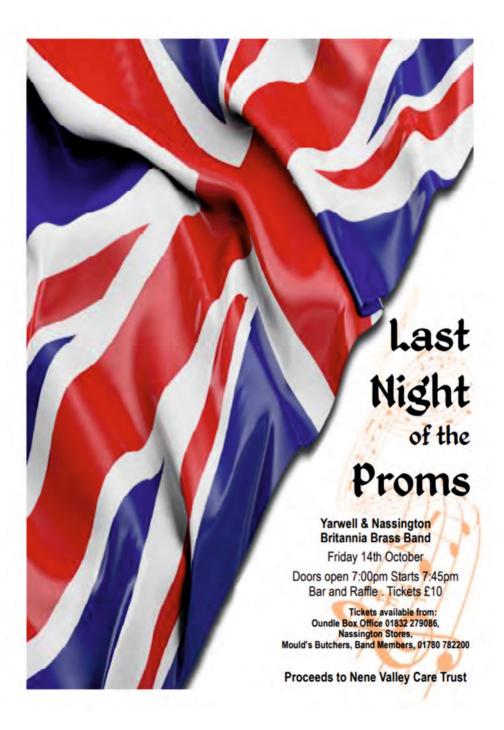
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September 2022



Editorial

Dear readers

I have to confess I didn't know what John's cover picture was this month! I am glad that he sent me details - is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a Hummingbird Hawk Moth, taken with extreme patience by our intrepid cover photographer! A pleasant reminder that as I write we are still in summer, with **The Wansford Show** about to take place - a list of 'thank yous' from Gary and the committee are on pages 12 and 13. BUT, as you read this, summer will have been and gone, the schools will be back, and we are in the final quarter of the year.

We continue to support **The Woolsey Charity** grant so include the overview again below. **The Augean Community Fund** is open for applications again on P15. Opposite is information about **Yarwell & Nassington Brass Band's** `Last Night At The Proms' Concert. Elsewhere there are dates of the various Harvest Festivals in the villages, the WI, the Horticultural Society trip to RHS Garden at Bridgewater.

There's also an interesting article about the **Wansford Road Railway Station** (P14), and details of an Open Day at **Peterborough Masonic Centre** for those who would like to know more about Freemasonry (P25).

Please continue to support your local magazine with contributions, letters and articles, they are much appreciated. All our contact details, and those of all your local contacts, plus important numbers, are listed inside the back cover.

Best wishes

Craig

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

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St. Leonard's, Apethorpe

| 4th | 11.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
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| 18 th | 11.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |

St. Marv's, Wansford

| Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------|--|
| 11 th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion | | | |
| 25 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | |

St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington

| Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| 4 th | 8.15 a.m. | Holy Communion BCP | |
| | 9.30 a.m. | All Age Communion | |
| 11 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | |
| 18 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | |
| 25 th | 9.30 a.m. | Family Service and Crafts | |

St. Mary's. Woodnewton

| 4 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 18 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 25 th | 8.30 a.m. | Holy Communion BCP |

St Andrew's Thornhaugh

| St. Andrew 3, Thorniaugh | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 4 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 18 th | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |

St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell

| 11 th | 11.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 18 th | 3.00 p.m. | Methodist Service |
| 25 th | 11.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |

September always has the feeling of "new year" to me, and I don't suppose I am the only one. I imagine we all have memories of the new school year as children, returning after long summer holidays (and didn't they seem

REFLECTIONS

long when we were young!?), whether that was with enthusiasm for the activities of the new school year or reluctantly, preferring the freedom of the holidays. For parents, of course, the new school year means getting children back into a daily routine and helping them face the challenges and tasks ahead of them. For teachers, there is a different sense of starting afresh as the new academic year begins. When I was teaching I used to love the sense of a "clean slate" represented by the new exercise books given out; clean pages given out ready to be filled, the mistakes of the previous year put away in the old books.

Of course, we encounter new starts in so many different ways. After the heat and drought of mid-August, there will be the refreshment of rain renewing the land, giving newly planted crops the chance to germinate and thrive. Perhaps there will be new planting in your gardens to replace or refresh what has suffered during the dry conditions.

During the summer it has been a delight to share in marriage services when couples make a new start as husband and wife, getting used to being called Mr and Mrs (!), and in baptisms when we celebrate new life or a new family commitment to Jesus. Perhaps there has been a house move or some other new start in the life of your family or friends recently, or the beginning of a new project of some sort.

You'll probably be expecting me to mention the Christian promise of a new start of forgiveness, available to us all at any time, and of course, that is where I am going with this. A new start of any kind involves a looking back at what needs to be changed, what we can take forward with us into the new situation, and in one way or another that works for all the examples I've mentioned, as well as any new start with God. The joy, though, is that He always welcomes our desire to begin again and honours that intention.

Perhaps this September "new year" will get you thinking about a new start of some sort for yourself. Whatever the autumn holds for you, may it be a time of blessing, expectation and hope.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

A Date for the October Diary:

We will holding our Harvest Festival Service at Thornhaugh on 2nd October at 9.30 am. This will be an informal service of celebration and thanksgiving for the agricultural year – all are welcome!

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 take place on **Sunday 9th October at 4pm for Harvest Thanksgiving**, (see below, right) do come along, you will be assured of a very warm welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards.

David Ridgeway

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As this is harvest time, please do bring along tinned or dry food which we will add to those collected at Castor for delivery to local food banks.

Refreshments will be served following the service (with a nominal donation OF £5 to The Friends).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STIBBINGTON

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER, 4.00 pm



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

Do come and join us, you will be assured of a very warm welcome

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

Update from the Friends- there will be Coffee Stops in St Mary's church on 14th and 28th September, from 10.30-12.

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Peterborough on the second Thursday of each month (except June, July and August) starting at 10.45am. They are a good way to meet likeminded people, chat with friends over a cup of coffee before the talk commences, and non-members are always welcome to join us.

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 two talks are described below:

8th September 2022

Morocco Blues - Why and how Morocco got painted blue by Elizabeth Gowing.

The stories behind the blue pigment used for the fishing boats and doorways of photogenic Essaouira on the Moroccan coast.

13th October 2022

Constantin Brancusi and 20th Century Sculpture by David Worthington.

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August has been a busy month for the Ladies of Stibbington & Wansford WI. At the beginning of the month, we all met at Tolethorpe for our annual sharing picnic, followed by a very entertaining performance of 'The Spider's Web'. An Agatha Christie whodunnit with laugh out loud moments.



By the time you get to read this article, Wansford Show would have taken place. We had great fun getting all the prizes together for the children's tombola and meeting the many visitors over the day. We would like to say thank you to all of you that visited our stall. The money we raised has been in support of Sue Ryder, Thorpe Hall. Next month I will be able to let you know how much we have raised.

Book club met at the end of July, and following a lively discussion about books we had read, as well as those we hope to read, we put together a summer reading list together based on our evening;

The keeper of stories by Sally Page

The seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Rules for a perfect murder by Peter Swanson

Bridgerton series by Julia Quinn

The merchant's house by Kate Ellis

The funny thing about Norman Foreman by Juliette Henderson

This is not an hierarchal list, but one that we can all read a book or two (in my case maybe more!).

Our next meeting is on September 13th, where Heidi Field will be speaking on Waste & recycling.

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 13th September, 7pm W.I. meeting St Mary's Church – Speaker Heidi Field, topic waste and recycling

Tuesday 4th Sept, 2-4pm Coffee & Craft club, at St Mary's Church.

Tuesday 18th Sept, 2-4pm Coffee & Craft club, at St Mary's Church.

Thursday 29th Sept, 7.30pm Book Club meeting, at The Cross Keys Wansford

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

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Writing this article before the Show, we sincerely hope you all had a good time! If you wish to share photos of the event, please send to myself below or post on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wansfordshow/. The Show report will be in the October Living Villages.

At this time, we would like to thank all of those who have played a massive part in the planning and organising and have given up their time to make our Show a real community activity.

Hopefully, I have captured as many of the cast as possible.

THANK YOU GUYS - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

| Show Committee | | Volunteers contd. | |
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| Gary Punter | Chair | Mark Hopkins | set up/strip down |
| Quentin Arnold | Treasurer/ViceChair | Age Duffin | set up/strip down |
| Mandy Veni | Tombola | David Dunn | set up/strip down |
| Rhona Punter | Show Marquee | Keith Alvey | set up/strip down |
| Jon Oldfield | Car Parking | lan Wright | set up/strip down |
| Keith Alvey | Site Plan and Risk | Nigel Fawthrop | set up/strip down |
| Debbie Winterton | Children's | Gary Punter | set up/strip down |
| Sam Sansbury | Stalls | Quentin Arnold | set up/strip down |
| Hattie Arnold | Tea Tent | Sam Sansbury | set up/strip down |
| Nigel Fawthrop | Plants | Brian Hollidge | set up/strip down |
| Ian Wright | Furniture Logistics | Marcus Arnold | set up/strip down |
| Sue Arnold | 1st Aid | Dave Slack | Field preparation |
| Jim Boulton | Tug of War & MC | Mark Hull | Trailer loan (stage) |
| | | Steve Broad | set up/strip down |
| <u>Volunteers</u> | | | |
| Marge Beuttell | Thank You speech | Penny Dunn | Plants |
| Kate Hopkins | tickets | Ruth Rigby | Plants |
| Carole Duffin | tickets | Janet Fawthrop | Plants |
| Annette Johnson | tickets | Nigel Fawthrop | Plants |
| Jane Taylor | tickets | | |
| Dawn Ramsey | tickets | Debbie Winterton | children's |
| Vanessa Ingram | tickets | Sharron Tonkin | children's |
| Jeanette Morris | tickets | Lisa | children's |
| Debbie Crocker | tickets | Judith Harty | children's |
| Alison Queenborough | tickets | Lynn Foreman | children's |
| Jo Roberts | tickets | Jeanette Morris | children's |
| Shahin Ismal | tickets | | |

| | | Rhona Punter | Marquee organiser |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Jon Oldfield | car parking | Gloria Malton | raffle |
| Steve Roberts | car parking | Annette Martin | Marquee & raffle |
| Ian Scott | car parking | Liz Harris | Raffle & Marquee |
| Mike Penhaligon | car parking | Bridget Bradley | Marquee & raffle |
| Simon Morris | car parking | Pete Malton | Marquee |
| Robin Wilson | car parking | Sue Arnold | Prize giving Marquee |
| Marcus Arnold | car parking | | |
| Andy Tonkin | car parking | Hattie Arnold | tea tent |
| Steve Foreman | car parking | Sue Arnold | tea tent and cakes |
| Steve Broad | car parking | Julie Walton | tea tent |
| Hani Ismal | car parking | Sarah Oldfield | tea tent |
| Robin Griffiths | car parking | Lisa Corley | cakes |
| | | Charlotte Ayres | cakes |
| Keith Alvey | Site stewarding | Samana Ismal | tea tent |
| Gary Punter | Site stewarding | | |
| Marcus Arnold | Site stewarding | Jim Boulton | Tug of War |
| Mandy Veni | Site stewarding | Simon Morris | North team |
| | | Steve Granger | South team |
| Gary Punter | Garden Question | Brian Hollidge | Referee |
| | | | |
| Paul Styles | Cricket beer tent | Mandy Veni | Tombola |
| Phil Roberts | beer tent license | Barry Veni | Tombola |
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Gary Punter

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Wansford in England CC Fixtures 2022



| Date | Opponents | Venue | Result/ Time |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|--------------|
| Sunday 4/09/22 | Ufford | Home | 1pm |
| Sunday 11/09/22 | Camra | Home | 1pm |
| Sunday 18/09/22 | Orton Park | Away | 1pm |
| Sunday 25/09/22 | Woodford CC | Home | 1pm |

Wansford Road Station, Sutton

Many residents of the area do not even know of the existence of this fine old railway station even though it is just a few metres from the A47. It is in a hollow immediately north of the road just before the Sutton Heath Road. The station was built in 1867 as part of the "Bread and Onion" which

then closed in 1929. Since then it has been used intermittently as a private house.

The latest plans for the A47 Wansford to Sutton upgrade will go over the station although the neighbouring railway bridge, which carries the A47 at present, will be retained. Both the bridge and the station are on the local list of significant buildings although neither is on the national lists. The



local listing mentions the significance of the station and the bridge as a group. Rather than loose this heritage asset, a group of Sutton residents, led by Robbie Read and supported by all the local Parish Councils, came up with a plan to rebuild the old station immediately to the south of the railway bridge. In this location it would have a splendid view of the river and would function as a community centre providing a venue for school children to learn about the environment and other groups looking for a rural meeting place.

Part of the A47 development is the creation of a proper cycling and walking route along the road as well as under the railway bridge to meet up with the bridleway to Sacrewell. The John Clare Countryside initiative is also setting up a network of trails using the footpath network along the river and the station would be at a node in this system. The station could also provide charging points for electric cycles, toilet facilities and possibly tea and coffee if there is enough demand.

To keep the building safe, part of it would be let as a residence for a caretaker family who would keep an eye on the area. This will also help to prevent a recurrence in the railway bridge area of the unpleasant activities that developed on the old Wansford picnic site.

Instead of taking up this initiative, National Highways have decided to give the building to Nene Valley Railway who intend to use it to replace a heavily vandalized building close to Railworld. This takes the station away from its original setting and destroys any linkage with the railway bridge and the local community. The attached

cartoon shows how this dispute has progressed. It is not too late to stop this happening so please contact your City Councillor so that pressure can be applied through the planning system.

Richard Clarke

Augean Community Fund

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 16 November 2022 decisions by End January 2023

Wednesday 31 May 2023 decisions by Early August 2023



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.

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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Whilst Wansford Parish Council did not hold a meeting in the month of August its work continues for parishioners. The parish council now has **internet banking** after saying goodbye to cheque payments countersigned by two parish councillors but authorisation of the new electronic system still requires councillors' dual authorisation. Also, in connection with banking, I'm pleased to write that HMRC has reimbursed the council all VAT paid on the past financial year's invoices which has increased the current account by £1,404.26.

At our July meeting the Clerk challenged Councillors to give some thought to a **short, medium and long-term strategy** for the work of the council and we should be grateful to hear from any parishioners who may wish to submit their ideas for this to the Clerk (clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk). We certainly want to give biodiversity consideration as well as to protect the heritage of the parish and one of our prime concerns is the amount of traffic that comes through the village and so our work on ideas for this continues. We're looking into the possibility of having an additional vehicle weight limit within the village as well as researching the viability of having a CCTV camera by Wansford's Grade I listed limestone bridge which occasionally sees vehicles crossing it that are well over its 3 tonnes weight limit.

The council has received many compliments about the newly painted **telephone kiosk** which houses a defibrillator but its smart red paint and golden crown now make the bus shelter look rather unloved and so we are working with Peterborough City Council to have it refurbished. Some parishioners may have noticed a grey box that sits atop a post on a section of the village green adjacent to St Mary's Church. This is actually a Royal Mail pouch box which has stood unused for many years and we have liaised with Royal Mail to ask for its removal and so it will soon be gone.

Our **next meeting** of the parish council will be held on **Monday, 12 September 2022** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall, Peterborough Road, Wansford, and **Mr Lee Moore**, Peterborough City Council's Highway Inspection Manager and Public Rights of Way Officer will be our guest speaker on the subject of **permissive paths/permissive rights of way (footpaths)** in the area. If, like me, you take advantage of the wonderful countryside around Wansford this is a topic you may find very helpful. Which footpaths are public rights of way? Which are concessionary paths (you can use but may have conditions of use imposed by the landowner)? How do the two types of footpath interact? This will be a very informative talk and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Cllr Quentin Bambridge

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at The Christie Hall on Thursday 7th July 2022 – 6 Councillors, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public were in attendance. Details were included in last month's edition of Living Villages Magazine.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 1st September 2022 in the Christie Hall commencing at 7 p.m.

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 21st March 2022 in St Andrew's Church. It was chaired by Chris Smith and present were Ashleigh Kewney, Martin Lewis, Louise Molesworth and Adrian Rodgers, also present were two members of the public, Mike Horne, John Clare Countryside Project and Deirdre McCumiskey, Parish Clerk.

There were no apologies for absence.

Mike Horne, of the John Clare Countryside Project briefed the Parish Councillors on the aims of the project:-deliver significant increases in key wildlife habitats, particularly those of limestone grassland, wetland and arable farmland; raise levels of local pride, aspiration and community cohesion by helping local communities to understand, appreciate and enjoy their local natural and built heritage; pilot and champion best practice sustainable development in all aspects of future development within the area including sustainable techniques of land management both on and off the existing nature reserves; promote public health and wellbeing, providing large areas of accessible green open space for the people of Peterborough and create new jobs and economic opportunities within the area, allied to the delivery of these objectives, particularly in tourism, visitor attractions and farming and nature conservation. Hannah Joyce has volunteered to work/liaise with the project and carried out a walk around the village with Mike Horne. It is hoped to establish small nature recovery groups within each parish.

Police Matters

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

Defibrillator

Louise Molesworth stated that she had believed that training was going to be provided free-of-charge (as part of the cost of purchasing of the defibrillator), but it appears that there will be a charge. She will check this out before finalising the training.

Footpaths

The Chairman had no update from Lindsey Freeman. Lindsey is seeking volunteers and obtaining landowner details.

Oueen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Louise Molesworth stated that two planning meetings had taken place and the event will take the form of a 1950s Afternoon Tea which will be held on Sunday 4th June 2022. The Sharpley's have kindly agreed for it to take place on their land. There are plans for a quiz, presents for the children, a memorial book and the planting of a tree. The church will be open during the afternoon. Residents will be asked to bring along a contribution of food for the buffet. It was agreed to set a maximum budget of £1,000 (from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant).

Memorial for Hubert Warren

Lousie Molesworth stated that Hubert Warren's family were delighted at the idea of a memorial to be installed in the village. One idea is to install a bench on the bend by the chicken farm on Russell Hill and a lectern with a map of the footpaths sited next to it. It was agreed to set a maximum budget of £1,0000 (from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant).

Open Reach

The Chairman stated that a complaint had been lodged and the necessary repair work has been completed at the village triangle. A request has been made that Open Reach inform the residents in advance of any future work being carried out.

Parish Council Elections 2022

The Clerk had circulated the Nomination Papers which have to be hand delivered by 4.00 pm on 5th April 2022 to Peterborough City Council. The Clerk is willing to take them to Peterborough City Council on 30th March so she will need to have them back by 29th March 2022. Peterborough City Council will provide a Notice of the Election for the noticeboards.

Passing Places on Russell Hill

The Chairman stated that she had not yet had a response from Peterborough City Council.

Annual Donations

It was agreed to donate £190 to Thornhaugh & Wansford PCC and £100 to Living Villages.

CAPALC Affiliation

It was agreed not to pay this affiliation fee as the Parish Council has not needed to use the services available from CAPALC in recent years.

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 – Permitted; 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 – Awaiting Decision and 22/00052 – First floor side extension at 5 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Permitted

Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets brackets have been removed as requested by Open Reach. Thanks were expressed to Adrian Rodgers for doing this. The possibility of putting up poles for the hanging baskets was discussed but it was felt that this would be too expensive. Alternatives to be able to retain floral displays need to be finalised.

Reinstatement of the Garden Waste Bin Collection

The Chairman sent a further e-mail on 20th March 2022 asking when the reinstatement of the Garden Waste Bin Collection is likely to happen (no reply to date).

Village Matters

It was noted that Nikki Higgins undertakes the Litter Picks with Wansford (not Wittering) residents. Thanks were expressed to Liam Higgins for cleaning the lectern.

Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 16th May 2022 in St Andrew's Church.

Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

Our Events are up and running

On 24-25th September 2022, we have arranged an overnight trip to the brand new **RHS garden at Bridgewater near Manchester**. The trip is available to members and friends of the Wansford Horticultural Society. We have a few spaces available, therefore if you have a yearning to see the lovely gardens you would be very welcome. The cost is £160 (single) and £235 (couple) and includes travel, Novotel Hotel, Dinner & breakfast, entrance to RHS Bridgewater & NT Clumber Park. We leave at 0830 on Saturday and return 1830 on Sunday. Please contact Quentin Arnold (garnold@eastofengland.org.uk) or myself(garypunter@aol.com) for details.



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Dear Craig,

Apologies for the quality of the attached photo.

Not many people travel all the way from New Zealand to Water Newton's St Remigius Church but these two did. They were researching their family history and "Original Jackson Efg" in particular. The photo shows them looking at Original's memorial stone inside the church. Original "departed this life the 10th of May 1771 aged 74 years". The name Original may have derived from Reginald or it could have been used to indicate the first-born son of the family. He was a land owner in this area.

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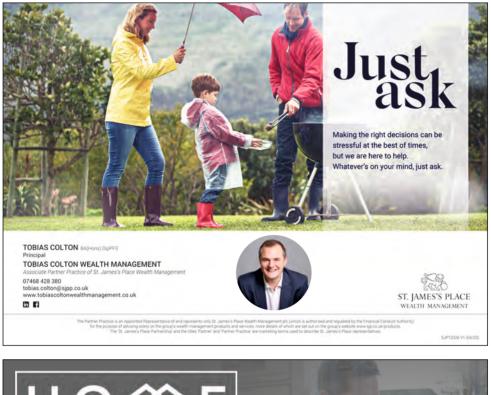


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