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## Editorial

Dear readers

Our cover is graced by another lovely photo from John Measures - his garden robin sitting on eggs in an old teapot, looking out into the world. I wonder what animals make of us humans? Hopefully they look beyond problems and see us coming together in celebration - is that what this robin is observing? And there is much to celebrate.

This month sees **The Wansford Show** at Bradshaw's Field - celebration the best of village life, and there is still time to be involved - full details are on pages 14 and 15. The Woolsey Charity grant is open to young people of Wansford and Thornhaugh - there is a separate flyer accompanying our magazine this month, plus an overview is below, if you know someone who is eligible please make them aware.

Please continue to support your local magazine with contributions, letters and articles, they are much appreciated. All our contact details, and those of all your local contacts, plus important numbers, are listed inside the back cover.

Best wishes

Craig

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### Studying for a course?- Did you know you can apply for a grant?

Since the early 1990s the **Reverend Thomas Woolsey's Charity** has been giving for equipment to all students from Thornhaugh and Wansford for further education, apprenticeship or skills.

The Trustees of the charity will be meeting in September to allocate the grants, so there is plenty of time for any student to apply. Go to the website **thewoolseycharity.co.uk** to for more information and complete the application form.

Lisa Chambers, Secretary, Rev. Thomas Woolsey's Charity



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St. Leonard's, Apethorpe		
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Matins

St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP		
7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30 a.m.	All Age Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Family Service and Crafts

St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer		
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's. Woodnewton		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell		
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

## CASTOR BENEFICE

### Castor Benefice 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** 8.00am Holy Communion (said service) 10.15am - Sung Eucharist

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

Every **Wednesday** morning at **10am** there is a service of 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)

The next service at **St. John the Baptist, Stibbington** will take place on **Sunday 9th October at 4pm for Harvest Thanksgiving**, do come along, you will be assured of a very warm welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards.

**David Ridgeway**

## The Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's

Dates for your diaries for August; the next Coffee Stop will be Wednesday 17th August. After that we will be busy preparing for our cake stall at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 27th August. We hope to see you there- and remember , if we have more hot weather on 17th, St Mary's church has the best temperature in Wansford!

**Caroline Ashley**

## REFLECTIONS

I'm writing this in the middle of July, with the grain lorries rumbling past the vicarage in Nassington as the harvest begins. There certainly seems to be a lot

of activity in the fields at the moment before the forecast high temperatures. Something I always notice at this time of year is the occasional scattering of grain at a road junction where it seems as though a loaded grain lorry has lost a little of its cargo as the trailer negotiated the corner. Just like the straw we see on the side of the road when the bales are transported later, the grain reminds me of the work going on around us, and I find that this prompts me to prayer; prayer for the those who have harvested the grain I see, for those transporting it and for those who will benefit from the work of others in terms of food provided. So much of what we see around us can prompt us to prayer and reflection if we open the eyes of our hearts and minds.

Of course, at the moment, many will be thinking about the problems of gaining access to the grain from Ukraine which is so much needed, and the grain by the side of the road reminds me of the huge grain stores in that country and all the suffering there from the war, as well as the desperation of those who rely upon that grain. Seeing our loaded grain lorries along the roads has led to much thought and prayer for those affected most deeply by ongoing global food crises.

Sights and sounds of the harvest also lift my heart in thanksgiving for the beauty of the natural world and the many gifts we receive from living in such a wonderful place. I hope that there are sights and sounds that lift your hearts and encourage you for another day. Whether it leads us to prayer, reflection, thanksgiving, or simply a greater awareness of our surroundings, may this be a time when we open our eyes to the wonders and challenges of our world and our own location.

Finding quiet places for reflection is not always easy, but we are fortunate that we can have our churches, St. Andrew's and St. Mary's, open during the day, and I often say to people that we can never know who goes into our churches when they are open, or why; we are just so pleased to be able to offer this space. And of course, our ancient, stone-built buildings are often the coolest places in hot weather, so everyone is most welcome to take a break from any more hot weather in our cool and peaceful surroundings – all are welcome, for whatever reason!

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## THE ARTS SOCIETY PETERBOROUGH

The Arts Society (a leading arts education organisation) brings people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. Each year The Arts Society Peterborough (TASP) holds nine illustrated talks on many interesting, informative and entertaining topics. The talks are held at The Fleet in Fletton, Peterborough on the second Thursday of each month (except June, July and August) starting at 10.45am. They are a good way to meet likeminded people, chat with friends over a cup of coffee before the talk commences, and non-members are always welcome to join us.

In addition to the live talks, annual members also receive additional benefits. If you wish to find out more about our Society or about becoming a member, please visit our website for more information: [www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk). This year's varied programme of talks includes The Koh-i-noor Diamond; Why Morocco got painted Blue; 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sculpture; The Fascination of Jewellery, and Is Christmas in Good Taste? More details about each of these talks can be found on our website. Our next two talks are described below:

### 8th September 2022

#### **Morocco Blues - Why and how Morocco got painted blue by Elizabeth Gowing.**

The stories behind the blue pigment used for the fishing boats and doorways of photogenic Essaouira on the Moroccan coast.

### 13th October 2022

#### **Constantin Brancusi and 20th Century Sculpture by David Worthington.**

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## STIBBINGTON & WANSFORD WI

### Today's women working for tomorrow's world

**Presentation given by Lucy Lewis,  
The UK's First Female Bomb Disposal Expert**



Stibbington & Wansford Women's Institute welcomed a very different presenter to its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 12 July 2022. Previous WI presentations on subjects such as beekeeping, designing knitting patterns and cultivating blueberries entered a whole new genre with a talk given by Lucy Lewis, the UK's first female bomb disposal expert. Given that WI presentations aim to educate, you may wonder if the subject of bomb disposal was likely to be of use to her audience but, after listening to the presentation, perhaps the main lesson to be learned from Lucy was that a self-disciplined and focused mind can do anything.

Lucy's bomb disposal days were just over 20 years ago but the publication of her book 'Lighting the Fuse' published by Orion in 2021 has led her to present to groups those years of her life when her work in bomb disposal could be compared to a scary game of 'Russian roulette' and, in her words, she was lucky. I note that her book is not only dedicated to her family but also to a colleague who was not so lucky and whose life ended at the age of 29.

The path that took her there was clearly a sense of adventure which developed through her time travelling around South America, sailing up the Amazon and then embarking upon a 2-year voyage around the world in a tall ship, the Zebu, with Operation Raleigh during which time Lucy never quite developed sea legs and was constantly nauseous. After that, life back in the UK seemed rather dull working in airport security and so, after a stint with the Territorial Army in 1988, Lucy rather incredulously (her word) found herself arriving at Sandhurst for officer cadet training after being selected as one of 48 women in her year alongside 380 men. Lucy gave an account of her time at Sandhurst with hilarious stories of how she and her fellow officer cadets survived the training college's formal dinners where the high jinks of all ranks were the order of the day, presumably designed to test creativity and resilience, as well as her disasters in learning how to use a gun as their standard provision of a Browning 9mm pistol is designed to accommodate a larger, man's hand. She was also able to get through a total of 7 ironing boards during her time there because of the Army's stringent rules on officer uniforms with the expectation to have impeccably ironed shirts, skirts and trousers. Lucy went on to learn how to defuse and wire mines, defuse bombs, deal with chemical weapons, how best to cross a minefield (by crawling through it rather than round it), blow up bridges, and how to wire a fridge for maximum effect on opening its door (I liked her up to that point!).

Lucy went on to serve with the Women's Royal Army Corps and the Royal Military Police. She served in Northern Ireland (her most challenging time), Cyprus, Germany, the UK and also worked in Jordan on a special project for the Jordanian Royal Family. Her talk referenced the many bombs that remain deep under cover in London and explained that the complexity of bombs today is more challenging than those of WW1 and WW2 when they were conveniently coded on their casing and easier to identify.

Life after bomb disposal has led Lucy to be appointed Cambridge University Marshall in 2018, and she was the first woman to hold the role since it was established on 7 December 1620. Part of the role of the University Marshall is to participate in Cambridge University graduation ceremonies and to carry a 400-year-old mace. In her words, Lucy describes the ceremonies as a piece of theatre which is conducted entirely in Latin. It sounds a world away from her days in bomb disposal with the risks that she and her colleagues were trained and willing to take. In her book's acknowledgements Lucy thanked the Zebu, the tall ship that took her round the world, and her fellow venturers who sparked something in her all those years ago teaching her that she was capable of more. Well done, Lucy - and thank you for coming to Wansford!





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**RAF HURRICANE FLYPAST**

*We are delighted to announce the running order for our Show on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August.*

<b>1200</b>	<b>Show Opening</b>
<b>1215 - 1345</b>	<b>Live Music, Wansford Ukulele Folk</b>
<b>1230 - 1630</b>	<b>Children's entertainer (Magic Shows)</b>
<b>1250</b>	<b>RAF Hurricane Fly-past &amp; Village Thank You (Marge Beuttell)</b>
<b>1300</b>	<b>Horticulture &amp; Craft Marquee opens (1130 - 1300 Judging)</b>
<b>1330 - 1430</b>	<b>Garden Question Time</b>
<b>1400 - 1530</b>	<b>Live Music, Yarwell &amp; Nassington Britannia Brass Band</b>
<b>1430 - 1530</b>	<b>Tug of War (North vs South rematch)</b>
<b>1530 - 1600</b>	<b>Award of Horticulture &amp; Craft Trophies, Raffle Draw.</b>
<b>1600 - 1715</b>	<b>Live Music, Herbie Lamb Jazz Quartet</b>
<b>1730</b>	<b>Show Close</b>

*The RAF have confirmed the flypast for 1250 hrs !!*



**Tickets are now on sale in the Wansford Post Office/Shop and until 23<sup>rd</sup> August 'Early Bird' tickets will be just £3. Tickets on the day will be £4 (under 16 free)**

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You can get involved by entering exhibits into the **Horticultural & Craft Show Marquee**. This year we have a jubilee theme and plenty of classes for everyone to enjoy. We really encourage everyone to have a go and have some fun. List of classes & entry form below.

Wansford Show 'Classes to Enter' - Have Some Fun !		
Vegetables & Fruit (no.)	Flowers & Floral Art	Crafts, Art & Photography
V1 Potatoes (x5)	F21 Large Dahlias (x3)	CA38 Knitting or Crochet
V2 Onions (5)	F22 Small Dahlias (3)	CA39 Cushion, Tapestry or Quilt
V3 Carrots (3)	F23 Collection of garden flowers (10)	CA40 Any other Crafted article
V4 Runner beans (6)	F24 Collection Roses (5)	CA41 Art (any medium) Landscape, Wildlife, Portrait
V5 Dwarf French Beans (6)	F25 Single Rose (1)	P46 Jubilee - Royal Themed photo
V6 Beetroot (3)	F26 Hanging basket/Patio Pot	P42 Quartet of themed photos
V10 Tomatoes (garden) (5)	F27 Best Garden	P43 Black & white Photo
V7 Tomatoes (breefsteak) (3)	FA29 Floral Art 'The Queen & I'	P44 Photo of Bird(s)
V8 Tomatoes (cherry) (8)		P45 Photo Dramatic weather
V9 Tomatoes (plum) (5)		
V11 Cucumber (1)		
V12 Courgettes (3)		
V13 Fresh Herbs (4)		
V14 Other vegetables (3)		
V15 Apples dessert (5)		
V16 Apples cooking (5)		
V17 Pears (5)		
V18 Plums (5)		
V19 Veg collection		
V20 Fruit collection		
Food and drink		
	FD29 Victoria Sponge Technical Challenge	
	FD30 Chocolate Cake Signature bake	
	FD31 Jubilee Cake for Royal Afternoon Tea Signature bake	
	FD32 Scones (6)	
	FD33 Sausage Rolls (3)	
	FD34 Home baked Loaf	
	FD35 Preserve	
	FD36 Chutney	
	FD37 Fruit Liqueur	
Children's (all have categories for pre-school, primary & secondary)		
		Ch47 Art (any medium)
		Ch48 Freestyle Constructed model (any materials)
		Ch49 Art - The Queen
		Ch50 Photo 'Jubilee'
		Ch51 Photo 'Pets'
		Ch52 Baked item and recipe
		Ch53 3 cup cakes
		Ch54 Flower, plant or vegetable you have grown



## Wansford Horticultural & Crafts Society. Entry form

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(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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 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.

• **Photography classes only – entered to 4, Elton Rd, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2022 5-7pm**

• Exhibits can be placed in the marquee from 9 – 10.30am on the morning of the show. Please park on the field

• Your contact details will only be used to notify you if you have won a prize.

• Please also see the rules of the show within the Schedule 2022

Class number(s) entered		

Finally, we will soon be collecting bottle donations for our very popular **Tombola Stall**. Anything from Champers to Shampoo! A member of our team will knock on your door soon or contact Mandy Veni for your nearest drop off point ([mveni@btinternet.com](mailto:mveni@btinternet.com)) or drop off at Wedgwood Cottage, Elton Road.

Gary Punter  
Show Chairman ([garypunter@aol.com](mailto:garypunter@aol.com))

## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council met on 11 July 2022, 6 councillors and the Parish Clerk were present

The following items were discussed: -

Minutes of previous meeting approved

### **A47 Dualling**

WPC have now submitted all WPC's responses to the Planning Inspectorate Enquiry for the scheme., The inspector will publish his decision by 11 October 2022.

### **Telephone Kiosk with Defibrillator**

The more observant of you may have noticed that members of WPC have fully redecorated our telephone kiosk, which should keep it smart for some time to come. A considerable effort was required to bring it back to the high standard you see. A nearby resident was also a huge help.

### **Old Leicester Road HGV's**

WPC are investigating if a 7.5T limit could be imposed on this road to stop HGV's cutting through the village when there is an alternative route.

### **Planning.**

A retrospective Planning application has been made in respect of the two metre high fence on the corner of Peterborough Road. Any fence on the highway boundary over one metre high requires planning permission. WPC's view is that the decision should follow Peterborough City Council's approach in such a prominent position in a Conservation area.

In the Yarwell area a planning appeal has been submitted to extract gravel near the Yarwell Mill development for use on an associated farm. WPC are against this appeal on increased Traffic grounds and concerns over its future use.

### **Accounts**

The accounts and planned expenditure were approved.

### **Wansford picnic site**

PCC are being requested to ask Aragon Contractors to collect the bagged rubbish, which is apparently not in their contract!

### **A47 west and A1 roadworks.**

WPC are to express their concern to National Highways that traffic noise in the next months when the A1 may be closed at night will affect adjoining homes. Particularly due noise created by traffic driving over potholes.

### **Sutton Station and A47**

WPC supports Sutton PC proposal to resite the old historic Sutton Railway Station to south of the A47. It is due to be demolished by the planned dualling, rather than parts only to be moved to Peterborough.

### **Trees blocking footpaths**

Will all owners of trees that are overhanging footpaths please trim them back to a 2.2 metre headroom. If PCC contractors carry out this work the owner can expect an expensive bill!

**Cllr Martyn Handley**

## THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Thornhaugh Parish Council met on Thursday 18th July 2022 – Details are available online.

**Date of Next Meeting** - The next meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 19th September 2022 in St Andrew's Church.



# SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at The Christie Hall on Thursday 7th July 2022 – 6 Councillors, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public were in attendance.

During the Public Forum the following issues were raised –

Yellow Lines – Cllr Beuttell has been back in touch with Karen Lunn (hold up from Nene Valley Railway) going back out to public consultation – Cllr Beuttell stated needs to be done ASAP – follow up in couple weeks' time.

Double yellow lines on bridge – Cllrs Beuttell and Bradshaw to look at feasibility.

More bollards were requested to be placed along Old Great North Road.

Workshop - Change of Use of buildings next to Nene Valley Railway is going to appeal, and the date is yet to be announced.

Resident reported dreadful state of road when come past Café, potholes, lorry side road tarmac peeling back.

Roman Drive at Church Lane slip road coming over A1 by Café - Lorry overspill. The PC has been informed that Lorry Drivers do have access to services but do not have access to Café

Large transporters approx. 4 a day opposite old car wash i.e. slip road and doubling back – blocking entrance – needs to be signage at Breakers Yard – Cllr Beuttell will request signage.

More signs needed leaving Café North and South – cannot see signs that are there for overgrown trees. PC will find out who is responsible for maintaining trees.

Entrance into the village (being used as an emergency exit – would be nice to have a sign to restrict all vehicles coming through that way, however it was felt that this may not be viable.

Footpath from Bridge to Wansford overgrown with brambles - agreed Parish Clerk would ask Mr Knibbs to cut back ASAP.

Planning applications received:

NE/21/01184/LDP – Land Adjacent Yarwell Mill – report

22/01085/HHFUL – 51 Church Lane, Stibbington

20/00786/FUL – Workshop North of Wansford Station – see above.

22/01334/TELDET – Arqiva Ltd (Street Record New Lane)

NE/22/00266/FUL on North Northants Council website – not in our district but Cllrs asked to have a look at application.

Bridge backed up again – traffic parked right up to it. A request for Bollards to be installed as a temporary measure until a meeting with our Local Highways Officer.

Support for Sutton train station – Cllr Turner updated on the current situation and what is happening there – feels the Parish Council should assist – it was agreed that Cllrs Engel and Turner would have a look round site and report back to the Parish Council

Cllr Beuttell welcomed Mr Hull – a belated Xmas Box was given to him with the Parish Councillors thanking him for what he does for the village i.e. for all the litter he picks up – keeping area of village clean.

**Next meeting** scheduled for Thursday 1st September 2022 in the Christie Hall commencing at 7 p.m. Meetings scheduled for Thursday 7th July 2022 in the Christie Hall commencing at 7pm.

## Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

*Our Events are up and running*

Our big activity this month is the Wansford Show. Hoping to see you all. (see pages 2,14,15)

Beyond the Show, on 24-25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, we have arranged an overnight trip to the brand new **RHS garden at Bridgewater** near Manchester. The trip is available to members and friends of the Wansford Horticultural Society. We have a few spaces available, therefore if you have a yearning to see the lovely gardens you would be very welcome. The cost is £160 (single) and £235 (couple) and includes travel, Novotel Hotel, Dinner & breakfast, entrance to RHS Bridgewater & NT Clumber Park. We leave at 0830 on Saturday and return 1830 on Sunday. Please contact Quentin Arnold ([qarnold@eastofengland.org.uk](mailto:qarnold@eastofengland.org.uk)) or myself ([garypunter@aol.com](mailto:garypunter@aol.com)) for details.



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Sunday 28/08/22	Orton/ Motley/ Admiral/ T20s	Home	11am
Sunday 4/09/22	Ufford	Home	1pm

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