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Editorial

Dear readers

As spring is in full swing, our regular contributors are all included in this month's edition, and we welcome back the Wansford In England Cricket Club - there's a report of their opening game plus upcoming fixtures on P18.

The new monthly Coffee, Cake and Community event at Thornhaugh looks like it went very well! A report from Nikki Higgins is on P21, with dates for future events. On the same day Thornhaugh also hosted a Cheese & Wine evening in aid of the WellChild Charity, raising £200, and they plan to hold more. Also in Thornhaugh, Cllr Gavin Elsey helped with the litter pick in March - a report on P17.

Speaking of Local Councils, a final reminder to please remember that you will need photo ID at the polling stations for the local elections in the next few days - good luck to all those standing.

Finally, Living Villages were saddened to hear of the passing of former Wansford Parish Clerk Marie Lewis. Marie was a regular contributor to the magazine and corresponded on various items over the years. Our thoughts go out to friends and family.

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

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.	Morning Prayer
12 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	3.00 p.m.	Craft Church and Activities
26 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Mary's, Woodnewton

5 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26 th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP

St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh

5 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

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

May is one of my favourite months; the hedgerows are in full bloom and look fresh and full of potential and we are (hopefully!) looking forward to the delights of summer to come. A time to enjoy and appreciate the place where we live!

This year there will be visitors who will be appreciating the place where we live. The days between Ascension Day on 9th May and Whit Sunday (Pentecost) in our churches are sometimes known as the season of "Thy Kingdom Come" – a time of prayer for the life and growth of our church communities. As part of their prayer for our diocese of Peterborough, our Bishop and Archdeacons, along with others, are going to be walking the boundaries of the diocese which will be quite a journey around a diocese that stretches from Peterborough city to the boundaries of Oxfordshire in one direction and includes Rutland as well as Northamptonshire! The Archdeacon of Oakham who leads our half of the diocese, along with our new Bishop, Debbie, will be walking in our area on 10th May and their walk will probably include a stop here in Nassington at our wonderful local school on their walk from Wansford to Lutton.

As we think about what these stalwart walkers might see on their walk through our area, we might think about what we most appreciate about where we live, and what we hope for our future together. I wonder where we see potential, not just in nature but in the people around us and our communities, and what might we do to ensure that that potential is achieved. And in this season of new life and anticipation, I am sure we are all aware of the challenges our farming community is facing after all the extraordinary wet weather, and of course there are many other needs in our communities as well as reasons to celebrate what we have together.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane (01780 782271)

REFLECTIONS

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.

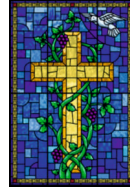
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In a doctor's surgery, the administrative staff plays a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth operation of the practice. The administrative team comprises individuals with diverse skills and responsibilities, all contributing to the efficient functioning of the practice. Let's delve deeper into the roles and responsibilities of administrative staff in a doctor's surgery:

Medical Secretaries: Medical secretaries provide vital administrative support to healthcare professionals. They are responsible for transcribing dictations, sending onward referrals to secondary care (hospitals, specialist clinics etc.) Attention to detail is crucial in their role to ensure accuracy in medical documentation. Most referrals are now sent electronically via an e-booking service. They monitor this system to ensure nothing is missed or delayed.

Accounts and insurance reports and claims: Billing and insurance specialists handle financial aspects of patient care. They process payments, prepare invoices, and submit insurance claims on behalf of patients. These staff members must stay updated on information governance rules and regulations to ensure compliance with insurance requirements. They often liaise with insurance companies and deal with reimbursement for medical services rendered (where applicable). They are often asked to provide information that is outside the scope of a GP practice to supply so time is spent explaining this to patients.

Health Information: In today's digital age, administrators play a vital role in managing electronic health records (EHRs). They handle all incoming mail (paper and electronic), scanning it to patient records and picking out any relevant information and actions needed. They send relevant information to the GP where appropriate. We handle on average 200 documents per day. This team are responsible for accurately inputting patient information, maintaining confidentiality of medical records, and ensuring data integrity and security. They also handle incoming notes from other practices (for newly registered patients) and ensure that all relevant data is present on electronic records. They deal with patients who leave us and ensure notes are transferred to a new surgery.

Prescription Clerks: This team process all requests for repeat prescriptions. We process on average 500 prescription requests per day. They can raise queries with the medical prescribing team to ensure requests are not delayed. They order specialist items and monitor deliveries.

Managers and Team Leaders: oversee the overall administrative operations of the doctor's surgery. They coordinate workflow among administrative staff, develop and implement office policies and procedures, and manage budgets and resources. Practice managers also handle human resources tasks such as recruiting, DBS checking, training, and evaluating administrative staff members. Their role is essential in fostering a cohesive and efficient work environment within the practice.

Overall, the administrative staff in a doctor's surgery play a crucial role in ensuring that patients receive high-quality care in a well-organised and efficient manner. Their dedication, attention to detail, and commitment to patient satisfaction contribute significantly to the success of the practice.



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All welcome!

Caroline Ashley

NEWS FROM WANSFORD PHARMACY

Mental health is critical to our overall health status. However, one in four adults and one in 10 children experience mental illness, and many more of us know and care for people who do (ref. NHS online). There is much we can all do to support mental health.

The stats may be concerning, but thankfully the dialogue surrounding mental health is becoming evermore commonplace and deeply accepted into the fabric of our society. With much to still accomplish, and efforts needed to sustain the momentum of our existing great efforts, the job is not done.

Mental health awareness week runs from 13th to 19th May. Supported by the Mental Health Foundation, this annual awareness week aims to educate about, and promote better mental health. With mental health affecting us all in one way or another in our lives, why not get involved!

Previous mental health weeks supported mental health issues such as anxiety, loneliness, kindness and body image. This year, Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 promotes the theme of "Movement: Moving more for our mental health".

The foundation is running an "Around the World challenge" using the Strava platform. A mobile APP that tracks your exercise activities, from a quiet stroll to cycling and running.

You can get involved if you are already a Strava member, or you can join with a free account using Google Play or Apple store, etc. Once you are a Strava member, simply join the foundation's Strava followers to get started.

The aim is to challenge yourself to accumulate as many miles as possible throughout the month of May, virtually exploring different countries while raising awareness for mental health and celebrating the positive impact of physical activity on the mind.

To join Wansford Pharmacy and the many others raising awareness and charitable funds for mental health please take a look at the following webpage:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week/strava-challenge>

If you or someone you know is suffering with their mental health please know the Wansford Health Hub, which includes our pharmacy and the local doctors surgery, are here to support you. Let's all move towards better mental health!

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A number of the group have visited **The Birch Tree Café** in Easton on the hill, after the lunch club had a delightful outing where everyone was impressed with the enthusiasm, hospitality and service offered by all the staff, it seems only natural to invite Maggie Scott, the chair of trustees and founder of the café and T-21 charity. We were keen to find out more about the ethos of the charity and how it manifests itself in the café.

Maggie has spent a career in education, has an involvement with Peterborough Downs syndrome group and a family connection with Down's syndrome, had seen at first

hand how hard it is for young people with disabilities to gain full time employment. This set her thinking, wanting to be involved in an organisation where these young people had a reason to get up in the morning, as well as to develop their own life and work based skills. To begin with, she was able to set up



pop up hospitality events, then the search was on to find a purpose built venue. Eventually the closed school at Easton on the Hall was found. Following the redevelopment of the building, the café opened in 2022 and is a place where approximately 30 young people can work, socialise, and be accepted as part of village life.

Young people can join the team from 18 years old onward, where they can develop their workplace skills, both front of house, in the kitchens, gardens as well as housekeeping at their own pace.

The latest development is the workshop,

where wooden gifts are made by the young people, such as jewellery boxes that are for sale in the café. The young people attending the café are not paid, however, the proceeds from the sale of the wooden gifts and the tip box, are for them to decide how to be spent, usually for their social events, such as cinema and buffet. All these add up to a team of young people that are gaining skills and confidence, that together will improve their employment prospects and independence, the key aim for the T-21 charity.



Upcoming event, do you like preloved and vintage clothes? **The Birch Tree Café** are holding a preloved bag and scarf sale on 19th May in the café. Come along, you might find your favourite bag for the summer, you will definitely be looked after by a wonderful team of young people. Cash payments preferred

Now it is spring our monthly meeting will take place in St Mary's Church, for the other meetings, please check each individual event. 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 May 2024 W.I. meeting 7pm, Resolution supper, St Mary's Church

Tuesday 7th & 21st May 2024, 2-4pm Coffee & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

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

Thursday 9th May 2024, 7.30pm Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford, **Note change of date.**

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In addition to the live talks, annual members also receive other benefits. If you wish to find out more about our Society or about becoming a member, please visit our website, www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk Our next two talks are:.

9th May 2024

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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council met on 8 May 2024, 5 councillors were present.

It is with deep regret that we must now report the sad news that our former Parish Clerk Mrs Marie Lewis has passed away.

Our Chairman Cllr John Stange is still unable to attend due to illness.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Public Time One representative from the village came to describe how appallingly he was abused by motorists for trying to control the traffic over the Bridge, whilst the A1 was blocked on 5th of April. We thank him and his colleagues for their efforts.

Nene Close Parking WPC is continuing discussions with PCC to increase the residence parking spaces, the main problem seems to be funding. If more properties have off street spaces this would improve matters.

A47 Dualling Whilst Highways contractors have started to carry out preliminary works. We understand there are considerable delays to commencing the main works due to the excessive rain. Start for the main works is yet to be decided.

National Highways Designated Social Fund WPC are continuing to investigate whether this fund which is available due to the A47 improvements can be used for a noise reduction scheme near the flyover and the extra parking in Nene Close.

Planning

WPC had no objections to the following applications:-

24/00111/HHFUL Proposed rear glazed veranda, and replacement windows throughout and doors to be installed with Juliette balcony. 21 Peterborough Road Wansford

24/00285/HHFUL Proposed first floor extension over existing single storey 21 Nene Close Wansford

24/00301/HHFUL Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling to create annex 10 Bridge End Wansford

24/00210/MMFUL Continuation of landfilling operations

Cooks Hole Quarry and Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Thornhaugh

24/00378/HHFUL Single storey rear extension at 2 Peterborough Road Wansford

Accounts Planned expenditure was approved.

Peterborough Proposed Local plan PCC are in the process of revising the Local Plan for the whole city area and this has prompted Wansford Parish Council to think again about proposals to create a local neighbourhood plan working with adjoining councils. This requires a considerable amount of work over 2+ years but will allow the Parish Council to have greater power in planning future changes. Mick Grange from Sutton PC gave us an excellent description of the procedure.

Wansford Grade 1 Stone Bridge and HGV's WPC held a further multi-agency meeting online, and are hopeful that progress is being made to stop HGC's using the bridge. The favourite proposal is to provide width restriction with suitable signage.

Defibrillators The two new Defibrillators have been installed near the Robins Field and Thackers Close entrances.

Litter pick It is proposed to hold a village litter pick on 12 May

Parish Clerk Vacancy We now have a vacancy for this post. Please apply on line clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Martyn Handley

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Sibson-cum Stibbington Parish Council will be on **9th May**. This will be the Annual General Meeting, and that it will start at 6.30pm.

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on **7th May 2024** in **St Andrew's Church**. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting

Thornhaugh Litter Pick

Cllr Gavin Elsey once again supported the Thornhaugh litter pick on 23rd March. We did a huge amount with 5 of us in total doing 11 man hours of litter picking. We covered the A47 from Old Leicester Road, Wansford to the roundabout on both sides. We continued along the footpath from Wansford to Thornhaugh, then Russell Hill all way to Home Farm. Finally the A47 at home farm end and footpath next to A47. We worked really hard (the bags shown are from half the group). Thank you to Gavin for coming out to support us and enjoy the cleaned up area.

Thank you to everyone who picks litter in between times but we always welcome more help on the day. Please contact Nikki Higgins if interested in helping. nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk




Saturday	Abbots	Opens
1st	Ripton	10:00
June	Estate	Closes
2024	PE28 2PH	16:00

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Wansford in England Cricket Club

The cricket season has started already, we have nets or T20 games every Tuesday evening and matches every Sunday (fixture list below) please come along if you are interested in playing or watching, everyone is welcome!

Match report from our first game 14/04/24

An enjoyable good solid start to the season. Asked to bowl 1st, Matt John, Martim and Tim all bowled 8 excellent overs each. 4 wickets for John, good line and length from Mitch and some teasing spin from Martim and Tim. 1 very good catch for Max and some fantastic diving stops from Vishal...Set 188 to win John took his 5th wicket of the day by ruining Dash's sending him back to the shed for the 1st LBW of the season. Some lovely shots from Andy and Daz, 120 runs or so later with 2 bats retired it was left to the middle order to take us home, unfortunately the invitation wasn't acted upon, luckily Wansford had a tail that could wag and although a little tight, made it over the line with 2 wickets remaining.

John Gill 4-36 from 8 overs
Andy Briault 51 not out
Darren Sweary 51 not out

Wansford in England CC Fixtures 2024



Date	Opponents	Venue	Result/ Time
Sunday 5/05/24	Cavaliers memorial game	Home	11am
Sunday 12/05/24	Harborough South	Home	1pm
Sunday 19/05/24	Castor	Away	1pm
Sunday 26/05/24	Uppingham	Away	1pm
Sunday 2/06/24	Howitzers	Away	1pm
Sunday 9/06/24	Market Deeping	Away	1pm

T20 Games

Tuesday 7/5/24	Camra	Home	17.30
Tuesday 14/5/24	Cuckoos CC	Home	17:30
Tuesday 21/05/24	Royal Strikers	Home	17:30
Tuesday 28/05/24	HAMPTON	Home	17:30
Tuesday 4/6/24	HOLME	HOME	17:30
Tuesday 11/6/24	Thirds	Home	17:30

Augean Community Fund

January 2024

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

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

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

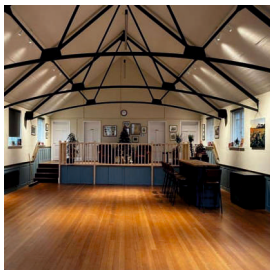
These two committees comprise volunteers from the villages of King's Cliffe, Thornhaugh and nearby, who are best able to represent local community priorities.

Application Closing Dates

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

Wednesday 15 May 2024
decisions by end July 2024

Wednesday 13 November 2024
decisions by end January 2025



Who can apply?

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

What can you apply for?

Grants are available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects. Examples may include:

- Village halls
- Nature reserves
- Village greens
- Community centres
- Public playgrounds
- Cycle paths
- Sports fields
- Sports facilities
- Country parks

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

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

Where can you find out more?

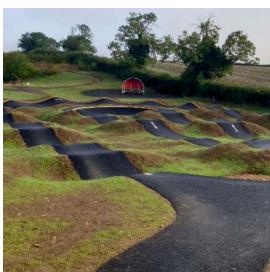
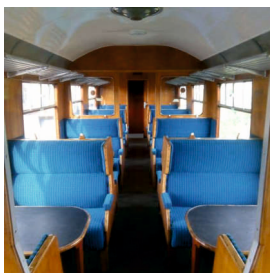
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If you have a project idea that you would like to discuss before you apply, please contact the GrantScape team on:

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Email: info@grantscape.org.uk

www.grantscape.org.uk



Thornhaugh Coffee, Cake and Community

As a village with no pub, café or other community space, opening up the church to offer such a space to the village is so important.

Our first coffee, cake and community morning brought about 20 guests in included a gentleman who lived here 50 years ago. The sun shone, and the cakes, coffee and conversation were excellent. The next event is May 3rd. Looking forward to seeing you.



Held later on the same day, the candlelit cheese and wine was fabulous. The church looked amazing and the atmosphere was perfect. We raised £200 for Welchild Charity.

COFFEE+ CAKE + COMMUNITY

WHEN

Friday

May 3rd, June 7th,

July 5th, August 2nd, Sept 6th

10.30 - midday or anything in between

WHERE

Thornhaugh Church

COST

£3

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In future we aim to have crafts, puzzles and games if there is interest.

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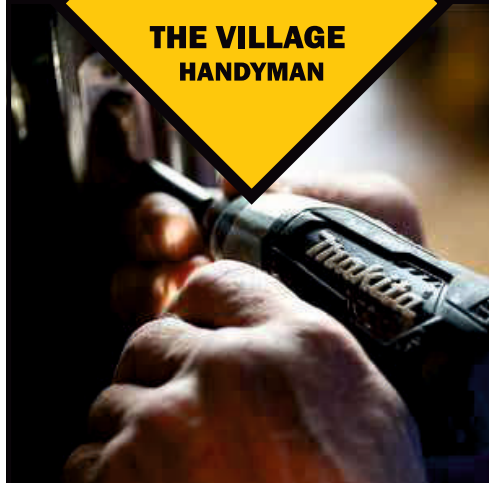
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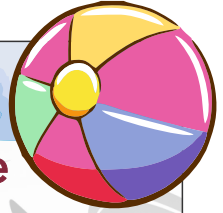



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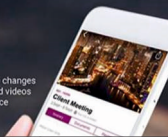
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Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Having fun with crafts & gardening

Our activities gather pace and we have had some lovely events and more to come (not just for members !)

April 11th: Bugs & Garden Plagues – Pest & Disease Control. This talk by very entertaining Geoff Hodge (freelance horticultural writer and radio broadcaster) was highly educational as we went through all the ways to control pests in our gardens – now we know what to buy in B&Q and not to use washing up liquid to douse our plants ! It was great to see a well attended Christie Hall.



April 14th: Molesworth House. On a glorious Sunday afternoon our visit was **sold out**. We were very lucky to get a personal tour by the owners, Gilly & John of their 3 acre ex rectory garden, followed by lashings of tea, cake & egg sandwiches – Such a delightful English country garden to visit.



Upcoming Events

May 4th: Castor House Opens its Gardens for Our Wansford Plant Sale. This event has grown ! Come and see the lovely gardens and buy a plant bargain or two. A special garden opening (only this one time during 2024 specially for ourselves!). The lovely gardens are a local gem and are in transitioning to a more natural planting scheme. Peruse the plant stall and buy locally grown plant bargains. Then enjoy tea and cake in the Brew House. A lovely way to spend a Saturday morning 1000-1230hrs and support fund raising for our Society. Separate flyer attached.

May 5th: Plant Sale on the Wall (Goss Cottage, Elton Road)

By popular demand our plant sale, to raise funds for our society and charity, will return.

Looking forward to enjoying seeing many of you in the next few weeks.

Gary Punter
garypunter@aol.com

Castor House

Open Garden & Plant Sale

1000-1230
Saturday 4th May

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