

Living Villages

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2023**

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March 2023

One of the new Tax Traps that will hit Millions of UK investors:

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Editorial

Dear readers

Do you have childhood memories of being out in the countryside and hearing the sounds of a train horn, a locomotive rolling over the track, and the typical puffing and hissing sounds as it made it's way along the track? With Nene Valley Railway being close by, those sounds can often be heard still, bringing to life the stations of yesterday. Honorary Nene Valley Railway Historian Peter Waszak recently wrote a piece on The Old Wansford Road Station, and we have included it in this edition on pages 20 and 21 so that you can enjoy some of that history.

Planning for this year's Wansford Show begin in earnest, which Living Villages are delighted to be supporting once more. We cant' guarantee a human re-enactment of a Hurricane flypast, which entertained visitors last year, but we're sure there'll be more fun and surprises along the way. There is a special pull-out in the centre pages will all the information you'll need to enter into the various classes on the day.

There is still time to pick up tickets for the Steaming Blues gig in Peterborough, raising funds for Heltwate School, details on page 23, plus there are adverts for the various Easter Services coming up next month across the villages. Also we bring details of the Wansford Surgery AGM and the planned King Charles III Coronation celebrations - jointly being organised by Wansford and Sibson Parish Councils.

Our thanks as always to all the contributors, advertisers and distributors for all they do, and finally as mentioned last month, we will soon be looking for a new distributor to take over the New Lane and Sibson Aerodrome area, so if you are interested please get in touch - our contact details are at the back of the magazine.

Best wishes

Craig

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Studying for a course?- Did you know you can apply for a grant?

Since the early 1990s the **Reverend Thomas Woolsey's Charity** has been giving for equipment to all students from Thornhaugh and Wansford for further education, apprenticeship or skills.

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

Think you know Safe Local Trades? - Think Again

You may have heard of Safe Local Trades, noticed the advert opposite, or even seen the logo on vans and vehicles around your local area. But who are they and what do they do? We caught up with founder and owner Eileen Le Voi to find out more...



Is Safe Local Trades a national company?

The biggest misconception that people have is they think we are a national company!

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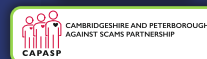
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Every Sunday 5.00pm - Zoom 'At Home' Service. Log in and phone details from Rev. Jane jdtaiby@aol.com 01780 782271

St. Leonard's, Apethorpe		
5 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer		
12 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP		
5 th	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP
5 th	9.30 a.m.	All Age Communion
12 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Family Service and Crafts
26 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion followed by APCM

St. Mary's, Woodnewton		
5 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Communion
26 th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell		
12 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
26 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
5 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Communion

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REFLECTIONS

It may not seem that long since all the additional services around Christmas time (it certainly doesn't feel that long to me!) but by March we are firmly into the Lent season, with its own special

services, and Easter celebrations to look forward to. You will see from our service schedule that we have a special Mothering Sunday Family Communion service at Thornhaugh on 19th March. All are welcome to join us to celebrate our mums, our families, whoever and where-ever they are, and all who care for us.

Sometimes, it might feel that this isn't a time for those who aren't surrounded by family every day, but we want everyone to feel welcome and that they belong in our church family – do come!

We give thanks also for God's love and care for us, that is reflected in human love and care. In the church we also give thanks for our "mother church" and the ways in which God cares for us in that community and in that place. I have no doubt that there will be flowers as well!

Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day, reminds us to think about caring in its widest sense – who cares for us and enriches our lives and how do we show care for those around us. Perhaps March might be a month to think in new ways about how we care for each other in our community and beyond. We have all those encouragements to think about changes in our lifestyles such as "no-meat Mondays" or "Veganuary" and although we probably don't need the same encouragement to show our care and our thankfulness, maybe "Care-March" might be an idea? I'm sure you'll come up with a better phrase than that, though!

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane



A date for your diary!

Palm Sunday this year falls on 2nd April. To mark the day we will be holding a special Palm Sunday Procession through Thornhaugh, from the "triangle" where the village sign is, down to the church for a family service. All are welcome – do come and join us!

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

By the time Living Villages appears, we will have had our Coffee Stop on Wednesday 1st March.

On **Wednesday 29th March**, we will be having a frugal Lent Lunch in St Mary's church at 12 o'clock, and we will be supporting the Turkey/ Syria earthquake appeal. All welcome!

Caroline Ashley

The Friends of St Remigius

The Friends of St Remigius have an exciting year planned, with the intention of undertaking the repairs that will make the Church watertight. Villagers are keen to maintain the space as the only community room and therefore will then undertake an ambitious programme to install toilet and kitchen facilities. Volunteers are preparing grant requests, but fundraising will also be key. For that reason, the busy year of events kicks off with a Spring Festival on Sunday 26th March at 1p.m., followed by food and fun. Later in the year, the committee is planning to restart The Water Newton Musical Festival – updates to follow next month!

Janet Armitage

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 on **Easter Day, Sunday the 9th April at 6pm**, see separate poster.

David Ridgeway

Holy Week and Easter Services in Castor and Stibbington

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday - Sung Communion 10:15 am with Procession from Castor School

Monday 3rd April – Compline (Night Prayer) a lovely plainsong service sung by the choir - 7:45 pm

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday - Sung Communion – remembering the Last Supper and Jesus' washing his disciples' feet - 7.45pm

Good Friday 7th April – Service of the Last Hour – a reflective service remembering Jesus' crucifixion and death - 2 pm

Saturday 8th April – The Easter Vigil - Lighting of the Easter fire 7:45 pm

Easter Day – Sunday 9th April – Festal Sung Communion 10:15 am - celebrating Christ's Resurrection – a truly joyful occasion and the most important day of the Church's year.

EASTER DAY Service in Stibbington – Sunday 9th April – 6.00pm Holy Communion

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This month was our AGM, and allowed us the opportunity to reflect on 2022. It was good to return to a programme where we could attend in person, and the wide range of speakers that spent Tuesday evenings with us, sharing their passions and educating us with their knowledge on a wide range of topics.

For me highlights include Zoe and Emily Mee, they both spoke on setting up and running Mee's Blueberries, based in Nassington, a local business that is thriving. The ladies took us through the journey (as they say in Strictly!) from an idea to diversify the farm, to now where not only blueberries are being sold, but the berries are being processed into jam chutney and liqueurs.

We were also pleased to have a return visit by local historian Bethany Turner. Beth's talk this time had a very much more personal connection. While carrying out some research into her family tree, Beth found out that her great-great-grandmother suffered with Epilepsy and had been a long term resident at St Ebbas Hospital, part of Horton Hospital complex also known as the Epsom Cluster. It was a great insight into not only healthcare in those days, but also the approach to mental health. Looking back after the pandemic and all the consequences that are still materialising, I was able to reflect on the great strides that have been made within NHS and the importance of mental health and well being.

We continued to fundraise throughout 2022, with the return annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. Once the date was agreed, the bakers within our group got busy producing a wonderful spread of sweet and savoury treats. Thanks to all those busy bakers. Also many thanks go to all those that came along and supported the coffee morning at St Mary's Church, buying up all the cakes, and raising a wonderful £147. Earlier in the summer, we set up our Children's tombola at The Wansford Show. It was a great success; we were able to raise £180 for Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall. This is our chosen charity this year, in memory of Jill Rastall - a longstanding member.

Our March meeting will be with Julie Bickerton founder of Nomad therapy, she will be running a fun, educational eye opening and practical session on women's pelvic health. The talk is aimed at women, no matter age, or whether you have had children or not. During this active session there will a focus on movement, breath work, massage, allowing women to talk more openly about female pelvic health.

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

Please see below for our upcoming events:

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

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

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

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Wansford Parish Council met on 13 February 2023, 5 councillors, the parish Clerk and 3 members of the public were present

The following items were discussed: -

Minutes of previous meeting approved

A47 Dualling: WPC Councillor Richard Clarke has produced a number of submissions to the Secretary of State for Transport pointing out the fallacy of National Highways proposed route in the Nene valley.

Our MP Shailesh Vara has had lengthy discussions at a high level, so we hope that when the A47 decision is made on 17 February some sense will be seen.

Wansford Bridge Traffic WPC continues to explore methods that may stop heavy traffic using the bridge as a diversion. National Highways will be monitoring the traffic when the A1 Southbound is closed over the next weeks.

King Charles III Coronation WPC are liaising with Sibson cum Stibbington PC over the village celebration street party due to be held on Sunday 7 May 2023 when the road will be closed.

Bus services Wansford to Peterborough WPC and Wittering are carrying out a survey to establish what the demand would be if it were to be reinstated. Would all interested parties please complete the survey that can be found on <https://www.localvillages.co.uk/wansford-bus-survey/>

Public bench WPC are seeking a grant towards a wooden seat for a new location.

Old Leicester Road HGV's WPC are investigating if a 7.5T limit could be imposed on this road to stop HGV's cutting through the village when there is an alternative route. WPC consider the repairs to the A47 junction are inadequate and will continue for improvement to prevent accidents.

Planning An application has been made in respect of the replacement of the 2 metre high fence with a one metre high fence and hedge on the corner of Peterborough Road. WPC are still waiting to hear the decision for the Planning appeal on Seeds Field.

Accounts The accounts and planned expenditure were approved.

Oundle Marathon We are advised that on 5th March the Oundle marathon will proceed from Yarwell Road to Kings Cliffe using Old Leicester Road. This has passed before and WPC do not consider it is of significant concern.

Foot Path Signage WPC are investigating whether the Nene way signs could be improved with directions to adjoining locations.

WPC vacancy WPC are seeking to fill a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Applications please to clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk or phone 07899 732049.

Next meeting at the **Community Hall, 13th March 7.30pm.**

Cllr Martyn Handley

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READY STEADY BAKE

- Class BA: Three identical decorated cupcakes
- Class BB: Three cheese scones (5-6cm diameter)
- Class BC: Pizza face (15cm diameter)
- Class BD: Three sausage rolls (5-6cm long)
- Class BE: Three Flapjacks
- Class BF: Three Chocolate Brownies
- Class BG: A Jar of Jam/Jelly or Chutney
- Class BH: Three chocolate cornflake cakes

Start
planning
now for
August

READY STEADY

PHOTO

- Class PA: A portrait photograph of someone you love.
- Class PB: An action shot of a sport.
- Class PC: A Selfie
- Class PD: Wildlife (Plant or animal not a pet)
- Class PE: A building

READY STEADY ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Class AA: A picture of your Toy Pet Show entry. See Toy Pet Show
- Class AB: A Robot made from recycling materials.
- Class AC: A painting or drawing of your garden
- Class AD: A painting or drawing of a beach scene
- Class AD: An item of pottery
- Class AE: Lego or Duplo Model
- Class AF: An item of sewing or needlework
- Class AG: An item of knitting or crochet
- Class AH: A useful household item in any medium
- Class AI: A paper or fabric collage of flowers
- Class AJ: A hard craft item (wood, metal, stone etc)
- Class AK: Any poem in your own handwriting (No decorated borders)

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Classes for
everyone to
enter



Grow your Vegetables

V1	Potatoes (5)
V2	Onion (5)
V3	Carrots (3)
V4	Runner beans (6)
V5	Dwarf French beans (6)
V6	Beetroot (3)
V7	Tomatoes (beefsteak) (3)
V8	Tomatoes (cherry) (8)
V9	Tomatoes (plum) (5)
V10	Tomatoes (garden) (5)
V11	Cucumber (1)
V12	Courgettes (3)
V13	Fresh Herbs (4)
V14	Squash/ pumpkin (3)
V15	Other veg, not in above (3)
V16	Apples dessert (5)
V17	Apples cooking (5)
V18	Pears (5)
V19	Plums (5)
V20	Veg collection
V21	Fruit collection

Growing
Season will
soon be
here !

Delightful Flowers

F22	Large Dahlias (3)
F23	Small Dahlias (3)
F24	Collection of garden flowers (10)
F25	Collection of roses (5)
F26	Single Rose (1)
F27	Hanging basket/Patio pot
F28	Best Garden
FA29	Celebrating village life (flower arrangement)

Wonderful Cookery

FD30	Victoria Sponge
FD31	Chocolate Cake
FD32	Vegetable cake
FD33	Scones (6)
FD34	Sausage Rolls (3)
FD35	Home baked loaf
FD36	Jar of preserve
FD37	Jar of chutney
FD38	Fruit Liqueur



Creating Art & Craft

CA39	Knitted or crocheted article
CA40	Cushion, quilted or tapestry
CA41	Any other article
CA42	Art (any medium)



Inspiring Photography

P43	Quartet of themed photos
P44	Black & white
P45	Wildlife
P46	Architecture
P47	Transport



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A47 Update March 2023

On the 17th February the Secretary of State for Transport published his ruling on the proposed A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling and unfortunately he has chosen to support National Highways on almost every point.

Between January and July 2022, the Planning Inspectorate carried out a very detailed review of the project and their finding was that, in the form proposed by National Highways, the scheme should be refused because it showed no overall benefits. The reason for this was that the delays and congestion on the Wansford Western Roundabout negated all the time savings from the rest of the project.

The Examiner also agreed with Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils that the original basis on which National Highways selected their preferred route was incorrect and that the modelling of traffic flows around the A1/A47 junction was based on bogus assumptions.

In the event, the Secretary of State has decided that the Western Roundabout is not part of the scheme and therefore the development shows positive benefits. This is totally illogical as the delays at the Western Roundabout will occur whatever the Secretary of State says.

As a final kick in the teeth for the local community, the Secretary of State has ruled to exclude the two parish councils from further consultation on the detailed design, despite a strong recommendation from the Planning Inspectorate to the contrary. This goes directly against Government policy and a pledge made in the Conservative Party manifesto in 2019.

The only formal recourse to the Secretary of State's decision would be a judicial review but this would only look at the process by which the decision was made, not the content of the actual decision.

Wansford Parish Council is seeking a face to face meeting with Shailesh Vara to discuss the behaviour of the Secretary of State. Otherwise there is very little that we can do about it. If residents want to comment on the decision, please do so to Shailesh Vara or to Huw Merriman MP, the Minister of State for Transport.

The local community can now look forward to the destruction of the County Wildlife site along the river Nene, lengthy disruption to local travel, inadequate provision for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and the waste of £11 million of public money. There will also be the risk of long term instability of the road and the complete inability to carry out future widening. All these would have been avoided if National Highways had listened to the local community.

Richard Clarke

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on 15th May 2023 in St Andrew's Church**. Details will appear in a future edition of Living Villages Magazine.

Thornhaugh Litter Pick

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

Nikki Higgins

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson cum Stibbington Parish Council met on **Thursday the 26th January, 2023.**

Five Councillors attended with one apology. Five members of the public attended. There being no Declarations of interest in the business to be transacted the Public in attendance were given the opportunity to address the Council.

It was commented on how pleased residents were to have a Police presence in the village with a Speed camera, where several motorists were caught speeding. Photographs were produced showing cars parked on the junction of Church Lane and Old Great North Road, blocking a dropped Kerb, restricting motorist view of the road. Cllr Beuttell to liaise with Highways regarding this problem, which has been reported previously.

The minutes from the previous meeting were duly signed. Several payments were authorised.

There was one new Planning Application No. 23/0004/LBC regarding a signal box. No objections were raised.

There was correspondence from two Residents of Church Lane complaining about potholes, and the fact that two lights were not working in the area. There was also a complaint regarding HGV's taking the wrong turn and ending up in Church Lane.

There was General Correspondence regarding the proposed closure of the Stibbington Environment Centre. Cambridge County Council can no longer support the Education centre. Questions were raised as to what will happen to the building, as it is a Grade II listed and residents do not want it sitting empty and unused, should the decision be made to close it.

Cllr. Beuttell reported that correspondence had been received from Cambridge Highways suggesting that the long awaited Double Yellow Lines along Old Great North Road will be installed in March/April – weather permitting.

It was confirmed by Cllr. Beuttell that the Defibrillators are regularly checked and reported.

The Oak Tree which the Parish Council purchased to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II has arrived, and as it is now the season to plant it Cllr. Beuttell and Cllr Bradshaw attended the planting (see pic below). It was also noted that the Bench to Commemorate the life of Her late Majesty will be installed shortly.

It was with pleasure that it was announced that our new Parish Clerk, Charlotte Newman has been appointed. All emails addresses etc. will be published as soon as possible.

Cllr. Bradshaw reported the Fitzwilliam Hunt met on Wednesday 4th January, which culminated in the Hounds running around Waters Edge. The Riders also rode across some agricultural land which caused damage to farmland. A letter should be sent to the Hunt to complain about this intrusion.

Cllr. Bradshaw also mention potholes along New Lane, together with a report of flooding of some drains in the village, which will be reported.

The Parish Council together with Wansford Parish Council are to hold a Street Party on Sunday 7th May. The street will be closed from Bridge End along Elton Road for this event, and further information will be announced in due course. Any suggestions regarding this event will be welcomed by both Parish Councils.

Cllr. Beuttell thanked all for attending and announced that the date of the next meeting will be **Thursday 7th March.**



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**KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

BOTH SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON AND WANSFORD PARISH COUNCILS ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE PLANNING OF A STREET PARTY ON SUNDAY 7TH MAY, TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III.

THE STREET FROM BRIDGE END THROUGH PART OF ELTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO ALLOW CELEBRATIONS TO TAKE PLACE. THIS WILL INCLUDE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AND WE ASK ALL OUR RESIDENTS TO KEEP THE DATE IN THEIR DIARY.

OLD WANSFORD ROAD STATION

The history of the former **Wansford Road station building** currently just to the north of the A47 Peterborough Leicester Road over bridge (Bridge No 6) at the junction of Sutton Heath Road heading to the north to Southorpe and of its projected relocation to Peterborough Railworld Wildlife Haven/



Peterborough Nene Valley station was covered in Nene Steam No 145 Autumn 2022 to which Living Villages readers are referred. This is a brief summary. The Wansford branch was part of the independent Stamford to Essendine Railway that opened in 1856. By road Wansford Road station was around two miles from Wansford village and a mile from Stibbington and Sutton. Throughout its existence the line was hopelessly uneconomic and the branch closed in June 1929 and by 1931 the track was removed and the land sold. Wansford Road station became a private dwelling. The Station Masters lived in Heath House a short distance to the north east and not in the main station itself. The single story station on west side (up) side of the line had four rooms. There must have been a SM's office, booking office/ticket hall and waiting room for passengers. There was no mention of a toilet. It seems probable that as no staff lived on site (no station cottages as at Wansford LNWR) and that fields surrounded the station, they must have lived in the nearby villages.

Old Newspaper accounts

The on line British Library Newspaper Archive has several items of interest. The Weekly Dispatch of London on 6th June and the Newcastle Courant, 23rd July 1869 apparently had a long item (almost a full column of the broadsheet newspaper) on an incident at the station in which a noble lord and his sister arrived just too late to catch their train that was departing. The Baronet complained to the Station Master that the train had left early, 'their disappointment – especially that of the young female – is warmly expressed'. However, the station clock and the Lords' own pocket watch indicated that this was untrue. Close reading of the text revealed inconsistencies (mention for



example of a through express to London and a station hotel) that indicated that this item could not possibly relate to Wansford Road. It seems that at some point an incident had indeed occurred at the station had come to the attention of various newspaper editors in other parts of the country who used the account in a satirical

and humorous piece about the pitfalls of railway travel in the 1860s.

In marked contrast the Stamford Mercury, 30th August 1907, reported: JUVENILE ODDFELLOWS' TREAT. It appears that the Stamford Loyal Albion Lodges annual treat the youngsters were conveyed by train to Wansford Road station and walked across the fields to Sutton



Grange. The Mayor of Stamford was there, and the Rev W Hopkinson had placed the grounds at the disposal of the boys who played games.

For adults the newspapers advertised Fox Hunting, that appear to have used the station yard as a convenient meeting point.

Station Staff. The Census returns and old Directories.

A study of old Northamptonshire Directories cross referenced with the ten yearly Census returns on microfilm in the Peterborough Archive Service and some additional details on Ancestry on line reveal the names of some Station Masters. These included John Vine (1871), Geo. Birkinshaw. (1891) Wm. Cobb, (1890s to 1900s). In 1903 it was John Barrand, in 1906 Clarendon Hyde and then Alfred Edward Neville. By 1920 it was a William James Tomkins. As Sutton was the nearest village where staff could live, I checked its Census returns. In 1871 on the Main Street was William Musson, a Railway Porter. In 1891 was a Henry George Goodall also a Railway Porter. From other sources Joseph Stevenson was a platelayer.

A Private house

Following closure of the line in June 1929 and lifting of the track by 1931 the station buildings slumbered on. At some point the old station was purchase by a Sutton resident and later passed on to his daughter a Mrs M E P Graham. In 1933 the Ward family moved into the old stationmasters house (Heath House), it had no tap water and they had to use an adjacent well. During the summer this could run dry. Water was then carried from the outhouse at the old station where it was pumped up from a natural stream. The house was lit by Aladdin oil lamps, paraffin being delivered when necessary. In 1938 Mrs Barratt, lived in the old station. During the late 1950s Mr and Mrs J Atkinson had took over the tenancy in about Christmas 1958. Even in the 1960s there was still no mains water: All the water required has to be pumped from a well fed from an underground spring. At the Stationmasters house Mr and Mrs H E Ward have to carry water from the well in a bucket. So far I have not traced any later occupants. The station is now in the way of the A47 Wansford to Sutton road improvements and is due to be dismantled and rebuilt in Peterborough.

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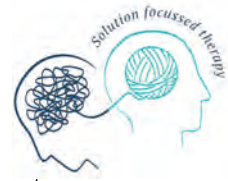
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Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Our Events are up and running

The cold snap has passed (fingers crossed) and my snowdrops are encouraging me to muse about the Spring and the lure of seed propagators (see below). I always go too early !!

Events schedule below: Our first 2 workshops on 9th Feb and 30th March have proved very popular and are now full. The talk by the BBC panellist **Bunny Guinness** is proving to be very popular therefore get your seat reservation in quickly.

You will see from the Centre Page pull-out that preparations for Wansford Show 2023 have started and we have published the Show classes early to tempt you to join in the fun. This year we are making a big effort to encourage children.

Sacrewell. We have an exciting new partnership for those of you who like to take your children/grandchildren to Sacrewell Farm, a lovely place. We are working together on 'Sowing to Show' an initiative for children to sow seeds (runner beans) at Easter at Sacrewell and then encourage our children to enter their produce into our Wansford Show 'Best Bean'. The Sacrewell event will run from 1st to 9th April. Please come along and support.

Welcome to our new members Jen, Sue, Elizabeth & John. Subs for new and existing members are due, £5, please contact Rhonapunter@aol.com.

Genuinely excited about the Spring.

Gary Punter (Chair)
garypunter@aol.com

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



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