen Glanville, Lesley Spafford.

MA: Guttering quote £720. Need permission from next door to access side. Downpipe may need replacing. Action KF & BJ Steve Barker to carry out work.

Bowls Club: Carpet design shown, measurements taken & size agreed 26". Ken to make a cover.

Apologies are given to the Friendship Club for the damage to their handicraft work, shall be moved to entrance hall.

Debris has not been cleared from back outside. VG to ask Pete.
Smoke alarms.
Action HG
Table parts re order.
Action VG

Difibulater now fitted on wall by door. Thank you to Graham Lancaster. First Training: 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. DVD available a sign to go up. Action BJ

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance £3,835.14 Audit Feb 2016.

Bookings Report: Simon Page of Titanium Fireworks holding a weekend conference. Booking charge £200. Wedding Bookings charge £100. Outside light: still being left on occasionally. Reminder: switch off please!

WI: hall temperature has been fine.

OM: Vicki had an accident in kitchen. A high fridge switch had been turned off. A light fell on Vicki s head and subsequently she hurt her back.

Please all group members only come into hall at your allotted time. If you do require access you must make arrangements with Vicki first. Anyone with keys for hall that they no longer require should return them to Vicki or a committee member. Thank you.

Emergency lights all fine, checked by Graham Lancaster. Thank you Graham.

Friendship Club were short of plates for Christmas dinner. Bob bought a few. FC also asked for paper towels. These have been ordered.

Thank you s for MY & Cathy Wilson. Action HG

Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2016 @ 8PM



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Gill Broome



We've had a busy term again here at Great Staughton Primary Academy. We celebrated Diwali, completed the RSPB Big Birdwatch, learnt lots and had fun with several visitors to whole-school assemblies, Years 5 and 6 have welcomed a visitor from NSPCC and we have all enjoyed an e-safety training day.

We plan to finish the term on a high with a sponsored mile for Sports Relief on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and our Easter service in church with Reverend Judi on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Last weekend, we held a family Groundforce Day and lots of people came along to help us improve our outdoor learning area even more. We now have two wonderful raised beds which we will use to grow vegetables and our polytunnel is almost ready too. We are all excited about receiving some seeds which have been on the Space Station with Tim Peak. We are looking forward to taking part in an experiment with him and lots of other schools!







Suzi Whiting Head of School Great Staughton Primary Academy



#### BLPSPA IMPORTANT

## <u>PROPOSALS FOR THE FULL MERGER OF THE PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION</u> OF

#### **BUCKDEN AND LITTLE PAXTON SURGERIES**

Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries have been run by the same medical team for nearly 10 years. To rationalise all the functions associated with them, the Buckden and Little Paxton Patients' Association Committee (BLPSPA) have commissioned a new logo – see above. It has put forward the following proposals:

- Little Paxton should have an additional member to represent it on the committee – this is in place
- \* at least one committee meeting per calendar year to be held at Little Paxton
- \* BLPSPA should have representation at community events held at Little Paxton
- \* that all funds from events be administered by the treasurer of the association
  - \* existing funds being held for Little Paxton to be spent to increase the amenities for patients at the surgery e.g. purchase of a bench for the lobby or another armchair or bike racks as funds and planning allows
  - \* remaining funds and all monies generated from future fundraising events to be deposited with the treasurer into the BLPSPA account to be spent as appropriate and approved by the committee
- \* To hold a celebration event to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surgery at Little Paxton which will be open to the community.

We hope the above will clarify the position of the BLPSPA in the two village locations. If you have any further comment, please contact

#### f.sheringham@btinternet.com

Flora Sheringham, Chair, BLPSPA February 2016

#### **Activities for Families & Young People at Grafham Water**

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(ADULT & YOUTH)
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Session 5 April 2016 Alternate Saturdays (2pm – 4.30pm) – First Session 12 March

No previous experience is necessary for any of our water based clubs – so whether you are a complete beginner or more expert, these clubs will give you the chance to develop your skills in a club environment whilst having fun with friends! Call Ali on 01480 810521 for information on any of our clubs. £15 annual membership then £12 per session (£16 for adults or non-members)

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## Back in the Day

#### Parish Magazine 1943

In Ivy Sturgeon's entertaining piece last month on the birth of Life magazine, she made brief mention of Life's predecessor, the Great Staughton Parish Magazine. I have in front of me Issue No 221, dated November 1943, and on sale for twopence. It was of course principally a church magazine in those days, under the vicar, The Reverend Canon JW Wragg M.A. (Oxon). Officials of the church contained many well-known names - Duberly, Day, Lack, Gray, Willmer, Button and more.

The magazine obviously had much religious content but there are some surprising items too. A homily on Debt, Credit and the Christian, which would be well worth reprinting today. Marcus Woodward wrote about Some Favourite Birds. A Christmas competition invited readers to make soft toys which would be sent to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. More exciting

fare is offered by way of a serial story, by HF Winter and entitled A Matter of Doubt. A helpful synopsis explained the story so far. It was already pretty advanced as by November 1943 we had reached Chapter XXIII. The magazine included advertisements, amongst others, for Kolynos dental cream, and Borwick's Baking Powder.

Meanwhile, housewives who have less time for housework as they do wartime duties will find Mansion Polish helpful. The back cover contained adverts for Smith & Sons "Undertakers and decorators", Frank W Lack, Grocer and General Dealer, DL Mumford, Grocer and Draper, amongst several others.

I have a number of these magazines. Is there any interest amongst Life readers for more extracts?

Anthony Withers (861224)

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We have been having someone riding a horse on our footpath behind Vicarage Walk. Whoever is doing it cannot read as we have two notice boards which says; NO HORSES PLEASE. I wonder if they can read or are they wearing dark glasses?

MRS. J. HACKETT

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#### "THANK YOU LETTER"

On my recent retirement from Gt. Staughton School, I was presented with some wonderful presents, from the children, of which I will always treasure.

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the children and Parents who made this lovely day possible and to have been amongst such a good bunch of kids, so kind and considerate at all times.

#### PERCY HOPKINS

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(11)

#### CLUB NEWS

#### GREAT STAUGHTON AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

By the time this is published we will have held the ACM and, weather permitting, be well into another season. Subscriptions are due on the 1st April each year and we would very much like to have them paid as soon as possible. Please note that the court lock will be changed on 29th May 1994. New members are very welcome. If anybody would like to join us or would like more details please contact Zena Russell or Mike Keeble. Hopefully club play will get into full swing very soon. We will retain the same club play sessions as last season. That is Wednesday for Ladies night, Thursdays for Mens night and general club play Sunday afternoons. Hope to see you on court.

MIKE KEEBLE

#### KYM VALLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Thirty members attended the Annual General Meeting on 25th March. The secretary reported on club progress, functions etc., for the past year. The treasurer reported a healthy balance sheet. The existing officers and committee were re-elected unanimously. Leslie Smith, Vice Chairman presented Dave Gait, Chairman a gold fountain pen on behalf of club members to mark his early retirement from the civil service. After the meeting was closed a buffet supper was enjoyed, catered by The Tavern.

EVE GAIT SECRETARY

#### NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

The club meeting on 12th April provided a useful forum for members to discuss a recently received questionnaire from Age Concern. Some lively thoughts on poor public transport facilities, health care, housing and other related topics were passed to Ena van Win and should provide the basis for a constructive reply. Remember the AGM is on Tuesday May 10th at 2pm when Annual Subscriptions are due and there is the opportunity of electing a new committee.

New members are required and will be made most welcome.

#### GREAT STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Plant Sale

Follwing last years successful event we are holding another plant sale this year. It will be held on Saturday 28th May 1994 at 69. The Green, Great Staughton from 2pm until 5pm. If you have any spare plants that you would like to sell please bring them along. We would request that a donation, in the region of 10 per cent of the proceeds of the sale, be made to the Society. Any donations of plants to be sold for Society funds will be gratefully accepted. If you would like any further information please contact Barbara Keeble on 860855.

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

#### HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016

at 7.30 p.m. at Perry Baptist Church





Councillor Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman Councillor Emma Prew (EP) Councillor Kate Merrell (KM) Councillor David Prew (DP) Councillor John Cranston (JC) Councillor Peter Lawrence (PL) Martin Wilson – Clerk

#### **County & District Councillors:**

Councillor Peter Downes and John Morris

#### Members of the public:

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

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

15/203 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies had been received from Councillor Sue Astle, Stuart Impey, Bill Wetzell and District Councillor Patricia Jordan.

#### 15/204 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: None

15/205 Presentation by Joanne Philpott of HACT: Joanne Philpott from HACT gave a presentation on the service that they provided and stated that at present the service was free within Cambridgeshire for those people with a bus pass. Membership of the scheme was £15 a year. Younger people could use the service provided that they paid the advertised price. Groups could hire vehicles with a driver and there was no restriction on distance.

15/206 **Public Forum on Agenda Items:** A member of the public did not think that the purchase and use of a mobile Beacon within the village was a viable use of money. The Clerk explained that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

15/207 **County / District Councillor Update:** The County Council had met to discuss the budget for the next financial year and had agreed upon a 2% increase which for a band D house would mean an extra £22 per annum. Boundary changes in 2017 would result in a decrease of county councillors from 69 to 61. This would result in new divisions and Perry was currently in a group of seven parishes would be in a group of twenty two under the

HDC had had their budget meeting and agreed upon a 0% increase in the Council tax for 2016/17

15/208 **Police Update:** There was no update from the Police.

15/209 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February: EP proposed and DP seconded that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

#### 15/210 Matters Arising: None

15/211 **Community Watch:** Now that the Perry and Gaynes Hall Community Watch Group had disbanded there was a requirement to re-establish a Neighbourhood Watch Group. PL expressed a wish to look into this matter and the Clerk would send the details

15/212 **Defibrillator:** EP stated that the matter was progressing however she was awaiting confirmation from the local charity that they would support the application and how much they were prepared to offer in the way of funding.

#### 15/213 Clerks Report:

Web Site – A total of 10 companies had been approached and asked to quote against a specification. All but one had provided a tender document. After evaluating the tenders DP, JC and the Clerk had narrowed the companies down to three and a further set of questions had been put to those companies. Responses had been received and the company offering the best deal both financially and to the specification was Parish Council Websites. The initial cost would be £649 for the set up of the web site, £4.20 a year for the domain name and then £120 a year from year two for hosting and maintenance of the site.

EP proposed and JC seconded that the Clerk progress the web site with Parish Council Websites. This was agreed by all.

Annual Assembly - The Annual Assembly would take place on Wednesday 6 April commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Councillors then agreed the list of invitees and the Clerk would invite the relevant parties.

HDC Digitising Plans - HDC had digitised the plans of grass cutting areas within the village and would provide a copy to the Clerk once all completed.

#### 15/214 Correspondence Report:

Pensions Regulator – A letter of confirmation had been received from the Pensions Regulator stating that Perry Parish Council had discharged its duty.

HDC Precept - The Clerk had received confirmation of the Precept for next vear (£12,200) This would be £46.92 for a Band D household...

15/216 Finance & Legal Matters: The Clerk

#### 15/215 Meetings Attended: None

requested payments as follows:

77/15 Perry Baptist Church -February Meeting £20.00 78/15 ICO Renewal £35.00 79/15 Yellow Toner Cartridge £20.00 80/15 Office Depot Stationery £41.06 81/15 Black Toner Cartridges x 2 £59.00 82/15 Pressure Washers x 2 £26.88 83/15 Life & Diaries Donation £500.00 84/15 East Anglian Air Ambulance

St Andrews Church Donation £300.00 86/15 Handyman February Salary £40.20

Donation

85/15

87/15 Clerk Salary January

£200.00

£400.00 88/15 **HMRC** February

£100.00

89/15 Perry Baptist Church March £20 00 Meetina

JC proposed and KM seconded that the payments be made. This was agreed by all Councillors.

Bank Account Reconciliation - This was unavailable due to the fact that the Bank statement hadn't been received by the Clerk

Expenditure Reconciliation - This had been circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk but was subject to change once the bank statement had been received

15/198 Planning Matters A planning application had been received that day for the Grafham Water Centre Mountain Bike Area. The Clerk to arrange a meeting for the application to be discussed.

The Clerk highlighted the changes that were effective from 1st April when hard copies of the plans would no longer be sent. The Clerk to enquire of the Water Centre if they had an lap top projector that could be used ion their premises when the need arises.

#### 15/218 Parish / Village Matters

Working Party - Grass Cutting - quote had been received from HDC for the next season which was £146 for the current season. The Clerk to draw up a specification including Gaynes Hall.

Allotments – no further progress however the matter to be taken up with the MoJ and Carrillon to see if there was any available land that they currently owned.

Clean for the Queen – The equipment for the clean had been ordered from HDC and was due for delivery the day before. The Clerk hoped that as many Councillors as possible would assist with this project.

Queens 90th Birthday - An email had been sent to Anglian Water, The Sailing Club and Grafham Water Centre all of whom confirmed that they were not planning on anything to celebrate the Queens birthday however they would support the village in anything it decided to undertake. Perry Baptist Church would however be holding a service in June.

Grafham Water 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - The Sailing Club had informed the Council that they would be undertaking a 12 hour race to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grafham Water being open. Anglian Water were also planning on some event to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and would contact the Clerk as soon as further details were available

Perry Baptist Church Footpath – The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Grafham Water Centre and they were happy for the church members to use the car park at the top of their field on a weekly basis each Sunday.

<u>Liz Razzell (BEM) Presentation</u> – The Clerk had been in contact with the Lord Lieutenants office and it had been agreed to hold the presentation in the village. A date of Friday 27 May had been suggested. The Clerk had been and seen Liz Razzell who had confirmed the date to be acceptable. The Clerk to book the Water Centre.

<u>Street Lighting</u> - No further action until more detail received.

<u>Tree Warden – Planting</u> – the two trees were arriving on Tuesday 8 March and would be planted that day, subject to the weather. A bag of compost would be required.

<u>Gaynes Park</u> – Street Lighting and Grass cutting – The clerk had written three times to Martin Coates of the Estates Department of the Ministry of Justice and received a response today stating he no longer had responsibility for this matter and responsibility lay with HMP Littlehev.

Footpaths - no further info.

<u>Dog Bin- Valley Road</u> – The clerk stated that the post had been installed and he was waiting for the concreate to 'go off' before attaching the bin.

<u>Dog Poo Bags / Dispensers</u> – a money box was now in the Shop for donations for the purchase of bags. The Clerk was still looking into a more suitable dispenser.

Pedestrian Crossing Sign – Following the site meeting with the Cambridgeshire County Council representative feedback has been received and NN proposed and EP seconded that the Clerk progress this with CCC. All councillors were in agreement.

<u>Speedwatch</u> – a letter had been received from Paul Cole requesting a new village coordinator as Ian Burton was stepping down. The Clerk volunteered to undertake this role and would establish the necessary contact.

Emergency Vehicle Access to AWA land – No further information had been received on this. The Clerk to follow up with Anglian Water.

Road Sweepers – the information had been circulated to Councillors

<u>Parking on Grass - Cambridgeshire County</u> Council would be writing to the residents concerned following their visit to the village.

15/219 **Parish Plan** <u>Bench</u> – the bench was still to be installed at the end of Chichester Way.

<u>Community Recognition Award</u> – The Clerk stated that last year the WI had put forward the nominations at which the Councillors had then voted upon. The Clerk suggested that nominations be asked for from Villagers via the Life & Diaries magazine and then Councillors vote accordingly. This was agreed

Action Plan – Come and meet the Councillors the first of the new initiatives

The Clerk to investigate when the Water Centre had its next open day so that the Councillors could potentially have a room and hold an open forum.

<u>Councillor Profiles</u> – To be included on the web site. The Clerk to provide a template to all councillors for completion.

15/221 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting. The next meeting would be on Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. (Annual Assembly)

Carrillon presentation at May meeting Cleaning of BT phone box

The meeting closed at 9:29 p.m.

#### St. Neots United Reformed Church

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## Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2016 in the Pavilion

#### Present:

Sir H Duberly (HD) (Chair)
J Bowen (JB)
K Fisk (KF)
G Gilbert (GG)
R Jewell (RJ)
D Moore (DM)
W Mumford (WM)
A Withers (AW)
D Palmer (DP) (Clerk)
Joanne Reid (JR) (Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> April)
Also present were County Councillor Peter
Downes (PD) and District Councillor
Jonathan Gray (JG).

#### Residents' Forum

None present.

HD introduced Joanne Reid, who will be taking on the role of Clerk from April, to all Councillors

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from N Yates (NY).

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016

The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed.

#### 3. Matters Arising

b/f – RJ said defibrillator training had taken place in the village hall with 13 residents from various organisations attending. A DVD was supplied to everyone so that they could feed back information to their organisations. It was hoped that another training course would take place later in the year. RJ expressed thanks to the Pope Nurses Charity which supported the provision of the defibrillator and training. HD thanked RJ for organising the defibrillator and training.

b/f – Parish Matters – KF has a meeting with the village school later in the week.

**Action: KF** 

Item 13 – Parish Matters – a letter was received from the Environment Agency in response to the suggestion that the river

should be cleaned. The Environment Agency said this work is down to the riparian land owners and they also mentioned that spraying weeds is done by them on a regular basis. It was felt the river needs to be dredged to ensure that unnecessary flooding does not happen.

Action: HD/DP

Item 13 – Parish Matters – the Horticultural Society has been contacted regarding the suggestion for a decorated Christmas Tree and it will be discussed at their next meeting. **Action: DP** 

## **4. Attendance at other meetings** RJ mentioned that NY attended the recent Hunts Forum and she had circulated a

report of the meeting.

#### 5. Planning

Applications received: 15/023704/REM -Land to rear of 59/61 The Highway – access, layout & erection of dwelling - agreed. 16/00076/HHFUL- Gaynes Lodge Farm (HD declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings) – Erect a lean-to machinery store - agreed. 16/00083/HHFUL - 26 Dillington - new 2 storey extension – agreed. 16/00021/HHFUL - The Old Coach House, The Town – Additional garage & alterations to the barn – agreed. 16/00255/HHFUL - 3 Smiths Yard - single storey extension & front porch – agreed. 16/00225/HHFUL & 16/00226/LBC Place House, The Town - Kitchen extension, demolition of 1950s two storey extension (HD declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings) – agreed.

JG said discussions are taking place relating to the new Local Plan for Huntingdonshire. However, at present further information is required. JG mentioned the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March that is open to all.

HD asked about the site at Hail Weston and JG has asked that the conditions of the planning permission are observed, particularly as the area is on a flood plain.

#### 6. Highways

HD asked PD for support with the request to Cambs CC to improve the junction of The Highway and Causeway to slow down traffic leaving The Highway. DP to copy email to PD. Action: PD/DP

It is not known when the Zebra crossing will be installed but a diagram of the position has been approved.

AW and DM attended the meeting to support the application for the Highway Improvement Grant. Unfortunately, the application has not been successful this year. AW expressed concern about the relatively high cost to install the 40mph sign further out of the village = £3,000 and asked PD for a breakdown. PD said approx. £1,000 of this sum would be legal costs to advertise the change in speed limit. Following discussion, it was agreed to apply again for this work which already has the approval of the police.

**Action: Clerk** 

Two residents have written regarding problems with surface water on Cage Lane. WM and HD have visited the area and recommend cleaning the ditches. A broken culvert is causing some problems. RJ said the ditch coming down from Cage Lane is blocked. Ian Winfield from Cambs CC has offered to meet with Councillors to discuss the problems. RJ and WM will liaise with Mr Winfield. **Action: RJ/WM** 

JB mentioned parking on The Highway opposite the surgery and AW said there is also inconsiderate parking on and near the sharp bends in Beachampstead Road. AW will put something in Life.

**Action: AW** 

WM asked whether parking difficulties could be considered when planning applications are submitted to ensure there is sufficient parking for new properties. HD suggested that parking is discussed at the Parish Assembly. **Action: DP** 

An email has been received regarding 'street furniture' appearing in Dillington. Wooden posts have been placed on the verges which are the property of Cambs CC. **Action: DP** 

## 7. Report from County & District Councillors

JG mentioned that the Budget meeting had been held at Hunts DC. A surplus

budget had been set for the next financial year, but JG noted that the surplus is likely to be eroded in future years by the reduction in Government grant. HDC decided to freeze its portion of the Council Tax for this year. AW asked what was the level of reserves at Hunts DC and JG said there is a working reserve of approx. £5,000,000 after the allocated reserves had been deducted.

JG also informed the meeting that the Cycle Tour of Cambridgeshire will return in 2016 and will probably be bigger than last year. The event takes place during the first weekend in July and he will inform the Parish Council which roads will be affected.

**Action: JG** 

JG said there is an organisation contacting people offering to arrange a revaluation on their property for a fee. This service is available free of charge from the Valuation Office. Information to go on the website.

Action: RJ

JG said Devolution is being discussed by the central government but at present this does not affect Huntingdonshire District Council.

PD informed the meeting that Cambs CC held a meeting to discuss the budget and it has been agreed to implement an increase of 2% although the Liberal, Labour and Independent Councillors had proposed a 4% increase to cover important services. HD asked whether this would have an impact on Great Staughton? PD thought the worst cuts would be on Social Services and care. People will lose out through the cuts which will be imposed and the responsibility will move to a local level. PD has produced a summary of the budget and will email a copy.

Action: PD/DP

It was suggested that some support could be given via the Parish Charities and this may also be available to Perry residents. For discussion at the Annual Parish Assembly. **Action: DP** 

PD reminded the meeting of the changes to the County Council boundaries which will mean that from 2017 Great Staughton will be part of the Alconbury and Kimbolton ward. He expressed concern about how a Councillor will be able to support such a large number of parishes. HD thanked JG and PD for their attendance at the meeting.

#### 8. Correspondence

Received 19 Jan – Jo Philpott, HACT, - re-quest to attend Parish Assembly - yes 22 Jan – Ian Sims, Hunts DC – Confirmation of precept at £16,500. 22 Jan - Steve McGee, Cambs CC - Zebra crossing approval given by police. 29 Jan - Local Boundary Commission – re Electoral review of Huntingdonshire. 02 Feb - Jane Cantwell, Cambs CC - re school crossing patrols. 08 Feb – Frank Backhouse – stepping down as NHW co-ordinator. 01 Mar - Cambs Roadwatch questionnaire - DM to return. 15 Jan – Mr G Holgate – reply to planning 18 Ján – Mike Keeble – re decorated Christmas tree for 2016 22 Jan – Highways Dept, Cambs CC – registered RJ & DM for community gritting scheme. 22 Jan – Jacob Jaarsma, Hunts DC – request to apply for paper copies of planning applications if needed.

## 9. Cheques in and out since January 2016:

Income:

Nil

Expenditure:

R Payne	£212.00
Bystånder (Ad)	£42.00
D´Palmer (Feb´& Mar)	£447.88
Frank Backhouse ´	£51.00
Petty cash	£72.33

Total <u>£825.21</u>

Balance in Community account = £2,098.79.

All Councillors received a copy of the cashbook prior to the meeting. HD & RJ confirmed they had seen a copy of the

reconciled cashbook up to 29<sup>th</sup> February and approved it.

10. Affordable Housing

Frank Backhouse attended the Community Land Trust Conference and circulated a report. HD mentioned that now that the government has issued an exemption for Community Land Trusts from the 'right to buy' scheme work will continue on the affordable housing proposal.

#### 11. Reports from:

Village Hall Committee

Mervyn Young stepped down as chair at the AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> January and KF was elected as the new Chair. KF said that there appears to be a problem with a downpipe and he is looking into this. Sincere thanks were expressed to Mervyn Young for his years of service as chair of the village hall committee.

Playing Field Committee
NY circulated a report prior to the meeting expressing concern at the reduced number of bookings for the pavilion which will lead to reduced income. New applications are being submitted to replace the play equipment. RJ has put forward a suggestion to be discussed with the school whereby the pavilion utilise their broadband facility. It was hoped that this would lead to greater usage of the pavilion for such things as an internet café or training purposes.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)
DM said there has not been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.
JB said the NHW newsletter is still not being delivered to Green Close.

Action: DM

Speed Watch

DM informed the meeting that the equipment is out of service at the moment.

#### 12. Litter Pick

AW and WM said that the village has now taken part in the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign. Over 30 volunteers worked on the day to collect approximately 60 bags of rubbish. WM pointed out there

were items which had been left by highway contractors and felt this should be pointed out to Cambs CC Highways Department. **Action: DP/PD**HD expressed thanks to all those involved including Nick and Caroline at The Tavern for providing supper for many of the volunteers.

## 13. Update on recruitment of new Clerk

HD said the recent advert had attracted 5 good candidates and, following interviews by HD and RJ, he is delighted to inform Coun-

cillors that Joanne Reid is now going to take on the role from April. HD asked for approval for JR to attend a one day training session specifically for new clerks. This was approved.

**Action: Clerk** 

#### 14. Parish Matters

It has been reported that a Peugeot registration R75 YAV appears to have been abandoned on a verge on the Green. Clerk to report to the District Council.

Action: DP

HD asked JB to ask the owner whether the overhanging hedge near to the corner of The Highway and Green Lane could be cut back on the side which abuts the pavement. **Action: JB** 

RJ reported the street light is not working on The Highway where the garage used to be. **Action: DP** 

RJ said that the gritting equipment provided by Cambs CC is now stored in the garage next to the pavilion. If the gritting bins need topping up the clerk has contact details. It was agreed to ask for another bin to be placed on Green Lane near to the position of the new Zebra crossing. **Action: DP** 

RJ reminded the meeting that, under the transparency code effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Parish Council is legally obliged to place further information on the website relating to spending and the accounts. It was agreed to comply as a matter of urgency.

#### Action: RJ/DP

AW asked whether Councillors had noticed any reaction to the pink spray. KF thought there were less occasions of dog fouling in the village. JB had received extremely positive feedback from parents of young children who now felt more confident letting their children walk on the pavements.

WM reported that some of the drains on the side of the road on The Green/Perry Road are blocked.

**Action: DP** 

## 14. Annual Parish Assembly 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. RJ asked for the Parish Council budget to be included as an item. Agreed to be included under Item 4.

**Dates of meetings for 2016** 6<sup>th</sup> April (Annual Parish Assembly)

#### ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON

#### ANNUAL CHURCH FETE JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 2pm - The OLD VICARAGE

#### Please put the date in your diaries now.

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#### Dear Friends,

be all know that the weather is a topic we talk about frequently but today really has been a beautiful day with bright sunshine if a chilly wind.

But that chilly wind put a smile on my face this afternoon! Why? Because I have just been out into the garden to bring in the towels from the washing line all dry and smelling of fresh air!

The weather is a frequent topic for us as it varies so much throughout the year. Just a few days ago we were facing flooded roads and some people had their property flooded too and the speed with which the water rose in the rivers made us realise how devastating and dangerous floods can be.

The disruption caused by that short period of flooding also made me think how much we take for granted, for suddenly that Wednesday night many people were struggling to make their

journey home; emergency services were at full stretch and properties were at risk.

But today at the same time of day as the rivers were overflowing a few days ago, the sky is clear the water has receded and there is the beginning of a beautiful sunset. A reminder for us that even in the darkest days of our lives Gods love will shine through and guide us on our journey when we trust him. And when we find ourselves smiling at a simple task like gathering in dry washing perhaps we can give thanks for the variation we enjoy in our weather!

## With love and prayers *Judi*



#### CHURCH SERVICES **MARCH 2016**

#### ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON

STILL STILL OF STILL STILL STILL		
Sun April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.30am	Family Worship	
Sun April 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.30an	n Parish Communion	
Weds April 13th 5.30pn	n Evening Prayer	
Sun April 17 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Parish Communion	
_	with 'Play & Pray'	
Sun April 24th 10.30an	n Parish Communion	

#### ST NICOLAS HAIL WESTON

Sun April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00pm Family Worship
Weds April 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Morning Prayer
	followed by coffee
Sun April 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Parish Communion
Sun April 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Parish Communion

#### ALL SAINTS LITTLE STAUGHTON

Sun April 3rd Parish Communion Sun April 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm Family Worship





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PALM SUNDAY
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am...Liturgy of the Palms and Parish Communion Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April **7.00pm**......Compline

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY at ST NICOLAS CHURCH HAIL WESTON

**8.00pm** Holy Communion followed by Vigil

#### GOOD FRIDAY

3<sup>rd</sup> April **10am...**Family Walk & Easter Egg Hunt **12.15pm – 2.00pm** Church quiet for private prayer 2.00pm Devotional Service

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April **8.00am** Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion

#### **PLAY & PRAY 2016**

DID YOU KNOW that a group for 4-11 year olds called Play & Pray takes place once a month at St. Andrew's Church.

We meet on the third Sunday of each month during the morning service starting at 10.30am. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Our meeting dates for the coming months are:

#### April 17th

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# GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH – NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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undamaged. This leads to the criminals simply walking off with the bike with no effort. Please check what you lock your bike to is secure.

#### Counting the costs

- \* It can often be forgotten how valuable a bicycle can be, its often only when we come to replace them that true cost is felt, a basic new bike from a high street retailer may start at about £100, however one stolen from a recent event was closer to £4.500
- Bikes can often be left outside a shop or a person's home when the owner goes inside just for

something small, with that kind of window of opportunity a thief will not need asking twice.

#### **Bike Security**

- \* Register your bike for free at https://www.bikeregister.com/ create an account, upload some pictures of your bike which could make identifying it easier should it be stolen.
- Get a bike marking kit / have you frame marked by the Police / NHW
- Use a Police approved lock
- Acquire a bike specific insurance which will covert theft and damage, annual cover can start from as little as £15
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If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please speak to one of the Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group:
Caroline Taylor - 869365
Mike Keeble - 860855
John Wakefield - 01480 860314
David Moore - 861195,
Frank Backhouse - 861167
Or by email via
frankbackhouse@yahoo.co.uk.

#### READ MORE

See our monthly newsletters through your door, at the Surgery, on village notice boards, the Parish website <a href="mailto:greatstaughton.com/">greatstaughton.com/</a> and our Facebook page "Great Staughton Neighbourhood Watch".

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#### Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906 Moderator Rev Roger Watkins 01480 810168

Sunday Services at 10.30am each Sunday Website www.perrybaptist.org.uk

#### All Welcome

#### Dear all,

By the time you read this Easter will have been and gone. The clocks will have changed and Summer will hopefully be on its way. As a Church we had a full programme over Easter and just before then we enjoyed our own Songs of Praise without the cameras! This went very well and we will be repeating this again at a later date. Then we hope villagers will come along and join in helping us sing old and new hymns and songs of praise.

We are now well into planning for the rest of the year. Part of this planning is a service to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on the afternoon of 12th June. Please put this in your diary and join us at that service. Before then we will be distributing around the village a booklet about the Queen's life. In her 2014 Christmas broadcast the Queen said "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birthday we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor for my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none" It is one of the many recent public references the Queen has made to

her Christian faith. The Servant Queen and the King She Serves uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of the trust in Jesus Christ. Please accept this as a gift from the Church and read how the Queen relies on her personal faith in her everyday life.

It is a fascinating insight into how the Queen lives and has some very good photos as well. If you would like to find out more about this book, do not live in Perry or order more copies for yourself visit www.hopetogether.org.uk. There you will find more information and resources to celebrate this milestone celebration in the Queen's life.

I do hope that you will be able to make one of our regular Sunday services. We will be delighted to see you. Also do take a look at our notice board when you pass the Church.

> Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord, **Tony Whitlock**

## Services and Preachers for April 2016:

3rd Marco Reale 10th Tony Whitlock 17th Rev R Watkins 24th Paul Searle

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Clubs & Activities :	Telephone Prefix: 01480	
Great Staughton W.I	Barbara Wallis: 214582	
Perry WI:		
West Hunts Friendship Club		
(Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall)		
St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30)		
Perry Friendship Circle		
Great Staughton Book ClubSandra Allen		
Horticultural Society	Mike Keeble: 860855	
Email: m	.keeble855@btinternet.com	
Lions Club (Hunts Grafham Water Branch)Bernar	d Dable: 810704/07969 207227	
Kimbolton Flower Club	Carol Grundy: 01832 710339	
Brampton Scale Model Club: Wed 7.30-9.30pm	Dave Gait: 861387	
Perry Photographic Club		
Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle		
CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS		
Busybees Baby & Toddler Group		
(Wednesdays 10:00am -11:30am, Gt. Staughton Vill	age Hall - Run by SURESTART)	
Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go		
http://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk a		
Gt. Staughton Primary Academy		
Gt Staughton Youth Club		
Kimbolton Beavers/ Cub Scouts/ Explorer Scouts		
Kimbolton Scouts	-	
Piglets Pre-School		
SPORTS' CLUBS		
Badminton Club	Steven Prince: 07521 509596	
Mondays, 8pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall.		
Gt. Staughton Cricket Club		
Gt. Staughton Golf SocietyD	erek Fitzgibbon: 01480 861234	
Kym Valley Carpet Bowls		
	l: dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk	
	80pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall	
Grafham Water Sailing Club	Club Office: 810478	
VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES		
Grafham Wildlife GroupSam N	Malt: Day:810844 / Eve: 811654	
HIGHWAYMAN Social Car Service	<b>07786 520540</b> 4-7pm weekdays	
[see opposite page] For all your transport need	s, charged at 30 pence per mile	
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Dawn Auton: 07985 925761	
Patient Participation Group Gt St)	Loraine Harris: 860770	
	Email: loraine.harris@nhs.net	
Village Hall Vicky Gold	dsmith - 860005 / 07739 469243	
Pavilion		
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—PERRY: Maggie Putnam 731785

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Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770 Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205

Buckden Surgery 810 216 HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL: 416 416

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