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#### **Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2018/2019:**

15 November, 24 January, 21 March, Parish Assembly 2 May, AGM 16 May, 4 July, 19 September, 21 November.

#### **Perry Parish Council Meetings 2018:**

3 October, 7 November, 5 December

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## **Editorial Natter...**

#### Hello readers,

I hope you're all enjoying your autumn. I've got another busy issue for you this month, with all you need to know about what's going on. And I've even included a couple of crossword puzzles, and a colouring-in page for our more younger readers, which I DEFINITELY didn't put in because I found myself with a spare page to fill...

As it's November, many of you might be going to firework displays and bonfire parties, or maybe you're hosting your own. With that in mind I've included a very important article from Cambs Fire and Rescue about firework and bonfire safety. It's always worth reminding yourself about this every year. You can never be too careful.

You might remember back in September I encouraged you to send myself and Shaun photos of your family pets, and we'll feature them on the cover. We haven't had any sent in yet, but it's something we still think is a fun idea, so we'd love to see some in time for Christmas.

Anyway, have a lovely November and Christmas, and I'll see you all for the January magazine.

#### This issue was edited by Rob

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#### November Dates

Friday 2nd Tuesday 6th Friday 9th Tuesday W.I. Friday 16th Tuesday 20th Friday 23th Tuesday 27th Friday 30th

For more information call:

Doris Dainty - 01480 812006
dainty.doris@yahoo.co.uk

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

The quiz will be on the first Tuesday in November. This is the 6th November 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. Lets increase the numbers from last month

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

### Did you know Great Staughton has a defibrillator?

It's outside the village hall entrance.
There is a towel to dry your patient and a razor to shave where the contact pads go.

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).

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### Treasurers Corner Hello.

Pots this month and a great total of £32.10. Thanks to all who pop in those pots! Thanks also to Sue who donated her Scarecrow winnings to Life! Well done and thank you!

Helen

#### West Hunts Friendship Club

100 Club winners for October 2018

Num	ber Name	<b>Prize</b>
82	Adrianne McNaughton	£50
24	Linda Brown	£25
100	Joy Peacock	£15
41	Mrs D Moore	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!



Have you any old tools which you would like clearing?



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# GREAT STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



t was a weirdly, warm and windy day on13th October and the warmth continued late into the evening. A goodly number of Great Staughton citizens and some from neighbouring villages turned out to hear Geoff Hodges share his tips on low maintenance gardening. According to ticket sale receipts there were 46.85333 people there. Someone feeling under the weather? Or perhaps some raffle ticket money got in the wrong box!

If you weren't there you missed a jolly good evening. Geoff, a seasoned lecturer, seemed determined, for the first ten minutes, to discover whether any of the audience had heard of him in his roles as magazine contributor and panelist on a gardening show on Radio Cambridgeshire. Not many admitted to this so he reluctantly reverted to his advertised topic.

His approach for the first half of the evening was to concentrate on the physical aspects of gardening and to recommend using tools of an appropriate length and weight to avoid strain and hazard. He showed an enormously long telescopic pruning tool which reached the rafters in the village hall. Could an adaptation be possible for changing light bulbs?

He emphasised the need to keep tools sharp, particularly secateurs, hoes and spades. and admonished the audience for their obvious shortcomings in this department. After demonstrating some of the tools, he generously donated them as raffle prizes, leading to a flurry of extra ticket sales at half time.

He talked about mulching - anything less than three inches will apparently not work to retain moisture and suppress weed growth. He pointed out that the soil must be moist when a mulch is applied so beware of the current conditions. It's going to take a lot of rain to wet our parched soil sufficiently.

He also talked about watering systems and how they are becoming more and more sophisticated.

We got more than a slice of orange at half time. Sue and her helpers had put together a sumptuous spread which was much appreciated.

For the rest of the evening we were shown slides of plants which don't need a lot of maintenance, including ground cover, bulbs, perennials and shrubs and we were given some pointers to effective pruning.

It seemed that most people learned something useful and the committee gave Geoff the thumbs up.

I'm just looking out at an unusually soggy scene after a day of rain. The autumn colours are fast developing. It feels as though they won't last long this year but who knows.

#### Monthly Coffee Mornings



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



#### Mobile Post Office in Great Staughton

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### KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

Please join us for a flower arranging demonstration

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, by SHARON BADGER.

This will be in the Mandeville Hall Kimbolton on November 20th at 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be charity parcels on sale, a sales table, and a raffle of the arrangements.

All welcome: admission for visitors £12.50p, members £3, including wine and mince pies.



#### KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



#### Friday 9th November At Mandeville Hall

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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. Come and join us. No special equipment required; all you need is comfortable sturdy footwear, warm clothing and a weatherproof 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. Make a note of these forthcoming walks in your area:

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. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of running and developing the subsidised scheme is helped by voluntary contributions, gratefully received.

For more information, contact:
Danielle Sancaster 01480 387047
activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
or look online at

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

Date	Time	Name of Walk	Start/finish point
Fri 26	2 pm	Dillington Stroll	Village Hall Car Park, Gt.
Oct			Staughton
Fri 16	2 pm	Gt. Staughton	Village Hall Car Park, Gt.
Nov		Meadows	Staughton
Wed 12	2 pm	Grafham/Perry	The Wheatsheaf Car Park,
Dec		Walk	Perry
Fri 11	2 pm	Dillington Stroll	Village Hall Car Park, Gt.
Jan			Staughton
Fri 1 Feb	2 pm	Gt. Staughton	Village Hall Car Park, Gt.
		Meadows	Staughton



Buckden Gardeners Association is a group of people who meet on the third Tuesday of the month from October to April in Buckden Village Hall. Topics are varied, focusing on gardening but also include related subjects such as 'Wild flowers and their habitat' and 'Birds of Paxton Pits'.

Next month, we are pleased to welcome Geoff Hodge, who will give us a talk entitled 'Colour in Your Garden All The Year Round'. Geoff is a freelance gardening author and radio and TV broadcaster and is the former editor of Gardening News. Last year he gave us a very entertaining talk on Roses and we are very much looking forward to his visit this year.

Geoff will be with us on **Tuesday 20**<sup>th</sup> **November at 7.45pm** at Buckden
Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden,
PE195UY. All welcome.

For further information please visit our website

www.buckdengardeners.info, or alternatively just come along.

Rosemary Surridge Secretary



#### St Andrew's Church

100 Club September 2018 Draw

Prize	No.	Name
£200	46	.Mrs Hazel Ainscough
£100	35	Mrs Judy Chalkley
£50	03	Mrs Kathy Brittain
£25	79	Mrs Margaret Alford
£15	60	Mrs Chrissie Beesley
£10	38	Mr Peter Swain

### Congratulations to the winners!

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lupin15.08.70@gmail.com

Gill Broome

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ordered name blocks from the
charity 'There but not there'.



Each block will have inscribed on it the name of those who died in our village in the two world wars and will be displayed during our Remembrance Service this year and in the years to come.

The idea of the charity is that those who fell in the wars will not be forgotten, they will be a lasting act of remembrance, looking beyond the celebrations of this year.

Each of the blocks cost £10 and we would be grateful for any donations towards these, particularly if there is a relative's block that you would like to sponsor. Cheques payable to St. Anrdrew's PCC

If you want to see what they are like you can visit the website at www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/

### Can you spare a few hours a month?

Would you like to give something back to your community and make a difference to people's lives?

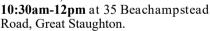
We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join a team supporting the West Hunts Friendship Group held at a Great Staughton Village Hall on a Monday, either monthly or fortnightly.

You'll get the opportunity to befriend our lovely members, & get involved in preparing lunch & joining in activities.

We'd love to meet you!

Please contact Annabelle on 07527 741495 or Phil on 07801798611 for more details.

Judy and Howard
Chalkley are having a
Coffee Morning on 9th
November, from
10:30am-12pm at 35 Beach



Cards, wrapping paper, etc will be on sale, and there will also be a raffle and Bring and Buy, all in aid of **Save the Children.** 

Please support this cause, which must be busier than ever because of recent natural disasters and ongoing wars and disputes.

> Thanks Judy

### GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

September's book read was *Ordinary Thunderstorms* by William Boyd. It was an interesting evening discussing this book with most of the attendees having read it, albeit several years ago for some, but most were not particularly impressed. Spice was added due to the given book questions, which in themselves were fascinating!! Was it fate or chance that guided the choices made? What impact does London as the novel setting have on the story?

The story was based on the choices of Adam from a simple starting point of trying to be helpful but leading to evermore complex, complicated and improbable scenarios. There were several strands to the tale which twisted and turned but did interweave. Pharmaceutical companies and drug regulation was one component and bodies in the river Thames another!!

The consensus was that the ending was as if the author did not know how to finish his tale, so it drifted into nothingness and hence was very weak. "Should have finished 100 pages earlier being one view". In any case we all had a good discussion round the points raised.

Having said all that, those who had read "Restless" by the same author highly recommend it, so it goes on our list for another read.

Next month our chosen choice is The Rings of Saturn by W. G. Sebald. For more information or you fancy joining us, contact me, **Margaret** 

Sare 01480 860963





#### Gt Staughton W.I.

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Our topic for October was the "History of St. Neots", which apparently is a vast subject, so our enthralling speaker Mr Rodney Todman elected to focus on transport over the last 100 years. He had a fascinating range of slides from the horse drawn bus that collected customers from the train station to the R100 airship floating over the market square. Pictures were also shown of the first motor car accident in the area and of a completely empty Great North Road, not even a horse in sight.

There were many cries of "I remember that" and even "I was born in that house" and ever more interesting personal recollections shared about the people, events and places that were shown. For some it was a real trip down memory lane and our guest speaker went away with extra bits of knowledge gleaned from the members. He will definitely be asked to return again in the fairly near future.

Events in the diary include a Coffee morning on  $30^{\text{th}}$  October in support of MacMillan Cancer at 7 Green Close from 10-12 to which everyone is invited. .

The next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m. in the village hall and our topic is "New England in the Fall".

Margaret Sare

#### Perry W.I.

Well didn't we have a crafty evening! Oo but before I forget – if anyone wants to have a bit of fun on our inestimable committee next year, please remember to tell Faye soon. Thank you. It's fun, the tea is splendid, the chat is great and it's only once a month! What's there not to love!

So, we had a return from the talented and lovely Bev Bradshaw who deals with the vastly differing levels of skill of Perry WI like the right pro she is! This month we made a Christmas wreath (yes, it will last 'til Christmas if you water if right). Bev called it a 'simple' wreath (!!!) and used ivy, twigs etc that she and her glamourous assistants had brought with them (left me wondering whether the friends' gardens she had raided are still her friends!). There were also various clippings and prunings from bushes and trees of sometimes indeterminate species provided by WI members so we had a splendid array of greenery and things of a twinkly Christmassy nature.

Bev showed us a variety of ways to tart up our wreath (am I allowed to say that about a Christmassy thing?) from hurricane glass holders for church candles to how to make it look amazing while simply on a cake stand.

We each sat opposite a large, pre-prepared, green, polo-mint of oasis in a plastic ring. Bev showed us the way she chamfers and bevels the oasis edge to make the sticking in of greenery easier, how she shortens and cleans the stem before insertion (it reminded me of a vulture's neck) so that the hole isn't too big in the oasis, and how the first pieces must droop over the edges (shorter on the inner and longer on the outer) to hide the plastic ring. We had a masterclass on how to alternate the types of foliage, how to keep an eye on texture and how to wire a cone (for 'cone' read anything you can't shove in the green stuff) – top tip: twist the 'cone' not the wire.

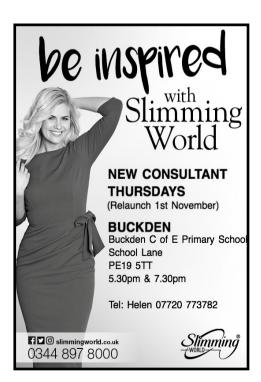
We all went home carrying an assortment of wreaths from the 'Ah, sweet' to the 'Wow, you've done this before' and humming Hark the Herald under our breaths.

Oh, and by the way, be careful with blue spruce sap as it turns your hands black and is a proper pig to get off. Thank you very much Bev. The Christmas Countdown has officially started in Perry.

On a separate note, Pauline and I went to the Grand Unveiling of the WI Mosaic at HQ in Huntingdon to see Perry's place in the 54 different celebrations of our individual WIs in this area. The 7inch squares were all different and done by people who'd not mosaicked before. The range of pictures (from a horse, a few churches, various birds and a

splendid jacket obviously worn by someone smart at a WI) were fantastic. What hard work the squares were but so worth it as the finished article is amazing. It will be put up somewhere at WI HQ – place to be decided.





#### Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2018



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

Dates	Event	Speaker	Competition Item
November 13th	New England in the Fall	Chris Smith	Something Colourful
December 11th	Christmas Dinner - Hail Weston to choose		

### Perry Women's Institute programme of events 2018



Perry WI is open to all women aged 18+, so come along and meet everyone in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. £41 for a year's membership

First meeting is free for newcomers to "try before you buy". If you join part way through a year fees are £30.75 for April to Dec, £20.50 for July to Dec and £10.25 for Oct to Dec.

<b>2018 DATES</b>	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
12th Nov 7.30pm	Talk by Huntingdon Cancer Care nurse & AGM	Committee	Perry Baptist Church
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec *** <b>7pm for</b> <b>7.30pm</b> ***	Christmas dinner		The Wheatsheaf

#### **A Note From the Editors**

Just a friendly reminder that 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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And if you're placing a small '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 magazine.

Thanks,

Shaun & Rob

### French Recognition for Young Fly-Fishing Angler



Perry has once again been placed on the European map, this time by nine-year-old Hannah Winser.

Hannah was awarded Certificat d'Excellence by French Fly-Fishing Water, La Cascade following her recent trip, which saw her being awarded Trout Master Gold.

In fact, they had to make a special exception as children under 16 are not permitted (those between 16 - 18 are only permitted with a guardian). Hannah, who has qualified as a Junior National Trout Master Finalist for the last three years was granted a special discretion to compete. In all likelihood, she will represent La Cascade at the Junior Trout Master Finals next year.

The coveted Trout Master Gold award managed and promoted through Trout Fisherman Magazine, necessitates the recipient achieving the largest fish (of that given month) in five separate Trout Master Waters, during the given annual season.

Hannah is not alone; parents Richard (the first in Europe to be awarded Trout Master Gold this year) and Phillipa also achieved the same accolade, all after a concerted family effort to achieve the goal in 2018. All three also

qualified and fished at their respective National finals. Previously, Hannah had achieved a Trout Master Award at; Meon Springs - Hampshire, Rib Valley – Hertfordshire, Elinor – Northamptonshire and Narborough – Norfolk. With one to go for her, they all departed to Northern France.

Hannah said, "this has been great, France was great and I even got to see parts of the Somme whilst there; we are doing World War One as 'Topic' at school – it was fantastic".

Richard added "we are exceptionally proud of Hannah, she has achieved things beyond our expectations and this is a testimony to the effort that she has put in to develop her fly-fishing. When Hannah was born I gave her a 'special' fly rod, it was not until this trip that she was allowed to use it for the first time and it is fitting that she has completed the Trout Master Gold with that same rod – well done!".

In addition, the second morning of the trip saw Hannah catch and land her first Brown Trout.

David Hughes, proprietor at La Cascade, presented the certificate and commented "I went out yesterday morning to watch Hannah and I was taken quite aback, I am not sure quite what I expected but this small girl wielded a fly rod with great dexterity, fluency and presence: it was quite a sight. I couldn't believe her casting and was transfixed as I watched her quickly strike into a good-sized lively fish, play it and land it unaided. I was most impressed, Hannah is one to watch for the future..."





#### Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

### Huntingdonshire Local Group

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#### The Wild World of Birds: Understanding Intelligence and Behaviour

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to a presentation on the behaviour of birds on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm. This will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our speaker will be Dr. Gabrielle Davidson who is a comparative psychologist and behavioural ecologist. Dr. Davidson has studied birds, particularly corvids and great tits, to try to understand their level of intelligence and associated behaviours, demonstrated by the use of observation to aid foraging opportunities and nesting location, and also the use of tools.

This should be a fascinating talk and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

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Highwayman Community Car Scheme supported and advised by Cambridgeshire County Council and Care Network Cambridgeshire

#### Colonel Walton's First Regiment of Foot

An unusual enquiry was recently passed on to me via Facebook. Could I take a picture of the tomb and coat of arms of Sir George Wauton?

Naturally I wanted to know a little bit more about this unusual request. My correspondent was a member of a Civil War Re-Enactment society and they wished to form a new Regiment which would commemorate one of Staughton's less famous sons. Valentine Walton, who was a close friend of Oliver Cromwell, and fought with him at Edgehill. Walton's son, also Valentine, killed at the battle of Marston Moor was the subject of one of Oliver Cromwell's most famous letters. The photograph of the tomb and coat of arms was duly taken and sent off and a few days later I received a photo of the coat of arms the society has created in honour of Colonel Walton

As reward for our services, the society has offered to stage a re-enactment of a civil war skirmish, free of charge, if we have a Great Staughton Gala Day or Fete in the summer. Something to think about perhaps?

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### Internet Advice from a BT Engineer

If you were one of several households that were without an internet or phone line connection recently, it might be worth remembering this advice from a BT engineer:

After checking that you have no fault because of a power cut etc and even if you just have to reboot your internet to get it working again, call BT services and log the problem. Ask for a case reference number. The next time (or times) quote the reference number and ask for a new reference number. This way BT can see that there is an ongoing problem. This will then impact on the service they provide.

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#### "Strength and balance exercises can keep you stronger for longer"

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Research shows that group and home-based exercise programmes can reduce the rate of falls by 29 per cent and 32% respectively while Tai Chi reduces the risk of falls by 28%.

Falls are one of the most commonest causes of accidental injury in older people and the commonest cause of accidental death in the population aged 75 and over in the UK.

One in three people aged 65 and over will fall every year, increasing to one in two people over 80.

There were 2,600 emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people 65+ in Cambridgeshire in 2016/17 and 628 admissions in Peterborough.

The estimated cost of falls and fractures in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2017 to health and social care was thought to be £85 million.

The population is ageing and it is expected that the number of people sustaining an injurious fall will increase to.

In 2016 the population of people aged 65 and over in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was 119,070 and 28590 respectively. By 2031 the number of people 65 plus in Cambridgeshire will be 176,230 (a 49 per cent increase) and 43,600 (a 51 per cent increase) in Peterborough.

### Strength and balance classes help local lady stay stronger for longer

A major new strength and balance campaign is launching this International Older People's day to help people in Cambridgeshire stay stronger for longer.

After breaking a bone in her back two years ago, Margaret found that normal activities were extremely difficult. However, thanks to some simple regular strength and balance exercises at Brampton Memorial Hall, she is now on the road to recovery and doing the things she enjoys again.

The 74-year-old, who lives in Brampton, is now reaping the rewards of regular exercise after signing up in January.

Margaret said: "When I first broke a bone in my back, a simple task like ironing was agony. I saw an advert in The Brampton Parish Magazine for strength and balance classes and thought I'd give them a go. As a result I am now definitely stronger, even my husband has noticed how my confidence and mobility have much improved. I can do simple tasks again that I once took for granted and also do the things I enjoy like gardening. I would certainly encourage all older people to give the strength and balance exercises a go to make sure they are getting the most out of life and stay stronger for longer."

Simple strength and balance exercises twice a week are proven to keep you stronger for longer so you can keep independent and enjoying the great things in life, whether it's playing with grandchildren, shopping, socialising with friends or gardening.

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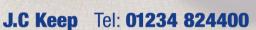
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### A book about Staughton November 2018

he roll of honour and the many memorial tablets in the church L testify to the terrible sacrifice made by this, and many other villages, in the Great War. Ten members of the Hackett family were called up, of whom four were never to return. On 3 December 1915, J Corby, Acting Company Sergeant Major 13612, writes to Mrs Hackett in Great Staughton. "I am afraid the only information I can give you is that he was badly wounded in the chest whilst taking part in that attack on Hill 70." The letter continues: "... he never recovered...... he died a gallant death for he was taking part in an attack, which won a name for the battalion and every man in it."

On the south wall of the chancel in the church is a memorial tersely commemorating a young Staughton man of nineteen killed in action at the Battle of the Aisne, September 14 1914. The official army photograph shows Second Lieutenant John Reynolds Pickersgill-Cunliffe of the Grenadier Guards in the stiff formal pose of the newly commissioned officer, looking out of the frame into a future he would never have. He had enlisted at the very beginning of hostilities and September 1914 found him with his battalion facing the enemy in the valley of the Aisne. The early stages of the war saw rapid advances and equally rapid retreats as each side fought over territory. Ground was won, only to be lost in the next attack.

Official regimental records tell the story of Lieutenant Cunliffe and his brutal fate. "Sept. 14. The morning of the 14th broke cold and wet. ..... During the night the R.E. had managed to build a pontoon bridge over the river at Pont-Arcy, and at

5.30 a.m. the brigade moved off to this point......

..... Meanwhile, the advanced guard, under Lieutenant Cunliffe, pushed on, and near La Cour de Soupir ran right into the enemy, who were in superior numbers. All the men were taken prisoners, and Lieutenant Cunliffe was wounded. But the rest of the advanced guard were also pressing forward, and soon the positions were reversed. Faced with the alternative of capture or retiring before a stronger force, the German officer in command decided on the second course. This meant perforce abandoning the prisoners; but there was one thing at any rate that a German officer still could do .....he deliberately walked up to Lieutenant Cunliffe, who was lying wounded on the ground, pulled out his revolver, and shot him dead "

When Lieutenant Cunliffe's battalion next advanced, they overran German forces, and the story came out that the German officer suffered summary justice at the end of a bayonet, but however satisfactory this outcome may have been, the official records are unable to provide an affirmative answer.

This was almost the last engagement involving the rapid deployment of troops against enemy positions to secure strategic landmarks. The armies of both sides were ordered to "dig in" and thus began four years of bloody stalemate in the trenches.

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FIREWORKS and bonfire night can be plenty of fun for all of the family to enjoy and going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home can be a great way of supporting your local community.

If you do plan on using fireworks or lighting a bonfire at your own home however, please ensure you consider our safety advice below:

#### Fireworks:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place

For more information on Firework Safety, visit: www.hse.gov.uk

#### **Bonfires:**

- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when windy
- Do not leave bonfires unattended

- Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to roads can have devastating consequences.

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#### Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - 7.30pm in the Village Pavilion

Present: R Jewell (BJ), H Glanville (HG), G Brittain (GB), D Moore (DM), L Goody (LG), N Yates (NY), A Gilbert (AG), J Bowen (JB), W Mumford (WM), Darren Tysoe (DT) J Russel (JR) (clerk), PCSOs -Richard Braddick (RM) and colleague, DC – Derek Campbell and residents of Lauras Close

**Apologies for absence** – I Gardener (IG)

Residents' Forum - Parking **Problems – Lauras Close** residents in attendance – the residents attended the meeting for an update. RB confirmed the issue had been raised with traffic police, but the matter isn't a priority. The difficulty is that the traffic officers need to cover Beds, Cambs and Herts which is a very large area. PCSO confirmed he has visited the area and has not forgotten about it. He has spoken to people parking in the area and tried to educate road users. DC said he was concerned about delivery drivers and emergency vehicles being able to gain access. DM has been in touch with CCC and they have provided costings for double yellow lines and also extra parking outside the White Hart pub, similar to that in Kimbolton. Cars would need to reverse out of those spaces though, which could cause problems. The cost of this will be in the region of £10,000. Unfortunately, this does not increase parking substantially and might only increase parking spaces by only 3 or 4 cars. Regarding the yellow lines the police would need to be consulted to ask their opinion about how far to take the lines. PCSO advised that this

could push the problem elsewhere and if people park on a corner this is very dangerous and will cause problems.

The PCSO then updated the council on crime figures over the last 5 months. There has been one burglary, 2 RTAs, 1 attempted burglary, theft of a caravan and theft of a horsebox. He advised residents to be extra vigilant and guard against break-ins.

A Lauras Close resident also reported a blocked storm drain on The Highway, which the clerk will report to Highways.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Declarations of interest** – none declared.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Parking in the Highway:

Residents have reported to the clerk that cars are parking on the grass verges on The Highway. Although the matter seems to have been resolved, please can all villagers refrain from parking on the grass verges.

**Ditches:** Cage Lane – CCC have sent precedent letters to the clerk, which she will send to the relevant landowners once WM has identified them.

**Missing County sign**: Clerk has again reported as it has still not been replaced. But CCC report that matter is being dealt with and the works ordered.

**Time bank**: HW and Perry have indicated that willing to join a grant application to the Innovate Fund to set up the scheme.

**PC Website:** this is nearly complete.

Green Close potholes: DM will

report to Highways.

**Bridge on Footpath 3:** this is now being fixed.

**Speed limits in The Town:** DM has arranged for LG to attend Speedwatch training.

**Corner Green Close/The** 

**Highway:** the hedges have been cut.

**14 The Highway:** the hedges have been trimmed but are still well over the path. Matter will be looked at again in the Spring.

**GDPR Councillor email addresses:** clerk will ask the website designer to set these up using the councillor's initials and also to have separate ones for Chair and Vice-Chair which are then easily transferable.

Weight Limit The Town: this concerns the bridge and HGV potentially causing damage – is was agreed that the clerk will write to CCC about this issue to see if a weight limit can be put in place.

**Broken Fence Beachampstead Road:** HG will ask Steve Tims to quote for this work as CCC will not make this a priority.

Attendance at other meetings: n/a

Planning: update on Orchard Farm. BJ and DT attended the DMC to oppose the application, which was unfortunately granted. BJ was very grateful to DT for his assistance and support in this matter.

**Solar Farm - Grafham Water:** GSPC is not a statutory consultee, but it was agreed the clerk would raise the issue with Perry PC to see if a joint meeting should be held between Anglian Water to obtain more information.

**Highways:** the PC has received a proposal from Highways as set out above. The costs are around £10,000 but need to be clarified. It may also be possible to apply for an LHI grant in July 2019, but the PC will still need

to contribute at least £2000. The council are concerned that if yellow lines are put in place then the parking problem will simply be moved elsewhere. It is highly unlikely CCC would reassess the road and remove the white line. There was also a concern about cars reversing out onto The Highway if the proposed new parking scheme is put in place and the problems this would cause. As it is a conservation area the PC may also be prevented from putting the suggested scheme in place. If yellow lines are put in place as suggested, then there will be a knock-on effect and the parking problems will simply move elsewhere. DT suggested that one solution might be to ask a CCC engineer to look at the parking issues in GS as a whole and then to come up with some solutions that the PC could then put to the residents of GS. All of the PC were agreed that yellow lines were not appropriate – the council cannot afford £10,000 for parking and yellow lines. It was agreed that the clerk would write to CCC thanking them for their assistance so far and requesting an engineer to provide a more strategic view of parking issues on The Highway in view of growth in the village. The whole of The Highway has issues and any solution must be more than a temporary fix and not simply move the problem elsewhere.

DT said he was disappointed that the DMC had recommended that planning permission be granted in respect of Orchard Farm. He also confirmed that precept letters had now been sent to the PCs. HDC have made a number of easy savings but £1.6million still needed to be made. He also advised that changes had been made to the

**Report from District Councillors:** 

HDC telephone systems.

**Correspondence** — BJ thanked the clerk for her work liaising with UKPN and Balfour Beatty to fix the streetlights in Dillington.

<u>SENT</u>

UKPN - street light Dillington Balfour Beatty - street light Dillington Inspector Paul Rogerson - Lauras Close

G Holgate - street light Dillington N Orchard - street light Dillington G Stiles - street light Dillington R Braddick PCSO - Beachampstead Road parking issue PKF Littlejohn - audit

Mark Millmore - website designer HDC planning - Orchard farm

HDC planning - Solar Farm - Grafham

#### **RECEIVED**

Tracy Stokes - CLT issues N Orchard - Dillington street lighting G Holgate - Dillington street lighting B Crabb Balfour Beatty - Dillington street lighting Inspector Paul Rogerson - Lauras Close parking R Braddick PCSO - Beachampstead Rd parking issues J Lloyd HDC - Orchard Farm K Buchanan Weight limit - The Town M McKnight Footpath gate Beachampstead Road PKF Littlejohn - Audit queries G Stiles - Dillington street lighting Jo Challis CCC - Ditches in Cage Lane T Batha - HDC - Councillors DPI form

#### Cashbook, Cheques in and out:

<u>Income:</u>	<u>£U</u>
Expenditure:	
D Moore	£29.99
St Neots museum grant	£50.00
D Hoenig	
Bradgate	£235.00
Clerk July Salary	£245.38
Church Grant	
Anthony Collins	£766.60

Clerk Aug salary	£245.18
D Hoenig	£140.00
SLCC – membership	£84.00
PKF Littlejohn	£240.00
-	

### Balance in Community Account £3508.28

Balance in Tracker Account £18,479.16

Cashbook was reviewed and approved. Audit is now complete – BJ thanked the clerk.

**Affordable Housing** — RJ provided an update. The land is now registered but it still needs to be valued. A meeting is being arranged with Luminus to discuss the allocation policy and types of houses to be built. There will be a meeting of the whole CLT membership before any final agreement is reached.

#### Report from:

**Village Hall Committee** – HG reported that there was an issue with the flue and this incurred further work. It was agreed that the PC would pay for this work totalling approx. £400. The PC also wish to express their thanks to Simon Clerk who very kindly provided the screen covering the wall.

Playing Field Committee — NY confirmed £1285 was raised at Gala Day in July. The committee are also looking at the skate park repairs which are very expensive. DM has done a massive amount of work for Piglets which the PC thanked him for. On behalf of the PC LG thanked NY for all her hard work regarding Gala Day.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – no report

**Speed Watch** – LG will attend the next Speedwatch course.

Parish Matters – JB – reported that dogs are not being kept on a lead – she will place a notice in Life. In addition, people are removing information from the notice board in Beachampstead Rd. JB will place a notice in Life. Regarding the cut through on Green Close to Beachampstead cars and motorbikes are using this. The clerk will write to CCC asking for bollards to be put in place.

**HG** — she will chase UKPN for them to correct the electricity post that need straightening. HG also asked if the PC could pay for the emergency lighting work that the village hall needs. The PC agreed but indicated that it would then consider the grant given to the Village Hall in the next financial year.

**LG** — will attend Speedwatch course so she can assist DM in preparing evidence to send to CC regarding reducing the speed limit in The Town. **WM** — enquired about the litter pick.

NY will place a notice in Life and agree a date.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Dates of meetings for 2018/19:

15 November, 24 January, 21 March, Parish Assembly 2 May, AGM 16 May, 4 July, 19 September, 21 November.

#### **Great Staughton Village Notices**

Great Staughton Parish Council have two noticeboards - one on the front of the Village Hall and the other on the wall at end of Beachampstead Road where it joins The Highway. These noticeboards are used primarily for Parish Notices (elections, Parish Assembly details and such like). They are also available for publicity posters/notices concerning clubs and other events in Great Staughton (MacMillan coffee morning, West Hunts Friendship Club etc) on the understanding that said notices are removed once the event has taken place. They are not available for the advertisement of private business interests. GSPC have been notified by several users of the noticeboard at the end of Beachampstead Road, in particular, that their notices have been removed prior to the date of the event publicised. We would politely ask that people refrain from removing other organisations notices. Thank you.

Great Staughton Parish Council would like to remind all dog walkers that is an offence to walk a dog 'off the lead' within the 30mph speed limit for which they can be reported and fined. Also, whilst the majority of our dogs have very responsible owners who carefully clean up, bag up and take home their mess there have been several instances of late where said bags have been left in the gutter, hung on front garden fences and thrown into the base of hedgerows. This is very unpleasant for whoever ultimately finds and has to remove the little package. As we do not have doggie bins (no facilities for the disposal of the contents) we would ask that all dogs owners take their little bags home and put them in the bin please. Thank you.

#### Great Staughton Community Land Trust

The Board has met on a number of occasions and below is an update on the progress so far.

### 1) Update on leases and registration arrangements

- The land is now registered and the formalowners are now the Parish Charities. They have Possessory Title only, appropriate insurance will be put in place by Luminus to cover this.
- The land has to be valued and this is being progressed.
- Luminus have sent draft leases and these are being considered by the CLT Board and the Parish Charities.

#### 2) Allocation Policy

The board has submitted draft proposals to Luminus and HDC and these are now being finalised.

### 3) Types of housing/housing needs survey

A new survey complied by the Cambridgeshire Acre will be used to supplement the Housing Needs Survey. HDC will consider the results within the planning process to assist in determining the dwellings to be built.

4) Community Housing Fund Grant
The government have set up this fund to
aid and assist housing projects. The
GSCLT is possibly eligible for a grant
under this scheme. An application will be
made to try to get help with legal fees
etc.

### 5) CLT BANK ACCOUNT This will be established.

The Board will meet again on 27 November and once more details are confirmed a full meeting of the CLT membership will take place to comment on the full proposals, hopefully around Christmas.

**Bob Jewell - Chairman** 

#### **Councillor Surgeries**

Meet your County or District Councillor Each month 30 minutes before the Perry Parish Council Meeting



Ian Gardner



**Darren Tysoe** 

#### **Dates**

Nov 7th at 7pm – Perry Baptist Church

December 5th at 7pm – Grafham Water Centre



MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF
PERRY PARISH
COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday
12<sup>th</sup> September 2018
at 7.30 p.m. at The
Perry Baptist Church

Present: Councillors Nigel Noon (NN) Chairman, Jason Harper (JH), David Prew (DP), Mark Fowler (MF) Emma Prew (EP), Richard Winser (RW)–Clerk County Councillor: Ian Gardener (IG)

**Members of the public:** There were two members of the public (in attendance).

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

**18/092 Apologies for Absence:** Darren Tysoe, Sheila Brighton, Martin Wilson

18/093 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items: None

**18/094 County / District Councillor Update:** IG reported that the repair of potholes is a priority for the County Council. As a consequence this month the CC has taken receipt of two new 'dragon patcher' machines to assist in the repair of potholes.

These will join the County's first dragon patcher which since January has repaired almost 7,000 potholes and larger patches They have been nicknamed the 'dragon' because it fires out flames to dry out the road surface, it then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen. This is much quicker and simpler compared to traditional methods.

Mathew Shuter the CC's Chairman of the

Highway's and Infrastructure Committee stated "We have learnt from the previous winter and these dragons will help us in that battle. They are five times faster than traditional methods and also mobile which is particularly good for rural areas" "Our roads are important to us and we continue to maintain our roads and carry out regular inspections to ensure they are in a good condition". The CC is currently filling more than 1000 potholes per week In order to keep our roads maintained we rely on people to help us by reporting faults using our online tool www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ travel-roads-and-parking/roads-andpathways/roadworks-and-faults/

The Huntingdonshire LHI Panel meetings are provisional scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There are a high number of applications this year.

I have put onto the St Neots Masterplan Committee as the County Councils representative, which is looking at ways of improving St Neots ie better transport links, infrastructure, employment and education etc

Cambs CC Library service is delivered through 33 libraries and 3 mobiles Mobile Libraries hope to offer the following services in the future Testing for High Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and weight as well as selling aids such as bottle & can openers.

The charge for Computer access at libraries was introduced in May. The first 30 minutes are free for all users. Children up to 18yrs can use the computers free at all times as well as those who are unemployed and seeking employment and on benefits.

Since the charge has been levied there have only been 5 complaints and it has

resulted in that those who need to use computer can do so rather than having to wait for a computer to come free due to it being monopolised for watching films etc.

**18/095 Public Forum on Agenda Items:** None.

18/096 Police Update: None

18/097 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th August 2018: Minutes approved as a record of the meeting DP proposed, EP seconded.

18/098 Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda items): None

18/099 Parish Council Strategy Closed Meeting – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018: RW explained that a 'closed' strategy meeting had taken place on Thursday 30th August 2018 to discuss the current (22) work streams being considered by the Parish Council, to group them where appropriate, identify a Councillor Lead, formulate a work party for each (where appropriate) or commission exploratory work in other cases that could in turn be reported back to the Council. Apologies for this meeting were sent by JH but written representation as to which workstreams he had expressed an interest in was sent to RW. The expectation was that each work stream would report back to a Parish Council meeting and would not have a budget. Any financial matters would be routed via the Clerk after approval by the whole Parish Council. The exceptions being the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which still had to resolve if it fell under the Parish Council as a separate committee or was to be an organisation in its own right? The other being the initial enquiries concerning Children's Play Facilities which merited a briefing paper to the Council outlining

the proposal, before any other advancement or furtherance was made. RW had been asked during the closed meeting to enquire about costs associated to the Great Staughton Play Facilities scheme. During the 'closed' meeting no decisions were permitted to be formally made. In the public open forum RW detailed the individual work streams and the identified leads against them. These decisions were formally adopted; proposed by DP and seconded by EP, with the proviso that JH would revaluate his available time against the proposed commitments.

18/100 2018 Perry Community
Recognition Award: RW explained
that every person that had been
nominated to receive the award had been
sent a letter of appreciation, as had the
Award Recipient. The award would be
presented during the Village Open
Evening, Perry in Bloom – 'Grants for
Plants' at The Grafham Water Centre,
7pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018. RW
also confirmed that the Hunts Post had
been informed of both the award
ceremony and the Village Open Evening.

18/101 Grants for Plants – Village Open Evening, 7pm, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Grafham Water Centre: RW explained that the Chichester Way planter was in place. DP had made two signs, one was located next to the planter in Chichester Way and the other in Lymage Road. Advertising for the event had been made through the notice board, website, Life & Diaries Magazine, via the management company for the Buckden Court and Chichester Way flats and a separate flyer delivered to each household. NN stated he had also placed an advert over the till at Perry Village Stores. DP and EP had planted the Chichester Way planter with plants and it had taken around 310l of soil to fill. There was dialogue between RW and

Tim Beeson, Materials Manager at the A14 development site about a large donation of top soil for the further planters. RW raised a concern about taking delivery and where it might be delivered and stored. DP stated he would be happy to receive the soil and could accommodate it on his front lawn until it was required. The Village Open Evening would start with a welcome from the Chair, followed by the presentation of the Community Recognition Award. DP would bring along his camera to photograph the presentation. Councillor Wilson would then discuss the slides for 'Grants for Plants' and the current work streams. There was scope for each of the Lead Councillors to introduce themselves and mention any pertinent points concerning their work stream during the presentation itself. RW had prepared a PowerPoint slide deck which he would project, it was a scalable presentation depending on audience size and was flexible to adjust accordingly. RW would conclude the presentation with a slide on the next phase village plan. The room and refreshments had been booked for 30 people and a top table of 10. JH expressed concern that all the people he had canvassed to gain an understanding of their expectations were expecting to be discussing just 'Grants for Plants'. RW stated that the advertising also covered; 'Meet the Councillors', formulating ideas for the future and the next phase village plan, although, the main focus of the evening was 'Grants for Plants'. JH again expressed concern that it hadn't been interpreted as such and people who may be interested in the other topics may not attend the event. RW explained that this was 'planting a seed' for future activity, there would certainly need to be considerable follow on activity before an Independent Parish Plan Steering Group could be formed and it was right that we exploited opportunities to explain and advertise work streams and direction. EP

suggested that once a 'responsible person' had been identified for each planter (some of which would be identified during the Open Evening), a flyer could be delivered to homes in the area or road to inform other residents who may also wish to be involved. Each planter would receive a 'voucher' from the Clerk entitling the 'responsible person' or group of people to purchase plants to the value of £15 for it.

18/102 Local Highways Initiative (standing agenda item): Now a workstream combined with Speeding in the Village and Speed Watch under Councillors David Prew and Martin Wilson. No Update.

#### 18/103 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

JH explained A Street Co-ordinators meeting was held evening of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with a total of seven attendees. The topic of GDPR was raised and whether or not the NHW would align to the Parish Council - a paper discussing the pros and cons will be produced and then Street Co-ordinators will be given the opportunity to vote. Unfortunately, Neighbourhood Watch has lost a couple of Street Co-ordinators and there will be a reduction in scope for one or two others discussions were held during the meeting around further promoting the scheme for both members and Street Co-ordinators to join.

18/104 Speeding in the Village/ Radar Speed Signs: Now a workstream combined with Local Highways Initiative and Speed Watch under Councillors David Prew and Martin Wilson. No Update.

**18/105 Village Welcome Pack:** JH had previously requested inclusion of this agenda item. Previous discussions had taken place concerning a pack or letter that could be given to new people moving

into Perry. Some suggestion was that it would be separate to the Village Directory and only available to new residents. Discussions took place around this and crossover of content between the two publications. JH suggested a rota of Councillors who were prepared to deliver the pack (in the agreed format) introduce themselves and work to an agreed introduction and welcome script. New village residents could potentially be identified through the Clerk. MW and RW will lead on the Directory/Website/Welcome pack workstream and look to include this.

#### 18/106 Clerks Report:

- RW reported that the first Councillor Surgery had been held 13th September (ahead of the Parish Council meeting) by the County Councillor. No members of the public had attended. NN suggested that the Parish Councillors could form a rota to attend the surgery and accompany the County / District Councillor to address or convey any local matters. - Data Storage (back up) to facilitate data recovery of Parish Council electronic files had now been purchased. - RW stated he had devised a GDPR -Data Subject Consent Form which could be introduced to cover Councillors, Parish Council Employees and Contractors. This would be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

18/107 Correspondence Report: RW stated he had received a letter from CA-PALC concerning a Membership Scheme in the event of a GDPR breach that was available to its member councils. There would be an additional cost to join which was assessed on spend from the previous financial year. RW undertook to circulate the details to all Councillors for consideration and discussion at the October meeting.

NN stated that John Hitchin had been

appointed as a Liaison and Promotion Ambassador for the Sailing Club. John had approached NN in passing and requested an opportunity to address the council and explain his new role. Discussions took place concerning the use of local facilities and NN volunteered to meet John to better understand his new role, accompanied by RW. This would be an initial explanatory meeting ahead of any formal talks; NN would then report back to the Parish Council having gained that insight.

#### 18/108 Meetings Attended: None

#### 18/109 Finance & Legal Matters:

The Clerk requested payments as follows:

041/18 Postage Stamps£13.92
042/18 Community Recognition Award
£68.48
043/18 R Winser Salary – Aug£320
044/18 Handyman Salary – Aug£100.08
045/18 HMRC Tax£105.20
046/18 Meeting Room Rent (Closed
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047/18 Meeting Room Rent – Sep£15
048/19 Village Open Evening Room/
Refreshments£67.50
049/18 Data Storage Device£46.99
050/18 Plants for Chichester Way
Planter£20.07
051/18 Soil for Chichester Way
Planter£18

Proposed by EP, seconded by JH.

Bank Account Reconciliation –
Statement circulated
Overhead Report – Statement circulated

**18/110 Planning Applications:** Land East Of Grafham Water Treatment Works East Perry Perry. APPLICATION REF. 18/01535/S73 Multiple variation and removal of conditions of application 14/00314/FUL. No comments or

observations.

#### 18/111 Parish/ Village Matters:

Allotments: NN stated James Duberly had mentioned in passing the possibility of making some allotment land available. NN would report back to the Council when there was any further update. Hedge trimming Crow Spinney Lane: RW stated he had been to look at the hedge on Crow Spinney lane and would liaise with the Handyman and take his advice if the trimming could be managed locally or required an outside contractor.

### 18/112 Matters for the next meeting and date of the next meeting: None

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

The minutes for meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October will appear in the December issue of the magazine.



### Rob walked the Thames, and he's here to tell you about it

Cast your minds back to the September issue and you'll remember I mentioned I was doing another sponsored walk - this time, 50km along the River Thames from Putney Bridge to Runnymede.

Well, you'll be pleased to know, I successfully completed the challenge in a pretty impressive 11 hours 41 minutes (around 10 hours if you don't include rest stops), and I raised £405 for the fantastic charity, South London Cares.

Compared to my gruelling 100km London to Brighton walk I completed in May 2017, this was much easier. There were zero hills to climb for a start! But despite the flat route, it still took me a few days to fully recover, and that evening, while wandering around Hammersmith with my brother and sisterin-law looking for dinner on the way back from Runnymede, I could barely stand up.

The route followed the Thames as closely as it could, winding through west London, Richmond, passing Hampton Court, through Shepperton, Chertsey, Staines, and finally, arriving in Runnymede. There were twelve of us walking for the charity, but we all soon split thanks to our differing paces. Six walkers sped off almost immediately, and our group of six became two groups of three, and then, three groups of two (I was in the fasted pair).

I definitely enjoyed this experience more than the walk to Brighton, but I have to admit, when we got to the 50km mark, I was a little envious of the walkers setting off for the full 100km to Henley-on-Thames. Oh well, maybe I'll tackle another 100km next year...





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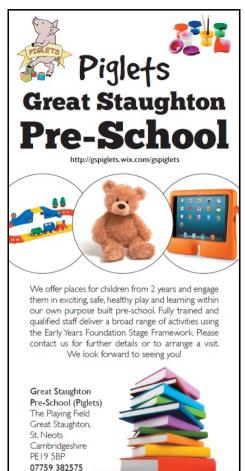
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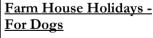
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#### Dear Friends,

As I write this the weather is beginning to change. Autumn is definitely upon us and we are coming to the end of our harvest celebrations. I would like to thank all those involved in all three churches for the wonderful arrangements( the churches looked fantastic), those involved in the music and those involved in the harvest meals afterwards. Always a wonderful time to celebrate God's creation and enjoy the friendship and fellowship that a meal brings. I would also like to thank Maggie and Glen Coiley for leading the worship and entertaining with their puppets. Maggie and Glenn Coiley have moved into Perry and on 27<sup>th</sup> October they are licenced by Bishop Rowan Williams as Licenced Lay Ministers for the Benefice. We are very fortunate to have them as part of our ministry team and thank them for all they have done in the churches already, and for all they are going to do.

As the nights draw in and we spend more time at home with our families, the next three months help us to focus on our lives. November is the time to remember. We have 'All Souls day' when we remember our loved ones who have died and then we have 'Remembrance Day' when we remember those who have served in past conflicts and have paid the ultimate price. This year of, course a hundred years on from the end of World War One we think particularly of those whose lives were affected by the war,

those that died and those that found themselves changed by what they had experienced. So, November a time to remember, a time to look back at both the good and bad times and try to learn from them

Then we have December, a time of preparation for Christmas, a time for family celebrations, a time for office parties, a time to gather together in Church a time of enjoying and living in the present. January follows with its New Year's resolutions, promises to do better in the future, new regimes and new plans. January is a time to look forward.

But lets go back to November and the celebrations to remember those who gave up so much of their lives and let us give thanks, but also when I look around our communities in these villages, I know that I could say the same of of many, many people- some of them come to Church, some of them don't- who would do anything to help their families, their friends, anyone who needs help. Where would we be without such people?

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Service

Wed 14th 5.30pm Evening Prayer Sun 18th 10.30am-Parish Communion (Play and pray)

Sun 2th 10.30am-Parish Communion

Mon 26th 6.00pm Sung Evensong followed by a chance to meet Father Justin from St Catharine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai, and hear about life there.

#### **Little Staughton All Saints**

Sun 4th 9am-Parish Communion (Patronal Festival All Saints) Sun 11th 10.55 am Remembrance

Sun 18th 9am-Parish Communion

Service

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

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Sun 18th 3.00pm All Age Eucharist Sun 25th 9am- Parish Communion



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#### All Welcome

#### My dear friends,

Just a few thoughts on this auspicious month. By now I'm sure everyone knows what is being celebrated this November. Here we have the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh year. A momentous time when the guns fell silent all over Europe. There are many who today will look back at this with mixed feelings. Some remembering family members others friends or neighbours and some who will take callous disregard for the sacrifice of so many!

Whatever our feelings we all owe these men a debt of gratitude. As the poem says "When you go home tell them of us and say "For your tomorrow we gave our today."

My father was born at the end of the Great War in-fact he would have been 100 last month. Along with my brothers I wondered what he would have made of the world today? For so much has changed since he left us twenty-five years ago yet alone in the last one hundred years. Have we managed to live up to the expectations of those who went to the war to end all wars? We know now it didn't and so many are still at war!

So that leaves us to try and make sure we live up to their expectations. To live in a peaceful fair society, ready to help our neighbour and build a great nation.

Many of you will be going to remembrance services often at war

memorials. We don't have a war memorial in Perry but there is a remembrance plaque in Perry Church. I must admit I know nothing of the men commemorated on the plaque. If you want to see, it is on the wall in the main hall of the Church and you are welcome anytime.

At our service on 11<sup>th</sup> November there will be the usual two minutes silence and you are welcome to join us.

For those of you who joined us for the Macmillan coffee morning the sum of £205 was raised. Thank you to all who attended and helped raise this sum for the Macmillan funds.

#### Yours in Christ, Tony Whitlock

# Preachers and Services for November:

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