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# Editorial

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Dear Readers,

This month your Editorial team have had to make the very difficult decision to only publish your magazine online. The last 18 months have been particularly challenging for local businesses and organisations which has meant that advertising revenue has failed to return to our pre-pandemic levels. Consequently, we are unable to finance a printed copy in its current format. During the next month we will be considering various options and will be in touch with our remaining loyal and supportive advertisers.

Over the past couple of years, a number of full and half-page advertisers have not renewed, often without notice. We now have regular competition from other less local magazines who employ several people including telesales personnel.

We know that we have a loyal band of readers in the five villages we serve who will be disappointed that we cannot continue to serve their interests with local news and useful advertisements from local traders.

There is also the problem of finding enough copy to fill the pages and at this point we wish to thank everyone who has contributed whether it's been by way of a specialist article, poem, or report of an event. Much appreciation is also extended to our very dedicated team of distributors who ensure the magazine has been delivered to all our homes. Without you Living Villages would not have existed for the past 11 years.

If another group wishes to publish a monthly magazine we would be happy to advise on contributors, advertising and distributors

Tracy Sortwell, Kate Hopkins, Gordon Alleyne and Rod Sortwell

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# WORSHIP AUGUST 2021

All subject to Government restrictions.

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

St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
8th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion BCP		
1st	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
1st	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
1st	11.00am	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
1st	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th	3.00pm	Outdoor Churchyard Celebration Service
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
29th	10.00am	Holy Communion for the Benefice

## Castor Benefice Church Services

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 (Said service with hymns sung by small choir until further notice)

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

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

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.  
[admin.castor@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.castor@btconnect.com)

David Ridgeway

Last month we celebrated our churchyards with special services and thanksgivings. We were blessed with good weather for our service at Thornhaugh, but as I write, we have not yet held the one at Wansford, so we hope that the weather will have been equally kind. It is good, though to reflect upon places, and indeed people, that we so often take for granted. So often in our churches – and churchyards – things happen behind the scenes that we only notice when they don't happen, if you see what I mean. Thank you to all those "behind the scene-ers" that make such a difference to our lives!

As we know, the situation with the pandemic in our country, and in our area, changes rapidly and what is happening now as I write towards the end of July may well be different from what it happening when you read your magazine. However, as I write, we are still being cautious in the church and not making too many changes to our covid precautions too quickly, even though the official regulations have been lifted. As in wider society, some people are keen to leave behind all precautions as quickly as possible and return to "normal", others are feeling very anxious and still vulnerable and others just want things to go more steadily. The most important thing for us is that people can feel safe coming to church and precautions like masks and social distancing are still in place as needed. If you are feeling unsure about coming back, please be assured that we are doing everything possible to help you feel more confident.

All this is still very tiring for so many, whether with concerns about the well-being of themselves or those they love, the sense of frustration at not having been able to do what they want, or in the responsibilities they carry in their work or home life. Rest has never seemed more important, and perhaps so elusive. Holiday plans may be different this year, but I hope everyone will be able to find a way of taking a break in some shape or form, whether at home or away. The line of a hymn reminds us of God's intention for us to rest: "O Sabbath rest by Galilee".... We are designed for rest as well as work; created in God's image who himself rested on the seventh day of Creation. May this holiday month of August hold a time of rest and refreshment for us all, maybe even by just pausing for a moment and finding peace in our lovely churchyard, in our gardens, or in a special place not too far from home.

With every blessing,  
Rev. Jane

### Where have all the butterflies gone?



A question we have pondered over this lockdown, not only by us but also in the News, including naturalist Chris Packham in recent interviews. It was this thought, that guided us to the theme for our first meeting since lockdowns began.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, we shall be meeting at St Mary's Church (7 for 7.30pm),

to hear about the 'Back from the Brink' conservation project. The focus will be on the Rockingham Forest and the conservation work that is being carried out to safeguard a number of organisms including moths, reptiles such as Adders, birds, mammals with attention to bats, plants and other wildlife. There is a particular focus on butterflies, with a view to the reintroduction of 'The Chequered Skipper' a species that has been extinct in England since 1976.

We would like to open this talk to the community, and you are invited to join us for a 7.30pm start. If you are interested, it would be much appreciated if you could call on the number below.

In addition, we would love to see you at The Wansford show on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, where WI will be running a children's tombola stall, where there will be a prize for each child that enters.

Looking further ahead, WI will be holding their annual cake sale in aid of Macmillan on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, outside St Mary's Church. Cakes and goodies will be on sale.

#### **Future dates for the diary**

October 14<sup>th</sup>. Bethany Turner (Historian), The three Duchesses

November 9<sup>th</sup>. AGM and craft tutorial by Susan Campbell

December 14<sup>th</sup>. Social meeting.

**Rhona Punter 01780 592 514**





# COMMUNICARE

## Wansford & Kings Cliffe

### Patient Participation Group

A joint meeting of the officials and the Practice Manager, Mrs Kirstie Lawes, was held last month. A whole range of matters were discussed at length including the current low level of funds – it is hoped that as Covid restrictions are eased various ideas for fund raising can be instigated. Monies held by the Group that have been 'ring fenced' for certain projects are yet to be utilized – in particular the proposed creation of a community garden at the Kings Cliffe Active site – discussions are ongoing with all parties concerned but it is hoped that a positive outcome will be achieved in the not too distant future.

In addition to the new doctors who have recently joined the practice, Catherine Ofiaeli and Catherine Parnell, Mrs Lawes informed the meeting that a male doctor, Rob Houghton, would also now be working at the surgery one day a week.

The national Covid vaccination programme continues at local centres – anyone who has not yet taken up the offer of a jab is strongly encouraged to do so without delay, particularly with the current 'third wave' engulfing the country. Mrs Lawes confirmed that plans are now in hand for the roll out of the annual flu injections commencing early autumn – however it is not yet known how and when the proposed Covid booster jab will become available – this information will of course be circulated as soon as possible.

A matter which is cause for concern is the proposed NHS Digital Data Sharing. It was agreed by the meeting that this subject has not been widely promoted in the media and the majority of the population are probably unaware of it and its possible implications. The original deadline for patients to 'opt-out' of the scheme has now been extended to 1st September but with this date fast approaching, it is important that individuals take the opportunity to read up on the proposals and make an informed decision about the sharing of their own personal medical details. A quick and easy channel is via Google – NHS Digital Data Sharing – which offers a whole range of options including a direct online method to opt out through the official NHS website – alternatively this can be done by letter to your GP.

It is hoped that a back-to-normal general patients meeting can be held in late September – this will be our AGM and although there will be a small amount of business matters, we plan to have guest speakers – full details will be published in the September issues of local magazines and on the surgery website.

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**Everybody needs good neighbours. Here's why you can - and should - join the crime prevention army.**

## **Eileen Le Voi Safe Local Trades**

As life starts to get back to a new kind of normal, a major winner of the pandemic has got to be the nation's community spirit, highlighted in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 'Thank you Day'.

So, let's keep that going – and look at one easy but overwhelmingly effective way of supporting your local community; signing up to your local Neighbourhood Watch!

Not only will neighbours be joining forces against crime in the area, but can also be part of an invaluable network with many benefits – and be the eyes and ears of your street.



Neighbourhood Watch works as a team where everyone comes together to make their communities safer and improve the wellbeing of its residents, working with the Police, Local Authorities and many other voluntary and professional organisations.



Living in a NHW area can:

- Lead to lower home insurance.
- Allow neighbours to keep in touch via a private Facebook or WhatsApp group
- Promote a communication system to warn about crimes in the local area; ie cold callers operating in your street or just to ask, 'which colour bin is it this week?'
- Give a visible warning to burglars that the area is a NHW zone through displaying window stickers and road signs

The unfortunate news is that as lockdown eases in the UK, we're expecting a rise in burglaries. The NHW association has recently partnered with the Home Office to run a social media awareness campaign to alert those most at risk, giving them practical tools that are proven to prevent burglary by nearly 50 times.

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There are many successful and active NHW schemes in and around your area and they are easy to join. The association will support residents in helping them to develop a greater understanding of how to prevent crime by improving community vigilance, and by reporting suspicious incidents.

A really important aspect of a NHW scheme is to improve well-being in the community by encouraging activities aimed at improving neighbourliness, reducing loneliness and by fostering a community spirit.

To find out more about joining a NHW scheme in your area visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)



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We are delighted to confirm the details for our 75<sup>th</sup> Wansford Show 1200-1730 on Bank Holiday Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

Our coming together of our local communities started with the 'Flower and Vegetable Show' in 1946. This year, in addition to celebrating our Show anniversary we will also be remembering the past 18 months with the national anthem and 1 minute of applause at 3pm.

This year we have both a new location and a bigger Show for all the family to enjoy: live music from three bands; Tug of War championship, Gardeners Question Time, Cookery demonstrations, Classic Cars, Magician, children's activities and a picnic area for you to bring your own food & drink or buy on-site (beer, cocktails, teas & cake, BBQ).

Of course we will also be hoping you will also enter and enjoy the traditional classes that will be on display in the Christie Hall (veg, flowers, floral art, crafts, photo's and children's classes).

Whilst COVID restrictions are being lifted and we are predominantly outside, **Please be aware that some people are not vaccinated, respect social distancing, regularly sanitise hands and wear a mask when in Christie Hall.**

Free Car parking will be provided but we would encourage locals to walk. Tickets are priced £3 in advance (available from Wansford Post Office) or £4 on the door (under 16 are free). We will be raising money for our local clubs and organisations plus donating to Alzheimer's Society.

We look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends to support our 75<sup>th</sup> Wansford Show.

**Best Wishes**

**Gary Punter**

Chairman of Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

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## Wansford Show 'Classes to Enter' - Have Some Fun !

### Vegetables & Fruit (v1-v18)

- V1 Potatoes (x3)
- V2 Onions (5)
- V3 Carrots (3)
- V4 Runner Beans (6)
- V5 Dwarf French Beans (5)
- V6 Peas (3)
- V7 Broccoli (3)
- V8 Tomatoes (bush/leaf) (3)
- V9 Tomatoes (cherry) (3)
- V10 Tomatoes (plum) (5)
- V11 Cucumber (3)
- V12 Courgettes (3)
- V13 Fresh Herbs (4)
- V14 Apples dessert (5)
- V15 Apples cooking (5)
- V16 Pears (3)
- V17 Plums (3)
- V18 Veg collection
- V19 Fruit collection

### Flowers & Floral Art

- F20 Large Dahlias (x3)
- F21 Small Dahlias (3)
- F22 Collection of garden flowers (10)
- F23 Collection Roses (5)
- F24 Single Rose (1)
- F25 Hanging basket/Patio Pot
- F26 Best Garden
- FA27 Floral Art '75th Anniversary of the show'

### Crafts, Art & Photography

- CA57 Knitting or Crochet
- CA38 Cushion, Tapestry or Quilt
- CA39 Any other Crafted article
- CA40 Art (any medium)
- PA5 Photo of Wansford &/or surroundings
- PA1 Quirky or themed photos
- PA2 Black & white Photo
- PA3 Photo of Bird(s)
- PA4 Photo Dramatic weather

### Food and drink

- FD28 Lemon Drizzle Technical Challenge
- FD29 Chocolate Cake Signature bake
- FD30 Victoria Sponge Signature Bake
- FD31 Scones (6)
- FD32 Sausage Rolls (1)
- FD33 Home Baked Loaf
- FD34 Preserves
- FD35 Chutney
- FD36 Fruit Liqueur

### Children's (all have categories for preschool, primary & secondary)

- CH45 Art (any medium)
- CH47 Freestyle Constructed model (any materials)
- CH48 Design 'Your Own Garden'
- CH49 Photo 'Celebration'
- CH50 Photo 'Pets'
- CH51 Baked item and recipe
- CH52 2 cup cakes
- CH53 Flowers, plant or vegetable you have grown



## Wansford Horticultural & Crafts Society. Entry form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Child entry only: pre-school/ primary/ secondary. Please select one)

### How to enter.

Entry is free of charge

- Entry forms can be submitted until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 by 8pm. Email [wansfordshow@gmail.com](mailto:wansfordshow@gmail.com) or sent to: Rhona Punter 4 Elton Road, Wansford PE8 6JD
- Entry form will only be accepted with your full name and contact details. For a child's entry, highlight age grouping.
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**In attendance :** Cllrs Stannage (Chair): Clarke, Johnson, Garner, Handley and Thorley.

Apologies received from Cllr Pearson, Cllr G. Elsey and The Clerk, Mrs J Sardeson

There were no members of the public present.

**Public Time:** It was agreed that members of the public could participate in the discussion on items on the Agenda or bring up their own concerns but on a time limited basis (10 minutes)

## **Planning**

There were four planning applications, all tree related, two of which had already been permitted. The other two were referred to The Tree Officer at PCC

## **Around the Village**

Telephone box/ Defibrillator: Time for sprucing this up as its now going pink. A purpose designed kit will be purchased to do the job. Cllr Stannage inspects the equipment every month and reported that, to date, it has never been used.

Vehicle Activated Speed sign (currently on Old North Road). This has been deemed a success as it is achieving its aim of slowing down traffic as it enters the village.

Road Signs: Cllr Handley is progressing the removal of the large directional signs around the village and the purchase and erection of three more traditional, finger post sign.

Footpath Warden: Cllr Garner volunteered to take on this role. He will liaise with PCC and neighbouring Parish Councils to establish a plan for routes, maintenance etc

Right of Way from Nene Close to Community Hall: a document verifying the long term usage of the path has been sent to PCC.

Old Leicester Road/A47 junction: PCC have at last agreed to send someone out to assess the safety aspect of the junction.

Dualling of the A47: Cllr Clarke gave an update. The design documents (DCO) have now been sent to the Planning Inspectorate and in due course a notice will be served whereby the public can register to comment on the proposals.



Meanwhile, Highways England have produced a 55 page report on traffic modelling at the Western roundabout which dismisses the idea of using “intelligent” traffic lights instead of a roundabout. However, an independent expert modelling report has shown that there would be a 30% improvement in traffic flow if lights were used.

### **Correspondence:**

A letter was received from an 8 year old girl asking if the plastic waste bins in the village could be replaced with wooden ones. WPC replied that this would be done as and when they needed replacing.

There was also an enquiry about the feasibility of a litter pick around the village with regard to insurance. The Chairman responded that, as they were authorised by the Parish Council, they would be covered.

**And Finally...** “we have a wonderful facility here with the River Nene but with no access to the river bank” quote from Cllr Garner. There followed a discussion on the potential and viability of establishing a leisure area on the bank, including launching facilities. However, this is made more complex as there are several owners of parcels of land near the picnic area between the A47 and the river bank. This idea will continue to be progressed by WPC.

### **Date of next meeting**

August 9th 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

*Cllr Viv Thorley*

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### **WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **SIBSON-cum-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Sibson-cum-Stibbington held their Parish Council meeting at The Christie Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 commencing at 7.35 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS HELD UNDER STRICT COVID 19 CONDITIONS

Five Councillors and the Parish Clerk and one member of the public were in attendance.

Flooding issues - full report expected from HDC.

Planning Applications- 21/01109/HHFUL and 21/01110/LBC - 4 London Road. Comments posted on HDC Planning Portal.

There were reports of Fireworks being activated along the Elton Road late at night causing distress to both residents and animals. It is illegal to activate Fireworks after 11pm at night and if reported to the Police, it could be considered a crime. It would be helpful if neighbours could be informed prior to this type of activity taking place.

An Invitation to join Virtual roundtable meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was received and read out at the meeting.

Street Name numbering - The Old Hangar, Sibson Airfield, Sibson is now to be known as: The Lodge, The Old Hangar, Sibson Airfield, Sibson.

The LHI Grant applied for by the Parish Council has been approved. Talks are ongoing with Highways England regarding Old North Road Stibbington.

The Sign in New Lane damaged and a repair will take place.

Cycle West - This application has been refused by Peterborough City Council.

Wansford Village Sign - long overdue for replacement and will be ordered ASAP.

Complaints have been received from PC Staff and Contractors being verbally abused, when operating near the Wansford Bridge. Both the PC and HDC take any abuse of staff very seriously and would urge residents to be respectful.

It has been reported that Parachutists from Sibson Airfield are landing off course and frightening Dogs, Horses, and residents. Cars are being driven over private land to recover "strays". A letter will be sent reminding the Airfield that they should attend to the safety the Parachutists, Residents and Animals.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 commencing at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Christie Hall

## A message from your local councillor

Hi all,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who voted for me in the recent election, and to extend a hand of friendship to those who didn't – I know have 3 years to demonstrate why you should next time!

It has been a frantic couple of months since the election, I have attended seven of the eight parish council meetings held since the election and it is my intention to continue this and attend as many as I can. Parish councils are hugely important, and I am looking to work with all four as collaboratively as possible. I have also had a series of meetings in my new capacity of Chair of Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee. This along with full council and officer meetings, I have been busy.

This week, I spent an afternoon with the Managers of Aragon Services Ltd, conducting a Ward Walk, whereby we visited all five villages, looking at improvements that can be made to the waste and street-scene offering. Thanks to all four Parish Councils, who all put forward areas they wanted looking at. Ewe covered them all and Aragon are responding to them all, so I will report back.

- I have attended several meetings on behalf of and with the residents of Upton with Highways England, in relation to the A47 upgrade and the impact this proposed scheme will have on them. Equally, I have been working for the residents in Wansford to try and get some sense around both roundabouts at the A1-A47 interchange.
- I have represented the residents of Sutton at a planning committee and together we secured the decision they wanted. I have also pushed for and seen new white lines painted in the village.
- I have taken responsibility for pushing forward and forming a project group to build an evidence base and submission, for the proposed flyover at Wittering. I also continue to push for a satisfactory solution to the proposed 61 forced evictions in Wittering and we are making progress.

- I have assisted residents with issues over driveways and disabled access, replacement green bins and food caddies, planning matters, fly-tipping, and better access to services.

Now that we are returning to some form of “normal”, I will be looking to host a monthly surgery, so once this is in place, I will let you all know. I am also happy to get involved in any initiatives such as litter picks or community action days, so if you know of any, please let me know.

I am here to help, and my contact details are below and on the council website, so please contact me if I can be of help. I am only as good as the information I have, so if you see anything you think I can help with, please let me know.

Thanks

Gavin Elsey – Wittering Ward City Councillor 07738930599



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Dear Editor

Thanks very much for introducing us to the Team of doctors now at the Surgery in your July Edition. But I would like to know which of them had the mischievous sense of humour to commission the attached. I love the syringe lights, but try not to use the main door with the Grim Reaper above....

Peter Lee  
Sutton





Dear Tracy,

At last the Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's have been able to have a meeting ! It was good to be back together and we are planning for the safe restarting of the Coffee Stop and of course , our cake stall at the Horticultural Show on 28th August.

Caroline

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