

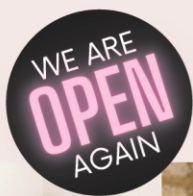
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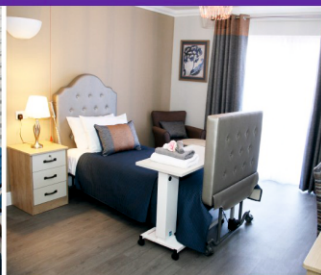
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Editorial

Dear readers

Green shoots are apparent everywhere. Spring may well be a little way off but tell that to the birds first thing in the morning! Our cover photograph from John shows some Long Tailed Tits on his garden feeder. I resisted putting his image of spring lambs on the cover - that will appear next month.

There's a lot of activity around the villages - the Men's Breakfast Club launched in December and is promoting it's next meeting in February (Page 17); Thornhaugh Book and Social Club are looking for new members on Page 17, and the Art Society Peterborough have their diary dates on page 15, plus regular activity from The local WI and Horticultural Clubs too. There's also timely advice about dating apps from Safe Local Trades over the page.

Did you know that Living Villages runs a subscription service? We have a handful of people who have moved away from the area but like to keep in touch with Village Life by getting a regular copy of the magazine. If you are moving away or know someone who has and would like to sign up for the service, please fill in the form below, or email me at craig@ascotgraphics.co.uk.

Best wishes

Craig

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Don't be tempted to fall in love at first swipe this Valentine's season

FEBRUARY is the season of love and romance – but it is also a key date for fraudsters aiming to steal your money as well as your heart. According to statistics from Action Fraud, reports of romance fraud have increased by 40 per cent in the year to April 2021.

Dating online without meeting in person has become the new normal throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

However, fraudsters have duped those looking for love out of an estimated £73.9m during this period, with Action Fraud receiving 7,754 reports.

Sadly, due to many victims feeling too embarrassed or upset to tell the authorities, this figure is likely to be much higher.

Some seven million UK residents are believed to be registered on dating sites, with Tinder taking the lion's share of the market when it comes to online dating apps.

However, while for many it may be romance and roses; for countless others it can spiral into heart break and financial misery when looking for love at first swipe.

Fraudsters trick victims into sending money or gather enough personal information to steal their identities, resulting in financial and emotional misery.

The majority of accounts on dating websites are genuine people looking for romance or companionship, but fraudsters may try to contact you by making fake profiles, getting in touch and building what feels like a loving relationship.

Once a fraudster using a fake dating profile is confident that they've won your trust, they will tell you about a problem they're experiencing and ask you to help out by sending money.

They may have arranged to visit you but need money to pay for the flight or visa. They may tell you everything has been booked but their ticket has been stolen, and you need to send money quickly to get them on the next flight.

Alternatively, they may prey on your sympathies, telling you a family member or someone else they are responsible for is ill and they need money for medical treatment.

Once you send them money, the fraudsters will keep coming back and invent new reasons to send them more.

There are a few simple steps to keep yourself, and your loved ones, safe:

D - Don't rush into an online relationship. Get to know the person, not the profile, ensuring you ask plenty of questions. The vast majority of romance fraud is initiated online.

A - Analyse their profile. Protect yourself by confirming their identity. Check the person is genuine by putting the following into your search engine: their name, profile picture (by simply using a reverse image search) and any repeatedly used phrases, along with the term 'dating scam'.

T - Talk to your friends and family. Be wary of anyone who tells you not to tell others about them. Romance fraud involves grooming over a long period of time. Alienating a victim from their friends and family can make up part of that process.

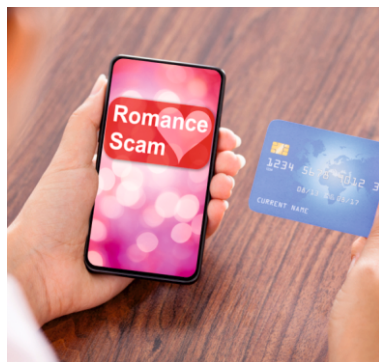
E - Evade scams. Never send money or share your bank details with someone you've only met online. It doesn't matter how long you've been speaking to them or what story they give behind needing the sum.

S - Stay on the dating site messenger service.

Fraudsters will often encourage their victims to use different communications channels that are often undetectable. Be confident that you know who you are speaking to and be wary if they fail to meet you in person.

If you think you are a victim of romance fraud, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. For more information on this and other types of fraud, visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

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6 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20 th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion BCP		
6 th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	All Age Communion
13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27 th	9.30am	Family Service with Crafts

St Andrew's, Thornaugh		
6 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
13 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20 th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
27 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27 th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

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Our next service and get-together will be 'A St. Patrick's Day Service' on 20th March at 1 pm followed by food and 'liquid refreshments' with an Irish theme. (Note the earlier time than usual)

The most observant readers will spot that St. Patrick's Day is 17th March - well, we have selected the closest Sunday to celebrate the Irish's great day! Enjoy great company amongst friends.

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I suppose all the Christmas decorations are safely away by now; after all you are reading this in February! Even so, in the Church, the Christmas/Epiphany season only really ends on 2nd February, when we remember the story of when the young child Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, and two faithful people, Simeon and Anna recognised this child as the long-awaited Messiah, the Light of the World. The day is called Candlemas, as on this day, traditionally, the candles for use during the year, were blessed.

On this day, or the nearest Sunday, we hold a special Candlemas service. This year the service is on 30th January you might be in time to join us at Nassington Church at 10 am that day. During the service we light candles, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the World, and after special prayers we blow out the candles, reminding ourselves that although we extinguish our candles to mark the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season, the Light of Christ is never extinguished. As we hear on Christmas Day, "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. Also during this service we reflect on turning away now from the Crib to the Cross, as we are not that far away from Lent.

For me that reminds me that the new year isn't just about trying to turn away from what is wrong, to set new resolutions, but also to consider how we are sometimes called to leave behind good things as our life changes and moves on. Perhaps this might be a change of home or job, moving from education to employment, or retirement, or moving nearer family, or perhaps into more sheltered accommodation. We face many changes in our lives when we find we are moving from good things to something new. That isn't always easy – staying with the wonderfully comforting Christmas stories might feel easier than preparing to hear again the stories of Jesus' self-giving on the Cross. However, we are called to discover new things, to venture on, taking with us what we have learned that strengthens us for new challenges. Whatever the rest of this year holds for you, may you know the Light of Jesus guiding you and comforting you.

With every blessing,
Rev. Jane

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 will be Holy Communion at Castor.

Please note that on **Ash Wednesday, 2nd March** there will be three services in the Benefice...

Castor 10.00am - Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes

Marholm 12.30pm - Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes

Castor 7.30pm - Sung Eucharist with the imposition of ashes

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

Please see poster (right) for the next service, to be held in **Stibbington**, on **Pancake Sunday**

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Now that things are starting to get back to normal, we are back to planning events.

We will have had another winter Coffee Stop on Wednesday 26th January and our next meeting will be Wednesday 23rd February after Morning Prayer.

Advance notice - we are hoping to have 2 frugal Lent Lunches in St Mary's church on Wednesdays 9th March and 6th April, supporting the Afghanistan Appeal.

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Stibbington and Wansford Women's Institute welcomed Claudine Garner and Andrea Togher to their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 11 January 2022. Claudine and Andrea are members of the Nene Coppicing and Crafts voluntary group who are dedicated to promoting heritage woodland skills, conservation and crafts. Their presentation showed the work of the group at Sacrewell Farm and Castor Hanglands, near Upton. They also work at Ferry Meadows and Grimshaw Wood, Bretton. Andrea told us that there are currently 30 members within the group and new members are always welcome but anyone wishing to visit their sites to see their work is also welcome. They can be found at Sacrewell Farm on a Wednesday next to the blacksmith and the gin and chocolate makers! There you will find them demonstrating how to weave willow, weave peg loom rugs and make wooden stools. They encourage visitors to make something such as wicker garlands for decoration and quoits to throw, and their children's wands made from willow with a star shape at the end have proven to be very popular. Sacrewell Farm is currently developing a sensory garden and their volunteers are busy weaving willow fencing as well as weaving hedgerows. They have also built their own outdoor shelter at Sacrewell to store willow which must be stored outside for 6 to 8 weeks to dry and then soaked overnight before it can be used for weaving.

Claudine spoke about Castor Hanglands and its woodland management. Coppicing takes place in the colder months to prepare for new growth in the spring and summer. A tool called a bill hook is used in the coppicing process. The wood collected from coppicing is burned in kilns during the summer to make charcoal and some members of the group camp out overnight during this time in order to keep the kilns burning. Their charcoal is sold at Willowbrook Farm, Mould (the Nassington butcher) and in Stamford Garden Centre for £7.50 a bag. They also make artists' charcoal sticks. Claudine grew up in France and, interestingly, she has found a word in the English woodland skills vocabulary - faggot - which she claimed is of

French origin, a faggot being a bundle of long branches bound together as fire wood. Claudine and Andrea brought with them a selection of their many crafted items such as wicker baskets, whittled wooden spoons (one particularly interesting carved hazel spoon), Christmas decorations woven in the shape of a Christmas tree and a star, some of which can be seen in the photographs displayed here.

This was the first of the WI's presentations for 2022 and there are many more such interesting talks planned in the coming months from the experiences of a bomb disposal expert to a beekeeper!



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On the 13th of December, all 7 councillors and 2 members of the public attended a General meeting of the Parish Council.

Details were printed in December's Living Villages magazine and are available online.

A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling Update – January 2022

The Planning Inspector has now made serious progress with his review of the National Highways (the new name for Highways England) DCO Application (effectively the planning application) for the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling. The work by the Planning Inspector has been very impressive with questions being asked of National Highways in most of the areas that Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils have been asking for several years. In particular he has asked National Highways to demonstrate how the Wansford western roundabout will perform with its increased traffic load and how the scheme achieves a balance between risks to heritage assets and nature conservation.

Online hearings were held using Teams on the 11th and 12th January to discuss the procedures for completing the review and the wording of the draft DCO order. Both meetings were attended by National Highways and representatives of the Sutton, Wansford and Upton communities. It was rather disappointing that Peterborough City Council chose not to join in the discussions.

Following these meetings, the Planning Inspector has published a letter which sets out the detailed timetable and procedures for the rest of the examination. This can be found at

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010039-000394>

The timetable contains numerous deadlines and hearings through to mid-July 2022. Probably the easiest way to follow what is going on is to look at the Documents tab on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at

infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-wansford-to-sutton/

This contains copies of all the submissions made to the Planning Inspector in relation to the Application.

To make access to these links easier, they appear on the Wansford Parish Council website www.wansfordvillage.com.

It is going to be a busy first half of the year.

Richard Clarke
Wansford Parish Council

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be postponed until Thursday 27th January and we were therefore unable to report to Living Villages.

We will obviously report back from our meeting in January in the February edition.

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 15th November 2021 in St Andrew's Church. Details were printed in December's Living Villages magazine and are available online.

Date of Next Meeting The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 17th January 2022 in St Andrew's Church.



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. This year's varied programme of talks includes The Koh-i-noor Diamond; Why Morocco got painted Blue; 20th 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 three talks are described below:

10TH FEBRUARY 2022

The British Stable by Christopher Garibaldi

An architectural and historical exploration of the evolution of the British stable from the late mediaeval period to the end of the 18th century, when horsepower literally gave way to mechanical power, to the present day when so many of the stables have been turned into tea shops.

10TH MARCH 2022

Picasso in Britain - Art, Politics and Outcry by Kate Aspinall

This lecture investigates the tumultuous relationship Picasso had with Britain, in both his personal politics and his art. His visits to Britain in 1919 and 1950 and his monumental work, Guernica 1937 reveal a multitude of fascinating connections between the most prolific artist of the 20th century and a country on the verge of its global renaissance.

14TH APRIL 2022

Origins: Cave Paintings to the Greeks by Giles Ramsay

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Time For a Break

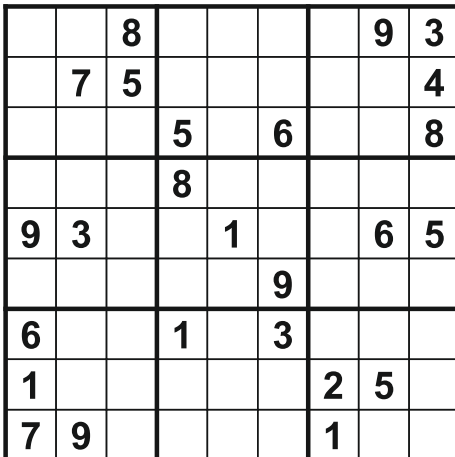
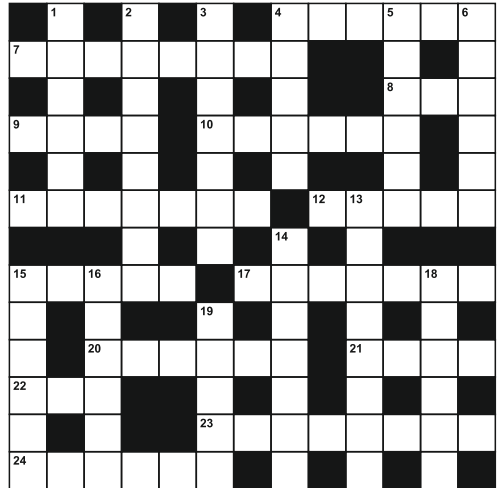
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- 7 - Geniality (8)
- 8 - Cereal plant (3)
- 9 - Hind part (4)
- 10 - Climbing tool (6)
- 11 - Tidal mouth of a river (7)
- 12 - Cairo is in this country (5)
- 15 - Nocturnal insects (5)
- 17 - In a hurried manner (7)
- 20 - Wrench an ankle (6)
- 21 - Chickens lay these (4)
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- 23 - At work (2-3-3)
- 24 - Violin (6)

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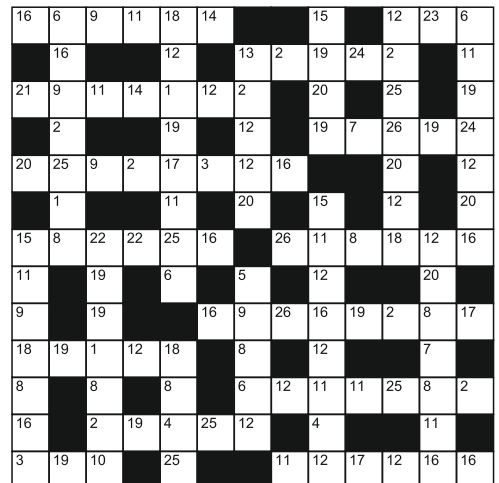
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- 2 - Exhaustive (8)
- 3 - Beseech (7)
- 4 - Curves (5)
- 5 - Tempestuous (6)
- 6 - Meaning; purpose (6)
- 13 - Assembled (8)
- 14 - Iron attractors (7)
- 15 - Group of mountains (6)
- 16 - Sampled (food) (6)
- 18 - Isolated inlet of the sea (6)
- 19 - Small boat (5)



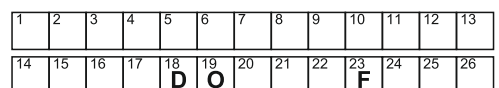
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our first full meeting went ahead on 4th December with 16 attending and all enjoyed an excellent breakfast from the Queens Head and a talk 'Charities- Saints or Sinners' from past charity CEO and Nassington resident Ian McGregor.

Our next meeting will be at 8.30am finishing by 10.00am on Saturday 5th February at the Queens Head, Nassington (see left) and all are welcome by pre booking to
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THORNHAUGH BOOK/SOCIAL CLUB

We have a few vacancies to join our club. We meet on a Thursday, 6 weekly rotating between members houses for drinks and nibbles/ food. We are all ladies as it happens, and although we choose one or two books each time, the book is not the primary focus.

If you would like to join us please contact me,

nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk, and if we can accommodate you we will.

LITTER PICKING

Reminder that the Wansford and Thornhaugh groups will meet on Saturday 29th January. 10.30 am Also a shout out to Amelia Green who is litter picking for her volunteering section of D of E.

What a great idea ?

If anyone else is looking for ideas and needs someone to sign them off please do make contact,
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Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Our Village Society is in good health and you are invited to get involved in 2022!

In 2022 we plan an exciting range of events (table below) plus the Wansford Show for the whole village !

2022 Highlights will include 6 talks, 3 parties, 2 visits, 1 Show and we are working to attract a celebrity speaker !

No.	Date	Event	Location
	<i>confirmed or provisional</i>		
1	Sat 22 nd Jan	AGM	7.30pm Zoom
2	Thu 10 th Feb	Talk I: 'Live from the Potting Shed' by Martin Fish	On-line talk at 7.30pm
3	Thu 24 th March	Talk II: 'Houseplants' by Jane Perrone (former Guardian Garden editor and award winning 'On the Ledge' podcaster)	7.30pm Christie Hall
4	Sat 26 th March	Spring Party (dinner & drinks)	7.00pm Christie Hall
5	Thu 28 th Apr	Talk III: 'Auricula's, Theatre's and Plant Sales' by James Smallwood	7.30pm Christie Hall
6	Sat 14 May	Visit to Coton Manor and afternoon tea at 2.30pm	1pm Personal travel
7	June	Talk IV: 'Celebrity Speaker'	7pm Local Hotel
8	23 rd July	Summer Garden Party	Mandy's garden
9	Sat 27 th Aug	The 76th Wansford Show	Bradshaw's Field
10	24 th & 25 th Sep	RHS Bridgewater visit (Travel Saturday 24 th to a garden on route, hotel/dinner overnight, RHS on Sunday & return late afternoon.	Coach trip
11	20 th Oct	Interactive Garden Design - Joe Whitehead (Head Gardener, Burghley)	7.30pm Christie Hall
12	Nov	Craft Talk	7.30pm Christie Hall
13	Sat 3 rd Dec	AGM and Winter Party (dinner)	7.00 pm Christie Hall

Membership

Our paid membership has increased from 122 to 178 members which makes us one of the biggest Societies in the area. Our membership fee of £2.50 will remain the same for 2022. We will charge a nominal £1 for visitors at talks. Please contact our secretary Rhona, rhonapunter@aol.com regards becoming a member.

Learnings from 2021 – you are invited to help at the Wansford Show

Our Wansford Show was a big success and the larger format certainly put pressure on us as an organising team. If any villagers wish to get more involved in an even better Show, then you will be very welcome to join a Show Committee &/or volunteer for a few hours on the day. Last year we were delighted to get the help of 70 volunteers and we hope to do the same again: selling tickets; 1st aid provision; set-up & strip down of site; entering Classes ; selling Food & drink , selling plants; tombola; car parking & classic vehicles; organising Entertainment for all ages – music, magic, tug of war and children's games. Lets have fun !

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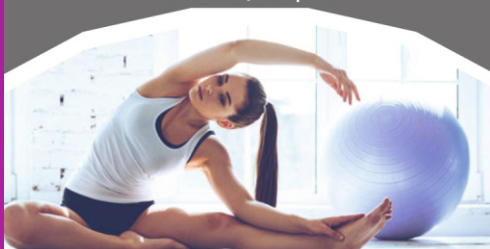
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