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Looking Ahead

Saturday July 21st.....*Gala Day 2018*

Saturday August 25th.....*Gt Staughton Horticultural Show*



Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2018:

22 March, Parish Assembly 19 April, AGM 10 May, 5 July, 27 September, 15 November

Perry Parish Council Meetings 2018:

7 February, 7 March, 11 April (Annual Assembly), 16 May (Annual Meeting), 13 June, 4 July, 1 August, 12 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December

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Editorial Natter...

Welcome to another edition,



Being the first time I've seen you since the festive period, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Rob took charge of the last 2 editions so I'm back in the hot seat after a couple of months off.

It looks like we have another exciting edition this month, plenty of lovely content for you to cast your eyes over. A very important entry regarding Affordable Housing on Page 24, if you live in Gt Staughton I'd have a good read soon.

This months cover photo was taken by my fellow editor Rob during the recent floods. Taken by the bridge near the church, it shows just how high the river raised in a very short period of time. Enjoy the magazine, I will see you again in April!

This issue was edited by Shaun

Great Staughton Parish Councillors

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Sir Hugh Duberly	860305
Geoff Gilbert.....	509788
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Minutes of meetings can be found on
the village website:
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Treasurers Corner

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Pots this month and a lovely over the festive season total of £32.61. Thank you for adding to the Pots over Christmas and the New Year, it all adds up!

Helen

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West Hunts Friendship Club

100 Club winners for December 2017

Number	Name	Prize
22	Lesley Hayes	£50
61	Margaret Emeleus	£25
48	Anthony Withers	£15
51	Hugh Duberly	£10

100 Club winners for January 2018

Number	Name	Prize
99	John Gordon	£50
1	Sheila Morton	£25
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We meet the 4th
Monday of every month,
2.30pm at
Perry Church

Unfortunately no meeting in February.

**GREAT
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SOCIETY**



What will this month bring weather wise? This area has had more snow in December than we have had for many years, this being followed by gale force winds and heavy rain in early January. As I sit writing this I what is to follow ? Traditionally February used to be known, in the countryside, as "February Fill Dyke", due to snow melt and heavy rain.

Already several varieties of snowdrop and winter aconites are in bloom. These cheer us up on dull, dark days. Daffodils are beginning to emerge, and early tulips will be next. Not long now until spring and spending time in our gardens and allotments. In the mean time there are many colourful seed and plant catalogues to read, and planting plans to make.

Do look at the Schedule for the 2018 Annual Show which is published in this edition of LIFE. This may influence your seed and plant orders. We do hope you'll plan to enter some of the classes when making up those orders !

*Great Staughton
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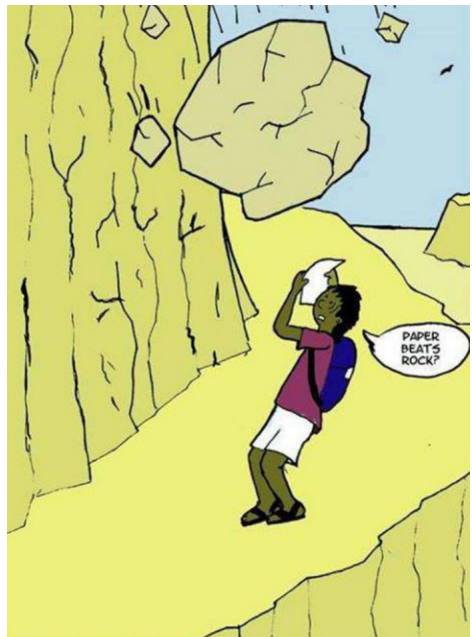


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Friday 2nd
Tuesday 6th
Friday 9th
Tuesday 13th (W.I.)
Friday 16th
Tuesday 20th
Friday 23rd
Tuesday 27th

For more information call :
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dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk

ITEMS FOR SALE

Following a house clearance, I have seven antique books that were collected by my late Father in the 1930's that I feel would be of value to anyone interested in the history of the period leading up to 1937.

To my mind, the best is the highly collectable "CORONATION SOUVENIR BOOK 1937". It chronicles, in words and pictures, the period from the death of King George V, through the abdication of Edward V111, to the Coronation of King George V1.

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Pick up for Perry

Across Britain, the weekend of **2nd/3rd/4th March 2018** has been designated for a litter blitz. Come along for a couple of hours to help give our village a Spring clean and keep it looking beautiful. We plan to do litter-picking around the village and along the cycle path between 10am and 12 noon.

Saturday 3rd March 2018

Meet at 10am outside The Wheatsheaf pub

Please bring your own gloves. Litter-picking sticks, high vis tabards and bin bags will be provided.

March forth and pick litter - for further information please contact Fay Wheatcroft, 16 Rose Croft, Perry on 01480 810734

Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall
10:30 - midday
Every second Tuesday of the month
The next one will be on
Tuesday 13th February
We look forward to seeing you there!

Quiz at The White Hart

The next quiz will be on **Tuesday 6th February** at The White Hart at 7:30pm.

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners. The proceeds will go to the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun. Another good entry last month.

Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person to enter.

Perry Photographic Club



- Did you have a new digital camera recently?
- Are you confused with all the buttons and switches?
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Perry Photographic Club
07788 409301

Gwen Prince

I would like to personally thank all those who attended the funeral of Gwen Prince on 5th January 2018.

Donations at the funeral raised nearly £180 for Wood Green Animal Shelter, thank you!

Gwen was, quite simply, an amazing lady. She was a loving and caring member of our family and the community, and her death has left a large hole in our hearts.

Gwen sadly passed on 15th December 2017 and has now been laid to rest in Gt Staughton Churchyard with her late husband Wally.

Rest in Peace Nanny,
Shaun



KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

The next Flower Club meeting will be on February 20th, at the Mandeville Hall Kimbolton, at 7.30pm.

This will be a flower arranging demonstration by Richard Twiselton entitled 'Purely for Pleasure'.

All welcome, admission for visitors £7.50p, members £2, which includes light refreshments.

For further details please ring Carol on 01832 710339 or Mo on 01480 860202.

**Do you have cats?
Would you like
someone to feed them
while you're away?**



We're a group of Staughton cat owners who'll come to your house once a day while you're away, feed your cats, water your plants and put out your bins. If you would like to join us please email me at:
lupin15.08.70@gmail.com

Gill Broome

Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2018



E meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. First visit is free.

Date	Event	Speaker	Competition Item
February 13th	Wood Green Animal Shelter	Dawn Cox	Favourite Animal item
March 13th	Recycling by Amey	John Crisp	Something reused
April 10th	Tales from Uganda	Margaret Sare	Something African
May 8th	Banjo Man - Group Meeting	Sean Moyses	Anything musical
June 12th	Britains wild flowers	Michael Krause	Something floral
July 10th	EAAA update	Jack Clarkson	Home remedy
August 14th	Informal Dinner		
September 11th	Harvest Supper		Autumnal item
October 9th	History of St Neots	Rodney Todman	Something local
November 13th	New England in the Fall	Chris Smith	Something Colourful
December 11th	Christmas Dinner - Hail Weston to choose		

Perry Women's Institute programme of events 2018



Perry WI is open to all women aged 18+, so come along and meet everyone in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

£41 for a year's membership

First meeting is free for newcomers to "try before you buy"

If you join part way through a year fees are £30.75 for April to Dec, £20.50 for July to Dec and £10.25 for Oct to Dec

2018 DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
12th Feb 7.30pm	Kilt-folding and tartan	Pat Wallace	Perry Baptist Church
12 th Mar 7.30pm	Natural Products at Home for Health & Well-Being	Angela Deavall	The Wheatsheaf
9 th April 7.30pm	HACT Community Transport	Jo Philpott	The Wheatsheaf
14th May 7.30pm	How to wear a Sari and Bollywood Dancing	Sue Rampal	Perry Baptist Church
11th Jun 7.30pm	Conspiracy theory	Andy Thomas	The Wheatsheaf
9 th Jul **** 7pm ****	Archery	Alison Baines	Grafham Water Centre
13 th Aug 7.30pm	No formal meeting – informal ramble followed by drinks at The Wheatsheaf		Meet outside The Wheatsheaf
10 th Sept 7.30pm	Social evening & Quiz	Committee	The Wheatsheaf
8 th Oct 7.30pm	Craft evening	Liz Dive	Perry Baptist Church
12th Nov 7.30pm	Games evening & AGM	Committee	The Wheatsheaf
10 th Dec ***7pm for 7.30pm***	Christmas dinner		The Wheatsheaf



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West Hunts Friendship Club –
Job Vacancy

Due to a change of circumstance there is a part time vacancy at the Friendship Club. The hours are one day a week on Mondays working from approximately 8.30am to 3.00pm at a rate of £11.56 per hour, located at Gt. Staughton Village Hall. Some extra time outside of these hours may be required for administration tasks.

The responsibilities are:

- To care for the wellbeing of our members.
- To organise the voluntary helpers.
- To organise the kitchen and cooking of lunch.
- To order supplies for lunches, drinks and snacks.
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The successful applicant will be used to working with and understanding the needs of the elderly, be able to assist those with some level of disability and must be reasonably fit and healthy.

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Stay Well this Winter

Winter weather can be seriously bad for our health. Being cold can aggravate existing conditions and raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Get expert advice from your pharmacist

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

Make sure you get your free flu jab

Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.

Stock up your medicine cabinet

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

Keep warm

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Get the right help

Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills.

Visit [nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell](https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell) for details.



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Over the next few weeks the Playing Field Committee will be contacting local clubs and organisations to get involved with the preparations. Please do feel free to get in touch if you or your organisation would like to play a part in what will be a fantastic day of family fun and games - hopefully in the summer sun!

Nicole Yates
Playing Field Committee
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Dormice

Our second meeting for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 14th February. As usual this will take place at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our topic will be 'Dormice' and the talk will be given by Ian White of the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species, and Gwen Hitchcock, who is responsible for dormouse monitoring for our Trust. Ian has been involved with the introduction of Dormice throughout the UK and he monitors both nationally and locally. Ian will reveal the secret lives of these enchanting animals and the progress that has been made with their re-introductions.

This should be a really interesting talk for anyone interested in wildlife. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

A history of Staughton

I am currently at work on a history of our village. Many people will be aware that there already exists a history of Great Staughton, written by a vicar of this parish, Rev HG Watson, and published in 1916.

It is an interesting and well-researched book reviewing the history of Staughton from earliest times to the fallen of World War I. Clearly there are many omissions, the most important being the history of the 20th century, plus the many new discoveries about our past, which makes

an update and thorough revision sensible. If anyone would like to help particularly by supplying documents or photographs of the Staughton the 20th century, it would be very welcome. Of particular interest are details of the shops in the village, as well as memories of Christmases past, and holidays, leisure, work, transport, and religious observance.

I hope you can help.

Anthony Withers
861224

aw.staughton@gmail.com

Perry Carol Singing

What a merry band of revellers we were as 29 people met outside The Wheatsheaf on Sunday 17th December to Carol sing our way around the village. Our jaunt was organised by Helen and Martin, who also provided fine gluewein from the back of their car - a truly hospitable beverage on that cold frosty night.

Martin began the festivities by explaining that Helen's idea of Carol singing was simply a lovely way to get to know people and bring a little festive cheer to people who perhaps couldn't get out of their houses in the sometimes treacherous December conditions. We agreed and off we went 10 metres down the road, to stand around our glorious village Christmas tree (small but perfectly formed) to sing our first rousing chorus of 'We wish you a merry Christmas'. From there we took our figgy pudding down towards Roman Way and sang a few more traditional treats - no Santa Baby, and Christmas in the New York drunk tank for us! Then, still clutching songsheets, hot toddies, dogs and some children (all beautifully behaved) we wended our cheery way back, assisted along the way with an increasingly dramatic though somewhat breathless (walking and singing is a skill we still have to fully master) rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas.

We Holly-and-Ivyed,
Little-Town-of-Bethlehemed, and
Hark-the-Heralded (thank you, it's my favourite) our way round several more street corners before finding ourselves as if by some mysterious Carol-singing homing instinct, back at the pub!

Inside, wine - mulled to perfection, mouth watering mince pies, further laughter and Christmas cheer awaited from our fine landlords, Chris and Kay.

A delightful time was had by all and I'm certain that we will return next year (I'm already practising that lung-busting Gloria!). And when we return, please feel free to stick your head out of your door and join in, or join us. The more the merrier! It's too late now (are we not all terrorised by deadlines) to wish you a Happy Christmas, but we wish you a fine New Year.

Parking on the B645

I think it may be worth including a reminder in the next "Life " magazine regarding the parking rules on the B645 between The Causeway and the White Hart. A number of people park in this area while visiting either the doctor's surgery, the hair salon or the White Hart.

This stretch of road has a double white line in the centre of the road with a solid line on the westbound side and a broken line on the eastbound side.

Vehicles do not park on the westbound side due to the solid white line but do park on the eastbound side assuming, as I did before having the law explained to me by a passing police officer, that it is ok due to the broken line.

This apparently is a road traffic offence as Highway Code Rule 240 states that:

*You **MUST NOT** stop or park on a road marked with double white lines, even when a broken white line is on your side of the road, except to pick up or set down passengers, or to load or unload goods.*

I believe this is categorised as "not complying with a road traffic sign" and can result in a Fixed Penalty of £100 and 3 points on their licence.

I do not wish to see anyone who is unaware of this law receive a fine and points therefore I think a reminder would be useful.





Gt. Staughton Rainbows

Meet on Tuesdays
And have spaces

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Girls in Guiding

There are 4 sections in Guiding and information about each of them can be found on our national websites:
[Rainbows](#) (5 - 7); [Brownies](#) (7 - 10); [Guides](#) (10 - 14); [Senior Section](#) (14 - 25).

We would also welcome enquiries from any adults willing to join us as Leaders or unit helpers, or who perhaps have a yearning to start up a Brownie unit for the village.

If you wish to become a member with a local unit, please go the [Join Us](#) pages on the [Girlguiding UK](#) website.



Gt. Staughton Guides

Meet on Wednesdays
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Girls in Guiding

There are 4 sections in Guiding and information about each of them can be found on our national websites:
[Rainbows](#) (5 - 7); [Brownies](#) (7 - 10); [Guides](#) (10 - 14); [Senior Section](#) (14 - 25).

We would also welcome enquiries from any adults willing to join us as Leaders or unit helpers, or who perhaps have a yearning to start up a Brownie unit for the village.

If you wish to become a member with a local unit please go the [Join Us](#) pages on the [Girlguiding UK](#) website.

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Our meeting this month was well attended by the members. The cold weather or illness, did not keep them away.

Our speaker was Chris Hall, who gave us a talk entitled, 'The Wonderful Arctic.' He began by putting on all the layers of clothes that he wore on his trips, to show us how he kept warm. His talk was very interesting, and included a film showing polar bears and walrus in their natural habitat. There were a lot of photographs, of these animals, and some of wonderful views.

Our competition was a 'Winter Item', which was won by Barbara Herdman, second was Karen Larkins, and third was Sue Nobles.

In December, our members had their annual Christmas dinner at The Wheatsheaf Pub, Perry, and had a very enjoyable evening. As well as a lovely meal, the members were all given a 'lucky dip' present. The overall winners for the competitions, were presented with their prizes. First prize went given to Joyce Giles, second was Jean Pentney, and third Maggie Dudman. Congratulations to the three winners, who brought such interesting items every month.

Our meeting next month is on February 13th, when we welcome a speaker from Wood Green Animal Shelter, with a four-legged friend. Visitors are very welcome.

Trisha Richards

It's that time of year again so if you've not paid your annual subscription, now's the time! £41 made payable to Perry WI and your monthly Mondays will be a cornucopia of joy, laughter, wine and learning groovy stuff! Go on, you know you want to!

And so to Trevor Gunton from Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.
(www.paxton-pits.org.uk)
Paxton Pits is at present 220 acres (from Paxton village almost to Stirtloe) but according to future plans it will increase in size by 3.5 times after all the digging is over. Trevor took us through the year with slides and his extensive knowledge of the reserve. Starting in Winter, we saw pictures of avian visitors to these shores: from the late Nov/early Dec influx of blackbirds from Europe, Fieldfares and their cousins the Redwings (I wish my cousins had such beautiful names), the Tufted Ducks with their pals the Coots (once the commonest wildfowl), and the Goldeneye Duck from Scandinavia (who displays to anything which is black and white – my irreverent thoughts were that I bet the local magpies think their luck is in!).

All arrive for safety in these shores (not so very different to humans are they...). Spring arrives (eventually, given our present weather), and with it the Great Crested Grebe with its rather spectacular hairdo. These birds almost became extinct in Victorian times as ladies loved the posh feathers for their hats and used muffs to keep their hands warm made of 'Grebe fur' – the body of the Grebe turned inside-out so all the soft feathers were inside – yes, we thought it was disgusting too. Moving on - the Grey Herons start to re-establish their pair bonds and sit on their nests, the

cormorants arrive (disliked by the anglers because they are better at catching fish) and, in late Spring, the Sand Martins (who now almost exclusively breed in gravel pits) and Swallows. Swallows are in big trouble with the change in cows' diets – they used to feed on the insects who were feeding on the cowpats – so let's help by putting insect-friendly plants in our gardens. We heard about the Nightingales (a star at PP since 1970s) and their decline from 23 singing males (to attract the female) to 6 last year. The population has crashed but hopefully it's the weather in the Pyrenees. Phew! We heard about Oystercatchers (black and white – where's that Goldeneye?), Gulls and Terns, and butterflies in the meadow behind the Visitors' Centre (where PP are retaining historical Huntingdonshire farmland). In the summer; Orchids, (Common spotted, Pyramidal, and Bee to name a few, oh and the Common Tway Blade, our commonest orchid, which Trevor has only seen once!!!!). We heard about the natural water plants, the frogs (don't you just love a frog), the endangered Great Crested Newt (oh yes, people, all here at PP) and the Adders (common at PP, identifiable by the cream stripe behind the head – they are NOT an Adder!). We heard of Wasp Spiders (an isolated colony in this area – wow), Harvest Mice (the first in 30 years at PP - wow), and the Norfolk Hawker dragonfly (no idea how they arrived - wow), so, in with the bad news, other things are going well. The future of PP is exciting with new hides, footpaths and reed beds on the cards – all paid for by the Friends of Paxton Pits.

You can do your bit, if you like, by becoming a Friend for £4 which will send a powerful message to the local council – just go on the website or visit in person. It's a beautiful English nature reserve. Go. Look. Support. A fascinating and informative talk. Thank you Trevor.

Do you want to have a say about your village?

Is there something you want doing?

Are you dissatisfied with the current Parish Council?

This is your chance – in **May 2018** there will be the opportunity to elect a new Parish Council for Great Staughton. This is open to all residents on the electoral roll in the Parish. Some current Councillors will stand for re-election but others may not and so some new blood will be welcome and indeed necessary.

The Parish Council on your behalf looks after the village hall, the playing field and pavilion, maintenance of the village as well promoting local road safety measures and making appropriate representations on planning, and many other matters.

More detail will appear in subsequent articles but if you are interested, curious, or just wonder what it is all about - please contact me the clerk or any of the current Parish Councillors whose names and contact details can be found in Life Magazine.

Jo Russel
Clerk to Great Staughton Parish Council

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Piglets progress report February 2018



Welcome 2018

After the briefest of breaks we are back for 2018, we've certainly had a busy December and have managed with your efforts to host a great bit of Fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who either participated or donated in to help make Christmas 2017 special for us.

We started in late November with our Xbox raffle which was won by Steven Prince.

Next we had our wreath making, many of you from the village did join us for the afternoon, the designs made by our guests were absolutely amazing and certainly helped start the festivities.

Shortly after we were invited to the Great Staughton Primary Academies Christmas Fair, **Thank you** Linda Folwer, it was so kind of you and the PTA to invite us, it was a fabulous afternoon to be a part of.

The next few weeks were spent getting ready for the big event which we ended the year on, the Great Staughton Santa Sleigh. There was a lot of effort to put this on and it you all made it feel worth it, we were absolutely blown away with your support, special thanks to those who kept us fed and watered on route.

We did get a couple of enquiries about helping out next year, so if you think you may have the Elf Stuff and would like to help out in the 2018 Santa Sleigh please get in contact with myself via the details at the bottom of this article.

May's Hair Lounge also held their raffle in December, this was really unexpected and so nice for members of our community engaging in such a way. **Thank you** Charlotte for your efforts are greatly appreciated!

*****Forest School Update*****

It has been an exciting month for us as we are getting progress to report back on with thanks to a fabulous grant of £1300 from The Great Staughton Parish Charities, it has enabled our first round of teacher training is about to get underway.

We were also incredibly fortunate with your support to be able to get an incredible £2000 from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme we will be able to help us continue with training and provisions for development of our Forest Pre School.

We look forward to reporting back to you all over the coming months and hope to be able to be offering a forest school setting really soon.

Piglets are currently taking registrations for the current term for children between 2 and school going age so if you are interested in reserving your child a place please contact the school on 07759 382575, find us on Facebook or visit our wonderful website <http://pigletspreschool.org.uk/> for more information Email : Davidj.moore80@gmail.com

Update on the ROPE Project

We are pleased to announce that we have now raised sufficient funds to commence work on Phase 1 of our plan to replace the play equipment on the Playing Field.

We have raised just over £22,000 so far which has enabled us to place an order with Wicksteed. Phase 1 will see the log-world, toddlers' multi-play and the springer units replaced with colourful and exciting new equipment. Work to install the new equipment will be starting (at the time of writing in early January) in the next few weeks.

This would not have been possible without the following organisations that have provided grant funds and generous contributions towards the project:

The Big Lottery Fund
Tesco Bags of Help
HDC Community Chest
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We extend our gratitude to all that have provided their financial support. Heartfelt thanks are also given to Will Mumford, who has very kindly agreed to remove the old play equipment without charge. This has enabled us to use more of the funds raised on buying new equipment rather than spending the money on site preparation costs.

Fundraising for Phase 2 of the project is already underway in order that the remainder of the old equipment can be replaced with new units as soon as possible.

Nicole Yates
Playing Field Committee

Affordable Housing in Gt Staughton **Is at last becoming a reality**

It started with the Village Plan which identified a need for **affordable housing for people with a local connection**. Negotiations with HDC, meetings with the Community Land Trust, Charity Commission involvement, legal difficulties all followed but now finally, we are ready to form a **Community Land Trust (CLT) to build and manage 8 properties in the Charity Field on Perry Road**. In total it is planned there will be 10 properties on the field, but 2 will be sold to assist in financing the scheme. The rules of the CLT have now been drawn up (you can see them on the village website), and they are adapted to our specific needs.

The scheme will be presented by a panel of experts at a **special public meeting on Saturday February 3 2018, starting at 7.00pm in the village hall, and all residents of the parish are cordially invited to attend**. Our panel includes Jonathan Gray - District Councillor, Frank Mastrandrea - HDC Housing, Andy Chapman – Luminus, and Debbie Wildridge - Area representative of the Community Land Trust. Their presentations are bound to lead to many audience questions about this innovative scheme, so we hope that there will be a healthy turnout!

An important part of the meeting will be a resolution to form the Great Staughton Community Land Trust and residents will have the opportunity of registering their interest ahead of the official Notice of Incorporation which will take place on March 1 2018. You can become a member of the Great Staughton CLT on payment of a pound, and have a say in the running of the organisation, and be eligible for election to the Board. You can join at the meeting on 3rd February or complete the form on the next page.

This is one of the most important meetings we have had in the village so do put the date in your diary now!

I am on the electoral roll of Gt. Staughton and am interested in becoming a member of the Great Staughton Community Land Trust, on payment of £1.

Full name:

Address:

Please fill in this slip in BLOCK CAPITALS, detach it and return it with the payment of £1 to Bob Jewell 10A The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DA or Jo Russel, Parish Clerk of Gt. Staughton at 2 Hatchet Lane, Stonely, St Neots, PE19 5EG.

Background Information

A Steering Group has been established for the scheme, comprising of Bob Jewell (Chair), Sir Hugh Duberly, Anthony Withers, Frank Backhouse, Phil Yates, Janet Bowen and Tracey Stokes, who will also attend the meeting on February 3rd.

HDC has agreed in principle that the site of the proposed scheme could form a 'rural exception site' for planning purposes. All Local Authorities are now under a duty to establish areas of land for potential building purposes in their area, to meet government building targets.

A CLT is a legal mixture of a company, a charity and a trust, registered as a society under the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, with charitable status and unable to trade for profit. CLTs are often used to run affordable housing schemes and other community based ventures.

The rules of the Gt Staughton CLT will govern who is eligible to be a member and so can apply for and own a £1 share in the CLT (must be a resident of the Parish of Gt Staughton and on its electoral roll), how it is run (by a board of 5 to 12 of the members, who are called trustees, elected for 3 year terms), how meetings must be organised and run, as well as the general powers and responsibilities of the CLT. In these respects it will be run like a company, holding an annual general meeting with reports back to its members.

The decisions on the specific type of housing, the nature of the tenancy (rented or shared ownership) and the exact details of who can occupy the properties will be decided by the CLT. It is intended that all the properties will be first made available to those who have strong connection with Great Staughton and then to those from surrounding villages. This will form the basis of the allocations policy operated by the housing association.

CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2018
HORTICULTURAL SHOW SAT 25th
Aug 2018

Plus:- Gt Staughton Primary
School Exhibition

(work by children of all ages)
(Maximum of 2 entries per person per class)

VEGETABLES

- 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx - can be Cherry Plums
- 5 Tomatoes with calyx
- 5 Runner beans
- 5 French beans
- 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
- 3 White potatoes
- 3 Coloured potatoes
- 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
- 2 Outdoor cucumbers
- 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
- A basket of salad items
- 3 Courgettes
- 5 Exhibition shallots
- A collection of chilli peppers
- Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
- A marrow fit for the table
- Collection of vegetables (minimum of 3 different varieties)

FLOWERS (Vases provided for all cut stems)

- 19. 3 Rose blooms
- 20. 1 Stem of cluster flowered roses
- 21. 1 Specimen rose bloom
- 22. 3 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias
- 23. 3 Decorative dahlias
- 24. 1 Specimen dahlia bloom
- 25. 3 Flowers of the same colour, must be different species
- 26. 1 Hydrangea bloom
- 27. 1 Spike gladiolus
- 28. 3 Stems of pinks or carnations

- 29. 3 Heads of geraniums - can be mixed
- 30. Vase of mixed flowers from your garden (excluding gladioli, dahlias, & roses)
- 31. 3 Spikes of gladioli
- 32. Vase of mixed foliage from your garden
- 33. A flowering orchid (must have been in your possession for 9 months)
- 34. Potted plant in flower (not orchid) Maximum pot size 9"
- 35. Cactus/succulent in a pot (can be 1or more varieties in the pot)
- 36. A highly scented plant in a pot. Maximum pot size 9"
- 37. A collection of edible flowers
- 38. 3 stems of sweet peas

FLORAL EXHIBITS (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)

- 39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4" overall)
- 40. An exhibit to depict a nautical scene (up to 18" overall)
- 41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers - up to 12" overall)
- 42. A posy
- 43. An arrangement using a small watering can. (maximum measurements 12"wide,18"high)
- 44. A petite arrangement in an espresso coffee cup (from 4" to 9" overall)
- 45. A buttonhole

NOVELTY CLASSES

- 46. Longest runner bean
- 47. One flower, one vegetable
- 48. Longest Marrow
- 49. Largest pumpkin (by girth)
- 50. A truss of cherry tomatoes (can be part green)
- 51. Fresh culinary herbs in a jar (please name)
- 52. Plate of home grown fruit

53. A quirky/ugly vegetable

CAKES AND PRESERVES

- 54. A cheese and onion quiche
- 55. A Victoria sponge (jam filling only)
- 56. 4 Chocolate brownies
- 57. A fruited tea loaf
- 58. 4 Eccles cakes
- 59. 4 Shortbread biscuits
- 60. Jar of jam
- 61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
- 62. Jar of lemon curd
- 62a Jar of fermented vegetable eg. sauerkraut

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

- 63. An item made out of Liquorice Allsorts
- 64. A decorated stone - up to 6 years of age
- 65. A decorated stone - 7 to 11 years of age
- 66. A decorated stone - 12 to 16 years of age
- 67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2019 Horticultural Show - A4 size, may be computer generated
- 68. A boat/ship made from vegetables
- 69. A drawing or painting of a day at the seaside
- 70. A vehicle made from Lego - not a kit. (Maximum 12" overall)
- 71. A photograph of an insect. (Maximum 8"x 6")

SUNDRY CLASSES (All

- photographs: Maximum 8"x 6")
- 72. A photograph of a fountain
- 73. A photograph entitled 'Upside Down' with a caption.
- 74. A photograph of a country scene
- 75. A photograph of Grafham Water

- 76. A hand made item
- 77. Handicraft by a senior citizen
- 78. A greetings card in any medium
- 79. A home made scarf
- 80. A flavoured spirit eg. Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
- 81. A home made soft drink

Anyone seeking advice, please contact any committee member.

10th Anniversary **Gt Staughton** **Litterpick**



Where: Meet at the Great Staughton Village Hall car park

When: Saturday February 10th

Time: 9.00am

Hard to believe we have been picking up other people's litter for the past 10 years, but time flies, but sadly the litter doesn't go away.

This year the litterpick is on Saturday February 10. Meet at the Village Hall carpark at 9am.

Stay as little or as long as you like or as you can. The amount of litter does diminish a little each year, so our task is slightly easier.

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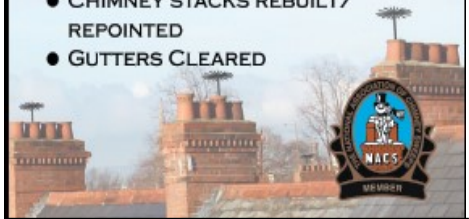
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Dear Friends,

I cannot believe how quickly the seasons of the Church's year are passing by.

I wanted to use this opportunity to thank so many of you for the many cards, presents and good wishes you gave John and me at Christmas, we were overwhelmed with your kindness. Yet, in the same letter I want to talk to you about Lent; its challenges and what we as a Church are doing for this period in preparation for Easter.

Tuesday 13th of February is Shrove Tuesday or pancake day. Pancake-making is a particularly English tradition, originally started to use up left over stocks of fat, butter and eggs, which along with meat (not used in the making of pancakes!) were all forbidden foods during the period of Lent, when Christians traditionally fasted to mark the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness and where he was also tempted. These food items would not keep forty days and poor people couldn't afford to waste them, so they used them up in pancakes enjoying something of a feast in doing so.

Because pancake day coincides with St Andrew's Monthly Coffee morning at the Great Staughton Village Hall (Tuesday 13th February from 10.30am) we thought we would combine it with serving

pancakes. So please come along for a free pancake or two! Especially if you are on your own and can't be bothered to make a batter for just yourself. (Cakes, coffee and tea will still be on offer.)

Then to start Lent, on Wednesday 14th February at 10.00 am at Hail Weston and at 7.30 pm at Great Staughton there will be a Communion with the imposition of Ashes which will be contemplative as we look forward to Holy Week and Easter. In addition, a group will meet at the Vicarage on Wednesdays from 2.30-4.00pm to look at and discuss the Diocesan Lent Course for 2018- 'Come and See' -journeying through Lent with John's gospel.

I am also very keen to hear from anyone who would like to be prepared for confirmation this year or from anyone who would like to attend an informal group that looks at the basics behind Christianity.

Hoping you will join us in this season.

Revd Nicki Bland

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CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY 2018

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 4th: 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion
10.30am- All Age Worship (Candlemass)

Sun 11th: 10.30am- Parish Communion

Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday
5.30pm Evening Prayer (at the Vicarage)
7.30pm Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

Sun 18th: 10.30am- Parish Communion (play and pray)

Sun 25th: 10.30am-Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 4th: 9am-Parish Communion
Sun 18th: 9am- Parish Communion
Sun 25th: 3.00pm Songs of Praise with tea, coffee and cakes

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 4th: 3pm—All Age Worship
Wed 7th: 10.00am – Morning Prayer
10.30am - Coffee
Sun 11th: 9am- Parish Communion
Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday
10.00am—Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sun 25th: 9am- Parish Communion



All Saints Church Grafham

Little Fishes

Stay + Play Tots Session

Grafham Village Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11:20am (*Term time only*)

Just turn up on the day
Sessions include free-play and craft activities also a bible story and sing-along
Babies welcome too

Please get in touch if you can help make tea/ coffee/squash on an occasional basis

Contact Jean Clark 01480 890033

robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk

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 3rd 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:

February 18th

March 18th

April 15th

Come & find out what we get up to!
If you would like more details please call **Sylvia Swain on 01480 812022.**

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This is a wonderful volunteering opportunity for anyone who would like to help in their community. The role would involve answering the phone and arranging a driver. The car scheme is supported by Care Network Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire County Council community transport officer.

The scheme covers the areas of Gt Staughton, Lt Staughton, Spaldwick, Grafham, Stonley, Kimbolton, Perry, Ellington, Catworth and Brington.

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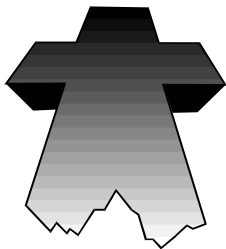
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Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906

Moderator Rev David Taylor

Sunday Services at 10.30am each Sunday

Website www.perrybaptist.org.uk



All Welcome

My dear friends,

The trip Home!

The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on:

Fasten Your Seat Belts

Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the meal as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As a Minister looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive.

Then the storm broke . . .

The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The Minister confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. The future seemed ominous many were praying"

"Then, I saw a little girl. Oblivious to the storm! She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly.

"When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults

were scared half to death, that marvellous child was completely composed and unafraid." The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

When the plane finally reached its destination and the passengers were disembarking, He spoke to the girl whom he had watched. He commented on the storm and the behaviour of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

Many storms can easily and quickly darken our skies. I'm sure we have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Remember: Our Father God is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home. Don't worry!

May God Bless you all,

Tony Whitlock

Preachers and Services for February:

All at 10.30am unless stated otherwise.

*4th Rev Robin Giles
11th Rev David Taylor
18th Rev Paul Hills
25th Michael Schwiers*

Clubs & Activities :**Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....	Margaret Sare: 860963
Perry WI:	Fay Wheatcroft:: 810734
West Hunts Friendship Club.....	Lynda Howlett: 07790 014730
(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.....	Pat O'Dell: 860907
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Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....	Head Teacher's Office: 860324
Gt Staughton Youth Club.....	gsyc2014@gmail.com
Kimbolton Beavers/ Cub Scouts/ Explorer Scouts.....	Sarah Holyoak: 861755
Kimbolton Scouts.....	Lis Osbourn: 07846 869007
Piglets Pre-School.....	Katie Oliver: 07759 382575
Great Staughton Family Playtime.....	contact-chair@pigletspreschool.org.uk
Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at Piglets Pre-school	

SPORTS CLUBS

Badminton Club	Steven Prince: 07521 509596
<i>Mondays, 8pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall.</i>	
Kimbolton Cricket Club.....	Kevin Fisk: 07875 602919
Gt. Staughton Golf Society.....	Derek Fitzgibbon: 861234
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VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....	Dawn Auton: 07985 925761
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	Email: loraine.harris@nhs.net
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Gt. Staughton WEBSITE...www.greatstaughton.com**E-mail: greatstaughton-website@gmail.com**

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@ enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk

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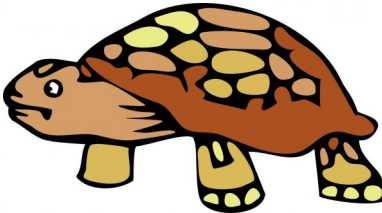
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