

Living Villages



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*Water Newton, Thornhaugh,
Stibbington, Sutton & Wansford*

EDITORIAL

As I start my second year as Editor I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the community for their support. In particular I would like mention one of our regular contributors - Graham Blagden, who writes our Nature Notes each month. It was a complete coincidence that his article this month linked perfectly with my choice of front cover - a beautiful Red Admiral, which is far more common than the Brown Hairstreak or Purple Emperor described in his item, but none the less beautifully photographed by John Measures.

I also thank the Living Villages team of Kate, Rod and Sue, who supply me with all the information I need to put the magazine together and regularly either suggest ideas for articles or often write them. Our huge team of distributors deserve a mention too - within a few hours of the boxes of magazines being delivered to our house, they are sorted and then taken to another twenty five or so wonderful volunteers who then walk around our villages posting this magazine through your letter box. I have to accept that in some houses it may not be read, but if you are one of our loyal readers - my thanks to you too.

The A47 upgrade - something which will no doubt cause some disruption, but will hopefully eventually reduce congestion in and around our homes - has been explained succinctly by Richard Clarke on pages 20-22. I hope you find it informative.

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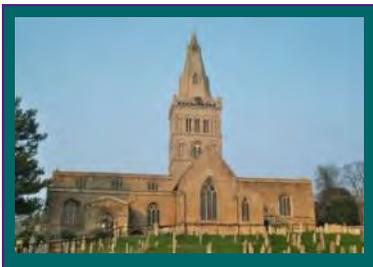
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WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2017



Date	Time	Location	Service
3 Sept	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Morning Prayer
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
10 Sept	9.00am	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Family Service
	9.30am	St Marys, Wansford	Holy Communion
17 Sept	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
24 Sept	9.30am	St Marys, Wansford	Morning Praise - Family Service
	4.00pm	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper
1 Oct	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Morning Prayer
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Remigius, Water Newton	Annual Patronal and Harvest Festival Service



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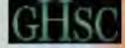


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For some, this may sound attractive, but I can hear others running a mile from anything like this – that's not for me!! Fortunately, there are many, many different sorts of retreats, something for everyone, really. You can paint or sculpt, write poetry, study literature, make a quilt or a wooden stool, ramble with God, garden, cook or learn a new skill, or chill out in the Spanish sun – there are places for retreats all over the world. And it doesn't have to be silent, or even quiet. A clergy friend of my sister spends his annual retreat at New Wine, a Christian festival of music and teaching that is anything but quiet; think of it as a Christian Glastonbury and you're getting close!

What sort of retreat it is doesn't matter; we're all different and what is right for one person won't be right for someone else. The important thing is that it is a time for you and God to share together – a bit like a family holiday away with no distractions.

Of course, I know that a time away is not possible for everyone; there are time issues, family commitments or financial restraints. If the heart of a retreat is giving God full attention, then we can do that at any moment during our day, perhaps a turning aside for a few minutes just to be still. For a relationship to flourish, we need to give the other person time and attention, and that is true of our relationship with God as well. A retreat isn't an escape from day to day life; it is bringing God into our day to day life in new ways, and learning more about his love for us. After all, even Jesus regularly took "time out" and went to quiet place to pray, so we have a good role model there!

Jesus making time for prayer can be a model for us at any time; prayer, whether on retreat or just day by day, is that stepping aside and focussing on God. We can bring him our joys and our concerns, our pains and just the ordinariness of everyday life. At the end of this month, the Watersmete Churches will be taking part in the National Prayer Weekend, with the opportunity to pray for our villages and the world. Look out for more information to come.

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The WEDNESDAY WELCOME COFFEE STOP will continue to take place on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.30 after Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.

In October, on Saturday 14th, we are hosting our annual HARVEST LUNCH.

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Our next service is the Annual Patronal and Harvest Festival service which will take place on Sunday 1st October at 6 pm. As usual, following the service we will be serving light refreshments, wine, tea and coffee. All from surrounding villages are invited to join us for both the service and the hospitality. A small contribution will be requested to cover the cost of food and drinks. We would very much appreciate any gifts of dry foods - cans, packets etc which we will take to the local Peterborough foodbank. Please bring them along to the service or leave at the church if you are unable to join us.

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STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS



Exciting times are ahead and additional trustees are needed....

With our 30th Anniversary fast approaching and the launch of an exciting new fundraising initiative to enable replacement of our residential facilities, we would like to add to our board of trustees. Our friendly board is currently made up of head teachers, both current and recently retired, together with staff representatives but it is not necessary to have a background of working in education. Meetings take place once a term in the late afternoon.

If you would like to find out more about involvement with Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust (Registered Charity 1097019), we would be delighted to hear from you.

Stibbington Community Classes

DSLR Photography Workshop

Sunday 22nd October 10:30am - 3:30pm £50

Photographic equipment has certainly moved on since this illustration and many people now have cameras with capabilities which greatly exceed their knowledge. If you want the confidence to switch your camera off "auto mode" then this is the workshop for you. Your tutor will be professional photographer James Brown who specializes in breaking down the subject of photography into simple and easy to understand segments. Incorporating both theory (indoors) and practical work (outdoors), the class will be intensive but you will be amazed how much you can learn in just one day. (Also suitable for non-beginners who wish to refresh and advance their skills).



STOP PRESS: Stained glass candle box (copper foil technique)— Possible workshop on **30th September / 1st October**—Keep an eye on the Wansford shop window, visit the Facebook page or call the centre if you are interested.

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COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 6th September 2017 6.30pm at Wansford Surgery

All patients are invited to attend

Our AGM gives patients the opportunity to hear what has been happening with the group during the last year, as well as getting up to date news of the practice, and local healthcare services.

Members of the surgery staff will be there to provide information and answer questions.

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PATIENTS

FLU VACCINATIONS 2017

Our flu campaign begins in September 2017 with a series of walk-in clinics (no appointment necessary) on the following dates and locations:

Saturday	16.9.17	0900 - 1130	Wansford
Thursday	21.9.17	0900 - 1145	Kings Cliffe
Saturday	30.9.17	0900 - 1130	Wansford
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Thursday	19.10.17	0900 - 1145	Kings Cliffe
Saturday	28.10.17	0900 - 1130	Wansford
Friday	3.11.17	0900 - 1145	Kings Cliffe
Saturday	11.11.17	0900 - 1130	Wansford
Saturday	25.11.17	0900 - 1130	Wansford

In addition to the walk-in clinics there are also some pre-bookable appointments available to book on-line or via reception.

You are eligible for a flu jab if you are:

- You are over 65
- You are under 65 and have diabetes, asthma, copd, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, history of a stroke, a neurological condition, a low immune system or are seriously overweight (BMI over 40 or more)
- You are pregnant
- You are a carer

If you are unsure please contact the reception team for advice.

Glasses Collection at Wansford Surgery



It is great to see that spectacles are once more being collected at the surgery. They are donated to charity via The Lions Club. There is now a cheerful collection bin in the waiting room area ready to receive your unwanted glasses. Since March 2017 the surgery have sent 148 pairs.

Nationally all UK Lions Clubs send the glasses to Chichester Lions who have a special sorting facility. Once sorted they send them to Medico France who distribute them to the teams in developing countries.

Charity shops are often interested to receive empty glasses cases, but then they also make useful containers for all sorts of things such as a first aid kit for travelling, a mini stationary kit, tissues, toffees.... Send us your suggestions!

Extract from Chichester Lions website:

Today we are receiving used spectacles from Lions clubs throughout the UK, as well as from opticians and supermarket sources within our own City. Spectacles are delivered to us in boxes and bags of all shapes and sizes and are processed by our club members and other volunteers in our workshop. We use our considerable experience to select the items that are suitable for recycling and to sort them in preparation for onward transmission to Medico France in Le Havre. Medico France have the necessary equipment to clean and grade the spectacles ready for use in eye camps in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group

NOTICE – September Coffee Morning

Anyone who attends our coffee mornings at the Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall please note that this month's event has been changed and will now take place on Friday 8th at 10am (previously advertised as the 15th)

This is because many of the social group will be away on our coach holiday to Northumbria during the following week from the 11th to 15th.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our visit to the Walled Garden at Blatherwycke on 8th August had to be postponed for a week, as the torrential rain in the morning made the paths too hazardous. Fortunately nearly everyone who would have attended on the first date was able to come along on 15th and enjoy a sunny, balmy evening admiring the amazing progress made by Joe Whitehead and his team in restoring this lovely garden. The variety, colour and health of all his organically grown plants was appreciated by the 43 members who came along, and the tranquillity of the setting in gently rolling countryside with ducks and geese flying overhead will be remembered for a long time. Many left with cuttings, seeds, sound advice and new ideas for their gardens. At the end of the evening delicious coffee or chocolate cake was served with tea, thanks to Keith Alvey, a committee member and Blatherwycke volunteer.

At the time of writing we are 6 days away from the Annual Show and, with preparations well in hand, are wondering what the elements will throw at us this year! A full report of events and winners will be included in October's magazine.

Our Christmas highlights coach trip is proving popular already with 20 people signed up at this early stage. 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 stalls selling mulled wine and a Victorian carousel. 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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Dualling of the A47 Wansford to Sutton

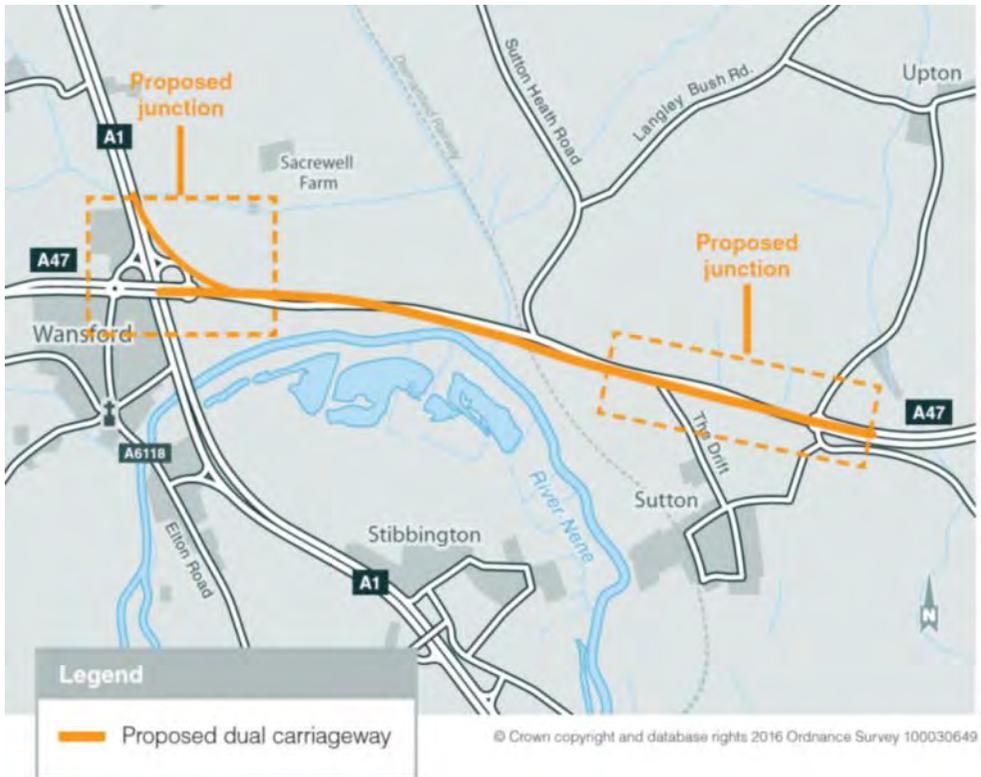
Many of you will have received a leaflet from Highways England (HE) showing the Preferred Route for this upgrade. Often the reaction will have been “but it shows me no detail!”. This article will try to sketch in some options for those details but the best way to learn more is to come to Sutton Church at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th September. There will be a meeting of Highways England, Peterborough City Council Highways and the parish councils for the surrounding area to discuss the options.

Highways England are reluctant to show any aspects of the scheme that have not been fully detailed so what is set out are some of the ideas that

were put forward in the earlier consultations. They are by no means the finished product and are simply meant to provoke discussion. The author has sketched the various layouts in simplified form. The traffic modelling for the scheme is still underway but it is certain that the improved road will attract an increased number of vehicles.

Following the consultation in March 2017, HE selected the Preferred Route as shown in a diagram taken from their leaflet. The most significant feature of the drawing is that both the proposed junction areas have been increased from the original scheme.

This is based on Option 2 from the consultation but with the eastern



section moved closer to the existing road. Option 3 (the northern route) was preferred by most responses to the consultation but this has a significantly higher impact on environmentally sensitive sites and points of archaeological interest. One feature of the new road is the need to minimise the number of junctions and the intention is to have one in the Sutton area and one at the A1. This requires some ideas to service Sutton Heath Road, the Upton Road and to give access to Sacrewell.

The Sutton Junction

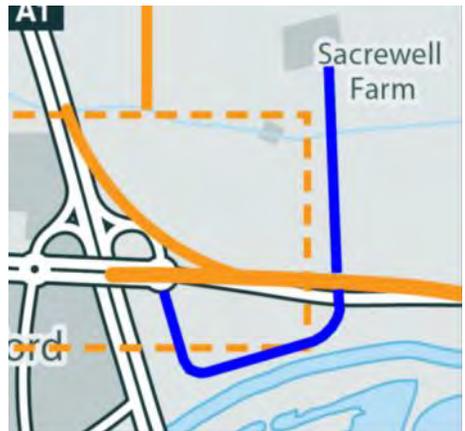


One option for the junction at the Sutton end of the development is to remove the existing roundabout and to construct a new larger one at the end of the Drift. This would link to a realigned Sutton Heath Road as shown above in blue. A new link between Old Peterborough Road and the Drift may be needed to keep through traffic away from Sutton. Upton road could either be closed at the A47 end or a new link built to Sutton Heath Road.

Access to Sacrewell

Sacrewell is an important local attraction and it must have good

access from the A1 and A47. One suggested solution is to take a new road south from the A1 junction eastern roundabout to join the old A47 which has been used as a truck park since the 1960s. Traffic would then pass under the new A47 and link in to the existing Sacrewell access. This would help to tidy up the truck stop and it could return to its proper role as a picnic area. The new road would also serve the Anglia Water pumping station and possibly give local access to the petrol station.



This arrangement is shown above with the new route in blue.

The A1/A47 Junction

At present the A1/A47 junction struggles at peak hours and, with significantly increased traffic, this will get much worse. The capacity of the junction will have to be increased and with the present pattern of traffic that will mean significantly enlarging both roundabouts and returning the road across the A1 to full dual carriageway. Although the eastern roundabout is quite easy to enlarge, any change to the western one will impact the adjacent properties.

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One change that will simplify the flows around the western roundabout is to close the access from Old North Road onto the A47 while retaining the access into the village by this route. This option is only viable if the junction of Old Leicester Road onto the A47 is changed and, at the same time, the road layout around the Old Pump House can be improved. This scheme is shown above with the road modifications in blue.

Cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders

At present the A47 is very dangerous for any non-motorised traffic. The layouts shown in this article allow a dedicated route for this traffic using sections of the old road and the Sacrewell access. Details of the crossing points would have to be

resolved as part of the detailed design of the scheme.

Overall, the upgrading of the A47 presents some challenges to the local communities but it also provides an opportunity to remove accident black spots and to solve other problems such as the truck stop area, rat running and non-motorised access.



Come to Sutton Church on the 19th September and join in the discussion.

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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wansford Parish Council met on the 21st August 2017.

3 members of the public were in attendance with the primary interest being in the proposal for Crossleys Village Wittering and the possible development west of Thackers Close Wansford. In December 2016 Peterborough City Council published the Further Draft version of the new Local plan. As part of the consultation for this stage, PCC invited land owners or developers to submit additional development sites. All the schemes submitted were published by PCC in June 2017, including notes that the schemes were as submitted and had not been endorsed in any way by PCC. Before they are included in the local plan, these schemes will be investigated by PCC and indeed villagers have seen PCC officers looking at the Thackers Close site. Even if the schemes get to the next draft of the Local Plan, due in November 2017, there is a further period of consultation and then a public hearing before they are adopted.

WPC took the view that the Thackers Close plan was outside the village envelope, was not in keeping with the PCC development hierarchy and was not compatible with the infrastructure available in the village. The Crossleys Village scheme uses prime agricultural land, is remote from employment centres and has a number of other environmental and transport issues. WPC will oppose the inclusion of either scheme in the local plan.

The A47 Dualling scheme has progressed to the Preferred Alignment stage and is reported elsewhere in this issue.

The plan to develop 14 houses to the west of Robinsfield was considered in the light of revised drawings but the conclusion was still that the scheme extended the village envelope for no good reason and causes a number of environmental issues.

Congestion on Wansford Bridge during delays on the A1 was raised. The only way to regulate traffic over the bridge at such times would be to have traffic lights. Temporary lights are not practical so they would be a permanent installation. Because of the bridge's Grade 1 listing, the lights would have to be away from the actual bridge structure, possibly set 20m or so further along the road. Wansford PC would like to hear residents' views on having traffic lights on the bridge. Please write to the clerk or come to the next meeting.

The problems with the A47 picnic site continue. WPC has been in touch with our MP and the Police and Crime Commissioner as well as continuing the long running dialogue with Highways England and the police. WPC will now produce an action plan for Highways England to try and at least get the physical amenities of the site properly maintained.

The next meeting will be at the Community Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 18th September

Richard Clarke

Sponsored Hearing Dog Update

Some of you may remember that the editorial team made a decision some time ago that we would sponsor a hearing dog (for just £3 per month.) Regular readers will also know that our first dog, Victor recently graduated and is now helping Keith on a daily basis.

Our new puppy is called Jade and is once again a Cocker Spaniel who was born in December 2016 and during her first year she is progressing well with her training and has already passed her Puppy One Star award and is working well towards the next. She spends most of her time with her puppy socialisers, Mike and Sandra and every two weeks they take her to her training.



They have also taken her to visit Mike's brother, who is profoundly deaf (it was through him that they first found out about Hearing Dogs and decided to volunteer). "He and Jade quickly became pals" Mike reports "She spent most of the visit sat at his feet gazing lovely into his eyes whilst he fussed over her."

Sandra says she is a confident young lady who seems to love exploring and sticking her nose in, who can hear her food box being opened or tennis ball being thrown at one hundreds yards, who is adorable, and knows it. She lives life at 100 miles-per-hour, but will also just flop down on the floor for a bit of tummy rubbing whilst attempting to nibble your slipper at the same time.

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The rest of the month has been spent in holiday mode, but we have plans for exciting things to come:

Our **meeting on September 12th** will be an open meeting and held at St Mary's Church. The talk for the evening will be about the prison at Norman Cross, the lost town of Huntingdonshire. If you would like to hear more about this interesting topic please join us at 7.30.p.m.

The **3 C's** (craft, community and coffee) group recommences on **1st and 15th September** in the Community hall, 10 til 12 noon. We are going to be making lap blankets for the Peterborough Hospital, so if you would like to come and knit or crochet squares with us, or if you have squares that you want to make and/or donate, please do come along or contact me for further details.

The **book club** will meet at **7.30pm on 21st September** at the Haycock Hotel. Books to be considered are The Keeper of Lost Things and The Essex Serpent.

Lunch club members will be visiting the Fox and Hounds at Longthorpe on **19th September**.

Finally, we will be hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Mary's, Wansford from 10 til 12 noon on Saturday 30th September**. Please do join us for coffee and cake, and to support this worthy cause. Additionally, there will be some cakes for sale to raise additional funds for Macmillan.

Such a busy month – we hope that we may see some of you at one/some of our events!

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

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Upton at 2:25-2:45 on Wednesdays

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Wansford Haycock at 1:30-1:50 on Tuesdays

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You may have watched a recent edition of BBC1's Countryfile programme centred on Northamptonshire. Apart from highlighting the new Skew Bridge Wildlife Lakes complex at Rushden the presenters visited Fermyn Woods and successfully searched for the Purple Emperor butterfly. Although rare countrywide it is found in small numbers in local woods but is not obvious as it generally flies among the tree tops. It appears as a large, very dark brown butterfly with white patches across its wings. However its name is explained if the male basks in sunshine when its upper wings take on a magnificent purple sheen.

The programme showed local butterfly enthusiasts, or lepidopterists, attracting the butterflies down to the woodland floor with a variety of foul smelling mixtures such as anchovy paste and fox poo to which they are attracted. The females are rarely seen but the Purple Emperor can be observed in a number of other local woods including Bedford Purlieu without the need of smelly attractants. On a sunny day find an area where you can see the top of the tallest tree around and wait for the butterflies to come and fly around in the sunshine.

Interestingly, I have just heard of another rare butterfly seen locally which has not been observed in Northamptonshire for many years. The Hairstreaks are a group of smaller butterflies closely linked to the Blues and the Small Copper. Holly Blues are common in gardens in August and early September while the bright Copper favours rougher ground. The Hairstreaks are less colourful but do show patches of iridescence on their brownish wings.

A female Brown Hairstreak has recently been discovered in an area of woodland and quiet farmland in the Apethorpe area. This species has not been recorded in Northamptonshire since the mid 1900s. When at rest the female's closed wings will show two fine white lines on the bright golden underwing: the hairstreaks. Like the Purple Emperor the Hairstreak will congregate around a tall, prominent 'master' tree, often an ash. The males will stay in or on the tree but the females will lay their eggs low down on Blackthorn in a wide area around their home or colony. They are quite secretive when egg laying. When flying they hug the hedgerow resembling the common brown Gatekeeper but at rest the hairstreaks are obvious.



The summer months are the time to seek out and enjoy the beauty of butterflies. Are they becoming more numerous? Or are more people interested in wildlife and looking for them. This may apply to the large obvious Purple Emperor but the Brown Hairstreak is comparatively small and insignificant. The recent discovery in an out of the way location could be a long lost colony only now discovered. It could have resulted from an unofficial release of the butterfly in the area. Or is this another example of global warming with the species working its way north from its established communities in the south and south-west of England as temperatures rise? What do you think?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Woofstock festival on 29/30 July at The Angel Inn Yarwell. This is our 9th year raising funds for The Greyhound Trust and through live music, raffle prizes, auction items, tombola and general, good old-fashioned community fun, MC'ed by the invaluable talents of our good friend Jim Boulton, we managed to raise the fantastic sum of £3182 for the charity this year.

So thank you to anyone in the Living Villages catchment area that joined us or supported us in any way.

Di and Nick, The Angel Inn Yarwell.

Dear Editor

We would like to thank the people of Wansford and surrounding villages for their support and kindness in helping us set up our business. In particular Liz Kemp for helping us to promote our products and Alan and Barbara Jones for allowing us to use their kitchen for promotional photographs.



Kingfisher Chilli was set up less than a year ago and went down a storm at The Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar at the Christie Hall. Since then we have been fortunate to obtain a grant from the LEADER programme, which supports grass-roots companies in rural areas, which will mean we can take our products to a wider audience. We are currently preparing to go to the Speciality Fine Food Fair in Olympia at the beginning of September and are also automating large parts of our production line by converting one of the rooms in our house into a commercial kitchen/production room.

Although we will be focusing on larger exhibitions, the Christmas Bazaar which raises funds for local charities will always be very special to us as we love to see friends and meet new people at this event.

Annette and Tim Williams. www.chilli-products.co.uk

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Rhapsody Chorus is looking for new members as it competes to become one of the UK's top female Barbershop choruses in the country.

Since its formation in 2008, Rhapsody Chorus, based in Peterborough, has been growing from strength to strength and increasing its reputation in 4-part close harmony singing in the Barbershop style. As the journey continues, they are now looking for new members to join them, especially as they look to celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2018. Following on from the recent BBC programme Pitch Battle, Rhapsody is inviting ladies to join them to take on the a cappella pitch battle through vocal harmonies.

To do this, Rhapsody is running a four week **Learn to Sing** course. The course will be led by Music Director, Graham Davies and will work on the basics of vocal production, while giving the opportunity to learn songs alongside the full chorus in readiness to perform at a Showcase performance on Tuesday 3rd October for family and friends.

Mr Davies is a nationally recognised vocal coach, as well as a gold medal winning Director and Quartet singer, who took over directing Rhapsody in October 2016. Following his appointment as Music Director, he led Rhapsody to their highest score ever in national competition in May and has since taken the chorus to perform at the International Llangollen Eisteddfod.

Looking forward to the course, Mr Davies said, "This is a great opportunity for ladies who would like to improve their singing skills in a fun and friendly environment and to perhaps join us on our exciting journey to become one of the top amateur choruses in the UK"

The course will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm at the Ormiston Bushfield Academy, Orton Centre, Peterborough PE2 5QD, starting from Tuesday 3 September. There is a £20 charge for the course and more details can be found on the chorus website www.rhapsodychorus.org.uk or by email to enquiries@rhapsodychorus.org.uk

The course is open to ladies over the age of 14, under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.



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Wed 6	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	782519	9
Wed 6	Communicare AGM	6.30pm	Wansford Surgery	Clare Wagstaff	470437	14
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Fri 8	Communicare Coffee morning	10.00am	Kings Cliffe Active Sports Centre	Clare Wagstaff	470437	14
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