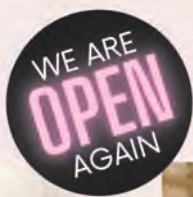


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Editorial

Dear readers

As promised last month, we herald in spring with a lovely picture of lambs from John – by the time you read our next edition we'll be looking forward to warmer days and longer nights. Well, that's the weather report out of the way, on to this month's edition.

There is lots to talk about in this issue, whether 'Saving The Date' for the Wansford Show in August, the floodlights at St Mary's church needing your help and donations, and there's news of two new charities in the area – 'Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough' and 'Heart Safe Communities UK'. The latter is holding FREE CPR training in Wansford in June. Speaking to the founder of the charity, he couldn't emphasise enough the protocol of calling an ambulance first and administering CPR, which vitally increase the chances of saving a life. The alarming statistic that only 3% of the population are currently within the recommended retrieval distance to a defibrillator is something the charity are trying to go some way to solving in the local villages.

Other dates for your diary come from the WI, the Horticultural and Crafts Society, the Arts Society Peterborough, and a rugby dinner at The Paper Mills, plus the regular parish notices and worship dates. We welcome contributions from all corners of the villages, so please don't be shy!

Best wishes

Craig

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Simple steps to save on your energy bills

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According to the Energy Saving Trust, the cost of living is at its highest level in a decade, with household energy bills being the largest expense.

The recent gas crisis has pushed energy bills up by well over £200 since last winter and they're expected to rise again in April.

While there are a number of Government grants that can be applied for, covering everything from a working from home allowance to a home energy grant to help pay for things like loft and cavity wall insulation, there are easy wins we can put into place at home.

A few simple but effective energy saving tips can be kinder to our pockets as well as the environment.

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Turning off the lights will lead to a £15 a year saving but switching to LED bulbs will save £40 a year.

Laptops, TVs, and game consoles account for around 7% of your energy bill.

A single computer and monitor left on 24 hours a day will cost around £45 a year. Switching them off out of hours and enabling standby features could reduce this to less than £10 a year each and prolong the lifespan of equipment.

A dripping tap can waste more than 5,500 litres of water a year, so make sure your taps are properly turned off and change washers promptly when taps start to drip

Fitting your hot water cylinder with an insulating jacket will save you £20 a year in heating costs and 110kg of carbon dioxide emissions.

Your room thermostat should be set to the lowest comfortable temperature, which for most is between 18°C and 21°C. If you only have a single room thermostat for the whole house, for every degree you increase the temperature, it will increase the heating bill by about 10%.

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20 th	11.00am	Holy Communion

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

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
6 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
2 nd	10.00am	Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday
13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
2 nd	7.00pm	Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday
13 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20 th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
27 th	11.00am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday

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**IT'S NOT FAIR! (Universal human cry from cradle to grave)
Justice and only justice you shall pursue. (Deuteronomy 16.20)
Does God care about Justice?**

The beginning of March brings the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on 2nd. We have two Benefice Communion services that day, as noted in the service list above. Our theme for Lent this year is "Embracing Justice". Each year at the start of Lent, we are challenged to turn away from sin and towards new life. Together we acknowledge that our own lives, our communities and our world stand in need of God's redeeming and transforming power. Through Lent this year, across the villages of our group we will be using a booklet produced by the Church of England called Live Lent: Embracing Justice which invites us to examine our own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray – for the church and the world far and near – that 'justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 4.24).

The booklet has daily reflections, readings and prayers to lead us through the theme, and there is a family version as well, with weekly challenges to share together. These will be available in the church porch at the beginning of March for anyone who would like to take one. We will also have two Lent groups meeting on Wednesday evenings on Zoom and Thursday afternoons in person. Details of locations and access are available from Rev. Jane. (01780 782271)

Whether we approach justice from a Christian or secular direction, perhaps our understanding of, and treatment of others, personally, as a community and as a nation, might be a useful reflection as we look towards a "post-covid" world. So many have said how these last two years have changed their perspective; maybe now is a time to think what has really made a difference to us. To encourage our thinking as we consider the important theme of justice, Revd Peter Morrell, one of our Benefice clergy, has written the following reflection. I do hope that this will encourage you to engage with the theme during March and April this year, whether from a Christian or secular perspective.

With every blessing,
Rev. Jane

REFLECTIONS

JUSTICE

**But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

So wrote the Judean prophet, Amos, some seven centuries before the birth of Christ (Am. 5.24). Western culture in general and Britain's in particular are firmly rooted in Judeo-Christian tradition. Perceived wrong-doing in a primitive hunter/gatherer community was punished at the behest of its leader. There were no safeguards for the wrongly accused. By the time that Israel became a national reality, the Book of Exodus was evidencing the existence of impartial justice delivered by judges (Ex. 23.1-9). Properly administered, impartial justice protects the vulnerable from the powerful. Both wronged and wrongdoer are treated fairly. All relevant evidence is placed before the court. Every witness is treated equally. Judgement is consistent with both the evidence the court accepts, with its reasons, and with the relevant, community-sanctioned law. All parties in the case have a right of appeal to a higher court.

The alternative to institutional justice is revenge. Practised in history, it continues; not much in Britain, but in places where access to impartial justice is either difficult or non-existent. Even here, the cries of the wrong-ed at what they perceive as the leniency of a judge-imposed sentence on the wrongdoer are witness to the potency of revenge. The danger is that an act of vengeance may spark another, establishing a cycle that is hard to break. Properly administered, institutional justice prevents that.

The Hebrew Bible urges that reciprocity, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (e.g. Ex 21.24), should guide the administration of justice. There is much to be said for that. Persistently ignored to the benefit of wrongdoers, public confidence in a legal system is lost and the law taken into private hands.

However, an alternative means of dealing with wrongdoers has begun to be used in this country. Restorative Justice is based upon Judeo-Christian principles of confession, remorse, apology and forgiveness. Space prevents me from discussing the process further here, but those interested should visit restorativejustice.org.uk. The proven benefits in terms of the reduction in both re-offending and of the cost of running our criminal justice system are considerable. Given its Judeo-Christian roots, Restorative Justice may be an appropriate subject for Lenten reflection.

Revd. Peter Morrell

CASTOR BENEFICE

Castor Benefice Services

We are still maintaining the following service pattern every Sunday in each of our **Parish churches** until further notice.

Marholm 9.00am - Holy Communion (Morning Prayer on 4th Sunday)

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

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

Every **Wednesday** morning at **10am** there is a service of Holy Communion at **Castor**.

We still continue to celebrate **Evensong via Zoom at 6pm every Sunday**, if you wish to join us please contact the Benefice office for the Zoom link and access code. admin.castor@btconnect.com

Looking ahead to Easter Day, 17 April, 2022, there will be a service in St. John the Baptist, Stibbington at 6pm, full details of other services in the Benefice for Holy Week and Easter will be published in the April issue.

David Ridgeway

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STIBBINGTON HOLY COMMUNION EASTER DAY 17 APRIL AT 6.00 PM



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

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

Everybody welcome from all of our villages

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

Lent is fast approaching and the Friends are holding 2 frugal Lent lunches in St Mary's church on Wednesdays 9th and 23rd March at 12.00.

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This month Zoe and Emily Mee, spoke on setting up and running Mee's Blueberries, based in Nassington. This is a family run business, founded by Zoe and her husband Peter along with their children. In 2012, the family began thinking about diversifying their working farm, and following a series of conversations with a friend, they took a visit to a blueberry farm in Poland. This led to serious planning resulting in the first plants being planted.

One of the big deciders to grow blueberries was the health benefits, including that the berries contain more than 20% of your daily Vitamin C allowance, are packed with antioxidants, Vitamins A, B-6 and E, as well as magnesium. As well as being able to help reduce cholesterol and reduce heart disease. These and many more.

Blueberries are pampered plants, requiring existing conditions to thrive. They are fussy about the soil type, irrigation, temperature, as well as wanting a frost free environment in the spring. Luckily all can be provided at Mee's farm with the polytunnels helping with this support and the farm staff carrying out weeding, pruning and picking by hand to gather in the harvest. Alongside all of this, bumble bees key workers are brought in together with their hives to carry out the important pollination. Harvest runs from June to October, and in 2021 this all came together for a bumper harvest, cropping 148 tonnes of fruit.

We were shown the journey of the berry once picked, to finally packed up for sale. Mee's blueberries are now being sold nationwide via M&S and Waitrose. Living so close to the farm, we can purchase these health boosting berries via the pop up shop at the farm which is open on alternate Saturday mornings. Also being sold at Nassington shop.



The family are not sitting on their laurels, but continue to carry out product development for these berries. They currently sell jam and chutney – both of which were sampled during the evening. They are about to launch gin liqueur and vodka liqueur. In progress is a wine, sparkling wine, fruit juice and a pudding syrup, all of which are being developed by working in conjunction with food/ drink experts.

Stibbington and Wansford WI has supported the work of Macmillan for a number of years, during 2021 we were able to fundraise, cumulating in our annual bake sale, so we were able to send to Macmillan a donation total of £333.50.

Many thanks to all those that supported us through out the year.



Our next meeting will see the return of local historian, Bethany Turner, who will be talking about her role as a trustee for Highgate cemetery, its history and some of the famous residents.

Now that we are meeting in St Mary's Church visitors are most welcome to our monthly meetings to hear our visiting speakers. Please see below for our upcoming events

Future events:

Tuesday 8th March, 7pm W.I. meeting St Mary's Church – Bethany Turner, The residents of Highgate, past and present.

Tuesday 1st March January, 2-4pm coffee and craft club, at St Mary's Church.

Tuesday 15th March January, 2-4pm coffee and craft club, at St Mary's Church.

Thursday 31st March, 7.30pm Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford

Tuesday 12th April, 7pm WI meeting St Mary's Church – Sue Jakeman, Bees and Beekeeping

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

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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council met on 15 February 2022, 6 councillors were present and two members of the public.

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Wansford St. Mary's Church lighting.

WPC have been approached to make a contribution to the replacement of the church floodlighting with more economical LED lights as the existing sodium lights are defective and are being phased out.

In principal WPC agreed to make a contribution that has yet to be quantified.

Speed Signs

Our two speed signs are currently on Old Leicester Road, and the bridge. They provide a schedule of vehicle speeds and numbers and show a continued reduction in speeds.

Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate. Traffic.

WPC are liaising with North Northants Council in respect to a planning application for increased warehousing (NE/21/01744/FULL) WPC have been assured that it is not intended to increase numbers of HGVs. WPC continue to express our concern that HGVs continue to exit through the village because of the poor exit from Old Leicester Road. WPC are not convinced signs requesting HGVs to avoid the village will be effective.

A47 Dualling.

Councillor Clarke continues represent the Councils concerns to The Inspectorate, mainly in respect to the lack of improvement of the A1 junction Western roundabout, and apparent inaccurate assumptions as to traffic flow prepared by Highways England.

Police and Crime Commissioner.

WPC Chairman joined a Web meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner, The meeting proved useful on a number of points. It was mentioned that currently there are 1650 Police officers in Cambridgeshire, this is being increased, Cambridgeshire has the lowest financial funding of any police force per head of population in England . This a long standing historical problem that needs resolving.

Accounts.

Planned expenditure was approved.

Old Leicester Road/ A47 Junction

WPC continues to express its concerns to PCC as to the kerb and verge damage being done by HGV's.

Planning

It is understood that an application made in 2017 (17/00550/OUT) to develop part of Seeds Field at the end of Old Leicester road being appealed due to non-determination, and when an inspector is appointed WPC will make representations.

Cllr Martyn Handley

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 17th January 2022 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Ashleigh Kewney and Louise Molesworth, also present was Deirdre McCumiskey, Parish Clerk.

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis, Adrian Rodgers and Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Ward Councillor.

There were no police representatives present. No-one was aware of any recently reported crimes.

Defibrillator

Louise Molesworth stated that 31 people have expressed an interest in attending a training course which will be held at the Christie Hall, Wansford. Due to the numbers, it is likely that two training courses will be held, and she will get these arranged. Stuart Foreman had reported a fault with the power supply to the defibrillator, and this has now been fixed.

Footpaths

The Chairman has not yet had the opportunity to talk to Lindsey Freeman. There have been no recent reports of problems with the footpath that had not been resolved. Thanks are expressed to the landowners who maintain the footpaths in a good condition.

Living Villages

The Parish Councillors are pleased that Living Villages is thriving. Residents are encouraged to submit contributions whenever they can. The Annual Contribution to the costs of producing Living Villages will be discussed at the March Meeting.

Christmas Event Report

This had been a successful and enjoyable event. Grateful thanks are expressed to Nicky Rogers as always for providing the tree and publicity, the Ukulele Group who were magnificent, Alan and Joan Forst for going the extra mile with music and warm food, Liam and Nicki Higgins for providing the power and hearing the wine and Kay Lewis who helped on the night, not to mention helping to put the tree up (and take it down) and Lousie Molesworth and Martin Lewis for making the whole thing happen. Final thanks to Peter Sharpley for disposing of the tree. It was a real community effort and raised £110 for the Children's Society Fund with Ellis Molesworth doing a great job collecting the donations on the night.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Louise Molesworth has a list of volunteers, and she will arrange a planning meeting at the Chairman's home soon. It was agreed that it will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund monies. If there is anyone else who would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk (dpmccumiskey@gmail.com).

Peterborough City Council Land Transfer

The Chairman had received a response from Peterborough City Council about how this came about. Land can be transferred without notification or consultation if adjacent properties have not registered prior use/and interest in the council land with PCC. The area in question is still designated as a highway for the central access area in front of the gate and thus will be maintained by PCC and can be used as a turning space for vehicles and needs to remain clear. The area on either side of the central area is now privately owned and the new owners can use those areas as they see fit. Apparently if there is no prior legal contact about public land with the PCC (eg continuous use, access to adjacent private properties, etc) then no consultation relating to sale/purchase is required. It is therefore important for anyone who has property adjacent to public/PCC owned land that they express a legal interest so at least any changes would be communicated prior to sale.

Memorial for Hubert Warren

Sadly, the village lost a key figure in 2021 and our condolences go to Hubert Warren's family. A suggestion on a tribute to Hubert who served for a very long time as Clerk to the Parish Council has been received from Stuart Foreman. The bench mid-way along Russell hill (the back lane) needs refurbishing. Stuart has suggested this be replaced and a new dedication put on to include the current wording plus a dedication for Hubert. Other suggestions include a new bench or a lectern. It was agreed that Lousie Molesworth will talk to Hubert's family to see if they have any preferences.

Budget and Precept 2022-2023

The financial information which had already been circulated was discussed and it was agreed to set the Gross Precept for 2022-2023 at £6,688 which is the same as for 2021-2022.

Community Infrastructure Levy Grant

The Parish Council had received £5,273.84 following the construction of 16 Meadow Lane. A discussion took place as to how this could be appropriately spent within the community and two ideas mooted were a tribute to the late Hubert Warren and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event.

Open Reach

The Chairman has written to Open Reach to complain about the newly installed and very unsightly cover which was put on the green at the junction of Meadow Lane and Russell Hill and has been left very proud of the surrounding area making it difficult to mow and is a potential Health & Safety hazard.

Brown Bins

The Chairman has written to Peterborough City Council regarding the non-collection of the Brown Bins, asking that PCC insist that Aragon complies with its contract to empty the Brown Bins or, at the very least let residents know when they can expect service to resume

Planning Applications

21/01225 - Construction of a first-floor loft conversion above an existing garage at St Medard House, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting decision; 21/01894 - Single storey front extension at 13 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision and 21/01991 - Proposed alterations to existing Outbuildings including external domestic spiral stairs to allow access from home office to garden area at Home Farm House, Leicester Road Thornhaugh – No Objections.

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections are due to be held in May in 2022. Adrian Rodgers has already indicated that he does not wish to continue as a Parish Councillor after this date. The Chairman will prepare a flyer explaining the role/process so that any interested residents can consider whether they might like to join the Parish Council.

Passing Places on Russell Hill

The Chairman has written to Peterborough Council asking for the passing places on Russell Hill to be made more permanent and less 'messy'. However, it is anticipated that a 'no funds' response will be received.

The next meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 21st March 2022 in St Andrew's Church. Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 17th January 2022 in St Andrew's Church.

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council met at The Christie Hall on Thursday 27th January 2022 for their first meeting of 2022. **THE MEETING WAS HELD UNDER STRICT COVID 19 CONDITIONS.**

5 Councillors were in attendance and 9 members of the public were also present.

Apologies received from County Cllr S Bywater and Parish Cllrs Engel and Riddington. Cllr Beuttell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

LHI and NVR proposal for alteration – the Parish Council applied for an LHI grant some time ago which was successful. The plan was to place double yellow lines both sides of road past café and NVR. Meeting with Karen Lunn and director of NVR to go over proposed plans: It is a fact that NVR can apply for an exemption when have a function on. As HDC brings civil parking enforcement i.e. by 2023 from Police and District Council! Small signs posted along the road – felt not a good idea (conservation area) trucks will knock them down, school children walking to school, condition of road is deteriorating very quickly due to the parking of HGV's on the road. There was a Suggestion of placing – double yellow one side of road, single other side where grass verge cut up with Bollards in between them. This will be discussed with Highways. Mike Kerfoot NVR stated that he recognised the disruption caused by the Lorries, and also Pure Fuels usage and parking. NVR have concern around double yellow lines and enforcement, if parking tickets are put on our customer's cars what is position in having tickets rescinded (refund). Cllr Beuttell advised double yellow lines would prevent/help towards situation we are in at the moment. Mike Kerfoot NVR stated that this sounded like a good compromise, and that they are more than willing to work with the PC to try and resolve the issues created by HGV Lorries etc. Single yellow line outside cottages on other side of railway. Cllr Beuttell quite keen to re draw with single and double yellow lines – NVR agreed that this would be acceptable. With suggestion that we work together to see what could be agreed. Would we need multi lingual signage? HDC prepared to get grass verges reinstated. Bus shelter is being used as a toilet!! Cllr Beuttell will go back with suggestions together with another/ revised plan. Pure Fuels have come in with an appeal regarding the Planning Application for Change of Building usage on site. Richard Cobley Lorries now appearing on site. NVR have submitted another objection to the Planning Application – (letter sent this week).

Planning Applications (New):

21/02496/FUL – Councillors agreed that the Parish Council, have no objections but would like to bring to the attention of the Planning Department that there are already issues with the Sewage pumps used in that area and believe that 4 extra dwellings would put further pressure on those pumps.

21/02789/HHFUL and 21/02790/LBC – Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council have considered the application(s) and have no objections

Larkfleet Homes: Nothing further to report – no further update as yet.

Newlands Industrial Proposal: Chesterton, Sibson-cum-Stibbington and Elton Parish Councils opposed to proposal. Exhibition held at Highgate Hall, Elton on 3rd November 2021. After exhibition visitors encouraged to write to Shailesh Vara MP and copy in local Cllrs with their concerns/comments.

Flooding - long discussions with CCC about flooding - it is CCC that are in charge of most of the drains, not HDC. CCC looking more closely at drains/problems – when report available for public view (will include all drains in Sibson-cum-Stibbington) will be circulated to all Cllrs. Queens Platinum Jubilee – ideas for consideration - Plant tree New Lane/Elton Road – Oak Tree plus sign?

Street Party/Afternoon Tea? NVR – are they going to do anything special? Parish Council agreed perhaps a Tea Party down whole of street mirroring the success of our VE day celebrations.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd March 2022 commencing at 7 pm and will be held in the Christie Hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Wansford Show Saturday 27th August 2022

Our Show Committee are already planning another great day for all the family. 1,000 visitors attended in 2021 and we hope to exceed the marvellous feedback received. Watch this space for more details of the live music, Tug of War, children's entertainers, classic vehicles, craft & plant stalls, (much more) food & drink and how to enter your exhibits into the Show.



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MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Mens breakfast enjoyed a second meeting since restrictions were eased on Saturday 5th February. Peter Morrell gave an entertaining talk titled 'The Trials and Tribulations of a Published Novelist' ahead of the launch of his new book on 21st April 'Reminiscences of a Nearly Somebody'. We plan to meet again on Saturday March 19th at Queens Head, Nassington and the talk will be about 'Handling the Media in War' a first hand, personal account from David Pickup. Why not come along and join in the fun (plus a hearty full English) make new friends and hear about what is going on in our neighbouring villages. Enquiries and to book a place please email Ian Scott at mensbreakfast@btconnect.com

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Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Our Events are up and running

Our 1st talk of the year was very timely, 'Live from the Potting Shed providing advice on sowing seeds' from Martin Fish (radio presenter and RHS Judge). Top Tip: Buy seed potatoes now and get them to sprout (chitting) by keeping indoors. These seed potatoes are then ideal to plant in a container or pot once the last frost has passed. Enjoying the taste of home-grown potatoes is very special.

Houseplants

For our next talk, we are fortunate to bring Jane Perrone to Wansford (face to face) to talk about her passion for looking after plants indoors plus a few plant sales (cash only). Jane is a journalist specialising in plants and gardening. Her work is regularly published in The Guardian, The Financial Times, Gardens Illustrated and Garden Design Journal. Jane is well known for her podcast 'on the ledge'.

		<p>Houseplants by Jane Perrone</p> <p>Thursday 24th March 7.30pm at the Christie Hall, Wansford. If you wish to attend, please contact garypunter@aol.com</p>
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Tickets are also on sale for our popular *Spring Social* to be held on 26th March 2022, starting at 7pm in Christie Hall, a traditional home cooked dinner and plentiful drink, followed by a quiz and raffle. Ticket price is £10 per member, £15 per non-member. Please contact rhonapunter@aol.com if you wish to attend, please let us know by 21st March.

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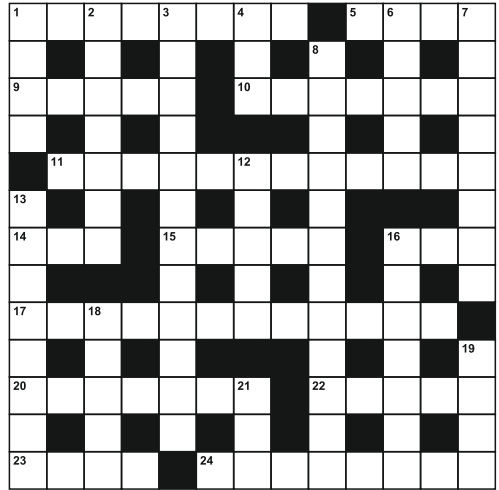
Quick Crossword

Across

- 1 - Thawed (8)
- 5 - Gossip (4)
- 9 - Spiny yellow-flowered shrub (5)
- 10 - Eg hate or joy (7)
- 11 - Tamed (12)
- 14 - Piece of cloth (3)
- 15 - Clean feathers (of birds) (5)
- 16 - Popular beverage (3)
- 17 - Quarrelsome and uncooperative (12)
- 20 - Enunciation of speech (7)
- 22 - Artifice (5)

Down

- 1 - Spur on (4)
- 2 - 220 yards (7)
- 3 - Excessive stress (12)
- 4 - First woman (3)
- 6 - Raise up (5)
- 7 - Unable to discern musical pitch (4-4)
- 8 - Intense (12)
- 12 - Pinch; squeeze (5)
- 13 - Went before (8)
- 16 - Like a bull (7)
- 18 - Cuts slightly (5)



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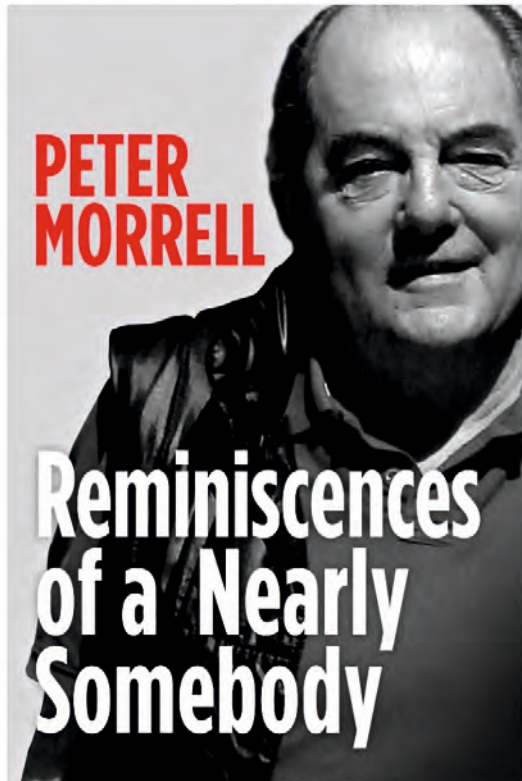
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Sudoku

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LOCAL AUTHOR'S LATEST BOOK!



Five essays by Nassington resident, Peter Morrell, one-time barrister and judge and currently local clergyman, recounting a walk he took alone in West Germany aged 18, his campaign as the Conservative candidate in a strong Labour seat in the general election of February 1974, his career as a writer, his translation from barrister to judge and from layman to Anglican priest.

Publish date 21 April 2022 and then available from Oundle Bookshop, Nassington Stores, Waterstones, other bookshops and Amazon.

Book Launch, Oundle Bookshop, 5-8pm, 21 April 2022 – canapés and wine - email to petermorrell@sulehay.co.uk by 14 April if you intend to be there.



New Charity supports vulnerable residents in rural areas of Peterborough

The Good Neighbours - Rural Peterborough Charity was launched in 2020 to support vulnerable and/or isolated residents of rural Peterborough where family and friends are unable to do so. The overall aim is to improve people's general health and well-being, giving the ability to stay at home more safely and for longer in a supportive community.

This involves providing volunteer services such as transport to medical appointments, telephone befriending, prescription delivery and signposting to services.

Many of Peterborough's rural communities benefited from the fantastic response of willing volunteers to support those in the community that are vulnerable and in need of support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This support has been a lifeline for many people who are unable to leave their homes, particularly during the cold winter months.

The Good Neighbours Charity will essentially ensure that this valuable community support remains in place in the future which also helps to reinforce a strong and resilient community support network via the structures we have in place. Our Volunteers all have an enhanced DBS Check, for their protection as well as that of the clients who ask for support, together with access to training and support.

Our volunteer support is not designed to replace those of professional services or larger Charities but will compliment and add value in ways that we hope is recognised as mutually beneficial for all.

"It is so good to know that an organisation like this exists so that we can refer people in need to local support" (Early Help Team Worker Adult Social Care 2021)

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

10TH MARCH 2022

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

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

14TH APRIL 2022

Origins: Cave Paintings to the Greeks by Giles Ramsay

Over 30,000 years ago mankind began to make sense of his place in the world through art and myth. In this lecture Giles explores how stories told in the primitive world can relate to us today.

12TH MAY 2022

Koh-i-noor - The most famous Diamond in the World by Georgina Bexon

This lecture informs about the discovery of 'The Mountain of Light' thousands of years ago in an Indian river bed to its resting place in The Tower of London. The story includes everything from desire, jealousy and political chicanery described by the artists that committed events and emotions of their time.

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Although there will be a saving in electricity consumption in the long-term, the cost of converting these lights will be £1,850. We have unsuccessfully explored a number of alternative sources of

funding and are grateful to Wansford Parish Council for considering supporting this project. However, there remains a large funding gap and we are therefore requesting the support of local individuals.

As many villagers enjoy seeing St. Mary's Church floodlit as a key historic feature of our beautiful village your financial support to this energy saving project would enable this project to proceed.

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Alternatively, please contact our Treasurer, Judith Rogers (email ThornhaughWansfordPCC@gmail.com) for advice on other ways of donating. Your help with this appeal would be very much appreciated.

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Caroline Ashley and Alan Jones,
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Heart Safe Communities UK Free CPR & Use of Defibrillator Training

Our journey began in Nassington eighteen months ago where we have been working to build a 'Heart Safe Community' by raising awareness, provide free training and install a network of public access defibrillators. So far we have 12 of the planned 20 defibrillators in Nassington and helped to facilitate others in the local area. We have trained over 170 people from Nassington and surrounding communities. Training open to anyone from anywhere.

Given our success and a determination to help others we have now established a new national charity '**Heart Safe Communities UK**'. Our aim is to help inspire others by raising awareness, facilitating training, and encouraging communities to work together with us to build networks of strategically placed defibrillators. We want to see as many people as possible to be within the Resuscitation Council's recommended retrieval distance of 100 metres or a 2-3 minute brisk walk from potentially life saving equipment. In addition to this we will be lobbying for a national definition for 'Heart Safe Communities'.

Nationally only about 3% of the population are currently within the recommended retrieval distance. In Nassington when our network is completed virtually 100% of people in the community will be within 100 metres of a defibrillator. Hopefully we can create a ripple effect and many others will have the same coverage one day.

We have now added other training venues to our timetable. Training dates are currently advertised on the Nassington **Heart Safe Community** website. They will also be accessible via the new Heart Safe Communities UK website in the near future. Training sessions are held on Saturdays and last just 1 hour. We offer a choice of 5 start times on training days 09:00, 10:15, 11:30, 13:00, 14:15. We have trained people between the ages of 9 to almost 90 so far. We ask that any participant under 16 are accompanied by an adult and actively welcome families to come as a group. All participant receive a certificate of attendance.

Places can be booked at any of the venues advertised on the website. **Our next training sessions** will be on 12th March (King's Cliffs Social Club), 9th April (Highgate Hall, Elton) and 14th May (King's Cliffs Social Club). There will be sessions will in **Wansford** on Saturday 11th June and Saturday 10th September in the Community Hall. Others can be found in the website. There are 30 places on each training day but just six places in each session to ensure training is of high quality.

We would be delighted if you would join us to learn how you too can save a life. Sessions are aimed at people who have never had any training, anyone wanting to undertake a refresher or simply practice their skills.

Just go to <https://www.nassingtonheartsafecommunity.org> and book your place(s) by following the link to the training page. Booking is easy, takes just a couple of minutes and you'll receive immediate confirmation of your place. If you have any questions, need any help or would like to help us in any way please email info@hscuk.org.uk or call us on 0300 10 200 11.

We will be launching a new website for **Heart Safe Communities UK** in the very near future at <https://hscuk.org.uk> please look out for this watch this. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @HSCUKCharity.

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