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## Editorial

Dear readers

Our family had a chance last month to have a few days on the South Coast, and were amazed to see Daffodil shoots much earlier than expected! Returning home to a hardy ground frost made for some wonderful walks in picturesque countryside but reminded us that winter is still here. Perhaps we all need to turn to page 24 and see what **Wansford Horticultural and Crafts Society** have in store for the spring and summer months? There is also of course a round up from your local Parish Councils, plus diary dates for Worship and the WI included in this month's magazine.

The Arts Society in Peterborough have another lively talk this month, and we are promoting early a blues concert taking place at Peterborough Parkway Club - details are overleaf.

Please continue to send in contributions and articles, and if you a potential contributor who has put off sending anything to us in the past, please don't hesitate to send something in the future! Articles on village pastimes and clubs - even quizzes, crosswords and puzzles - would all be most welcome.

Finally, we will soon be looking for a new distributor to take over the New Lane and Sibson Aerodrome area, so if you are interested please get in touch - our contact details are at the back of the magazine.

Best wishes

Craig

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

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## St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington

Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP

5 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP
5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	All Age Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Family Service and Crafts

## St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh

5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## St. Mary's, Wansford

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## St. Mary's, Woodnewton

5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

## St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell

12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

## CASTOR BENEFICE

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.

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The next service at **St. John the Baptist, Stibbington** will be **Pancake Sunday on the 19th of February at 6pm**, see opposite

**David Ridgeway**

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STIBBINGTON

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### **PANCAKE SUNDAY**



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Writing this in the middle of January, I am on the look out for those first signs of spring – the slightly lighter mornings and the gradual

## REFLECTIONS

lengthening of the late afternoon light, the first signs of plants nudging their way up out of the soil, and of course, particularly the wonderful snowdrops that always lift my spirits and remind me that winter is (almost!) on the way out. By the time our February magazine is issued we should have our usual, splendid show of snowdrops in our gardens and churchyards that I often mention about this time of year. They are just about my favourite flower, so I'm afraid they get used regularly in my letters!

I'm also aware of the "snow" part of their name so I'm hoping that February and March don't bring any snow, as I know they can! Apparently, statistically we are more likely to have a white Easter than a white Christmas, although I think that with our changing climate I think that is less likely now. When she was a teenager my sister often used to spend Easter sailing on the Norfolk Broads and often had photos of snow on the boats to share. Brrr!

I hope that we all have something that can lift our spirits through the winter, or whenever life seems challenging. I'm not a winter person so really look forward to the warmer months, but we all have times, I think, that we just have to slog through looking out for signs of better things to come. I know that for some those times will be far more than just putting up with the cold weather, and that signs of hope are sometimes few and far between. That seems particularly so at the moment as many struggle with the cost of living, the state of the NHS and all the other concerns about our future that surround us. That is when we need friends and family to keep us going, and for me, and I hope for you, a sense of God's presence to help lead us through and open our eyes to the signs of hope.

Spring brings the celebration of Easter; for many the ultimate sign of triumph over adversity, of God's love and power conquering even death. That celebration, though, is preceded by Lent, which begins in the middle of February this year. Lent begins with the story of Jesus in the wilderness and journeying through Lent reminds me that God walks with us through the emptiness of the wilderness and opens our eyes to glimpses of better things to come, even in the most unlikely places. Whatever your glimpses of encouragement may be, may you find them around you now, and perhaps some new ones as well.

With every blessing,

*Rev. Jane*

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

A big thank you to everyone who supports the food bank collection in the church; it's always very gratefully received.

There will not be a Coffee Stop in February, but on **Wednesday 1st March**, at **10.30 in St Mary's**.

**Caroline Ashley**

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Growing up in a family of motorsport fanatics, it was not surprising she caught the bug and has spent 52 years working within the sport. Ann first started her working career as a journalist on The Stamford Mercury, before moving to work full time in motorsport for the British Racing and Sports Car Club in 1971. It wasn't long before she started writing for Autosport magazine. She then became press officer, working with 8 World Champions, including Ayrton Senna. She was the press officer for Frank Williams' F1 team that had both Honda and Renault engines, when British drivers Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and David Coulthard were driving for the team.

As part of W series, Ann was very proud to explain that the ethos running through every level of the organisation is to actively find and encourage women into every aspect of Motorsport from drivers, through engineers, electricians, to those that work strategically on race tactics and managers that work behind the scenes.

Last year, Ann was awarded the lifelong achievement award by Motorsport UK, the governing body of motorsport in the UK, along with Jackie Stewart, who was picking up his award one year late due to COVID. Previous to this in 2017 she was inaugurated into the Formula 1 Paddock Hall of Fame.

Ann's talk was the first of a fantastic programme we have during the year, her enthusiasm and remarkable knowledge of the sport, may have converted a few more to watch the next F1 race.

The first few meetings of the year will be held in Wansford Community hall, if you wish to attend one of our upcoming meetings to hear one of our visiting speakers, please get in touch.

Please see below for our upcoming events:

**Tuesday 14th February 2023, 7pm** W.I. meeting Wansford Community hall.  
Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 7th & 21st February 2023, 2-4pm** Coffee & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

**Tuesday 14th March 2023, 7pm** W.I. meeting Wansford Community Hall.  
Speaker Julie Bickerton – Chair yoga, and pelvic floor awareness.

**Thursday 30th March 2023, 7.30pm** Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford

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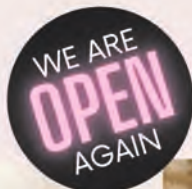
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## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



This month's news from Wansford Parish Council covers our meetings and other events in December 2022 and January 2023.

Both Parish Council meetings had 6 councillors in attendance and the January meeting was notable for having 3 members of the public present. They provided valuable input at the meeting. Why not try coming to a Parish Council meeting? They are quite interesting and you can ask questions of the councillors. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 13th February 2023 in the Community Hall. Unlike a couple of other council meetings I have been to recently, the Community Hall is nice and warm!

Wansford Parish Council is keen to find out more about what issues in the village interest the residents most. To do this we have produced a questionnaire which will be sent direct to those who responded to the leaflet in the December Living Villages. We will also send out a link on the Wansford community Facebook page and the various WhatsApp groups that operate in the village. You can also access the questionnaire on the Wansford Parish Council web site on Wansford Parish Council – Cambridgeshire, England ([wansford-pc.gov.uk](http://wansford-pc.gov.uk)) from Friday. Look under News.

The system for obtaining and renewing PCC bus passes is changing. From 1st February 2023, this can be done on line by logging in to [www.thebuspass.com](http://www.thebuspass.com). Alternatively, you can call 0345 045 1367 or go to Peterborough Library.

On the subject of buses, news from Peterborough is that there is a realistic chance of the bus service through Wansford restarting with a different provider. Watch this space for further developments.

There has been yet another application to base additional lorries at the King's Cliffe industrial estate. The licensing of these operations is in the hands of the Traffic Commissioner who does not accept submissions from Parish Councils. We are working with Peterborough City Council's Highways department for them to lodge an objection as they have with previous applications.

To minimise heavy vehicle traffic in the village, we are working with PCC Highways to try and introduce a 7.5T weight limit on Old Leicester Road. Unfortunately, a similar restriction cannot be applied to Old North Road as it provides the through route for traffic going to Yarwell and Nassington.

Residents will have seen that PCC has recently carried out repairs to the surfacing on the A47 west of the Wansford roundabouts. At the same time, they repaired the kerbs at the A47/Old Leicester Road junction. PCC has agreed to review the whole design of that junction and we have written to them reminding them that the repairs are not a substitute for that review. Thornhaugh has exactly the same problem with their junction onto the A47 so it would be sensible to do both sets of upgrades at the same time.

Wansford Parish Council has spent time reviewing the air quality in the village using a model devised by the air quality team at Imperial College. This shows that the likely concentrations of NOx and particulates in the village is within the current national limits set by DEFRA. This pollution is caused partly by traffic, partly by agriculture and partly by domestic heating. The parish council will continue to work with PCC to minimise traffic levels in Wansford.

Some residents may have noticed that the crash barrier work on the A1 has moved south to

the stretch between Wansford and junction 17. All residents have received a letter from National Highways explaining this. The work involves night time closures and a temporary speed limit. A trial of the measures to stop rat running through Wansford was carried out in early December including closing southbound access onto Old North Road. This was successful and we are liaising with the contractors and consultants involved to minimise any problems in the later stages. At the request of Wansford PC there will also be a review of the signage at the London Road, Peterborough Road and A47 slip roads. At present this is rather confusing. Part of the review will focus on making drivers aware of the weight limits on the bridge and Peterborough Road.

Be very careful with the temporary speed restrictions on the A1, those average speed cameras really do work. More than 2000 prosecutions happened as a result of people speeding on the Wansford to Stamford stretch of the A1 when it had a 40mph speed limit recently. Quite a number of the culprits were residents of local villages.

As part of the work on the A1, National Highways are looking at improving the path that runs from Stibbington to Stamford on the west side of the A1. Atkins, their consultants for this work, asked for the views of the local parish councils on the Wansford to Thornhaugh stretch as well as a more strategic look at the whole local footpath and cycleway system. Wansford Parish Council produced two reports and these have been discussed with Wittering and Thornhaugh Parish Councils. The existing path clearly needs a substantial upgrade as it is nowhere near current design standards, particularly in terms of separation from the main carriageway. Overall, the system would benefit from a similar path on the east side of the A1 as well as a crossing to link Wittering to the paths and bridleways around Barnack.

The poor performance of the lighting in the underpass under the A47 has been reported to National Highways. Hopefully they will replace all the lights with more reliable LEDs.

PCC asked if Wansford wished to add any new items to the local list of heritage assets. After a review, the only addition was the milepost north of the A47. Everything else is already covered by listings or the conservation area.

For some while now the gates into Standen's Pasture and the Wansford Pasture SSSI have been locked, preventing public access. For a few months every year the fields are grazed by sheep or cattle and it is understandable that the gates should be locked at these times. When there are no animals, there is no reason why the public should not have access to these fields. This is in line with Eric Standen's wishes and the declared policy of the Wildlife Trust that owns the fields. We are in dialogue with the Trust to get these gates opened.

Wansford PC and Sibson cum Stibbington PC intend to co-operate to hold a joint street party to celebrate the Coronation. There will be a 3 day weekend including a holiday on the Monday so residents are encouraged to organize their own local parties at other times. Please remember that if your party spills out onto the public highway you need official permission from PCC.

In the two meetings, Wansford Parish Council considered a number of planning applications:-

1. Extensions and alterations to 9 Robinswood – Having consulted the owners of nearby properties, WPC objected to this project on the basis that it was overdevelopment of the site and would remove light from the adjacent properties. The appearance of the extended house would also not be in keeping with the rest of Robinswood.
2. Erection of a two bedroom bungalow at Nene Close – WPC objected to the plans for this development, on the old garages site, because it did not leave enough space for other residents to access their garages.

3. Rear Extension to 9 Swanhill – WPC had no objection to this extension.
4. Tree works at 7 Robinswood, 13 Robins Field, 13 Old Leicester Road and 19 Old Leicester Road – WPC had no objection to this work.

The planning appeal hearing for the construction of 14 houses in Seeds Field stretched to two days, one in person and one online. Most of the time was taken up with debate about whether the PCC Local Plan included an adequate housing supply to satisfy government targets. This may seem irrelevant to such a small development but, if the developer can prove that the supply was not adequate, the constraints of the local plan, including village envelopes, are set aside. This happened a few years ago in Barnack, resulting in quite a large development. The Inspector's decision is awaited with interest.

Hopefully the recent cold weather has not impacted Wansford residents too much but please keep an eye on your neighbours to make sure that they are keeping warm and are able to get food and other supplies. Always the best solution is help from neighbours and friends but the Community Hall can be made available if people want to gather in a warm place. Spring will come soon and the longer hours of daylight will come with it. To mark the end of winter you could always celebrate the Spring Equinox which falls on the 20th March this year.

**Richard Clarke**



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*Thank you!*

## The A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling – A New Year Update

Six years after the planning for the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling project started, it seems as though the process is finally coming to a conclusion.

Between 11th January and 11th July 2022, Robert Jackson, the Examiner appointed by the Planning Inspectorate carried out a very detailed examination of the issues surrounding the project and he submitted his report to the Department for Transport on the 11th September 2022. Unfortunately, only the Secretary of State for Transport sees the report at this stage and it is published when the Minister makes his decision. This decision was due on the 11th January 2023 but has now been delayed to the 17th February 2023.

Robert Jackson made it clear to all that one of the issues he could not address was the cost of the project. As a result of this Wansford Parish Council wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport pointing out that, although we supported the project, the road alignment chosen by National Highways between the A47 Filling Station and the old railway bridge has the following issues:-

1. It is not the route preferred by the majority of the local community
2. It intrudes into a County Wildlife Site
3. It will result in the loss of a critical wildlife corridor and several veteran trees
4. It is on fissured clay which has a high risk of instability
5. It cannot be widened in the future
6. It makes poor provision for walkers and cyclists and it has no provision for horse riders
7. It will cost between £6 million and £10 million more than the route preferred by the local community.

Sutton Parish Council also wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport supporting these comments.

National Highways was asked to comment on this letter and they responded with a number of points including the statements that the cost of the project was not important and the possibility of future widening was of no concern to them. They also wrote that "There is no merit to Wansford Parish Council's suggestion", referring to the alternative route.

Wansford Parish Council then responded to the Secretary of State for Transport pointing out the absurdity of these remarks and also the evident contempt in which National Highways holds the local community. All this correspondence was copied to Shailesh Vara, our MP, with a request for him to lobby the Department for Transport. We will see what the 17th February brings.

**Richard Clarke**

## SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of The Parish Council was scheduled for **Thursday 26th January at The Christie Hall**. Details will be included in next month's edition of Living Villages Magazine.

## THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 16th January 2023 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Yana Clipsham, Neil Croft-Taylor, Louise Molesworth, Camilla Plumb, Richard Clarke and John Stannage of Wansford Parish Council, Alan Frost, Hannah Joyce and Deirdre McCumiskey, Parish Clerk.

There were apologies for absence from PCC Ward Councillor Gavin Elsey.

The Chairman wished to record the Parish Council's condolences to the Sharpley family on the passing of Mary Sharpley.

Public Forum: - Hannah Joyce requested that residents urgently submit articles for the Jubilee Memory Book to her if they have not already done so. She and Nicky Rogers will be compiling a final version soon. She has the pictures of the party taken by Alan Frost; Hannah Joyce said that three bird boxes (for swifts, starlings and bluetits) have been donated to the village by the John Clare Countryside Project. It was agreed that one would be allocated to be put up for the houses in Old Oundle Road falling into the Thornhaugh parish. Yana Clipsham to manage this. A second one would be put up at the Home Farm end of the village. Neil Croft-Taylor to manage this. One further box for the rest of Thornhaugh Village. Anyone in this part of the village who is interested should please contact Hannah, or any member of the Parish Council and John Stannage asked if the village has considered being involved in the Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough Scheme where volunteers help vulnerable residents. The Thornhaugh Parish Councillors had not been aware of this initiative previously and would be interested in understanding this further. The Clerk will obtain further information for future discussion.

Highways Issues - still no movement on the layby closure or a response to why the bus stop road markings were renewed for a defunct bus stop. The Chairman will continue to chase both for layby closure and for adjustments to be made to bus stop exit to make it easier for residents to pull out onto the A1. The bin on the footpath alongside the A1 has been moved to stop it blocking the footpath. See 8i) below. It is hoped that Wansford and Thornhaugh can work together on this, as the aims and objectives seem to be very similar. Wittering may also wish to be part of this joint communication in relation to improvements on the A47 in particular.

Defibrillator Training - Louise Molesworth is waiting to hear back from Community Heartbeat since we understood that training provision was part of the original contract. If they are not able to present the training, she will seek support from another direction. John Stannage expressed interest in sharing training sessions based in the Christie Hall for Wansford residents. Thornhaugh have already had c 35 expressions of interest and, as the sessions need to be kept to smaller numbers for practical reasons, this may require a separate session. Louise Molesworth will keep the Thornhaugh Parish Council and John Stannage updated on the progress.

Website Review - Jay Allsopp has submitted a revamped Website for the Parish Councillors to approve. The Parish Councillors were in agreement that he has done a great job and formally approved the Website. The Clerk will ask Jay what is needed from the Parish Council in order to populate and launch the revamped Website. Following Jay's request for images for the Website, Neil Croft-Taylor said he has a very old map of the Parish that could go onto the Website. He will liaise with Jay.

Flagpole - with apologies to everyone, the Chairman confirmed her mistaken belief that the flagpole was in Yvonne Birch's land which is not the case. The pole is therefore not available for relocation. With apologies for the confusion and for any inconvenience to Wendy Joyce.

Social Events - the Chairman said she had heard good reports of the Christmas Carol Event, thanks to Neil Croft-Taylor for his hard work and also to the Ukulele Band who once again were amazingly entertaining and made the event go with a swing. Also, thanks once again to Nicky Rogers who continues to support the event from the Bill Roger's Memorial Fund, but not forgetting the personal involvement by her in designing, producing and delivering the fliers. It was noted that £105 was raised for the Children's Society. Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb will meet to discuss the planning of the Coronation Event which will take place on 7th May 2023. The possibility of holding a Street Party at the end of Meadow Lane was mooted as was holding the event at the Home Farm end of the village. It was agreed to set aside up to a maximum of £1,000 to fund this event.

Village Sign - the Clerk will confirm to Glyn Mould that the Parish Council wish him to undertake the work on the Village Sign in the spring. The Village Sign can remain in situ in the meantime.

Home Farm Village Green - it was not possible to apply for a grant at such short notice. There were many obstacles which proved too difficult in such a short space of time. This has been put on hold pending further information from Martin Witherington if he wishes the Parish Council's involvement in the future once the space has been formally registered by Peterborough City Council as a designated Village Green.

Planning Applications - 22/01677/HHFUL - Addition of a bespoke, timber and double-glazed garden to rear elevation at The Hall, Thornhaugh Hall Estate, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Comment/Decision. No Objection; 22/01492/FUL - Change of use of land within the existing farmyard to Use Class B8 (storage and distribution) and change of use of existing agricultural buildings to Use Class E(g) (office, research and light industry) - Retrospective at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision. The Parish Council has submitted no objection subject to this, not extending the village envelope and not granted permitted development rights and CAS15A/0001/22 - Land to the east of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh, Peterborough Common Land Register - Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006: Land to the East of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision.

A1 Thornhaugh Layby Improvements – Richard Clarke and John Stannage of Wansford Parish Council have produced two reports "A1 Footpaths Carpenters Lodge to Water Newton - A Review for National Highways Designated Funds" and "A1 Footpath Wansford to Russell Hill - A Review for National Highways Designated Funds" which have been circulated to the Parish Councillors. It is hoped that Thornhaugh Parish Council and Wansford Parish Council (and possibly Wittering Parish Council in relation to the A47) will work together on issues that affect both parishes in the future.

Community Leadership Fund 2022-2023 - the Parish Council had been made aware by Gavin Elsey that the CLF was available for applications of eligible projects. The criteria are fairly restricting, and the Parish Councillors were not able to immediately identify any specific projects that could be funded from the fund at this time but, if anyone does have any ideas, the closing date is 12th February 2023 so please contact the Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk will send a response to Gavin Elsey.

State of the Verges along A47 - following a request from a resident, the state of the verges on Russell Hill was discussed. Although the verges are not in a good condition at present, it is hoped that as the grass grows, the situation will improve by the spring/summer. Much of the worst damage appears to be from either cars or works vehicles, which is inevitable in the winter months. The Parish Council will look again at this in the spring once the grass has had time to recover.

Re-Routing of the Footpath off Russell Hill - comment had been received from residents that the footpath across land owned by Mr Sharpley of Russell Hill had been re-routed and electric fencing installed. Peter Sharpley had confirmed that this would only be for a month and therefore this would be reviewed again at the next meeting. If the footpath is to remain diverted for longer, or even permanently, then this needs to be done via application to the Footpaths Officer at Peterborough City Council

Building Work in Manor Farmyard - an unsolicited query has arisen from a site visit to Manor Farm by Peterborough City Council (presumably for the retrospective planning permission submitted last year). The Parish Council have been asked for information about when the work might have been carried out. It was agreed that the Chairman would respond to PCC confirming the Parish Councillors have no knowledge of, or additional information about the query.

Drains on Russell Hill - it was noted that the drains on Russell Hill need clearing out. The Chairman will report this to Peterborough City Council.

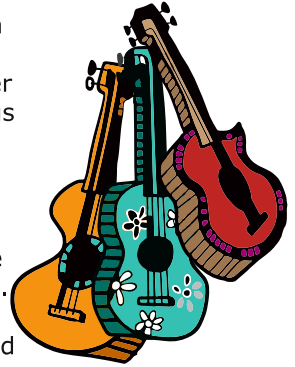
The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on 15th May 2023 in St Andrew's Church.**

## The Wansford Ukulele Folk do it again

The residents of Thornhaugh are hoping that a new tradition has started after the Ukulele Folk once again braved the elements alongside the village green on Sunday 11 December and generously provided another memorable Christmas Songs and Carols.

Thornhaugh Parish Council arranged the event and sustenance, the Bill Rogers Memorial Fund provided the Christmas tree and the significant village participation in the sing-along was heart-warming and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

£104 was raised for the Childrens Society, to which was added £113.60 raised at the candlelit Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church on Christmas Eve.



## Thornhaugh Litter Pick

A group of 5 of us , braved the weather for our village litter pick on Saturday 14th January. Between us we did from the Meadow lane footpath to right and left on the A47 verge, from the village to home farm (thank you Lindsey) and I braved the A1 to the layby and the village to the A1.

Enjoy the sparkly village and please, please join us next time. It's such a feel good activity and many hands make light work. The next proposed date is **Saturday March 18th at 12 midday**. Meet at the phone box on Meadow lane. Look out for invite on Thornhaugh Facebook group and please feel free to join these Facebook village group if you are a Thornhaugh resident.

Nikki Higgins

## Martha Powell, 1953 - 2022

Many people will have memories of Martha Powell, local resident and post lady for Wansford for many years. Martha died in December, at home in Wansford with family and friends with her. In keeping with her wishes there will be no funeral. However, also in the spirit of Martha, we are planning a celebration of her life. While the details aren't confirmed yet, if you would like to be kept informed of this event, please let me know and I will keep you updated. Details will also be shared on the village facebook page and I'll put a notice in the shop.

For those who wish to make a donation in Martha's memory, her family suggests donations to Thorpe Hall Hospice, or to 'no gain no pain' [www.ngnpuk.weebly.com](http://www.ngnpuk.weebly.com) – these are both local charities which made a real difference to Martha in enabling her to live her life as she wished.

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# Augean Community Fund

## January 2023

The **Augean Community Fund** uses monies provided by Augean under the Landfill Communities Fund.

The company's donations relate to its two landfill operations located at Thornhaugh near Peterborough, and King's Cliffe in Northamptonshire.

Recommendations on all grants from the Fund are made by King's Cliffe Environmental Association (KCEA) and Thornhaugh Environmental Association (TEA).

These two committees comprise volunteers from the villages of King's Cliffe, Thornhaugh and nearby, who are best able to represent local community priorities.

### Application Closing Dates

There are usually two funding rounds each year, the next two closing dates are:

**Wednesday 31 May 2023**  
decisions by Early August 2023

**Wednesday 15 November 2023**  
decisions by End January 2024



### Who can apply?

Groups with projects that are located within 10 miles of the King's Cliffe landfill site or the Thornhaugh landfill site may apply for grants. Priority will be given to applications received for projects located within 5 miles of Augean's Thornhaugh and King's Cliffe landfill sites.

### What can you apply for?

Grants are available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects.

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You can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £50,000.

Projects must be available and open to the general public as defined by ENTRUST (the Landfill Communities Fund regulator), as a minimum, for 4 evenings a weeks, or 2 days a week, or 104 days a year.

### Where can you find out more?

For more information about the Fund and how to apply, please visit GrantScape's website.

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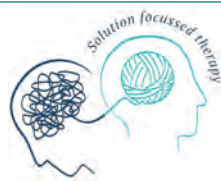
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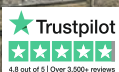
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In the next issue we will start to make you aware of Wansford Show 2023 !!!

Gary Punter (Chair)  
garypunter@aol.com

Month	2023 Events Schedule	Venue
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Crotchet Workshop & Prosecco Evening with Elin (max 12 places)	Cross Keys 7.30pm
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	'Highgrove and My Grove' an illustrated talk by BBC Gardeners Question Time panellist, Bunny Guinness - the two gardens she knows best !	7.30pm Christie Hall Charity Evening
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> March	'Easter Tablescape' Workshop with Tanya (our new Flower shop in Wansford) (max 15 places)	7.30pm Christie Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Our popular Plant sale on the wall at Goss Cottage	Goss Cottage
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Blatherwycke (Head Gardener tour by Sarah Bonney) & pub lunch at 1pm	10 am Blatherwycke
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Extravaganza: Open Gardens, BBQ and early evening musical entertainment	Mandy Garden, Stibbington House
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Coach day trip to RHS Wisley & garden tour	8am coach depart
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August	The Wansford Show, Our flagship event. Please enter an exhibit (or 2) !	1200-1730 Bradshaw's Field
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Bulb Sale	Goss Cottage
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Garden Design Visit: Joe Whitehead (Head Gardener) to host at Burghley to see his garden designs in practice	2pm Burghley Gardens
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Talk: 'Photographing your Garden'	7.30pm Christie Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Show 'thank you' evening in cross Keys	7.30pm Cross Keys
9th December	AGM & Christmas social	Christie Hall 7pm



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