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Editorial

Dear Readers,

I hope you like the cover photo. It's the second time this particular type of orchid has been used, but many of you will not have seen the last photo as it was in the June 2020 digital only edition.

If you have managed to take a walk along the footpath that runs from Old Leicester Road through to Sulehay Woods you will have been fortunate to have seen probably the best display of *Dactylorhiza Fuchsii*, or Common Spotted Orchid, for a number of years. Whilst the local plants are deeply coloured, they can appear in a variety of colours from very pale, almost white, through to dark purple. As their name suggests they are found in many areas of Britain and Europe. They thrive in areas have not been sprayed with pesticides and herbicides and where the soil is calcareous.

This month the delayed Tokyo Olympics will finally happen. Personally we have an interest in the women's Marathon where the daughter-in-law of one of Rod's school friends will be running for Canada. We wish Malindi Elmore a successful race.

This is also a great time to remember the exploits of a previous resident of Stibbington and current subscriber to the magazine, John Peake CBE. John was the youngest member of Britain's 1948 field hockey team, winning a silver medal. At the age of 96 and now living in a retirement home in Wimbledon, he is now GB's longest standing Olympic medallist. Congratulations John!

Stay Safe

Tracy Sortwell

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Every Sunday 5.00pm At Home service on Zoom. Log -in details from Rev. Jane

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11th	11.00am	Holy Communion
25th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion BCP		
4th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
18th	11.00am	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
4th	11.00am	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service
18th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	11.00am	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
4th	11.00am	Holy Communion
18th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
4th	9.30am	Holy Communion
11th	3.00pm	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service
18th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

Castor Benefice Church Services

In line with Covid restrictions we are still maintaining the following service pattern every Sunday in each of our Parish churches until further notice

Marholm 9.00am - Holy Communion (Morning Prayer on 4th Sunday)

Castor 10.15am - Eucharist

Sutton 9.00am on 4th Sunday of the month - Holy Communion

Every **Wednesday** morning at **10am** there will be Holy Communion at Castor.

Unfortunately congregational singing is still not permitted but, where possible, our worship will be enriched by a small group of singers, who will sing hymns

We still continue to celebrate **Evensong via Zoom at 6pm every Sunday**, if you wish to join us please contact the Benefice office for the Zoom link and access code
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David Ridgeway

REFLECTIONS by Rev. Jane Tailby

You will see that there are some changes in our service schedules for this month. In the benefice, July and August are going to be months when we celebrate all aspects of our churchyards. During the last year or so of lock-downs and restrictions most of us have started to appreciate our local surroundings more, whether on our daily exercise walks, or simply because travel elsewhere has been restricted.

That appreciation of our local surroundings has included our churchyards in the benefice as well. People visit our churchyards for many reasons, whether to enjoy a moment of peace, to find a place for reflection, or to remember loved ones. I think that it has been even more so during this strange covid time. God is with us always and everywhere, of course, but there are places such as our churchyard where we can feel him to be very close.

In addition, we have been using our churchyards more as a church. The restrictions on singing inside the church meant that we held splendid outdoor carol services at the end of 2020. Even in the depths of winter it was good to gather outside so that we could at least sing together, and until we are able to sing inside as usual, in the last few months we have sometimes ended our services with a hymn outside. Conversations at the end of the service have been encouraged outside, again to keep within the covid guidelines.

As we have perhaps noticed our churchyards more in this last year, this seemed to be a good time to celebrate them and to show our appreciation for these corners of God's creation. As I mentioned there will be special services of celebration, and St. Andrew's and St. Mary's will both have a service which will reflect different aspects of the two different churchyards and we hope that many from each village will join us. These will be family services with something for everyone – all will be welcome!

There will also be a focus on the wildlife we can find in our churchyards, with an opportunity to join in a wildlife count by adding to the lists that will be posted in our church porches. Of course our churchyards also have very special roles as places of remembering and gratitude for those whose earthly remains rest in peace at the heart of the community which meant so much to them, and everything that is planned will respect that. This is also a chance to say thank you to those who look after our churchyards so well, for which we are very grateful.

As we move through the summer, let us give thanks for our beautiful surroundings, whether the fields, paths and landscapes that lift our spirits, and for our own gardens, of course, and include our churchyards in that. They are treasure-troves of wild-life, places of peace and spaces where we can come close to God and his creation. They are indeed one of God's blessings for us!

With every blessing,
Rev. Jane



As explained previously, we are now part sponsoring a new trainee hearing dog and I have just received a new update on his progress.

After Bertie reached the ripe old age of eight weeks, he lived with a nanny for a couple of months. These are kind people who look after our puppies until we've found suitable Volunteer Puppy Trainers for them. They also give our puppies basic training, as you will see below!

Bertie's nanny was called Vanita. "It was a privilege and a joy, a steep learning curve and lots of funny moments. Everyone loved Bertie!"

It didn't take Bertie long to settle in.



Bertie has now moved on from his Nanny, and is living with Volunteer Puppy Trainer Natalie and her family!

She has welcomed little Bertie into her home, and will look after him for his first year. She will very kindly give up her free time to train him, as well as introduce him to the world so that he's happy wherever he goes.

His training currently concentrating on learning 'Impulse control.' The idea is that the more Bertie learns to control himself in a positive way, the happier, more relaxed and calm he will be. It's not about teaching him to resist treats: it's about helping him to resist impulses that might result in him rushing out of the front door or across a road. This would never do for a hearing dog that needs to look after a deaf person. So, by giving him treats and rewarding him when he waits for the cue, Bertie is learning that waiting patiently is good. And he's so good at waiting, he gets lots of treats! Happy Bertie!

It didn't take him long to let Natalie know what he likes. So, what are his preferences in life? Let's see...

Well, he likes shoes, specifically trainers, muddy wellies and trainers!



Another part of Bertie's training is to learn never to stray too far away during walks. Again, this is for the benefit of his eventual deaf partner. They will need to know that Bertie is nearby and that, should they call him, vocally or with a whistle, he'll come running. So, Natalie is making sure he does - with a 'Good boy!' and a bit of a fuss this time.



Protect your garden from green-fingered thieves this summer



Over the past year, many of us have spent more and more time in our gardens and outdoor spaces.

During lockdown, our gardens have become more important than ever; as we have grown our own vegetables, added decorative lighting and ornaments, invested in furniture and splashed out on hot tubs and outdoor bars. So as our outdoor spaces become an extension of our home, we may have invested a lot of time, effort and money into making them look fabulous; and that could also have meant buying additional tools, a new lawnmower or a range of other gardening gadgets.

But when considering our outdoor space and belongings, how many of us pay the same attention to garden security as we do our own home?

Did you know that 9 out of 10 household thefts occur in the garden - with our best outdoor furniture, garden ornaments, power tools and ornaments, barbeque and ladders among the top items?

So, when it comes to what you already have, think about the value and security of our outdoor possessions in the same way you view those inside the home.

Here are some simple precautions:

- Take a walk around your garden and check things that may be appealing to a thief - an unlocked back gate or shed (particularly if the shed contains expensive garden tools / machinery or bikes).
- Get a reputable locksmith to secure gates and sheds.
- Lock away ladders or anything which could be used to gain entry to your home.

- CCTV surveillance will allow you to view your garden and any unwelcomed activity from your home.
- Install some sensory / outdoor lighting.
- Alarm the garage to provide additional security or think about installing garage roller shutter doors.
- If your fencing is flimsy, broken panels could provide easy access to intruders, so consider investing in some new and improved fencing or panels.
- Pack away out of sight any garden tools or equipment. Even if you take a break from cutting the front lawn, keep your mower out of reach of opportunist thieves.
- Secure expensive plants with wire pegs dug into the ground around the root ball.
- Use a security pen to mark valuable items, like garden furniture, ornaments or trampolines, with your postcode.
- Consider defensive planting like prickly hedges or shrubs.
- Join a local Neighbourhood Watch Group (<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>) – where you and your neighbours can look out for each other.

When thinking about having any security, garden maintenance or crime prevention work carried out in your home and / or garden, always use someone reputable and trustworthy. If you need a recommendation for a safe, approved local tradesperson, contact www.safelocaltrades.com



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The Happy News Page

(To bring you sunshine!)

The Russian dandelion (*Taraxacum koksaghyz*), helped supply the Allied forces with rubber through WW2, now it could make a commercial comeback. The robust Russian variety has carrot-sized roots and is less sensitive to weather than our version. The aim will be to grow it on poor quality land unsuitable



for food crops and close to tyre production sites worldwide. As a contrast, rubber trees require a hot, damp climate and grow only in a small part of the world known as, the "Rubber Belt," an equatorial zone which stretches around the world. Deforestation is obviously a concern and the growth cycle of rubber trees is 7 years rather than a single year for this "Hero Weed". 65% of rubber consumed worldwide is derived from fossil fuels. This synthetic rubber is cheaper and more hardwearing than the natural form, but natural rubber disperses heat better and has better grip, so car tyres are made with up to 30% natural rubber (more in truck tyres).

Tyre manufacturer Continental has teamed up with researchers in Germany to enable sufficient production of dandelion-derived rubber, or **Taraxagum**, to use in truck and car tyres within the next 5 to 10 years. They have already successfully launched a Taraxagum bicycle tyre in 2019.

Another plant with intriguing properties is *Diphylleia grayi*. Thriving in the moist wooded mountain areas of Japan and China, the butterfly-like twin leaves, can span 60cm across. The surprise comes when the petals of the pretty white flowers get wet and turn completely clear, hence the nickname **Skeleton Flower**.



Forgive me if we finish with a most terrible pun from over the Atlantic:

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The Retirement Effect 6

The Power of Finding Your Retirement Purpose(s)

"An aim in life is the only future worth finding" Robert Louis Stevenson

In my earlier articles I mentioned having a purpose and how that which is meaningful for a person is unique to that person; it depends on the circumstances of that individual and where they are in their personal retirement transition.

The beauty of the transition process is that it can free you of the constraints and narrowness of the old Framework you were in before retirement (as discussed in my articles "The Retirement Effect 2 and 5"). In doing so a new horizon of creativity opens up before you enabling you to define your purpose(s) in your terms and in your new Framework.

Some people come to a thought that their job defined them and that leaving that job means that their identity is lost. Clearly, their identity is not lost except, perhaps, in their minds.

What is going on here is that the skills and experiences they have learnt and honed have not changed, only the application of these assets in a specific set of circumstances has gone.

Realising this fact frees you "to explore, search for, and find your unique potential, talent, and creative originality, which could never be fully met"¹ while you were under the Old Framework. It takes courage to define your future life and purpose on your own terms in the context of your own values and not be influenced by the constraints and rules of the Framework that are hardwired in your brain which you have followed for so many years. "This process brings your innermost being to life by rising beyond the constraining conformity"² of the Old Framework. Grabbing with both hands the freedom to choose your own meaning and purpose can be the most exciting chapter of your life.

In my article "The Retirement Effect 4 Getting Through the Retirement Neutral Zone" I mentioned the importance of feeling that you had taken back control of your life . The process of developing your purpose and understanding what gives your life meaning being worthwhile is a major and vital part of tasking back control.

Here I would like to digress a little to the subject:

Can happiness be a purpose in retirement?

Many have tried to define what happiness is and discovered that the definition is quite elusive and find it difficult to come up with a 'universal' one.

However, for the purposes of this discussion, I have adopted a view that happiness is a personal sense of general wellbeing, characterised by positive feelings⁵.

This explanation of happiness brings to the fore that it is a feeling and not something that can be arranged or controlled. It does not necessarily occur once you retire, any more than it occurs when we marry or win millions in the Lottery. It does not reside in fortune or fame; it resides only in the human mind and heart⁶.

Much research has been driven by these observations and the outcomes, relevant to retirement, conclude that happiness appears to emerge from how we live our lives³. So the answer to the question 'Can happiness be a purpose in retirement' is that happiness can never be a purpose. It comes from pursuing a purpose. It arises from meaningful engagement in life and a deep involvement with others whilst pursuing a purpose(s) that is worthwhile and meaningful to the individual.

The term self-actualisation⁷ conveniently embraces the realisation and full use of your talents, capabilities, potential, creative originality and passion and folding this into your purpose(s).

In the next, and last, article I will explore some ways in which you can develop your self-actualisation and find your purpose(s) in retirement. The opportunity is there to open the exciting horizons of your future.

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en Pub. iUniverse

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Wansford and Kings Cliffe Surgery Who's who?

Dr Rhiannon Nally: I gained my medical degree from The Welsh National School of Medicine in 1988. I am Senior Partner, at Wansford having been a GP here for 27 years. I have a particular interest in Family Planning, Menopause and Elderly Medicine. I am a GP Trainer and now the Principal Investigator on several Clinical Trials based at Wansford. I will be taking a sabbatical from Clinical Practice for a year to concentrate on Research and Primary Care Strategy both within and beyond the Practice. When I am not working, I am usually found working in the garden!



Dr Helen Eastwood: I gained my medical degree from The University of London (Barts and The London) in 2010 and worked in hospital medicine for several years before completing my GP training in the Peterborough Training Scheme. I have worked at Wansford Surgery for three years, completed my training here, and am now a GP Partner. I have a particular interest in Joint Injections and Training GPs. Outside of work, I enjoy running and walking my dog.



Dr Louise Baker: I qualified from Leicester Medical School in 2000. I have been working as a salaried GP at Wansford Surgery for over 16 years.

I am a GP trainer and also have a specialist interest in Women's health and menopause management. When I'm not working, I love to walk (with my dog) and seem to watch a lot more football than I'd like!



Catherine Ofiaeli: I have been a GP for over 15 years, having trained in Merseyside. I have previously worked as a GP in the last seven years around Peterborough. I look forward to bringing my experience to bear at the surgery for the benefits of our patients. I have a special interest in Dermatology.

Outside of work, I am fun loving and love gardening.

I look forward to giving the best possible to the benefit of the community in and around the local area.



Dr Catherine Parnell:

I qualified from Imperial College, London, in 1999. I completed the GP Training Scheme in Peterborough and have worked in the area since. My special interests lie as a coil and Implant fitter and GP.

I enjoy cycling and running in my free time.



Wansford Horticultural & Crafts Society and Wansford Show

We have started to get outdoors and meet again – so nice !!

Our plants stall at Goss Cottage rehomed over 700 plants and a big Thank You as we raised £470 for Alzheimer's Society.

The lovely weather coincided with our **Open Gardens** on 12th June. The 9 gardens looked lovely and feedback was marvellous - *'We were delighted to see such individual and beautiful garden styles, and picked up lots of tips and ideas for our own gardens'* - We raised just over £500 for our Society funds and local charity.



In the month ahead, we hold our traditional summer social **Garden Party** on 10th July (albeit numbers will be limited to 30) and we travel to Deene Park on 27th July for a garden tour and evening supper.

Preparations for the 75th Wansford Show on 28th August are proceeding well and we remain quite agile and can respond quickly and adapt to COVID. Thankfully, we have had many in the village and Horticultural Society who have come forward to volunteer to help on the day – a few more needed for Show setting up. Please see the poster for the Wansford Tug of War Championship on the next page, which is a very exciting new addition for this years Show. Thank you in advance Archie !

Please bring your family to join us in celebrating life in our village(s).
Gary Punter

Wansford Show Activity	Please contact
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THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 17th May 2021 in. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Martin Lewis, Ashleigh Kewney, Louise Molesworth and Adrian Rodgers. In attendance were Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Council Ward Councillor, two Members of the Public, and Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk.

Apologies were given from Alan Frost, Joan Frost and Hannah Joyce.

Elections of Officers and Representatives - Chairman – Chris Smith; Vice Chairman – Louise Molesworth; Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth, Bob Reeve; Augean Community Liaison Committee – Martin Witherington and Christie Hall Management Committee – Penny Lewin Watts (it was noted that the Christie Hall will re-open at the end of May 2021). It was noted that Elections will be due for all the Parish Councillors in May 2022.

Police Matters - there were no police representatives present. It was noted that a caravan had recently been stolen from a property on Old Oundle Road and there had been reports of two unfamiliar men knocking on doors and going into back gardens in Wansford. Residents are encouraged to always be vigilant.

Bird Scarers - it was noted that this issue has now been resolved.

Defibrillator - thanks are expressed to Stuart Foreman for helping Louise Molesworth with the installation in the church. Louise Molesworth confirmed that the Defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed soon. She and Adrian Rodgers will undertake weekly checks on it.

Motorcycle Scrambling in Thornhaugh Quarry - the Chairman gave an update on this issue and was delighted to say that very substantial gates have now been put in place by Aggregate Industries and hopefully this, plus other remedial work they are doing at other potential access points will solve the problem permanently. This good result is from the community working together with the police, Peterborough City Council and the quarry owners.

Annual Audit 2020-2021 - the Independent Internal Audit Report has been completed and it was noted that all control tests had been satisfactorily met by the Council's records and procedures.

Planning Applications - 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 – Objections - Awaiting Decision; 20/00733 Erection of new play area within existing leisure site at Sacrewell Farm, Thornhaugh – No Objections – Withdrawn by Applicant; 20/01680 Variation of condition C1 and C2 (to revise the order of approved phasing and allow the storage of Hi-pod containers) pursuant to planning permission 17/00726/WCMM at Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections –

Permitted; 20/01688 Discharge of conditions C1 (3 years), C2 (Cross section drawings), C3 (Stoneworks), C5 (Ventilation gap), C6 (Timber Permission), C7 (Ventilation details), C8 (Building regulations), C9 (Re-used Ironmongery), C10 (Removal method) and C11 (Plans) of Listed Building Consent 18/01779/LBC at The Old Dairy, Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections – Permitted; 21/00172 Replacement of the existing 30m telecommunications monopole with a 25m lattice tower, the extension of tower base to be 5.70 x 5.70m, together with ancillary development enclosed with a 2.4m palisade fence at Wansford Pumping Station, Leicester Road, Wansford – No Objections – Awaiting Decision; 21/00470 Erection of new children's play area within existing leisure site- (retrospective) at Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections - Awaiting Decision and Reconsultation 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 – Previous objections to be resubmitted (loss of agricultural land, access issues and proximity of very similar facilities at Sacrewell) - Awaiting Decision

Footpath Finger Post - Hally Hardy provided some details of a possible source for these signs, a woodland product company. Martin Witherington and Hally Hardie are kindly constructing a suitable sign for the Home Farm End. The Chairman will write to the Footpath Officer and ask why a proper metal footpath post was only put up at one end and ask him to give an update on his discussions with Joyce & Hill about the very off-putting "Keep Out" notices on the main gates.

Village Get-Together - Alan and Joan Frost have kindly offered to host this event in their garden which will take place on either the 11th, 18th or 25th September 2021 depending on which date is most suitable to the hosts.

Noticeboard – Home Farm - it was agreed that this is in urgent need of replacement or repair. The post has been repaired by Martin Witherington in the past but it now needs a new back to make it waterproof (see v below).

Any Other Projects - it was agreed that the Website needs updating. A quotation of £700 was received a few years ago and this amount is likely to have increased.

New City Council Representative – Gavin Elsey has replaced Diane Lamb as the Ward Councillor for Thornhaugh. He introduced himself, gave a resume of his experience and explained how he hopes to help the four Parishes that he is responsible for. One of his plans is to hold surgeries for residents to meet him to discuss any issues that he can help with, these will be advertised in due course. He has access to the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) which is to enable elected members to seek support for projects that will have positive impacts on projects within their wards. Each Councillor has been allocated £1,000 to spend each financial year on neighbourhood projects. The funding must be spent on capital projects. The

Chairman will put forward the following projects to be considered for the CLF:- (1) Updating the Website, (2) Footpath Sign at Home Farm and (3) the replacement or repair of the Noticeboard at Home Farm. Gavin Elsey can be contacted on 07738 930599 or gavin.elsey@peterborough.gov.uk.

A1 Access - the Chairman has been in correspondence again with Highways England seeking remedial action for the A1 northbound entry/exit to Thornhaugh. Once again, they confirm that there have not been enough serious/fatal incidents to warrant the cost of making changes. She has again asked that the layby just before the entrance be closed to at least help with the visibility as motorists enter and leave the village.

Flooding - the Chairman has reported the flooding opposite The Rectory requesting that a long-term solution to the mud from the fields and verges blocking the drain is implemented.

Date of Next Meeting - the next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 19th July 2021 in St Andrew's Church (Covid Restrictions permitting).

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All but 2 Councillors were available for the Meeting, which was attended also by our new Ward Councillor, Gavin Elsey and new well qualified and experienced Clerk, Jill Sardeson from Yarwell.

Cllr Elsey has been elected as the Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee within PCC, a good use of his day job skills as a Director of a Neurological Care Company.

Planning.

We had 3 Planning Applications to consider:

- Knock down the existing house and build a bigger one at 9 Robinswood. No Objections received and no reason for the Council to Object.
- An extension to a home in Black Swan Spinney, again no Objections.
- Replace the temporary phone mast at the Pumping Station with a suitable Lattice Tower, again no Objections; just the hope that Wansford mobile phone reception improves !
- Replace the entrance porch and some external alterations at a property in Yarwell Road. The Council had no concerns over the alterations, but will raise with PCC the matter of the site plans that identify the whole of the corner as within the property curtilage.

OLR Footpath

Well, in November I said don't hold your breath, but now we see progress on reinstating the footpath from the Village to the Public Footpaths to Sulehay Forest and Thornhaugh. Thank you, Martin Brooker of PCC Highways.

OLR/A47 Junction

The Council continues to lobby PCC to improve the safety of this junction. Yet another accident last week and still it continues. Councillor Elsey has been briefed and asked to apply pressure. Of course, the real issue is the flow of HGVs to the ever-expanding King's Cliffe Industrial site.

King's Cliffe Industrial Site

Again, Councillor Elsey has been briefed and asked for his support. Ultimately, a one-way system would prevent much of the damage caused by HGVs passing each other on our narrow roads. Interestingly, the site is NOT in King's Cliffe's bailiwick, but Nassington's. The Chairman has spoken to Nassington's Clerk to have the matter raised at its next meeting.

And I note that someone has applied the 'rules of grammar' to the signage at OLR/KCR corner and applied apostrophes to the King's Cliffe of the signs posts. Looks like the work of an English Teacher to me.

Speed Signs

Councillor Clarke has now installed the active speed sign on ONR and we see that once activated the offenders slowed down quite quickly. So, the electronic sign works !

A47

WPC received a Briefing from Highways England and was sorely disappointed. Whilst private comments cannot be repeated, suffice to say that robust representation will be made when HE applies to the Secretary of State for approval later this year.

Well folks, that's about it for this month's report. Enjoy the fine weather and don't forget water for the little beasties in our gardens.

As always, I sign off with Dave Allen's salutation; God Bless and may your God go with you.

Dave Johnson
Wansford Parish Councillor

SIBSON-cum-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council (the first since lockdown) will take place on **Thursday 1st July** and will be held in the Christie Hall - the meeting will commence at 7 pm.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

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Hello Tracy,

I'm sure you will remember that in 1997-98, a team comprising Derek Smith, George Russell, Peter Wilkinson, Derek Cowley and me filmed all the main activities and events that take place in our local community throughout a typical year. The team filmed 45 different village activities run by various organisations and Derek Smith copied the camcorder tapes and produced edited clips that were combined into a tape which ran for over two hours. The tape was subsequently converted by a Bristol company, 'Memories on Video', to VHS format and 23 copies were produced for sale. The quality of the compilation VHS tape was not brilliant, particularly the added soundtrack of commercial organ music that was played during the title clips. More recently I decided to create a video by editing the original tape and extracting sections devoted to specific organisations: I chose the Horticultural Society which is still active. The original tapes are 24 years old and have gone through a succession of conversions, the overall quality, therefore, is not brilliant but nonetheless acceptable for viewing by members of the community who may like to be reminded of past events and the individuals who regrettably are no longer with us!

Not too long ago, Derek Smith who is now aged 91 and is living in a care facility in Mexico, was going to look at the original tapes for the village video because, originally, he had only used small parts of the video to keep the overall length down. Well, before he had a recent fall, he had re-edited the Church choir Christmas party and outdoor palm Sunday, then later on posted them on YouTube. The party video was not very good because the lighting was so dim but he thought someone might like to see it. This is the YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R8qWuGBF_w

I think you will enjoy seeing yourself and fellow choristers in the Christmas party video!

Best wishes,

Brian Andrews

Editors note—my goodness we all look so young! The Christmas event took place at the Falcon Inn in Fotheringhay. Oh to be allowed to be in such a crowded room

Local villagers head for Ultra Challenge around Isle of Wight

An arduous 106Km (66.4mile) continuous walking ultra challenge lies ahead for Ian Scott from Yarwell and Mike Mills from Barnack on the weekend of 10/11th July for Stamford base charity Bumps and Beyond and Evergreen Care Trust. Bumps and Beyond charity provides an essential community service supplying donated items of childrens clothing and equipment to disadvantaged parents serving clients from up to 100Km away www.bumps-and-beyond.org

Starting early on Saturday 10th the 106Km trek circles the Isle of Wight's coastal path and Ian and colleague Mike Mills hope to complete the walk in around 22 hours walking through the day and night. The event has been postponed 3 times due to Covid and so training has gone on since early last year walking the footpaths and lanes around the villages, currently walking two 25 – 30 mile circuits twice a week as well as other fitness activities. Both Ian and Mike are over 65 and will join hundreds of others who run, jog or walk the full or part distance with the event being organised by Action Challenge

With fund raising activities hard hit by the pandemic Ian hopes to raise well over the target of £1000 with donation gift aid being claimed from the donation website at virginmoneygiving, just use the search facility for Ian Scott or by the charities names

We hope readers will be able to offer support and a full report will be available either on the donation website or in the August edition.

Ian Scott

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Mike Mills and Ian Scott in training



The Garden House offers information, advice and support to the rough sleepers in Peterborough 6 days a week. Our guests can receive much-needed support from housing officers, GPs, drug and alcohol specialists, chiropodist, hairdressers and other professionals that run sessions at The Garden House for rough sleepers in Peterborough



Congratulations to members of the Peterborough Cathedral cycle relay team who made it safely to Ely. The baton was handed over ready for the Ely team's ride to Norwich Cathedral the following day.

The team, which included Gary Punter, raised £1144 for The Light Project Peterborough to help homeless back onto their feet.

Well done team Peterborough Cathedral

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