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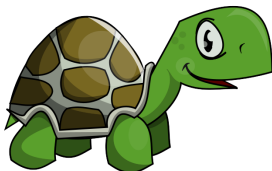
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# Dates for your Diary



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**Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2016:**

7th Sep, 9th Nov

**Perry Parish Council Meetings 2016:**

5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec

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# Editorial Natter...



*Hello everyone,*

**T**here's a real sense of 'going full circle' in this issue. You'll notice this month's cover shows the unveiling of the newly-refurbished Great Staughton village sign. And on page 12, you'll see a very similar picture taken in the same spot from 1985, with Sir Hugh Duberly appearing in both photos! Thank you to Mike Keeble for sending this to me.

And with Reverend Judi Clarke retiring and moving away from the village, I'm pleased to be able to share with you the very first letter she wrote for the magazine back in 2003, not long after she first moved here. You can read her final letter on page 42. I'd just like to say, from the whole Life team, we wish Judi a very happy retirement and thank you for everything you've done for the village.

As you know, we're still celebrating our 40th anniversary so please do keep your old village photographs and Life Magazine cuttings coming in to us. Shaun and I will get them into the magazine before the end of the year.

Anyway, have a lovely September and I'll see you all again in the November issue.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

## Councillor Surgeries

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William Mumford.....	860460
Anthony Withers.....	861224
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*Hello everyone,*



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*Helen*

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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> **away to Spaldwick**  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Home to Ellington**  
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 along!

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**West Hunts Friendship  
Club 100 Club**

**100 Club winners for August  
2016**

Number	Name	Prize
85	Janet Howard	£50
72	Richard Edmunds	£25
84	Joy Farall	£15
82	Jo and Carl Reid	£10

***Congratulations to the winners!***

**GREAT  
STAUGHTON  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**



**Looking backwards and forwards!**

**D**uring early August the Society reinstated the refurbished Village Sign, which you'll see on the cover! You'll be able to read more about this on page 12 by our Chairman, Mike Keeble.

Then on 27<sup>th</sup> August we held the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Horticultural Show, as this was written well before the show you can expect to see more about the Show in the October issue.

Looking forward to October we will be having what has become another annual event, the Garden Talk. This year's talk to be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall** and is by Andrew Sankey, his subject being **"Rethinking your Garden"**. Tickets, which are £6 include one glass of wine and light refreshments, will be available from members and Gilberts Butchers.

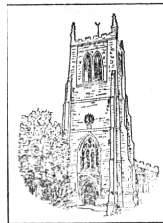
Do come along and enjoy not only an informative but also a sociable evening.

*Great Staughton Horticultural Society*

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**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE'S BUS SERVICE**

There is the new service to Huntingdon from Staughton at **11:20am** to Huntingdon returning at **2pm**. This means both St Neots and Huntingdon are served by bus services from Staughton.



**St Andrew's Church**

**100 Club  
July 2016 Draw**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
£50.....	85.....	Mrs Eileen Gilbert
£25.....	49..	Mr & Mrs M McFarlane
£15.....	78.....	Mrs G Smith
£10.....	07.....	Mr A Gilbert

***Congratulations to the winners!***

## Quiz at The White Hart

The next quiz will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at The White Hart  
**7: 30pm.**

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners. The beneficiaries of the proceeds will be the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun, many have joined us over the last few months.

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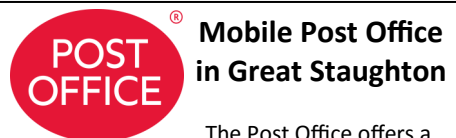


## **KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB**

There will be a flower arranging demonstration by **CLARE ALLEN** with the title **ANNIVERSARY JEWELS** on **September 20th at 7.30pm** in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

There will be a plant stall and sales table. Admission for visitors £7.50, and for members £2, to include light refreshments.

**Everyone is welcome.**



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**What can you do?** We're urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area. Report suspicious activity to police on 101 and dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

For more information on fire safety log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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There were no WI meetings in August. The next Perry WI meeting will take place on **September**

**12 at 7:30pm** at The Wheatsheaf while the next Great Staughton WI meeting will be on **September 13** in the Village Hall.

**DID YOU KNOW** that a group for 4-11 year olds called **Play & Pray** takes place once a month at St. Andrew's Church. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month during the morning service starting at 10.30am. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Our meeting dates for the coming months are:

- September 18th**
- October 16<sup>th</sup>**
- November 20th**
- December 18th**

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

## Celebrating 40 Years of Life & Diaries

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

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

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

*Thanks, Rob & Shaun*


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## Refurbishment of the Great Staughton Village Sign

The original Sign was presented to the Village by the Horticultural Society on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1985. It had done well to survive for 31 years. Not surprisingly, like many of us, it was beginning to show it's age. The wooden surrounds were rotten and the paint on the main plaque was flaking off. We later discovered that the main post, below the surface, was three quarters rotten through. It would probably not have survived another winter.

The Society wanted a project that would be a benefit to the village and could serve in memory of our late President Mr. Hugh Stewart. Refurbishing the Village Sign appeared a perfect fit.

All of the rotten timber has been replaced including the main post. The flaking paint on the main plaque has been filled, repainted and a protective coating applied. The aim was to retain the original style. A brass plaque inscribed in memory of Mr. Hugh Stewart has been added.

The Carpentry and all the heavy work was done by Mr. Anthony Weller of Dwellers in Great Staughton and the Artistic Restoration and Painting by Mr Graham Gratton of Keysoe. Both gentlemen have done an outstanding job. They gave us endless advice as the ongoing problems mounted. The Society are very grateful and offer them both our sincere thanks.

The original Sign was presented to the Village, to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Hugh Duberly, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1985. The ceremony can be seen in the below cutting from the Hunts Post.

Sir Hugh kindly agreed to repeat the ceremony on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 when the Society handed back the refurbished sign to the village. The gathering for the ceremony, before we retired to the White Heart for a small libation, can be see on this month's cover.

There were some people in attendance who were at the original ceremony in 1985. Mrs Barbara Herdman, Mrs Margaret Emeleus and Mrs Margaret Richardson, who won the competition to design the original sign.

The Horticultural Society thanks all those who attended the ceremony and sincerely hope that the refurbished Sign lasts another 31 years.

**Mike Keeble,  
Chairman.**



Count  
me in!



## Extended Entitlement – 30 hours of free childcare for working parents

**A**t present all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 570 hours of Government funded childcare per year. From September 2017, children of working parents in Cambridgeshire will be entitled to an additional 570 hours per year equating to 1140 hours of free childcare per year. This has been referred to in the press as '30 hours' of childcare or 'extended entitlement'.

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## Great Staughton Surgery Annual Flu Clinic

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

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

Yours in Guiding,

*Liz Wetzel and Ann Price*  
Gt Staughton Rainbow Leaders

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## Domestic Wildlife – Nature on Your Doorstep

For the first of our autumn meetings, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk entitled ‘Domestic Wildlife – Nature On Your Doorstep’. This will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

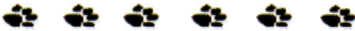
The talk will be given by Robert Burton, who is a local naturalist and author. Robert has previously written the ‘Nature Notes’ for the Daily Telegraph and currently contributes to the British Wildlife magazine with his articles ‘Through a Naturalist’s Eye’.

Robert tells us that ‘Nature on Your Doorstep’ includes everything from your back garden to a dog walk, where you might encounter wildlife such as butterflies on buddleia, seals on a river and everyday animals such as bees, butterflies, ants and birds. Robert will give us insights into the fascinating and easily observed details of their everyday lives.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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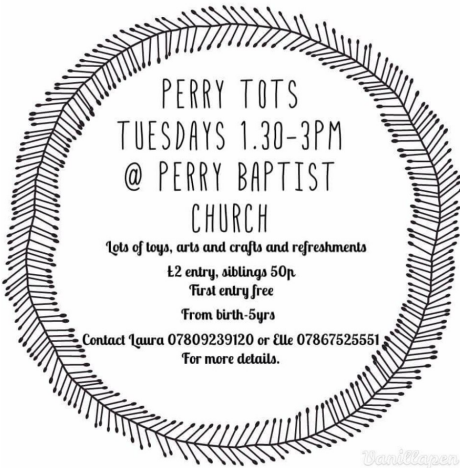
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Friday 30th September in the Gt. Staughton Pavilion from 9am to 11.30am.

Coffee and cake to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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## GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB STILL NEEDS YOU!

Following on from our last notice, we have been running a playing session on a Sunday morning for a few weeks now. We are delighted to say that there have been a handful of people showing an interest in playing. We have been blessed with some lovely weather on Sunday mornings and those that have come along have had an enjoyable time playing a few games and getting a little exercise. But, we still need more!

The Sunday sessions have been starting at 10.30am however a couple of our regulars have preferred a slightly earlier start and have met at 10.00am. Would the earlier time of 10.00am be more convenient for people? Would anyone be interested in a mid-week playing session: Wednesday evening at 7.00pm (while the lighter evenings last!) for example?

If we are successful in getting a regular group of people playing, hopefully including some of the younger people in the village, we can consider arranging an open day with a professional coach visiting the Club. However, given the fundraising and effort that would be required to arrange this, we do need to see more people coming to playing tennis on a regular basis before we can take this idea forward.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas to help us save the Tennis Club and would be even more pleased to see more of you coming to the courts to play. Please do get in touch using the details below, visit our Facebook page, or come and see us on a Sunday morning.

Phil & Nicole Yates – **01480 860616** or [nicolehyates@aol.com](mailto:nicolehyates@aol.com)

Roger Harding – **01480 860762** or [roger4321@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roger4321@yahoo.co.uk)

David Moore – **01480 861195** or [david\\_j\\_moore@outlook.com](mailto:david_j_moore@outlook.com)

Mike Keeble - **01480 860855** or [m.keeble855@btinternet.com](mailto:m.keeble855@btinternet.com)



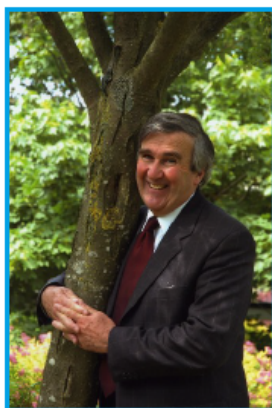


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Alan Jukes

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John Alford (Rotary Club of  
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**01480 812075**



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Lisa Mason Photography  
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## Activities for Families & Young People at Grafham Water

### **DISCOVERY CLUB**

#### **OCTOBER HALF-TERM**

**\*\* NEW DATES ADDED\*\***

24, 25, 26, 27, 28 October  
8.30am – 5.30pm each day  
(Booking essential) £36 per person, per day

Our multi-activity **Discovery Club** is for young people aged 8 -11 & 12+ who want to try new activities, develop existing skills, meet new friends and most importantly have fun! A packed lunch is included. Places are filling up fast so to secure your places, Please phone us as soon as possible!

### **FAMILY DAYS**

16 October, 24 November  
£22 per person (Booking essential)

A chance for the whole family to take part in some of our many activities together. Family Days are designed for young people aged 8 and over. If you have children under 8, please contact us before booking. Please bring a packed lunch or picnic with you.

### **ACTIVITY COURSES**

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**(ADULT & YOUTH)**

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Session 5 April 2016

Alternate Saturdays (2pm – 4.30pm) – First Session 12 March

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

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We operate a drop-in session in Great Staughton once a quarter. These are always on a **Tuesday at 2pm to 4pm**, along with sessions in St. Neots and Brampton.

The remaining date for the Staughton drop-in this year is **25th October**.

These drop-in sessions are for NHS hearing aid users only and we offer free replacement batteries, cleaning and re-tubing hearing aids. We also offer free advice on hearing aid use.

Come to Cambridgeshire Hearing Help's demonstration of equipment to find out more. See details of our upcoming event on the next page, or call us on **01223 416141** or check the website:

[www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

**Charity Reg 1154071. We do not sell equipment.**

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**Contact Jean Clark 01480 890033**  
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# Back in the Day

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With Reverend Judi Clarke retiring and moving away from Great Staughton, we felt it only right, in the year we're looking back at the last forty years, to re-visit the very first letter Judi wrote for the *Life Magazine* back in 2003, not long after she had moved to the village. You can read her final letter on page 42, but for now, please enjoy this lovely piece.

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**D**ear Friends,

As I sit writing these few words to you ready for the January *Life and Diary of Events*, the low winter sun is shining through my study window and the sky is clear and blue, a day full of promise and joy. But these beautiful sunny winter days tend to be few and far between, more often we are faced with grey skies, rain and mist and sometimes very little daylight.

However, we do not have to look very far on those dull grey days, to see that little spark of sunshine somewhere. Already in my new garden here at the vicarage, I have noticed tiny shots from unknown bulbs, peeping through the ground; and I look forward to waiting and watching as the year progresses to see what unfolds from the soil.

As I have only been here in the village for a little over a week as I write this, I have met very few of you. But over the next weeks and months, I look forward to becoming part of this village

community and gradually meeting you and getting to know you. I know my days will be filled with the sunshine, promise and joy of God's love as we get to know each other, in the smile, the passing word, the knock on the door as I explore and discover the wonder of 'LIFE' in my new community. A real time to allow God's sunshine to brighten those dark damp days that we all experience at times in our lives.

I am grateful for this opportunity to thank you all for your welcome to me, and I pray that I will serve you in God's strength, with love and understanding, here in Great Staughton, Hail Weston and Southoe.

May 2003 be a year of exploration, growth and support for us all, and may I wish you all,

**A VERY HAPPY AND  
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

With love and prayers,  
Judi Clarke

'Feast Week' was what they called 'Gala Week' when we (Gill and Alan Broome) first moved here in 1982. I believe lots of villages had a feast week. As you can see from the below cutting, there was a week of activities for all ages, culminating in Gala Day on the Saturday. This was all arranged by the Community Association with other village groups contributing.

Many thanks to Gill Broome for sending this to us.

GALA DAY

SATURDAY 13th JUNE 1987

APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

1.45	PARADE ASSEMBLIES -- O'DELLS GARAGE
2.00	OFFICIAL OPENING BY P.C. MARTIN WOODS
2.05	OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT
2.15	CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS
2.30	ST. SMITHS BRASS
3.00	ROAD RACE
3.05	M.J. SCHOOL OF DANCE
3.30	ERRULF COMMUNITY SCHOOL BAND (CONDUCTOR HELEN REECE)
4.00	MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY (TAE KWON DO)
4.30	PRESENTATIONS BY HONEY MONSTER

ATTRACTIONS

FIRE ENGINE CAR BOOT SALE CLAY PIGEON SHOOT  
 HONEY MONSTER BENDY BIKE  
 BALLOON RACE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE COCONUT SHY  
 MARSHALLS ST. HEWYS BOWLING FOR A PIG  
 FERRY POTTERY POST CODING AND ROAD SAFETY PONY HIDES  
 TEA ROOM LICENSED BAR FISH & CHIPS  
 MOBILE DASH RESTAURANT VILLAGE HALL GRAND DRAW  
 PLUS MANY VARIOUS STALLS

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V I L L A G E W E E K

SATURDAY	6th JUNE	FOOTBALL CLUB DANCE DISCO 8-12pm Village Hall
SUNDAY	7th JUNE	"IT'S A KNOCKOUT" 2.00pm Field behind Beachampsted Road
MONDAY	8th JUNE	"WILM NICH" 7.00pm Village Hall Family Film. Tickets at door £1
TUESDAY	9th JUNE	PLAYGROUP SPONSORED TRUNDLE 10am on playing field OVER 60'S COFFEE MORNING 10-12am at 26 Manor Close W.I. CRAFTS EXHIBITION 7-9pm Village Hall 50p including refreshments FAMILY TREASURE HUNT 50p per family 7pm Village Hall Committee Room
WEDNESDAY	10th JUNE	VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH 6.30pm on playing field MINI DISCO 7.00-8.30pm Village Hall (for all children under youth club age) YOUTH CLUB DISCO 8.30-10pm Village Hall
THURSDAY	11th JUNE	STAUGHTON STAGERS PRESENT at 7.30pm "FAMILY FORTUNES" Village Hall 50p at door
FRIDAY	12th JUNE	ST. ANDREWS CHURCH CONCERT 7.30pm RACE NIGHT 8pm Village Hall 50p entrance
SATURDAY	13th JUNE	G.S.P.C.A. "GALA DAY" 2pm playing field P.T.A. BARN DANCE 8-12pm Rectory Farm

**Minutes of the Great  
Stoughton Parish Council  
meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in  
the Pavilion**

**Present:**

Sir H Duberly (HD) (Chair), J Bowen (JB), K Fisk (KF), G Gilbert (GG), R Jewell (RJ), D Moore (DM), W Mumford (WM), A Withers (AW), Jo Reid - Clerk (JR), N Yates (NY). Also present were County Councillor Peter Downes (PD) and District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG).

**Residents' Forum**

None present.

**1. Apologies for absence:** None received

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016:** The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed.

**3. Matters Arising:**

b/f – KF still awaiting final paperwork for School Governor. **Action: KF**

b/f – Chase Denis Vacher regarding gritting bin, cc. Peter Downes. **Action: JR**

b/f - Parish Council now compliant with transparency.

b/f – further chaser to Environment regarding flooding. **Action: JR**

Bus Service – RJ reported the 408 will cease 21/7, replaced by 400. Details to be posted. **Action: RJ**

Request acknowledgement from J Djanogly regarding NHS merger plan opposition. **Action: JR**

b/f – Green Lane hedge still overhanging. Parish Lunch was a great success, the Parish Council wished to thank Mr & Mrs Edmunds, Kimbolton Rotary, GM Gilbert and the Youth Club. **Action: JR**

Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Medals presented to school children in June, a few now available for sale. **Action: JB**

**4. Attendance at other meetings:** JB attended the Piglets AGM:

- Accounts as at 31/8/15 reported a large loss due to staff costs. This is now under control.

- It was confirmed that they will renew their lease for use of the Pavilion room after it expires in Apr 17.

- They are looking for new trustees, please contact them directly if you are

interested.

- They are looking to for a 'Friends of Piglets' for one off projects.

- 21 on role as at June, 10 will go up to school in September.

**5. Planning:**

Applications received:

16/00799/FUL – The Orchard Garden Farm: **Agreed**

16/00958/573 – 79 The Highway: **Agreed**

16/00669/LBC – New Pond Farm: **Agreed**

16/00852/HHFUL – 12 Dillington: **Agreed**

15/2374/REM – 59/61 The Highway was approved on appeal

**6. Highways:**

Zebra Crossing now in place and working, the Parish Council are very grateful for this.

Approval for Local Highway Initiative for traffic calming measure on the Perry Road from The Green. Councillors are to meet with CCC to agree the design. **Action:**

**RJ,DM,WM**

Parking obstruction on Cage Lane prevented a milk lorry from getting through. Matter referred to Police.

**Action: JR**

Parking on The Highway is still under Review.

Cage Lane ditches – WM will resolve Avery Hill and the Culvert. Letters to be sent to Jonathan Brown and Ms Godfrey regarding the Field and opposite from Karl Brockett. **Action: WM, JR**

Hole in Causeway Close pavement reported to CCC

HD to follow up on Dillington Street Furniture. **Action: HD**

**7. Report from County & District Councillors:**

JG mentioned that the Playing Field grant had been approved. He also informed that the Local Plan is still ongoing, more information should be available Sept/Oct. They are also looking at the impacts on Environment Flood Model.

PD apologised from being unable to attend previous meeting. He also informed about the Devolution Plans: this initiative have been announced by Government, however CCC pushed back on original plans. They are now working on a Cambridge/Peterborough plan for combined authority. Consultation for this

began on 28 June to 22 August.

**8. Correspondence:**

**Received**

**3 June** – Mike Keeble: Request to renovate village sign.

**7 June** – Ian Winfield: Highways update, new contact Karl Brockett.

**8 June** – Brid Cooney: Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

**8 June** – Richard Lumley: Anglia Level Crossing proposal.

**13 June** – Capalc: response to payment questions.

**21 June** – Mark Macdonald: Request to meet to review traffic calming bid.

**3 Jul** – Hunts Pest: quotation for removal of Brown Tail Moth.

**Sent**

**2 June** – Jonathan Djanogly: PC support for campaign against NHS merger.

**6 June** – Ian Winfield: Request for Highways update.

**7 June** – Mike Keeble: Approval to renovate village sign.

**9. Cheques in and out since 11 May 2016:**

**Income:**

Nil

**Expenditure:**

Peter Round.....	470.40
R Jewell Exps.....	34.95
Sir Hugh Duberly Exps.....	513.83
Capalc.....	273.31
CLT.....	150.00
KE Wilson.....	156.00
E.on.....	541.30
D Palmer (Apr sal).....	150.04
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>£2289.83</b>

Balance in Community account:

**£18,450.60**

All Councillors reviewed the Cashbook. HD & RJ confirmed they had seen a copy of the reconciled cashbook up to 4 July and approved it.

Annual grants were approved for Life (£600), Playing Field (£1,000), Village Hall (£1,000). Approval given for Playing

Fields broken fence post works of £280. It was approved to engage with Hunts Pest in regard to removing the Brown Tail Moth from the playing field hedge.

**10. Affordable Housing:**

CLT papers to be sent to working group to review. **Action: HD, JR**

Meeting to be arranged for late August.

**Action: JR**

Email from Luminus requesting updated information, JR to respond. **Action: JR**

**11. Reports from:**

**Village Hall Committee (KF)**

Nothing to report

**Playing Field Committee (NY)**

Grant awarded is gratefully received.

Usage is still low. Looking to advertise to wider villages. **Action: NY**

**Neighbourhood Watch (DM)**

Pushing forward with electronic Communications. **Action: DM**

**Speed Watch (DM)**

Two new people have been trained to use the equipment, which is now ready for use.

**12. Parish Matters:**

JB reported that residents on Green Close are requesting moss removal on pavement outside No.8. This is dangerous when wet. JR to refer to CC. **Action: JR**

**Dates of meetings for 2016**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> November

HD thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

**Great Staughton Village Hall**

The village hall committee has decided to replace the screen design cover for the loft area at the end of the hall. We have received a very generous offer of assistance with the new printed display. We now need to decide what that display should look like. If you have any ideas for the display photos, drawings etc. of the village which you think would be appropriate please let us have them by the end of August.

We will then decide at our next committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September how any display might be presented.

Many thanks

Bob Jewell

Bjewell12@hotmail.com

On behalf the Village Hall committee

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF  
PERRY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3  
AUGUST 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at  
Grafham Water Centre  
(unconfirmed)**



**Present:**

Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman, Sue Astle (SA), Kate Merrell (KM), David Prew (DP), William Wetzel (WW), Sheila Brighton (SB), Gordon Halsall, Emma Prew, John Cranston, Martin Wilson – Clerk, County Councillor Peter Downes, There were twelve members of the public in attendance.

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

**16/62 Apologies for Absence:** Apologies had been received from District Councillors Patricia Jordan & John Morris.

**16/63 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items:** NN declared an interest in agenda item 16/75

**16/64 Public Forum on Agenda Items:** Mr Robert Lloyd owner of 29 Roundhouse Drive gave information concerning his property and the recent planning application that had been submitted by the current owners of 27 Roundhouse Drive.

**16/65 County / District Councillor Update:** A written report had been received from both District Councillors which the Clerk read and covered the devolution and elected mayor, proposed new council ward boundaries, developments in Huntingdon town and the proposed merger between Peterborough and Hinchingsbrooke hospitals. Councillor Peter Downes clarified the changes in boundaries stating that the County boundaries was effective from May 2017 whereas the District was from May 2018. The closing date for the consultation period on the Devolution proposal was 12 August and there was now uncertainty as to whether it would go through as it was originally proposed by George Osbourne. The budget process for next year (2017/18) had commenced and a further £33m cuts were required from the services budget. There were ways of mitigating some of this by

increasing the Council tax by 2%.

**16/66 Police Update:** None.

**16/67 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2016:** WW proposed and DP seconded that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

**16/68 Matters Arising:** A letter had been written to the Governor of Littlehey prison relating to Crow Spinney Lane & The Drive but no response had been received to date.

**16/69 Defibrillator:** The mains adapter had now been received. Registration of the unit was to be undertaken both with BOC for the ten year guarantee and also with the Ambulance service. Kimbolton & Tilbrook first responders would be invited to training sessions. The electrician who had installed the Great Staughton defibrillator had agreed to install the unit in Perry.

**16/70 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:** JC had agreed to take on the lead role and had spoken with SA. The Clerk had also forwarded information to JC. SA had agreed to assist JC with this. An advert was going to be placed in Life & Diaries for volunteer street wardens.

**16/71 Clerks Report:**

**Website** – Web site now live. Instructions as to updates awaited. A few minor tweaks still to be done. Article in Life & Diaries announcing the website and asking for content.

**Transparency Fund** – Final bill received for the web site. Claim being processed.

**Chichester Way Hedge** – Quotation form HDC had been requested.

**Hedges & Footpaths** – Article to appear in September issue of Life & Diaries magazine.

**Councillor Training** – The Chairman and Councillors were booked onto various courses in September.

**16/72 Correspondence Report:**

A letter had been received from HDC re grass cutting explaining that the season so far had been challenging due to the adverse wet weather. Also explained different method of working this year.

A letter from Grafham Sailing Club relating to Sailing for Free and Olympic Medal races – information to be put on village web site.

**16/73 Meetings Attended:**

**Cambridgeshire County Council Highways**

– The Clerk had attended the Open day at the Huntingdon Depot and discussed two areas of concern:

- Parking at the bottom of Chichester Way near to the entrance of the Sailing Club and Water Centre. It had been suggested that double yellow lines could be installed at a cost of circa £2,000. A residents only parking schemes were only allowed where there was no suitable off road parking for residents. Proposal to be put on hold.

- The area opposite the shop where there was no footpath. The footpath is to be extended by CCC.

**Anglian Water Leisure** – The Clerk had met with Angela Tarry and agreement had been reached regarding the use of the Harbour café for potential informal meetings. Car parking barriers to be installed next financial year. Additional notices were requested along cycle path advising cyclists to be aware of walkers. The project that occurred last year with the bird boxes a location plan was requested.

**16/74 Finance & Legal Matters:**

The Clerk requested payments as follows:

28/16	BOC Defibrillator.....	£1089.60
29/16	Handyman Salary - July.....	£57.60
30/16	HMRC - July.....	£100.00
31/16	Clerk Salary - July.....	£400.00
32/16	CCC hire of room July.....	£15.00
33/16	Parish Council Websites.....	£464.69

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

**Bank Account Reconciliation** – This was circulated at the meeting by the Clerk.

**Expenditure Reconciliation** - This was circulated at the meeting by the Clerk.

**16/75 Planning Matters:** 16/01368/HHFUL  
27 Roundhouse Drive Perry – First Floor Extension over garage. The council would recommend a refusal on three counts.

- Alteration to the ‘street scene’
- Refusal previously in 1990 to a similar application
- Potential devaluation of house prices

16/01472/S73 Grafham Water Centre – Amendment to condition 3 of original application. DP proposed and SA seconded that the amendment be approved and all Councillors were in favour.

**16/76 Parish / Village Matters:**

**Allotments** – nothing further to report.

**Speedwatch** – details of volunteers had been sent off to Paul Cole with a suggested date for training. Response awaited.

**Dog Waste Bag Dispensers** – quote being obtained for metal version.

**Pedestrian Crossing Sign** – no update.

**East Perry / Ridgway Footpath** -has been cut however the Clerk made representations to CCC re the fact that they did not cut the Ridgeway side of the gate and the overhanging brambles. CCC stated that it should be cut twice a year and the overhanging brambles were the responsibility of the land owner (CCC).

**Working Parties** – next working party would be on Saturday 13 August at 9:30.

**Christmas Tree** – WW agreed to see if he could source a tree.

**16/58 Parish Plan:**

**Meet the Councillors** –Fishing Lodge could be used for such an event – Clerk to get suitable date from the Councillors.

**Benches** – Replacement bars had not been received Clerk to follow up. Treatment of existing benches was to be undertaken. Still awaiting quotes regarding the bench at Valley

road and Roundhouse drive.

**Action Plan** –to be updated and issued before the next meeting to Councillors.

**16/78 Perry Emergency Plan:** This would be carried forward until such time as the public meeting with Anglian Water had taken place.

**16/79 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting:** The next meeting would be on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at Grafham Water Centre commencing at 7.30 p.m. Items for the next Agenda were Gaynes Park Roads.  
The meeting was closed at 9:12 p.m.

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## PERRY VILLAGE NOTICES

### Overhanging Trees / Vegetation

The Parish Council would like to remind residents to ensure that there are no trees /shrubs / hedges overhanging roads, footpaths or walkways within the village.

Failure to do so may result in driver's vision on roads being obscured or causing pedestrians having to walk within the road as the footpath is partly of fully obstructed.If any resident requires clarification or help with trimming a hedge or trees, then they should contact the Clerk (810978) or ([clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk)) who will be able to offer advice / assistance.

### Dog Walkers

The Parish Council have received reports that residents are walking their dogs in the grounds of Grafham Water Centre and Grafham Water Sailing Club.

Residents are reminded that both of these areas are private property and are not be used to walk dogs or as through routes to other areas of the village.

### Perry Village Website

Perry Parish Council now has its own website, [www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk) On the website can be found agendas, minutes, accounts and policy documents relating to the Council.

Also on the web site is the latest news, a photo gallery, Councillors profiles, up and coming events, live traffic reports, local weather, planning applications, local information etc.

If you have any news, photos or information that you would like included on the website please send it to the Clerk at [clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk). It should be noted however that no items for sale will be accepted or 'blogs'. The final decision as to whether an item is included on the website rests with the Parish Council.

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- By Shaun Prince (IT Practitioner & Professional ACRBO Member, [www.sh Shaun Prince.com](http://www.sh Shaun Prince.com))

Windows 10, Microsoft's latest operating system, has outpaced all previous Windows versions in installation rates with more than 300 million PCs running the system in less than 1 year. If you have PC running Windows 7 or Windows 8.1, you will have been offered the upgrade and will likely be asking yourself "Why is Windows 10 for me?". Let me explain...

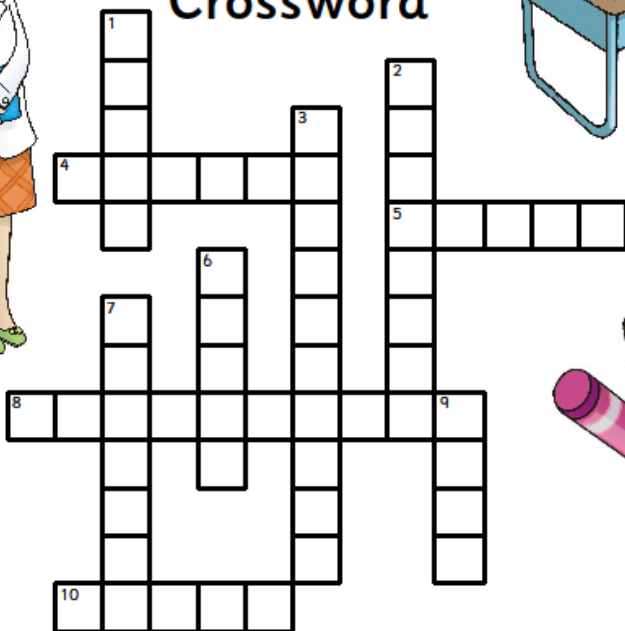
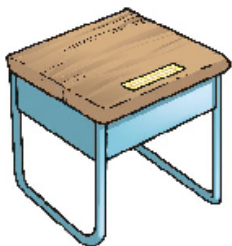
"Windows 10 is designed to appeal to Windows 7 users who were scared off by Windows 8's tiles. It presents a more-familiar desktop interface that includes the trusty-old Start menu. But the operating system represents a whole lot more than simply the return of the overly lamented Start Menu. It's intended to unify the desktop PC, tablet, smartphone, game console, and Internet of Things devices with a single OS and a single app store.

Windows 10 also includes a host of new capabilities like the Cortana voice-responsive assistant, faster startup speed, virtual desktops, touch capability, lightweight Office apps, a notification centre, and even a new Web browser that's speedier and more standards-compatible than anything we've yet seen from Microsoft. Despite such a raft of new features, Microsoft is offering the upgrade from Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 for free."

For more information about Windows 10, please visit the full article on my blog at [www.sh Shaun Prince.com/blog](http://www.sh Shaun Prince.com/blog)



## Back to School Crossword



### Across

4. Do you need to sharpen yours?
5. Write or draw on this.
8. You write on this with chalk.
10. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your name on your work.

### Down

1. Draw straight lines with this.
2. It has a keyboard and a screen.
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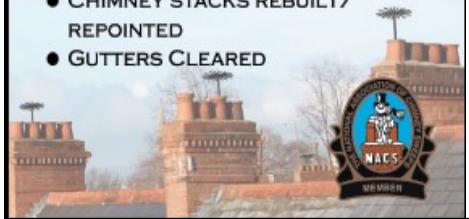
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*Dear Friends,*

**I**t is almost 14 years since I wrote my first letter to you in this wonderful magazine called 'Life' and here I am writing my last as your priest in these villages.

But today I feel lost for words. How can I possibly sum up in just a few short sentences what it has meant to me to have the privilege to serve you in these parishes over these past years?

I can only offer you all my thanks for allowing me to be part of so many of your lives, through good times and difficult times; and for the way you have supported me through so many of my own personal joys and sorrows while I have been with you. And I give heartfelt thanks to God for trusting me to share with you all something of the wonder of his unconditional love which he offers us all.

It is in knowing that love of God for myself that has enabled me to acknowledge the many times I have 'left undone those things I ought to have done, and done those things I ought not to have done' as we pray in the General Confession from the Book of Common Prayer, for very slowly, over many years, I have learnt to accept God's forgiveness and then to ask his help so that I can try a little harder to follow the path Jesus sets before us.

I know as I leave these parishes my heart will be heavy BUT I also know that Gods love will carry me forward into the next stage of my life journey – into the unknown of retirement - just as his love will be with you all and so we will be connected always in that love.

Thank you again for all you have given me throughout these years, the support, encouragement, hope and love you have shared with me; for the trust you have so often placed in me.

As I move forward in faith I will carry you all in my heart and in my prayers and I will hold the words of the poem 'The Gate of the Year' in my heart:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.'

May our loving God bring you all strength, hope, joy, courage and faith for your future and may his blessing rest upon you always.

*With love and prayers*  
*Judi*

**CHURCH SERVICES**  
**September 2016**

**ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON**

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Worship
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Short Evening Prayer
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Parish Communion
		with 'Pray and Play' for the children
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Parish Communion

**ST NICOLAS HAIL WESTON**

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Family Worship
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Coffee in Church
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion

**ALL SAINTS LITTLE STAUGHTO**

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion

**From our Registers**

**BAPTISM**

*We welcome and pray for  
those recently baptized*

*Thandi Rose*

**ST. ANDREW'S  
CHURCH GROUP  
PARTY OF LIGHT**

**Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**  
**Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm**  
**Venue: Great Staughton Village Hall**

Calling all Primary School aged children! Come & join us for an evening of activities & games as an alternative celebration to Halloween. The evening will end with a hot supper & will be held in the Village Hall in Great Staughton on 21st October starting at 4.30pm. Look out for posters giving more details of activities at this event.

There will also be more details in the Primary School Gazette.

Hope you can join us!

**If you need more details please phone  
Liz Tel:01480 811580**





**HOLLYWOOD**

*or bust*



**CARIBBEAN  
CHARITY BALL**  
**1 OCTOBER 2016**



**Venue:**  
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Tel: 01480 446000



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Email: [mel.robinson@nhs.net](mailto:mel.robinson@nhs.net)



Drinks Reception: 7.00 pm  
Dinner  
Pantasy Steel Band; Disco  
Carriages: 1.00 am



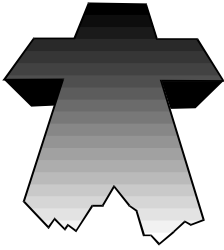
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## Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906  
Moderator Rev Roger Watkins 01480 810168

Sunday Services at 10.30am each Sunday  
Website [www.perrybaptist.org.uk](http://www.perrybaptist.org.uk)



### All Welcome

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*Dear all,*

**A**nother month has flown by, where does the time go? We are assured that time is constant and sixty seconds or minutes are still the same length as they have always been. An hour, day, week or year is still the same as they were when I was a boy!

However when I was young the term time at school seemed to go on forever, whereas holidays flew by! Nowadays in so-called retirement the years fly by; still I am told I am only semi-retired!!

Farmers I am told never retire and in some ways that is true as interest never wavers, especially on a family farm. So it becomes a case of 'must see how the crops are growing and is my son doing it right!' I do at times envy retired friends who, having received their retirement gift, really do leave work! However there is never a moan from my wife that I am under her feet, go and do something for she knows that I will always disappear over the farm! We are well into harvest and by the time you read this will, God willing, be finished. I like harvest and am still asked or is it allowed to drive the combine harvester! To cut the fields and see the result of twelve months work can be very rewarding but also at times frustrating when the crop is not as good as we would wish it to be!

This is a lot like life. At times we look and are pleased and rewarded by the way life is going. Then there are times we feel

the exact opposite. Life seems to drag, nothing is going right and we wonder why we bother. It can be like that in our Christian life - one moment on the crest of a wave and the next, sinking in the sea!

At Church we have our ups and downs and highs and lows! As I have written before we Baptists don't have Ministers appointed we, with help from the Baptist Union, have to appoint our own. During August we were disappointed that a Minister who came to preach with a view to becoming our Minister was judged not to be the right one for us. This was a disappointment but we hope and pray that soon the right one will become our Minister!

A warm welcome awaits you if you would like to come to any of our Sunday morning services. Especially to our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**May God Bless you all,**

*Tony Whitlock*

#### Services and Preachers for September 2016:

4<sup>th</sup> Rev Roger Watkins  
11<sup>th</sup> Marco Reale  
18<sup>th</sup> Rev Vilma Broadhurst  
25<sup>th</sup> Harvest: Tony Whitlock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Rev David Taylor

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

Great Staughton W.I.....Barbara Wallis: 214582  
 Perry WI: ..... Ann Jackson: 810625  
 West Hunts Friendship Club.....Barbara Bishop: 861319  
 (*Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall*) Phil Yates: 860616  
 St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....David Cope: 869322  
 Perry Friendship Circle..... Cilla Whitlock: 810906  
**Great Staughton Book Club.....Sandra Allen 861586/ Pat O'Dell 860907**  
 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  
 Brampton Scale Model Club: Wed 7.30-9.30pm.....Dave Gait: 861387  
 Perry Photographic Club.....Adrian Arnett:07788 409301  
 Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

**CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS**

Busybees Baby & Toddler Group  
 (Wednesdays 10:00am -11:30am, Gt. Staughton Village Hall - Run by SURESTART)  
 Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to: ...  
 .....<http://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk> and register your interest there.  
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324  
 Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsyc2014@gmail.com  
 Kimbolton Beavers/ Cub Scouts/ Explorer Scouts.....Sarah Holyoak: 861755  
 Kimbolton Scouts.....Lis Osbourn: 07846 869007  
 Piglets Pre-School.....Katie Oliver: 07759 382575  
 Perry Tots @ Perry Baptist Church. Tuesdays 1:30—3pm.....Laura 07809 239120/Elle  
 07867 525551

**SPORTS' CLUBS**

Badminton Club ..... Steven Prince: 07521 509596  
*Mondays, 8pm, Gt. Staughton Village Hall.*  
 Gt. Staughton Cricket Club.....Dave Bonham: 07817 309170  
 Gt. Staughton Golf Society.....Derek Fitzgibbon: 861234  
**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  
**HIGHWAYMAN Social Car Service.....07786 520540 4-7pm weekdays**  
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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Dawn Auton: 07985 925761  
 Patient Participation Group Gt St).....Loraine Harris: 860770  
 Email: loraine.harris@nhs.net  
 Village Hall ..... Vicky Goldsmith - 860005 / 07739 469243  
 Pavilion .....Bob Jewell - 861259

**Gt. Staughton WEBSITE...www.greatstaughton.com****E-mail: greatstaughton-website@gmail.com**

**USEFUL & EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Telephone Prefix 01480 unless otherwise shown**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—PERRY : Maggie Putnam 731785  
GAYNES PARK: Gordon Handley 811598  
GT STAUGHTON: Frank Backhouse 861167, Caroline Taylor 869365, Mike Keeble 860855.

**Gt. Staughton Surgery: 860 770**  
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**Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205**  
**HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL: 416 416**

**NHS NON-EMERGENCY: 111**

**PALS:** [Patient Advice & Liaison Service]:  
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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP: Charity to assist people with hearing loss.**

**Tel: 01223 416141 / [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)**

Drop-in hearing help sessions are when we assist with basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids, supplying batteries, re-tubing and cleaning. **St Neots:** Dumbleton Medical Centre, Chapman Way, Eynesbury, first Friday of the month, 2pm – 4pm. **Brampton:** Brampton Surgery, 69 Miller Way, last Friday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

**@ [enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hearinghelp.org.uk)**

**DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE. [www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk](http://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](mailto:info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk)

**THE LIBRARY AT HOME SERVICE : (formerly THE DOORSTEP SERVICE )**

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