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Editorial Natter...

Welcome back,



For some considerable time now, as much as I hate to say it, the Life Magazine has been in trouble. My Co-Editor Rob has written an important piece for you all to read on page 14 of this magazine, so I'd encourage you to flick over there now and have a read.

What it means in essence is that the Life Magazine is becoming a Seasonal magazine instead of a monthly magazine. This October 2021 edition will be the last edition to come out monthly, and the next magazine you see will be the Winter edition which should hit your doorsteps at the beginning of December.

The worst part of it is that you won't be able to read my next editorial natter until the Spring edition, you unlucky people. Anyway, enjoy this edition and please do send us in content for the Winter edition (more details and deadlines on Page 14).

This issue was edited by Shaun

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Hello,

Pots this month and a fabulous total
of £80.10! This is due to the
generous donations for vegetables
in Perry due to people donating
their surplus veg. So, thank you to
both parties for raising so much
money!

Please read the article further in
Life (page 14) for news about the
future of the magazine.

*Thanks,
Helen*



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To all our village residents, the
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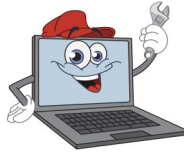
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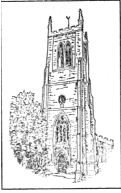
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HETAS

**GREAT
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A St Luke's summer is a term I've only just heard this year, referring to unseasonal warm days around 18th October - The Feast of St Luke's. Having been brought up in Scotland surrounded by Presbyterianism, there was no talk of saints days apart from St Andrew's day (of course) but we knew and welcomed Indian summers which seem to be almost routine. As soon as schools go back the sun seems to come out, to underline the confinement of the scholars and their teachers. For those of us free to enjoy the outdoors it has been a delight. Roll on a St Luke's summer!

I was lucky enough to have been in Norfolk during a beautiful week in September and was particularly impressed by the wild flowers in Holkham Park and the restored walled garden. There are all sorts of plans afoot to "wild" the entire Holkham estate and particularly to restore some of the salt marsh areas and many old ponds. There is also an ambitious aim for the estate to be carbon negative by 2040. It would be marvellous if they and all of us could meet that target.

Another wonderful garden was that of Hindringham Hall - a fairy tale building with a proper moat. It was less manicured than the usual open garden and we were even able to sample a delicious ripe fig (without challenge!). I'm always rather puzzled by fig trees in UK. They seem to produce lots of small fruits late in the season but there can be ripe fruits available at the same time. The small fruits are supposed to overwinter and ripen the following year but very often they just seem to fall off. There was no problem with the large trees at Hindring-

ham. They were dripping with enormous ripe figs.

What with figs and seemingly endless raspberries and beans, roughage hasn't been lacking in my diet this autumn. One week without picking and the raspberries were falling off the canes by the time I got to them. I don't understand why the birds don't feast on them but I'm grateful.

Another attraction of Hindringham is its collection of well preserved medieval fish ponds which are well interpreted. Different types of fish had to be segregated or one species would prey on another. I hadn't considered how fish would have been transported in the days before refrigeration or ice houses. It had to be carried live in water in barrels, probably mostly by river. There's nothing like seeing a site to make you really think about the nuts and bolts of history.



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

Please see below the first update from Aspen Homes.

In partnership with Chorus Homes, Aspen Build will begin work on The Green, Great Staughton, in late September 2021. The project is due for completion in late 2022. During the build, we will publish a monthly newsletter. The newsletter will also be on our notice board (located on the site).

Project Summary.

Planning we are currently awaiting final approval to establish our commence date on site

Footway closure.

We have been advised the footway to the south boundary of the site will be closed from the 25th of October until further notice, in the interim period there may be some diversions in areas along the footway to allow the arboricultural works to be undertaken.

Statutory authorities' operations.

We are currently awaiting final dates for the projects temporary electrical and water connections.

Openreach there is a diversion required to The green elevation of the project also there are some remedial works to be undertaken to the South boundary of the site. We have been advised by Openreach there should be no disruptions to the service during these operations.

Forthcoming works within the first period.

- * Establish full site boundary and signage.
- * Establish site compound set up.
- * Arboricultural works to the site boundaries.
- * Warning notices for the footway closure once we have received the approval from the LPA.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood plan group has now received the funding to progress the Neighbourhood plan and has signed a contract with Cambridgeshire Acre to provide technical support.

An initial leaflet has been distributed throughout the village and by the time you read this you should also have received the survey questionnaire. It is very important we get as many returns as possible to the questionnaire as it forms the basis on which the plan is developed and provides evidence of the communities wishes and aspirations. If you can, please complete the survey online as this makes the task of data collection easier. If you cannot complete online it will be collected from you.

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

There is also a survey of local businesses and if you require one of these and/or a residential survey also please let me know.

Bob Jewell

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GREAT STAUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP TO CONTROL
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You will receive your form in the next few weeks

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will give the opportunity to form a vision of how you would like your neighbourhood to evolve over the next decade or so, in the way that you, as residents of Gt Staughton, would like to see it. For example, planning control, transport, village and recreational facilities together with many other matters. The District Council would have the final say, but they must take the NP into consideration when making any decisions.

The Parish Council of Great Staughton has been permitted by Huntingdonshire District Council to prepare and put into place a Neighbourhood Plan. The presence of such a plan makes it more possible for the Parish to receive infrastructure grants associated with any developments.

To prepare such a plan it is essential that the opinions of residents are considered and, where appropriate, incorporated in the plan. The plan has, as far as possible, to reflect the desires of residents.

To aid in preparing the plan and ensuring it reflects the desires of the majority of the village all households will be receiving questionnaires. You will receive this as a hard copy and it will contain a Unique Identification Number (UIN) which will be recorded instead of your name. This way, as far as possible, the comments you submit will be anonymous.

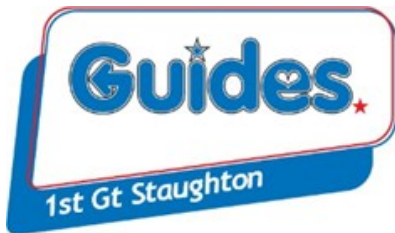
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If you want to know more or want to help, please contact **Bob Jewell**
gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com or 07812 725 680

The Parish has now received grant to support the process of creating a neighbourhood plan. Cambridgeshire Acre have been engaged to support the process.

This leaflet or something very similar is about to be distributed throughout Great Staughton. The survey will soon follow. We would ask all residents to participate in the process.

Bob Jewell



The 1st Gt Staughton Guides are now back to face-to-face meetings on Wednesday evenings during school term.

AND it's now being run by a new leader, Lindy Bornman. Lindy started as a parent helper while her own daughter attended the group... and then enjoyed it so much that she has now progressed to be the new Guide Leader.

Why become a Guide? We make things happen! We give you the chance to explore, to try new things, to learn new skills, work as a team, to meet new friends. And above all **WE HAVE FUN!**

Some examples of activities that we did this term include camp games and songs, navigating using compasses and trees, building fires and making popcorn, DIY skills, hosting an Alice in Wonderland party and water games!

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- Information for Parents
- Register your daughter

Once registered, you will be contacted by one of our Leaders.

There are 4 sections in Guiding:

Rainbows (5-7) Brownies (7-10) Guides (10-14) Senior Section (14-25)

We also welcome enquiries from 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 to the Join Us pages on the Girlguiding UK website - girlguiding.org.uk

For more information, contact Lindy Bornman at FGSGuides@gmail.com

A Big Thank You from Life Magazine

Many readers may not be aware but Life Magazine has an amazing group of volunteer deliverers who, each month, deliver Life Magazine through your letterboxes.

One of these deliverers is Doris Dainty from Perry who has hand delivered 70 magazines in the Perry area for over 20 years. Doris has now retired from delivering the magazine and we would like to say a big thank you to her for her dedication and assistance throughout the years.

Thank you again Doris!

The Life Magazine Team

An important message about the future of the Life Magazine

The last eighteen or so months have been extremely difficult for all of us.

We would like to thank every single person who has supported us and donated to the magazine throughout the pandemic, be it popping a few coins in the Pots around the villages or sending us a very generous donation. All the money we have received has seen us through Covid times and allowed us to continue putting out a monthly magazine, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Sadly, the Life Magazine is still losing money, and without a big change, it simply will not survive. We know how important the magazine is for the community and closing it down is something that just isn't an option for us.

So, as of December, Life & Diaries will become a **quarterly** magazine. This is a decision that has not been taken lightly, but Chairperson Nicole, Treasurer Helen, and the Editors Rob and Shaun feel this is the best option to ensure the future of the magazine.

Four magazines a year compared to twelve will allow us to make them bigger and better and will give our dedicated contributors more time to produce top-quality content for us. At the height of the pandemic, Shaun and Rob often struggled to fill the pages and often, some content was repeated. This is something that won't happen with a quarterly magazine.

We also hope this longer time between magazines will encourage more people in Perry and Great Staughton to get involved with Life and submit stories, poems, articles, reviews, photographs, recipes etc. We want to ensure the magazine is a hub for the local community and something people look forward to reading.

This October issue you're reading right now will be the last one in a monthly format. There will be no November magazine, and then we'll back for our 'Winter Edition' in early December which we hope will be full of Christmas and New Year events.

Below you'll see the timetable for each issue and when the content deadline will be.

Timetable of issues to be included in the announcement:

Winter edition: Dec, Jan, Feb (content deadline Nov 10th)

Spring edition: Mar, April, May (content deadline Feb 10th)

Summer edition: June July, August (content deadline May 10th)

Autumn edition: Sept, Oct, Nov (content deadline Aug 10th)

If you have any questions about the future of the Life Magazine, or if you're a regular contributor and you want to know how your articles will work in the quarterly magazine, please do email the editors Rob and Shaun on rj.young@live.co.uk and lifemagazine@outlook.com and we'll happily talk you thoroughly through everything.

Thank you for your continued support, *The Life Magazine Team*

HEALTH WALKS IN GREAT STAUGHTON, PERRY AND KIMBOLTON



Huntingdonshire District Council Health Walks have returned!

We are pleased to be once again offering Health Walks in Great Staughton, Perry and Kimbolton as part of the St Neots and Huntingdon area programmes.

Come and join us. No special equipment is required; all you need is comfortable sturdy footwear and suitable clothing. Each circular walk is designed to take approximately 60 minutes and is led by two trained volunteer leaders.

Make a note of these forthcoming walks in our area, and come and join us. There is no charge but please pre-book before attending a walk. You can book by phoning One Leisure [01480 388111](tel:01480388111), via the [One Leisure website](#) or by the One Leisure App. Bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance.

Date	Time	Name of Walk	Start/finish point
Fri 1 st Oct	2pm	Great Staughton Meadows walk	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park, The Green. PE19 5DG
Wed 13 th Oct	2pm	Grafham Lakeside walk	Cinnamon Restaurant car park, Breach Road, Grafham. PE28 0BA
Wed 10 th Nov	2pm	Perry walk	Wheatsheaf car park, Perry. PE28 0BX
Fri 19 th Nov	2pm	Dillington Duddle walk	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park, The Green. PE19 5DG

The Health Walk Scheme is well established across the whole of Huntingdonshire. Its aim is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in year-round regular activity that will help improve physical, mental and social well-being. Most walks are dog-friendly.

For more information:

Look online at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks for all walks over the whole HDC district, or contact

Danielle Sancaster

Active Lifestyles Development Officer

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GREAT
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Perry W.I.

Because of Covid restrictions we didn't know whether we would be able to hold our usual meetings in Great Staughton Village Hall, so our August meeting was a delicious lunch at 'The Wheatsheaf' in Perry, where those who were able to go enjoyed a lovely meal.

Our Harvest Supper meeting was held in the 'White Hart' in Great Staughton. A huge thank you to Tricia for all her hard work arranging the evening. She had even written us individual personalised cards with our menu choices on, which was greatly appreciated as some of us could not remember what we had ordered! We all enjoyed a delicious two course meal. Thanks also to the staff at the 'White Hart' for a lovely evening. We all had a good time enjoying the food and drink and having a natter with our friends we hadn't seen for a while.

The good news is that we are able to return to holding our meetings in Great Staughton Village Hall in October, which we are all looking forward to. The October meeting on Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm will be a gentleman and his ukulele and on Tuesday 9th November our speaker is to be confirmed, but we are hoping to be educated about flower arrangements. If you would like to come along to any of our meetings we are always happy to see new faces. You will receive a warm welcome, a hot drink and possibly even a slice of cake.

Karen Larkins

Our September meeting took place in the sailing club giving us all a small glimpse into what life used to be like. We adhered strictly to the covid rules and had a very pleasant evening. Unfortunately, speakers are still being extremely cautious about attending venues for talks but that didn't deter our own Sylvia Swain who gave us a very interesting talk about her holiday in Cumbria. No, we didn't have hours of scanning through her endless holiday snaps featuring her husband, food and black dots in a blue sky but a talk on an amazing place to visit. Sylvia stayed on a working farm in Wreay (pronounced: reer as in beer) run by a young lady who took over the management of the farm from her father. It was from her that St. Mary's Church in Wreay was recommended as a 'must go to place' to visit before they left Cumbria.

Our first impressions of the church from the pictures Sylvia showed were pretty much unimpressive, yet another rectangular building with a circular bit at the end. The design we learned was based on Italian basilica churches as opposed to the prevailing English Gothic style of the 1800s. But, wow all that changed as Sylvia took us in to explore more closely the most amazingly decorated interior and beautiful features of the windows.

Inside, Sylvia led us step by step to view symbolic ornaments and carvings which refer to death, rebirth and new life, drawing upon Christian, pagan and personal references of the designer. Amazing sculptures of birds, insects, dragonflies, vines, pine cones and flowers were found on every part of the church. The Alter was an open, free standing one, with a green marble slab resting on two huge brass eagles. We

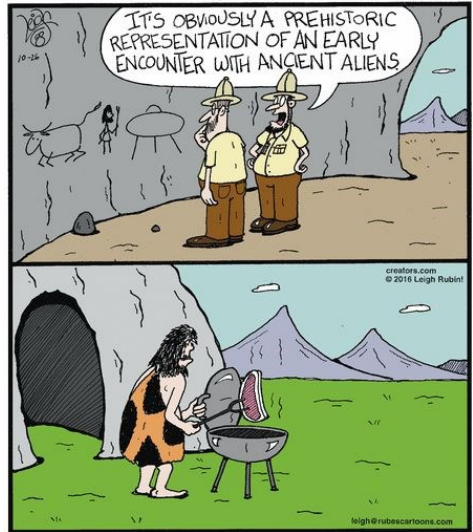
then discovered who was responsible for this which made our journey all the more amazing.

St. Mary's Church and a complex of buildings in the village of Wreay were built by Sarah Losh in the 1830s and 40s. Born in 1785 Sarah was part of a very wealthy family, the eldest of four children and it was when her parents and two brothers died she found herself inheriting the family wealth including the village church which was in a very poor state of repair. From this point onwards her vision knew no bounds. She was already an accomplished architect, sculptress, artist, scientist and could speak and read latin.....don't you just love her already! As all wealthy young ladies of that time she went travelling on the Grand Tour, coming back full of enthusiasm and ideas of how she was going to design and build a new church, St Mary's. At the time it cost the grand total of £1,008 to build in an artistic style, which pre-dates the Arts and Crafts movement, using only local labour. She created a highly original work which reflected her innovative, exuberant imagination.

She went on to build many more buildings in the village including The Dame School for girls to ensure they had equal opportunities in terms of education. A Pompeian Cottage inspired by her visit to Pompeii, to house the school master and The Free School which is now the local Primary School. There are many other things she went onto build which can still be seen today if you follow the Sarah Losh Heritage Trail.

A truly inspirational woman!
Thank you Sylvia, the village of Wreay, St Mary's Church and the Sarah Losh Heritage Centre will certainly be added to my list of places to visit.

Our next meeting is 7.30pm on the 11th October at Grafham Water Sailing Club. See you soon



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'The Woman in the White Kimono', by Ana Johns, proved to be one of the highlights of the year. The writing was spellbinding, the two plots were carefully intertwined and the characters were carefully drawn.

Tori, in present day America, is caring for her dying father when she discovers a letter which binds her to events that happened in Japan in 1957. Naoko finds herself caught between love, culture and obedience to her family in a time when mixed-race relationships were condemned. Will she follow her heart or marry the man her father has chosen for her? And what price will she pay if she chooses to disobey him? There is tragedy, heartbreak and tears – so get the tissue box ready – as Tori, an investigative journalist, tries to discover who the woman in the white kimono is and whether she is still alive.

Because of the heartbreaking content, it is not an easy read. But the exquisite, haunting writing honours the lost as well as giving hope to the present.

We are almost at the end of this year's book club choices and will be

choosing next year's books shortly. If you would like to give us suggestions, we would love to hear them and add them to our list. Or, better still, come and join us.

If you would like to join our discussions, please contact Lorraine Goody on 07855 826096.

Book Club List 2021

Oct: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Nov: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders





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Thank you. Your magazine still needs your help.

Helen
Life Magazine Treasurer

Great Staughton & Perry Community Hub

You may remember that a couple of months ago we decided to launch the Great Staughton and Perry Community Hub, opening on a Friday afternoon once a month at Great Staughton Village Hall. As a primary objective we will become the villages' first Internet Café.

More and more, managing our everyday life is going online. We understand that there are many people who will find adjusting to this new way of life difficult, whatever age group they might fall into.

We want to help; and now that the Village Hall has an excellent free Wi-Fi connection, we can. We will provide the computer equipment and offer IT help on a monthly basis. Whether it is assistance with going online to pay your Council Tax and utility bills, looking for insurance quotes or recognising scams, for example, we can be there free of charge to offer advice and support.

We also plan to sell tea and coffee so that villagers can come and enjoy a chat with others, as per a normal social gathering.

There is the possibility of having a Parish Councillor in attendance occasionally, holding a 'surgery' for any queries that parishioners may have. This could potentially then extend to inviting other professionals and visitors along that might have a service to offer or advice and support to give that could be beneficial to the community.

We are going to launch the Community Hub and tea/coffee gathering on Friday 22nd October between the hours of 1.30pm to 4.00 pm and from then on, if it is successful, every third Friday in the month. Hope to see you there.

Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey

In the midst of the lock down, many have rediscovered a love for reading. During the Lockdown I shared with you details of “From Barren Rocks to Living Stones”, written by a local author that brings to life the experiences of the past. My second book is “Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey” and it is a pleasure to share with you an excerpt.

Often when passing through the Suez canal small boats would come up beside the ship hoping to make a sale to those on board, but that was not always the case as can be seen in this excerpt.

As they approached the Suez canal they looked out at the Red Sea coast which was renowned for its incredible turquoise waters and splendid coral reefs. Everything seemed to be idyllic, until they reached the canal. President Nazzer was not feeling so happy with Western ships passing through. This time there were no boats to be seen they were replaced with something far more sinister, Migs! As the ship made its way along the Migs would carry out dive bombing exercises. As the Migs dived down as close to the decks as possible, the ships captain gave the order for all passengers to go below decks immediately. However, despite all of the attempts that were made to cause disruption, the ship was still able to

arrive at its final destination safe and sound.

Voyaging between the UK and the Far East had many incidents that made life more interesting, and to think that the family of 6 children, as we were, were supervised by a mother on her own. (Dad often went on ahead of the family due to the duties he needed to take care of.) How many mums today would entertain such a journey on their own?

The author had a nomadic childhood that gives the opportunity to bring real life into the book and more excitement and adventure than a mere history lesson and today is now the Pastor of the Perry Church. The book can be obtained from Amazon as well as numerous other places online. It can also be ordered from any book shop, Covid rules permitting, by quoting ISBN-13: 978-1452049854 or ISBN-10: 1452049858 . Or else contact the author locally on telephone number 01480 700810. The book is called “Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey” written by Jon Magee

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October

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to two events in October.

The first is an on line illustrated talk on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom. Our speaker will be Cliff Carson, former Environmental Officer for the Middle Level Commissioners. Cliff will give us a fascinating insight into his work to enhance the biodiversity of the Fenland Waterways. This talk promises images and footage of otters, kingfishers, water voles, plus other riparian species.

Our second event is a walk to look at the Autumn Colours in Brampton Wood on Sunday 31st October at 10.30am. Please meet in the car park. GR TL 184698. Both events are free. Please book for both events by emailing Pat on jp.doody@ntlworld.com in advance. He will send you a zoom link before the first meeting is due to start. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

For more information please contact Alistair on 07775 365507 or alistairgrant@hotmail.com.

November

Lockdown Wildlife

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to our on line illustrated talk on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom.

Our speaker will be Jim Stevenson who has recently retired as the Senior Wildlife Ranger for Paxton Pits. Often known as Ranger Jim on Radio Cambridgeshire, he had spells with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust under Peter Scott, and over 20 years with the RSPB. A very entertaining speaker, Jim will describe his favourite places that he visited during Lockdown. These include Brampton Wood, Stirtloe Sewage Works, Paxton Pits and a few places further afield such as Frampton Marsh, Minsmere and some Trust sites in the Yorkshire Dales.

This event is free. Please book by emailing Pat on jp.doody@ntlworld.com in advance. He will send you a zoom link before the meeting is due to start. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

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A message from Great Staughton Youth Club



As a team of seven volunteers, we started the

Youth Club in 2014 and it had been running for six years when in the middle of March 2020 we were all affected by the COVID pandemic.

The Youth Club has been amazingly successful and brought more than 100 youngsters together from surrounding villages, and it has been a privilege to see them progress through school and become young adults. We believe that the club helped them to be confident, work in teams, support each other and develop long term friendships amongst other things.

Both volunteers and members have helped at many local events, Village Hog Roast, murder mystery evening, village gala day, Christmas fayres, litter picking, bin cleaning... the list goes on. We have also always been happy to support the community by donating gifts and funds to other clubs and groups in the village.

There has been lots of fun at group and some of the trips our members have enjoyed were:- driving at Alconbury Driving Centre, Segway riding, Flow Rider at Twinwoods, swimming, footgolf, crazy golf, paddle boarding, wall climbing and archery, 10-pin bowling, trampolining, Aqua inflatables, St Johns first aid course, some of these were so popular we have done them several times over the years.

As a group we have had lots of time to reflect since lockdown and we feel now is the time for us to hand over the reigns or sadly close the club. There are a number of reasons for this decision.

Our own children are now adults embarking on their future careers.

We are only a small team and unfortunately several of the team have now moved from the area.

Some of the team members are now unable to give the time required for planning events and all the running of the club due to work commitments.

Whilst we only met on a Thursday evening, there are a lot of behind the scenes jobs such as DBS checks on our team, ensuring a qualified first aider is always present and enough adults to safely run the club each week, sorting insurance banking, organising the evening agenda or activities, attendance registers, members details, maintaining the equipment, sorting floats, stocking the tuck-shop and more.

We would be happy to mentor a new team if anyone is interested and take on the commitment of running the club. There is a large selection of equipment that is in good order which we were able to purchase through generous donations when we initially set up the club in 2014 and then purchased from fund raising by helping at community events.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the community for all the support over the time we have been running the club. If anyone would be interested, please contact us on gsync2014@gmail.com or via our account Facebook group Great Staughton Youth Club.

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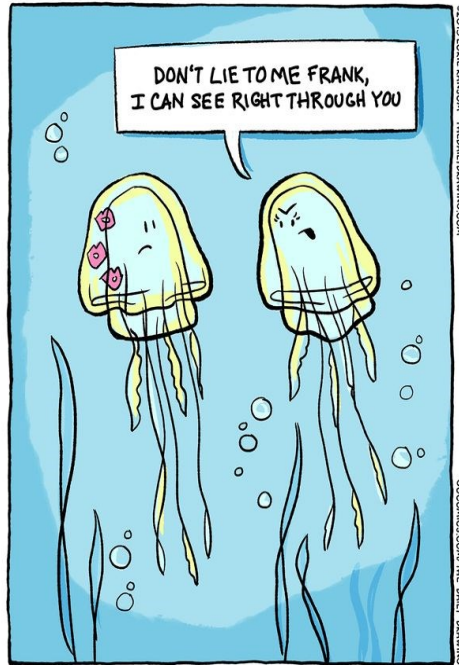
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**MINUTES
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PERRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday
7th July 2021
at the Grafham Water Centre**

Present: Parish Councillors: Sheila Brighton (SB) Chair, Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Eleanor Abbs (EA). **County Councillor:** Ian Gardener (IG). **Clerk** Maxine Blewett (MB). **Members of the public:** None

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Sheila Brighton at 7.30 pm.

Apologies: PPC Cllr Martin Wilson sent his apologies.

Councillors Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests - None.

Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on 5 May 2021 -RESOLVED that the minutes are APPROVED for the Annual Parish Council Meeting. (Prop EP, 2ND EA, unanimous)

Reports from County Councillor - Cllr Ian Gardener presented his report which is attached to these Minutes. The report covers an overview of the CCC election results (the Council has ‘no overall control’). There will be fewer committee meetings, and a decision was made to abolish the Health Committee. The London Luton Airspace Consultation recommended the creation of a Stacking area for London Luton centred over Grafham water starting in 2023. The minimum height of the stack has been increased from 8000ft to 9000ft. Cllr NN commented that stacking would only be used if London Luton had no other options. Cllr EP described the consultation process as being a waste of time. IG left the meeting at 8.30 pm after commenting on item 21/48 (PFHI and LHI matters – see below for details)

Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting and Action Points
PFHI – Cllr EP summarised the PFHI project: EP met with Joe Hudson (JH), CCC, in Perry who advised that PPC needed to gather data on speeding traffic to support creating 2 Chicanes to slow traffic down. JH suggested

placing 4 posts, one at the far end of the village and another at the near end, one on Chichester Way and one at the Baptist Church. The posts would support an MVAS camera to record speeds. Also included in the application were two 40 mph buffer zones placed at each end of the village. Cllr IG felt that the estimated cost (£8,500.00 - £1500.00 – posts, £4,000 buffer zones and £3,000 MVAS camera) was considerably lower from his experience and he suggested to PPC that they consider an LHI application instead, to reduce expenditure to a total of 10% of the full costs. Cllr IG also spoke about other villages successfully applying for 20 mph speed limits in their villages and should PPC feel this would benefit Perry, this could be added to a future LHI application once data has been gathered.

Cllr EP also confirmed that JH agreed to have the white lines repainted in the middle of the village and to have the main junctions relined, all of which will help to slow traffic down. A decision on whether to continue with the PFHI application, or to change to an LHI application is to be resolved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Wood Shredder – EA and NN to arrange the sale of the Wood Shredder through a closed-bid advertisement (local social media/ noticeboard) and advise on progress at the next meeting.

2020-2021 LHI Scheme Application – Reduced parking time outside the Village Shop and Post Office has been approved. The work will be carried out by CCC contractors but PPC are to expect delays due to staffing shortages (IG).

Police Virtual Roundtable Meeting 19/7/21 - PPC Councillors are unable to attend the meeting but Clerk to request a copy of the minutes (if available).

Clerk’s Report -
Neighbourhood / Village Plan – Cllrs EA and EP recommended the proposal of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Perry because, unlike a Village Plan, it allows Perry to make decisions on future planning / developments. The Perry Neighbourhood Plan must be developed independently from the Parish Council; therefore, an independent project team needs to be established to manage the process. The Clerk has been asked to produce an article to promote the benefits of having a

Neighbourhood Plan, and to encourage Villagers to be part of the team that will help shape the future of Perry. The article is to be posted on Next Door/Facebook/website/Life and Diaries and via a leaflet drop.

Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report – remove from future agendas.

Perry in Bloom – Cllr EP suggested a ‘Perry in Bloom Christmas Competition’ be arranged and details circulated in October 2021.

Parking Issues – New speed bumps on Crowspinney are helping to slow traffic down.

Playground for Perry – nothing to report – remove from future agendas.

Litter Picking – There are four litter picking tools at the Village Shop which can be used by Villagers. Cllr NN will keep records of who borrows the equipment.

Garage/Yard Sale – Subject to interest, it is proposed that Perry has a Garage/Yard Sale on 19 September 2021. Clerk to prepare a poster to advertise the sale and post on Facebook/Next Door/Noticeboard/Village Shop.

Aqua Park at Grafham Water – PPC to monitor how this is being organised and what effect this has on parking and parking fees.

Glamping in the grounds of Gaynes Hall – Cllrs EA and EP are to contact Mr. Roberts to arrange a meeting on site to discuss PPC’s concerns over the route campers will be taking to reach the site.

Overgrown Plants on Armstrong and near the Church - Cllr NN to ask the Handyman to clear the plants from near the Church. Clerk has been asked to write to the owner of the property on Armstrong where overgrown shrubs/plants are encroaching on the footpath.

Standing Monthly Reports

Community Heat Scheme – Cllr EP attending a meeting on 19.7.21, report to follow.

London Luton Airport (Stacking) – Covered by Cllr IG in 21/46 above.

Planning

21/00866/FUL Installation of new gas boiler and flue at Littlehey Prison, Crowspinney, Perry. PPC are neither for nor against this application.

20/80326/COND 17 Roundhouse Drive, Perry. Conditional information for 20/00028/HHFUL C4 (block paving), C5 (Landscape). PPC are neither for nor against this application.

Consider and discuss how to fill the Councillor vacancies - Carried forward to next meeting.

Meetings/Training Attended - Cllr SB attended Chairmanship Training with CAPALC.

Cllr EP will be attending the Heat Scheme Meeting on 19/7/21.

Finance

Councillors discussed earmarking reserves as recommended by the Auditor after PPC’s AGAR audit. Cllr EA suggested PPC carry out some manner of consultation with Villagers to find out areas of importance to them. Deferred to the next meeting to agree on the best way to carry out the consultation.

RESOLVED to review and agree the retrospectively paid cheques (May) and to approve June cheques for payment, including approving a cheque for £10,000.00 payable to Perry Parry Council for the Clerk to send to UNITY TRUST BANK to OPEN the new BANK ACCOUNTS. (Prop EP, 2nd NN, unanimous).

Payments approved retrospective for the month of May:

All Salaries: £624.56; Perry in Bloom refund £11.00; HMRC £96.40; Clerk’s travel: £23.40
Total: £ 755.36

Payment approved June

All Salaries: £583.80; HMRC PAYE £103.60; Antony Abbs (Four Seasons) £200.00; Kim Webb Ltd (AGAR) £ 97.65; Came and Co. £362.88; Perry Parish Council Unity Trust Bank opening cheque £ 10,000.00; Clerk’s mileage £11.70 Clerk’s Working from Home Allowance £8.00. Total £11,367.63

Discussion on the Handyman’s Contract was deferred until the next Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED that Cllrs SB and EP are signatories on the new Unity Trust Bank Accounts. (Prop EA, 2nd NN, unanimous). The Clerk is to send the signed application forms via email to Unity Trust Bank and once the PPC Current Account is open, she is then to deposit the cheque for £10,000.00 on the same or the next day.

Cllrs NN, SB and EP signed the Unity Trust SWITCH and CLOSURE forms. The forms instruct Barclays Bank to transfer all funds into the new Unity Trust Current Account and then to close the accounts. The Clerk will

process these forms with Unity Trust Bank once the new bank accounts with them are open and the cheque for £10,000.000 has cleared with Barclays. Clerk to provide and update at the next PC meeting.

RESOLVED to confirm Maxine Blewett's probationary period ended on 31 May 2021 and her role has been made permanent. (Prop NN, 2nd EP, unanimous)

RESOLVED to approve an increase in MB's hourly rate of pay to £13.78 from 1 July 2021. (Prop EP, 2nd EA, unanimous).

Correspondence Received -- An email was received from Joe Hudson Local Highways Officer 3/6/21 advising he could not confirm a start date for the PFHI scheme.

An email was received from xxx 21/6/21 requesting PPC to consider writing to the Boundary Commission to support the creation of a St Neots constituency, but amending the boundary to include these villages to the west of St Neots.

An email from xxx 25/6/21 regarding options selected on the Luton Airport airspace changes that appear to have ignored feedback from the consultation process. See 21/46 above.

Emails received from xxx with regard to a response received from Rachel Harvey Community Ambassador programme co-ordinator at Anglian Water (AW) on the proposed Aqua Park (a floating assault course) at Grafham Water. In AW's response to xx they advised planning permission was not required because it will run for July and August only. xxx also made comments on the car parking charges that have doubled in less than 12 months.

Matters arising/AOB (No decisions may be made on an AOB)

PPC are sorry to have received the sad news of the death of Mr. Adrian Arnett and wish to send their condolences to his family.

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting

Cllr NN raised reinstating and updating the Village Recognition Scroll – for discussion at then next PC meeting.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th August at the Grafham Water Centre in the Redhill and Glebe meeting rooms.

Annual Community Recognition Scheme Nomination

Derived from the Perry 2018 Community Led Village Plan, the scheme is designed to recognise those that make a significant community contribution or foster and enhance community participation in the village.

The village is now seeking nominations for the above scheme. To be eligible for nomination an individual must either be resident or have their main place of employment in the village. When submitting nominations please include a description of why the person is being recommended for the award.

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A Neighbourhood Plan for Perry

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Why do we need one?

- The plan will have statutory status – greater influence over planning decisions
 - More say for residents on specific local issues than in the Local Plan
 - Community-led process not ‘top-down’
 - Helps to place local environmental and conservation issues at the top of the agenda
 - Provides an opportunity to specify which sites will be developed and the housing ‘mix’
 - Encourages dialogue with a range of organisations
- Can encourage community projects and self-build initiatives.

Find out more

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for our community to set out a positive vision for how we want our community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. If you are interested in getting involved in the development process of a Neighbourhood Plan for Perry then please email: clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk



Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - upcoming events

Tuesday 5th October
7pm at the Village Hall
AGM with free glass of wine and opportunity to become a member followed by a talk on ‘Wild Sri Lanka’ with speaker Jo Thomas.
£2 non-members, £1 members

Tuesday 2nd November
7:15pm for 7:30pm at the Village Hall
Moths and Butterflies in Huntingdonshire with speaker Martin Davies
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This autumn the focus will be on supporting people to get started with their home eco projects, by getting expert advice to create a whole house plan or starting small with some ‘easy win’ actions such as draught-proofing or moving to a green energy supplier.

Cambridge Carbon Footprint Manager, Alana Sinclair, says: “Retrofitting our housing to be more energy efficient is critical to achieving the UK’s climate targets and will be a key focus for policy makers in the coming years.

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wondered what it would take to make their own home cosier, more comfortable and better for the environment.”

This year there will be eight different homes available to tour and five expert-led talks.

Andy and his family will be offering a tour of their new eco home. Built from the ground up with sustainability in mind it is largely carbon positive to run, exporting considerably more energy than it uses.

Andy says: “Our previous home was a narrowboat and, while we loved our boat, it was the right time for somewhere bigger. After the boat we didn’t feel like moving into a conventional house. When we stumbled across a building plot in 2017 that we liked we just thought ‘why not?’”

OEH host Shaun, offering a tour of his 1960’s semi, says: “Our retrofit has made a huge difference to our overall standard of living: reducing pollen, dust and the frequency of cleaning; completely eliminating mould; almost no car and hot water running cost; heating only four months a year; no energy cost from home working; and the house is perfect for drying wet clothes indoors (no tumble dryer needed). I could go on...”.

This year there is also a unique opportunity to tour one of only a few eco-retrofitted churches.

Downing Place URC and halls now have solar panels, secondary glazing for the stained-glass windows, mechanical ventilation with heat recovery in the smaller rooms and more.

In addition to the tours, the five talks will cover a range of themes including embodied carbon, home ventilation and smart electric homes.

Talks will be led by expert speakers and current and former hosts, including Mark Brinkley, former OEH host and author of the Housebuilder's Bible.

The Open Eco Homes programme of tours and talks will take place between Monday 13th September and Friday 15th October.

Visit cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/open-eco-homes-events/ to find out more and register to attend.

Open Eco Homes is a project of the charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint.



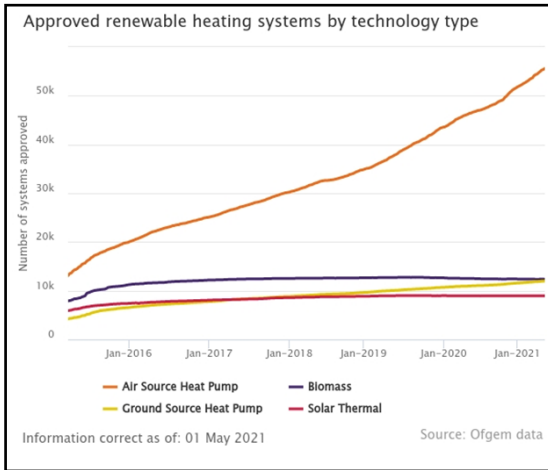
Replacing your boiler soon? The Race to Renewable, March 2022

There's a UK-wide race on for households to access a grant that has made renewable energy affordable for 90,000 homes over the last decade. This fund, the Renewable Heat Incentive will end in March 2022.

National headlines last month announced rising energy prices and questioned how we pay for a renewable, carbon zero society. After Grafham, Great Staughton and Perry decided that a renewable energy heat network was not an affordable option for the local villages involved, we are seizing local momentum to support individual households in the village and beyond, to change to renewable energy heating. We have put together some practical information to help those who may be considering replacing their heating in the next year or so to make a positive move to future-proofing your heating and to make a change that the next generation can be proud of.

Put simply, the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) pays a tariff to you, based on your home's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC), a measure of your homes insulation, and the energy saved by your new renewable heating installation. Overall, the funding has been very successful, almost 90,000 homes have had renewable heating installed. The tariff, paid over 7 years, can cover up to 70% of the costs involved in installing an air source heat pump. This has been the most popular form of renewable heating installed in homes using RHI. After March 2022, it is expected that RHI will be replaced by a single £4,000 payment towards the cost of an Air Source Heat Pump, which would cover less than 50%

of the upfront costs.



2022 with an Air Source Heat Pump, with a voucher for £4,000 via the Clean Heat Grant, which will cover up to 50% of the costs, maybe.

Through the tri-village heating project we have met several households that have taken advantage of RHI and installed an air source heat pump within their own home. An air source heat pump uses electricity to upgrade heat extracted from air, through a process that is the opposite of a fridge. This means that your electricity costs will go up due to use by the Air Source Heat Pump, but that your overall heating costs could go down in the long term.

What are your future heating options?

- **Replace an oil boiler, with an oil boiler.** There is a plan to phase out oil in the UK, and some manufacturers are winding down oil boilers, parts and maintenance may become increasingly difficult.
- Replace your boiler **before March 2022 with an Air Source Heat Pump**, cover around 70% of the costs, potentially 100% using Renewable Heat Incentive. This option will only be able until 31st March 2022, when RHI ends.
- Replace your boiler **before March 2022 with an Air Source Heat Pump**, and low or no upfront costs using an installer offering **Assignment of Rights**. This process allows the installer to claim your Renewable Heat Incentive payment, to cover installation costs. You would pay for the ongoing electrical and servicing costs of the heat pump. This option will only be able until 31st March 2022, when RHI ends.
- Replace your boiler **after March**

After installing an approved Air Source Heat Pump, you register your heating system, to then receive a quarterly payment from the government. The payment amount is based on the estimate energy use of your home, stated on its EPC.

We would like to help facilitate a heat network of a different kind in the village, by creating a support network between those who are interested in installing renewable heating and those who have already installed it! If you would like to speak to someone in your village about their personal experience of installing an air source heat pump, please email info@g0grafham.co.uk. Or contact us if you would be happy to speak with your neighbours about your experience.

We are also in the process of speaking to Cambridgeshire County Council to see if they would be willing to support group buying of air source heat pumps. This might help reduce the cost of installations.

Useful Links:

How much could you earn from RHI?

<https://renewable-heat-calculator.service.gov.uk/StartCalculation.aspx>

Where can I find an Air Source Heat Pump installer?

www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk (Trading Standards Approved suppliers)
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<https://mcs-certified.com/find-an-installer/>. MCS certified website was recommended

A Note From the Editors

If you're sending content to be published, please email it to both editors to ensure it will be included in future issues. Send all content to both
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&
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Please do keep us informed about any changes to village clubs and activities, such as a change of contact details for example. We want the magazine to be as up-to-date as possible with all the relevant info, and that can only be achieved if you keep Shaun and Rob in the loop.

Finally, if you'd like to place a 'For Sale' ad in the magazine, do let both of us know when the items have been sold, so the ad can be removed for the next issue of the magazine.

**Thank you,
Shaun & Rob**

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Since Christmas we have been pleased to provide 2 full sets of home computer equipment to help local youngsters with their schooling but now that schools have reopened fully we realize that needs may have changed. If anyone finds they now have a need for a computer please contact us.

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3 Possible Reasons Your Wi-Fi Connection Is Slow

Having slow Wi-Fi can be almost as frustrating as not having Wi-Fi at all. With many aspects of our fast-paced lives now being dependent on the internet, every second spent staring at the loading screen is a wasted opportunity. With your connection running at a snail's pace, you risk compromising your work and productivity.

If you're experiencing sluggish internet speeds, it may be due to a variety of factors. Figuring out what causes it can help you troubleshoot your network and fix minor issues it may be facing. With this, here are some possible reasons your Wi-Fi connection may be slow:

1 - You're Using an Outdated Router

Old, outdated routers may not be as equipped to handle fast Wi-Fi speeds as newer models because they were designed with different standards. It's advisable to purchase a modern router that supports 802.11ac (Wi-Fi 5 or Wireless AC) technology because its systems can theoretically provide internet speeds of over 1 Gbps. If you cannot find routers compatible with Wi-Fi 5, the next best thing would be to look for a model that supports 802.11n (Wi-Fi 4) technology, which can theoretically provide internet speeds of up to 600 Mbps.

2 - There Is an Interference in the Wi-Fi Signals

If your router is up to date but still provides slow internet speeds, signal interference may be affecting your Wi-Fi. Objects like walls and large appliances can block Wi-Fi signals and cause lags and delays. Water and metal objects are particularly common culprits of interference. Make sure to move the router away from refrigerators, fish tanks, microwave ovens, and other large barriers. It's essential to place the router in an open location, letting its signals travel in an outward radius. These signals move both vertically and horizontally, so it may help if you mount it on a wall or position it

on top of a shelf.

3 - You're Not Connected to the Right Frequency Band

Many Wi-Fi routers use two frequency bands, which are 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz. The 2.4 GHz band sends out signals that travel to a longer distance but provides slower speeds. On the other hand, the 5 GHz band operates at a shorter range and gives a faster connection.

If there are too many devices connected to one band, your internet speed may suffer. Because of this, it's best to reserve the 5 GHz band for the devices in which you do most of your essential tasks, such as your laptop or tablet.

You can also set the router up so that the two frequency bands have different passwords. Doing so will require changing the network settings, so it's best to call tech support if you're not familiar with the process.

Contact Computer Networking Support

Many of our daily tasks nowadays require the use of the internet. Having a sluggish wireless connection can be a frustrating experience, and waiting for pages to load can eat up most of our valuable time. The reasons listed above are common culprits of slow Wi-Fi speeds, but if troubleshooting still does not do the trick, it may be time to call a professional.

If you're looking for [IT support companies at St Neots](#), I can help. Let me assist you in diagnosing and providing solutions for your network connectivity problems and other computer-related issues. Get in touch with Shaun Prince today!

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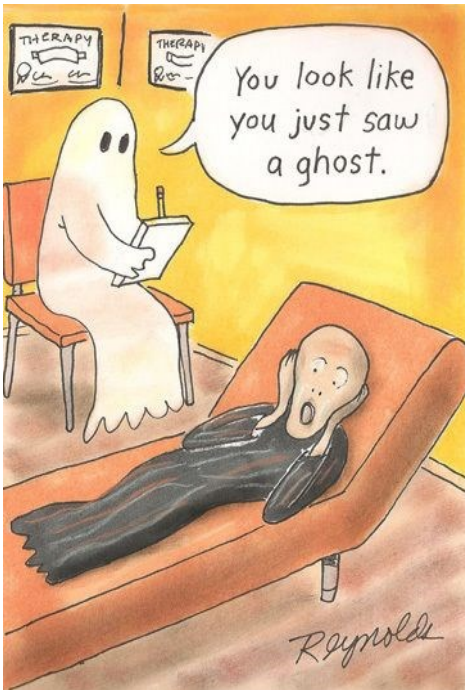




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Dear Friends,

On November 2nd the church commemorates the Faithful Departed, it is All Soul's Day. In 'Exciting Holiness' a book we use in the Morning to find out about various saints' days and festivals it says 'The believer's pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God. In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed are bound together in a communion of prayer'

You might wonder why I am talking about something in November when this is the newsletter for October. The reason being that the Saturday closest to November 2nd is Saturday October 30th and so this is the day we are going to hold our annual memorial service at St Andrew's Great Staughton, where we remember those, we have loved and lost. It is a really moving service where the names of those we are remembering are read out and you are invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

All are invited and I will send out some invitations but please if I have missed you off in error please still come. If you want to know any more

about the service or want loved ones included, please contact me on revlesnicki@gmail.com or phone me on 01480869485.

This has been a difficult year for so many, and those lost have not always been remembered and celebrated in the way you would have hoped. This is another opportunity to help you to come to terms with your loss. My lay ministers and I will be on hand to talk and pray with anybody who requests it after the service.

We have had some wonderful tributes, thanksgivings, and memorial services to celebrate the lives of those who lost their lives during lockdown and were unable to do so at the time. This is another way to remember and to mourn those you have lost.

John 14:1
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God ;believe also in me.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services for October 2021

Please visit our new website on www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the services

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Please note that Morning and Evening prayer will resume in September

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

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10.30am- All Age Worship with Songs of Praise - Outside, weather permitting

Sun 10th 10.30am- Parish Communion

Sun 17th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Sun 24th 10.30am- Parish Communion

Sat 30th 4.00 pm Service of Remembrance- Memorial Service

Sun 31st 10.30 am Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 3rd 9am-Harvest Festival

Sun 17th 9am- Parish Communion

Sun 24th 3pm- Funday Sunday

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

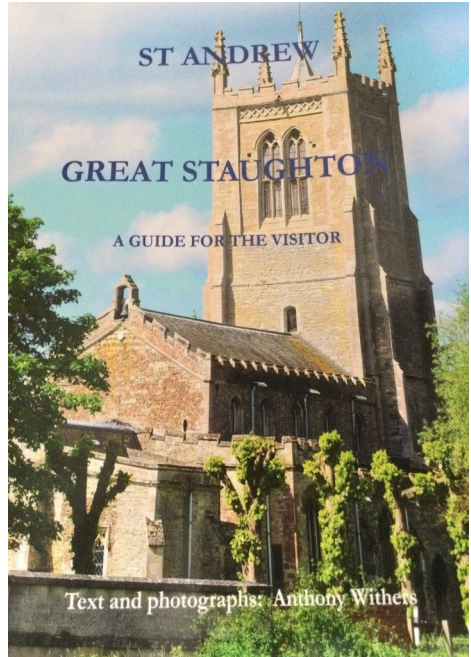
Sat 2nd 6.00 pm – Harvest Festival

Wed 6th 10.00 am – Morning Prayer followed by 10.30am – Coffee

Sun 10th 9am- Parish Communion

Sun 17th 3pm -Creative Communion

Sun 24th 9am- Parish Communion



Anthony Withers has written and produced a beautiful book about St Andrew's church in Great Staughton. If you would like to buy a copy, please get in touch with Janet Perrett.

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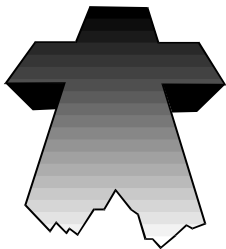


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My dear friends,

As you read this letter I shall be settling back into life in Perry following two weeks holiday in Lincolnshire. We spend so much time checking out what we shall be doing when we go on holiday, we want it to be the most memorable time of the year. We want the accommodation to be comfortable, a good base as we seek to explore every where in the locality. We look on the internet to find all the sight seeing possibilities as well as the leisure activities. Everything needs to be perfect as we look to a fortnight of fun. Yet at the end of the time many of us look forward to coming home and sleeping in our familiar bed. There is no place like home!

Yet Billy Graham once said “My home is in Heaven. I’m just travelling through this world.” If we look to our earthly home with such hope how much more is the ideal found in our heavenly home. When Jesus speaks of preparing a place for us there is no doubt from what he says that it is the best place we could ever be. He is preparing a special place for those who have trusted their lives in Jesus as Saviour and Lord. How do we get there? Jesus said “I am the way and

the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John chapter 14 verse 6) Personally, I look forward to seeing what Jesus has prepared, what about you?

In the meanwhile if you are looking for a spiritual home here on earth you are welcome to join with us each Sunday at 10.30am. For those unable to visit with us in person you are welcome to join us online on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghsIFLULGCblekWCQ4pg>

You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means.

As the Perry Village Pastor I am available for you all. Please call me or email perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com

***Love and blessings to you all
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Jon Magee

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