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# Dates for your Diary



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## Future events

*Saturday August 29th* : Gt. Staughton Hort Soc Show



### **Mobile Library Dates 2020 - every fourth Wednesday of the month**

26th February, 25th March, 22nd April, 27th May, 24th June, 22nd July, 26th August, 23rd September, 28th October, 25th November, 23rd December (TBC)

### **Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2020:**

26 March, Parish Assembly 7 May, AGM 21 May, 2 July, 17 September, 19 November

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# Editorial Natter...



*Hello again readers!*

Happy New Year! I know, saying it in February feels wrong, but it is what it is. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and haven't given up on those new years resolutions quite yet. A big thank you to Rob for covering the last 2 editions!

We have a smaller issue this month, but fear not, it's still packed with lots of content from both villages. We held our AGM in December (in the pub, obviously), minutes for this can be found on Page 26. We are proud to still be producing the magazine and we are thankful for all those who send in content, however we always need more! Pets on the cover have been a real hit this past year, so please keep it going and send in pictures and descriptions!

Anyway, enough waffling on from me. Enjoy the magazine and I'll see you soon

*This issue was edited by Shaun*

## Great Staughton Parish Councillors

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**Minutes of meetings plus other useful information can be found on the village website:  
[greatstaughtonpc.org.uk](http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk)**

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**Minutes of meetings can be found on the village website:  
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**Small and medium sized businesses** are invited to book a fully funded energy efficiency audit to help save money on their business energy bills.

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Businesses can sign up at [www.beecp.org/sign-up](http://www.beecp.org/sign-up) or call 01733 882549 to check eligibility and for further information

## Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall  
10:30 - midday

Every second Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on **Tuesday 14th January**

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Sharnbrook Villager Minibus**

provides a service every 3rd Monday except bank holidays to Huntingdon & St.Ives via Kimbolton (09:48), Stonely (09:50), Gt Staughton (The Snooty Tavern 09:53) & Perry (The Wheatsheaf 09:56). Full details on website [www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk)  
Travel is free with bus pass.

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It is alarmed which you need to ignore when you open it in an emergency. There is no code, it's always open (most have a code which you register with 999 so they can give it to a caller).

If in doubt, use it, it tells you exactly what to do, very clearly, it won't deliver a shock if one is not required.

## *Treasurers Corner*

*Hello,*

No Pots this month but please keep popping in those pennies. Please catch up with our minutes for the latest Life AGM. Enjoy!



*Helen*



## COMPUTING PROBLEMS?

Bytes Café is open 10am to 12-30pm on Mondays and Fridays in the Small Hall behind the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

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Drop by, have a coffee or tea, and see what is available.

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Perry - Chichester Way 11.15am – 12.15pm

Great Staughton – The Causeway 2.00pm – 2.30pm

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**26th February**

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## **Gwen Potter 1932 - 2019**

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent messages and cards and also those who attended Gwen's funeral in October.

The donations collected on the day amounted to £373.60 and have been given to the Great Staughton Surgery.

I would also like to thank the Surgery for all there help through Gwen's illness.

She may have been a little lady but she has certainly left a big whole in mine and my families lives.

Many thanks  
David Potter



### Kym Valley Carpet Bowls

Gt Staughton Village Hall  
Club Nights - Tuesday and  
Friday - 7pm to 9.30pm

3 new members joined us in 2019

### February 2020 dates

- Tuesday 4th
- Friday 7th
- Tuesday 11th No bowls WI
- Friday 14th
- Tuesday 18th
- Friday 21st
- Tuesday 25th
- Friday 28th

For more information call :  
**Anthony Withers - 01480 861224**  
[aw.staughton@gmail.com](mailto:aw.staughton@gmail.com)



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### Friday

St Andrews Church, The  
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### Perry Coffee Morning

We meet in the Harbour  
View Restaurant at  
**10am every Tuesday**  
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and good chat.



We also play Bingo and have a raffle  
and usually finish around midday.

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**823** for more details.



"You should turn off your cell phone on a date...  
especially if it's smarter and cooler than you are."

The Playing Field Committee, a sub-committee of Great Staughton Parish Council, is looking for new trustees. The Committee currently has five Parish Councillors serving, plus two Great Staughton residents, a third having recently stepped down. We would be pleased to have more residents serving on the Committee, which involves attendance at four meetings annually and assisting with various tasks during the year. Recent examples include the organisation of Gala Day and the Family Quiz night fundraising events. If you are interested in joining our number, please contact Nicole Yates ([gtstaughtonvicechair@outlook.com](mailto:gtstaughtonvicechair@outlook.com)) or the Parish Clerk, Jo Russel ([gtstaughtonparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:gtstaughtonparishclerk@outlook.com))

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### **Quiz at The White Hart**

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in the month as normal. This is the **4th February 2020** at The White Hart 7.30pm.

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and we are very grateful they provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners.

The proceeds will go to the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun.

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

## **Great Staughton 2020** **Litterpick**

The 2020 litterpick will take place on **Saturday 22 February 2020** from 9.00am.

We meet at the Village Hall car park where the necessary equipment will be provided and a short safety briefing will be delivered. You can stay for as long or as little as you like – even half an hour of your time is a great help. With a group of about 20 people we are usually finished by lunchtime and you can retire to the pub for a cold beer, or home for a hot bath – whichever is your preference!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and as ever, thank you in advance for your help with this unpleasant but necessary task.

***Nicole Yates - 01480 860616***  
[gtstaughtonparishvicechair@outlook.com](mailto:gtstaughtonparishvicechair@outlook.com)





## HEALTH WALKS IN GREAT STAUGHTON, PERRY & KIMBOLTON

We are pleased to be offering new Health Walks in Great Staughton in addition to those already running successfully in Perry and Kimbolton as part of the St. Neots and Huntingdon area programmes. We will have more walk dates in later magazines.

Come and join us. No special equipment required; all you need is comfortable sturdy footwear, a bottle of water, a coat/ waterproof jacket.

Each circular walk is designed to take approximately 60 minutes and is led by two trained volunteer leaders. Start and finish points are usually close to car parks and refreshments for that important after-walk cuppa. 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 and social well-being. Most walks are dog-friendly.

The cost of running and developing the subsidised scheme is helped by voluntary contributions, gratefully received.

DATE	TIME	NAME OF WALK	START/FINISH POINT
Fri 14th Feb	2 pm	Great Staughton Meadows	Village Hall Car Park, Gt. Staughton PE19 5DG

For more information, contact:

Danielle Sancaster 01480 387047

activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or look online at

**huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks** or ask your walk leader for a current walks schedule leaflet which covers the whole district.



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Registration is quick and easy! To find out more about Priority Services and to sign up,  
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Go online at: [anglianwater.co.uk/priority](http://anglianwater.co.uk/priority)



Or fill in one of their freepost application forms.

**GREAT  
STAUGHTON  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**



**H**aving missed the January edition it is quite a thrill to be writing something in 2020. We're only a few days on from 2019 but because it's called something else it feels quite different. We delude ourselves with this sort of thing all the time. I just heard that Weight Watchers has rebranded itself WW - no doubt at great cost. I don't know about you but the first thing I do when presented with a set of initials is to try to work out what they stand for.

Well the Great Staughton Horticultural Society has not changed its name and this contributor is no more of a gardener than she was before but if the editors have managed to print the photograph I sent in you'll see miraculous new growth on what was a decapitated house plant. I was very excited to see a bud develop and even more when the leaves came out. This is what makes gardening so rewarding.

I cut back my raspberry canes a few days ago and was amused to find in my recipe book, Nigel Slater's kitchen diaries, an account of the author doing the same thing on the same day in January. He explained how cutting plants back gave him the illusion that he was in control. Perhaps that's why I like pruning.

In the autumn I dug up an enormous hypericum hidcote which was in the garden when I moved in about 30 years ago. I've never liked it but put up with its horrible yellow flowers until one day I'd just had enough. There's a large crater where it used to be and my intention is to fill it with manure and plant something I

will love. The problem is that I can't decide what to plant. I must settle down with my Encyclopedia of Garden Plants and make a choice.

We're not having much of a winter so far. Hardly a frost and my snowdrops are in flower - mid January - and daffodils are showing a lot of leaf and some bud. Perhaps winter will catch up later in the year.

I heard a lecture recently about the Frost Fairs in winters gone by when the Thames and other rivers used to freeze over. I was surprised to learn that these were not regular events. There were only a few fairs recorded each century when temperatures remained low enough for long enough. I'd got the idea that that winters were consistently much colder in the past but I guess that lack of central heating, which was the norm until the 1950s or 60s would have made every winter feel colder.

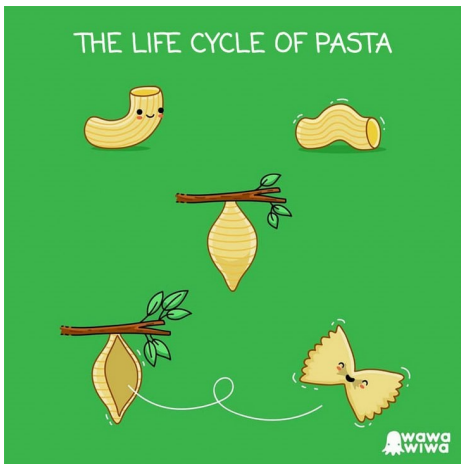
I can remember two winters when Grafham Water froze over. We'd had temperatures below freezing for weeks on end. Will we ever see that again?



## Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

We are a friendly, welcoming group of people from Hail Weston and surrounding villages with a terrific programme of talks and visits planned for 2020. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at any time. The cost of membership is just £7 per year. Your contact for the group is [Lizbacon187@gmail.com](mailto:Lizbacon187@gmail.com)

<p>7.30pm, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February Hail Weston Village Hall High St PE19 5JS</p>	<p>Wimpole Gardens</p>	<p>An informative talk about the National Trust's garden at Wimpole Hall.  Members £1 / Non Members £2 inc refreshments</p>
<p>7.30pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Hail Weston Village Hall High St PE19 5JS</p>	<p>Chelsea exhibits &amp; gardens of Grenada</p>	<p>An informative talk provided by Suzanne Gaywood, MBE, RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner.  Members £1 / Non Members £2 inc refreshments</p>



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*Gill Broome*

## Perry Women's Institute Programme of Events 2020



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

### Joining Fees

Jan - Mar - (£43), Apr - Jun (£32.25), Jul - Sep (£21.50), Oct - Dec (£10.50)

**First meeting is FREE, occasional guests £5**

DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
10th February	Talk by a Personal Trainer	Julia Dive	Baptist Church
9th March	Fun Science to Share	Pat King	Grafham Water Sailing Club
20th April	Behind Closed Doors	Sue Doolan (HMP Littlehey)	Grafham Water Sailing Club
11th May	Chicken Wire Sculpture Resolutions & Plant Sale	William Ashley-Norman	Grafham Water Sailing Club
8th June	Singing Demo & Singalong	Jenny MacFarlane & Amy Foster	Grafham Water Sailing Club
13th July	Make your Own Venetian Mask	Christopher Hall	TBC
10th August	Informal Ramble & Bring a Picnic		TBC
14th September	Talk by a Children's Author	Jenny Landor	TBC
12th October	Archaeology of the A14 & Produce Sale	Tony Walsh	TBC
9th November	Annual General Meeting, Quiz & Games		TBC
14th December	Christmas Dinner & food bank donations		TBC

**Meet & Greet:** Sylvia Swain  
**Membership Database:** Annis Ostle  
**Birthday Cards:** Pauline Moody & Liz Dive

**Register, Raffle & Badges:** Issy Jones  
**Life Mag Articles:** Chris Halsall



## **Gt Staughton Rainbows are looking for new leaders**

It is with sadness that our current leaders announce that they will be leaving this small but thriving unit in the not so distant future, so we are now looking for new volunteer leaders to replace them. Our girls are enthusiastic and fun to be with and make volunteering all the worthwhile.

You do not have to have previously been a member of Girlguiding and full training and support is available.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer leader then go to:  
<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/>  
and fill in the online form. Once completed, one of our local leaders will contact you.



If you look just inside the door of **St Andrew's Church**, on the right-hand side, you will see that instead of a donation box there is a QR code.



## **Help Maintain our Beautiful Church**

There is a record of a church in Great Staughton in the Domesday Survey of 1086, with re-building in the 13th century and several major repairs and restorations through the years.

We are now embarking on a major modernisation project to improve heating, lighting, toilet and catering facilities to enable the building to be enjoyed as a place of worship and community for centuries to come.

*Thank you for your generous support.*



## Perry Baptist Church Drop in

As we begin a new year a new venture comes to Perry. Where can you just drop into for friendship and interaction with fellow residents in Perry? Some have commented that such opportunities are not easy to arrange when there is no village hall. However, there is one place, Perry Baptist Church.

As from Monday the **6<sup>th</sup> January** the church will open its doors on the first Monday of the month between 10am and 12 midday.

This is NOT a fund raising event but a resource for the community. Adults can drop in for coffee or tea, sit and chat and discover new friendships for 2020. We hope that you will all feel welcome to join us each month.

Also, for parents with children there will be a safe area for the children to play and have fun whilst mum and dad also have fun too.

**If you wish to have further information please phone Rev Jon Magee 01480 700810**

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Dear Fellow Villagers,

It has taken me ten years to be able to write this.

As many of you know, I ran the village Post Office, in a room in my home. It opened 20th November 2000, and all went well until 2009, when the Horizon computer system started to show wrong figures.

I informed Post Office Ltd., re the problem but they ignored me, until Wednesday 6th January 2010, when two 'auditors (and I use that term loosely) arrived and accused me of stealing nearly £10,000.00. Post Office closed the office there and then.

I thought that I was on my own with this problem, having attended many interviews with Post Office and the NFSP (union), to try to get the office re-opened and asking them if anyone else had had a problem, only to be told that no-one else has had any problems! They would not re-open the office. Later that year I found out that I was not alone, and that there was a group called the JFSA (Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance). I joined them immediately, and at the first meeting, found that there were more than a hundred of us, all having had problems with Horizon. Eventually the group found a firm of solicitors, Freeths of Leeds, who took on our cases, by now there were more than five hundred.

The first trial, Civil, against the Post Office, was November 2018, regarding our contracts. March 2019 The High Court Judge found in favour of us. The Second trial commenced June 2019, this was the Horizon IT trial, and December 16th 2019, the Judge found against the Post Office, that the Horizon system was not robust, and he found that Fujitsu (the IT company) and others had not told the truth re the system, and that he will be sending all documents to the Director of Public Prosecutions. So we had won.

I was never convicted, and I never gave the Post Office any monies that they claimed I had taken. But some were convicted, even sent to prison, some lost everything, their homes, even their lives. Some were made to give monies, claimed to have been stolen, to the Post Office. Hopefully now, those with convictions will have those overturned.

I would like to thank Gt. Staughton Doctors who have helped me.

I would like to thank my friends who have stood by me over these years, also my family.

But, most of all my husband, Clive.

Jenny O'Dell



# 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



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**AND on our website detailing free rebuild valuations:**

** <https://villagehallsurvey.com>**

## A book about Staughton February 2020

**T**he Baptist Chapel

The church of St Andrew is the principal place of worship in the village and the source and inspiration for the history of Great Staughton, but it was by no means the only religious building. In the first half of the nineteenth century three small chapels were built in Great Staughton, for the Wesleyans, the Primitive Methodists (who broke away from the Methodists on doctrinal grounds) and the Baptists. They are recorded in the Kelly directories throughout the century. In 1854, the directory records two small chapels for the Wesleyans and the Baptists. The 1877 Kelly adds the Primitive Methodists to the other two chapels. A Baptist chapel was built in Perry in 1842.

The Great Staughton Methodist Society was well established by 1813, by local effort. Great Staughton's Methodists numbered twelve in 1813, including John and Elizabeth Ekins. By July 1815, this number had doubled to twenty-four, including Thomas Cant who may be the same Thomas Cant who witnessed the tragic accident in 1787 when four people were killed by lightning on the tower of Staughton church. Thereafter membership fluctuated greatly; seventeen in 1817, fourteen in 1819, and eleven in 1820. By July 1824, more details are given of the membership in Great Staughton: thus, First Class members numbered nine, with two more 'on trial'. There were ten Second Class members with five 'on trial' and eleven Third Class members. A travelling preacher led the class in Great Staughton weekly, in contrast to the chapel at Hail Weston, which was only served once a

fortnight. In the years following 1820, collections were made in the St Neots Circuit to help fund the Conferences held in those years in London, Manchester, Liverpool and elsewhere. Great Staughton's contributions varied between £1 and £3. In 1826 membership numbered twenty-one, in 1828, twenty-four, and by June 1831, Staughton had sixteen members, of whom Nathaniel Bennett and Joshua Bass were leaders. The group also included two members of the Dawkes family. The records end in July 1836, when membership in Staughton numbered 15.

On August 15 1871 the foundation stone was laid for the new Baptist Chapel on Staughton Highway. The tablet commemorating the event is still in place, although the chapel itself is now a private dwelling. It reads: This stone was laid by Bateman Brown Esq on 15 August 1871. A quotation from the prophet Haggai follows: We will fill this house with glory saith the LORD of hosts. The chapel was built with funds from a St Ives philanthropist and Non-conformist Potto Brown (1797 – 1871) who, with his business partner Joseph Goodman, established a successful milling company producing flour of high quality. Upon retiring from the business Potto Brown devoted himself to philanthropy until his death in 1871. He established churches and schools in St Ives and Huntingdon and in the year of his death, his son Bateman came to Great Staughton to inaugurate the latest testimony to his father's philanthropy.

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Lucy has given me two adages to live my life by:  
Avoid ambulances.

Keep your knickers off the flagpole. Thank you Lucy.

Next month we have a talk (just a talk) by a personal trainer. Come and join us at the Baptist Church on February 10th.

*Chris Halsall*

Great Staughton W.I.

Well as this is my first entry of the year a belated Happy New Year to you all!

Our December meeting was a Christmas celebration with a meal at the Wheatsheaf in Perry. I have to say they did us proud. There was lots of laughter, chatter and the odd glass of wine or two flowing.

At our January meeting we welcomed Kathleen, who is a long standing WI member, and has recently moved into the village and thus transferred allegiance, plus a potential new member. Hopefully they enjoyed it and are prepared to come back.

Our speaker this month was the Chairman of "Dreamdrops", Anne-Marie Hamilton, who always gives a good talk so we were eager to hear about the valuable work she, with others, do through this local children's charity.

"Dreamdrops" was started in 2005 by Michael Lynch (Chairman of Hunts PCT) and Karen Bell (Chief Executive) initially to raise funds for the new Children's Unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and with Lady de Ramsey as Chairwoman. The name (and logo for Holly Ward) came from a competition run in local schools.

Happy New Year!  
This month we welcomed Captain Lucy Lewis the first ever female bomb disposal officer who gave us an hilarious tour of her life in the army. She joined Sandhurst Military Academy in January 1989 which she likened to boarding school with guns and P.E.! She described her army training as "useful". She learnt how to drink, speak pretty good German and very good Anglo-Saxon.

Lucy regaled us with several funny stories all of them too long for a couple of paragraphs but suffice to say her first "dining in" experience had us in fits of laughter. Her superior officer told her the most important two things to remember were what to wear and when to leave. What to wear involved stockings, suspenders and six pairs of knickers (of varying type and usefulness). When to leave was about an hour before the ambulance arrived.

Lucy spent time climbing a volcano in Equador (where she spent her birthday in a brothel) and trudging across Iceland, very flat, nowhere to hide, on a diet of dates. I don't think either of these two episodes rate highly in Lucy's things she must do again!

Lucy transferred from the bomb disposal squad to the Royal Military Police and ended her ten years service as an Inspector of Military Prisons. She was also amongst the last regiments to serve under fire in Northern Ireland. Lucy is in the process of writing a book called Lighting the Fuse which will be available next year and I for one will be buying a copy. Her talk was funny, informative and too short!

As a charity, 'dreamdrops' comes under the umbrella of Cambridgeshire community Services NHS Trust and operates across the whole of Huntingdonshire in order to provide the "extras" with the aim of making hospital stays / appointments more comfortable and less stressful for children and their families and also to support children who are being nursed in the community. The remit is not to fund equipment covered by the NHS. However they are able, on occasions, to provide medical equipment that is "cutting edge". (For example, 'Accuveins' that enable medical staff to locate veins in tiny babies when they need to insert cannulas, and a Bilirubin machine which can detect Jaundice in newborn babies, which spares them from having a routine heel prick). A close partnership with the Rotary club of Kimbolton Castle, a medical technical firm and the charity has resulted in the development of a revolutionary 3D Pain Distraction unit which comprises of 3D glasses that are small enough to take into the community in a hand bag!

Some of the other facilities provided by the charity include a sensory garden, an outdoor play area in children's outpatients reception, a Calm Room, and sensory equipment to help "de-stress" children, as well as refurbishing the kitchen and two bedrooms for overnight stays for parents of SCBU babies, and new loos for parents on SCBU!!

The four main areas that 'dreamdrops' supports are: The Children's Unit -Holly Ward and outpatients, the Special Care Baby Unit, children being nursed in the community and, recently, children who come through A and E.

"Dreamdrops" are also exploring how they can best support families in the community whose children have medical diagnoses that do not currently receive

support elsewhere, and are starting to provide outings for small groups.

Help and funding comes from a variety of sources, including donations from grateful parents, and also the children themselves, plus local businesses, schools, churches, and local societies, to name but a few, and it also receives donations of knitted items for the wards

Anne-Marie concluded by expressing her thanks to all who support the charity in any way, however big or small, and to her dedicated committee. She explained there is a constant need to update and repair equipment but also some big projects coming up, for example the new Paediatric area to be developed in A & E. Offers of support would be gratefully received.

The next meeting in February on Tuesday 11th will include a canine visit with handler Geoff Lambert from Medical Detection Dogs. Visitors are more than welcome

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## Life Magazine – Notes from the AGM Held on Friday 30th December 2019, in the White Hart, Great Staughton

Present: Helen Glanville (Treasurer), Shaun Prince (Co-Editor)

Apologies: Nicole Yates (Chairman), Rob Young (Co-Editor), Mark Fowler (Perry representative)

**Accounts.** The Treasurer produced the draft accounts for the year (2019), which showed a decrease in assets of £436.27. We had produced 12 colour covers this year and 1 colour centre. The Collection boxes fund half an edition. The adverts seem to have stabilised. We have managed to run a 36 page once, 40 page 4 times, 44 page 5 times, 48 page once, 52 page once and 56 page 0 times. The saving is due to running less large editions. The editors are still going to be mindful of larger editions and try to pace the content. We are going to increase the price to £34.00 for a whole page and halves and quarters pro-rated. This is because despite the increase last year we still are running a deficit. Cover ads will remain the same at £110.00 for large and £65 for small. We will still charge for business adverts even if they are for the community. Both Great Staughton and Perry Parish Councils have donated to the magazine in 2019 and the Committee expressed their gratitude to them.

**Bank Account.** The money held in the Life Magazine account was £2770.72 which was £436.27 down on last year. We use an HSBC Community account with Bob Jewell, Helen Glanville and Nicole Yates as signatories. Copies of all bank statements are available at any time to ensure visibility.

**Printing Costs.** New quotes were obtained from Easiprint (current supplier), The Business Printing Company, The Print Shop and Lockwood Lithographics. There was huge variation in the prices but Easiprint was still the cheapest and has proved to be reliable supplier for the editors. Therefore it was decided to continue using Easiprint for 2020.

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

**Posting Magazines Out of Area.** The cost of posting copies to "out of area" readers will rise to £15.00.

**Magazine makeup.** We have managed to run a 36 page 1 time, 40 page 4 times, 44 page 5 times, 48 page 1 time, 52 page 1 time and 56 page 0 times. All have had a colour cover and 1 had a colour centre.

**Advertisers.** The policy, that advertisers who are slow to pay are invoiced twice and/or given two months grace with their advert, but then are removed from the Magazine, was reaffirmed.

**Editors Payment.** It was agreed to pay the Editors payment for both Rob and Shaun. The editors incur many costs and it was felt that even this token amount will help towards paying for some of it! The amount was agreed to increase by £10.00 to £170.00 and it would be paid by BACS. Rob and Shaun also kindly agreed to continue editing! The rest of the committee truly thanked them!

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

**AOB.** We still have spaces on the cover for advertising. £65 for small and £110 for large for the year. We need more adverts so please tell your friends and family about Life and always mention Life if you reply to an advert. Free Ads will be only run for one month so advertisers/societies/events need to ask again for subsequent months.

Pets on the cover has been very successful but the editors ask that they be original .jpg files or similar. Unfortunately, photocopies and scans do not reproduce well enough to meet the printing requirements. Also, if anyone has any historical photos we would love to include those too.

Finally, the committee is delighted with the magazine content and thank everyone for their contributions.

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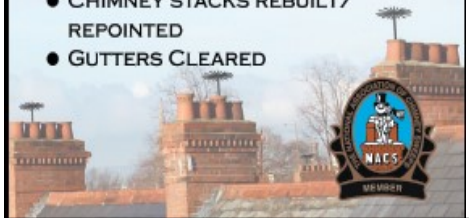
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Leap days are extra days added to the calendar to help synchronize it with the earth's orbit around the sun and the actual passing of the seasons. It takes approximately 365.25 days for the earth to orbit the sun and it is that .25 that creates the need for a leap year every four years.

Leap days were first added to the Julian Calendar in 46 B.C. by Julius Caesar but it was Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 who revised that calendar . The Gregorian calendar has been adopted internationally as the civil calendar.

So just one way in which the Church has influenced our lives today. There are churches dotted throughout the landscape, defining it and enhancing it, and the role of Christianity in our civilisation has played a large part in the formation of Weston Society. Historically the Church has provided education and medical care, has been an inspiration for music, art , culture

and society. Festivals like Easter and Christmas have been made public holidays and that is just the start. At the end of February, on the 25th we have Shrove Tuesday, another festival which is part of the English culture and then this is followed by Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, another period in the Church Calendar which so many people like to use to give up something ,to start a new discipline or donate to a charity.

Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' In other words, look out for one another , care for one another and be there for one another. Something Christians aspire to do, but so do many others in our community and I thank all those who make our villages the wonderful, caring places they are.

*With my prayers and best  
wishes for a happy new  
year*

*Revd Nicki Bland*

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## Play and Pray

Due to low numbers it has been decided to close the monthly Play and Pray group held at St Andrew's Church in Gt.Staughton.

Our last meeting will take place on  
**Sunday 23rd February 2020.**

Many thanks to all those who have helped to run the group over the years.

**Sylvia Swain Tel: 01480 812022**

## CHURCH SERVICES February 2020

In St Andrew's Great Staughton there is Morning prayer at 8.30 am on Monday Wednesday and Friday ( except the first Wednesday of the month when it is held at Hail Weston at 10.00 am ) .and Evening Prayer on Monday and Friday at 5.30 pm. On Wednesday at Hail Weston there is Evening prayer at 5.30pm followed by meditation.

### **Great Staughton St. Andrew's**

Sun 2nd 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion

10.30am- All Age Worship (Candlemas)

Sun 9th 10.30am- Parish Communion

Sun 16th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Sun 23rd 10.30am-Parish Communion (play and pray)

Wednesday 26th Ash

Wednesday 7.30 pm- Communion with the imposition of Ashes

### **Little Staughton All Saints**

Sun 2nd 9am-Parish Communion

Sun 16th 9am- Parish Communion

### **Hail Weston St. Nicolas**

Sun 2nd 3pm- All Age Worship (Candlemas)

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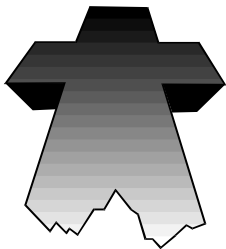
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**All Welcome**

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*My dear friends,*

**C**hange is the key word in the news at the moment. By the time you are reading this copy of Life the topic of Brexit will have moved on. None of us knows for sure how this will affect us in the UK. Irrespective of how we may have voted on the topic everyone of us has to accept that change has come and together we determine a new future as the change is managed. Some of us find change difficult to handle but it's still there nevertheless.

As I write this item, another aspect of change has arrived which appears, once again, to have polarised society. Already the media has coined a word for it, "Megxit". Harry and Meghan have decided there has to be change in their lives, in the work they do and how they fit into the Royal family. Once again, none of us knows for sure how this will develop when all the discussions are completed.

For us as individuals no doubt there are changes that lie before us. Sometimes that will be a challenge, but challenges are there for us to overcome. In the church there will be changes also. Already we have seen the start of the monthly drop in on Monday mornings. This month saw a tremendous response on the 1st occasion, and we trust you will all feel welcome to drop in again 10am till 12MD on 3rd February. We are also looking forward to

the visit of personalities well known nationally and internationally in the musical world. However, whatever we may say about change we know there is one constant, a standard and a person that is always the same and can be trusted. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13 verse 8) In all the things that happen Jesus is the one we can always rely on. He is the way, and in Jesus comes direction in life. He is the truth. He is the life and when we put our trust in the Saviour we are given life in abundance! In Jesus we will discover our lives have changed for the best.

**Love and Blessings,**  
*Jon Magee*

***Rev John Magee will be  
preaching all services in  
February***

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