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*June 2023*

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## Tough decisions for UK investors

Forcing people to pay more tax on their hard-earned savings is not a popular policy for governments but it is something that UK investors face in the upcoming financial year after chancellor Jeremy Hunt confirmed a reduction to the capital gains allowance from April.

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## Editorial

Dear readers

As promised in last month's edition, we feature reports of celebrations around the King's Coronation - notably the events put on by Wansford and Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Councils (centre pages) and Wansford Church on page 11.

Also in this month's magazine, the cricket season has kicked off (or opened it's bowling!) in style, the latest fixtures for Wansford appear across pages 28 and 29, together with a report from the recent memorial match in honour of a former team mate.

Overleaf is the Wansford Show Poster, more details of classes and events will follow in next month's magazine.

**As well as all the usual reports from the councils and societies, I do once more want to put a plea out for a volunteer distributor for the New Lane/Sibson Airfield round. It doesn't have to be someone who lives there, but it would make things easier. Please get in touch – our contact details are on page 30.**

Best wishes

Craig

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



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## St. Leonard's, Apethorpe

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18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

## St. Mary's, Wansford

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP

4 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	All Age Communion
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Family Service and Crafts
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## St. Mary's. Woodnewton

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

## St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh

4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell

11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
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I am writing this in the middle of May, as the hedgerows are now fully green, the may blossom is out and the cow parsley adorns the road verges.

## REFLECTIONS

I love this time of year when there seems to be an explosion of white and green across our landscapes. We will still be enjoying this freshness in June, I know. Also, at the end of May, in the church, our Easter season draws to an end with the celebrations of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, often still called Whit Sunday in our church calendar. In the church we have different colours to represent our different church seasons: Easter and Christmas are joyfully white, special celebrations of God's gift of the Holy Spirit are red, the more reflective preparation seasons of Advent and Lent are purple, and for everything else, it is green.

It always seems to me to be particularly appropriate that this "green season" begins after Easter-time as we enjoy the greening of our countryside. Green indicates growth, and in church one focus is reflecting on what we have learnt and experienced through the festival seasons and how that can help us to grow. It's also an opportunity to give thanks for what has helped us in the past and to plan for the future. We are particularly grateful to those in our church community who help that growth and change – those who care for our church building, decorate and clean, who facilitate our worship, those who support us financially, and who make sure that the church is available for those who come to us for a baptism, a wedding or a funeral. This is indeed a time to say thank you to them and to note that their efforts, though often unseen are so important to our life together. More widely, maybe this is a time to consider who and what helps us to grow as individuals and families, and to make sure they know that we appreciate all they do. And we enjoy our wonderful countryside as well!

With every blessing  
*Rev. Jane*



## 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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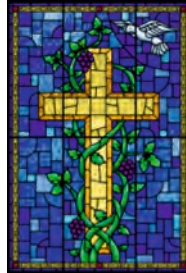
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The May meeting was our annual Resolution supper, where members are able to discuss the possible campaign resolution for 2024. Earlier this year, a shortlist of member led resolutions was sent out to each WI group, where the individual members can discuss and vote for the one that they feel most important for the National federation to act upon during 2024.

So at our resolution supper, we had the opportunity to discuss the most popular resolution countrywide. This will then be put forward by the NFWI (National federation of Women's institute), at the Annual general meeting in May:

**Clean rivers for people and wildlife.** *Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.*

At a time when people are more aware of the impact of pollution on the health of our rivers, as well as the increase in water based past times, such as wild swimming, as well paddle boarding and kayaking, we will watch with interest as to whether this resolution will be accepted at the AGM, and if so will become our nationwide campaign for 2024.

Over Spring, summer and Autumn we will be meeting in St Mary's Church Wansford, 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 up, coming events:

**Tuesday 13th June 2023, 7pm** W.I. meeting, in St Mary's Church. Watercolour flower painting for beginners. Speaker Jane Taylor-Pitt

**Tuesday 6th & 20th May 2023, 2-4pm** Coffee & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

**Thursday 27th July 2023, 7.30pm** Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford

**Tuesday 11th July 2023 7pm** W.I. meeting in St Mary's Church. Liverpool in the Blitz, Speaker Brian Thornthwaite

Both the Coffee & Craft club, and Book Club are open to all, not just for WI members, and we look forward to others joining us.

Rhona Punter  
rhonapunter@aol.com



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

Dates for your diaries- Coffee Stops will be Wednesdays 7th and 21st June, from 10.30 in St Mary's Church.

A warm welcome and home baking await!

**Caroline Ashley**

### Wansford Church Coronation Service

St Mary's Church played its part in the Coronation Celebrations by holding a Special Commemorative Service on Sunday 7th May. The singing was led by St Mary's Choir directed by Choir Master Eddie McDonnell.

The Choir opened the Service with an Alleluia Introit which had been specially arranged by local composer and organist Stephen Barber

Special prayers were said for King Charles, The Royal Family, The United Kingdom and The Commonwealth.

A talk from Liz Bolderston highlighted the significance of the Coronation and was made relevant to the children present.

After singing Psalm 67 the Choir performed an Anthem :May this King a modern peoples blessing for the King by Anna Tabbush. Followed by 19th Century Anthem :Lord for All Mankind We Pray. The Service concluded with 2 verses of the National Anthem.



Afterwards as the congregation enjoyed coffee and cake the Bells rang out in celebration.

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## Wansford's Coronation Celebrations

**Wansford certainly knows how to party!** The two parishes of Wansford and Sibson cum Stibbington were cheerfully decorated with bunting and flags attached to homes, pubs, the hotel and shops to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla on 6 May 2023. Even our post box was crowned with the talents of our mystery crochet workers! Wansford had three events over this busy weekend:

**Wansford's Coronation Picnic held on Sunday, 7 May 2023** was enjoyed by all and the warmth and sunshine that

appeared in the afternoon surprised us because of earlier gloomy weather forecasts.

The Haycock field, the venue, was at its most verdant with its willow trees bearing young leaves and its stunning centrepiece of a chestnut tree covered in blossom candles where a cuckoo was seen flying overhead. The scene was quintessentially English with a charity cricket match playing at the far

side of the field and the merriment of families enjoying their picnics, listening to the Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Band, the Wansford Ukelele Folk and Wansford's Community Choir. This event was hosted by Wansford and Sibson cum Stibbington parish councils in

association with The Haycock Manor Hotel. The event's hog roast and bar, provided by the hotel, were very popular but perhaps the most enjoyable

part of the Picnic was the number of children whizzing around the field - where did they all come from? They enjoyed games of tag, made kings' and queens' crowns, participated in egg

and spoon and sack races and, later in the afternoon, the adults took part in a wheelbarrow race and tug o' war.







Each child under the age of 18 living within either of the two parishes was gifted a Coronation mug by Wansford & Sibson cum Stibbington parish councils to mark the historical event of the Coronation. Children who were not at the picnic can still obtain a mug by contacting Wansford's clerk on [clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk).



At one point in the afternoon two community police officers appeared and very quickly found the tea tent and spent time to meet and greet the community.

The Coronation Picnic was a huge success because so many members of this community contributed to make it so (the musicians, singers, residents, Haycock groundsmen, parish councils, and the Haycock Hotel staff). Thank you also to Steve who allowed us to use his field.

### **Wansford's Beacon Lighting**

In contrast to the Coronation Picnic, a Beacon lighting, hosted by Wansford Parish Council, was held on Saturday, 6 May 2023 and, whilst it was initially held under a fine rain, it was no less enjoyable. The rain stopped for a short time and umbrellas were collapsed to enjoy the lighting of the Beacon at The Stables, Old Leicester Road, with three cheers raised to King Charles III and Queen Camilla to celebrate their Coronation. Residents attended from both sides of the bridge and enjoyed a complimentary glass of wine, beer or orange juice.



### **Wansford Community's Litter Pick**

The Coronation Weekend incorporated a community event and this came to fruition with a Community Litter Pick on Monday, 8 May 2023. A number of residents collected litter from around the village as well as from the Haycock Field.

Thanks to all who participated in this activity which takes place on a monthly basis to control the amount of litter we have in our community – mostly left by passing traffic – to sustain the pride we have in our environment.

*Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk*



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



The month of May certainly saw some spectacle with the Coronation Weekend being enjoyed by our village and beyond.

Wansford and Sibson cum Stibbington Parish Council's came together with the Haycock Manor Hotel for a Coronation Picnic that will be remembered by many, as I still remember Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation of 1953!

Now to Council matters.... Wansford Parish Council held three Meetings in May 2023, and you can find a full account of them in Minutes on our website [www.wansford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wansford-pc.gov.uk) and I will briefly give you an overview.

We started with the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday the 11th May and was to be our first meeting held on the Village Green, but alas the weather did not play ball, and we retreated for cover inside St Mary's Church. Nevertheless, many topics were discussed by residents, which will be progressed by the Parish Council.

The second was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday the 15th May, in the Community Hall, attended by five Councillors, one member of the public and the Clerk. Basically this was to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year, together with Representatives to Outside Bodies, which was duly done.

The final meeting was the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council and this was held later the same evening in the Community Hall.

The Old Limestone Bridge was again to the fore, with one resident speaking passionately about the increasing volume of traffic using the bridge, but more especially the 44 tonne HGV's that still ignore the weight limit. At one point, during a traffic accident on the A1, there were THREE HGV's on the bridge at the same time! This has to stop, as it most certainly is not good, with further repairs now planned to the structure of the stonework. We have arranged a meeting with PCC Highways to discuss this and will involve the Community Policing Team.

We have met with representatives of Natural England to further the Parish's Nature Recovery Plan and resident's thoughts would be most welcome.

Parking problems in Nene Close and the access there onto Old North Road are part of an ongoing discussion with Peterborough Highways, as are the village footpaths. Some success to date insofar the footpath in Nene Close is much improved, as of course was the footpath some while ago around the area of the Church, and we will continue to ask for other areas of the village to be resurfaced/widened.

There was something discussed, totally new to the Council, about exploring the possibility of a Wansford Youth Council. You will no doubt hear more about this going forward and Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt will be our lead on what could be a very exciting development.

So, that concludes this report and hope you would like to come to our next meeting which is in the **Community Hall, 12th June 2023 at 7.30pm.**

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## THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 15th May 2023 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Yana Clipsham, Neil Croft-Taylor, Louise Molesworth, Camilla Plumb, Alan Frost and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk)

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

Chris Smith was re-elected Chairman as proposed by Yana Clipsham and seconded by Louise Molesworth. Chris Smith confirmed that she is looking to retire but other members of the council did not feel able to take over Chair at the moment and as she agreed to continue. This will be reviewed again at the next AGM in May 2024. Louise Molesworth was re-elected Vice Chair as proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Camilla Plumb.

**Police Matters** - there were no police representatives present, and nothing formally recorded although it was understood that there has been a break-in at Thornhaugh Hall and so residents should remain vigilant and be aware of securing property. In addition, the Chairman reported that several series of books have been removed from the Book Exchange. This may be a misunderstanding on how the Book Exchange works but it is sad that so many books are being removed.

**Highways Issues** - the Chairman said she is still lobbying National Highways re removing the layby on the A1 North just before the Thornhaugh turning. NH suggested that anyone who sees vehicles parked on the pathway or near misses when entering/exiting Thornhaugh should inform them on 030 123 5000.

**A47 Dualling Project** - the Chairman and Yana Clipsham attended a recent meeting relating to the A47 Dualling Project. It was an informative meeting with lots of details about routes and plans going forward. In relation to timing of the project, the project was delayed by the approval process from the Secretary of State and now the original target date of March 2023 has been delayed until late Autumn 2023. During June there will be public meetings set up to provide specific dates and construction plans and anyone is welcome to attend. These will be advertised in due course. The project is scheduled to run for c.27 months, therefore an estimate of September 2023 to December 2026 (indicative only). Working hours are 7am to 7pm, with road closures mostly from 8pm to 6am the next day. Prior notice of the various road closures will of course be publicised. It is anticipated that one piece of work may result in full closure for a couple of weeks whilst the new carriageways are connected. Diversion routes will be set up and appropriately sign-posted, with National Highways noting that diversion routes should not utilise local village roads. The four houses on the Southbound carriageway will have a new exit/access road to the rear of the properties. Access to/from A1 southbound will be via the PGRO entrance. The road (which is already in existence as a track) will join the new road around the Sacrewell entrance.

**Defibrillator Training** - Louise Molesworth is waiting to hear back from the organisation that runs the Defibrillator Training to arrange a convenient time for the training.

**Website Review** - the newly re-vamped Website went 'live' on 15th May 2023 and thanks are expressed to Jay Allsopp for all his hard work in making this happen.

**Social Events** - The Coronation Event did not get the necessary support to warrant continuing, but a very enjoyable private Coronation Party was held in Alan and Joan Frost's garden. Neil Croft-Taylor will order ten Coronation Coins for the children who live in the village. Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb volunteered to organise a social event in September 2023. This may be in the form of a quiz/bingo/drinks' evening to be held in the church. They will get a group of volunteers together initially as an "ideas forum". The date of Sunday 10th December 2023 at 6.00 pm was agreed for the Christmas Tree Carol Singing event. The Chairman to check if the Ukulele Group are available.

**Planning Applications** - CAS15A/0001/22 - Land to the east of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh, Common Land Register - Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006. Approved; 23/00068/TRE- Lime trees cutback by 30% and potentially pollard 5 trees which are showing signs of rot and phytophthora at base (90/00002/TPO) at Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh. Part Refused/Part Permitted. Detailed comments and instructions from the Tree Officer on individual trees can be seen on the city council planning website; 23/00112/FUL -Erection of 2 x temporary shipping containers for 18 months at Abbots Wood Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh. Withdrawn by Applicant; 23/00474/CTR - fell and remove the 5 dead elm trees at the front of the driveway. To prune back the trees growing either side of the swimming pool to give clearance from the pool at 3 Old Rectory Drive, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision. From the Chairman's perspective, if the trees are dead, they need to be removed. As always, the Parish Council would support whatever the Tree Officer advises. No Objections and Planning Appeal for 22/00506/FUL- Change of use from agricultural land to garden land at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision. The Chairman had checked on Planning Inspectorate Website but, as yet no date assigned for a hearing. There have been complaints that the paddock is being used for ball games which is a misuse of the paddock at least until after the Appeal result, but Peter Sharpley has agreed to put up signs confirming that the paddock is not part of the Holiday Lets. The PC agreed not to take any further action at this stage unless the appropriate signs were displayed and use of the land by holiday let guests continues.

**Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2023** – thanks are expressed to Karen Jones for carrying out the Internal Audit. The End-of-Year Accounts will be put onto the Website. The following:- Section 1 Statement of Accounts; Section 2 Annual Governance Statement and Section 4 Internal Audit & Report were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Action Point for next meeting** - seek an update on John Clare Conservation Project (invite Hannah Joyce to the meeting).

**Heritage Project** - Martin Lewis had started a Heritage Project. Is this something anyone would like to pick up, or does anyone know of anyone in the village who would be interested in heading this up for us?

**Fly-tipping** - fly-tipping seems to be getting worse. We have asked for help from Gavin Elsey for extensive fly tipping off the A47. The City Council have dealt with the recent incident of broken glass panels being dumped on Russell Hill.

**Drains** - everyone to keep an eye on any issues with the drains after these past weeks of heavy rain.

The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on 17th July 2023 in St Andrew's Church.**



## SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-Cum-Stibbington Parish Council met on the 18th May to hold both their Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr. Beuttell gave her annual report.

*"Good Evening, and welcome to you all.*

*The year has seen several planning applications, with nothing too contentious. I was involved in the appeal made by Pure Fuels application to HDC for change of use of the buildings at Nene Valley, and we are awaiting the outcome, however they have successfully applied to have accommodation for staff approved on the site. Last year we saw an application from Newlands to erect Industrial units on land south of Chesterton, however I am pleased to say that this application has now been withdrawn.*

*HDC have announced the review of their Local Plan, which was due to expire in 2036. However, Government requires that all Local Plans be reviewed on a 5 yearly basis. HDC have now called for "Sites" which means that developers can apply for use of land they currently have options on to be used for building of houses etc. We must be diligent in looking out for any application for the Sibson Site, which caused much contention a few years ago, and any other sites that may be looked at. I will keep residents and the PC up to date when I have information to share.*

*As you are all aware, we successfully applied for an LHI improvement grant to place Double Yellow lines along the Great North Road, to try and stop HGV lorries parking along the Road. Highways Cambridge continually inform us that this has been delayed, Weather etc. being their excuse. Having escalated my concern regarding this, I await further information, but am pressing hard for these lines to be placed as soon as possible.*

*We also, like the rest of the country have an ongoing problem with potholes, which we report, and although they are filled in, the work is not good enough to prevent them recurring.*

*We held our Platinum Jubilee party on the 4th June and this proved to be a great success. The PC planted and Oak tree on the Corner of New Lane to mark this occasion. Unfortunately, within a few months Queen Elizabeth II died, and I for one will miss her steadfast service to our country. The PC have ordered a replacement bench for the village to commemorate her life.*

*A "Village Picnic" to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, was held in the grounds on the Haycock Hotel on the 7th May, which also proved to be a great success with the weather being very kind. It was a pleasure to see so many children in attendance.*

*I would also like to welcome Charlotte Newman who replaces Wendy Gray as our new Parish Clerk, and I hope that you will all give her your support as she settles into her new position on the Parish Council.*

*Thank you once again to my fellow Councillors for their help and Support during the past year.*

*And finally, and most importantly, thank you for all our residents who attend our meetings. I would like to give my personal apologies for the change of dates we have had to make recently, which I know inconvenienced many."*

Cllr. Beuttell was duly elected Chairman with Mike Bradshaw remaining Vice Chairman. Questions from attending residents raised some questions regarding Blocked drains along old North Road, and also the lack of signage when entering Stibbington from the A1 slip road. A request for more signs and replacement "Local Traffic Only", together with Weight Limit signs were requested and will be forwarded to County Highways for consideration. The continuing saga of potholes was also raised, and the standard of work already carried out was questioned. Comments will be sent to our Local Highways Officer. Cllr. Beuttell also confirmed that communication had been received regarding the Double Yellow lineage along Old Great North Road. Highways are awaiting a dry period to ensure Lines can be installed efficiently.

There were two planning applications at Waters Edge discussed, and our comments and observations will be posted on HDC website.

Huntingdonshire District Council are reviewing their local plan. It was strongly suggested that residents view the progress of this on the website [WWW.Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://WWW.Huntingdonshire.gov.uk) and search for [Local Plan Update](#).

Questions were raised about the fact that with the A1 closure traffic is still passing through the village both in quantity and speed. It was suggested that we ask for volunteers to monitor the works and congestion in the village when the A47 bypass works take place.

Several payments were authorised. The meeting was duly closed and the date of the next meeting will be **6th July, 2023 to be held in the Christie Hall.**

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## *The (continuing) diary of a parish council clerk*

Organisations not only have an increasing number of rules, regulations and recommendations (the 3Rs) to establish a work culture and perhaps a brand but also to achieve legislative compliance. This means working within certain parameters and parish councils are no different. In fact, parish councils have been strictly regulated since the introduction of the Local Government Act 1972 and their business cannot be conducted without observing certain formalities.

The role of a parish clerk, amongst many other things, aims to achieve compliance in the work of a parish council. There are over 1000 pages of rules, regulations and recommendations summarised in a tome colloquially known as the Clerk's Bible but more formally known as 'Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration' currently in its thirteenth edition, and I freely admit that I may never be fully conversant with all of its content in ten years from now, such is its complexity. But there are some reassuring rules and procedures that are easier to understand and which are similar to those used for a corporate board meeting, such as: all parish council decisions are made in a parish council meeting and recorded in minutes of the meeting which members of the public are welcome to attend; no parish council decision can be made at meetings unless the item appears on the Clerk's agenda for their meeting (which must be published in advance of meetings on a parish council's website and parish notice board) - this gives everyone in the parish advance notice of what is to be discussed; all parish council decisions are voted upon by councillors; the Chairperson chairs meetings and cannot make decisions alone; and definitely no alcohol to be made available at meetings - hence the rush for the pub at the end of their meetings! Then there are rules about Planning Applications, accounts, expenses, minutes of meetings, HGV licencing applications, data protection, weight limits on roads and bridges, speed limits, health and safety of children's play areas, parking, footpaths - the list could continue, yes, for 1000 pages.

So, what does a parish council do for you? It tries to positively influence and enhance the environment in which you live by making decisions that reflect the majority of views of its residents. A parish council is actually the lowest tier of local government, but potentially the most effective, which is right on your doorstep. We read about the politics of the Houses of Parliament but these seem far removed from the day-to-day realities of the work of a parish council trying to solve the problem of bins not being emptied, grass encroaching upon pavements, and too much traffic coming into our village.

Perhaps the question "what can you do for your parish council?" should also be asked. Every resident within their parish is able to raise a concern or a question to their parish council by contacting a parish councillor or the clerk (it must be in writing - sorry, another of those many rules!) and also to perhaps suggest a solution to an issue or any ideas that come to mind. There are also ways of addressing things yourself without contacting the parish council. For example, if a street light isn't working or you want to report a pothole, you can go straight to either your City Council or District Council, depending upon your local government structure. If you're troubled by noisy fireworks, a neighbour's bonfire, or a neighbour who is rather fond of playing loud music what should you do? Go to your City Council or District Council's website for information on how to deal with these issues. For example, the 'noise and nuisance' section of the Peterborough City Council website (<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk>) makes interesting reading and it's rather reassuring to know that the initial advice given is often to resolve issues informally with your neighbour to avoid starting out on a litigious journey with more rules and regulations within legislation! A chat over a cup of tea often helps - and cheaper too! To be continued.



**Marie Lewis**

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Future litter picks planned for 2023, all with a 10.30 start, are:  
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*'Wow what a busy time'*

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We are excited to update our Wansford Show, see latest full page Flyer enclosed in this addition. Our hard working Show Committee has booked all the content. Exciting new features this year include a full 'Art Gallery with the Marquee', more classes for children to enter (Toy Pet is still my best class !), an 'inflatable assault course' plus more food & drink. We are asking kindly for volunteers to help out for 1-2 hours on the day shortly. Any time is greatly appreciated to make this a truly special community event.

In separate news. We have just made a payment to Sue Ryder of £700, which includes your generous donations at 3 events (Bunny Guinness talk, Flower arranging by Tanya and our Plant Sale on the Wall at Goss Cottage) – Thank you to all those who donated.

Finally our Society activities continue with Visit to Blatherwycke Gardens (24/5) and our Summer Social/Open Garden/Music event on 24th June

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## A memorable day for Cavaliers, Welby and Wansford

Wow, what a fantastic afternoon of cricket on Sunday May 7th in memory of our very close friend and former team mate David 'Jonno' Johnson and in aid of two fantastic charities, Macmillan and Sue Ryder. 3 teams of 9 in a 10 over bash where each team faced off against one another.

First up Welby vs Wansford, poor scoring from Welby with an under par 58 was quickly knocked off by Wansford smash and grab experts Fred and Abbas. Can't complete this one without a mention for a fabulous bowling spell from Wansford's Charlotte (15yrs) who excelled against much more experienced batsmen. Charlotte's first game at Wansford with her big brother Robert who both look set to follow in their Grandad's (keenly supporting from sidelines) footsteps as future Wansford stars.

Next up Welby vs Cavaliers. Much improvement this time around from Welby with kudos to new rising star Robert retiring Not Out (bitter sweet as his pocket money will be docked this week to pay for his smashing of pavilion tiles with a huge 6) , leading Welby to a much improved 91 total from their 10 overs.

David 'Robbo' Robinson led the reply with an unbeaten 25, notable contributions the legendary TB 'The Barnes', hoofing a quick total before being caught out at the death by a Dale ripper. (Slow full toss). This game provided a chance for two new triallists Martha and Rodney (PCSO's aka the boys in blue) who took time out of their not so busy schedule to both field and bowl for Welby, whilst Welby's Matt Mitchell went missing in action (Otherwise known as over indulging on the very kindly donated barrel of real ale kindly sourced and provided by John Pike and Club Chairman, Paul Styles.) Dave Curran was also sadly unable to continue play on due to an elbow injury. Despite the absence of star man Mitchell, Welby closed out the win in the last over in what was a very close finish.





Last up Wansford vs Cavaliers. Wansford openers again excelled with Fred retiring not out again smashing the old former Chuckle Brother, Geoff Church for 26 off less than the very first over of the finale. Abbass and Cricket Carpet specialist Darren S also hitting great form and retiring not out to amass a huge (too huge to mention but triple figures) 10 over total.

Cavaliers with an average age of 69 struggled with the heat and the Wansford attack and were quickly dismissed for the lowest total of the day (too low to mention, possibly double digits tbc).

In summary:

Score books are available in the club house and possibly legible.

Wansford 2 wins from 2 games

Welby 1 win, 1 loss

Cavaliers 0 wins, 2 losses

At the end of the day results didn't matter to anyone and our nominated charities Sue Ryder and Macmillan were the true winners, with an amazing £350 donated to both charities.

Big thanks to: Steve Taylor and Matt Mitchell for supporting the arrangements from a Wansford end, Real Ale supply and delivery (JP & PS) multiple Raffle prize donations from players and friends, a Coronation chicken selection of Sandwiches that would have defeated Henry VIII in Luncheon battle kindly prepared and donated by Wansford CC Lady President Colette of the Cross Keys).DJ Seany for keeping us entertained with some banging tunes.

Shannon, Ciara and Max for doing a sterling job at what was a very busy bar.

A truly Great day had by players and spectators alike, same again next May Day Bank Holiday and annually thereafter in aid of our great friend and former team mate.

RIP: David 'Jonno' Johnson

Mark Dale, Cavalier, Welby & Wansford man.

## Wansford in England CC Fixtures 2022



Date	Opponents	Venue	Result/ Time
Sunday 4/06/23	Howitzers	Away	1pm
Sunday 11/06/23	Motley Crew	Home	1pm
Sunday 18/06/23	Ashpat XI	Home	1pm
Sunday 25/06/23	Market Deeping	Home	12.30
Sunday 2/07/23	Ashpat XI	Home	1pm

## T20 Games

Tuesday 6/6/23	Hampton	Away	17:30
Tuesday 13/6/23	CAMRA	Home	17:30
Tuesday 20/6/23	Holme CC	Home	17:30
Tuesday 27/6/23	The Thirds	Home	17:30

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