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Dates for your Diary



Unfortunately many events scheduled have had to be cancelled. But do let us know about any planned events for later in the year.

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Editorial Natter...

Welcome back...

Hello and Happy New Year to you all being the first time you've heard from me this year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and here's to a prosperous 2021 for us all.



This months magazine cover comes from Daniel Rogers via a request for cover images from Rob in the Gt Staughton and Perry Facebook group. Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of the flooding, we really appreciate it.

In other news, our AGM Minutes can be found on page 24 of this months magazine along with an additional entry from our Treasurer Helen. COVID has affected many businesses and community led projects such as the Life Magazine, and I would please ask you all to read Helen's notice if you can spare the time.

Enough waffling on from me, I'll see you all in April

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall 10:30 - midday

Sadly, because of the current health crisis and to comply with Church of England directives, we are obliged to suspend the monthly Tuesday coffee mornings for now.

We shall miss seeing all our friends but it is important that we all stay safe and well, and play our part in not spreading the virus. As soon as we can resume our meetings safely, we shall let you know!!

Treasurers Corner

Hello,

Pots this month and a nice total of **£21.24**. Thanks to everyone for popping in those Pots. All adds up!

Rgds, Helen



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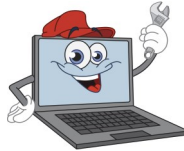
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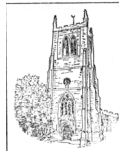
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Meetings are on hold at the moment
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December 2020

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£200	57	Sally Peacock
£100	58	Angela Kenyon
£50	66	Robert Manderson
£25	91	Mrs L Rowe
£15	89	Mr & Mrs Macfarlane
£10	15	Giles Brittain

Congratulations to all the winners!

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There's not much happening in the garden (or anywhere come to that!) but my goodness hasn't it been wet? I was lucky enough to be away for Christmas so missed the flooding in Staughton. Commiserations to anyone who was affected. It must have been horrible. However I was amazed by the evidence left behind - a tide mark of debris including enormous bits of wood deposited a long way from the river bank. Floating battering rams are no joke. Perhaps one was responsible for demolishing the wall near the church.

I went walking in the rain yesterday - 14th January - and have never seen the ditches so full. Water was just cascading off the fields. Today all was back to normal so the drainage system seems to be working. Full credit to those who have maintained the ditches!

The wet weather limits walking options but a good hard frost transforms muddy paths into crunchy firm surfaces, much less slippery than icy tarmac. It seems perverse to be looking forward to temperatures below -2 but that's my current preference.

One or two snowdrops have emerged recently and the daffodil leaves are steadily growing. I have been intrigued by an acer seedling that I

potted last summer. It still has its leaves on it! There are only two of them but they are clinging on.

Indoors I have a couple of pots of hyacinths and the scent has been intense. Three flowers have perfumed the entire ground floor - not a very big area but still impressive. It's a shame that they are so seasonal. They'd make a great alternative to air fresheners.

I was given an amaryllis for Christmas and loved the magic block of desiccated compost. Just add water and this little lozenge expands to provide enough soil for the bulb. It's very different from normal dried compost which is really difficult to wet. Anyway it has worked its magic on the bulb which is now sending out little tongues of leaves.

My seed potatoes arrived the other day. I was quite excited to receive this unexpected parcel and a bit disappointed to find what it contained. But it does mark the progress of the year. Spring will come and with it, hopefully, better times.

Happy gardening!

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www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk

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An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council on the Affordable Housing Project

The Planning process continues. The application reference is **20/01915/FUL**. Full details of the planning application can be found through the Staughton Parish Council website <http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/> and through the HDC planning portal. <https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do>

The Planning process will not now be completed before end of January 2021, there have been minor hold-ups on ecology issues, and getting the archaeological inspections completed. The issue of whether the road is adopted also has to be finalised as well as the Section 106 agreement. (This determines the use for affordable housing and any conditions).

However, the process of tendering the build contracts has commenced in parallel and there is now a likely preferred developer. Discussions are proceeding and the CLT are taking part in this process and will endeavour to ensure any disruption from building is kept to a minimum. It is hoped by the March edition of Life the contractor will be confirmed. The start on site is still expected to occur in March 2021 with the enabling works.

Any queries please contact me
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Neighbourhood Plan

I am very pleased to be able to report we now have a group of residents interested in pursuing the production of a neighbourhood plan. The next stage is to get HDC to agree the suitability of the area for the plan. An application has been made for the Parish of Great Staughton. At this stage Perry did not feel able to participate.

Once we have the area agreed by HDC the group will proceed to produce a survey which will then inform the plan. Clearly under present lock-down conditions it will be more difficult to ascertain opinions but with on-line methods and perhaps some paper surveys we hope we can gain a true view of the village.

If anyone wants more information or wants to join the group please let me know.
Bob Jewell

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GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

It's already almost the middle of January as I write and we haven't even managed to virtually meet and discuss the first book on our list yet, but it is already turning into a month of hibernation, nestled under a blanket with a book or two or perhaps a few. One of the cats is snuggled up close as I write this so I better get on with it before she pushes herself onto the space between tummy and laptop and then it will all, like my tummy, all go downhill.

Since we last met for our Christmas Quiz, we have had every book lovers' favourite festival ... Christmas! A time of peace, goodwill to all men and a stocking full of readable delights! As we entered our third lockdown, it was good to know that there was a world of imagination awaiting me in the cold winter months. I think I have enough to keep me out of mischief and my kindle is already stocked with this year's books for book club but, if you see me roaming aimlessly anytime soon, point me in the direction of home where a cup of tea and a good read will ease my frustrated soul. If we have another lockdown, I might be tempted to join the village dog walking tribe although my dog is on wheels and is 60 years old!

If you would like to join our discussions, please contact Margaret Sare on 01480 860963.

Book Club List 2021

Jan: Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

Feb: Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

March: The Strange Adventures of H by Sarah Burton

April: Machines like me by Ian McEwan

May: A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes

June: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

July: The Day She Came Back by Amanda Prowse

Aug: The woman in the white kimono - Ana Johns

Sept: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Oct: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Nov: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders





Against Luton Airport Stack (ALAS)

... is a working group running in Perry.

Why should you be interested...?

- Luton Airport is open all day and all night
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- In addition, above our rural heads Luton Airport propose a new holding stack to queue aircraft before landing.
- Planes enter the holding stack at 8000ft offering us 55+ decibels of noise pollution, which could be equivalent to the sound of a washing machine every 8 minutes over heads.
- 8000ft is close in height to the Grand Canyon's elevation at the North Rim. Potentially 8 planes at 1000ft apart can fly in the holding stack at any one time.
- The new holding stack would be above our heads for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year, for the rest of our lives!
- Are you happy about this?
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- Not online? Talk to your Parish Council Clerk to see how you might otherwise object



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The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to our on line illustrated talk on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm.

Biodiversity and conservation are still managing to make headlines despite our current difficulties and we are lucky enough to welcome an expert in this area tonight. The talk will be given by Andy Plumtre and hosted via Zoom.

Andy is Head of the Key Biodiversity Area Secretariat at the University of Cambridge, where globally important areas for biodiversity are identified, promoted and monitored. Tonight, Andy will show us what has already happened in Africa and ask whether this can be applied to Britain.

Booking is via the Trust's website, www.wildlifebcn.org/events and then following the Eventbrite link. Entry charge is £2.50 for members of the wildlife trust or £4.00 for non-members.

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**Minutes of the Great Staughton
Parish Council
Virtual Meeting held on 19
November 2020 - 7.30pm**

Present:

R Jewell (BJ)
H Glanville (HG).
G Brittain (GB)
D Moore (DM)
N Yates (NY)
L Goody (LG)
A Gilbert (AG)
J Duberly (JD)
W Mumford (WM)
J Russel (JR) (clerk).
I Gardener (IG)
D Tysoe (DT)

Apologies for absence - n/a

Declaration of Interests – n/a

Residents' Forum - Mr Ashley Smith was present to discuss the planning application at 69 The Highway. He was concerned that the application 20/8238 would give permission for more houses to be built. He said that HDC had failed to contact him about this amendment. BJ explained that the applicant had made 2 separate applications for 1 house and 4 houses respectively and that they were mutually exclusive. The PC have been informed that the applicant wants to build 4 houses not 5. Mr Smith is also concerned about parking problems in the area if 4 (or more) houses are built. He is concerned that visibility is a problem when exiting onto The Highway. Mr Smith reported that he had nearly had an accident himself in that vicinity. The GSPC have asked HDC and CCC if they would change the pavement to a

layby but they have refused. In relation to application 20/02111, Mr Smith has no issue but asks for a restrictive covenant on the hay barn to prevent change of use to residential. BJ explained to Mr Smith that the issues raised by him would be discussed later on in the Planning part of the meeting.

Minutes 17 September 2020 -
reviewed and approved

**Reports from County and District
Councillor – Darren Tysoe** -

reported that HDC, PCC and CCC had set up a localised contact tracing service. He also wanted to highlight the Local Support Grants and CIL Fund. HDC has monies ready to distribute to Parish and Town Councils. 14th December is the deadline for the CIL applications. BJ said we could use this for the play equipment or to replace some of the streetlights in the village. HG also asked if it could be used to fix the village hall roof, as that is in need of repair.

Ian Gardener - CCC wish to remind people that if they need help should make contact with services via the Countrywide Hub. Cases in Cambridgeshire are now 79.4 per 100,000 people which is below the national average. Ian also reported that the West Hunts Bus Service is subject to a trial scheme. There will be 5 bus routes from January 2021 for a 6-month period. You can order a bus through an App and the bus can be tracked via the App too.

Matters arising

Timebank – on hold for the time being.

Green Close potholes - CCC have confirmed to DM they cannot do any further work at present. The matter will be reviewed in the new financial year. IG will visit with Highways.

Streetlight Parish Energy Handover IG has asked his colleague to contact the clerk to discuss this issue but to date she has not been contacted

Playing Field Memorial - BJ reported that Nick Orchard has offered to sponsor the plaque. The GSPC are very grateful indeed for this and would like to express their thanks for this, it is very much appreciated. The Vicar has agreed to bless the plaque on 13 December at 2.30pm. Details will be advertised in Life.

Replacement of streetlight in Dillington – emails have been circulated to the GSPC. Streetlight 17 has failed numerous times and Balfour Beatty have advised it should be replaced. They have also advised that it will be more cost effective to replace other lights at the same time. IG advise that a CIL application could be made to fund these replacements. It was agreed to make the application and then replace the lights that Balfour Beatty have quoted for i.e. PC17, PC4, PC3 in the Town, and The Green PC 16.

Luton Airport Flight Plan Consultation – the councillors had all reviewed the information regarding these proposals. The consultation period is running until 5/2/2021. The general consensus was that this would

not affect the village significantly and the GSPC did not have any issues to raise. Obviously, there may be a concern if the airport was to be expanded. It would be useful to know how often the stack has been used in the last 5 years as that information does not seem to be available as of yet. It was agreed LG would attend an online meeting run by HDC and GSPC would keep a watching brief.

Licence to Cultivate – 24 The Highway – this application was refused by CCC.

Moory Croft trees – Phil Yates has cut these back – thanks to him for carrying out this work.

Attendance at other meetings – BJ attended the CCC Virtual Conference. One point that came out of that meeting is that GS is in a service delivery area with Abbotsley and Toseland rather than Perry and Graham, which would be more appropriate. In addition, the conference detailed how various parishes are dealing with Covid 19. BJ also mooted the idea of GS preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The benefits of this are that you can then make a real impression on any planning application. BJ suggested that we could do one with Perry. The last Village Plan was prepared in 2012. This surveyed the village and looked at what facilities we had etc. There are grants available to help with the preparation of this and BJ will be advertised on Facebook etc to see if there is an interest.

Planning –
Letter from Ashley Smith dated 19 October re 20/80238/COND – 69 The Highway 20/02111/FUL – Land West of

69 The Highway – retrospective – change of use of land - stables and hay barn - there are no objections on behalf of GSPC. If there is a further application to change us to residential then the GSPC can raise objections at that time. A restrictive covenant is not appropriate in these circumstances and the GSPC has no power to request this in any event. Regarding the parking issues raised by Mr Smith. The concern is that if people cannot park there you will simply move the problem to elsewhere in the village. Highways are very clear that it not an issue for them. AG pointed out that there had never been an accident in that area. The GSPC do not believe that parking in that area forms an obstruction.

20/01915/FUL – Land North East of 29 The Green – comments sent to HDC supporting the application. There are no objections so far.

Highways –

LHi Bid 20/21 - DM - we have not heard yet when the work will start. Regarding an application for 21/22 IG is not sure when the application process starts but it's likely to be around September 2021. GSPC may wish to make another application for a Zebra Crossing. DM is to talk to IG and the Highways engineer.

Drain near Red House – this has now been cleared.

Stolen sign The Green – this was stolen and JR will chase this up again with HDC as it has not been replaced yet.

Hump in road Dillington– WM will provide JR will a map pin-pointing the area so she can report to Highways.

Debris in traffic calming area The Highway – GB asked if JR could report this to CCC and have this cleared. It's the area outside 10 The Highway.

Footpath 34 Beachampstead – path is in poor condition and has been reported by a resident. JR will report to Highways.

7 Manor Close – pothole in footpath reported by a resident. JR will report to Highways.

Correspondence – see above

Cashbook – reviewed and approved.

Income: £30,650.00

Expenditure

Balfour Beatty £483.48
 Janet Hall £637.54
 J Russel £306.58
 Anthony Collins £1140.00
 J Duberly £10.00
 Red Shoes £45.00
 CLT Network £350.00
 Philip Yates £124.75
 Anthony Collins £1140.00
 CAS Ltd £851.20
 Eyelid Productions £160.00
 Nicola Hageman accountant £90.00
 J Russel £306.58
 Philip Yates £96.75
 Bradgate £235.20

Balance in Community Account
 £35,445.57

Balance in Tracker Account.
£14,646.93

Affordable Housing – BJ reported that there is some investigation work going on the site. It is believed that site clearance will commence in March 2021. The planning application is hoped to be determined by the end of December.

Three Village Sustainable Heart Scheme – HG reported that the

grant had been approved for the feasibility study. Element Energy is the company that will be carrying out this work. A PR consultant (Janet Hall) has been appointed. GSPC will be the lead PC and we will receive the grant monies. It was agreed to go ahead with the Agreement (previously circulated) with Perry and Grafham.

Budget and Precept 21/22 – the budget had been previously circulated to all parish councillors. It was agreed to keep the Precept at £22,000 which was the same amount as last year.

Report from:

Village Hall Committee – HG reported that the village hall roof is in need of repair, that is estimated at £6000. The hall is currently closed to groups but is being used by CCC.

Playing Field Committee – no report

Neighbourhood Watch – no report
Speed Watch – no report.

Parish Matters – nothing to report

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Dates of meetings for 2021 – 28 January, 4th March, Parish Assembly 13th May, AGM 27th May, 8th July, 9th September, 11th November

GRAFHAM OIL SYNDICATE

Here is a message received on 12-1-21, from Simon Johnson about the closure of the Grafham Oil Syndicate.

“Hi everyone, I do need to message out that circumstances suggest it’s time to wind up the (Grafham) Oil Syndicate, so this is notice is to say NEITHER TO EXPECT an email on the 25th of January NOR going forward.

To expand, I think businesses have found new ways to operate through 2020 and the operating landscape for at least Conquest NRG, now suggests that there is no price differential when ordering a bulk delivery to that of an online order of 500 litres. Of course you can still call them on 01525 402209 and online orders I think are managed through: <https://oilnrg.co.uk>

Historically, back in the summer of 2011 for us, these syndicates became fashionable to help control the carbon footprint, traffic to and within villages and towns, wear and tear on road surfaces and so on; it became evident there was a price advantage to be had on the end which made using it even more attractive. Meantime I know that company’s software have become super efficient so we hope they will make as few trips as possible for everyone’s sake. We have managed to order over 1.68mn litres, with a value of over £820k, over 2.5k deliveries with cumulative savings of over £70k based on a 500l delivery.

Think that’s it, all the best, Simon”



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G0 Heating - Project Begins

An update

Representatives of the Grafham, Great Staughton and Perry heating project were joined by newly appointed, Element Energy, one of the UK's leading low carbon energy consultancies, and community engagement specialist, Line Undrawn at our project kick-off meeting held on Friday 15 January 2021.

The project was awarded funding (Rural Community Energy Funding) in October to develop the feasibility study, which will review joint solutions to deliver a renewable heat network to all three villages involved. This innovative project could provide heat from a local energy source, such as Grafham Water, and deliver heating through underground pipes to your home. It has the potential to offer renewable heating that is compatible with an existing central heating system and should be much more affordable than an individual air source or ground source heat pumps (which cost £7,000+). The feasibility study is a first step in understanding what is technically possible, financially feasible and what level of interest there is for a heat network in each village.

Get involved

An important part of the feasibility study is speaking with you, to find out more about your priorities and potential interest in joining a heat network. To pursue this project, we must demonstrate that our community is engaged, interested and ready to support a village-wide project tackling climate change on our doorstep! So, start the conversation with your neighbours and bring them on our renewable energy journey.

There will be several opportunities to engage with the project and to learn more about the big idea over the next three months:

March

- Join our public meeting at 7.30pm, Monday 1st March (Online)
- Watch-out for a leaflet and survey through your door

April

- An update on the project and meeting minutes will be available in the Gossip, plus a second survey release
- A follow-up public meeting will also be held (hopefully in person!)

Please join our mailing list to stay up to date email info@g0grafham.com

CONSULTATION ON LUTON AIRPORT FLIGHT PATHS AND HOLDING PATTERNS

On Tuesday 5th January, I attended an online consultation on the possible flight paths and holding pattern which, if agreed will impact our area. The main part of the consultation was going through the material already available online but there were a number of interesting questions and responses to those questions. Available online are the webinars of the consultations as well as how to take part in the consultation which ends on **February 5th 2021**. Also available online is a virtual tour of all the information regarding the proposals. All numbers are based on 2019 flights. However, Luton Airport are looking to add a second terminal which will increase flights if they get permission for that. Their aim is to have 24 million passengers by 2024.

L Goody (Parish Councillor for Great Staughton)

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Life Magazine – Notes from the AGM held on Sunday 27th December 2020, via Zoom.

Present: Helen Glanville (Treasurer), Nicole Yates (Chairman), Rob Young (Co-Editor)

Apologies: Shaun Prince (Co-Editor), Mark Fowler (Perry representative)

Accounts. The Treasurer produced the draft accounts for the year (2020), which showed an decrease in assets of £1336.09. We had produced 12 colour covers this year and 0 colour centre. The Collection boxes fund quarter an edition. The adverts have struggled during Covid. We have managed to run a 32 page 4 times, 34 page 0 times, 36 page 4 times, 40 page 3 times, 44 page 1 time, 48 page 0 times, 52 page 0 times and 56 page 0 times. The editions have been smaller as most of the events have been cancelled during 2020. We do not think we can increase the rates again especially after Covid. Rob suggested we try to advertise with Facebook pages. Helen to do a page alerting community. We may need to approach the Councils for additional funds, Helen to write a letter. We will still charge for business adverts even if they are for the community. Both Great Staughton and Perry Parish Councils have donated to the magazine in 2020 and the Committee expressed their gratitude to them.

Bank Account. The money held in the Life Magazine account was £1434.13 which was £1336.09 down on last year. We use an HSBC Community account with Bob Jewell, Helen Glanville and Nicole Yates as signatories. Copies

of all bank statements are available at any time to ensure visibility.

Printing Costs. Remained the same, still using Easiprint for 2020.

Advertising Prices. The cost for a page was £34 for a whole page. Covers to remain the same at £110.00 for large and £65.00 for small. The committee are grateful to those loyal advertisers for sticking with the Magazine.

Posting Magazines Out of Area. The cost of posting copies to “out of area” readers will reduce to £14.00.

Magazine makeup. We have managed to run a 32 page 4 times, 34 page 0 times, 36 page 4 time, 40 page 3 times, 44 page 1 time, 48 page 0 times, 52 page 0 times and 56 page 0 times. All have had a colour cover and 0 had a colour centre.

Advertisers. The policy, that advertisers who are slow to pay are invoiced twice and/or given two months grace with their advert, but then are removed from the Magazine, was reaffirmed. All community and content and free ads will only remain for 1 month and then be removed. If you want it to stay in then you need to let the editors know in order for it to remain. Also, if your advert changes then please remember to send the editors the new version as soon as possible to ensure you are giving correct information to the readers.

Editors Payment. It was agreed to pay the Editors payment for both Rob and Shaun. The editors incur many costs and it was felt that even this token amount will help towards paying for

some of it! The editors kindly agreed for it to remain the same as last year at £170.00. It will be paid by BACS. Rob and Shaun also kindly agreed to continue editing! The rest of the committee truly thanked them!

Minutes to be Published. It was agreed to continue to publish these minutes on the Village website and within the magazine. The website minutes still have been well read and commented on!

AOB. We still have spaces on the cover for advertising. £65 for small and £110 for large for the year. We need more adverts so please tell your friends and family about Life and always mention Life if you reply to an advert.

Garden pictures on the cover during Lockdowns has been successful but the editors ask that they be original .jpg files or similar. Unfortunately, photocopies and scans do not reproduce well enough to meet the printing requirements. Still, if anyone has any historical photos we would love to include those too. Any interesting pictures of the village would be really appreciated.

Finally, the committee is delighted to have been able to continue to produce the magazine every month in 2020, during Covid and Lockdowns, even with reduced content and thank everyone for their contributions.

Life Magazine The Future

Hello. I am Helen and I am the Treasurer of Life Magazine. For many years I have stood at the Parish Assembly and told the Parish Councils that Life magazine is losing money. We have tried to recover costs by raising the advertising rates for the last 2 years but to no avail.

The fact is that the magazine's income does not cover its costs and Covid-19 has meant that it has lost more adverts and cannot realistically raise prices further. Whilst the magazine does receive Grants from both Parish Councils they too are under financial pressure.

I am therefore writing to ask if everyone in both villages can use the advertisers in Life, mentioning where they found them. Also, if any advertisers are considering using the magazine then please do, the magazine needs you.

If any business or individual feels that they can assist the magazine financially then please do contact myself at
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Lots of businesses who were previously reluctant to enter the website world have moved online during the pandemic as a way to continue offering their services.

We've helped a number of people decide if this is right for them, and then gone on to help set it up - including the wonderful Shelly Bakes. A few clients who struggle for time have decided lockdown is the perfect time to get set up, such as Charlotte's Web on the high street.

Naomi from Holistic Hands needed to make more of a prominent feature of her rotating packages in order to attract new clients for when she can open, so we made some major design tweaks to her website Holistic Hands.

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Dear Friends,

As we go into another month of restrictions, I am afraid that all our services and activities are back on Zoom.

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The ID is now 418405563 but the password remains the same 022067.

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If you manage to dial in, you will find there are all sorts of things accessible to you and I do not believe it costs anything either. If you want to find out more, please sign up for our Newsletter by contacting Elizabeth Edmunds on Elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com It was in Lent last year that we entered our first lockdown and who would have expected us to be in another lockdown for the start of Lent this year?

Lent is a time of self-denial and of giving things up in the lead up to Easter where we remember the Passion and death of

Christ before we celebrate the glorious resurrection.

During this year, the whole world has slowly gone into a lockdown situation of some sort, a situation where everyone is having to practice the self-control and self-denial of Lent. In the wilderness Jesus was tempted to think that there may be an easier way to live out his calling, likewise this year has put all sorts of temptations in front of us, to be with our loved ones, to break lockdown, but the hard way, the way of denial and obedience will hopefully pay dividends.

As I write this on a gloomy Saturday I look forward to the end of the pandemic with hope. The apostles had to live in a similar way between the crucifixion and the resurrection, they lived in a state of not knowing what the future had in store, but they only had to wait a couple of days to see their hope realised, whereas we have no idea how long this will last. How long will we go without seeing friends and family, meeting up at restaurants or going to church again? Only time will tell, but amid all this, we shouldn't worry but rather cling onto the hope of God.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

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CHURCH SERVICES

February 2021

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February 7th 8.00 am - BCP Holy Communion

9.00 am -Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

February 14th 9.00 am- Parish Communion led by Hail Weston

Wednesday February 17th Ash Wednesday 10.00 Communion Service

February 21st 9.00 am- Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

3.00 pm -Creative Communion led by Hail Weston

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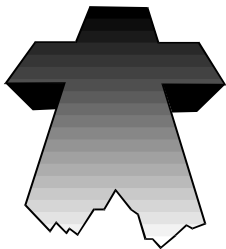
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My dear friends,

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However, is love just here for February? The Love of God is frequently mentioned in the Bible through stories and proverbs as divine, true and everlasting. In fact, the Bible says that God is love! God loves everyone. God’s love is so great that He gave His only Son to die for our sins and be resurrected. This bold fact, alone, is very important evidence of God’s love for each of us. This is Gods gift to us every month, every day, as we trust Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. For those of us who have made this commitment to Christ there is also an expectation of us. The bible says “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples that you have love one for another” (John chapter 13 verse 35) This is the essential and distinctive mark of discipleship. If we are

honest we will admit how difficult that will be, because we are human our expressions of love will be flawed, but as we draw closer in our relationship with Jesus, who came to demonstrate Gods love, so we discover the possibility to reflect that Divine agape love of God

In love may I invite you to join with us each Sunday morning in worship. During the lockdown the building will be closed but the church is still alive. We will continue to provide online services during this time on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility please check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg> You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means. For those without internet facilities please let us know in order that we can seek to meet your need.

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Love and blessings to you all from the Perry Village Pastor

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 St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....David Cope: 869322
 Perry Friendship Circle..... Cilla Whitlock: 810906
 Great Staughton Book Club.....Margaret Sare: 860963
 Horticultural Society.....Mike Keeble: 860855
 Email: m.keeble855@btinternet.com
 Lions Club (Hunts Grafham Water Branch).....Bernard Dable: 810704/07969 207227
 Kimbolton Flower Club.....Carol Grundy: 01832 710339
 Perry Photographic Club.....Adrian Arnett:07788 409301
 Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS

Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to:
 enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk and register your interest.
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324
 Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsync2014@gmail.com
 Kimbolton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.....1stkimboltonscouts@gmail.com
 Piglets Pre-School.....Suzanne Worrall: 07759 382575
Great Staughton Family Playtime.....manager@pigletspreschool.org.uk
Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at St Andrews Church, Gt Staughton

SPORTS CLUBS

Great Staughton Badminton ClubDavid Giddings: 07926 135455
 Kimbolton Cricket Club.....Kevin Fisk: 07875 602919
 Gt. Staughton Tennis Club Committee.....Nicole & Phil Yates: 860616
 Kym Valley Carpet Bowls.....Doris Dainty: 812006
 Email: dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk
 Grafham Water Sailing Club.....Club Office: 810478

VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES

Grafham Wildlife Group.....Sam Malt: Day:810844 / Eve: 811654
 The Highway Community Car Scheme07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays
For all your transport needs, charged at 30 pence per mile
 Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Dawn Auton: 07985 925761
 Patient Participation Group (Gt St).....Melanie Dingemans: 01480 860770
 Email: greatstaughton@nhs.net
 Village HallVicky Goldsmith: 860005 / 07739 469243
 PavilionGiles Brittain: 07740 647322

USEFUL & EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Telephone Prefix 01480 unless otherwise shown

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PERRY : Sue Astle 811121, Jason Harper 07779 123125

Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770
Buckden Surgery: 810 216

Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205
HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL: 416 416

NHS NON-EMERGENCY: 111

PALS: [Patient Advice & Liaison Service]:
0800 279 2535

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

We hold drop-in Hearing Help sessions for basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids, cleaning and re-tubing of hearing aids, supplying free replacement batteries and offer free advice. No appointment is necessary.

The Surgery, 57 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DY.

Every 3 months: June 5, September 4, December 4 2019 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE. www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk

Adviceline: 01223 569 600—charity for disabled/older people and carers in Cambridgeshire.
Provides free, confidential and impartial information and advice on disability and access issues.

Email: info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk

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