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# Editorial

Dear Readers,

Could things be getting back to normal? I can barely believe I am writing this, but some of the articles I've received this month have events advertised where we will hopefully be able to meet in person rather than as discombobulated heads on computer screens! There's not quite enough to create a diary of events yet, but it does feel hopeful.

I'm delighted that we have some new and returning advertisers, please remember to mention where you saw their advert if you use any of the services, it helps when Kate asks them to renew.

As I mention on page 16, the London stations quiz proved to be quite a challenge for many, but to get two correct entries was certainly an great achievement. We have found out that both winners are avid Daily Telegraph crossword addicts, with Carol Lindsay being a recent winner of this national competition. Don Tebbutt, who shared the virtual podium, used to be a resident of Stibbington, now lives in Kent and is a postal subscriber to our magazine. There's no quiz this month, but if anyone would like to provide something for a future edition it would definitely be appreciated.

As ever I am always on the look out for interesting stories from our villages. Do you have a lockdown new skill? Have you learnt to play the musical instrument that has been gathering dust, or started to write your novel that's been an idea for so long, or have you returned to do something that you did before other things in life got in the way. It may not seem that special to you, but it would make an interesting article for the magazine. I'd love to hear from you.

Stay Safe

Tracy Sortwell



# WORSHIP MAY 2021

All subject to Government restrictions.

Every Sunday 5.00pm At Home service on Zoom. Log -in details from Rev. Jane

St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
2nd	2.00pm	Good Friday Devotions
4th	10.00am	Easter Communion
11th	11.00am	Holy Communion
25th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion BCP		
2nd	10.00am	Good Friday Devotions
4th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Easter Communion
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
18th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
2nd	2.00pm	Good Friday Devotions
4th	9.30am	Easter Communion
18th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer		
4th	11.00am	Easter Communion
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
1st	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
4th	9.30am	Easter Communion
18th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
2nd	10.00am	Good Friday Devotions
4th	11.00am	Easter Communion
18th	11.00am	Holy Communion

## Castor Benefice Sunday Services

On Easter Sunday we were able to recommence some of our live services once again. We are now hoping to maintain 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** 10.15am - Eucharist

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

Unfortunately congregational singing is still not permitted but where possible, our worship will be enriched by a small group of singers, who will sing hymns. We are keeping the situation under review and hope to recommence the 2nd Sunday Family Service at Sutton and the 10.00am Wednesday Holy Communion services at Castor in due course.

We still continue to celebrate Evensong via Zoom at 6pm every Sunday, if you wish to join us please please contact Father Ray Hemingray for the Zoom link and access code. [rh@raymondhemingray.co.uk](mailto:rh@raymondhemingray.co.uk)

David Ridgeway

Easter may be a distant memory now, but St. Mary's and St. Andrew's celebrated Easter Sunday in fine fashion. After the austerity of Lent, our churches were once again brightened with wonderful floral decorations and thank you to all those who gave their time and skill to lift our hearts to God and celebrate the good news of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus with such beauty. We had an Easter service in both churches and thank you to all those who prepared and shared in those services. There is so much in our church life that can go un-noticed, but is so much appreciated; cleaning, renewing the candles, washing the church linen, preparing for services, and ringing the church bell at significant moments in our village and national life; all make such a difference to our worship and our life together. There is also the necessary administration that goes on, carried out by our faithful and hard-working PCC. So many people dedicate their time to the service of God in his church, and he blesses us through their efforts.

This is also an appropriate time to thank our benefice bell ringers for marking the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh with such dignity, ringing a bell both on the day following his death and on the day of his funeral. Ringing 99 times to give thanks for Prince Philip's 99 years of earthly life and then ringing a bell once a minute for the hour before his funeral were huge commitments for our ringers and were so much appreciated. It is good to have our churches open again, particularly through the recent time of national mourning, and thank you to those who open and close our churches each day.

Although we should always notice and give thanks for all the work that goes on, in so many different forms, that enables our church to function as a place of worship, peace and mission in God's world, May brings a particular opportunity to say thank you for all that has been done, and to look to the future, as we gather for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Covid put paid to our meeting last year while we were in the first lock-down, but this year we will be able to hold the meeting as part of a service so that we can praise God for his goodness and commit our futures to him. The meeting for the parish of Thornhaugh with Wansford will take place during the 9.30 a.m. service on 9<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a service of thanksgiving that will include the presentation of our reports and the election of our church officers and PCC (Church Council) We are served by a very faithful, but rather small PCC and we would be delighted to welcome new members to help out – many hands make light work! We are fortunate to have four very dedicated churchwardens for our churches as well as a very efficient treasurer and secretary, all of whom ensure the sound running of our churches as places of welcome, worship and fellowship.

Thank you so much to all those who make our church what it is – those whose work we notice, and those who do so much behind the scenes, and those who worship with us, welcoming and encouraging each other and all who come to our churches. Together you make St. Andrew's and St. Mary's places where we can support each other and know God's love and support for us.

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Rev. Jane



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We are also offering a free, weekly strength and balance exercise class in Wansford. FaME is the name of the exercise programme which has been proven to improve strength, stability and confidence in balance. It is a national programme, delivered by specialist qualified instructors who understand the age-related changes that occur in the body and the medical concerns you may have. The exercises are specifically developed to help keep you strong, steady, and doing the things you enjoy for longer. The classes are a great way to meet other people, receive support and build motivation.

Before accessing the class, you will be required to have a one-to-one appointment with the instructor to find out about your health and medications. You will also be asked to complete some simple functional tests to identify your starting point for exercise.

One-to-one sessions will be held every Monday from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May onwards at Wansford Community Hall on Peterborough Road in Wansford. The classes themselves will take place at The Christie Hall [on Elton Road](#) in Wansford and will begin in June on a date TBC.

If you have fallen or have felt unsteady during the last year, please contact us on **0333 005 0093** to book an appointment. You can also contact us via email [healthyyou@everyonehealth.co.uk](mailto:healthyyou@everyonehealth.co.uk)

***'In aging, maintaining balance and core stability is the single biggest thing patients can do for themselves to prevent falls.'***

**Dr Nally, Wansford Surgery GP**

## ST REMIGIUS CHURCH WATER NEWTON RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND

**St Remigius Church Water Newton** has received a financial boost from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help fund essential repairs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lifeline grants from the Culture Recovery Fund are designed to protect heritage sites and ensure that jobs and access to culture and heritage in local communities are protected during the months ahead.

St Remigius's has been awarded £23,758 for essential replacement of the temporary roof to the south aisle, repairs to the porch and associated rainwater goods which will stop water seeping through the roof and causing damage to the roof rafters and flooring. The grant comes a crucial point because, if left much longer, damage to the much-loved 13th century church would have resulted in even further damage and consequently significantly higher costs. Grants of up to £25,000 are being allocated to cherished heritage sites, like St. Remigius's,



across the country to cover urgently needed maintenance and repairs. This vital funding comes from a part of the Culture Recovery Fund called the Heritage Stimulus Fund and is administered on behalf of the government by Historic England.

As well as rescuing precious heritage buildings in need, the injection of cash will protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors working in the sector.

**Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden**, said: "These grants will help the places that have shaped our skylines for hundreds of years and that continue to define culture in our towns and cities. We're protecting heritage and culture in

every corner of the country to save jobs and ensure it's there for future generations to enjoy."

The beautiful church of St Remigius at Water Newton has played an important role in the community for over 700 years. The Grade 2\* listed building has a unique history being close to the Roman town of Durobrivae and the site where in 1975 the Water Newton treasure was found. This hoard of 27 silver items and one gold plaque is evidence of early Christian worship. Inscriptions on some items provide evidence that they were used in communion and are the earliest Christian liturgical silver yet found in the Roman Empire.

**Tony Capon, Chairman of 'The Friends of St Remigius, Water Newton',** said: "We are thrilled to receive this funding from the Culture Recovery Fund after many years of fund raising and commitment from the whole of our small community. This lovely church is the only community building in the village and is used as a place of worship but also extensively as a meeting place for the whole community. It will make a significant difference to the work we need to carry out so that the church can continue to play an important part in the life of our community."

**Duncan Wilson, Historic England Chief Executive said:** "Historic places across the country are being supported by the Government's grants awarded under the Culture Recovery Fund. This funding is a lifeline which is kick-starting essential repairs and maintenance at many of our most precious historic sites, so they can begin to recover from the damaging effects of COVID -19.

"It is also providing employment for skilled craft workers who help keep historic places alive and the wheels of the heritage sector turning. Our shared heritage is an anchor for us all in these challenging times and this funding will help to ensure it remains part of our collective future."

For more information contact: Tony Capon on 07530 163847

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# The Happy News Page

(It's that bluebell time of year!)

## A Spring Seed Trivia Selection

- ◆ This plant was regenerated from seeds buried in permafrost for nearly **32,000 years!** The seeds were discovered on the banks of the Kolyma River in Siberia. After being stashed in a burrow by an Arctic ground squirrel, they were then frozen solid and protected by Permafrost. By extracting the material inside the seeds the Researchers were able to grow adult plants.
- ◆ I am a *seed*, three letters in the name, take away two and I sound quite the same. What am I? (See bottom of page)
- ◆ Morrisons gave away 25 million sunflower seeds to customers in April both at the checkout and in online deliveries. #HappyBees



With the increase in home-deliveries of chilled and frozen food, thankfully many suppliers are taking the environmental impact of their packaging seriously. Over the past 10 years **Woolcool** has perfected the processing of sheeps wool to make insulation suitable for food use. Last year enough was used to prevent 75 Olympic-sized swimming pools full of polystyrene going to landfill!

As a follow-up to last months cute Quokka, we are staying with Australian creatures to feature the **Duck-billed Platypus**. Here are a pair of "**Puggles**" (the nickname for platypus babies). In addition to it's beak, furry body and beaver-like tail, the platypus displays other oddities: They are mammals which lay eggs. They do not have a stomach, the gullet joins straight onto the intestine. The males have a spur on each of the hind legs which exudes a powerful venom and this contains a chemical possibly helpful in the treatment of diabetes. To find out more visit [www.blog.nature.org/science](http://www.blog.nature.org/science)



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# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

Despite all the 'lockdown' restrictions our PPG officials have managed to continue with their own quarterly meetings and also joint meetings with practice staff, using the online 'Zoom' facility. This has been a good way of keeping abreast of local and national healthcare issues, a platform for discussion and maintaining contact with the surgery. Unfortunately the activities of the social side of the group have been severely curtailed with no monthly coffee mornings and the possibility of spring and summer days out or holidays looking fairly remote at the present time. However as soon as restrictions allow and patients might be confident enough to venture out for a social get-together, we will be organizing a suitable event – a chance to catch up with old friends after such a long and bleak past year.

An officials meeting with the practice was held at the end of March which was attended by Dr Rhiannon Nally and Mrs Kirstie Lawes, the Practice Manager. Following the recent retirement of Dr Amrit Takhar, it was good to hear that he was enjoying his new way of life but also still taking an active part in the research projects undertaken at the surgery. As the PPG had not been able to mark his retirement in any personal way, the Chairman will send a message relaying our good wishes.

The Treasurer gave her updated statement of account which showed no expenditure and little income, although a donation which had been held 'ring fenced' has now been released by agreement with the donor to be used in some significant way as and when the opportunity arises. The officials did however agree to provide funds for the purchase of a set of baby weighing scales which are required by the nurses and staff at regular childcare clinics.

It was confirmed that the vaccination programme was progressing well with all the relevant age groups being invited for first and second injections. The current use of the Stanground site will gradually be wound down following which the 18-50 age group will be invited to attend mass vaccination sites in and around the Peterborough area – this will be by letter with appointments available online.

PPG officials continually have discussions with the practice about current and potential future healthcare provision, locally and nationally – both sides appreciate the importance of this liaison. The PPG can offer a special viewpoint and where appropriate assistance in relaying details of any changes being implemented – all agree that this two-way exchange of information benefits all concerned.

Our next meeting is scheduled for end June when it is hoped we can dispense with online services and resume 'face-to-face' contact once again – a decision will be made nearer the time depending on the Covid situation as to whether we can safely invite patients to attend such a gathering.

Best wishes to all patients – keep abiding by the rules and hopefully we shall soon be enjoying our lives in a more 'normal' way.

Wendy Spencer



## **The Retirement Effect 4**

### **Getting Through the Retirement Neutral Zone**

At the end of my previous article I talked about being in the Neutral Zone<sup>1</sup> as a place of uncertainty and quandary – neither in the past situation or being sure of what the future holds. The Neutral Zone is both an uncomfortable and a creative place to be. It provides a path out of the past into to a future the way we would like it to be.

The route out of the retirement neutral zone starts with laying down a firm foundation as a spring-board. Exploring the questions in my earlier article “What is ending? What is it time to let go of? And What am I losing? set some reality into the situation we are in.

Add to these results consideration of what is not ending helps us recognise that there are somethings left to build on when looking into the possibilities of post-retirement life.

When I retired from the company I had served (given my life to!) I certainly benefitted from an in-depth analysis of these questions. What came home to me was that simply because I had left the company did not mean I had suddenly lost all my skills and experience – I just needed to find an alternative avenue for them – if, of course, I wanted to stay in that arena.

Looking at reality is not meant to be in a negative or critical way, but in a “getting back control of your life” kind of way.

Taking this sort of action helps to instil a feeling that you are getting back control and there are many other big and small ways you can get this important feeling, such as:

- ◆ Work out diary dates for actions and breaks
- ◆ Get in contact with people in the same situation and explore together
- ◆ Create short term goals and progress points on the route to the future
- ◆ Protecting one’s energy, exercising and mixing with people who enhance one’s energy rather than draining it

Another important element to progress is being informed. Answers to questions such as:

- ◆ What is going on?
- ◆ What my options?
- ◆ What decisions need to be taken and when?

will help dispel the sense of confusion and hopelessness that sometimes comes with the retirement neutral zone.

Many people find that calling on their support structure in these challenging times can be very helpful. Being able to feel that you are not alone can give you a boost. Contact with people who are in the same situation if just to talk over things, is helpful. Agreements with one’s partner and friends just while you get through the neutral zone are invaluable at this time  
Temporary support such as:



- ◆ Temporary ways to get things done
- ◆ Temporary resources to tide one over
- ◆ Temporary budgets
- ◆ Temporary schedules
- ◆ Temporary goals and check points
- ◆ Temporary arrangement to talk things over with someone

All help to provide a basis for negotiating one's way through this disrupted time.

These actions, plus some well-placed coaching (temporary arrangement) enabled me to take back control that I had gradually ceded, both 'physically' and mentally, over time, to *The Company* and to *The Framework*.

The wonderfully creative part of being in the retirement neutral zone is that all options are there to be explored. You can decide what it is that *you* want out of our retirement life; here you can build *your* framework and not be dictated to by what you *should or ought* to do. Some questions might help to explore just what it is that you want to base your future on:

- ◆ What are 6 achievement that you personally are most proud of in your life so far?
- ◆ What are you good at doing?
- ◆ What do you like doing?
- ◆ What do you not like doing?
- ◆ What gives you a buzz?

Explore the answers to these questions and the resulting thoughts and mental "light bulbs" that get turned on. List the possibilities and explore each one rejecting those that turn out to be blind allies or don't feel right. Realise that there is time to do this and take all the time and space necessary to create possibilities. Remember, nobody is measuring the outcome (unless you choose to discuss the process with a trusted mentor).

All these actions enable you to lay down some plans and options for your future and start to define what your new purpose (indeed, purposes) are to be. I prefer to refer to this process as defining what would make living feel meaningful and worthwhile.

When I was on the brink of retirement (the first time!), my 93-year-old cousin and friend maintained the way to negotiate this retirement neutral zone is to retire *INTO* something.

In my next article "The Retirement Effect 5" I explore the fascinating process of defining what this "something" is that would make living feel meaningful and worthwhile for you.

Note 1: *Transitions Making Sense of Life's Changes* by William Bridges Pub. Perseus Books

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## London Transport Quiz results and answers

Congratulations to our two winners, **Carol Lindsay and Don Tebbutt**, who both scored full marks. I have therefore decided that the prize will be shared between them.

I have been delighted with the number of entries and also enjoyed the conversations about the quiz, when I have been walking around the villages. There were a couple of questions that proved to be challenging for some. Many answered Q29 as Canary Wharf, however the cricket fans will remember that Phil Tuffnell is known as 'the cat.' Q32 also tricked a few, the setter, also known as the compiler, was Brian Parsons and was credited in my editorial last month.

Some of these station names will now always make me smile, with my favourite clues being those for Mudchute, Maida Vale and Preston Road :-)

1.	Rabbits would feel at home here	Warren Street
2.	A capital card game	London Bridge
3.	Close to forehead and eye	Temple
4.	Grant may be old fashioned	Russell Square
5.	Wellies, hat and duffle coat	Paddington
6.	To the top of the cathedral	Upminster
7.	A Mediterranean island	Cyprus
8.	Several siblings	Seven Sisters
9.	Chalet	Swiss Cottage
10.	Girl's toy with a tin	Barbican
11.	Where 007 might live	Bond Street
12.	Deduce an elementary stop	Baker Street
13.	Pachyderm and Fortress	Elephant and Castle
14.	Environmentally friendly crossing	Greenford
15.	This would make them feel sick	Turnham Green
16.	Fowl lager	Cockfosters
17.	A large house where one might hold a tea party	Boston Manor
18.	Backcombed hairstyle	High Barnet
19.	This happened to a dead hedgehog	Preston Road
20.	Round that's stretching it	Oval

21.	A power cut in a chip shop	Blackfriars
22.	Aristocrats seized	Earls Court
23.	The gilded raptor lives here	Goldhawk Road
24.	Mucky place for little boys to play in	Mudchute
25.	Boy snapped the trees	Ladbroke Grove
26.	Doris is unwell	Dollis Hill
27.	Miners will	Colliers Wood
28.	Liquid John	Waterloo
29.	Where the cat could play his sport	Tufnell Park
30.	Elphaba	Greenwich
31.	Pronoun and professor with a gallic wood	Theydon Bois
32.	This setter is a beginner	Parsons Green
33.	Place joint on span	Putney Bridge
34.	In The Archers a constant worry to his mother	Kenton
35.	Well liked tree	Poplar
36.	Beatles album	Abbey Road
37.	Difficult access to a field	Highgate
38.	Did you need a passport for here in 1949	Pimlico
39.	Could be when Peter Kaye enters stage	North Acton
40.	I'm sorry I haven't a clue where this is	Mornington Crescent
41.	Gins with water rather than tonic	Snaresbrook
42.	Ancient road	Old Street
43.	Value of portrayer of Severus	Rickmansworth
44.	Low down joint twice	Neasden
45.	Brass religious establishment	Hornchurch
46.	It didn't take 4 minutes for Roger to reach it	Mile End
47.	Where Othello played on the swings	Moor park
48.	A reasonable chop off the top	Fairlop
49.	I've finished my headdress	Maida Vale
50.	Only station that has none of the letters in the word mackerel	St. Johns Wood

## Artistic Support for the Christie Hall

Art is something I have always loved, the easel was the only place you could find me in nursery and I have enjoyed it ever since. I studied art after the birth of my twins but it is only now that they have grown up and I have left my teaching career behind, that I am finding the time to focus on myself and my art once again. Recently, a friend asked me to paint her dog for her which let to me painting a couple of others. They were very well received which gave me the confidence to share other paintings I had created. We live in such a beautiful part of the countryside and therefore I am inspired by our surroundings of wonderful landscapes to capture in paints. I am a self taught artist who has studied other artists my entire life and I'm finally finding my own way to explore the world I see with paints. I mostly use charcoals, water colours and oils but like to experiment with other mediums too.



Since moving to Wansford 6 years ago, we have enjoyed taking part in the community activities such as the village fetes and exercise classes in Christie Hall. It has been a difficult year for the hall without any income from bookings so I thought it might be a nice idea to give something back. So I have spoken to Gill and Lisa from the hall in Stibbington about getting some prints made to sell with 50% of the profits going to the hall, the rest of the money will cover the cost of materials and printing.

I've recently painted a watercolour of the bridge which generated a bit of interest on my personal Facebook page.

The prints are ready, they are A3 sized with a small border so 33x44 cm and are printed onto velvet fine art paper. The original is a watercolour of Wansford Bridge over the flooded Nene based on the floods in December, 2020. The painting was completed in April this year.



**Jane Taylor (07973 933397)**





Dear Tracy

I know Jane has emailed you regarding her picture prints and that she intends to sell and donate a percentage towards the Christie Hall finances.

During the pandemic in line with other similar establishments, the hall was closed for a good part of 2020 and also 2021 with reopening on 17<sup>th</sup> May this year when we hope to welcome back many of our regular hirers.

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from Huntingdon District Council to help with the losses ensued as insurance, rent etc still needs to be paid without much income forthcoming over recent months. We have also installed a ventilation system to run alongside the heating to make it a safer environment to avoid catching airborne diseases.

Jane wrote in appreciation of the committee running the hall to benefit those in the community including the Zumba group which she is part of, and kindly offering a donation from her picture sales. I felt it would be an ideal opportunity to promote the hall again and remind everyone that there are regular activities that may well interest people as they return to some sort of normality.

After lockdown it may well be that Zumba and keep fit are welcome as are pilates and yoga for relaxation and movement to get our bodies back into gear! Please check our website <http://christiehall.co.uk> for more details.

Many people have welcomed new pets into their families and dog training takes place on a Sunday morning, and various day and evening activities take place throughout the year including the Horticultural Society which I am sure will return from Zoom as we gradually proceed along the roadmap.

I would like to thank our small committee for their dedication in steering the hall through these difficult times, along with other volunteers in the village who get on with running their groups and devoting time behind the scenes. Village life would not function without them.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the hall in the coming months.

Kind regards

Lisa Chambers, Chairman, Christie Hall Committee

## The Wansford Show — 28th August 2021

*This year is our 75th Wansford Show. To celebrate we are planning a fantastic Show for all the family. This is an early note to save the date and ask you to get involved.*

*The Show (subject to COVID !) has an exciting new format. We will have many more new features for lovers of music, tug of war, cookery, gardening and children's activities. We will also mark our 75th year with 1 minute's applause and the national anthem at 3pm.*

*We are moving to a new larger venue – Bradshaw's Field behind The Christie Hall. Thank you to our Stibbington cum Sibson PCC for finding this great new location. The Haycock have a large wedding on the same day, cannot offer the space and you can see from the Flyer are supporting our move in other ways.*

*Inside the Show Marquee, we want to encourage gardeners, cooks, artists, crafters, photographers of all ages and expertise to enter your exhibits. As these exhibits take time to prepare we have included a summary of classes below. Over the next few months we will publish guides on 'what good looks like' for each class. Have a go and have some fun.*

Vegetables	Flowers & Floral Art	Crafts, Art & Photography
Potatoes	Large Dahlias	Knitting or Crochet
Onions	Small Dahlias	Cushion, Tapestry or Quilt
Carrots	Collection of garden flowers	Any other Crafted article
Runner beans	Collection Roses	Art (any medium)
Dwarf French beans	Single Rose	Photo of Wansford &/or Surroundings
Parsnips	Hanging basket/Patio Pot	Quartet of themed photos
Beetroot	Best Garden	Black & white Photo
Tomatoes (beefsteak)	Floral Art '75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the show'	Photo of Bird(s)
Tomatoes (cherry)		Photo Dramatic weather
Tomatoes (plum)		
Cucumber		
Courgettes		
Fresh Herbs		
Apples dessert		
Apples cooking		
Pears		
Plums		
Veg collection		
Fruit collection		
	Food and drink	Children's (all have categories for preschool, primary & secondary)
	Lemon Drizzle Technical Challenge	Art (any medium)
	Chocolate Cake Signature bake	Freestyle Constructed model (any materials)
	Victoria Sponge Signature Bake	Design Your Own Garden
	Scones	Photo Celebration
	Sausage Rolls	Photo Pets
	Home baked Loaf	Baked item and recipe
	Preserve	3 cup cakes
	Chutney	Flower, plant or vegetable you have grown
	Fruit Liqueur	



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Activity	Please contact
Volunteer to help out on the day e.g. Children's activities, teas, car stewards....	Gary Punter <a href="mailto:garypunter@aol.com">garypunter@aol.com</a>
Book a pitch for selling Local Produce, Crafts & plants	Julie McAnally <a href="mailto:juliemcanally66@gmail.com">juliemcanally66@gmail.com</a>
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Show Sponsorship or advertisement	Quentin Arnold <a href="mailto:garnold@eastofengland.org.uk">garnold@eastofengland.org.uk</a>

*Please save the date and bring along your family to join us in celebrating life in our villages.*

*Gary Punter & Quentin Arnold*  
*Show Chair & Treasurer*

## Wansford Horticultural & Crafts Society

Spring is now in full swing and the months of autumn and winter preparation is starting to be seen in our lovely gardens across the villages.

We have enjoyed four ZOOM talks already this year, with a lively 50-70 attendees on-line at each. Our last of the Spring series is on 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm - **A beautiful tale of Japanese Gardens** by Patsy Rayner.



Our '**Free plants stall at Goss Cottage**' is up and running.

We aim to giveaway surplus seedlings and small plants (veg & flowers) to gardeners young and old. If you are able, please make voluntary £ donations (post into bird box) as we will be raising vital monies for Alzheimer's Society. If you have surplus seedlings please drop off at Goss Cottage or I can arrange to collect. The Plant Stall will run to approx. end May or until plant donations run out.

**Gary Punter**



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## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The April meeting of Wansford Parish Council (WPC) was held remotely via Skype at 7.30pm on 12th April 2021.

All Councillors were in attendance and the Draft Minutes of the Meeting will be on the website [www.wansfordvillage.com](http://www.wansfordvillage.com)

Two Planning Applications were discussed with no objections raised to either. One related to extensive tree work, the other for traditional window replacement requiring Listed Building Consent.

The continuation of poor communication is still evident from Highways England regarding the Wansford Roundabout section of the A47 Dualling project. Cllr Clarke will email Highways England to request information promised but not received.

The footpath alongside Old Leicester Rd towards the Kings Cliffe Rd still awaits re-instatement and WPC is hopeful it will be completed by late Spring/ Summer.

Another footpath, to the rear of the Community Hall towards Nene Close, was discussed and its status is to be officially progressed with the completion of a User Evidence Form. Quite clearly this path has been in continuous use for 20+ years and it would be useful if as many people as possible who have used this path contact Cllr Richard Clarke.

The Wansford Play Area has been safety inspected by PCC and is in good order. A working party is to be arranged to clear a small amount of moss from some parts of the equipment and to refresh the appearance of the wooden play structures.

It is the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and a display of "The Unknown Tommy" military figure on the village sign near the Church has been discussed. How does the village feel about this?

HGV's have been crossing the Old Bridge which has a 3T weight limit, especially when the A1N has holdups. Some extra early warning signage has long been requested, to no avail. WPC continues to progress this.

Moto-Cross bikes are reportedly causing some disturbance to residents on a Sunday afternoon, the Quarry owners have been contacted.

As we slowly emerge from Covid-19 restrictions, the Wansford Community Hall will be re-opening from May 17<sup>th</sup>, so let's hope we can start to hold gatherings as we once knew them.

And finally, there has been an excellent response to our advertisement for Parish Clerk, Wendy is retiring soon, we will have conducted interviews by the time you read this.

Next WPC meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting too, is planned for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm in the Hall, although we will need to observe social distancing etc.

***John Stannage***

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However, all may not be as it seems. While many companies who leaflet drop may be genuine, there are many rogue traders who use this method of advertising and their leaflets are getting very sophisticated. In fact, some are printing leaflets and including details of genuine companies to make themselves look honest and reputable. The **leaflet shown here**, which was shared by the police, is a genuine company but the phone number was fake and was redirected to a mobile number. The victims of this particular leaflet were mostly elderly, lured by the 'special rates'.

If someone posts a leaflet through your door, never hand over any money until you have a written quote and have checked that the tradesperson and company are genuine. It is also advisable to always get three quotes prior to getting work carried out. Whatever the job – big or small – don't be tempted to give the work to someone who **cold calls** you at your home, claiming to be 'carrying out similar work in the area', either with or without a leaflet.

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With Covid-19 restrictions still part of our lives, a note to reassure you the Hall will be Covid Safe and the day will be operated much on the same lines as the Vaccination Centres many of us will have visited.

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Due to the current Covid19 restrictions, meetings at The Fleet have been temporarily suspended, but the talks are now available live online, for members and non-members, to enjoy in the comfort of their homes. Members will automatically be sent the link and instructions for each talk by email. Non-members are welcome to join us too – just email the society's secretary, [peter.g.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.g.lee@btinternet.com) to be included on our mailing list and you will receive the link. For non-members a donation of £5 for each talk is appreciated. For more information about The Arts Society Peterborough and the benefits of becoming a member please visit: [www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk).

**13th May 2021**

### **THE FAN IS A CURIOUS THING by Jacob Moss**



The fan is a curious and complicated article combining utility with artistry. It is a weapon of seduction; it is portable art; it is a fashion statement. From a historical and cultural perspective, its significance cannot be underestimated. In East Asia, for example, where both men and women continue to use fans, they function in all sorts of ways beyond practical: given as celebratory gifts at weddings and births; used in Noh Theatre and Chinese Opera; even Samurai warriors and Sumo officials used fans. The story of how The Fan Museum came to fruition dovetails into the multifaceted history of the handheld fan.

This will be the last lecture before the Society's summer break, but they will resume again in September. For information about the remaining lectures for 2021 please go to [www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk)



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

[editor@livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk](mailto:editor@livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk)

Dear Living Villages Magazine

Otis Made it! He is a hearing dog! We are very happy to tell you that Otis is now helping a deaf person called Gail.

Gail's world shrank as she found life with hearing loss increasingly difficult. With Otis's help she's broken free of her four walls and has rediscovered how to enjoy life again.



Gail was born deaf and had learnt to lip read, but the second lockdown and social distancing meant that she was in danger of becoming extremely isolated. However people see Otis and his burgundy coat, and remove their masks if they need to communicate with her. This is on top of his 'duties' at home where he jumps on her bed in the morning when the alarm goes off, let's her know when the cooker timer is ringing or if there is someone at the door. She can also now sleep soundly in the knowledge that Otis will wake her if the smoke alarm is activated.

As this training journey ends, another begins. Deafness is on the rise and demand for hearing dogs is increasing. We are there delighted that you will now be part of the team that is sponsoring Bertie, who is already well into his first year of training. Bertie is living with volunteers who are providing him with basic training. He has also started his Puppy Star Awards and is already on level two. The One Star award means that he can 'sit' and 'wait' and also plays nicely with other animals and people. The Two Star introduces walking nicely on the lead and he has nearly perfected that too! As restrictions reduce he will start to experience garden centres and shopping malls and if he behaves well there he will pass his Puppy Star Two Award.



It's all looking brilliant for Bertie, thank-you so much for sponsoring



Dear Tracy,

## **JOINT LITTER PICK WANSFORD / THORNHAUGH**

Thank you to everyone that responded to my piece about starting a Wansford litter pick group. I am really excited for our joint litter pick of Thornhaugh and Wansford on Saturday 22/5. We have everything you need so if anyone else wants to join in drop me a line or turn up at 10.30 am. A great way to meet your neighbours and do a great community service.

Wansford; meet at bus stop opposite Nene Close  
Thornhaugh; Phone box at end of Meadow Lane

We hope to do both sides of A47 on approach to roundabout and environs.

Looking forward to meeting the new faces.

Nikki Higgins [nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk](mailto:nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk)



### **Dog Mess**

I'm sorry to raise this matter again, but with the rise in numbers of locally owned dogs, as well as visiting dog walkers, we still have a dog fouling issue.

This time it involves the amount of fouling close to the provided bins. I can only guess this could be owners failing to take enough bags or unprepared visitors.

Please try to keep our village dog poo free.

I should compliment the council workers who regularly clear the bins, not a pleasant task.

A concerned resident

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