# From the Chair (Garry Folbigg)

Spring is here and if the warmer weather continues, I feel sure the barbecues will be dusted off.

I will keep this month's column brief as we have to add the annual Chairman's report to the newsletter.

With lighter nights coming I am sure we will see more children out playing later in the evening so please keep the speed down within the village. The speed indicator is giving some encouraging results so it would appear it is having an impact on most albeit there are some who want to see how fast they can record it at!

The usual ramblings for this time of year which I feel sure you are all aware of, overgrowing bushes and hedges on the footpaths please ensure they are pruned back, and the usual dog mess moans apply (please clean up behind them).

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Dear Friends

I thought I would start on a lighter note;

Did you hear about the boy who went to the Easter Service with bruises on his arms? His friend who was sitting next to him asked '"How did you get that bruise on your arm?" The boy replied, "I ate an Easter Egg." His friend said, "Eating Easter eggs doesn't give you a bruise." The boy quipped, "It does if it's your big brother's Easter Egg''

There were two brothers who were getting ready to boil some eggs to paint for Easter. "I'll give you ten pounds if you let me break three of these on your head," said the older one. "Promise?" asked the younger. "Promise!" Gleefully, the older boy broke the first egg over his brother's head, then another one. The younger brother braced himself for the last egg, but nothing happened. "Ain't ya gonna break the third egg?" the boy asked. His brother replied, "Nah, if I did that, I'd owe ya ten pounds!"

As I write this we are well and truly into Lent and the if you were to attend a church service you would see that there are some subtle changes. Liturgical dress is at its simplest. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria in excelsis is not said or sung and the joyful word alleluia is not used, also, as Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death. We then have the excitement of Easter which has so much more impact if Lent has been kept in some way.

Holy Week is such a special time in our churches. We start on Palm Sunday with a procession around the Church, and the for the next three days we have compline in one of the three churches. This is followed on Maundy Thursday with a Eucharist at Hail Weston, and then on Good Friday at Great Staughton there is the Good Friday walk and Easter Egg Hunt. Last year we had a record turn out, so we are catering for many more this year ,please come along. Also, if you enjoy Midnight mass why not come along to our Midnight Service, The Easter Vigil, at Little Staughton which is held at 11.30 with an Easter Fire from which we light the Paschal Candles and welcome in Easter.
There will be services at all three Churches on Easter Day at which you all will be very welcome.

Every Sunday we pray for our country, our villages and those who need our prayers. If you know of anyone for whom you would like us to pray , please ask them first and then let me or your Churchwardens know, and they can be included in our prayers. We are only allowed to include in public prayer those who give us permission.

Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed

A very blessed and happy Easter to you all.

Nicki Bland

## SERVICES

### For all Holy Week and Easter Services in the three parishes, please refer to the recently delivered Easter Card

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| **Sun 7th** 9am | Parish Communion |
| **Wed 17th** 7.00 pm | Compline |

### 20 April, 11.30pm, Holy Saturday Service at Little Staughton

### Vigil and First Easter Communion on Saturday 20 April at 11.30pm

This benefice service to which everyone is welcome promises to be a very special occasion, starting with the lighting of the Easter Candle from a fire, followed by the re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows and culminating in the First Communion of

Easter. So please wrap up warm and come along - and if you needed any extra encouragement, a warming glass of mulled wine will be on offer!

**Sun 21st Easter Day** 9am Family Communion

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - Monday 8 April, 7.30pm, in Church

### CHURCH LIGHTING

During March All Saints Church was kindly lit in memory of Alex Deytrikh by his wife Carol Deytrikh-White and his sister Catherine. Julia and Ian Harris were pleased to announce the arrival of their first grandchild Lola May. Mike and Liz Sargeant sadly lost their beloved dog Teal. Eva Faupel also lit the church in memory of her late husband Bernd. If you would like to mark a special occasion or remember someone by lighting the church contact Gill Shaw on 376530. All we ask for is a minimum donation of £10.

### FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH 200 CLUB

This month's winners were as follows:-

1st prize £80 Bernard Hopperton
2nd prize £40 Gill Shaw
3rd prize £20 Alex and Linda Godfrey
4th prize £10 Michael and Jane Kneeshaw

If you would like to join or would like further details, please give a call on 376530, or email me at clive50shaw@btinternet.com

**June 9th, Sunday, 6.00pm:** Proms, Pimm's and Puddings - Social evening in the church.
**July 6th, Saturday, 6.30pm**: Cheese and Wine Evening at Cherry Blossom Bungalow, Staughton Moor, to raise funds for All Saints' Church

## BAPTIST CHURCH

www.**littlestaughtonbaptist.org.uk**

### Sunday Services (10.30am and 6.00pm)

7 April am: Rev. Roger Watkins
pm: Mr John Martin
14 April am : Pastor Peter Cresswell
pm: Pastor Peter Cresswell

**19 April 10am Good Friday Communion Service**
**21 April** Easter Day am: Mr Andrew Rome
pm: Mr Andrew Rome
28 April am: Mr Joe Hart
pm: Mr Joe Hart

**Midweek Meeting**
Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

**Fellowship and Coffee Morning**
Wednesday mornings at 10.00am
All welcome

**Livewires**
Thursday evenings at 6.15pm -7.15pm
for children aged 5 - 11 years.
Livewires half term break, 14 February

**Help with *Maths Revision***
***If you are taking GCSE or A Level Maths this Summer***
**and would like to put some questions to an experienced**
**Maths Tutor, free drop-in sessions will be held in the Baptist Chapel**
**during the Easter holidays.**
**Sessions will be taken by a DBS checked professional Tutor, a member of the Baptist Church and will run from 9.45am to 11.45am on Thursday,11 April and Tuesday, 16 April.**
**Please feel free to turn up, no booking is required.**
**Parents are welcome to come along, and coffee will be available while you wait.**

## VILLAGE HALL

**Village Litter Pick** - Thank you very much to everyone who gave their time for the village and collected 40 bags of rubbish from the roadside verges.
**Open Gardens: Sunday 16 June, 1 - 5.00pm** - Cost £5 per person (under 12's free) which includes entry to ten gardens.
**October 12th, Saturday:** Village Hall Fun Games Evening.
**December 7th, Saturday**: Village Hall Christmas Dance

### Afternoon Tea

The next meetings are 2.00 to 3.00 pm on:

12th April
17th May
19th June



**Funded by a villager who loves to read the newsletter and keep up to date with all the local news.**

Come along for a natter and catch up over a cup (or two) of tea or coffee with cake and biscuits.

**Easter treat - hot cross buns only £1.00 per person.**

All welcome

## KIMBOLTON COUNTRY FAYRE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2019

The 2018 Fayre raised £14,000, for a range of Rotary and Sporting Bears supported charities and good causes, local and national, with a particular focus on local children in need.
For the 27th show, we are planning a spectacular event packed with new activities for all. In addition to hundreds of classic cars; already lined up, one new exhibit already booked is; Guido Louis – Equestrian Stunt & Tackless show. Back this year is Millar's Ark Mobile Farm which has many animals not only to see but stroke or 'cuddle', and by popular demand, we see the return of the Beagles. Adding to the enjoyment there will be, The Sealed Knot civil war re-enactment, children's entertainment and dozens of other stalls and events, not of course forgetting the Galaxy Swing Band, will add to the enjoyment of the day.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. The date for your diary is Sunday 14th July.
Keep up to date by visiting our website - www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com or following us on Twitter@KimboltonFayre.

## COLMWORTH AND NEIGHBOURS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Friday, 12th April NORA BUTLER will give a talk on THE SWING RIOT Sat 7.30 p.m. Visitors Welcome £4 donation. Colmworth Village Hall.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The most recent crime statistics which I received this week show (once again) no reported crimes in Little Staughton. When I look at the overall picture, our village must have about the lowest crime rate on average of any village in North Beds.
We have a strong NHW scheme and a good "internal communication system" which sends alerts around the area as fast as it takes to click a mouse, or a button on a phone if there appears to be something untoward going on!
People do alert the police on either 101 or by email to any concerns about suspicious vehicles or people in and around the village. The more that is done, the more intelligence the police can build up and the more likely they are to respond to incidents in this area.
Long may all this continue, and long may we all do our bit to keep our properties and our community safe.

**A strong NHW scheme in a community helps to keep crime down!**

'County lines' (drug dealing), knife crime, cybercrime and fraud are the highest priority for police forces across the country. We can all help them by keeping ourselves safe and our personal data secure. If we have concerns about the first two (drugs and knives) then we need to report those concerns in the same way as we do with suspicious vehicles and people in the area: 101 or on-line. This can also be done ***anonymously*** via Crime stoppers:
**Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111.** Follow it on twitter @crimestoppersUK or Facebook facebook.com/crimestoppers

**REMINDER INVITATION**
Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday 3 April 2019 7.00 pm for refreshments. Meeting starts 7.30pm Bedfordshire Police Headquarters. Woburn Road, Kempston MK43 9AX. The meeting is for Area Co-ordinators, Street Co-ordinators and Neighbourhood Watch members in the Bedford Borough area. You MUST book your seat as this is likely to be a very popular event. Please email BedfordNW@outlook.com to book your seat. Please include your name, address and phone number

*Cherry Protheroe* NHW Co-ordinator, Little Staughton
PS: **Please let me know if you might be interested in taking on this role in the near future! Thank you.**

**CHARITY QUIZ**

Thank you to everyone who came on the 30th and made it such a successful event. Thank you also to people who gave generous donations and gifts for the raffle. Special thank you to Mary Hopperton, Quiz maestro extraordinaire and to Maria and Kevin at The Crown for both hosting the event and providing some excellent food.

All proceeds will be going to The Brain Tumour Research Charity.

**Parish Council meetings**:

All at 7.30 pm at Baptist Chapel Meeting Room

April 17th Wednesday

Any issues you wish to raise, please forward to The Clerk by the MONDAY PRIOR to the meeting at lspcclerk1@gmail.com

## Diary Dates 2019

8 April, Monday 7.30pm, **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in Church

June 9th Sunday 6.00pm**:** Proms, Pimm's and Puddings - Social evening in the church

June 16th Sunday: Open Gardens

June 22nd Saturday: Safari supper

July 6th, Saturday, 6.30pm: Cheese and Wine Evening at Cherry Blossom Bungalow, Staughton Moor, to raise funds for All Saints' Church

September 14th Saturday: Little Staughton Golf Day

October 12th, Saturday: Village Hall Fun Games Evening.
December 7th, Saturday: Village Hall Christmas Dance.

All copy for the **May 2019** issue to **Vicki Airs** at No 10, Spring Hill or email (vickiairs@aol.com) by **Friday, 27th April 2019**
Thank you.