

# Living Villages



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Water Newton, Thornhaugh,  
Stibbington, Sutton & Wansford



# EDITORIAL

As I mention on page 31 it was lovely to see so many readers of this magazine at the Horticultural Show in August. I have also received quite a bit of correspondence since the last edition regarding a past resident of Stibbington who sadly died during the Battle of Passchendaele 100 years ago. My thanks to Chris Harman who has forwarded some very interesting information about his Great Uncle. One request/suggestion for future articles in the magazine was interesting information about people buried or remembered in our churchyards, so this was very timely.

I would like to thank Phillip and Stephen from Water Newton for their efforts in distributing the Magazine, they have decided that they are no longer able to do continue, but have found their replacements, so we welcome Hannah and Bill Foreman to the LV distribution team.

The A47 meeting on Tuesday 19th September in Sutton was extremely well attended, it's possible the church and village has never been so crowded, however this reflected the concerns many present have with the project. I will continue to publish updates about the project and thank Richard Clarke and Peter Lee for their contribution.

The editorial team wishes to send our condolences to Penny Watts and family on the sudden passing of Brian.

**Tracy Sortwell**

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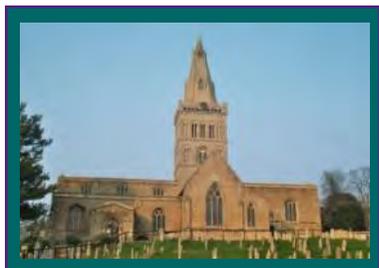
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# WORSHIP OCTOBER 2017



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Service</b>
1 Oct	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Harvest Festival
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Remigius, Water Newton	Annual Patronal and Harvest Festival Service
8 Oct	9.00am	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Family Service
	9.30am	St Marys, Wansford	Harvest Festival
	6.00pm	St John the Baptist, Stibbington	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper
15 Oct	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
22 Oct	9.00am	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Marys, Wansford	Morning Praise - Family Service
29 Oct	10.00am	St Mary's Wansford	Benefice Service
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As many of you will hopefully be aware earlier in the summer we undertook a review of the worship which takes place at Castor and the other churches of our benefice. This provided an opportunity to take stock and I am grateful to those people who gave up their time to take part. There has now been time to collate the views expressed and the PCC has agreed some recommendations involving some modest changes, a number of which have already been implemented. Below is a summary of the review and the agreed recommendations.

**Castor Worship Review - Summary**

The Worship Review took place during April, May and June 2017. Throughout this period nine social gatherings took place at Castor Rectory. A total of 52 different people attended the meetings. Of these 9 were members of the Worship Committee and approximately 20% were under 50 years of age.

**Process**

The review involved informal discussion which focussed on a consistent set of questions which remained the same for each of the sessions. The questions related to the timing of services, the style of worship offered and the choice of music and hymns. The style of language used, the arrangements at the beginning and end of services as well as the helpful and distracting elements of our worship were also discussed. Those attending were also asked to share their views on the arrangements at Castor on the third Sunday of each month when different styles of services take place at the same time in both the church and Cedar Centre.

**Recommendations**

- Maintain the current worship pattern without any changes in service times.
- Make use of contemporary language as much as possible for the main services.
- Simplify the beginning of services, starting with a period of silence after the notices followed by the opening hymn. Reserving the use of the Angelus and other responses for special occasions or particular seasons of the year.
- Take steps to improve the sound system at Castor by purchasing new radio microphones and simpler more up to date apparatus.
- Work to include a greater variety of music and hymns in our worship. This may involve the occasional use of instrumentalists, especially during the Family Eucharist services on the first Sunday of each month. It may also be possible to identify a choir trainer to work alongside our organist to encourage and develop the singing.
- Work to improve communication about the worship offered in our benefice and also provide more teaching about the meaning of the different rituals which are included in our worship. This may involve teaching Eucharists, sermons and study courses.
- Work to ensure that the Family Eucharist services are as accessible as possible to both children, young families and older adults by trying to ensure that they are about 45 min in length.
- Run a refresher / training session for those responsible for leading intercessions.

**Implementation**

It will be the responsibility of the worship committee working with the ministry team to implement the agreed recommendations following the Worship Review.

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The **Wednesday Welcome Coffee Stop** will continue to take place until 11 October and start again in the Spring 2018.

The last one was held to support the people affected by the Caribbean Hurricane Disaster and raised **the amazing sum of £ 212.**

We received a warm letter of thanks from The London Community Foundation for our contribution of £100 to the Grenfell Tower Emergency Appeal, and another from our Missionaries Sarah and Giles for £79, which will go towards The MAZWI VILLAGE PROJECT in ZIMBABWE.

At our **Cake Stall at the Horticultural Show** we managed to raise the wonderful sum of **£ 172** for our churches/Missionaries.

The **CONCERT AT ST.ANDREWS " A Song for All Seasons" on 27 October at 7.30** has been well advertised. (see separate poster) Please, come and support this. Entrance fee including a welcome drink and refreshments during the interval is £10.

**Date of the next Meetings : Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 in the Community Hall after Morning Prayer at St. Mary's at 10 a.m.**

**Looking ahead: The Annual Christmas Bazaar** will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Meetings in November will be on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 in the Community Hall .**

So many interesting Village Functions !! Please come and join us.

*Dora Baker*

# FRIENDS OF STIBBINGTON CHURCH

## HARVEST SUPPER STIBBINGTON CHURCH



*Sunday 8th October  
6pm*

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This event is hosted by **Friends of Stibbington Church** and all proceeds go to our lovely church

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A last minute reminder that tickets are available for the Harvest Supper on Sunday 8th October in Stibbington Church that follows the Harvest Festival service at 6pm. Please phone 01780782932 to reserve yours

**Helen Facer**

### Stibbington 101 Club

The Friends of Stibbington have with much regret made the decision to not continue with future 101 draws.

Because of this, I would like to remind those that have arranged Bank transfers, to cancel them please.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their support over the past few year, it is really appreciated.

So as to complete this year draws, the September and October ones were drawn together and the lucky winners are as follows;

**Angela Hards** and **Vivien Ferguson.**

Well done.

Both your cheques are on their way.

Kind Regards

**Suzu Story**

## Stibbington Churchyard Clear Up

Sunday, 12th November

It is that time of year yet again, for the pre winter churchyard tidy up,  
As usual, it's 10 am until Noon, please come along with your wheelbarrows, rakes and secateurs. Children are always welcome and we shall be having our well earned break in the church porch.  
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Thank you  
Suzu Story





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- \* **Green** plastic bottles (to be use to create leaves on a mural).
- \* Welly boots (to re-furbish our Welly Dogs).
- \* Small bike wheels (to use in a panel by our Story Circle).



## Stibbington Community Classes



At the time of this writing this, there are still some spaces on the **DSLR Camera Workshop on 22/10/17 (£50)**. If you would like to see more information about the course contents, you can take a look at the tutor, James Brown's website: [www.DSLRlearning.co.uk](http://www.DSLRlearning.co.uk) Our workshop is the

equivalent of his "Beginners Masterclass", so you can see what good value it is!

You may have seen in the shop window that we have a **Willow Reindeer Workshop** in December. Rather than hold this workshop across the weekend, it will run on a Thursday and Friday, so this may be more suitable for you. As with our previous willow workshops, the tutor is Sue Kirk and since we have been over-subscribed for her previous workshops, do not wait too long to book. **(7th & 8th December, £120)**.



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# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

The annual general meeting held last month produced very lively discussion on a number of topics. Dr Takhar confirmed that unfortunately the arrangement set up to allow patients to attend for breast screening at Peterborough had been withdrawn except for those who were already registered at that location. He promised to take the matter up once again with the relevant authorities to reinstate choice option for all patients.

It was confirmed that provision of patient transport recently transferred to Oundle Voluntary Action was operating satisfactorily and that there is a similar organization covering Cambridgeshire available to patients living within their catchment area – Although the surgery reception no longer deals with bookings they can refer patients to the appropriate office for transport needs.

Audited accounts were circulated and the figures were explained by the Treasurer. Due to the termination of banking facilities at the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society, the account had now been transferred to Barclays Bank. It was noted that over the past 37 years in excess of £92K had been provided by the group towards funding purchase of equipment for the benefit of patients at both surgery locations.

All existing officials confirmed their agreement to remain in office and were unanimously re-elected for another year. However it was suggested that if any patient expressed an interest in becoming involved with the PPG, they could attend an officials' business meeting to get an idea of content and format. If they felt sufficiently interested to take an active role they could then be co-opted onto the officials' committee – further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Wendy Spencer (01780 782017 – [wendy.spencer22@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.spencer22@yahoo.com))

Dr Takhar gave news of the current situation regarding the future of healthcare facilities, in particular the plans for a new enlarged surgery and social care accommodation at Kings Cliffe, and an intermediary residential unit at Wansford providing elderly support care. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to hold a special meeting to give a larger number of patients the opportunity to learn more about this exciting project – possibly at the new school venue in Kings Cliffe. Representatives from all the relevant parish councils could also be invited and it is envisaged that the meeting will be arranged for later next month - notices will be published as soon as possible.

The level of DNAs (Did Not Attend) was raised from the floor - it was confirmed that as a result of patients being reminded of appointments by both phone and text, the level had been reduced to an average of 70-90 per month. There are sometimes legitimate reasons for non-attendance, but all patients are asked to make sure they contact the surgery reception if they need to cancel a pre-booked appointment – the practice is constantly striving to keep waiting times for appointments to a minimum but this is not helped by DNAs.

Quarterly general patients' meetings will be held over the next twelve months, the first of which will hopefully be the special meeting planned for end November – other dates for next year will be announced when confirmed.

Over thirty members of the social group enjoyed a short holiday to Northumbria last month and a day trip is also planned to Nottingham with a lunch cruise on the River Trent. The next coffee morning will be at Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall on Friday 20th October at 10am – for any information relating to social activities please contact Clare Wagstaffe 01780 470437 / [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com)

*Editors note:- shortly after I received the notes from the Communcare meeting which included comments about difficulties patients were experiencing obtaining breast screening appointments at their preferred location, I found the following in my email inbox. Thank-you to Trevor and Shailesh for their actions in ensuring that the correct procedures are now in place.*

Dear Tracy,

In the March 2016 issue of Living Villages I provided an update on the procedure to be followed by those patients of the Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery who preferred to attend Peterborough City Hospital for their periodic breast screening appointments rather than attending the more inconvenient facilities offered at Corby or Kettering. I had thought that after protracted correspondence with NHS England through Mr Shailesh Vara MP the problem had been resolved.

Sadly the issue returned again this summer with a number of patients from the surgery being offered appointments at either Corby or Kettering; Peterborough City Hospital was not on offer. However, with the help of Mt Shailesh Vara MP again, I am happy to report that the situation has been clarified once and for all, hopefully to everyone's satisfaction and with Peterborough back in the frame.

I attach a copy of a letter on the subject sent to Mr Vara MP by Andrew Pike, Director Commissioning Operations – East. The content is self-explanatory and sets out the switching procedure to be followed for eligible Wansford patients who prefer to be screened at Peterborough City Hospital rather than travelling to Kettering or Corby for their appointment.

In view of the importance of this matter could I please ask you to publish the attached correspondence in the next issue of Living Villages. I am also copying this note to Dr Takhar so that the surgery are appraised of the up to date NHS England guidance.

Many thanks.

Trevor Rogers

Dear *Shailesh*

Thank you for the letter from your office dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017, enclosing correspondence from your constituent Mr Trevor Rogers about breast screening for women at the Wansford Surgery, Mr Rogers also describes the difficulty that his wife has had in accessing a breast screening appointment at Peterborough. I set out below the background to the service issue which I hope will provide an explanation to your enquiry.

Historically, all women were called to a breast screening unit according to where they lived. This resulted in around a quarter of women registered with the Wansford Surgery being called to Peterborough breast screening unit with the other three quarters being called to the Kettering breast screening service. As a result of a national change to the way breast screening is organised, women are now called to a unit according to the general practice with which they are registered rather than where they live. This has resulted in those women registered at the Wansford Surgery who used to attend Peterborough now being called to the unit in Kettering. It is not possible for a practice population to be split between two screening providers.

All women registered with the Wansford Surgery will be called by the Kettering breast screening service at three-yearly intervals. If women who have previously been screened at Peterborough wish to attend Peterborough rather than Kettering, they can cancel their appointment with Kettering and contact Peterborough to request a screening appointment there. Unfortunately it is not possible for the Peterborough breast screening unit to invite them for their screening in the first place.

Negotiations with the Peterborough breast screening unit have occurred so that women from the Wansford Surgery, who self-refer to Peterborough, will be screened. We have also highlighted this issue to the national NHS Breast Screening Programme.

I would like to apologise for the difficulty that Mr Rogers wife has had in obtaining screening services and reassure you that these matters have now been addressed so that patients requesting these services at Peterborough will be able to receive them.

If you have any questions about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Shylaja Thomas Screening and Immunisation Lead [shylaja.thomas@nhs.net](mailto:shylaja.thomas@nhs.net) or [shylaja.thomas@phe.gov.uk](mailto:shylaja.thomas@phe.gov.uk).

Please be reassured that NHS England continues to work to ensure that the population it serves can continue to receive appropriate medical services.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Pike**  
Director Commissioning Operations – East  
NHS England (Midlands and East)

CC  
Dr Shylaja Thomas, Screening and Immunisation Lead, NHS England – East

# Dualling of the A47 Wansford to Sutton

## Update

The meeting, called by Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils, to discuss the A47 Dualling was held at Sutton Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> September with a packed house. Aaron Douglas, the Highways England project manager, presented the progress so far, the reasons for selecting the preferred route and the programme for the rest of the project.

Although the majority of responses to the earlier consultation favoured the northern route of the three proposed, HE ruled this out because it clashed with a Scheduled Monument just to the west of the old railway line. This issue that was already known before the consultation and it impacts all three route options. Instead they have proposed an alignment north of the A47 for the western section and then immediately south of the existing road for the eastern section. There was a lengthy discussion about the basis for this area being designated as a Scheduled Monument as the published information is minimal. It is also likely that there are significant archaeological features outside the designated area. HE was urged to look in more detail at the archaeology of the area and be willing to reconsider the preferred Northern route incorporating local and non-motorised traffic links. If this is not done, pressure will be applied through members of parliament and the planning inspectorate.

If anyone has any detailed knowledge of the Scheduled Monument site, in addition to official designation, please contact the authors.

It was clear that the Sutton residents preferred that the eastern roundabout stays where it is rather than moving to the end of the Drift. This may require the construction of a link to Sutton Heath Road depending on the final route design.

The issue of increased noise and pollution in Sutton as a result of the road being closer was raised. HE can only calculate this when the traffic modelling is complete and this is not expected until the beginning of next year.

It was suggested that there had been collusion between the HCA, promoters of the Great Kyne development, and the HE over the choice of route. This was denied by HE.

HE has discussed access to Sacrewell and it is likely that this will use the existing truck stop area as sketched in last month's Living Villages. HE does not consider that the truck stop is needed.

Because the traffic modelling has not been completed, HE has not started to look at the western roundabout in Wansford or the road layout across the A1 bridge. This will not be done until early next year, immediately before the final consultation.

HE is trying to submit the detailed scheme for government approval in the first quarter of 2018 with a view to starting construction in 2020. They anticipate a 15 month construction period.

The steps to approval are a further round of consultation followed by Planning Inspectorate review and a report to the Secretary of State.

***Richard Clarke and Peter Lee***

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Huge thanks go to everyone who helped make the day a success, committee and members, participants, those who attended and all those people in Wansford, Stibbington and Thornhaugh whose generosity in donating bottles for our tombola helped greatly to cover the considerable cost of staging the show.

It now looks as though Nigel Colborn will not after all be able to join us in October for a talk, but we have two very talented flower arranging members, Gill Shanks and Stella Joyce, who will be coming along to the Christie Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 19 October to give us a demonstration entitled "Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness".

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Our Christmas highlights coach trip is proving popular already with 23 people signed up at this early stage. The coach holds 49 passengers, so don't miss out. The details: on Saturday 25th November we are visiting Blenheim Palace, leaving Wansford at 11 a.m. to arrive at 1 p.m. for lunch. During the afternoon we can look at the formal gardens in daylight and go into the house which will be decorated for Christmas. There will also be an art exhibition on that date and other things going on such as a Victorian carousel and stalls selling mulled wine. Just time for a cup of tea and cake before we embark on the after-dark Festive Trail of Lights. This starts at 5 p.m. and takes about an hour, after which we will return to Wansford in our coach. The inclusive cost, coach and entry/trail will be £40. If interested, please contact me.

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Cup Name	Description	Winner
Skevington Cup	Best exhibit in the Members Vegetable Section	Ian Long
Christie Memorial Cup	Best exhibit in the Open Vegetable Section	Ian Long
The George Moisey Trophy	Best exhibit in classes 5 & 6	Ian Long
Dalgety Produce Potato Cup	Best exhibit in classes 1 & 2	Valerie Brooks
The Garden News Challenge Shield	Best exhibit in classes 26 & 27	Phillip Wiles
The Benton-Jones Dahlia Cup	Best exhibit in the Dahlia Section	Tom Dykes
The President's Cup for Flowers	Best exhibit in the Flowers (except Dahlias)	Yvonne Banke
Philip Wiles Cup	Best hanging basket	Clare Heath
The Elborne Cup	Best exhibit in the Floral Art Section (adults)	Gill Fisher
The Gilbert Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Floral Art Section	<i>Not awarded</i>
The Coronation Cup	Best exhibit in the Adult Cookery Section	Adam Poole
The Thompson Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Cookery Section	Maia Meredith
The Elcombe Trophy	Best exhibit in the Drinks Section	Lexie Wrighton
Tom Guy Trophy	Best exhibit in class 66	<i>Not awarded</i>

<b>Cup Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Winner</b>
The Rosie McDonnell Award	Best exhibit in class 67	Clare Heath
The Craft Cup	Best exhibit in Adult the Craft Section	Val Reeves
The A.R.C. Shield	Best exhibit in the Children's craft Section	Daisy Mardle
The President's Cup for Adult Art	Best exhibit in the Adult Art Section	Barbara Bette
The Andrew Walton Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Art (under 8)	Lucy Hunt
The Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Art Section	Thomas Hunt
The Peter Cottrell Cup	Gentleman with the most points classes 1-37	Phillip Wiles
The Joan Spencer Trophy	Lady with the most points classes 1-37	Jennie Gatheral
The Family Challenge Cup	The most points gained by a family	Eames Family
The Evergreen Cup	Highest points by a Member Senior Citizen	Phillip Wiles
Yendall Children's Cup	Most points by an exhibitor under 8 years old	Lucy Hunt Annabelle Eames
The Haycock Cup	Most points by an exhibitor aged 8-16 years	Elizabeth Eames
The Sponsor's Cup	Newcomer Adult with the highest points	Maggie Evans
The Banksian Medal	Winner of highest prize money in classes 1-64	Ian Long
The Cracknell Cup	Best Child's Exhibit in Show	Elizabeth Eames
The Len Hall Trophy	Best Exhibit in Show	Adrian Duffin
The Chairman's Cup	Person with the highest number of entries	Phillip Wiles
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## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Wansford Parish Council meeting was held at the community hall on Monday, 18 th September at 7:30 pm.

The first major discussion was on the picnic site and the police sent Sgt Ricky Passam and PCSO Scott. They explained that there was a public spaces protection order which might be useful for us to look at included loitering on site in order to restore the picnic area to a family friendly place.

WPC are allowed to put notices out explaining we expect to have a greater police presence on the site and we wish to get the Highways authority to sort out more litter bins being emptied all around the site.

There has been discussion about the possibility of Sacrewell Mill taking over the picnic site in the future when the A 47 duelling has taken place. They could take over the site from Highways England putting their café there and possibly a boating centre on the river, this could get over most of our problems and set up a pleasant picnic site managed by Sacrewell

Brian Clary the Peterborough Council tree officer came and gave us a talk about the tree strategy within Peterborough area explaining that we can cut off deadwood and diseased parts of the tree. He pointed out that it is our duty to replant when any trees are taken out and there is a duty of care covering trees from a safety point of view. He is prepared to visit householders with trees and answer any queries direct.

The Parish Council is arranging a meeting with Highways England on site with a list of requirements now that the A Road from Elton Road over the bridge and up the Old North Road to the roundabout has been detrunked to a C class road. PCC will renumber the road on the North side of the bridge to reduce traffic utilising the Wansford Bridge.

Wansford WI have contributed to the handrail and automatic lighting of the community hall.

We are still waiting for PCC to progress the 20mph limit in the village and it seems to go on and on.

There was much discussion on A47 dualling and we look forward to meeting on 19th September to air our ideas along with other village needs.

The Peterborough Local plan does not seem to have any direct changes in relation to Wansford.

We will look at the village plan next month as so much was discussed that the meeting did not close until 9;55 pm

Next meeting 9th October at 7:30 pm

***Councillor Graham Garner***

# SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council met at the Environment Centre, Stibbington on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7 p.m.

The Chairman read out a statement to all Councillors and members of the public present regarding the proposed small café at 12 London Road, Wansford.

Defibrillators - Cllr Beuttell has met with company to look at various models. The defibrillators will be housed in the BT Kiosks – could we please request that all the books are removed within the next couple of months.

17/01662/S73 - Variation of condition 7 of Application Reference Number: 16/01635/FUL we are applying to substitute the approved drawings with those attached to this application. Condition to read: The development hereby permitted will be carried out in accordance with the following drawings: HER/2805/SUR/001, HER/2805/PA2/001A, HER/2805/PA2/100B, HER/2805/PA2/200A at Stoneacre Elton Road Wansford – no objections were raised.

Hutchinson’s Yard – County Council waiting for Environment Agency to issue permit, once licence granted Fire Officer can come back to check out what is stored on site. Nigel Swaby (Planning) looking at enforcement and planning issues and is corresponding with CCC agent – key issue is once permit is issued. Deputy Chief Fire Officer is happy to meet up with residents (via Simon Bywater).

Traffic Calming and Parking: urgent repair work scheduled for bridge and A47 dualling, it was agreed hold on putting forward any proposals for traffic calming and parking at this time.

A47 dualling – will affect Stibbington, 3 options were put forward, understand 90% opted for northern option, but our views have not been taken into account. Wansford Parish Council are pursuing – meeting at Sutton Church on 19th September at 7.30 p.m

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 1st November 2017 commencing at 7 p.m.

## THE CHRISTIE HALL COMMUNITY LOTTERY

The September Monthly draw has been completed and the winners for the draw are shown here.

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## STIBBINGTON AND WANSFORD WI

Our September meeting was held at St Mary's Church, Wansford where we were able to enjoy using the fantastic new screen that the Church has, and sit café style for our meeting and refreshments. We certainly look forward to holding more events at the Church next year and hope that other members of the community will want to join us.

This month we were intrigued to hear the story of the lost town of Huntingdonshire, Norman Cross which was built at the time of the Napoleonic Wars to house prisoners. Interestingly they were not only French, but German, Belgian and even American!! It was fascinating to hear of the "pop-up" town which was there and gone in 20 years.

Our 3C's Craft Morning has continued with making squares and lap blankets for City Hospital, Peterborough – if you have any that you would like to donate, please contact me or come along to our next meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October – although we do have some crafters in the group, there is also a lot of chatter going on, so please don't feel that you are unwelcome if you are not a crafter. One of our members has made the most amazing crackers ready for Christmas. I'm sure some sharing of "how to" is available if you love them as much as we did.



The lunch club and book club will have both met by the time you read this, and the Macmillan Coffee Morning will have also taken place – we hope to report a great fund raising effort next month.

Talking of money – we were pleased to present our cheque for £500 to the Community Hall Chairman, John Stannage, as our promised contribution to the new hand rail and lighting along the path. Our members will feel much safer as the winter nights draw in.

In October we shall be heading to St Elizabeth Hospice as a group to find out more about the amazing work that they do. This is at an earlier than usual time of 5.30. If you would like to join us to find out more, please contact me so that we can finalise details.

Please contact me if you would like to join us for any of our events, and more details and news can now be found on our blog [www.swwiblog.com](http://www.swwiblog.com)

**Jan Armitage**

## £6,000 grant will help Wansford company spice up the condiments market

Tim and Annette Williams from Wansford have secured over £6,000 in grant funding from the LEADER programme to expand their home grown condiments business, Kingfisher Chilli.

The company is less than a year old but their South African inspired chilli paste, jam, mayonnaise and peri-peri oil have proven popular enough at local farmers markets, shops and fayres for the company to grow significantly. Thanks to the grant, Tim and Annette will be able to automate some of their production line to grind ingredients and fill, cap and label up to 100 jars an hour – more than 5 times faster than by hand.

Annette Williams, Director at Kingfisher Chilli said, *"Without the LEADER grant we wouldn't be able to expand so quickly. We know there's a big market for Kingfisher Chilli products, but there's only so much we can keep doing by hand."*

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## Living Villages at the Horticultural show

Thank-you to everyone who visited our small stall at the village show. The competition, which I have replicated on this month's front cover (but in the correct order from top left) was won by Rev. Jane Tailby, who correctly guessed 8 of the front covers to their correct month, although like many others was somewhat off the tie break question of how many people had taken the photos - it was five.

We had a number of good ideas for future editions

- Bus timetables
- History of the villages by maps and land ownership
- What to do when retired - ideas and personal experiences
- Interesting headstones in local churchyards
- How to prepare for the village show (some secrets/hints on how to present your entries) for both adult and children classes



The editorial team were also delighted to see the wonderful entries for the Rosie McDonald award. The photo shows winner Clare Heath receiving the newly purchased 'Lightbulb' Trophy from Eddie.

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This last month has reminded us of the power of the weather that constantly inflicts its will on our world. This September has devastated the Caribbean Islands and southern North America with category 5 hurricanes. As I write another Hurricane, Maria, is bearing down on Guadeloupe and the British Virgin Islands before targeting Florida and the southern states of the USA bringing flooding, destruction and death.

Earlier this year I was fortunate to visit Tortola, one of the British Virgin Islands, and was enchanted by the tropical atmosphere and the friendly local residents. A very laid back society but a wonderfully friendly community. I was shocked to see what is left of their homes and now they are to be hit again by another great wind. These are the strongest hurricanes to hit these islands in living memory and one wonders if this is due to climate change or just an unfortunate pattern of circumstances. The 'perfect storm'!

In Britain we categorise the force of the wind according to the Beaufort Scale, devised by Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort, Hydrographer to the Navy, in 1808. Force 0 is Calm, Force 1 is Light Air and so on up to Force 11 Storm. Force 12 is a Hurricane with wind speeds of 73 to 82 miles per hour. The scale now goes up to Force 17 (126 - 136 mph). The wind speed in Hurricane Irma last month exceeded 155 mph! Way off the scale!

Human communities suffer terribly at this level, but what about our wildlife? Most animals and birds hunker down where they can and ride the storm. Ground living animals escape to higher ground. At the Nene Washes east of Peterborough I have seen Short Eared Owls patrolling the rising water's edge in a flood, feasting on the mice and voles escaping the water. Most seabirds are well able to stay in the sky or fly out of a hurricane's path. The Wandering Albatross lives in the South Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, the 'Roaring Forties', and with its huge wingspan spends all its days soaring and gliding above the waves. One of our commonest birds of prey is the Kestrel, commonly known as the Windhover. Not everyone will be able to identify a kestrel sitting on a post or flying through the air. But it will be instantly recognisable when it suddenly stops in mid flight, flapping its wings and hovering as it remains stationary in the sky as it seeks its prey below.

Trees damaged by hurricane winds will sprout new leaves and recover. Seeds distributed by the wind will set and grow new plants. But will the human community recover from such damage? In 1995 the Caribbean Island of Montserrat was devastated by a volcanic eruption and its capital Plymouth was destroyed and abandoned. People do live elsewhere on the island but it is not the same. I do so hope Tortola can survive its next challenge and survive.





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Tracy

I wonder if you would be kind enough to insert a small notice in the Living Villages magazine in memory of my late great uncle, Noel Turnill, who was killed in action 100 years ago. Noel died in the battle of Passchendaele (aka the Third Battle of Ypres) on 21st September 1917. Noel's body was never found so his name is inscribed on the wall at Tyne Cot, Ypres, Belgium along with his many fellow comrades who suffered the same fate.

The reason for my enquiry was that my Great Uncle Noel Christopher Turnill, who was born in Yarwell, is mentioned on the plaque of those killed in The Great War which is in Stibbington Church. Noel had been a Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, and transferred to the 12th Battalion East Surrey Regiment on 13th July 1917. My Great Grandparents Christopher and Mary England Turnhill of Stibbington Manor, are buried in the Stibbington churchyard and their gravestone has an inscription in memory of Noel.

Noel married Miss Ellen Wingrove (whose family owned a butchers shop in Wansford) on 26th September 1916. My grandparents referred to Miss Wingrove as 'Nellie'.



I attach a scanned photograph of my Grandparents wedding on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1912 and both Noel (the tall chap to the left of the photograph) and Ellen (seated in front and to the left of Noel). At the time of the photograph Noel and Ellen were engaged to be married.

Many thanks.

Christopher Harman

*Editors note.  
On 22nd September, Christopher Harman visited Stibbington and left flowers, a poppy and a photo beneath the inscription.  
The Minister of Pensions awarded Ellen a pension of 13 shillings and 9 pence per week*



**We will remember them**

### Editors note

*It's always lovely to receive correspondence from our readers especially those who no longer live locally. Below is part of an email from a regular emailer, Nan Alden.*

I notice that the WI are having a talk on the Norman Cross prison on the 12th and only wish I could pop in for that evening!

Whenever we went for a visit to my father's uncle, Joe Read, at Alconbury Weston, we passed the golden eagle at Norman Cross and my dad always told us about how his father said an ancestor of ours was in that prison and opted to stay in the area after the war, taking the name of de Ath and he took agricultural work. When I visited my son in France (he lives in Fontainebleu) I noticed a signpost a short way from Calais pointing to the town of Ath! I have tried contacting the Norman Cross site but they say they have no list of prisoners' names, and any way that was not his name!

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Tues 3	<b>WI 3C's Coffee Chat and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Wed 4	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Sun 8	Harvest Supper - Friends of Stibbington Church	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Helen Facer	<b>782932</b>	10
Mon 9	Wansford Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	24
Tues 10	WI Visit to St Elizabeth Hospice	5.30pm		Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Wed 11	Welcome Coffee Stop	10.30am	<b>St Mary's</b>	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Fri 13	Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band	7.00pm	Nassington Church		<b>782200</b>	37
Sat 14	Harvest Lunch - Friends of <b>St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	12.30	Christie Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Wed 18	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Thurs 19	Hort Society	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	<b>782446</b>	20
Fri 20	<b>WI 3C's Coffee Chat and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Fri 20	Communicare Coffee morning	10.00am	Kings Cliffe Active Sports Centre	Clare Wagstaff	<b>470437</b>	14
Sun 22	DSLR Camera Course	10.30 - 3.30pm	Stibbington Centre		<b>782386</b>	13
Fri 27	A Song for All Seasons	7.00pm	<b>St Andrew's</b>	Liz Kemp	<b>782333</b>	11
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Sun12	Stibbington Churchurchyard clear-up	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Suzty Story		10

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