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*November 2019*

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## Editorial

I hope you find plenty to read and interest you in the magazine this month. The centre pages return to the Old Sulehay Village following an email from Andy Stafford who, as you will read was doing some family history research. He was born in the village, but had not been back since the family moved when he was very small. Rod arranged for us all to meet up recently one Saturday morning, it was really special to walk through the woods with Andy and his sister Val who remembered the village very clearly.

There are a number of notices about events in the run up to Christmas, it will not be possible to attend them all as there are already some clashes, but I do hope that you are able to support as many as possible. We are very fortunate to have so much going on in our villages, and thanks must go to all the organisers.

A reminder to contributors for the December magazine to let me know of events for the first week of January.

### **Tracy Sortwell**

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# WORSHIP NOVEMBER 2019

St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
3rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th	11.00am	Remembrance Service
17th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
3rd	9.30am	Morning Praise
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Kyneburgha, Castor		
3rd	10.15am	Holy Communion
10th	10.15am	Holy Communion
17th	10.15am	Holy Communion
24th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
10th	10.50am	Remembrance Service
24th	9.30am	Morning Praise

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
3rd	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00am	Harvest Festival
10th	10.50am	Remembrance Service
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Benefice Advent Evensong

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	All Souls Service
10th	10.50am	Remembrance Service
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

St Michael and All Angels, Sutton		
10th	9.00am	Family Service
24th	9.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
3rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.50am	Remembrance Service
17th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
24th	11.00am	Holy Communion

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AND ST ANDREW'S

November news from The Friends.

The Friends' meetings will be Wednesdays 6th and 20th November from 10.30 in the Community Hall. The meeting on 6th will be the Annual General Meeting.

There will be no further Coffee Stops for the time being but there will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea with stalls in the Christie Hall on Saturday 30th November- all welcome for mince pies and cakes.

**Caroline**

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As I start to look at my diary, and plans for the church in November, it always feels to me that this is the month for remembering – and I know it is always the theme for my November magazine article!

The month begins with All Saints and All Souls – time when the church remembers those who have inspired us in the past, whether the well-known Saints with a capital S, or the saints in our own lives, those who we have loved and whose memory continues to shape our lives, even though we have now been parted from them through death.

And then, of course there is Remembrance Sunday. Maybe it is because in more recent years the experiences of our military personnel, involved in conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan have touched our hearts, or because of the significant anniversaries of both World Wars, but it has seemed that Remembrance Sunday and the commemorations of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month have become more prominent in the last few years. Certainly, Remembrance Sunday services are very well-attended and sometimes the numbers even exceed Carol Services and Christmas Day. Perhaps we have realised more and more that we need to remember and to recognise the contributions of those who have gone before us.

But maybe remembering shouldn't be the end of it. A few years ago I watched a Remembrance Service from Glasgow Cathedral, in which a teen-age girl (in a wonderful Scots accent that added to the power of what she said) spoke of a school trip to the World War One battlefields. Any of you who have visited the cemeteries there with their rows upon rows of white headstones will know what poignant and powerful places they are. Each student was given a poppy and told to lay that poppy at the grave of a soldier, and to reflect upon the life of the person commemorated on that stone, even if the name was unknown and recorded only "Known unto God". The girl spoke of how she imagined the life of the young man to whom she was paying tribute – she imagined a name, his background, his personality, and she was clearly deeply affected by her reflections.

She said, "As I laid my poppy on the headstone of my soldier and gazed out over the never-ending ripples of white stones, I suddenly felt so small. So tiny. From then on my outlook on life has never been the same. My soldier lay in Poelkapelle cemetery. He still does and will always lie in Poelkapelle. But if I remember – and my poppy stays with him and is loyal – then I have done well and done my duties to those who loved him but have never been able to visit. I did it for them and didn't only pay my respects but theirs too. They told us we would change. They were right. We will never be the same again. I didn't want to go. I didn't want to forget. But the truth is you don't. You never forget something that has meant so much to you and after experiencing something as powerful. It will never go."

That was clearly a very significant experience for that young girl and made a huge difference to her. I have to say that whenever I read her words I am deeply moved. Maybe our remembrances, whether on Remembrance Sunday, or as we remember those we have loved will be less powerful but they will be equally significant in different ways. Remembering is one thing, but letting those memories make a difference in the future is another. November may be the month of remembering, but it can also be the month of looking forward; thinking about how we can make a difference or how we will change in the light of those memories. There may be grief too, but there can also be hope and joy, and a resolution to live in the bright hope for tomorrow.

***With every blessing, Rev. Jane***

**WATER NEWTON'S VERY SPECIAL**  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS and FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

**Friday 13th December at 7pm**

**St Remigius Church**

**Come with your Lanterns to Light up the Church**

You are invited to join us for a relaxed evening of carols and Christmas music with mulled wine and a 'pop up' bar serving wines, ales, soft drinks and seasonal food. The exterior of the church will be brilliantly illuminated with powerful coloured lights from LED lamps and lasers. Be awed by the interior filled with light from hundreds of candles and lanterns. Please bring along as many lanterns and candles to add to those that will light the church within while coloured lighting, fire pits and a brazier will be outside to give warmth. We will serve mulled wine on arrival and sing carols around the tree and celebrate the Christmas story.

**There will be Christmas music from the Castor 'Friends' Band.**

This is a Christmas Carol event for all - children are especially welcome - so if you have little ones, then bring them along.

Our chosen charity this year is '**The Light Project Peterborough**' - providing winter night shelters for the homeless in the Peterborough area. We will hold a raffle and ask you to bring along your donations of men's toiletries, small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps etc which will be delivered in time for Christmas. In particular, cash donations will be gratefully received.

[https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk/Articles/527803/night\\_shelter.aspx](https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk/Articles/527803/night_shelter.aspx)

Following the carol singing, we will continue to celebrate the season and the 'pop up' bar will remain open - enjoy your favourite drink and mingle with friends.

Put the date in your diary - tell your friends and family and bring them along.

**Everybody Welcome from All our Villages, Happy Christmas**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON**

**Stibbington Church Yard**

As some of our residents would have noticed, I didn't call an Autumn Church Yard Tidy up this October, as our present churchyard gardener is doing so brilliantly and because the leaves seem to be holding on, therefore we do not have enough to collect, the plan is to skip this Autumn one and meet again in the Spring.

Thank you all for your support and I shall be in touch in the New Year with a date to meet up.

Kind Regards  
Suzy Story

## FROM BACH TO BEATLES—St PETER'S SINGERS

Loved it! What a wonderful evening! Lovely venue, friendly people, and a choir who charmed the audience with the beauty of their singing and infected us with their own obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm!

These are just a few of the many similar comments heard after the charity concert of sacred and secular choral and organ music given by St Peter's Singers in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh, on Friday 11 October.



Their programme, notable for its well-chosen variety, contained items ranging from the 16th to the 21st centuries. The first half took the form of a journey through the Church's year, from Tallis via Purcell and Bach to Gabriel Jackson, and included such gems of the choral repertoire as Rachmaninov's 'Bogorodistye Dyevo' (Ave Maria) sung in Russian. and the exquisite 'Ave Maris Stella' by Grieg. After the interval came the secular programme, with madrigals, including Orlando Gibbons's 'The Silver Swan'; three pieces from Vaughan Williams 'Five English Folk-Songs' and ending with three Beatles numbers (including the famous sigh!)

The choir director, Jeremy Jepson, demonstrated his own versatility, (and incidentally that of the Thornhaugh organ), through several pieces in the course of the evening, and in singing the counter tenor part in a duet with Hilary Bailey. He also helped to increase the audience enjoyment and understanding of the music through his humorous anecdotal introductions.

The singing was indeed beautiful in tone and precision, and in the matching of mood to subject from the reverent to the exuberant. One couple, who admitted to being non-aficionados of classical music, were full of superlatives and were left wanting more. It was truly a memorable evening; we look forward to the next visit from St Peter's singers.

And the bonus point is that half of the proceeds from the concert will go to support the Peterborough Light Project.

**Eddie McDonnell**

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON

*All was safely gathered in and we raised the song of Harvest home...*

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday evening 13 October. Our worship was enhanced by Eddie's organ playing and members of Castor choir singing. Heartfelt thanks to all who brought along produce, this has now been donated to the Peterborough Food Bank for which they were truly grateful.

Do come along to our next gathering on **Sunday evening 22 December 2019** when we will be holding our **Christmas Carol Service at 6pm** as always refreshments will be served and you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Carol Lindsay



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# Wansford Horticultural Society

As I write we are looking forward to our final talk of the year on Thursday, 24th October with Joel Ashton of the award winning Butterfly Brothers. It comes too late in the month to report on it here however.



Our **coach trip** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** to **Christmas at Kew** is fully booked and should be a memorable occasion. Now in its seventh year, Kew is promising a dazzling winter trail with glittering lights and dynamic laser projections. We leave Wansford at 2 p.m. and should arrive back at 9 p.m. If you are now wishing you had booked a place, it is possible that there might be late cancellations so do contact me.



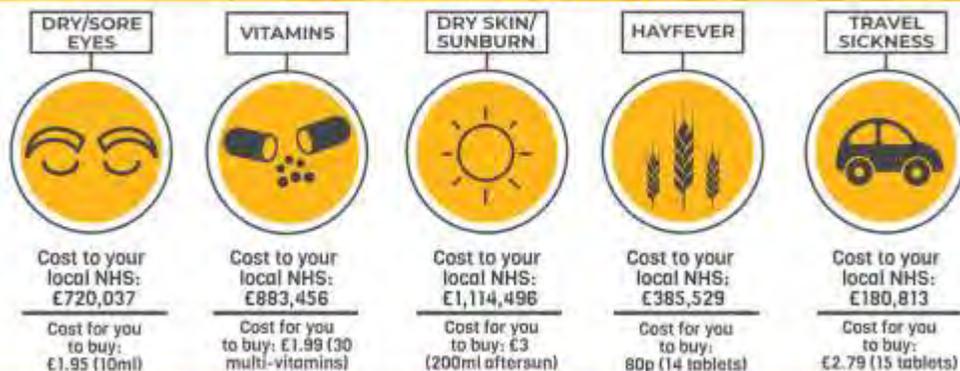
The final event of the 2019 calendar is our **A.G.M. and Christmas party** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** starting at **7 p.m.** in the **Christie Hall**, **tickets for members** and their guests **£10 per person**. We promise to keep the former brief and to endeavour to make the

latter as enjoyable as ever! We will be serving the usual generous 3 course supper with wine, crackers, chocolates and followed of course by the quiz. We have already started a list of members keen to attend, so please get in touch if you would like to join us. By then we should be able to give you an idea of our 2020 programme and start collecting membership subscriptions. A reminder that it is just £2.50 per person to join us, a sum which has not increased since 2005!

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Lots of people get free prescriptions but can afford to buy over the counter medications, such as painkillers, upset stomach treatment, skin creams and vitamins. There are of course cases where having free prescriptions are the only way to access medications, but for some people buying their own medications would not be too hard.

Wanford is one of the villages where we spend the most on prescribing medications which could be bought over the counter. In fact it's the top 5 for the county. This means the local NHS picking up the cost for the prescriptions for medications which can easily be bought by the public. We need to save money to spend on other things within the NHS, and therefore need to encourage people (if they can afford to do so) to buy their own medications.

I am hoping you can help because we don't know a lot about Wansford and want to know how we can reach people to spread this message? Are there many things like community groups or spaces where we could get this information to people who live in the village?

I am attaching a recent poster which hopefully helps.

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Tuesday 26th November 2019  
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A happy time was had at "The Ukulele Sessions" in September, with the majority of attendees opting to strum on, at Wansford Ukulele Folk (W.U.F.) Learners' sessions at Cross Keys on a Tuesday evening.



### UPCOMING SESSIONS:

**Sunday, 3rd November 11:00—12:00 THE NO-NAME (yet!) ORCHESTRA**

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**Sunday, 8th December 13:30 - 16:30 Price £25**

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS and RAG WREATHS**

There will be two activities in this afternoon session. You can learn how to give old books a new life as decorative angels, ideal for a festive mantelpiece. In addition you will be able to create a fabric wreath. There will be time to complete at least one item and start another to complete at home, if necessary. This workshop has been combined with the evening session previously planned for Friday 15th November so you will also have a chance to view and purchase beautiful, environmentally-friendly items crafted from magazine paper by Elizabeth Clarke, just in time for Christmas. A glass of mulled wine will top off the afternoon nicely!



All workshop materials will be provided but fabric donations in seasonal colours are welcomed. Please get in contact if you wish to pass some on and also if you have wooden pallets available for use on a project in the Centre grounds.

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Stibbington Community Classes



## Celebrating 100 years

This report starts with a huge THANK YOU, to all those that supported us on our Coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Our thanks go out to the bakers, buyers, coffee drinkers and cake nibblers. With your help and support we were able to raise a super £379.03.

After 10 years, the book group decided that a revamp was due to reflect its success. This is, first and foremost a reading for pleasure group, with a love of reading at its heart. The members all of which readily share the books that they have enjoyed reading from a wide a varied set of genre, have decided that each meeting would have a different person choosing the 6 books, from which 2 would be shortlisted for reading ready for the next meeting. This will allow a further broadening of horizons, bringing new and exciting authors to the fore. Exciting reading ahead.



Regular readers of this report know, we have been celebrating 100 years. So, what a better way to say happy birthday to all our members, take them for afternoon tea of course!

Hosted by Bosworth's café (Barnwell garden centre), starting with a glass of bubbles, followed by sandwiches, scones, cake and tea accompanied the chat and laughter.

### Upcoming events:-

**Friday 1st & 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** 3C's – coffee, cake, chat (Community Hall 10-12am).

**Tuesday 12 Nov** – AGM and Light project Peterborough (Community Hall 7.30pm)

**Wednesday 27<sup>st</sup> Nov**, Book club meeting (Haycock hotel, 7.30pm), open to members and non-members.

More details of events and news can also be found on our Facebook page @sandwwi. If you would like to attend any of the upcoming events, please get in touch.

**Rhona Punter 01780 592514**

# **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**

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## Old Sulehay Village Revisited by Rod Sortwell

Little did I realise that when I published my first story in July 2017 I would be going into print just over two years later, but I am, thanks to the power of the internet, although it was not even dreamt about in those early post war days. I was contacted by Andy Stafford from Wiltshire who had been researching his family tree and using his search engine had found my story in the online version of the magazine published each month on our website.

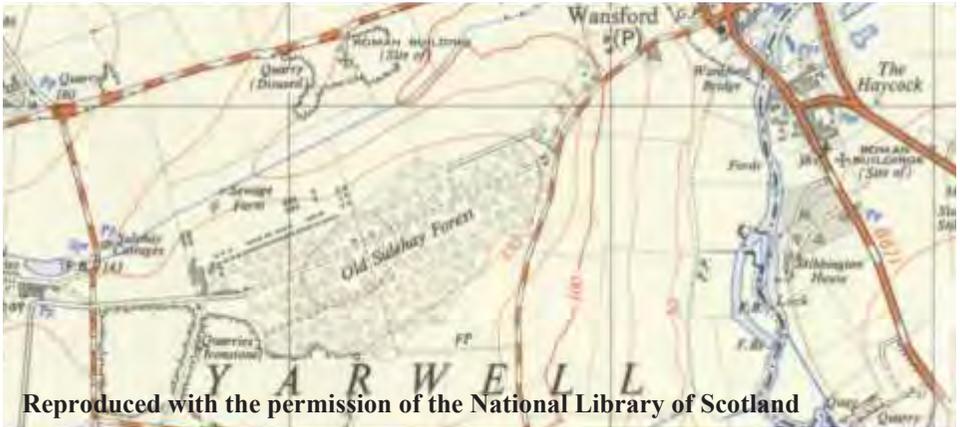
His family, originally from Peterborough, had been living on the Milton estate but had been made homeless when their house caught fire in 1947. They moved to the vacant ex Army camp at Sulehay along with numerous others who were in need of a home in those austere days of the shortage of just about everything from clothing to food. The home was in fact no 17 Old Sulehay, a Nissen hut commonly used around the world as quickly erected accommodation for military personnel. They were made on an industrial scale, of corrugated iron formed into a semi circle and would come in a variety of sizes and sections according to need. Doors and windows were added, basic lighting and plumbing could be installed, while heating often came from a solid fuel stove. The new occupants tried to make them as cosy as possible.

My curiosity about the exact location of the village has now been answered by Andy, his sister Val and brother Alan from their childhood memories. Reference to a map published in 1955 shows that it was located immediately north of the present



wood in what was an open field which was subsequently quarried for building materials. It is currently being filled to return it to its original calcareous meadow status. There were around 50 huts and associated buildings so it is clear that at least 200 people could have been accommodated. One of the large buildings near the site entrance still marked by iron gates was a hall called Scala which was used for concerts, whist drives, film showing and dances. The Salvation Army Sunday School also met there. Close by was a shop selling basic items and it acted as a collection point for mail with dispatch into the postal system in Wansford by anyone going that way.

It appears that main services were available, presumably as a legacy of earlier Army occupation. Water was supplied from a raised tank at the highest part of the wood on the main ride. However, this was prone to freezing and was resolved by lighting a fire underneath. If this resulted in contamination, melted icicles were used instead! Electricity was connected and a telephone box was available. If you know where to look, remnants of telegraph or electric poles can be found. The only other signs are the foundations of isolated buildings presumable communal toilet or shower blocks within the wood



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rather than in the settlement area. The map does show a sewage farm at the lowest point close by the stream on the northern edge. This stream runs through the valley and by the gardens of houses on Old Leicester Road before joining the Nene just west of the bridge. The farm is long gone fortunately.

Despite the rather isolated situation this seemed to be a well organised community. The Fish and Chip van called on Fridays (sounds familiar), the Staffords father had an Austin van used for mobile haircutting and a furniture van used in the summer for seaside trips. During the summer the village children made dens in the woods and Andy's brother Alan was known for keeping pet Magpies, Jackdaws and Jays. All the children walked to Yarwell school usually taking a short cut through the quarry but on days when blasting took place a longer walk by road was required. They collected milk in a billycan from farmer Boyton who also ran a horse and cart delivery service to the villages. Yarwell school, which closed in 1964, was run in those days by the formidable Tilly Jones who was not averse to frequent administration of the cane to Alan Stafford.

The closure of the village is documented in the now closed

Peterborough Advertiser published in July 1957 when the local MP Harmor Nicholls announced re-housing of the inhabitants after discussion with central government defence minister Duncan Sandys. There was also an advert run in the paper in December 1958 for the sale and removal of nearly 2000 paving slabs from the site. Presumably from the parade ground well remembered by Andy and Val. We all met in Sulehay a few weeks ago for a trip down memory lane, but sadly for them there is little to see apart from some paving slabs, broken cast iron toilet cisterns and rusting corrugated water butts. If anybody has additional information I am happy to write another episode.



Miss Jones, Head of Yarwell School

# SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

[A Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.](#) It was chaired by Chris Smith, present were Ashleigh Kewney, Louise Molesworth, Adrian Rodgers, 3 Members of the Public and the Clerk. There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis.

**Public Forum** Peter Sharpley confirmed that he is happy to be the initial point of contact if there are issues with local footpaths. If it is a footpath that is not his responsibility, he will know who is the landowner concerned. This way it might be quicker than going through Peterborough City Council.

**Police Matters** There were no police representatives present. It was reported that there had been a recent theft of a handbag from an unlocked car at Grange Farm. Residents are reminded to lock their cars at all times.

**Donation of Land** It was agreed that no further action will be taken with this suggestion.

**Defibrillator** Louise Molesworth gave a comprehensive update on the Defibrillator. She now has £5,900 in donations pledged by residents. Rev J Tailby is supportive of the siting of the Defibrillator in the church porch but approval has to be given by the Diocese for fitting a permanent fixture on church property. It was agreed to purchase the top-of-the-range Defibrillator as it can be used on both adults and children. After purchasing the Defibrillator and paying for training, the remaining funds will be ring fenced for future costs and put into the Thornhaugh Parish Council Dormant Account at Barclays Bank.

## **Planning Applications**

19/00398 Erection of dwelling with garage at 16 Meadow Lane, – Granted; 19/00934 Window replacement at the West elevation at 23 Russell Hill – Granted; 19/01010 Undertake selective branch removals to reduce both the weight and sail of the crown in close proximity to the house, and raise the crown to approximately 2.5m above ground level as necessary at 4 Meadow Lane – Granted; 19/01090 Variation of condition C8 (Ecological management plan) of Planning Permission 13/01374/WCMM at Cooks Hole, Leicester Road – Awaiting Decision; 19/01270 Remove Fir (Lawson Cypress) tree and replace with Laburnocytisus Adamii (Adam's Laburnum Tree) and Japanese Maple Tree in the same position at 8 Russell Hill – Granted; 19/01300 Demolition and redevelopment of land for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station providing 20 electric car charging points at Abbots Wood Service Station, Great North Road – No Objections but comment that suitable safety features on the slip road into the entrance and on the slip road out of the exit are necessary.

Now that 16 Meadow Lane and the plot with planning permission had come on the market separately, the Chairman had contacted the Planning Department for confirmation that, should 16 Meadow Lane be sold before the refurbishment is completed, the new owner will be bound by the planning permission and will have to put in a driveway to ensure off-road parking. The sale details do refer to refurbishment including a driveway prior to sale and the Planning Department has confirmed that a driveway for 16 Meadow Lane is a planning requirement.

**Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019** was reviewed and approved as presented. Adrian Rodgers had added a forecast page to the accounts spreadsheet and he will update this for every meeting. As a matter of good governance, he will look at drawing up the Financial Procedures for the Parish Councillors and the Clerk to follow to ensure transparency.

## **Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Ground Committee**

Louise Molesworth will attend the next BGC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and will report back any change in the Annual Contribution at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **Budget and Precept 2020-2021**

This will be discussed at the next meeting in advance of setting the Precept in January 2020. It was agreed that a forward programme of events would be agreed as part of the budgeting process and also discussion on any future projects that may either need budgeting or be considered as potential for a grant.

## **Christmas Tree Event 2019**

It was agreed that this will take place at 6.00 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Nicki Rogers has confirmed that she will supply the tree and print out flyers advertising the event from the Bill Rogers' Memorial Fund. Louise Molesworth agreed to purchase mulled wine and mince pies. Residents are encouraged to add baubles to the tree.

## **Meeting Dates for 2020**

It was agreed that the meetings will be held on the third Monday of alternative months:- 20<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

## **Thornhaugh Heritage Project**

Martin Lewis has been liaising with residents of Kings Cliffe regarding its Heritage Project as he is keen to support a similar project in Thornhaugh. If anyone is interested in being part of such a project, please speak to Martin or e-mail him on [mtlewis00@btinternet.com](mailto:mtlewis00@btinternet.com). A descendant of Mr & Mrs Jeffries (who lived at The Rectory) would like to plant a tree in her family's memory and it was agreed to think about possible suitable sites. She has also offered a number of old photos as part of Thornhaugh history which any heritage project group may find relevant.

## **Augean Community Fund**

It was agreed to invite Liam Higgins or Peter Sharpley (whoever is available) to the next meeting to give an update on what would be considered a suitable project and what would need to be considered in any application process.

## **Autumn/Winter Hanging Baskets**

The autumn/winter hanging baskets will be ready in the next couple of weeks. The Chairman offered to collect them in the absence of Martin Lewis. It was agreed that the spring/summer wicker hanging baskets will be thrown away as they cannot be used again. Afternote: the summer baskets have now been replaced with the autumn ones. Thanks to all who maintain these throughout the year. They really add to the appearance of the village.

## **RAF Formal Reception**

The Chairman had attended this event which took place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The event was well attended by a number of local dignitaries and business people although, unfortunately, due to heavy winds the planning fly-past could not take place. Thanks to the Station Commander for her invitation.

## **Additional Light at the Shell Garage on the A1 North**

The Chairman confirmed that she has been in contact with The Motor Fuel Group who have apologised and agreed to get the additional light (that is causing light pollution) adjusted. The light has been installed because they have had a number of fuel thefts recently. It may be necessary to remove it and replace it with one facing away from the village which would be subject to financial approval. Additionally, a question has been asked about the state of the conifers planted earlier this year as a light barrier. We are still awaiting a response.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in St Andrew's Church.

*Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk*



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wansford Parish Council met at the Community Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> October with all 7 councillors, the Clerk and members of the public in attendance in attendance.

### **Planning**

There were three planning applications to be considered at the meeting.

19/01487/CTR is for the removal of a storm damaged tree in the St Mary's Churchyard. There are no objections to this application.

19/01470/HHFUL is a modification to the a previously approved application to extend 23 Old North Road, Wansford. The change is to use stone facings instead of a rendered exterior. The Parish Council agreed that this improved the scheme.

19/01466/FUL is an application to construct two new houses and associated outbuildings between the existing house at 23 Old North Road and the road. The existing entrance to the property would be moved further north and the gate posts that are a feature of the Old North Road streetscape will be retained. One resident from the other side of Old North Road objected on the grounds of loss of privacy and increased traffic. Councillor Clarke pointed out that the layout as shown did not work because the level differences between the new garages and the existing driveway required extremely steep gradients. The property owner reported that after discussions with Peterborough City Council (PCC) he would be submitting a revised application with the houses further from the road and the garages relocated. The Parish Council agreed to consider this application again when the revised drawings are available.

Details of all planning application can be viewed at <https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications>

### **The Nene Close Water Pump**

After a rather protracted procurement process the Parish Council has agreed a contract to construct a new base for the old water pump which has been renovated by the Nene Close residents. Construction will not start immediately as the base uses special bricks which have a long order period.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

PCC have passed over to WPC a share of the Community Infrastructure Levy from developments in the Parish. At the next meeting the Parish Council will consider possible projects. There is a time limit on the use of these funds.

### **A47 Dualling**

The new Highways England project manager has asked for a single point of contact within WPC. It was agreed that this would be Councillor Clarke.

Highways England have asked for a date for a meeting to give an update on progress with the project. This will be at St Mary's Church Wansford at 7.30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (see separate article).

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Community Hall at 7.30pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019. All are welcome.



**A47 Wansford To Sutton Dualling  
A Presentation By Highways England  
7.30pm Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
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After a year's silence, Jon Donlevy, the Highways England project manager for the Dualling of the A47 Wansford to Sutton will be giving an update on the project to a meeting of Wansford Parish Council. He will be presenting the results of the public consultation last year and will give an update on the programme. Highways England has recently signed a contract with Galliford Try PLC to progress the A47 project.

Members of the public from Wansford and other parishes in the area are invited to attend and ask questions.

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I have often wondered how these birds know when to leave their breeding areas and in which direction they should fly. The fact that vast numbers turn up in their expected destinations and return the following year is testament to their uncanny powers of navigation. Do they follow the sun? The moon? Maybe it's warmer in the south!

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds have tagged young ospreys from nests on Speyside in Scotland. Four birds have been tracked by satellite as they set out on their journeys to Africa. Two initially went west towards Ireland and were caught up in severe storms over the Irish Sea. Nothing more has been heard of them and they probably perished, not having learned more advanced feeding techniques in extreme conditions.

A third bird travelled south through the centre of Britain, western France and Spain and appears to have reached the African continent successfully. But what of the fourth osprey?

The satellite trace showed the bird flew south into England and then more or less followed the Great North Road. It appears to have passed over Wansford and then flew on down to Kent where it settled near Dover for two or three weeks. Its trackers assumed, probably correctly, that it was spending the time



feeding up to ensure it was strong enough for the next stage of its journey, south across Europe.

The osprey duly flew out over the English Channel but took a south-westerly route down the Channel towards the Atlantic Ocean. Unfortunately it missed landfall on the Canary Islands or Madeira and was last noted well out in the Ocean from where signals ceased. A five degree variation in direction either way would have ensured meeting land and another chance. Sadly this was not to be. The return rate for mature adult birds is very high but these examples show that young inexperienced birds need a lot of good fortune if they are to survive their extreme journeys and return next year.

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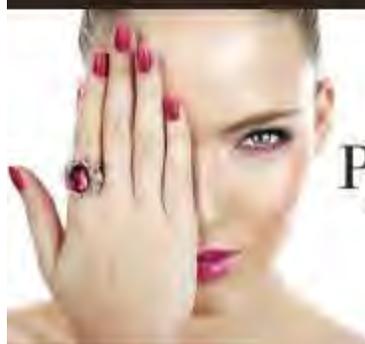
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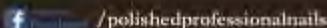


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Thornhaugh litter pick

Thank you everyone who came out on 5<sup>th</sup> October . We had enough people to split into 2 groups , with some new faces too. It is lovely having young kids getting involved as I am sure they will be great influencers . The equipment was recently borrowed by Nassington and Kingscliffe scouts/ cubs/ beavers and they did a great job through those villages too.



The rubbish collected in the photo was collected from the footpath from Meadow Lane to the A47, Russell Hill to the A47 and the A47 stretch in between. Please enjoy the litter free verges on your journeys .

We did this A47 section 9 months ago and although a lot has come back it is in nowhere near the same scale as before. I feel we are making progress.

We would still love to work with a Wansford group to do all the exits to the Wansford / A47 roundabout, so please get in touch if you can help. It really does make such a difference and we can't rely on the council doing this. My hope is people are less likely to throw rubbish out their windows if they see a tidy verge. Wishful thinking maybe !!

Our next litter pick is 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020, but we are keen to do the Wansford roundabout before then .

Please contact me at [nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk](mailto:nikki@4stonecottage.co.uk)

I have received a request from a resident to ask that if any householders are intending to let off fireworks around Halloween, Nov 5th or to celebrate Diwali, would they please let their neighbours know, especially if they know they have animals.



*Editors note:*

*It is concerning that I am being asked to publish the following letter. This is not the first incident I have been made aware of regarding members of the community being bitten by dogs, in fact our own Magazines' Distribution Manager has been attacked on two occasions.*

I have received a letter from a resident reporting a serious dog attack which took place very recently on the Cricket Pitch in Wansford.

This lady's elderly mother was taking a walk, and had no dog with her. She was approached by a brown Labrador, who leapt up and bit her on the thigh. When she cried out and looked for the owner of the dog a young man then called the dog back to him, but halfway back the dog turned again and bit the lady for a second time.

The young man then called the dog back, put it on a lead and left the scene disappearing over the bridge towards Leicester Road, without even enquiring if this poor woman was O.K. The lady in question had to be taken to the hospital that day and had to have treatment for dog bites.

It is an offence to have a dog off the lead which could be deemed as dangerous, and could be subject to a fine, or at least further action by Huntingdon District Council.

Please could all dog walkers in that area keep their pets on a lead at all times.

It is concerning that the owner of the dog did not have the good grace to enquire as to how the lady was.

Marge Beuttell  
Chairman  
Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council.

Dear Tracy

Through your magazine can I please let your readers know about the following event.

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reads and performs  
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Many thanks

Elli Boroughs

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Fri 1	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee and	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 3	No Name Orchestra	11.00am	Stibbington Centre		07580 218792	16
Wed 6	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	5
Wed 6	Sibson– cum Stibbington Parish Council	7.00pm	Stibbington Centre	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	
Mon 11	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	24
Tues 12	WI Meeting – The Light Project	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Wed 9	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	8
Thurs 14	Arts Society Lecture	10.15am	The Fleet, Old Fletton		01733 767539	
Fri 15	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee and	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Mon 18	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrews	Deirdre McCumisky	782668	25
	Highways Agency A47 upgrade meeting	7.30pm	St Mary's, Wansford			25
Wed 20	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	5
Thurs 21	Horticultural trip to Kew Gardens			Gill Fisher	782446	13
Sat 23	Flu Jabs	8.30 to 12noon	Wansford Surgery			25
Tues 26	Communicare general meeting	6.30pm	Wansford Surgery	Wendy Spencer		15
Fri 27	WI Book Club	7.30pm	Haycock Hotel	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sat 30	Friends Christmas Afternoon Tea and Stalls		Christie Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	5

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