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Editorial

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and well during this unusual summer. I want to say a very big thank-you to everyone who has contacted the editorial team during the past four months with encouraging comments, offers of help, guidance and also some financial support. I realise that the magazine is valued by many people in the villages and the LV team will do all they can to try to ensure that it continues to be produced.

If you are receiving the magazine by email can I please ask that you share this months copy as much as you can especially with any businesses that you may come into contact with, alternatively please signpost them to the website. We only need a few more advertisers to come back on board and we will be able to start a regular print run again. However this will also depend on the amount of news and articles that are sent to me. Therefore if you are involved with something that's happening in our villages, please send me a short email about it. This month we have a fabulous article about Heart Buddies and a charity parachute jump, there is also a lovely items about The Gift of Time. I know that there are many more wonderful stories to be found in our villages of good deeds and fun social happenings, within Government guidelines, which many of us would love to hear about. It is encouraging to read the many innovative ways that the WI and Horticultural Society are involved with in order to either have meetings or indeed hold our Annual Show—on our own doorsteps. It is also wonderful to see that local businesses are supporting this. I look forward to seeing some lovely photos for next months magazine.

As this is the online version I have moved all of the adverts to the back—this way they are all in one place and hopefully it makes it easier for you to find what you are looking for.

With Best Wishes

Tracy

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CORONAVIRUS HASN'T GONE AWAY

Watersmete Church News – August 2020

It has been a great joy to be able to hold services in some of our churches again. It's all very different – sanitising, social distancing masks et. al. but we have done what is needed to offer those who are able to join us the sense of a safe and prayerful space. We don't have a full service rota yet as churches are returning to worship as they can. Some are easier for social-distancing than others as you can imagine.

That means that we are working almost week to week with our service pattern, but in August in the parish of Thornhaugh with Wansford the services are as follows:

2nd and 16th August THORNHAUGH – 11 a.m. Holy Communion
9th and 23rd August WANSFORD – 11 a.m. Holy Communion

Please note the time, there is a service in the benefice at 9.30 a.m., usually at Nassington and the 11 a.m. slot is filled by Thornhaugh and Wansford. As we usually do, we hold a benefice service on the 5th Sunday.

30th August Benefice Service at NASSINGTON 10 a.m.

Nassington Church has the most space, and I know that people across the benefice will appreciate being able to worship together again. It has also been encouraging to see people from the parishes where we haven't started services again yet, joining us at the services we are able to hold. Perhaps one of the good things to emerge from the current situation will be an even greater sense of fellowship and friendship across the villages.

There has been a huge amount of work done by our churchwardens and others to prepare our churches for worship again, and to make them "Covid-secure". Everyone who is appreciating being together again is very grateful to those who have made this all possible.

We are conscious, though, that some people have not been able to come back to church yet, for many reasons, so we are continuing our Zoom service each week, now at 5.00 p.m.

If anyone would like the Zoom link for that service, or receive the extended Sunday Link and service material that I am still sending out, please do contact me. (jdtailby@aol.com, 01780 782271)

However you are spending August – vacation, staycation or homecation, may there be times of refreshment, recreation and blessing for us all and for those we love.

Every blessing,
Rev Jane

FRIENDS OF St MARY & St ANDREWS

Dear Tracy,

July and August are normally quiet times for the Friends; we would like to think we can restart our meetings in September in a socially distanced way, and are currently trying to plan a safe contribution to the new style Village Show.

Hoping everyone stays healthy.

Caroline

FRIENDS OF St REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

At the time of writing the church of St Remigius Water Newton remains closed to the public due to covid19. However, the churchyard in our wonderful riverside setting remains open. It appears that more and more people are taking to walking across the fields and into the village, so do drop by and relax in this lovely reflective setting.

Water Newton Music Fest 2020

Sadly, the planned Music Fest 2020 has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

This is a great disappointment but the organisers felt that even if such gatherings are allowed by the August Bank Holiday, it would be impossible to follow social distancing requirements.

We are very appreciative of the support in the past and we will be back in 2021 with a bigger and even better Music Fest.

St KYNEBURGHA CHURCH, CASTOR

St. Kyneburgha church, Castor
is now holding a service of
Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.15am,
albeit adhering to all social distancing guidance.

Charity Parachute Jump

Heart Buddies By Chloe Rosamond

Heart Buddies is a new charity, set up by myself Chloe Rosamond, 3 years after I had my daughter Phoebe. She was born with Truncus Arteriosus, she had her first open heart surgery when she was just 5 days old and another at 12 days old. She was critically ill for 3 months in Great Ormond Streets Cardiac Intensive Care unit and during this time we were told Phoebe would need multiple open heart surgeries throughout her life. It was at this time I learnt there were currently no therapy bears to help explain to young children what happens during heart surgery and so I set about making one. I dissected a bear at phoebes bedside, armed with a red heart to go inside and a zip for its chest to demonstrate her heart scar. I fondly named the bear her 'Heart



Buddy' knowing it would travel to appointments with her and be by her side throughout the toughest times in her life. The bear attracted a lot of attention from the medical profession, most stating how useful it would be for play therapy but others mentioned how much it would help a child feel comfortable about their chest scar and raise awareness to others.

One day as I held her Heart Buddy in my arms, whilst Phoebe was in theatre, I realised how treasured these bears would be by parents. I knew these bears could provide a sense of softness to a clinical icu bedspace....and so the vision was born - 'One day I would set up a charity which provides a Heart Buddy to every young child awaiting open heart surgery.'

Heart Buddies is run by myself and 2 other Trustees, with one major thing in common: we all have daughters with Congenital Heart Defects and are all under the excellent care of Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital in London where our daughters, combined have so far endured 11 open heart surgeries...they are currently only 3, 4 and 8 years old.

Having each been through huge life transformations since we became heart mums, together we realise the importance of peer to peer support, not only for parents but for the children with CHD and their siblings. Most children are in hospital for around 1-2 weeks after major heart surgery, there is most often no time to meet others, or to form friendships. Heart Buddies will therefore be pioneering a Heart Buddy Mentor Scheme, whereby an experienced parent can volunteer to provide emotional support to a 'newbie' who is seeking support, experience or friendship from someone else who truly understands. For the children there will be a Penpal Scheme, whereby they can write to each other or send gifts, to another child of a similar age, going through a similar thing.

As an unregistered UK Charity, (we are currently in the process of registering with the Charity Commission but this can take up to 6 months) we can raise up to £5,000 per year. By doing this campaign, we hope to raise £5,000 which will pay for the first batch of Heart Buddy bears to be sent to Great Ormond Streets' Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (flamingo ward).

The bears will be given to every baby or young child who has open heart surgery, they can be used by play therapists, when preparing children for surgery and they will provide comfort and companionship to the children and their families. We plan to run Heart Buddy Cardiac clinics with the support of qualified play therapists whereby the bears will be invited to an appointment at the clinic and the children will participate in role play activities to treat the bear. This type of play therapy has been proven to hugely reduce fear and anxiety, as well as providing an opportunity to learn about what happens at an appointment and discuss their emotions by conveying how they think their bear is feeling.

Our wonderful and slightly crazy neighbour Elin is doing a parachute jump on the 5th September and she has very kindly offered to raise funds for Heart Buddies by gaining sponsorship.

To Sponsor Elin go to

www.gofundme.com/heartbuddies

Together with your help we hope to raise crucial funds for children with CHD and their families so they never feel alone.



To find out more go to www.heartbuddies.org

Thank you so much for your support, it means the world to us.

Love the three of us, Chloe, Tina and Klaudia (and on behalf of our very special little warriors, Phoebe, Orla and Freja).

LIGHT PROJECT, PETERBOROUGH UPDATE



All photographs Credit: Kirsty Wigglesworth

What an amazing few weeks we have had at Light Project Peterborough! We have been so thrilled to support more people move off the streets into temporary accommodation, see many receive much needed mental health support, see people get work for the first time in many years and excitingly see others getting the keys to their new/for life homes!

But, the icing was truly put on the cake with a visit to our work, at the Garden House by HRH The Duke of Cambridge! A true honour for all the hard work that has been going on both recently through the pandemic and since we opened the Garden House in 2018.

During the pandemic we have supported over 150 people in 4 different hotels, kept the Garden House open as the only bastion of support for people on the streets in Peterborough and prepared a new multi-agency community support team to help people keep their homes, soon to be started!

Everyone has really worked their 'socks' off, as keyworkers for one of the most vulnerable groups of people in society; those sleeping on the streets. HRH spent over an hour with us to hear of our work and say a big thank you to everyone involved.

A group of those we have supported (our guests) were able to join us and share their personal stories of change. Heart strings were tugged as they shared some painful life journeys, but smiles returned as aspirations and hopes for brighter futures in new homes were shared.

During the visit, Light Project Peterborough staff and volunteers were joined by some of our partners, so that all those involved over the past few months were able to give an account of how they have contributed to the work in these challenging times.



The passion of front line staff and volunteers who have given so much practical support and encouragement was evident. The Duke heard from registered social landlords who are now working much closer together because of the pandemic. Other organisations were able to tell of how much practical input with food and much needed supplies they have helped us with to ensure no one has gone hungry or been in need.

It truly was a great day in our journey at Light Project Peterborough. The Garden House provided the most amazing setting and a genuine interest and passion from HRH to help people move off the streets was clear for all to hear and see.

Our hopes are that this wonderful day will raise awareness and support for people who find themselves in the desperate situation of nowhere to call home. Do sign up to our newsletter below and please consider financially supporting our work [here](https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk/the-garden-house-welcomes-hrh-the-duke-of-cambridge/)

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The Gift of Time

The coronavirus pandemic has brought such heartache and sadness to so many people its hard to find things to think about other than the loss of life, the fear of being isolated, the impact on the economy and on and on. Rather than depressing myself with the negatives I've tried to step back and look at the positives that have come into my life since lockdown.

The most important thing that comes to mind is the gift of time ... time to pause and think, time to enjoy the garden, time to do those projects I've put off for so long because I didn't want to rush them. Most importantly, however, I've had the gift of watching how kind and good people can be to one another, particularly in our village. I've watched families spending quality time with one another, walking and cycling and generally doing things together without having to rush to the next appointment. I've watched people create inventive ways to work at home that fit round a new type of family life, and for me as a single person to appreciate the friendly help and support from others and enjoyed it all the more for having the time to stop and chat.

The lockdown also spurred one of my neighbours – Tracey Parker – to start a community project. Anyone passing the bottom of Meadow Lane can now see the newly restored and painted lectern, notice board, bench and last but not least, our lovely Telephone Box/Book Exchange all of which have been restored to their former glory. Aply assisted by Lee Ward, Penny Lewin Watts and yours truly it's been a joy to work on. We've chatted to people passing by, strangers to the village and neighbours alike. We've had helpful advice and quite a bit of banter and the result benefits us all. The paint and new signs for the phone box have been donated so an even bigger plus – not much gone from the Parish Council coffers.

I think I've found my positive thank you to Thornhaugh Residents. With luck the negative side of all of this will be gone in time, I am just hoping that the positives remain with us forever.

Chris Smith
Chair, Thornhaugh Parish Council



As I write this on 25th July, it is sad to reflect that, had this year been “normal”, we would have been sitting on a coach today headed to Hidcote and Kiftsgate with the prospect of several hours admiring two stunning gardens and in all probability a delicious lunch and tea in beautiful surroundings. Happily the trip has been rescheduled for Sunday 25 July 2021 when we hope all will be well and indeed the weather may be better!

Our virtual talk in June with Burghley’s Head Gardener, Joe Whitehead, was a great success with an estimated 50 people taking part. As always Joe entertained and enlightened us in equal measure with an insight into the flora and fauna of many parts of the Burghley Estate – including a plague of toads earlier in the summer and an invitation to take cuttings of some of the more unusual plants he mentioned! Perhaps most exciting is the prospect of a private guided visit to the 14 acre Kitchen Garden which the gardening team is about to restore to its former glory. Joe invites us to be the first to view the site as it is now, and to hear the plans for its reinstatement. We eagerly await more details.

Finally, although sadly our traditional annual flower show, scheduled for 29th August, has been cancelled, a sub committee of the Horticultural Society has planned a village event to take place on the same day which will hopefully provide an enjoyable alternative for the residents of Wansford and surrounding villages on Bank Holiday Saturday. Gary Punter has supplied details which you can read below.

Gill Fisher – fisher.gill@yahoo.com

A Quick Guide to our Wansford Village Show (on your doorstep)

Beforehand:

- Submit your photographs for the online ‘mini show’ for best front door, best garden, best street, best photo and craft (email photos to wansfordshow@gmail.com)
- Decorate your house with bunting

On the day of Saturday 29th August, from 1130-1700:

- Pick up a Plant bargain at Goss Cottage on the Wall’ (donations to Alzheimer’s Soc.)
- Visit the Haycock to meet the team, enjoy a takeaway bbq, cocktails, food demos and play lawn games
- More choices available at Coffee Lounge, Paper Mills and Cross Keys.
- Get a Takeaway Strawberry Tea at Wedgwood Cottage (Elton Road)

At 3pm on Saturday 29th August:

- Set out table and chairs in front of your house with food and drink of your choice.
- Enjoy the company of your neighbours and friends !

At all times stay safe and socially distanced. Please watch out for cars and bikes.

For further details contact: Gary & Rhona Punter, Quentin Arnold, Mandy Veni or call 07889 651414 or visit <http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk>

Stibbington and Wansford WI



Lockdown is now relaxing, so we are now looking forward.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Villagers that follow us through Living Villages, know that we have supported Macmillan Cancer support for many years, with our annual coffee morning and bake sale at St Mary's Church. It has always been successfully supported by the village, those buying cakes from the stall on the green, as well as by those stopping by for a drink and a slice of homemade cake. This year the event will be different, reflecting social distancing in this covid-19 world. Following advice from Macmillan, we are encouraging members to host small coffee mornings with members meeting as families/bubbles.

The coffee mornings could be a picnic type event held in the garden, or in an open space, remember a rug on the ground will give a one metre plus distance for each participant. Alternatively it could be on your door step, chatting with neighbours – as we did for the Thursday clap. Even a natter over the garden fence using your own mugs and plates. For those that have ben shielding a virtual coffee meeting could appeal.

If you would like to do the same, the official date for Coffee Morning is Friday 25 September, but you can hold yours whenever you like. Small or big, tea or coffee, socially distanced or virtual – Coffee Morning is what you make it. Donations can be sent directly to Macmillan - <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/> and follow the links to the donations page. For those that prefer to donate by cash, please contact Judith Rogers or me (see phone contact below).

[Although our autumn programme has been put on hold, we are planning to have our November meeting in St Mary's Church Wansford, for our AGM. This venue will allow social distancing for our members and will allow us all to be together for the first time since February. These plans are provisional depending on changing advice from both Government and National Federation.](#)

Rhona Punter 01780 592 514



Swift visitors

What do you consider to be your typical sights and sounds of summer? A green award of wild flowers swirling in the breeze, a cuckoo calling from the riverside? To me it is hard to beat the breathtaking flight and screams of swifts before they leave for Africa.

Of all our migrant visitors swifts are with us for the shortest time; swallows can be here for as long as six months but swifts stay for barely three. I always look out for them from 1st May but it is usually 7th May when the first one appears in the sky. Swifts have always nested in the village, usually in the eaves of older houses but more recently in purpose-built nest boxes fixed to the sides of houses below the eaves. Last year there only seemed to be about 3 pairs flying about but there were at least 8 birds flying above the houses of the village this June.

However they have obviously had a successful breeding season as a party of over twenty birds regularly fly about the village these evenings, screaming in unison, feeding and testing their wings before the big flight home. Once into August I seek them more keenly as they will soon be off. August 7th is a common date when the evening skies become quieter, even silent in comparison to the previous month.



Swifts are virtually black all over, and fly faster and higher than swallows or martins and can be easily identified by their swept back scimitar shaped wings. The swallow stays relatively close to the ground, the martins take the middle space, but swifts, although sweeping low over roof tops can often be seen singly or in groups several hundred feet high seeking insects. The birds find it difficult or impossible to catch insects in the rain so will often fly hundreds of miles seeking food and have been identified over Germany before returning home to England. Indeed it has been reckoned that a swift can average up to five hundred miles a day hunting insects and on migration may exceed this. A swift known to be twenty years old could therefore have flown over three million miles in its lifetime.

Equally awe-inspiring is that swifts may not breed until their fourth year, sleep on the wing and may remain aloft for all that time before seeking a nest site. As a result their legs are very short and weak. This has led to a'myth' that the birds are legless. If fledglings fall to the ground they just sit there hiding their legs beneath their bodies. They will often allow themselves to be picked up and when flung in the air will happily fly off to join their families.

No Covid19 or quarantine restrictions for them!



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council (WPC) met on July 13th via Skype, when councillors were joined by a member of the public.

Full minutes of the meeting can be found at www.wansfordvillage.com

Quite some time was taken discussing a planning application for Rivermead, Bridge End, which caused some concern and we have since heard the application has been withdrawn.

Information is now to hand that an application for concrete crushing/recycling at Stonehill Quarry, on the outskirts of Wansford village, has been approved by Northamptonshire County Council WPC opposed this application.

Whilst it is recognised that, in the wider sense, recycling is beneficial to the environment, a question could be asked, is this the best location, a site which is supposedly for lakes/future recreational use and very close to Old Sulehay SSSI?

A retractable projector screen has now been purchased and installed in the Community Hall, thanks to a grant from Peterborough CLF and some professional handiwork by Richard Clarke.

Purchase of moveable flashing speed signs is proving problematic and it could be a new supplier is needed.

WPC has drawn a blank with establishing some early warning weight restriction signs to the southern end of the Old Bridge, Highways England and Local Highway Authorities don't seem to grasp the thinking behind this, or that the road previously known as the A6118, has been reclassified as the C340!

And talking of Highways England, it has finally agreed to explore an area of grassland south of the A47 directly adjacent with the Scheduled Monument for possible presence of archaeological remains.

Residents are voicing concern of cars parked to the southernmost end of Old North Road and PCC will be contacted to assess the situation.

Some good news to come out of Covid-19 is that the Royal British Legion will refund some of the Christie Hall rent paid by the Parish Councils.

As we cautiously come out of Covid-19 restrictions, the Play Area is now re-opened with a reminder that social distancing and Government guidelines are still followed.

The Community Hall should also start to function again soon, would users please contact me with their intentions?

And finally, maybe something of local interest, councillors have been contacted by Michael Lee of Wansford regarding the long gone stone cross that once featured on the Old Bridge. It would be remarkable if we could determine if the whereabouts of the cross is known – we are talking a very long time back in history!

The next meeting of WPC is scheduled for 10th August 2020 at 7.30pm, whether it is to be Skype or in the hall has yet to be determined.

John Stannage

Wansford Parish Council – A47 Update



On the 22nd July 2020, Wansford Parish Council held an on-line meeting with Highways England to update on the state of the dualling of the A47 Wansford to Sutton. This was an informal session and we were asked not to publish any of the drawings that were shown.

The current version of the scheme is similar to one shown earlier. At the eastern end of the scheme, the new road follows the line of the existing A47 past the southern edge of the Scheduled monument, crosses the old railway line just to the north of the existing bridge and links to a new roundabout north of the existing road near the Deep Springs bungalow. The existing Sutton roundabout disappears and all access to Upton would be along Sutton Heath Road.

Disappointingly HE has still not done the traffic modelling for the Wansford western roundabout and at the moment they are still showing a scheme with little change to the roundabout except a second lane on the A1 northbound slip road which bypasses the roundabout. The idea is based on the original traffic modelling which showed delays on Old North Road persuading drivers to divert via Peterborough Road and the A1 northbound when they wanted to go to Peterborough. Clearly those doing the modelling had never tried to join the A1 northbound from Peterborough Road!

One good bit of news is that HE confirmed that there would be no compulsory purchase of land at the top of Old North Road.

The project now has its third project manager Craig Stirzaker. Jon Donlevy is still involved but he is responsible for both Wansford to Sutton and the Guyhirn sections of the A47 upgrades.

Highways England now expect that the scheme will go to the Planning Inspectorate for the Development Consent Order process at the end of this year with construction starting in late 2022. Before that there will be a targeted local consultation on the details of the scheme.

Richard Clarke

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council was held on 20th July 2020. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Louise Molesworth, Ashley Kewney, Martin Lewis, Adrian Rodgers and the Clerk. The Chairman opened the meeting by confirming that Members of the Public have not been invited to join the meeting to ensure safety for all involved during the continued Covid 19 crisis. Residents have been asked to pre-submit any issues they wish discussed at the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Ashleigh Kewney declared an interest in 7 ix) Planning Application 20/00691 as it is his property.

Public Forum

The Members of the Public had the following issues to raise:

- Hedges and Grass Verges – this question was raised at the last meeting by Alan Frost/Joan Devaney and a response has been received and sent to Alan and Joan. Peterborough City Council has confirmed that Aragon are now the sub-contractor to PCC and that the grass verges are cut four times per year and only the hedge from the A1 to the first corner of Russell Hill is maintained by them. All other hedgerows should be maintained by residents. The Chairman has asked for further information on what conservation guidance they follow in terms of the grass cutting for preservation of wildflowers and hedge cutting or wildlife.
- Footpaths on Meadow Lane and Russell Hill – Lee Moore, the Footpaths Officer has been out to look at the footpath at the end of Meadow Lane and the one from Russell Hill to the A47 (both across Sharpley's land). A very positive response from Lee Moore to the initial enquiry. The builder has made some attempt to rectify the one at the end of Meadow Lane but it is still very muddy in wet weather. No remedial action has been taken on the other path. Lee Moore hopes to make a visit w/c 27th July 2020.
- Footpath on the Chicken Farm – Martin Witherington had passed on the good news that Peterborough City Council are publishing the Footpath Order towards the end of July 2020. This Order will declare Lime Tree Avenue as a public footpath. A statutory consultation period follows where objections can be registered. If an objection is raised, the matter then goes to a hearing which can be paper based or a more formal public hearing. Martin and Lindsey Freeman had met on site with the Footpaths Officer and PCC's consultant. They had also held prior discussions with the farm owners.
- The Clerk had received a telephone message about speeding in the village and it was agreed to remind residents of the correct speeds within the village.

Police Matters

There were no police representatives present. Apparently there had been break-ins in a couple of sheds and outbuildings. Residents are reminded to be vigilant at all times.

Defibrillator

The Chairman reported that she had been in contact with Rev J Tailby who apologised that she has not yet submitted the paperwork to the Diocese Committee but she will do this as soon as she can. The Chairman will continue to press for a decision.

Thornhaugh Heritage Project

Martin Lewis will be arranging a meeting for interested residents when Government Guidelines allow such meetings to take place.

Augean Community Fund

The Chairman stated that as there are not sufficient potential projects to total the required £5,000 minimum for a grant, no application will be made at present.

Diverted Traffic through Thornhaugh

The Chairman reported that the Police deny all knowledge of the diversion. A request has been made that Thornhaugh is never used an official diversion in the event of incidents on the A47 or A1. There is no way of stopping drivers using the cut-through generally.

Coronavirus

The Chairman reported that residents had supported each other in many ways during the lock-down. Some residents have had the 'gift of time' which they had used to refurbish the noticeboard, information board and the telephone box. Thanks were expressed to those people who have continued to work during the lock-down both in the front line and to keep the economy afloat. It was agreed to re-open the Book Exchange in line with guidance for libraries. Louise Molesworth has agreed to source a hand sanitiser.

Complaint about Bird Scarers

This was addressed at the time with Peter Sharpley and rectified. Louise Molesworth reported that she had heard more bird scarers recently but it is believed that they are at Sacrewell Farm.

Drains in Meadow Lane

There has been a major issue with the drain at the junction of Russell Hill and Meadow Lane for some time. This has now been resolved by Peterborough City Council

Light Pollution

This issue has been referred to the Pollution Office at Peterborough City Council. No reply has been received to date. This issue has been chased up twice.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications 19/01795 & 19/01796 (LBC) Change of use of ground floor to A3 (Restaurant). first floor to C1 (Residential Guest Accommodation). The conversion and change of use of vacant stable building to A1 (Shops) and minor alterations to the stable courtyard buildings. Change 2 windows to doors (reinstatement on west elevation of Farmhouse and east elevation of stables west range) at Sacrewell Farm & Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Permitted;

Planning Application 20/00040 Replacement of 4 existing front and 3 existing rear windows and 1 Set of French Doors at Apple Acre Cottage, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision;

Planning Application 20/00277 Removal of large single Conifer at back of house due to concerns of damaging house in high winds at St Medard House, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision;

Planning Application 19/01889 Change of use from an agricultural field and woodland to form an adventure play scheme including erection of indoor play and visitor amenity barn, a supporting toilet and changing block, staff

welfare facilities, outdoor play equipment and car park at Land off Sutton Heath Road, Southorpe – Awaiting Decision;
Planning Application 20/00352 Internal alterations to create first floor bathroom and access created to void above kitchen to form bedroom, inclusive of modern ceiling to existing kitchen to be lowered. Externally visible alterations include installation of 2no. roof lights to north roof serving both new bathroom and new bedroom above kitchen and replacement of plastic window to north ground floor with flush fitting timber window at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Permitted;
Planning Application 20/00415 T.1 Walnut Crown reduction by approximately 30% and removal of dead wood at 7 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Permitted;
Planning Application 20/00383 T.1 Scots Pine Fell at 15 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Permitted;
Planning Application 20/0532 Cut back over-hanging Walnut tree from neighbouring property – Withdrawn;
Planning Application 20/00691 Discharge of conditions C1 (3 years), C3 (Stoneworks), C4 (Written scheme), C5 (Ventilation gap), C6 (Timber Permission), C7 (Ventilation details), C8 (Building regulations) and C11 (Plans) of Listed Building Consent 18/01779/LBC at The Old Dairy, Home Farm, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision. No Objection;
Planning Application 20/00733 Erection of new play area within existing leisure site at Sacrewell Farm, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision. No Objections;
Planning Application 20/00395 Driveway and garage adjacent to 16 Meadow Lane – Refused;
Planning Application 20/00388 One dwelling at 16 Meadow Lane – Awaiting Decision

Bank Signatories

It was agreed that the Chairman, Louise Molesworth and Adrian Rodgers will be the signatories to the bank accounts. The Clerk will find out how Adrian Rodgers can access the bank accounts on-line.

Financial Procedures Document

This has been pre-circulated. Version 0.2 incorporates comments from Adrian Rodgers.

Internal Audit and Annual Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2020

Karen Jones has completed the Internal Audit. The Chairman and the Clerk will sign the forms and then they will be put on the Website.

State of Grass Verges

This is a particular problem for Russell Hill and Meadow Lane because of the volume of construction work over the last 18 months but is also a problem with the increasing size of farm vehicles and delivery/collection lorries. Representations have been made to ask that more care is taken and that remedial action is taken if damage is caused. The owner of the building plot adjacent to 16 Meadow Lane has written to the residents of Meadow Lane explaining his building project and trying to keep people in the loop with major deliveries. He has asked people to ensure that they do not go on the site because of health and safety issues but, if anyone wants a tour, he is more than happy to show them round.

Community Project

Tracey Parker started the initiative by weeding and planting the triangle at

the junction of Meadow Lane and Russell Hill. There are now sunflowers and other plants growing and previously forgotten cobble paving has been uncovered. Tracey was joined by Lee Ward, Penny Lewin-Watts and the Chairman as they expanded Tracey's initial efforts into the refurbishment of the 'village furniture' resulting in the refurbished lectern, noticeboard, bench and Telephone Box. This was a great initiative by Tracey and a great result. The Chairman will put an article in Living Villages to recognise the community effort. Thanks were expressed to Penny Lewin-Watts who paid for the splendid new signs for the telephone box and the Chairman who paid for the paint. The net result is a small cost of around £28.00 to the Parish Council.

Drone Flying

A letter was sent to the resident responsible for flying a drone over the gardens in the village explaining that this was neither acceptable nor legal. This problem has now been resolved.

Footpaths

Ashley Kewney will see if there is anywhere to put a flower tub at Home Farm.

Date of Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 21st September 2020**. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Deirdre McCumiskey
Parish Clerk

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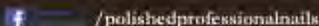
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