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Editorial

Dear readers

This month's cover picture, again from John Measures is of that wonderful bird the Red Kite. As John said in the email to me: "now a familiar sight above our villages - this one has just swooped down and picked up a piece of meat from my front lawn and is shredding it on the wing. They are regulars and are always on the hunt for food, sometimes it gets a bit heated when my Crow is on the scene fighting for scraps! A couple of years back one Kite would sit in a tall tree waiting for me to come home from work and follow my van down the road!"

We hope you enjoy this picture. The blue sky in the background shows that summer is here, and we have a few notices of up and coming events within this month's pages - Water Newton Music Festival for one on page 20, and Nassington Gardens on Show on page 27. There will be more to come in July's edition too! This year's Wansford Show has been postponed and is hopeful to return in 2025, but there'll still be much to keep the villages lively over the summer - including Red Kite spotting!

Please send your contributions for future magazines to the email address listed on page 26, we look forward to receiving them.

Best wishes

Craig

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St. Leonard's, Apethorpe		
2 nd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
16 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer		
9 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
23 rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP		
2 nd	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP
2 nd	9.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise
9 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
16 th	3.00 p.m.	Craft Church and Activities
23 rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's. Woodnewton		
2 nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
16 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
23 rd	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
2 nd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
16 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell		
9 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
16 th	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
23 rd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

30th June A service of celebration for our rural life. Time and location tbc.
Please check the church notice board

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. admin.castor@btconnect.com

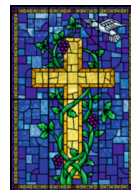
The next service at **St. John the Baptist, Stibbington** will be **Patronal Festival, on Sunday 30th June at 4pm**, please see separate see separate poster.

David Ridgeway

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Looking at the church diary in our benefice group of churches for the next couple of months, we have lots of summery activities to enjoy, focused particularly around people sharing their own skills and passions with the wider community.

Our regular church coffee mornings continue at Wansford and Thornhaugh when those with skills in baking share their talents with very eager "coffee-and-cake" lovers! All are welcome to join us; the next Thornhaugh Coffee Morning is on 7th June, (always first Friday of the month!) and Wansford's dates are here in the magazine. Gardeners, bakers, stitchers and artists are, I am sure, already planning and preparing for the horticultural shows to come later in the summer.

The last weekend of June is the date of our much-loved Nassington Open Gardens when we can all visit so many fantastic gardens and enjoy the skill and commitment of our wonderful gardeners. Thank you so much to those who offer to open their gardens; enjoying your gardens lifts the spirits of so many, and I am sure, inspires them as well!

The following weekend (6th – 7th July) we have a weekend of activities at Woodnewton where we can enjoy amazing floral displays prepared by flower arrangers in the village and beyond, musical activities and history displays; so many people sharing their own interests and passions with others to bring enjoyment and interest. Thank you to everyone who is preparing for what will be a wonderful weekend!

And we know that there are many other regular activities, talks and groups in our villages that bring people together and share new interests, enriching our lives.

As we look forward to all these events coming up, let's take a moment now and again to think about all the work behind them and to give thanks for all those who give of their time and skill for the benefit of others, sharing what they enjoy with those around them. And not to forget the editors of our village magazines such as this one who use their talents to keep us all connected and make sure we know what is going on.

Connectedness is a gift from God and is how he intended us to be. "No man is an island" said John Donne, the 17th century poet and clergyman. We might rephrase that today as no person is an island, but the heart of the words remains true. We are intended to be community and we are not fully ourselves when we are isolated. Even God himself reflects that. At the beginning of June in the church we celebrate Trinity Sunday, rejoicing in God as one God, but three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A complex idea that takes a lot of unravelling, but one that reminds us that even at the heart of God is community. He has created us for community, and as we look forward to all our summer events, perhaps we can be on the look-out for the isolated and the lonely and do what we can to help them to feel that they, too, belong and valued, as we enjoy all the skills and talents on show.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane (01780 782271)

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There will be 2 Coffee Stops in St Mary's church in June, on **Wednesday 12th** and **Wednesday 26th**, both from 10.30 following Morning Prayer. All are welcome to pop in.

All welcome!

Caroline Ashley

NEWS FROM WANSFORD PHARMACY

It's June! Sunny days, warm weather and long balmy nights. What we've all been waiting for. And hopefully the whole country will again be enthralled by the men's football team at the Euros.....

E is for - Entertaining. BBQs and picnics in the park are a wonderfully English pastime but with excess weight and obesity at worrying levels these don't come without consequences. Diet plans can easily fail. Medical conditions such as type 2 diabetes and sleep apnea don't wait for the end of summer, so keeping vigilant on our overall health status is critical. Our pharmacy offers both sleep apnea screening and strict weight management programmes that will enable you to gain the control necessary to succeed in tackling these metabolic diseases throughout the summer months.

U - Understanding your alcohol intake is especially important for those that have a tipple to celebrate or calm those nerves during matches. To quote the NHS: "It's recommended to drink no more than 14 units of alcohol a week, spread across 3 days or more. That's around 6 medium (175ml) glasses of wine, or 6 pints of 4% beer. There's no completely safe level of drinking, but sticking within these guidelines lowers your risk of harming your health."

R - Runny noses and itchy eyes are the most recognised symptoms of hayfever, but you may also suffer from lethargy and itching of mucous membranes in the roof of the mouth. Whilst the tablet antihistamines (cetirizine, loratadine, or the more non-drowsy fexofenadine) are instantly recognisable as means to prevent the symptoms of hayfever, you may also need to add a nasal spray and/or eye drops for full effectiveness. It is essential to use these every day to prevent rather than treat symptoms.

O - Ouch! Bites and stings are rife during summer. Preventative measures are a must. Using a spray or a roll-on "DEET"-containing product, and covering exposed areas of the body really helps. If the worst happens, our pharmacy can help treat infected insect bites by issuing antibiotics (where appropriate) without the need to contact your doctor.

S - Sun protection is a must, even when the day is overcast. Use a quality SPF of at least 30, or 50 for those taking medications that cause photosensitivity. Regular applications are necessary for optimal protection.

24 - Out of hours healthcare is available around the clock by calling NHS 111 or visiting your local A&E department.

Even if the England football team fails to come up with the goods this year, you can rest assured our pharmacy delivers every time.

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This year we celebrated our 105th birthday, and we were very happy that Carole Lovell from Huntingdon & Peterborough federation joined us for our May monthly meeting, and presented us with a celebratory card.

At our May meeting, we were delighted to confirm that the local charity that we will be supporting is T21, the charity behind the The Birch Tree café at Easton on the Hill. Maggie Scott, the founder of this charity came to speak to us in May. Her talk has really

inspired us to raise funds to help support young people that have T21 to reach their full potential.

The main focus of the May meeting is to review the WI campaign, which will be taken to National federation later in the year, and if accepted, will be our campaign during 2025. The proposed resolution is Dental Health Matters. This states 'There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live'.

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Tuesday 11th June 2024 W.I. meeting 7pm, Watercolour flowers, painting for beginners – tutor Jane Taylor Pitt. St Mary's Church

Tuesday 4th & 18th June 2024, 2-4pm Coffee, cake & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

Tuesday 2nd & 16th July 2024, 2-4pm Coffee, cake & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

Thursday 27th June 2024, 7.30pm Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford, **Note change of date.**

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, email - rhonapunter@aol.com

Why Do You want to Cut the Grass so Short?

In recent years most English gardens have had immaculately cut lawns and flower beds carefully weeded so that there are large areas of soil left bare. Achieving this is very hard work and the result is a sterile monoculture that supports hardly any natural life. A close cropped lawn is needed if you want to play bowls or croquet, but otherwise, what is the point of it? The only things worse are artificial turf and large areas of hard paving.

If you set the mower to leave about 2-3 inches of grass, you will find that very shortly after mowing your lawn will be a mass of daisies, buttercups and other wild flowers. If you want to enhance this, you can always rake the lawn in the early spring and sow wild flower mix into the grass. The longer you avoid close cutting the lawn, the better the display will be. Walking or sitting on the longer grass is a delight.

Once you have some wild flowers in the grass, you will find insects feeding on them. In turn, the wild birds will eat the insects. Grass left slightly long encourages worms, which aerate the soil and also provide food for wild birds.

If you can leave even small areas with long grass and covering vegetation, this will give places for wildlife to shelter and you may gain a population of hedgehogs (very good at eating slugs). A small pond with sloping sides will develop a population of frogs, adding interest to the garden.

Many gardens have fences that extend right down to the ground and carefully built to prevent all movement of wildlife. If you have a dog that is prone to wandering, this is understandable but it cuts your garden off from nature. My garden has deliberately porous fences with two of our neighbours and our properties have become a route for muntjak deer, badgers, foxes and hedgehogs travelling around the village. We find this very interesting and it delights visitors.

So, why shut out nature? A few simple changes to the way you garden can help to halt the alarming decline in England's wildlife and make your garden a much more interesting place. The wise words of Gertrude Jekyll "When planning a garden, one should always set aside at least an acre for trees and wildlife" are difficult to apply in a modern garden but at least we can try to work with nature rather than shutting it out and creating a monoculture.

King Charles has started changing the way that the Buckingham Palace gardens are run, leaving the grass much longer so that nature is encouraged. This works even in the middle of London so we can do it in our little corner of England.

Richard Clarke





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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council met on the 12th of May for the Annual General Meeting and the regular monthly meeting, and the full details of both meetings will be published in due course both on the website and the notice board outside the church.

Sadly, our dear Chairman John Stannage felt he had to resign due to his current health conditions, but we very much hope he will be well enough to stand again when elections happen next year. As part of the Annual General meeting, Richard Clarke was appointed to be the new Chair with Graham Stevens and myself sharing the role of Vice Chair. Other appointments were made to make it easier for people to find a point of contact amongst the councillors and full details can be found on the website.

It was great to have several members of the public present at May's meeting. A survey was brought forwards about the parking situation in Nene Close which is being given careful consideration, and suggestions for the bus shelter & notice board were also brought forwards.

If you have any pressing concerns or suggestions for the village, please do attend the next parish council meeting on the 10th of June or reach out to the parish clerk, email on the website, or one of the councillors.



By the time you receive a copy of this, I hope the new bus service will have started. We have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure a bus returns to Wansford working in collaboration with the other Parishes involved in the bus campaign. We have negotiated the best times available and had to make compromises with the route to ensure the bus goes to both Stamford & Peterborough via Longthorpe, Castor, Ailsworth, Wansford & Wittering. The timetables should be delivered to every household in the village via Royal mail but if

for any reason you don't receive one, please get in touch and I will do my best to find a copy.

I want to say a personal thank you to all who helped with the village spring clean. So many people went to such a great effort to tidy and clean our village and I know many of you throughout the village are as grateful as I am. If you would like to see this as an annual event and have some suggestions for how it could be better organised and want to get involved, please reach out to me so we can plan a little more ahead next time.



Councillor Jane Taylor-Pitt

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Stibbington held their Annual meeting on the 9th May 2024. All councillors were present together with 6 members of the public.

The Chairman gave the annual report, followed by the election of Officers. Cllr. Beuttell was duly elected as Chairman with Mike Bradshaw elected as Vice Chair. The remaining roles were then allocated. The annual accounts have not been completed and signed off, so will be presented at the next PC meeting.

The Parish Council meeting then followed. There were no apologies, as all Councillors were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. During the Public forum, complaints were again received regarding the parking in the Village outside the Haycock, where visitors to the Haycock Hotel are parking at the front instead of being directed to the substantial car park at the rear. We have requested this before, but we will communicate with the Hotel management in writing. Concerns were also raised regarding the amount of visitors expected for the Haycock Summer Family Fun Fayre to be held on the 8/9th June. The PC have contacted the Haycock regarding this, but so far, they have not engaged with us to give information for contingency plans regarding parking on those days. We understand that HDC have also requested them to engage regarding the arrangements for those days.

The question of speeding in the village was raised, with suggestions of a 20MPH speed limit along Elton Road, or some traffic calming along that stretch of road, and/or narrowing the approach to Wansford Bridge to deter both HGV's and speeding vehicles. Meetings have been held with further meeting scheduled with Wansford PC to discuss.

Payments were, duly authorised. There were no planning applications or correspondence from residents.

It has come to light that the village Allotments have been recently sold to a Private developer. Housing has been suggested, but to date no formal application has been lodged. There are real concerns regarding access to the allotments which would come off the A1 slip road.

Councillor Turner then gave a website address for complaints of illegal parking, potholes, speeding and flooding.
<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>.

Cllr. Beuttell thanked everyone for their attendance, and announced that the date of the next meeting will be **Thursday 4th July**.

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council was held on 7th May 2024 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Yana Clipsham, Louise Molesworth, Camilla Plumb, Nicky Rogers, two members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk).

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

The following appointments were made:- Chair – Chris Smith, Vice Chair – Louise Molesworth, Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth and Robert Reeve, Augean Community Liaison Committee – Hally Hardie and/or Martin Witherington (TBC), Christie Hall Management Committee – Yana Clipsham and Finance Officer – Nicky Rogers

Police - there were no police representatives present, and nothing formally recorded.

Highways Issues - the Chair said she had no further updates on the A1 layby issues other than that changes are being considered for the 2025 round of budgeting. A47 Dualling – archeological works are nearing completion. The programme of works will be published soon and there will be public information meetings in July 2024, dates to be confirmed).

Social Events – it had been decided that it was not appropriate to ask Peter Sharpley for use of the paddock in Meadow Lane (sheep are currently using it in any case). It was agreed that Nicky Rogers will get together a group of volunteers to brainstorm ideas and to help organise something for September 2024. It was agreed that the Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on 8th December 2024. Joan Bolton-Frost will contact the Wansford Ukelele Band to book them for the event.

Flowers & Tubs at the A1 Entrance to Thornhaugh - the Parish Council is still awaiting a response from Peterborough City Council regarding its request to put planters at the entrance. The Chair has established that the likely cost will be £300 for two planters. It was agreed to purchase some bulbs to plant along the verges in October ready for next year.

Planning Applications - 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support – Approved; 19/01975/FUL - Variation of condition C2 (approved drawings to replace all approved uses for stable courtyard buildings with Class E use) pursuant to planning permission references 19/01795/FUL and 23/00867/WCPP at Sacrewell Farm And Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision; 24/00210/MMFUL - Continuation of landfilling operations and the importation of clean naturally

occurring materials to create an integrated restoration landform with nature conservation habitats at Cooks Hole Quarry and Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision and plans for Limestone Quarry on 82 hectares countryside near Wittering – it was agreed that the Parish Council will make its views known when officially notified of a planning application

Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2024 – thanks are expressed to Karen Jones for carrying out the Internal Audit and it was agreed to increase her Audit Fee. The End-of-Year Accounts will be put onto the Website. Section 1 Statement of Accounts, Section 2 Annual Governance Statement and Section 4 Internal Audit & Report were approved and signed by the Chair. The Parish Councillors had reviewed the Clerk's salary, and she was given written confirmation of the increase that they had agreed upon. The Clerk will liaise with Nicky Rogers relating to internet access to the bank account.

Bill's Bench needs repairing. Louise Molesworth agreed to send some photographs of the bench to the Clerk to enable a quote to be obtained for the repair work. Chris will ask Penny Lewin-Watts where the benches were purchased from.

Thanks were expressed to Liam Higgins for cleaning the Lectern and for cutting the grass on the triangle.

Louise Molesworth gave an update of the issues discussed at the recent Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Ground Committee, including the purchase of a flagpole which will be sited in the burial ground.

Louise Molesworth had spoken to Sarah-Jane, her colleague at Wansford Surgery, and it was agreed that she will provide Defibrillator update training for small groups. Louise to get content of sessions so that she can establish interest from residents.

Martin Witherington has confirmed that the noticeboard at Home Farm is in storage and will be re-erected once the landscaping is established. The noticeboard may need some refurbishment.

Camilla Plumb confirmed that she would be leaving the village sometime in August, although not planning to sell their home immediately. This will be discussed further at the next meeting to establish whether she will remain on the Parish Council since her absence will likely be for a year. As a homeowner in the village, she continues to meet the criteria for being a Councillor and under the regulations may continue on the Parish Council, attending meetings via video link. For further discussion and decision at the next meeting.

The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on 8th July 2024** in St Andrew's Church. This is a Monday, and all future meetings will be held on Mondays from now onwards.

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Sunday 9/06/24	Market Deeping	Away	1pm
Sunday 16/06/24	Motley Crew	Home	1pm
Sunday 23/06/24	Market Deeping	Home	12.30
Sunday 30/06/24	Ashpat XI	Home	1pm

T20 Games

Tuesday 4/6/24	HOLME	HOME	17:30
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Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Early Summer, Having fun with crafts & gardening

This last month has been dominated by our **Open Garden and Plant Sale event at Castor House**. On a fine day we welcomed many visitors to pick up a plant bargain, wander around the delightful gardens and enjoy tea & cake. Over 400 plants were sold and we give great thanks to our members and Joe Whitehead at Burghley for propagating so many lovely plant specimens. We also wish to thank our organising team of Rhona, Quentin, Sue, Mandy, Nigel, Janet, Liz, Bridget, Annette & Gloria plus our Castor House hosts; Ian & Clare Winfrey. The event was an important fundraiser for our Society and has helped our finances considerably.

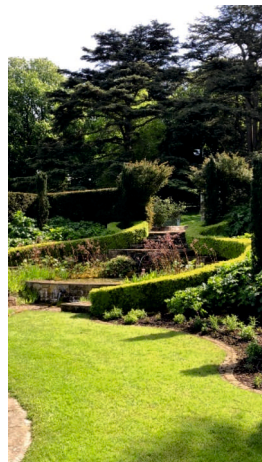


Back by popular demand, the plant sale theme has continued with **Goss Cottage Plants on the Wall** (on-going) and we are pleased that we are now able to begin raising monies again for our nominated charity, Sue Ryder.

Our next event is a visit to the **Sweet Pea Festival at Easton Walled Garden on Friday 28th June**. See Flyer below.

Note: **Wansford Show**. Unfortunately, our Horticultural Society will not be running a Show this year, but we are gratefully aware that others are planning a new Show for 2025 - watch this space !

Gary Punter
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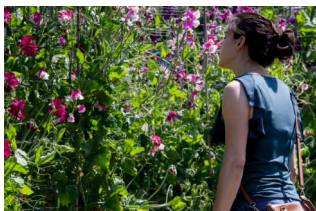
Easton Walled Garden

Sweet Pea Season

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Wansford Horticultural Society Group Visit (30 max)

£10 per person (at cost) and independent travel (car share if possible)



Treat your senses to the beauty of the sweet pea, as these unique flowers come into bloom.

On arrival our Group will be met and welcomed by a member of the Easton Walled Gardens team. Our group will then be able to walk around the Gardens at our own pace to enjoy the great variety, colour and bouquet of the sweet pea collection.

The Courtyard Coffee room open from 11am-4pm serves tea, coffee and cakes. The Applestore is also open 12 - 3pm is located in the middle of the gardens which also serves tea, coffee and cakes along with light savoury snacks of quiche and sausage rolls. The Courtyard Shop sells sweet pea seeds, gifts and gardening accoutrements.

We look forward to enjoying the hospitality of Easton and enjoying the lovely surroundings with friends. Please contact Rhona at rhonapunter@aol.com to get your name on the list and receive payment details.

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Tea, cakes and other refreshments at the church will keep everyone going and over the weekend will also feature some craft stalls, so it promises something for all the family. The Village Hall will be open for ice creams and soft drinks

Entry is £5 per person each day, children under 16 free, with the proceeds going to support St Mary's Church, Nassington. The event is expected to attract many visitors over the weekend. The gardens will be open from 1pm to 5pm each day and car-parking provision has been arranged.

Gardeners in the village are already working hard on their gardens and the Village will soon be laying out the chairs, putting up its parasols and throwing open its gardens. Organiser Hilary Hardie said "We last opened our gardens in 2022 when we had an amazing turnout. There will be a garden tour guide and visitors are bound to go home with ideas for their own gardens".

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