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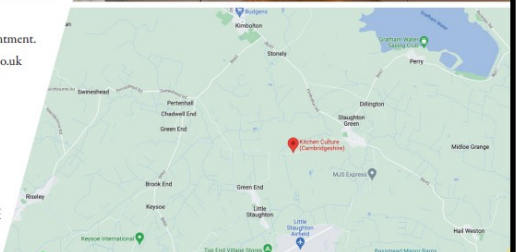
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 Chichester Way, Perry 11:15am – 12:05pm. The Causeway, Gt Staughton 2pm – 2:30pm

**Perry Parish Council Meetings 2025**  
 March 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
 7pm-9pm. At the moment all meetings to be held in the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

**Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2025**  
 March 20th, April 17th (Parish Assembly), 14 May (AGM), 3 July, 18 September and 13 November.

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# Editorial Natter...

*Hello everybody,*

Welcome to your Spring 2025 Edition of the Life Magazine, I trust you've all been well since the last time we spoke and that Spring makes us feel a lot brighter after the cold winds of Winter.



As many of you will know, the Life Magazine has been a central source of knowledge about local groups and the first stop when we need to catch up with the busy village calendar. Both Rob and I are aware that it is a valuable asset to contacting local businesses or finding out the dates for the various social activities that go on in our villages. However times are changing and Rob will be stepping down after he has edited the Summer edition and I will follow suit after editing the Autumn edition.

So if you have content to share with us, be sure to send it to both myself (lorrainegoody@sky.com) and to Rob [rj.young@live.co.uk](mailto:rj.young@live.co.uk) and if you would like to volunteer to take over the magazine, please get in touch asap.

I hope you all enjoy this issue, and I'll see you all again in the Autumn Edition.

*This issue was edited by Lorraine*

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Minutes of meetings can be found on the village website: [www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Perry Coffee Morning

We meet in the  
Harbour View Restau-  
rant at 10:30 - 12



noon every Wednesday for tea,  
coffee, and a good chat.

We have cars available if walking  
is too much We would love to see  
more people join us.

**Call Joan Magee on 07785  
221993 for more details.**

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

Please send content to both below  
email to ensure inclusion in future  
issues.

**rj.young@live.co.uk &  
lorraine-goody@sky.com**

Keep us informed of any changes to  
village clubs and activities, such as a  
change of contact details and group  
leaders. We want the magazine to be as  
up-to-date as possible, and that can  
only be achieved if you keep us in the  
loop.

Finally, if you'd like to place a 'For Sale'  
ad let us know when the item's been  
sold, so the ad can be removed for the  
next issue.

**Thank you,  
Rob & Lorraine**

### *Treasurers Corner*

*Hello,*

Pots this quarter were **£36.46**  
so thank you for popping your  
pennies in the Pots!

I have removed the Pots for  
the moment due to collection  
issues. Thank you for adding  
funds over the years.

Thank you!

*Helen*



### **Great Staughton has a defibrillator**

It's outside the Village Hall  
entrance.

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

**If in doubt, use it!** It tells you ex-  
actly what to do, very clearly, it  
won't deliver a shock if one is not  
required.



## GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB



Anyone interested in joining the Tennis Club, please email [nicolehyates@aol.com](mailto:nicolehyates@aol.com) and an application Form can be sent to you.

Our annual membership fees for a junior member (under 16s) are **£5**, an adult member is **£10** and a family membership (for up to six members) is **£25**.

It has also come to the time when the current committee would like to hand over the reigns to others who have a little more time to invest in managing and developing the Club over the coming year and beyond.

Any current or new members interested in getting involved please do contact us using the email above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### **District and County Councillors**

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Our volunteers can help with your computing problems from the simplest to the more challenging.

We also print colour and black and white, enlarge A4 to A3 and laminate documents or posters at a reasonable price.

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

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### **LIFE Magazine needs YOU**

**It's the end of the world  
as we know it!**

**With Rob retiring from his post as chief editor of Life Magazine after the Summer Edition (and myself following his lead after the Autumn Edition), we desperately need volunteers to step up and take over the role(s) of editor.**

**If no-one volunteers, there will be no Life Magazine so please chat to Rob, Nicole or myself if you think this is something you would like to be involved in.**

**Lorraine**



# St Andrew's Church 100 Club Draw

## December 2024

Prize	No	Name
£500.....	90.....	Mrs Mary Deacon
£200.....	29.....	Mrs Lorraine Goody
£100.....	93.....	Mr Brendan Sturgeon
£50.....	65.....	Mrs Antonia Edmunds
£25.....	58.....	Mr Geoff Gilbert
£15.....	100.....	Ms Kate Boyd
£10.....	70.....	Mrs L Rowe

## January 2025

Prize	No	Name
£50.....	9.....	Mrs Wendy Noon
£25.....	96.....	Mr Robert Gray
£15.....	22.....	Mrs Rachel Prothero
£10.....	23.....	Mr Karl Reid

***Congratulations to all the winners!***

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### **PERRY LITTER PICK Saturday April 12 at 10am**

Despite the number of bins in the village, some people still prove themselves incapable of behaving responsibly when it comes to rubbish.

But the people of Perry are solutions people, so why not join the next village litter pick? We meet by the bus shelter at the heart of the village, and for an hour recreate the spirit of the Wombles.

Litter grabbers, gloves, hi-vis jackets and bags are all provided, so please join us in showing up the litterbugs.  
See you then!



**Kym Valley Carpet  
Bowls Club**  
Gt Staughton Village Hall  
Club nights Tuesday and Friday  
7pm to 9.30pm

The Kym Valley Bowls Club is as active as ever in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7pm.

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**Anthony Withers  
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## **Great Staughton** **Neighbourhood Plan**

Great Staughton Parish Council is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated neighbourhood area in Huntingdonshire. Huntingdon District Council have now completed Regulation 16 consultation on the plan and the plan is now in the hands of an independent Examiner. The Examiner will consider the plan and all the supporting documents and comments as to whether the plan is valid, and the process has been conducted properly. Assuming this is true, there will be a referendum for the village to decide whether to adopt the plan.

Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted for a village, it provides several potential advantages:

- It defines the extent and where the Parish would like to see development take place.
- The introduction of some controlled development supports local services such as the school, shop, pubs and clubs.
- It adds more protection to the heritage aspects of the village.
- It provides more protection to the environment and ecology surrounding the village.
- The Parish Council receives a higher level of grant allocation under certain circumstances.

The draft plan and associated documents can be found here at:

**[https://www.greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/  
neighbourhood-plan](https://www.greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan)**

***Bob Jewell***



**Great Staughton**  
**Litterpick 2025**  
**Saturday 29 March from  
9am**

We meet at the Village Hall car park where rubbish sacks, pickers and hi-vis vests are provided, and a short safety briefing is delivered. Volunteers are then assigned to one of the several routes into and around the village.

We are usually finished by lunchtime if there are plenty of volunteers. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult, and we will try to allocate a location away from the main roads for you.

With thanks in advance for your help and support with this depressingly necessary job. Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

*Nicole Yates*  
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*'It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.'*

*Charles Dickens*

And, already, we are a quarter of the way through the year and looking forward to some warmth, budding flowers and a good book or two or more.

Our book for January, 'Songbirds' by Christy Lefteri, was beautifully written and a compelling read. Set in Cyprus, we follow the search for a missing servant, Nisha. The novel highlights the mistreatment of migrant workers and the injustice faced by those who are often unseen and unheard.

'My Cousin Rachel' by Daphne De Maurier is full of intrigue and unanswered questions. Rachel is independent, strong-willed and a free thinker. Her cousin, Philip, tries to understand her but lacks experience and considers her untrustworthy. As a reader, you

definitely know that there's not going to be a happy ever after.

Translated from Italian into English, March's book, 'My Brilliant Friend' by Elena Ferrante, manages to capture the journey into adulthood of two young Italian women in the 1950s. The girls grow up in a poor neighbourhood on the outskirts of Naples and the book unfolds their journey into womanhood. I'm looking forward to reading the next three novels of the Neapolitan Novels.

## **Books for the rest of 2025**

**February:** *My Cousin Rachel* by Daphne De Maurier

**March:** *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante

**April:** *Abroad in Japan* by Chris Broad

**May:** *My Father's House* by Joseph O'Connor

**June:** *Doppelganger* by Naomi Klein

**July:** *Undercurrent* by Naomi Klein

**August:** *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

**September:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

**October:** *Lessons* by Ian McEwan

**November:** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

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**Hail Weston Wildlife and  
Gardening Group**

Meetings take place in **Hail Weston Village Hall at 7: 15pm for a 7:30pm start.** Unless otherwise stated events cost £1 for members and £3 for non-members. Tea/Coffee/glass of wine/biscuits are available at meetings for a voluntary donation.

See our 2025 programme on page 14. We would love for you to come and join us.

**For more information and to book please email the Secretary at [hwwgg@yahoo.com](mailto:hwwgg@yahoo.com)**

A photograph of the exterior of The White Hart pub, a white building with a brown roof and a sign that says 'WHITE HART'. The text is overlaid on the image.

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*'We look forward to welcoming  
you soon.'*  
*Hugh & Mary*

**PERRY BOOK SWAP**

Calling all bibliophiles. Perry Parish Council has a book swap for the village.'



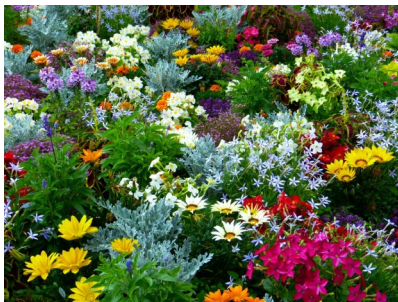
Here's how it works. If you have any books you no longer wish to keep, take them to the book swap containers, located inside the bush shelter by the village green. Put them in the boxes, and if anything catches your eye, take it!

If you have a large amount of books, collection can be arranged via the clerk, Eugene Smith (contact details can be found on page 5).

***Happy reading!***

# Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - Programme for 2025

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title/Speaker</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>March 4, Tuesday</b> 7.30pm, Village Hall	<b>Lawn Care</b>	A talk by Ian Waters on Lawn Care.
<b>April 1, Tuesday</b> 7.30pm, Village Hall (free entry for all)	<b>“Let’s Talk Rubbish”</b>	A talk by Heidi Field from Waste Minimalization Department at Huntingdon District Council. This will be opened up to all Hail Western residents.
<b>May 6, Tuesday</b>	<b>Tales from the Riverbank</b>	Liz Davies will talk on Tales of the Riverbank, a Journey Through Time
<b>June 6th, Friday</b> Programme tbc	<b>Garden Safari, Details TBC</b>	Our very popular tour of beautiful Hail Western Gardens.
<b>July 8th, Tuesday</b> <b>1.30pm</b> Garden Cost £9.50 pp	<b>Visit to Peterborough Elton Hall Gardens</b>	Our visit will begin with a brief introduction to the history of the garden, followed by free time to wander. Access available for mobility scooters. Refreshments are available at the Bosworth’s Garden Centre (where we park).
<b>August 5th, Tuesday</b> Time and cost tbc	<b>Visit to NGS garden in Bedford</b>	An evening visit to 1a St Augustines Road, MK40 2NB. Refreshments will be available.
<b>September 2nd, Tuesday</b> <b>7.30 Village Hall</b>	<b>Animal Safari</b>	Safari STU will bring snakes, lizards, mini beasts and mammals for petting. Children will be welcome, at no cost when accompanied by an adult.



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SOCIETY



Leaves - do you clear them or let them be? For the tidy minded it's far too late to be even considering this because they would all have been disposed of before Christmas. Mine, however have been sitting wetly all over the borders since they fell in the autumn although I did rake most thick deposits off the grass.

On one of the bright days in January I started to "tidy up" by pulling some half rotted leaves from around a clump of snowdrops. A cloud of tiny flies immediately flew up and surprised me.

Many of the leaves had been dragged down presumably by worms so they were half submerged in the soil. Where I did expose soil it looked sort of raw with indentations where some insect, invertebrate or fungal activity had evidently been taking place. I came to the conclusion that I was doing more harm than good and left the remaining leaf litter in situ. It also felt as though I was removing a layer of insulation and food for plant roots as well as removing hiding places for wildlife. I came to the conclusion that the best way to improve the look of the border would be to add a layer of compost to the leaf layer. It would also give the border a nutritional boost.

There does seem to be a convention in Britain that the ideal garden should be ordered and neat with perfectly trimmed, weed free lawns and well behaved flower borders. But to achieve that usually involves a lot of killing of unwanted vegetation and insects.

In these days of diminishing biodiversity it seems more and more urgent to try and preserve the natural order as much as possible. Is there a way of re-programming ourselves to admire a different perfect garden that is less manicured and more alive in every way? I suppose the large horticultural shows like Chelsea have been doing their best by awarding prizes to eco friendly garden designs that many regard as unconventional. Hopefully more beneficial gardening methods will eventually catch on. Talking of unwanted vegetation, I had a tree taken down recently. It was a damson tree that I had planted about six years ago. It had always looked scraggy with deformed leaves and I'd managed to plant it crookedly but it cropped really well and I'd made many, many jars of jam. Having got sick of the jam and the tree's lack of visual appeal I decided its day had come. Four strokes of the chain saw was all it took to destroy all these years of growth. That was a bit poignant.

You'll find the schedule for this year's Diamond Jubilee show on page 28.

The Horticultural Society will be getting into gear for all the 2025 events at our first meeting on **5th March** at 7pm at the White Hart. You'd be most welcome to come along if you'd like to get involved.

The plant sale will be held on Saturday 24th May at the Pavilion from 2:30pm

Let's hope 2025 is a good year for plant life and wildlife!

## **The East Park solar power plant: targeting 1,900 acres of farmland around our villages**

The East Park Energy scheme is a vast solar plant – bigger than Gatwick Airport.

If the plan gets approved, the countryside we love and live in would change beyond recognition. The scheme is on a huge scale:

- **Three** years to build
- **7,200** traffic movements – **1,400** artic trucks just to deliver the panels up to **850** construction workers – at peak times, potentially **10,200** traffic movements a week just for the workforce
- **700,000** photovoltaic panels mounted on around **250,000** pile-driven metal posts
- **40** miles of mesh fencing and around **12,000** metal fence posts
- 1,900** acres of **74%** BMV farmland switched to power production
- **100MW** battery energy storage system

Residents are rightly concerned about the industrialisation of our rural, agricultural area. This isn't just about how close panels will be to our houses, or what we can see from our windows, but the industrialisation of the countryside around Great Staughton and our neighbouring villages via a three-year construction programme.

***If just two major supermarkets installed rooftop solar, East Park would be redundant***

The sheer scale of the scheme – six miles, end to end – means that it will affect us all, wherever we live.

## **What are we doing as a community?**

A small team of volunteers from all the villages in the shadow of the solar scheme is running an opposition group, Stop East Park Energy. The campaign brings together hundreds of people across the community that would be living alongside this enormous solar installation.

Local people are not against renewables, but agree that nearly 2,000 acres of fertile farmland is not the right place for a form of renewable energy that is intermittent and unreliable.

Solar is a 'part time power', best suited to rooftops, car park canopies, transport corridors or brownfield land:

The UK climate means that we are ranked 229 out of 230 countries for solar power potential – there just isn't enough sun here, and over autumn and winter solar energy plummets, and drops to zero as every night falls.

***The fields East Park is targeting could grow enough wheat to make 3.6 million loaves a year***

The banks of giant battery units to store energy when the sun isn't shining planned for Great Staughton or Hail Weston – only hold electricity for a short time.

The developer behind East Park has admitted that the storage system would power 27,000 homes for just two hours. The agricultural land earmarked for solar development is 75% Best and Most Versatile land – high grade cropland that has been successfully farmed for Generations.

## **What would East Park mean for all of us?**

If East Park is consented, we would have to endure:

### **THREE years of...**

Noise and commotion from a big, busy construction site – including the loud, repetitive, mind-numbing sound of pile-driving thousands of metal posts  
Disruption and delays from HGVs on our narrow country roads – and extra local traffic from hundreds of workers, inevitably impacting the busy, dangerous B645, especially for our local schools, commuters and businesses.

Dust everywhere and dangerous mud on the roads from the construction of the infrastructure needed to support thousands of solar panels and the battery storage compound.

***East Park would employ just 20 people after it's built and would result in the loss of agricultural jobs***

Restricted access to much-loved footpaths and bridleways while the developer converts high grade agricultural land to intermittent power production

### **FORTY years of...**

Beautiful countryside transformed into a six-mile solar corridor.

Field after field filled with ugly ranks of glass and metal, complete with industrial fencing, CCTV and security patrols

Risk of fires, explosions and toxic chemical releases from the battery compound

Criminals attracted to the area to steal cabling and other valuable components

The developer – and local farmers who have leased their land – earning millions every year while ordinary residents are left counting the cost of hosting a renewables scheme that doesn't belong here in the first place

### **What is happening now?**

East Park is categorised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), which means it is going through a lengthy process managed by the Planning Inspectorate, a government agency. The scheme is at Pre-Application stage, but the final plan is due in the first quarter of 2025.

At the Pre-Examination stage, anyone can register as an Interested Party and submit objections to the Planning Inspectorate. It is important that as many people as possible register as Interested Parties.

### **What you can do next**

We all need to work together to fight the East Park plan. Join the supporter group at [www.stopeastparkenergy/support](http://www.stopeastparkenergy/support) to keep up with the latest news and get alerts on critical deadlines in the planning process

Come along to one of the village meetings during the Pre-Examination period (details will be available nearer the time) to find out how to register as an Interested Party. Remember that comments made during the statutory consultation have only been seen by the developer – at this next stage, you will have your chance to make your formal objections to the Planning Inspectorate

**[www.stopeastparkenergy.com](http://www.stopeastparkenergy.com)  
[contact@stopeastparkenergy.com](mailto:contact@stopeastparkenergy.com)**

## GREAT STAUGHTON WI



‘English Country Garden’ and ‘Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly’.

For our November meeting we were entertained by the Stanwick Handbell Ringers. There were twelve players and one conductor, Michael Johnson, who talked in between tunes and told us all about the bells and the history of hand bell ringing. They were originally used to practise for the Church tower bells to keep the noise for villagers to a minimum! The bells were made at Whitechapel bell foundry in London, where Big Ben was cast, but unfortunately it closed in 2017, meaning that Taylors of Loughborough are the only remaining foundry in this country. Michael explained that ringers wear gloves to protect the bells as they are very valuable as the whole ensemble would cost about £27,000 to replace. Different size bells have different clappers as the large ones have leather clappers covered in felt; medium bells have hard leather and the small bells have nylon clappers. There are different ways to play the bells, including a shake or trill, using mallets on base bells and an echo on middle bells. The group made a lovely sound together and played ‘The William Tell Overture’, ‘Danny Boy’ and ‘Frosty the Snowman’ to name but three.

The group also played ‘The Hunting Cantata’ and ‘The Ash Grove’ using hand chimes which had a very different sound. Then three of the group played four in hand bells. It was amazing to see them hold two bells in each hand. It was explained to us that the clappers move in one direction so they have to make sure that two are going up and down and the other two are in and out so when they move their hand only the correct bell’s clapper moves. It was absorbing to watch their talent and their faces were fixed in concentration as they played

It was a very enjoyable evening and I, for one, have a new fascination with hand bells. They ended their concert with ‘We Wish You a Merry Christmas’ and then joined the members for mulled wine and mince pies.

In December we enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner and this year we were very lucky that the owners of The Snooty Tavern opened just for us. We were very well looked after and all of us thoroughly enjoyed our two or three courses. The food was delicious and when tea and coffee was served, we were given mince pies to enjoy. Along with Christmas crackers on the table and all the Christmas decorations it was a very festive occasion enjoyed by everyone.

For our first meeting of 2025, in January, we were given a talk entitled ‘Railway Ramblings’ by Alex Turner. Alex is a retired railway worker who informed us about things that happen behind the scenes to keep the trains moving, from dealing with track repairs to unreliable workers! Alex explained that when tracks need to be repaired the trains have to be stopped or redirected or buses are used as train replacements. Each job would be given a time scale but sometimes unforeseen things would happen to delay the work, for example, once the workers went to lunch and left their tools next to the track but when they returned the tools had been stolen so the work was delayed until new tools were collected. Each delay meant the contractor would have to pay the railway £500 per hour of the delay, so contractors wanted the job to go to plan. Alex said he often had to discipline staff, for example, one man went off sick but borrowed a railway van, without permission, to help



his brother collect some furniture he had bought. This was an instant dismissal offence, but Alex often used to encourage people to resign, as not only would that look better for them on a CV, it would also save him a lot of paperwork.

Alex also told us about train derailments which often occur when the train is travelling too fast for the track. The trains have a timetable to stick to and if speed restrictions are imposed a fine has to be paid, but not just for one train, for all the trains using that bit of track. Unfortunately, it is often therefore a monetary consideration instead of a safety one. Alex told us about one train travelling at 70mph instead of 20mph that hit a platform and took the complete side off the carriage. Fortunately, it was the corridor side and no one was hurt. The carriage was full of school children going on a school trip, so it could have been a major disaster.

Alex told us that he also used to inspect tunnels and once had to go to Bank station on the London underground. He had to walk to the end of part of the tunnel but The Bank of England had to be informed that he was down there as the tunnel was directly under the Bank and was alarmed.

It was very interesting to hear the behind-the-scenes stories and be told things the public are not usually aware happen when travelling on a train. Alex told us that from working on the railways, after privatisation, he taught new engineers. He also told us that the fee for his talk would be donated to Macmillan Nurses. All the ladies found Alex's talk entertaining and he stayed for a while afterwards to sample our cakes.

Here is our programme of events for the rest of 2025:


- 11<sup>th</sup> March - AGM and Spring Supper
- 8<sup>th</sup> April - Hypnotherapy – a talk by Christina Myers
- 13<sup>th</sup> May - Great Staughton and its People - a talk by Anthony Withers
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - A Poet for Hire (all about Parkinson's) - a talk by Liz Houghton
- 8<sup>th</sup> July - Behind Closed Doors – a talk by Geoff Watts
- 26<sup>th</sup> August - Ladybird Boat trip to Godmanchester (a day trip)
- 9<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Supper
- 14<sup>th</sup> October - Origami Crane – a craft activity with Liz Dive
- 11<sup>th</sup> November - Victorian Christmas in Huntingdonshire – a talk by Liz Davies
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas meal

As you can see, we have some amazing talks coming up in the next few months and we would love to share them with you.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Great Staughton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

If you do fancy coming along you will receive a very warm welcome, a hot drink and maybe even some cake. For further details please contact our President, Barbara Wallis on 01480 214582.

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**Bedford National  
Trust Association  
Meetings**



**Tuesday 11th March, 2:15pm**

Speaker: David Longman on 'Tales from Bedfordshire Churches'.

A collection of weird, wonderful and sometimes moving legends, and stories associated with various churches in

Bedfordshire. There will be a small admission for this meeting.

**Tuesday 3rd June. 2:15pm**

-AGM for a short part of the meeting, then Speaker Liz Houghton reading from her own book 'Rhyme After Rhyme'

We meet in the Addison Centre in Kempston, MK42 8PN

There is plenty of parking.

No need to book. Just come,  
Everyone welcome.

For further information please contact Betty Thomas on 01480 860 421.

**PERRY DROP IN**

The Perry Drop In continues to be open to all twice a month.

On the first and third Monday of the month Perry Baptist Church is open between 10am and Midday for any in the community to drop in for coffee, tea or hot chocolate and biscuits or toast.

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## **WELLBEING WALKS IN OUR AREA SPRING 2025**



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The Wellbeing Walks are led by volunteer walk leaders who are also first aid trained. Most walks cover around 3 miles and last approximately 1 hour. Walks are free to join, and everybody is welcome.

There is no need to book; simply turn up at the meeting point 10-15 minutes before the start time.

For a full list of all current walks across the entire Huntingdonshire district (covering areas around St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives, Ramsey and Yaxley), please visit:

**[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/)**

On this site, you will also find downloadable booklets of all the walks, with maps and directions.

In addition, copies of the current leaflet listing the full programme of walks are usually available from Great Staughton Surgery.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WALK NAME</b>	<b>MEETING POINT</b>
Mon 24th March	10 am	KIMSIDE SAUNTER	Great Staughton Village Hall Car Park
Wed 26th March	2 pm	GRAFHAM PERRY WALK	Outside the Wheatsheaf Public House, Perry

## Life Magazine

### Thank You!

Following on from my plea, we have had a lovely response, so, thank you!

All these donations are very welcome. However, we still require more to continue. I have had a number of offers of help and will be taking those up now that I have moved and have time. If you would like to donate to the magazine, the account details are:

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Please note my address for posting through the letterbox is **61 Beachampstead Road**. Thanks.

Do continue to use the advertisers in *Life*, mentioning where you found them. And, if any advertisers are considering using the magazine then please do, the magazine still really needs you.

If any business or individual feels that they can assist the magazine financially then please do contact myself at [steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steveandhelen@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you. Your magazine still needs your help.

***Helen***

**Life Magazine Treasurer**



## **Get in quick if you want to join 1st Gt Staughton Guides!**

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Fill in your details and someone will be in touch. Or, for more information, contact Lindy Bornman at [FGSGuides@gmail.com](mailto:FGSGuides@gmail.com).

Perry WI  
Every Second Monday of  
the month at 7.30pm

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INSPIRING WOMEN

was 'Well, that's a bit scary!' Thanks for that Debbie, I can always rely on your telling me the truth. We were of course very proud of our efforts and

Greetings, people of Great Staughton and Perry. This report is from November and December last year (sounds weird doesn't it) and January of our new year of 2025.

November saw the service around our tree of more than 75 people when the village was specifically thanked by a Little Staughton councillor who took the time to stop and say well done to those involved. So thank yous all round go to those involved.

So, back at WI in Perry, November was our crafty month with Sylvia and Pauline introducing us to various crafty things of a festive nature including a rather lovely mini (very mini, don't think newborn, think positively foetal!) indeed totally tiddly woolly hat (gorgeous for the Christmas tree) and a pinecone squirrel (long tall pine cones were the most realistic but little fat ones could be rather cute). We sat around and after an informative *Blue Peter*-style demo from Sylvia, we had a go at manipulating wool, reimagining squirrels (Beatrix Potter would be so proud ... not!) and having a festively fun time.

So I heard this year various comments including 'Is it going to hang on your tree?' 'Of course! Proudly! Round the back!', 'Pauline has the strength of 10 men', 'Pauline! Can you get my head to stick on?', 'I think this wool would make a lovely jumper but the toilet roll would get in the way' and when I proudly showed my completed pine cone squirrel to a friend, her reaction

many a Perry Yule log was resplendent with WI seasonal gewgaws. Many thanks to Sylvia and her team and apologies from a few of us for being so rubbish at following the instructions - everyone else's craft was quite lovely so it was clearly our own fault when things went awry.

December saw us having a Christmas get-together (not that we're not together for the other months but ... anyhow!) eating a superb buffet (don't eat anything from breakfast onwards - these women are 'feeders'!) and playing a few daft games including a *Christmas Carol and Songs quiz* (prize for the winners was some of Ann's fabulous jam - note to other winners, the Boysenberry is divine) and a *Pass the Parcel* in which mysteriously, spookily, incredibly every person gets to open one layer (chocolate coin and quiz question inside) before a random person wins - this year the prize was a book of Chocolate Orange recipes and three - yes, three - chocolate oranges to get you started! Ooo we do love a celebration, us.

We didn't have a meeting in January and, d'y'know, I did miss putting on the arctic gear and braving the weather down to the hut. Hey ho, happy New Year anyway to all of you from all of us.



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### **Wildlife of the River Great Ouse Valley**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to welcome back Pat Doody on Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall.

As many of you will know, Pat was Chairman of the Local Group for several years and worked for the Nature Conservancy Council and its successor bodies for nearly 30 years, before working as a freelance coastal ecologist. Pat has written several books on coastal ecology and has also always had an interest in the Great Ouse valley.

This talk will explore the history and conservation of the Great Ouse valley, focusing on the meadows and their wildlife.

Gravel extraction, housing and infrastructure have destroyed many sites, whilst agricultural intensification has caused significant losses in biodiversity. Today only a small number of unimproved meadows survive, most of which are either nature reserves or protected by government legislation.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £4.00 and payment is by cash or card.

We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. For more information please contact Tim – 07941 261346 or [timpfryer@googlemail.com](mailto:timpfryer@googlemail.com)).

**Minutes of the Great Staughton Parish Council Meeting (draft) held on 9th January 2025 7:30pm**

**Present:**R Jewell (BJ), H Glanville (HG), G Brittain (GB), N Yates (NY), L Goody (LG), W Mumford (WM), David Moore (DM) James Duberly (JD)

**Apologies for absence:** Jo Russell (Clerk) (JR), Helen Hopperton, Stephen Cawley, Ian Gardner

**Resident's Forum:** None present

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Reports from District and County Councillors:** None.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2024:** Carried forward to next meeting.

**Matters arising:**

**Footpath 40 – Staughton Moor** – this has moved forward to the extent that it has now been reported to and taken up by Joshua Rutherford Head of Asset Management, BJ met at an unrelated meeting. Emails on the matter have been forwarded and they have agreed that it is unacceptable that we have been waiting 3 years for this to be addressed.

**New bin** – this is in place and the service level agreement with HDC to empty the bin has been signed.

**Blocked drains – The Green/The Highway** – we need to re-report these as there still appears to be significant surface water collecting on the road in these areas in heavy rain.

**Police checks re 20mph speed limit** –

carry forward to next meeting.

**Attendance at other meetings:** BJ attended three other meetings:  
**Highways Capital Improvement Program** - A meeting organised by Cambridgeshire County Council on highways issues. It is now possible to view Highways programme/schedule of planned works online.

**HDC Showcase meeting** – indicating how important the Huntingdon a St Neots areas are becoming with the proposed new rail and road connections and becoming a focal point for business development.

An East West Rail Consultation Event Information on the construction and routes was available for viewing and discussion. Ultimately, the scheme seems to be beneficial to give the area better public transport connections however there does not been enough thought given to how people will access the new Tempsford Station. The PC agreed to submit a comment to this effect in response to the consultation.

**Roman Site Community Event:** Communication has been ongoing with the archaeologist and the company and they are engaged with the school to host an event for the children during the day and the community in the evening. The parties are now trying to agree a mutually convenient date.

**Net Zero Projects:** This is a grant scheme available for Huntingdonshire villages, with funds of around £1M unspent by the previous mayor available for community projects aimed at reducing carbon emissions. HG has already submitted an expression of interest for the Village Hall to install an



electric boiler. NY intends to apply for the Playing Field Committee for solar panel batteries for the pavilion. It was also agreed the BJ would submit an expression of interest on behalf of the PC for funds to create a cycle way between Great Staughton and Hail Weston.

**Highways:** LHI bid 24/25 – a meeting has now been held to review the technical details of the proposals to improve the pedestrian crossing. Highways have noted this is a priority job to be carried out ASAP.

LHI bid 25/26 – It was agreed that BJ would submit an application to purchase another MVAS sign that could be sited, in the main, on the post located near the school and solar panels for the other posts, making moving the sign from one location to another more straightforward. Though not part of an LHI bid, it was also agreed that we would ask Ian Garnder to contact Highways to seek advice on improving matters on The Causeway where the speed limit jumps from 20-40-20mph over a very short distance.

Blocked Highway in Perry – WM – carry forward.

Drain – The Town – the drainage team met councillors on site in December and saw that the ditches at the top of the run are full of water. There is a blockage somewhere in front of the houses, which will be the homeowners' responsibility, but before asking them to clear blockages, Anglian Water/CCC needs to establish where the water is supposed to flow into the storm water drain as the location is currently

unknown and may also be blocked. In the meantime, the CC has promised to put up signage to warn drivers of black ice and to grit the road. BJ is chasing this and will continue to do so.

Highways Capital Improvement Program – as noted at 7 above.

**Planning:** Fives Acres Enforcement Issues – cf.

Wyboston Garden Village developments in Beds near A1 – ongoing – cf.

22/01813/FUL Land East and West of Little Staughton Solar Farm – comments submitted re Rights of Way – cf.

24/02336/S73 The Orchard Garden Farm, The Town – Variation of Condition 2 – our original objections were submitted in 2018. The application was approved. This is application to amend the approved application by taking away a 2 storey building and extending a single storey building instead. No objections.

Appeal APP/H0520/D/24/3353088 – 73 The Highway – proposed garage, new boundary, wall and oil tank – we had no objection to the original application and have no comment on the appeal. 24/02154/HHFUL 41 Beachampstead Road – proposed side extension with roof alterations and new cladding – no objections.

**Cashbook** – approved.

**Budget and Precept 2025/26:** It was agreed to increase the Precept to £23,000 in order to maintain current balances, with projected expenditure for the forthcoming year being slightly more than £23,000. This is the first increase in 5 years and necessary for prudent accounting.

**Correspondence:** CCC has written to advise that its plan for introducing electric vehicle infrastructure have been scrapped as it was essentially too complicated to pursue, mainly for legal reasons.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – BJ reported that HDC is now out under Regulation 16 consultation with our plan. The closing date is 5 February. Thereafter, the plan goes to an independent examiner for approval. This is an 8 week process, which may mean that the referendum for villagers to vote on the plan might tie in with scheduled elections in May.

**Reports from:**

Village Hall Committee – HG reported that all is going well. A solar panel installation is currently underway, to include a battery to store surplus power. HG is also looking into funding to replace the existing oil boiler with an electric one, that would then of course be powered by the electricity generated by the solar panels.

Playing Field Committee – no report.

Speed Watch – DM reported that 3 people have now come forward and expressed an interest in getting involved. One has completed the training, a second has scheduled the training and a third is a former volunteer who may need to update their training. Once training is completed, this will mean the volunteers should be able to get out soon. More volunteers welcome!

**Parish Matters:**

BJ has reported a faulty streetlight at 12 The Highway. NY advised that Life

Magazine will be having an AGM on 16 January. Rob Young will be stepping down as Editor in the summer after 15 years of hard work, for which heartfelt thanks are extended. We will therefore be discussing the future of the magazine.

The annual village litterpick will take place on 29 March 2025.

HG is going to be training as a community first responder and will be asking the organisers of the scheme to write in to the PC to request a donation towards costs, which will benefit the village by having two (there is already one) trained first responders with their own bag of equipment.

**East Park Energy Solar Farm** – cf.

**Meeting dates for 2025** –  
20 March, 17 April (Parish Assembly),  
14 May (AGM), 3 July, 18 September  
and 13 November.

Meeting closed 9.03pm

These are draft minutes and at the time of printing had not been approved

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Would you like to help decide what happens in Perry? The Perry Parish Council has vacancies for councillors. As a Parish Councillor you can make positive steps to improve the quality of life in your village. You will truly represent your community, and make decisions on everything from village events to street furniture. Here's a few frequently asked questions – and answers!

**Is it political?** No, your role is to act on behalf of your fellow residents. Politics simply doesn't come into it.

**How much time will it take?** The council has ten regular meetings each year.

**What if I don't know anything about local government?** Comprehensive, professional and free training (currently online) will be given. And don't worry about having to learn reams of rules and regulations – that's the clerk's job.

**Are there age restrictions?** You must be 18 years or over. There's no upper age limit – and quite rightly so.

If you'd like to find out more, including other eligibility requirements, please contact any of the Perry Parish Councillors (contact details near the front of this magazine), or clerk Eugene Smith ([clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@perryparishcouncil.org.uk)).

And why not come along to a council meeting (dates in this magazine) to see what happens for yourself? Become a Parish Councillor, make a difference, and truly speak for your community.

## Confessions of a Baptist Minister

In September, local Baptist Minister, Jon Magee, had his third book published, entitled *Confessions of a Baptist Minister*.

However, that is not the end of it all. This latest book is intended to be the first of a series of three on the same subject - life in the ministry.

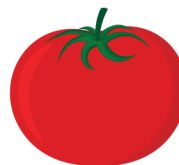
The second in the series is due to be published soon. For those looking for further information please contact Jon Magee at 01480 700810.

**Classes for the Year 2025 Horticultural Show OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR**  
**Saturday, 23rd August 2025**

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**VEGETABLES**

1. 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx - can be Cherry Plums
2. 5 Tomatoes with calyx
3. 5 Runner beans
4. 5 French beans
5. 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
6. 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
7. 3 White potatoes
8. 3 Coloured potatoes
9. 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
10. 2 Outdoor cucumbers
11. 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3"/7.5cm)
12. 3 Fruits (any variety or varieties)
13. 2 Courgettes
14. 3 Bulbs of garlic
15. A collection of chilli peppers\*\*
16. Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
17. 2 Edible squashes
18. Collection of vegetables (minimum of 3 different varieties)



**FLOWERS (Vases provided for all cut stems)**

19. 3 Rose blooms
20. 1 Stem of cluster flowered roses
21. 1 Specimen rose bloom
22. 3 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias
23. 3 Decorative dahlias
24. 1 Specimen dahlia bloom
25. 1 Dahlia not mentioned elsewhere in schedule, e.g. water lily, pompom
26. 1 Hydrangea bloom
27. 1 Spike gladiolus\*\*
28. 3 Stems of pinks or carnations
29. 3 Heads of geraniums - can be mixed
30. Vase of mixed flowers from your garden (excluding gladioli, dahlias, & roses)
31. 3 Spikes of gladioli
32. Vase of mixed foliage from your garden
33. A flowering orchid (must have been in your possession for 9 months)
34. Potted plant in flower (not orchid) Maximum pot size 9"/23cm
35. Cactus/succulent in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
36. 3 Flowers of the same colour, (must be different species)
37. 3 Sunflower blooms – any variety
38. 3 stems of sweet peas

**FLORAL EXHIBITS (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)**

39. A garland of flowers to make a headdress (fresh or artificial flowers, or a mix) max 12"/30cm diameter
40. An exhibit depicting '1960's' (up to 18"/45cm width & depth, unlimited height) \*\*
41. A foliage arrangement for a novice (no flowers - up to 15"/38cm overall)
42. An exhibit incorporating a holiday souvenir (max 15"/38cm square, unlimited height)
43. An arrangement using hedgerow material (maximum measurements 15"/38cm wide, 18 /45cm high)
44. A floral arrangement incorporating a diamond or diamonds and white flowers (max size 12"/30cm circular)

**NOVELTY CLASSES**

45. Heaviest tomato
46. Longest runner bean
47. One flower, one vegetable
48. Heaviest squash
49. Largest pumpkin (by girth)
50. A truss of cherry tomatoes (can be part green)
51. Fresh culinary herbs in a jar (please name)
52. Plate of home grown fruit \*\*
53. A quirky/ugly vegetable



**CAKES AND PRESERVES**

54. A chocolate Swiss roll with butter cream filling
55. A Victoria sponge (raspberry jam filling only, dusted with castor sugar)
56. A cheese and onion quiche
57. 5 pieces of diamond shaped traditional shortbread
58. A brown loaf 450g – hand made not bread machine \*\*
59. An apple cake
60. Jar of jam
61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
62. Jar of lemon curd
- 62a. Jar of marmalade

**OPEN CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Up to 16 years. Please state age on all entries)**

63. A bug hotel made from recycled items (12"/30cm square)
64. Hand written text - up to 6 years of age
65. Hand written text - 7 to 11 years of age
66. Hand written text - 12 to 16 years of age
67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2026 show - A4 size, may be computer generated
68. A monster made from vegetables
69. A decorated card to celebrate our 60th birthday – maximum size A4
70. A village scene made from Lego/Duplo - not a kit (maximum base size 12"/30cm square)
71. 3 decorated cup cakes

**The text for class 64 is:**

*Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, Here comes the sun.*

**The text for classes 65 and 66 is:**

*Bring me sunshine, in your smile, bring me laughter, all the while,  
In this world where we live, there should be more happiness,  
So much joy you can give, to each brand new bright tomorrow.*



**SUNDRY CLASSES (All photographs: Maximum 8" x 6")**

72. A photograph 'of an insect'
73. A photograph incorporating water
74. A photograph of a celebration
75. A black and white photo of a person or people
76. A hand-made item (not knitted) \*\*
77. Handicraft by a senior citizen (65+ years)
78. A knitted item
79. A flavoured spirit e.g. Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
80. A home-made soft drink e.g. juice, cordial, ginger beer or lemonade.

**Anyone seeking advice, please contact the Show Secretary on 01234 376661/ email: caroline\_byrne@live.co.uk or the Chairman on 07881621260.**

**Roman Find in Great Staughton - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at Great Staughton Primary School at 6pm.**  
**All welcome**

- The early indications of a potential Roman Site – a review of the information that hinted at the presence of the Roman Town (nearby documented heritage assets, aerial photographic cropmarks, and LiDAR data).
- The discovery of its extent – a review of the geophysical survey and intrusive archaeological investigation undertaken within its extent and environs to date.

The interpretation so far – a summary of the site in relation to the wider late Iron Age / Roman landscape of the area.

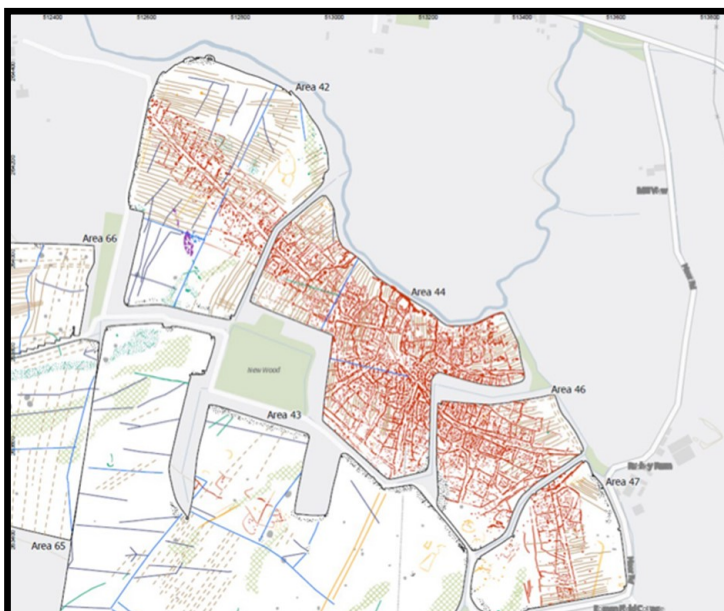
**Presented by** Gary Millward and Kinnie Wade

Project Manager and Archaeological Geophysicist

AOC Archaeology Group

They have been involved in collecting and analysing data from the site in Great Staughton.

**Map of Site**



**GT. STAUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 2025 SHOW**  
**ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>VEGETABLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>FLORAL EXHIBITS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S CLASSES</u>
1.....	19.....	39.....	63.....
2.....	20.....	40.....	64.....
3.....	21.....	41.....	65.....
4.....	22.....	42.....	66.....
5.....	23.....	43.....	67.....
6.....	24.....	44.....	68.....
7.....	25.....		69.....
8.....	26.....	<u>NOVELTY CLASSES</u>	70.....
9.....	27.....	45.....	71.....
10.....	28.....	46.....	
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**ENTRY FEE: ADULTS 10P,  
CHILDREN 5P. TOTAL FEE  
ENCLOSED:**

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***Handing in this entry form  
confirms that you have read all the  
rules and agree to abide by them***



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Gt S Taughton  
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by **5pm on Thursday  
August 21st**

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Thursday August 21st.**



## SECRETS OF THE CHURCH THE PEOPLE WHO MADE GREAT STAUGHTON GREAT

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behind the monuments, memorials, brasses and tablets of this wonderful building. The tour will be guided by Anthony Withers, author of *Great Staughton and its People* Venue: St Andrew's church Great Staughton PE19 5BB

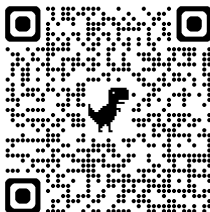
**The next guided tour: March 15 at 11.00am**

The price of the tour is £6 which includes refreshments

Book and pay on line [here](#) indicating the date(s) you prefer **or** scan the QR code

Or just email Anthony Withers at [aw.staughton@gmail.com](mailto:aw.staughton@gmail.com) with your preferred date and pay at the door.

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**Anthony Withers gives us a quick insight into what we might expect from this tour:**

Many people are unaware of the amazing history enclosed within the walls of the wonderful 800-year-old St Andrew's Church. The guided tour is a voyage of discovery examining both the architecture and the stories behind the people whose memorials decorate this historic building.

The tour begins appropriately at the south door: the principal entrance of the church. The building and architecture of the nave and aisles is explored before we turn to the memorials and monuments of the church. Often, an

anonymous-looking plaque conceals an astonishing story which helped shape our history.

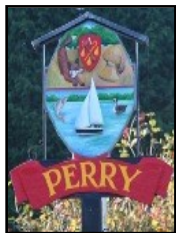
And then there are questions: why have they got such splendid monuments and what did they do to deserve them? We will look at what is possibly the oldest feature in the church, dating back to the 13th century.

The tour lasts about an hour and afterwards there is a welcome tea or coffee and biscuits to enjoy while chatting with your fellow visitors.

(All funds go towards the conservation of the church)

**The next guided tour: March 15  
at 11.00am**





## MINUTES OF THE PERRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 2024 at the Grafham  
Water Sailability  
Clubhouse.

### Present:

**Parish Councillors:** Chairperson Eleanor Abbs (EA), Vice Chairman Sheila Brighton (SB), Kay Darby (KD), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

**Members of the public:** five.

**Clerk to the Council:** Eugene Smith (ES).

**24/111: Apologies** - County Councillor Ian Gardener and District Councillor Stephen Cawley's apologies were received.

**24/112: Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - EA and NN declared interests regarding item 24/120 (see that item for details).

**24/113:** N/A (see apologies).

**24/114: Open forum for public Participation** - No issues raised.

**24/120: Planning permission consultation** \*\*item moved forward\*  
The proposed conversion of an existing outbuilding to a self contained dwelling at 17 The Drive Perry (Reference: 24/02090/FUL). EA and NN declared interests under item 24/112 and did not provide views during the discussion, or vote on this item. ES had issued a dispensation negating the requirement for these councillors to withdraw from

meeting. In the interests of openness ES stated that he lives near the address. The proposal was discussed with the applicants, and **approved** (proposed. EP and approved unanimously by those eligible to vote).

**Action:** ES to inform Hunts DC.

**24/115: Minutes of the previous Meeting** - The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

**24/116: Clerk's report** - Jonathan Wooley from HDC has informed me that the biodiversity strip near Roundhouse Drive has been seeded and over 1,000 bulbs planted. The new governor of HMP Littlehey will be attending February's meeting. A letter of thanks has been received from Ann Jackson regarding the s.137 donation approved at November's meeting.

**24/117: Events Working Party** - No updates. The next events meeting is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**24/118: Parish / village matters** - HMP Littlehey developments No updates. Litter bins : NN suggested converting one of the existing litter bins into a recycling bin. CJ asked about recycling contamination controls.

**Action:** ES to research and report back in February.

Grafham Water Centre Active Lifestyles  
The council rejected the funding proposal (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**Action:** ES to inform GWC.

**24/119: Highways and green spaces** - Chichester Way line painting. The line repainting mentioned at November's meeting still stands. Repairs to the pothole near the junction with the B661

have been ineffectual, and the road is subsiding. CJ suggested asking Ian Gardener to escalate this on the parish council's behalf.

**Action:** ES to write to County Councillor Ian Gardener. Overgrown vegetation. The council approved plans to hire tradespeople to deal with overgrown areas (prop. EA, app. unanimously). The location of ransom strips was discussed.

**Actions:** ES to obtain quotes from tradespeople and identify ransom strips. Perry in Bloom.

Planter inspection and improvements **deferred** to spring 2025.

**Action:** ES to add to the relevant agenda.

**\*\*item 24/120 discussed earlier\*\***

**24/121: Anglian Water** - EA provided an update from discussions with Simone Tauber at Anglian Water. NN provided an update re engineering works at Grafham Water.

**Action:** ES to request an invite to the Anglian Water user group meetings, and invite Simone Tauber to a future council meeting.

**24/122: East Park Solar Farm** - No updates.

**24/123: Local Highways Improvements**  
It was **decided** to apply for an MVAS unit (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**Action:** ES to submit application, and to enquire re second-hand units..

**24/124: Update on meetings and training attended**

KD, CJ and JS attended drop-in meetings re the Grafham to Brampton road.

KD and JS attended a recital at HMP Littlehey. ES attended an online Canva training course run by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

**24/125: Budget and precept** - The budget for financial year 2025 – 2026

was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

A precept demand of £22,791 for 2025 – 2026 was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**24/126: Finance** - The following authorised and regular payments were **noted**.

**Eugene Smith** (clerk's salary for November): **confidential**

**Eugene Smith** (working from home allowance for November): **£26.00**

**Eugene Smith** (mileage): **£3.51**

**Colin Beesley** (handyman's wages for November): **confidential**

**HMRC** (November income tax): **£69.80**

**Unity Trust Bank** (service charge): **£6.00**

**Grafham Water Sailability** (November Clubhouse use): **£60.00**

**Ann Jackson** (remembrance bugler thanks reimbursement, from chairman's allowance): **£30.00**

**Ann Jackson** (s137 payment): **£300.00**

**Snooty Tavern** (bulb planting gift cards, from chairman's allowance): **£60.00**

**Antony Abbs** (Four Seasons cut 9): **£220.00**

**Lloyds Bank Multipay Card:** **£97.94**  
(Defib pads: **£77.94**)

SMARTY monthly phone fee: **£5.00**

M&S cakes [statue installer thanks, from chairman's allowance): **£12.00**

Monthly fee: **£3.00**)

EA **signed** the payment schedule.

**24/127: Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (12<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

**Meeting closed at 8:26pm**

## Dave Scott-Morgan

Dave Scott-Morgan, a former member of the *Electric Light Orchestra (ELO)* is coming to Perry! It was initially planned for Dave to be with us in 2020 but sadly the event had to be cancelled due to the Covid Lock-down. Not only is he booked to return to Perry but this time it will be a two-day event rather than just a one evening.

Rock musician Dave Scott-Morgan started his career as a member of the popular 1960's psychedelic rock group The Ugly's. He wrote the song 'Something' for friends The Move that reached the top of the UK singles charts as the flip side of the hauntingly beautiful 'Blackberry Way' in 1968. In the seventies and eighties he wrote the score for two films, and performed on some of the world's biggest stages as a member of ELO. But it was on the small stage of a pentecostal church in Birmingham that he would hear the words that would save his life.

As Dave sat listening to the worship at the Christian Life Centre in Selly Oak, Birmingham, he was captivated. And when the pastor stood up to announce the theme of his sermon was 'disappointment,' Dave was convinced the service had

been organised just for him!  
*"Disappointment, to put it mildly, was just what I was facing at that time,"* he says. The preacher didn't know about that, so Dave felt it must have been a 'secret message' from God. *"I knew that message was for me."*

'Secret Messages' was an album that ELO recorded while Dave was touring as a guitarist with the band, from 1981-86. It was written in answer to the extreme evangelical critics in the US who accused ELO of encrypting 'secret satanic messages' within their music! How ironic that ELO member Dave should become a Christian himself and eventually become a pastor as well!

**Dave will be at the Perry Baptist Church in May. Further details will be coming nearer the time.**





## PERRY HOG WATCH



Winter for hedgehogs has certainly been challenging, with wet, windy and frosty conditions. However, the cold weather hasn't been enough to persuade the hedgehogs in Perry to find somewhere to hibernate. They have been regular visitors to my feeding station even on the coldest of nights so we can't always assume they will find a sheltered place to hide away and hibernate. If they do survive the winter successfully, the months of April and May are when you may see some hoglets appear. Having a nest box and feeding station ready in your garden will hopefully encourage them to take up residence there. Good luck.

### **Perry Hogwatch**

#### **December 2024 - January 2025**

1 Hedgehog found with a broken leg and very cold. Did not survive.

2 Hedgehogs successfully released 24th December 2024 in Perry.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food, newspapers, fleecy blankets, shallow dishes and rubber gloves throughout 2024. They are greatly appreciated.

***Don't forget a hedgehog out during the day is in trouble and needs help from a rescue centre quickly. Contact details are below.***

#### **Contact:**

Hartford Hedgehog Rescue  
07782 398235

Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital  
07947 361187

Peterborough Hedgehog Hotel  
07592 040113

Spiny Normans Hedgehog Support,  
Wyboston 07847 335663

Heathers Hedgehog Hostel, Chatteris.  
07827751083

Cromwell Vet Huntingdon or look for  
other rescue centres [ahelpwildlife.co.uk](http://ahelpwildlife.co.uk)

#### Online help:

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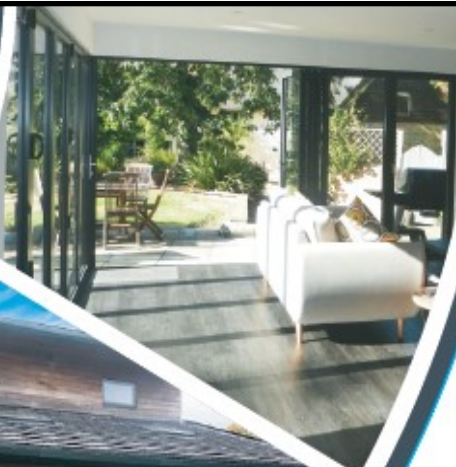
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### *Dear Friends,*

Spring is on its way; it is lovely to be able to go out for an early morning walk with my dog in daylight. The snowdrops, aconites, bird song and other signs of spring give us hope in these difficult times.

We have turned from Christmas and Epiphany and are now looking towards Easter even though we have the Lenten period to go through. Please look out for information about Lent lunches and their venues.

We have a range of services in March starting with a favourite which is The Pet Service. This is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Andrews, Great Staughton, and pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome, along with their owners.

On Ash Wednesday, the day after pancake day, we have two services available as we start Lent, 10am. at St Nicolas, Hail Weston and 7:30pm at St Andrews, Great Staughton. These will be communion services with the Imposition of Ashes.

The service that I would particularly like to invite you to, is our Benefice Service on Mothering Sunday at 10:30am, breakfast is served from 10am. Before Covid we had prepared a wonderful all singing, all dancing service for Mothering Sunday which ended up having to be a service on Zoom. We would like to invite you, this year, to our Mothering Sunday Service which will have everything for young and old alike, band, organ, puppets, bells and after the service Simnel cake, coffee and

tea. Mothering Sunday is always held on the fourth Sunday in Lent and so like Easter, the date is not set. It is part of the church calendar unlike Father's Day, because it was originally a day to give thanks to the Virgin Mary. It was also a time when people were given time off to visit their Mothers and their Mother Church, the main Church or Cathedral near their family home.

We then look forward to Holy Week in April, which comes much later than usual with Good Friday on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Easter Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> Other dates for your diary are:

March 22<sup>nd</sup> when a Fashion show will be held at Little Staughton Village Hall at 7pm for 7:30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and include a glass of fizz and nibbles. There is no bar so you need to bring your own drinks. Tickets are available from Mary Hopperton on 077646715.

The next historical guided tour of St Andrews Church, which has an amazing history, is on March 15<sup>th</sup>, proceeds go towards the STAR project which is to make the church a community friendly space, tickets for this are £6 and afterwards there are teas and coffees served.

*With love and prayers,*

*Revd Nicki Bland*

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### **Services for March 2025**

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

Sun 2nd: 8am - BCP Holy Communion  
10:30am - Pet Service  
Weds 5th 7.30pm Ash Wednesday  
Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
Sun 9th: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
Sun 16th: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
Sun 23rd: 10:30am - Parish Communion  
Sun 30th: 10:30am - Mothering Sunday  
Benefice Communion

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

Sun 2nd: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 16th: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 30th: 10:30am - Mothering Sunday  
at St Andrew's, Great Staughton

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

Wed 5th: 10:30am - Ash Wednesday  
Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
Sun 9th: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 16th: 3pm - Creative Communion  
Sun 23rd: 9am - Parish Communion  
Sun 30th: 10:30am - Mothering Sunday  
Benefice Communion at St Andrew's, Great Staughton

### **Services for April 2025**

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

Sun 6th: 8am - BCP Holy Communion  
10:30am - All Age Worship  
Sun 13th: 10:30am - Palm Sunday  
Communion  
Tue 15th Compine  
Fri 18th 2pm An Hour at the Cross

Sun 20th: 10:30am - All Age Easter  
Communion

Sun 27th: 10.30am Parish Communion -  
6pm Benefice Evensong

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

Sun 6th: 9am Parish Communion  
Wed 16th 7pm Compline  
Sat 16th 8pm Easter Vigil &  
Communion  
Sun 20th: 9am Easter Parish Communion  
Sun 27th: 6pm Benefice Evensong at St Andrew's

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

Sun 6th: 10:30am Morning Praise  
Sun 13th: 9am Palm Sunday Communion  
Mon 14th 7pm Compline  
Thu 17th 7pm Maundy Thursday  
Communion  
Sun 27th: 9am Parish Communion  
6pm Benefice Evensong at St Andrew's

### **Services for May 2025**

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

Sun 4th 8am - Holy Communion  
10.30 All Age Worshiip  
Sun 11th 10:30 Parish Communion  
Sun 18th 10.30 Parish Communion  
Sun 25th 10.30 Parish Communion

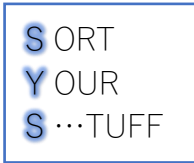
#### **Little Staughton All Saints**

Sun 4th 9am Parish Communion  
Sun 11th 9am P arish Communion  
Sun 18th 6pm Benefice Evensong  
Thu 29th 7.30 Ascension Communion

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

Sun 4th: 10:30am Morning Praise  
Sun 11th 9am Parish Communion  
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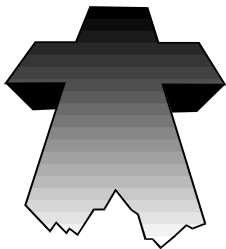
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Minister: Rev Jon Magee 01480 700810

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### *My dear friends,*

The message of Easter is a celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and the hope and joy it brings to Christians. It's also a reminder of the victory over sin and a source of daily hope.

This event, Jesus' resurrection, is the reason for Easter Sunday celebrations as it gives Christians their hope and joy. After all, there can be no 'coming back to life' without a death first. In the days that followed, Jesus appeared to his large group of disciples many times showing them that he truly was alive.

That message remains the same, Jesus is alive! Jesus is central to the message of the Bible and the foundation of the Christian faith. His life, teachings, and sacrifice reveal God's love and His plan for redemption. Whether you're seeking to know more about who Jesus is, His role as Saviour, or His eternal promises, the Bible offers countless verses that speak to His divinity, humanity, and power. Jesus himself

said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the father but by me" (John chapter 14) The living Christ continues to bring to us that message of hope to us all. 2,000 years since the birth of Jesus we are still looking to the one who the Prince of Peace. At the heart of the Easter message is the reality that Jesus is here to bring to us peace that passes all human understanding.

*Peace to you all*

*From the Perry village Pastor,  
Jon Magee*



**Clubs & Activities :**

**Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....Barbara Wallis: 214 582  
 Perry WI: .....Email: perrywigroup@gmail.com  
 St. Andrew's Bell Ringers – 1st & 3rd Mon of the month Bryan Kitchen: 07804 753087  
 Great Staughton Book Club.....Jacqueline Grey: 860115  
 Horticultural Society.....Emma Mumford: 860855  
 Email: hort.soc@btinternet.com  
 Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

**CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS**

Gt. Staughton Guides.....Lindy Bornman: 07746 192351  
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324  
 Kimbolton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.....1stkimboltonscouts@gmail.com  
 Kimbolton Rainbows.....Alison Newell: 07941 894455  
 Kimbolton Brownies.....Esther Crook: 07713 165935  
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**Great Staughton Family Playtime.....manager@pigletspreschool.org.uk**  
*Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at St Andrews Church, Gt Staughton*

**SPORTS CLUBS**

Great Staughton Badminton Club .....David Giddings: 07926 135455  
 Kimbolton Cricket Club.....Kevin Fisk: 07875 602919  
 Gt. Staughton Tennis Club Committee.....Nicole & Phil Yates: 860616  
 Kym Valley Carpet Bowls.....Anthony Withers: 861224  
 Grafham Water Sailing Club.....Club Office: 810478

**VILLAGE GROUPS/SERVICES**

Grafham Wildlife Group.....Sam Malt: Day:810844 / Eve: 811654  
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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA).....Jill Tickle: 01480 860324  
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