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## Editorial

It seems like only a short time since I took over the editorship from Rosie under very sad circumstances. In reality it is more than five years and I have enjoyed its challenges and interactions with the community very much. In the beginning we had many contributors and a full advertising portfolio. There was never any problem filling up the 40 pages with a combination of both and I hope we provided a magazine which was what the community wanted and was beneficial to advertisers.

As we are all too aware, Covid lockdowns began in March 2020 and for a short while we were restricted to online publication only. This format was not a success, judging by the limited numbers accessing it. Once we resumed publishing a hard copy advertising revenue declined sharply, either because businesses were reducing costs, while others had ceased trading either temporarily or permanently. Community events were limited or on Zoom so there was little to report about.

Currently there is more happening and life is returning to a resemblance of normality, but sadly advertising and community reporting have not returned. Against this back ground we were unable to continue and have accepted a very timely offer from Craig Bunday to take on it's publication. He has a lot of experience with commercial village magazine and can bring advertising revenue. He will also be very happy to incorporate all the community information you can give him.

### ***A message from the new Editor, Craig Bunday***

*When the opportunity arose to take the helm of this wonderful magazine and allow it to continue, I was delighted. A local magazine with community information, parish notices, and links to local trades and services is so important, and maybe after the last two years even more so. I am committed to the future publication of Living Villages and it's distribution around the villages, and will welcome continued contributions, letters and correspondence. [craig@ascotgraphics.co.uk](mailto:craig@ascotgraphics.co.uk)*

During the handover I will be contacting everyone who has contributed to the magazine with Craig's details so that you can introduce yourselves and Kate will be contacting our remaining loyal advertisers. In December Rod will take Craig on the distribution route so that he can be introduced to our fabulous team.

It only remains for me, on behalf of Rod, Kate and Gordon to expressed our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported Living Villages so regularly since it's relaunch 11 years ago.

**Tracy Sortwell**

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St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
7th	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday Service
21st	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion BCP		
7th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	All Age Communion
	3.00pm	All Souls Service
14th	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday Service
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Advent Evensong

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
7th	9.30am	Act of Remembrance at Memorial followed by Holy Communion
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
14th	9.30am	Shortened, said Holy Communion
	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday Service
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
14th	3.00pm	Remembrance Sunday Service
21st	3.00pm	Methodist Service (tbc)
28th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
7th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
14th	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday Service
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP



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## REFLECTIONS by Rev. Jane Tailby

Remember, remember, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.....so goes the children's rhyme about Bonfire Night. In the Church, we might not be remembering Guy Fawkes and his "crew", but November does have a theme of Remembering running through it. The month begins with the celebration of All Saints' Day and the commemoration of All Souls. The Saints of the church provide example and encouragement in our own lives, and indeed there are also so many "saints" we have known and loved who have inspired us as they have accompanied us on life's journey, who now rest in God's eternal care. We remember them and give thanks for them at All Souls-tide and we have a special All Souls' service at Nassington on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service as we remember those we have loved, and indeed still love, but see no longer. The names of the recently departed will be read aloud and if there is someone special you would like to remember in this way, do let Rev. Jane know. (01780 782271) This could be someone who has died in the last couple of years, or someone from further ago who remains close in your heart. For so many, covid and its consequences has caused loss in different ways; loss of loved ones indeed, but also loss of contact with those dear to us, loss of security or livelihood, or simply a loss of the certainty we thought we had. The Climate Crisis brings its own sense of loss in a different way. All this will be held before God in this service.

Remembrance, of course continues the following week at our Remembrance Sunday service on 14<sup>th</sup>. The service will begin at 10.55 am in the churchyard for the Act of Remembrance and Commitment and then will continue either in the churchyard or in the church, depending upon the weather. **Please note that there is also an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Thornhaugh Churchyard at 9.30 a.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> November before the Holy Communion service, to which all are invited.**

As we draw closer to Advent, Christmas and the beginning of a new year, I think we all look back and remember, with memories of joy as well as of sadness. There has been much to celebrate in these last couple of years; gestures of kindness and signs of hope, as well as much to grieve for. The Church's season in November is the Kingdom Season, reminding us of God's Kingship in our lives and in our world. Whatever we encounter, we can be assured that God is our King who loves and cares for his creation, meeting us in our joys and in our sorrows. We conclude the month looking ahead to the coming of our King at Bethlehem with our Advent Evensong at Nassington on 28<sup>th</sup> November. All are most welcome to this first service of our Advent and Christmas season.

With every blessing in the joys and challenges we face day by day.

Rev. Jane

By the time of publication, the Friends' Harvest Lunch will have been held, raising money for the Light Project.

There will be a November Coffee Stop on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, we must express our thanks to the Horticultural Society who doubled our donation to Barnabus Trust following the very successful August show.

Caroline (Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews)

## St MARY'S WANSFORD

We are hopeful that Christmas celebrations will be returning close to normal this year whilst observing sensible Covid precautions .

The ever popular Community Carol Service will be held in St Mary's Church Wansford on Sunday 19th December at 6pm.

As usual St. Mary's Choir will lead the Carol singing and perform some appropriate Christmas pieces.

The choir is usually reinforced with some additional voices for this special event and we would very much welcome any ladies and gentlemen who would like to join us.

Choir practices which are also pleasant social gatherings will be held in the church (with heating!) commencing on Thursday 4th November at 7.30pm.

Any singers interested in joining us are invited to contact our Choir Master Eddie Mc Donnell 01780 783639 or [rosied@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:rosied@globalnet.co.uk) to obtain further details.

Alan Jones



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Our Macmillan bake sale made a fantastic £190.50. So, thanks to the bakers, sellers and yummy treat buyers.

This means that once we added in the fundraising that we have been able to do throughout 2021, we were able to send a lovely big donation cheque through the post to Macmillan for £343.

Macmillan is a charity close to our hearts as a group, and we have been able to support for several years, through bake sales, and other fundraising activities.

A big thank you to the Wansford Villagers, as with your ongoing support, and maybe the odd sweet tooth we have been able to continue to donate to this very worthwhile charity.



Local historian, Bethany Turner was the very engaging speaker for our October meeting, her the topic for the evening was 'Heroines of Heritage'

Bethany has a Master of History, and it was while she was studying that she became intrigued by how it was often the woman of the house that oversaw not only the day to day running but steering its forward direction. However, until recently, this was not always recognised. An internship at Kensington Palace, cemented her passion for Heritage along with its management and conservation for future generations.

Bethany now works as the Visitors services administrator at Deene Park. It is through her current work, that Bethany has been able to explore

how these strong women were not only the driving force behind moving these estates into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but through their industry be able to drive projects allowing the restoring and the conserving of heritage buildings along with their contents.

Bethany illustrated her talk using examples of the lives and work carried out by the women at some of our local big houses such as Burghley and Belvoir Castle. Also, by those further a field such as Highclere Castle (the setting of Downtown), and Chatsworth House. Although it was mainly the Duchess or Countess etc leading these changes, none could have happened without the army of women working within the household at all levels, so that we can now enjoy or study.

#### Future events:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 12 noon. Lunch club, Elton garden centre Note change of date

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16th November 2-4pm, new coffee and craft club, at St Mary's church. To be held first and third Tuesday in the month.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas lunch The Red Lion Warmington

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Good afternoon

We are writing to you to provide advance notification of a full road closure on the A47 which is due to take place in early November for essential highways maintenance works.

These works are being undertaken by Aragon Direct Services c/o Peterborough City Council, and are scheduled for 5 nights and will see the **entire A47 road** shut (in both directions) from the A43 roundabout to the A1. The road will be closed from 8pm until 6am on each night as below :

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Kind regards

**Chris Jackson | Streetcare Manager**

Date	Road Closed From	Road Closed to
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00hrs	06.00hrs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00hrs	06.00hrs
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00hrs	06.00hrs
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00hrs	06.00hrs
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00hrs	06.00hrs (Sat)

## MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE TO GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Annual Seasonal Singalong lead by Wansford Ukulele Folk will take place on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm in Christie Hall Wansford.

The new air circulation system recently installed will help to ease COVID concerns.

As usual the music will be popular Christmas songs and other hits.

There will be a licensed bar and Christmas Raffle.

Proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease/St.Mary's Church Outreach.

Tickets £10 to include first drink will go on sale soon from 01780 783205 or Wansford Post Office.





## THE WOMBLES OF THORNHAUGH AND WANSFORD

On Saturday 25/9 a small group of Thornhaugh litter pickers did all of Russell Hill and the A1 to the layby . It's reassuring that it takes a lot less time to do as the backlog of years of build up has been cleared . It makes it all worthwhile. The council have still not replaced the bin in the layby that got damaged by the vegetation cutter but its at the bottom of their list to do sadly.

Even more exciting was the first official meeting of the Wansford litter pick group. I was able to get McDonald's in Stamford to supply equipment and bags to the group and I am very grateful to Jane Hunt for taking it forwards .



Next time we plan to host a joint village litter pick on Saturday December 4 at 10.30am, meeting at 7 Old North Road Wansford, and Thornhaugh book exchange. Thank you to everyone that litter picks on their daily walks too . It really is a team effort and the litter picks do generate some great community spirit.

Nikki Higgins

The Wansford litter pick of 10<sup>th</sup> October was supported by bright sunshine, great equipment and some very enthusiastic volunteers! After a brief reminder of what to pick and what NOT to pick (!) everyone spent a very productive hour or two collecting a total of 18 bin bags of rubbish. While it may be a blight that it gets left behind in and near our lovely village, at least the pick was a nice

opportunity to meet a few new people and get some fresh air doing something that made a visible difference.

Thanks to Nikki and McDonalds, and Tony at Utility Warehouse for lovely purple bags, John Stanage and the Parish Council whose insurance makes it possible to arrange, and PCC for picking up the litter so promptly. Our next date is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30 am - I post updates and photos on the Wansford Community facebook page, but if you'd rather be on our email list to find out about future picks, let me know!

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# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



The Wansford Parish Council met on the 11th of October, with all Councillors present except Councillor Pearson who had given his apologies.

The Council discussed the appointment of a new Parish Clerk and has two possible candidates at present. Applications close on the 29<sup>th</sup> October and the candidates will be interviewed by Councilors Thorley, Stannage and Pearson.

The work of Parish Clerk is being done at the moment by Councilor Clarke which is much appreciated by rest of the Parish Council.

Mr. Stace gave us information that the stone wall on Peterborough Road was getting in a state of disrepair at the point where people were climbing over to get access to the play area. A set of steps here seem an alternative. PCC own the wall and will be contacted.

When the status of the defibrillator was checked, we found that the information by Heartbeat Trust was incorrect. It seems that they designated the unit to Wansford near Driffield in Yorkshire not Wansford Peterborough, this will be corrected and the servicing is not now required until 2023.

As regards the Community Hall we still do not have a reply from Greenwood Solicitors about the location of the deeds. Without these the process to register the property with the Land Registry becomes more complicated. The usage of the hall has reduced because some people are choosing the larger space available in the church. However, there's good signs that small parties are booking the hall for example for childrens parties. Charges are just £4.00 per hour.

The Old Leicester Road A 47 junction was discussed as nothing has yet been received from the Peterborough City Council and we will ask why the A 47 has not been reinstated as a Trunk Road given the level of HGV traffic. This seems to be breaking up the road surface at the back of Robinswood and creates a lot of noise as the lorries go past.

Living Villages magazine is changing and as there's only one more issue to come under the present management. We wish to thank all the people involved in production of Living Villages for the last few years. A new team has been found and they will want the present distribution to continue, as it benefits the villages in at least having a mouthpiece of what is happening within the villages, and allow the parish councils, local groups, and the church to keep us informed.

The picnic site and river frontage below it are being looked at and we have been talking to Sacrewell who have shown an interest in purchasing the land. This could be used to provide a café and also moorings for boats, as well as an entry point for people to put canoes, boats, and paddle boards onto the river. This would add greatly to the local facilities and reduce summer congestion on the bridge.

Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Community Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Graham Garner

# THORNTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Martin Lewis, Ashleigh Kewney and Louise Molesworth. In attendance were three Members of the Public, Ben Pridgeon (Bidwells), Nic Shaw (Riverford Organics) and Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk.

Apologies were given from Adrian Rodgers and Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Ward Councillor.

Bidwells and Riverford Organics made a short presentation on the proposed planning application on land at Sacrewell Lodge Farm:

Bidwells is acting on behalf of Riverford Organics in respect of its premises at Sacrewell Lodge Farm. The company is experiencing unprecedented growth and is seeking to increase capacity at the site to process its produce. Bidwells has been tasked with the preparation and submission of a full planning application for an agricultural packhouse to accommodate this growth and the processing of produce at the site. The proposed development would be sited adjacent to the existing facility, which would be retained and subsumed into the operations.

At the current time, they are in pre-application discussion with Peterborough City Council and expect to meet a Planning Officer shortly. However, they wanted to make the Parish Council aware of this application and to engage them in the process. They introduced the scheme which they are anticipating submitting the application in early November 2021.

A useful question and answer session took place including discussions on potential increased vehicle movements, noise management, etc, and the Parish Councillors were grateful for the information that was communicated to them and feel they have a better understanding of what is proposed and any impact this might or might not have for residents.

The Council was also pleased to get a better understanding of the Riverford Organics business ethos and its commitment to organic growth, local production and their approach to apprenticeships and training and their commitment to a fair-wage policy.

Public Forum - Ellis Molesworth stated that he is keen that the history of the village is promoted and made available to anyone who is interested in it. Martin Lewis has already gathered historical information and photographs as part of the Thornhaugh Heritage Project and plans to arrange a meeting for interested residents to further the project.

## **Defibrillator**

The Chairman will write to the residents who donated money to purchase the defibrillator to inform them that the money has been ring-fenced and will be used to maintain the defibrillator over the next 10 years. The Parish Council will contribute towards the cost of the electricity in running the defibrillator. Louise Molesworth will organise a training day if enough residents express an interest in attending (this will be included in the next newsletter).



## **Village Get-Together**

It was noted that 45-50 residents had attended a successful and enjoyable Village Get-Together on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Thanks are expressed to Alan and Joan Frost for hosting the event. It was noted that it had cost £357 which was an overspend of the £300 budget, but this had been pre-approved by the Parish Councillors.

## **Footpaths**

The Chairman will write to Lindsey Freeman of Home Farm to ascertain if she is still interested in forming a Footpath Committee whereby residents agree to monitor a local footpath that they use. The Clerk will write to Lee Moore, Footpaths Officer, Peterborough City Council to request a definitive map (not a website link address) which shows the footpaths in and around Thornhaugh and request a list of who owns them.

## **Finance**

The discussion relating to the need to establish a "minimum fund level" was deferred to the next meeting. There is a projected surplus at year end of £4,430 the balance over and above an agreed minimum would be available for projects.

## **Insurance**

The Clerk explained that the current insurance company is no longer able to provide insurance cover and the current policy expires on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. She is in the process of obtaining quotations from BHIB, Came & Co and Zurich Insurance and will circulate these as soon as she has received them. A decision on which quotation to accept will be made by e-mail.

**Highways England A47 Wansford to Sutton Scheme** – it is trusted that the Highways Agency has continued to liaise with the residents at the four properties on the A1 Southbound about local access, especially now that there will be increased traffic from Riverford in the future. The Chairman will write to Highways England asking that, as part of this project, that the layby and entrance to Thornhaugh on the Northbound carriageway be addressed while they have traffic diversions and heavy equipment already in the vicinity.

## **Planning Applications**

21/01012 - Front porch & garage extension converting existing garage into home office including dormer window at 5 Home Farm Cottages, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections; 21/00873 Replacement of 3 metal windows on front elevation and 2 metal windows on rear elevation at Browetts Cottage, 6 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections and 21/01225 - Construction of a first-floor loft conversion above an existing garage at St Medard House, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objection.

## **Hanging Baskets**

The autumn/winter Hanging Baskets will be ordered and collected very soon.

### **Christmas Event**

The Chairman will ask Nicky Rogers if she is happy to purchase the Christmas Tree from the Bill Rogers' Fund and then she will order it. It was agreed that the Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Louise Molesworth agreed to organise the purchase of mulled wine and mince pies. The Wansford Ukulele Group will be invited to perform some Christmas Carols.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee –**

Louise Molesworth agreed to head a committee to organise an event on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to celebrate and will be seeking volunteers to help manage the event. There were a couple of proposals for this; possibly hold in a resident's garden or preferably have a street party either in Meadow Lane or possibly seek a road closure off the A1 and hold a street party at the A1 end of the village, leaving access to the village from the A47. As this would involve formal road closures, agreement would be needed from residents.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in St Andrew's Church.

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# Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Well, it seems that summer held on longer than we would have expected but now Autumn seems to be settling in, especially with the day light hours shortening rapidly. We have some great events to reflect on and look forward to.



Thanks to all of the overwhelmingly positive feedback (45 emails) for our 75<sup>th</sup> Wansford Show. Much has been said already about the day and we have certainly set a high standard for 2022. Whilst money is not the main aim, the Show is a great opportunity to raise funds for charity and local organisations. This year, thanks to the generosity of our visitors, the Show made a profit of £2,000. In addition, a further £1,000 was raised by our other village organisations. The charities that have already benefitted from the Show include Alzheimer's Society, Barnabus (Afghan Charity) and MacMillan. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the Show such a success and we are holding a **'Thank You drinks evening for volunteers'** on 12<sup>th</sup> November – invites to be sent out soon.



In September, we had a splendid garden tour at Castor House and afternoon tea and great hospitality from Claire & Ian Winfrey. It was great to hear about the work since the 1980's with the installation of the water/irrigation system and design vision that has enabled such a well-designed garden to come to life. Good luck in the NGS garden of the year competition – it is cool to have 1 of our Society gardens to be nominated!



In October we held our 1<sup>st</sup> face to face talk and meeting since Covid and enjoyed a fascinating, creative, and skilful live pottery demonstration by Richard of Potterday2, who specialises in pottery experience days in his studio in Kings Cliffe. Great fun.

Looking forward, our busy Events Schedule has been updated and is attached. We have fun events booked to take us through into Spring 2022, with a wide variety of talks and visits. Thanks to Julie McAnally for putting the programme together. Watch out for separate emails from Rhona for details of each of our events.

New members always welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Gary Punter (Chair) [garypunter@aol.com](mailto:garypunter@aol.com)

Date	Event	Location
Fri Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wansford Show drinks evening - Thank You for Volunteers. (plus 2021 review & look to 2022). <i>Invites to be sent shortly</i>	7.30pm Christie Hall
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Christmas at Belton House' (Nat. Trust)	6.45pm Personal travel
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	AGM and Winter Party (dinner)	7.00pm Christie Hall
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Talk I: 'Live from the Potting Shed' by Martin Fish	On-line talk at 7.30pm
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Talk II: 'Houseplants' by Jane Perrone (former Guardian Garden editor and award winning 'On the Ledge' podcaster)	7.30pm Christie Hall
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Talk III: 'Auricula's, Theatre's and Plant Sales' by James Smallwood	7.30pm Christie Hall
Sat 14 May	Visit to Coton Manor and afternoon tea at 2.30pm	1pm Personal travel

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