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# EDITORIAL

As another year comes to a close, the Editorial Team wishes to thank the 20 volunteer magazine distributors. Your rounds vary from 10 to 100 magazines, all of you do a fabulous job and the magazine would not arrive on everyone's doormat without you. We hope you all enjoyed your little Christmas gift.

This month is packed with lots of news from our villages and once again I was able to fill every page by the deadline. So thank-you to everyone for being so prompt. The centre pages cover a potentially contentious proposal for a development to the north-west of Wansford. The Parish Council are very keen to hear your views.

Next month Living Villages will not be distributed until the first week of January due to our printers annual factory shutdown.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers and advertisers.**

*Tracy Sortwell*

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<b>St Leonard's, Apethorpe</b>		
2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion
16th	4.00pm	CAROL SERVICE
25th	11.00am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
6 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Kyneburgha, Castor</b>		
2nd	10.15am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
9th	10.15am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE
16th	10.15am	Holy Communion
23rd	10.15am	Holy Communion
24th	4.00pm	CRIB SERVICE
	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT MASS
25th	10.15am	Holy Communion
30th	10.15am	Holy Communion
6 Jan	10.15am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington</b>		
2nd	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th	6.00pm	CAROL SERVICE
23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	4.00pm	CRIB SERVICE
25th	10.00am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
6 Jan	8.15 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion

<b>St John the Baptist, Stibbington</b>		
9th	6.00pm	CAROL SERVICE WITH MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

<b>St Michael and All Angels, Sutton</b>		
16th	4.00pm	CAROL SERVICE
24th	6.00pm	Holy Communion

<b>St Andrew's, Thornhaugh</b>		
2nd	9.30am	PATRONAL FAMILY COMMUNION
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE
25th	10.00am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION By Extension
6 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's, Wansford</b>		
Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer		
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	6.00pm	CAROL SERVICE
23rd	9.30am	Morning Praise
24th	11.30pm	BENEFICE MIDNIGHT MASS
30th	10.00am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>St Remigius, Water Newton</b>		
14th	7.00pm	CHRISTMAS CAROLS and FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

<b>St Mary's, Woodnewton</b>		
2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th	7.00pm	CAROL SERVICE
23rd	3.00pm	CHRISTMAS PRAISE and CRIB SERVICE
25th	10.00am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
6 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell</b>		
2nd	11.00am	Morning Prayer
9th	11.00am	Holy Communion
16th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
23rd	11.00am	CAROL SERVICE
6 Jan	11.00am	Morning Prayer

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All of us dread the darkness. At this time of year, as the days continue to shorten and the hours of daylight diminish, we all experience a sense of foreboding. The long cold winter nights are upon us and somehow the world does not seem quite such a good place. Light and darkness have a profound effect on most living things and human beings are no exception. Light affects our mood and the way in which we feel. We associate light with a sense of safety and well-being. Somehow, we all feel more relaxed and at ease during the long light days of summer than we do when the light fades as autumn and winter come upon us.

The Bible contains many passages which speak about light and use it as an analogy to help us understand the way in which God works in the world. In the First Letter of John we read that "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." I John 1.5 . Whilst in John's Gospel Chapter 8 verse 12 we are told that "Jesus spoke to the people saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In biblical language light is symbolic of the presence of God whilst darkness is associated with sin, wrongdoing, danger and evil. Through Jesus God promises to be with us like a light showing us the way and protecting us from the darkness of evil.

By the time you get read this edition of our parish magazine the season of Advent will be upon us. This first season of the Church's year gives us an opportunity to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas by reflecting upon the significance of God being born among us in the person of his Son Jesus Christ. Light and darkness are important themes in this Advent season and many of the traditional hymns refer to this imagery. One of the most obvious examples is John Morison's hymn which begins :-

The race that long in darkness pin'ed  
have seen a glorious light;  
The people dwell in day who dwelt  
in Death's surrounding night.

This year we will be marking the beginning of the Advent season with an Advent Carol service at St Kyneburgha's at 6.00pm on Advent Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This powerful service will commence in darkness and as the worship proceeds with the singing of Advent hymns and readings from the Bible the church will slowly be filled with more and more light to symbolise the coming of God's light into the world through the person of Christ.

Another new initiative this Advent will be the support we will give to an "Advent Charity" as part of our Charitable Giving Policy. This year we will be supporting the appropriately named "Light Project Peterborough" which is a local charity which seeks to show the Good News of Jesus by helping the homeless of our city and in other ways. Throughout the Advent season there will be special collections and other opportunities for people to support this charity. One way in which we hope to raise funds will be through an Advent Stall selling cakes, preserves and other homemade produce. The stall will run on each of the four Sundays of Advent at the back of St. Kyneburgha's. The produce will also be available for purchase throughout the week whilst stocks last. Offerings for the stall can be brought along at any time and place on the table. It would be helpful if items could be labelled with the maker's name and also realistically priced.

May each of us be given the grace to "Shine as a Light in the World" this Advent and Christmas and throughout the year ahead.

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We will serve mulled wine on arrival and sing carols around the tree and celebrate the Christmas story.

There will be Christmas music from the **Castor Hand-Belles**  
**and the Castor 'Friends' Band.**

This is a Christmas Carol event for all - children are especially welcome - so if you have little ones, then bring them along.

**Our chosen charity this year is 'The Light Project Peterborough'** - providing winter night shelters for the homeless in the Peterborough area. We will hold a raffle **and ask you to bring along your donations of men's toiletries**, small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps etc which will be delivered in time for Christmas.

In particular, cash donations will be gratefully received.  
[https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk/Articles/527803/night\\_shelter.aspx](https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk/Articles/527803/night_shelter.aspx)

Following the carol singing, we will continue to celebrate the season and **the 'pop up' bar will remain open** - enjoy your favourite drink and mingle with friends  
Put the date in your diary - tell your friends and family and bring them along.

Everybody Welcome from All our Villages  
**Happy Christmas**

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON

## Your invitation

Please come along and join us on **Sunday evening the 9th December at 6pm** when we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol Service, you will be assured of a friendly, seasonal welcome. On arrival a glass of warmed mulled wine will be thrust into your hand, a non alcoholic beverage will also be available and after the service mince pies will be served. How can you possibly resist? Looking forward to seeing you there.

Carol Lindsey



## Stibbington Church Clear Up Day

I would like to thank everyone who gave up their Sunday morning to help and would also like to thank Marion who is one of our new residents in our lovely village for coming along, it was a beautiful day and we all achieved so much in the little time we had. A big thank you to Mike and Charlotte Bradshaw for the use of one of their huge trailers once again.

*Suzy Story*





## 'Walking for Health'

Our group which meets every Friday morning for a local walk continues to grow from strength to strength – over fifty people have now signed up and we regularly get between fifteen and twenty attending. Some members are also volunteering to map out new routes outside our normal area around Nassington – we have recently done a lovely walk in Kings Cliffe following the old railway track. It is hoped that over time we will be able to venture along other different pathways, but within the confines of health and safety these have to be assessed to make sure there are no pitfalls or unassailable difficulties – the walks are supposed to be pleasurable, not an assault course!

Members should have received email communication about our forthcoming post-Christmas lunch – scheduled for Friday 4th January 2019 at the Black Horse, Nassington at 12.30pm. If you would like to join us but have not yet put your name down or chosen your menu, please contact me as soon as possible.

Anyone is most welcome to join the group; please contact Robert Phipps on 01780 782558 for further information and to confirm the start point – normally this is the Black Horse at 11.00am on Fridays, but from time to time, different venues are used.

The photo shows the group who walked around Kings Cliffe on 16 November – 27 of us – a record number to date.

Wendy Spencer



## FRIENDS OF ST MARYS AND ST ANDREWS

News from the Friends .

We will have presented £400 to the Salvation Army at our Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Christie Hall on 24th November, and made Christmas gift bags for the men.

December is a bit quieter, we only have one meeting on Wednesday 5th December at 10.30 in the Community Hall.

There is a Friends' Christmas outing to Launde Abbey on 12th December for carols and lunch, and of course the Friends will be serving seasonal refreshments after the Community Carol Service in St Mary's at 6pm on Sunday 16th December

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# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

The general patients' meeting took place on 28th November, too late for copy deadlines for this issue – a full report will appear in a later publication. We are still awaiting confirmation of the donation from the recent band concert but again hopefully this information will be available to publish early in the New Year.

The social group's coffee mornings are now suspended until February 2019 but their post-Christmas lunch is scheduled to take place on Friday 11th January at the Cross Keys Inn at Kings Cliffe. Places are limited and will be allocated on first-come-first-served basis – further details can be obtained from Clare on 01780 470437 email: [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com).

As this report is somewhat curtailed it has given the opportunity to pass on some information from the recently published practice newsletter – patients can collect when visiting the surgeries, or it can be viewed online at the practice website. One of the topics of the latest issue deals with the subject of a 'training practice' – there is a lot of misconception around having an appointment with a 'trainee' – they are qualified doctors serving a period of time in general practice. They often have a lot of experience in certain areas as they will have worked on hospital wards (e.g. gynaecology, care of the elderly, etc.). They are supervised so will sometimes get the benefit of a senior doctor during a consultation and they tend to have longer slots so that they are not rushed.

A training practice is a learning organisation that gives GP registrars medicine experience in general practice but can also offer educational opportunities to other primary care professionals. For example, hospital doctors, medical students, nurses and health service administration staff. Wansford surgery has been a training practice since around 1980 providing training for GP registrars and Foundation 2 doctors (FY2 – junior doctors) – over 60 GPs have completed training many of whom now run their own practices and a further 20 doctors gained GP experience but are now working in hospitals.

GP registrars are fully trained doctors who have decided on a career in general practice – they are attached to an approved training scheme (usually Peterborough for this area) for three years – two years are spent adding to their hospital experience with a further twelve months at a training practice like Wansford. Various modules and examinations have to be passed to achieve GP certification and this can involve videoing consultations for training purposes – permission of the patient is always sought and the camera is directed onto the doctor, not the patient. FY2 doctors are destined for a career in hospitals but can choose a placement in general practice for 3-4 months – they are fully qualified to see patients but will have greater supervision.

The training team at Wansford consists of GP trainers – Drs Tahar, Nally, and Hamilton with Drs Odedra and Baker being associate trainers. Other doctors in the practice are involved with training but are overseen by one of the trainers who are members of the Royal College of GPs and attend an approved course for up to a year.

Every three years the practice is assessed for re-approval by a team of medical educationalists from the Eastern Deanery in Cambridge who look at a whole range of standards of care and teaching within the practice.

Recently I had my attention drawn to a most unusual memorial, out of the sight of the casual visitor, situated at the north-east corner of St. John the Baptist Church, Barnack. The tomb represents an example of High-Victorian symbolic imagery (see illus.), depicting a fallen palm tree in full flower. Considerable care has been taken in carving the leaves and flowers and the whole presents with admirable realism. The memorial is dedicated to *George Ayscough Booth, Gentleman Cadet, RMC (Royal Military Collage) Sandhurst, 1847-1868.*



George Booth was the son of a sometime Curate at St. John's. His place of death and its cause have yet to be established. Inevitably, the decorative exoticism of the choice of a palm tree memorial has long been the subject of speculation and conjecture, often involving locally the suggestion of an Egyptian connection. The truth, however, appears far more prosaic. It seems that the choice of a fallen palm tree in religious imagery symbolically represents the Resurrection, based on the belief that palm trees blown over in storms 'rise up again' and regenerate. I must say such was not my own experience when I had a grove of palm trees planted on the littoral of Lake Malawi at one of the resort hotels for which I was responsible. Perhaps I lacked sufficient faith...

## Memorials – Barnack & Thornhaugh

The memorial stone at St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh illustrated in last month's *Living Villages* depicts a Patriarchal Cross, or Cross of Lorraine. The most familiar Cross to most of us is the Latin Cross with a single crossbar. The Patriarchal Cross has two crossbars and the Papal Cross three crossbars. The addition of what is somewhat euphemistically called a 'footrest' is optional.

Sometime probably in the 15<sup>th</sup> century the spire of St. Andrew's collapsed, completely destroying in its wake the south arcade of the aisle. This required the rebuilding of the south wall (*sans* the arcade), transept and porch.

Consequently, presumably what surely has now to be established is whether the Patriarchal Cross memorial in question was once *inside* the body of the church prior to the spire and arcade collapsing, rather than outside as it is at present and now abutting the new tower that was not rebuilt until as comparatively recently as 1889?

The late John Gilbert makes no mention of this memorial in his booklet *Thornhaugh -cum- Wansford, Its Historic Buildings & Businesses* (1982) which he surely would have done had it been then evident given his meticulous research methodology and this being such a noteworthy early and unusual memorial. Oddly, Pevsner appears to make no mention of Thornhaugh, or its' church, whatsoever.

Appropriate expert advice is surely required to assist with this intriguing memorial's dating, possible identification by symbolic association and any measures necessary to protect it from further weather degradation and future human interaction.

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## Potential Development - Old Leicester Road Wansford

The land to the west of Wansford on the north side of Old Leicester Road was originally farmed by the current land owners' grandparents. It no longer forms part of an agricultural holding and whilst the overall area extends to 17.5 acres the site is bisected by a high pressure gas main which has an extensive safety zone associated with it.

The land owners consider that the 4 acre area edged red on the plan below, that is not subject to restrictions, could be developed sympathetically with a low-density housing scheme that would complement the existing housing stock. This would provide a number of opportunities for people wishing to stay within the village to downsize, for those who, with an eye to the future, who might require bungalows, for those who want to move into larger prestige properties and for those who want to self-build bespoke homes on individual plots set within an attractive landscaped environment with good access to local facilities.



The land owners are therefore working with Simon Boon Homes, a private developer of quality, character housing with a proven track record particularly in Stamford and the surrounding conservation villages including in Wansford.

Together they want to explore the possibilities and establish if there might possibly be support for such proposals or establish what might be considered appropriate.

The plan overleaf is an illustrative layout which shows just one way in which the site might be developed. It provides an indication of the range of housing that could be provided. Comments on this would be most welcome.

The owners are also aware of the issues that confront the Parish Council in terms of the existing village hall. If these cannot be resolved there is a potential opportunity for a village hall to be located within the site, this is shown notionally on the plan, accompanied with a car park and playing field or, if preferred, a financial contribution associated with any planning application secured through a S106 agreement or Unilateral Undertaking.

We recognise that securing planning permission will be challenging as the land is outside the development limits of the village however, Wansford, taken as a whole, is a very sustainable location and punches well above its weight given the range of facilities and services that are available to its residents. These far exceed those available in much larger villages within Peterborough, north of the river and Huntingdonshire south.

Key features of the scheme would be:-

- Range of housing to meet local needs, downsizers, prestige homes, bungalows, self-build
- Low density scheme with above average plot sizes.
- High quality designs and use of materials sympathetic to the location.
- Significant landscaping within the site and strengthening of the landscaping to the eastern boundary.
- Footpath connection to the site giving easy access to the village.
- Extended links to the public footpath to the west of the site to Thornhaugh providing safe walking routes for leisure walkers and dogs walkers alike.
- Sustainable urban drainage system designed to enhance and enrich biodiversity and to protect the SSSI to the south of the site.
- Potential for site for new village hall, car park and playing field.



***Editors note: I have placed this in the middle pages as the potential development will be of interest to many readers, for many varied reasons. If you listen regularly to The Archers, you'll be aware of the many arguments for and against such schemes. Wansford Parish Council have asked that if you have any opinions on the application to email the Clerk ([wendy7wansford@gmail.com](mailto:wendy7wansford@gmail.com)) and also indicate whether you wish to attend the next WPC meeting on 10th December, where the matter will be discussed in more detail.***



# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## REPORT OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12 2018

In attendance: Cllrs J Stannage (Chair), M Handley, D.Johnson, G.Garner, V.Thorley, W. Gray(Clerk) and two members of the public. Apologies received from Cllrs

R.Clarke, T.Pearson and City Cllr D.Lamb

### Several planning applications and planning proposals received including:

- Seeds Field- development of 16 dwellings. See feature article for further information. (*pages 20 and 21*)
- Three Eco lodges to be built on Old Sulehay Road, Yarwell. This is not in our jurisdiction as it outside our Parish but environmental issues and tree felling concerns were noted.
- Removal of garage block and erection of a house in Nene Close (pre-planning application) Objection from neighbouring residents as they will be overlooked, have loss of privacy and reduced access. Awaiting full planning application for further comment.
- Can a shed be replaced by a log cabin in a garden for residential purposes? Suggested putting in a planning application

### Community Hall

Two new wooden gate posts have been erected...awaiting new metal gate. A new sign to be attached to the gate post. Work has started on the renovation of the exterior and interior of the hall

### Highways

Repositioning of 20mph signs, road markings in village centre, removal of A6118 signs following declassification: all still awaiting action from PCC. WPC will continue to chase them up.

### A47 dualling

Consultation period now completed with public's feedback to be analysed. The result of this should be out In March. There has been some consternation that Highways England may be looking to compulsorily purchase some residential land near the western roundabout.

### Ancient Monument site.

Sutton and Wansford PCs are challenging Historic England's response to enlarge the site on the North side of the A47 which might jeopardise the preferred northern dualling route

### Kings Cliffs industrial site.

No response received from E.Northants regarding the routing of HGVs through Wansford. WPC will chase them up.

### Defibrillator

We are seeking local volunteers to undertake training in the use of the equipment. If interested, please contact our Clerk, Wendy Gray. Concern was raised that the booth is not lockable.

### Remembrance Day

A resident had written to suggest that the village should commemorate this annually by putting poppies around the village. The idea of "sponsoring a poppy" was discussed with all profits being given to The Royal British Legion. Feedback welcome!

**FINALLY** a plea.... would all residents with a street light outside their property please check to ensure that there are no overhanging branches obscuring the light, and take remedial action if needed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday December 10th at 7.30 in the Community Hall.

Villagers are welcome to attend and participate.

**Cllr.Viv Thorley**

## SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council met at the Environment Centre, Stibbington on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 the meeting commencing at 7 pm. 6 Councillors were in attendance and 2 members of the public were present.

**Pot holes** just past telephone box (near centre) – Parish Clerk to report. Residents can also report using the following link:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>

**Precept 2019/2020** - it was unanimously agreed that the precept request would remain the same as last year - £11,000.

**New Bins** – these will not be ordered until the bridge works have been completed.

**Defibrillators** – it is hoped installation will take place with the next few weeks. Please would residents not place books in the kiosks for the short term.

### **Planning Applications:**

1 Elton Road Wansford Peterborough (ref 18/01844/LBC)

21 Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough (ref 18/02013/HHFUL)

**No objections were raised on the above applications.**

**Cricket Pavilion at the Haycock** – request received for funding - will be discussed at January meeting.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 commencing at 7 p.m.



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# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Third Meeting of the 2018/19 Sutton Parish Council took place on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It was chaired by Peter Lee, present were Anne Bodily, Richard Campbell, Antony Eager, Keith Yerbury, Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor and the Clerk.

There were apologies for absence from Mr & Mrs G Ingle.

## **Poor State of Sutton Meadows**

It was noted that although the front of the field had been mown back, the rest of the field was still in a poor state. The Clerk will chase up a response from the Nene Park Trust.

## **Enhancement of Recreation Ground**

Cllr Eager reported that he had received 22 completed questionnaires although many residents had verbally expressed their views to him. In general, there was support for enhancing the Recreation Ground with some exercise equipment/a rugby post/picnic bench seating. A short discussion took place and it was agreed by a majority that Cllr Eager and the Chairman would meet to produce a specific plan working to a budget of £7,000-8,000, with Cllr Bodily joining them if she was available. Cllr Eager will obtain further information on what type of exercise equipment could be purchased; where to place it; any extra insurance costs; coping with any potential vandalism and maintenance costs. He will try and find case studies of what other small villages have done in a similar situation

## **A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling**

Formal views of Sutton Parish Council on Highway England's Proposed Route – the Chairman had already circulated the Draft Sutton Parish Council's Response to the Parish Councillors. He asked that if they have any additions/amendments, to let him have them by the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Update on Scheduled Monument at Sacrewell – Cllr Campbell confirmed that objections were submitted in response to Historic England's Consultation Report on their Review of the Monument's status. Following publication of their decision to extend the Monument to the north and make other minor amendments, there is now a 28-day deadline to ask the Dept of Media, Culture & Sport to review the proposal of Historic England but this has to be based on specific fact – a request for the amendment of the eastern boundary west could be submitted. Mr M Grange is trying to contact Prof S Upex for advice on this. It was agreed that Mr Grange and Cllr Campbell will resolve this together.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr Grange for producing the material for the leaflets and for the bus. In addition, grateful thanks were expressed to the Community Consultation Team for their hard work and dedication in making local representations to Highways England.

The next meeting of Sutton Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in St Michael & All Angels' Church. The dates of future meetings are: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (7.00 pm), 18<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

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### January - May 2019 - Living Villages

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#### 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Hogarth: Harlots, Rakes and Crashing China

This lecture, by **Lars Tharp, of Antiques Roadshow fame**, looks at what William Hogarth brings onto his stage as bit-part players in his social dramas – pots, crocks and all types of chinaware – from the harlot's dingy garret to milord's swanky mantelpiece, ceramics teeter, tumble, or merely stand helplessly by, symbolic commentators on the goings-on around them.

He delves into the stories, reveals and identifies particular ceramics and shows how Hogarth's images became sources for the ceramic workshops of Europe and China. A unique and stimulating talk, colliding material culture and moral commentary. He promises that you will look at Hogarth and ceramics with new eyes.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Sacred Art of China

This lecture will take you on a tour of the religious art and architecture of China. You will see examples of work of the great faiths that dominated the history of that great civilisation. They will include the ancient, indigenous Confucian and Taoist traditions, the image-rich Mahayana version of Buddhism and the distinctive Chinese responses to Christianity and Islam.

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#### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Plants in Art and Culture

This lecture will look at the concept of 'plant blindness', a phrase that has been coined, in recent years, to identify our tendency to overlook plants. Plants are the dominant aspect of the natural world around us but few residents and visitors to London notice the plane trees on their way to work or social engagements. However, we often talk of our own cultural identities in terms framed by plant language e.g. the 'English' oak is a symbol of national endurance and steadfastness.

It will explain how the plants we place around us denote our emotional state of being – white lilies for mourning or laurel for celebrations of victory. We are plants.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Leonardo's Women

This lecture is designed to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci's death. It will study his revolutionary rendering of the female figure and how he harnessed the interplay of light and shadow to produce images that combine the spiritual with the sensual, the mythical with the mysterious. His images of women, whether Madonnas, mistresses or wealthy members of society, are among the most renowned works of art of the Italian Renaissance.

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Sue Jakeman's talk on Bees and Beekeeping was highly entertaining as well as very informative. I suspect that several of the audience who had been considering getting a hive or two will have been enthused to take the plunge. There are of course great rewards, but some surprising hazards too, woodpeckers, Asiatic hornets and wasps to name but a few!



Our private guided visit to Rockingham Castle on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November comes too late in the month to be reported here, but 25 of us will be participating in their Victorian Christmas festivities which promise to be memorable.

The **A.G.M./Christmas party on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** will be our final activity of 2018. There may still be a few places if you would like to join us, so please do enquire. Our Christmas meal which follows the A.G.M. is a 3 course supper with wine for just £9 members and £11 non members. Proceedings start at **7 p.m.** with the A.G.M. which we promise to keep brief, and we will endeavour to make the party as enjoyable as ever with a quiz and excellent company.

Our programme for 2019 is still being finalised but will appear in the New Year on our website: [www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk). Please contact me if you would like to join (£2.50 per person) or if have any other queries.



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Successes on the field were celebrated at our annual awards night held at the Cross Keys last month, winners were presented with their well deserved prizes,

Season 2018 awards:

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- \* Batsman – **Matt Mitchell**
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- \* Most improved – **Andy Briault**
- \* Best Individual performance - **Lester Milbank** for 7 stumpings in the season & 1 getting stumped...Also **Sayon** for his 6 wicket haul and 32 runs
- \* Players Player – **Andy Briault** and **Matt Mitchell**
- \* Clubman - **Barry Veni** for all the work he's done to improve the pavilion and immediate environs.

During the season the pavilion became all but unusable as when it rained the old asbestos tiled roof failed miserably. We set about raising money and seeking sponsorship to effect repairs and we are pleased to report that our fund raising bore fruit enabling us to remove the old asbestos tiles and reroofing the main part of the building. Unfortunately this has left us bereft of cash and currently unable to undertake additional essential repairs to the pavilion. As a result of roof leaks some of the timbers need replacing as does the main floor and in due course the rear extension changing room.

If anyone is able to help with materials, labour or finance please contact the Club Secretary

We have recently set up an online shop from which cricket clothing from track suits and whites to bobble hats and caps, proudly displaying our logo, can be purchased. It can be accessed at

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The blue tit has also found a modern niche. In their annual survey the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has found that virtually 100% of responders identified blue tits in their gardens, most commonly on bird feeders and/or using nest boxes. Centuries ago blue tits and their cousins were known as titmice; tit meaning small. Even 100 years ago meadow pipits were known as titlarks thus differentiating themselves from the larger, but not dissimilar, skylarks. Over the last century the term titmouse has been shortened to tit which now graces the names of the Great, Crested, Cole, Marsh, Willow, Long-tailed and Blue Tit.

The Blue Tit is a small, agile bird unmissable with its yellow breast, blue-green back, white cheeks, a blue cap and a pronounced black eye stripe. In spring it is a voracious feeder of small caterpillars and is truly a gardener's friend although in the past blue tits were trapped as they were thought to damage flowers and choice plants whilst searching for their food.

One particular habit of blue tits will bring back memories to older readers. In the 1950s and 60s households found that their morning milk, delivered by the milkman in glass pint bottles, was being attacked by blue tits pecking through the foil bottle top and feeding on the cream. This practice has died out in more recent years mainly due to the reduction of house to house deliveries reducing the opportunity for the tits.

However scientists have identified another reason. The vast majority of milk delivered 50 years ago was full fat; blue top in today's money. Skimmed and semi-skimmed milk are mainly a modern more health-conscious taste. Tits lack the necessary enzyme to digest the lactose in simple milk which can make them ill. The cream in full fat milk separates out at the top of the bottle, is almost lactose free, and provides a fatty, energy dense and digestible breakfast for the tits.

So, has our change in taste inadvertently protected the tits from disease or have we removed from their diet a high energy source, particularly advantageous in winter? Their numbers and popularity suggest they are doing very well thank you!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Tracy,

Following my telephone conversation with Rod on Tuesday evening, during which I advised him that tradesmen working at our address at 2 Robinswood had had tools stolen from their van parked outside, I just want to update you on the position.

I telephone the Police on 101 but was advised that I could not report this as a crime as I was not the victim!! (I understand that the two workmen have now reported the matter to Police). I also advised our immediate neighbours.

The theft occurred between 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday 6th November so if you could publish these details in order to warn other villagers to be on their guard.

Kind regards, Marie Barnes.

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Wed 5	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Caoline Ashley	782408	11
Fri 7	Walking for Health	11.00am	Black Horse, Nassington	Robert Phipps	782558	10
Sat 8	Hort Society CAGM and Christmas Meal	7.00pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	782446	17
Mon 10	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's trip to Launde Abbey			Caoline Ashley	782408	11
Mon 10	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	22
Tues 11	Wi Meeting	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	
Fri 14	Walking for Health	11.00am	Black Horse, Nassington	Robert Phipps	782558	10
Mon 17	Wansford Ukulele Folk Christmas Party	8.00pm	Cross Keys			
Wed 19	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrew's	Deirdre McCumiskey		25
Fri 21	Walking for Health	11.00am	Black Horse, Nassington	Robert Phipps	782558	10
Tues 25	Christmas Day					
Jan 2019	HAPPY NEW YEAR					
Tues 8	Wi Meeting	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	
Wed 9	Sib-cum-Stibbington Parish Council	7.00pm	Environment Centre	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	23
Fri 11	Communicare Social Group Lunch		Cross Keys, Kings Cliffe	Clare Wagstaff	470437	15
Thurs 17	Sutton Parish Council	7.30pm	St Michael and All Angels	Deirdre McCumiskey		

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