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# EDITORIAL

Two years ago I chose my first front cover photo for the magazine, I don't expect anyone other than myself and the photographer to remember the subject - it was a combine harvester busy at work in a nearby field. How different this summer has been, fields have already been cleared and straw baled into huge cotton reels, but what a wonderful photo opportunity this has proven to be for our now regular front page contributor, John Measures.

During this month I was contacted by a Crime Prevention Officer who wanted to look at the magazine to make sure that none of our advertisers were 'Rouge Traders.' I'm pleased to report that we came out with a very clean bill of health and the officer even went on to describe the magazine as 'lovely.'

Our 'Special Reports Writer' Nicky Rogers starts a new series this month on pages 20 and 21, Meet Your Neighbour. It's a very enjoyable read.

On page 23 you'll read further news about the A47 and various road matters. The dates and details of the exhibitions have kindly been provided by Wansford Parish Council. It's likely that at sometime during September the old Wansford bridge will be closed to traffic, I hope that, if possible we will all continue to support our village shops and businesses during this time.

*Tracy Sortwell*

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# WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2018

<b>St Leonard's, Apethorpe</b>		
2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion
9th	11.00am	Holy Communion
16th	11.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Kyneburgha, Castor</b>		
2nd	10.15am	Holy Communion
9th	10.15am	Holy Communion
16th	10.15am	Holy Communion
23rd	10.15am	Holy Communion
30th	10.15am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington</b>		
2nd	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
23rd	6.00pm	Evensong

<b>St Michael and All Angels, Sutton</b>		
9th	9.00am	Family Service
23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
30th	4.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper at 6pm

<b>St Andrew's, Thornhaugh</b>		
2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	9.30am	Songs of Praise

<b>St Mary's, Wansford</b>		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	9.30am	Morning Praise

<b>St Mary's, Woodnewton</b>		
2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)
16th	11.00am	Morning Praise
23rd	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
30th	9.00am	Benefice Holy Communion (said)
30th	10.00am	Benefice Pets' Service

<b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell</b>		
2nd	11.00am	Morning Prayer
9th	11.00am	Holy Communion
16th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion

**PETS' SERVICE – 10.00 a.m. 30<sup>th</sup> September at Woodnewton.** Bring your pet along to church – all creatures great and small welcome! We will have a family-friendly service thanking God for our pets and asking for his blessing upon them. Everyone is welcome, with or without a pet! Do come and join us.



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One of my favourite poets is the Welsh priest-poet R.S. Thomas. His poems are not always easy to understand at first glance, but I think they are well worth the effort of deeper exploration. In one of his poems, "The Bright Field", he writes of missed opportunities to recognise the glory around us in seemingly ordinary things. It so easy to go on our way, eyes fixed solely on the task in hand, or the next goal, without taking time to appreciate what is around us. We live in such a beautiful part of the world, but even here we can take that beauty for granted and not really see it.

I was reminded of the poem when I was talking to someone recently about poems learnt at school, and I quoted one that I remembered that began "What is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?" I have to say, I can't remember much of the rest of it, but the theme is similar - be careful not to rush through life without taking a moment now and again just to appreciate what is around us. As the seasons turn once again and signs of Autumn begin to appear, perhaps this is a good time to remind our selves of our surroundings, and to take time now and again, just to stand and stare.

In the RS Thomas poem I began with, the poet says that moments of glory that are so easily missed are likes pearls of great price, and to appreciate them we need to turn aside, as Moses turned aside to look at the burning bush to see brightness that speaks of eternity. *"Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside....to the miracle....."*

In the Bible we are told that when Moses saw the bush burning, but not consumed, he said to himself, "I must turn aside to look at this great sight." He gave himself permission to pause in his duties of caring for his father-in-law's sheep to take time to notice what was around him.

Of course, when he did that, God was able to speak to him; in the space that was created, Moses heard the voice of the one who was calling him.

God can speak to us as we worship, as we pray, as we read the Bible, but he can also turn our attention to his voice as we pause to look more closely at what is around us; at what usually seems so ordinary, but that is actually shot through with divine glory. How often have we missed something wonderful, as we rush past what we think we know, without really seeing the glory that is contained there?

Now, I am not suggesting that we wander through life, meandering here and there, never giving our full attention to what we are supposed to be doing. I am simply suggesting that, as Moses did, we give ourselves permission to pause now and again to see God's glory around us. There is something in the poem, I think about seeing the ordinary in a new way. The field Thomas writes about is just an ordinary field, so easily forgotten. God calls us to see his wonder in the things around us. After all, Jesus used everyday images to speak of the extraordinary life of the Kingdom of God - seeds growing, wine being put into wineskins, a lost coin found. As we approach the beauties of the coming Autumn, let's pause now and again, to see the wonder on our doorstep, that we go on our way refreshed and renewed.

***With every blessing, Jane***

## FRIENDS OF ST REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

### HARVEST FESTIVAL - 7th October

Our next service at St. Remigius will take place on  
Sunday 7th October at 6 pm.

This is our annual combined Harvest Festival and Patronal Service and all from our villages are most welcome. As this is our Harvest Festival, we will gratefully receive any tinned or dried foods.

All food donations will be delivered to the Peterborough Food Bank.

Following the service, we will enjoy a light buffet and refreshments. We will request a small donation towards the supper.

We do hope that you will be able to come along.

*Tony Capon*

## FRIENDS OF ST MARYS AND ST ANDREWS

The Friends' meetings will recommence on Wednesday 5th September at 10.30 after Morning Prayer in St Mary's.

The Coffee Stops are continuing to be successful and we have helped to fund a vital grinder for Mazwi Village. The September dates for Coffee Stop are 12th and 26th.

At the time of writing we are all busy preparing for the Friends' bake stall at the Horticultural Show- we're hoping for a dry day and lots of visitors.

After that we'll be looking forward to our Harvest Lunch on Saturday 13th October .

*Caroline Ashley*

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON

### Stibbington Churchyard; Sunday the 28th October

It's that time of year again for the churchyard clear up , and getting it smart for the winter.

If anyone is free for two hours to give a hand it would be great to see you. Please bring along secateurs, hedge shears wheel barrows, the children are always welcome to come along, we shall be having a biscuit break as usual in the church porch.

We meet at 10 am until noon, looking forward to seeing you.

*Suzy Story*

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Come and join us on **Sunday 14 October at 6pm** when we plan to share a faith supper following our **Harvest Thanksgiving** service, bring some food and share in our friendship and fellowship - you will be assured of a very warm welcome

*Carol Lindsay*

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Our August meeting was well attended when 18 men enjoyed a breakfast with two short talks from our own group plus a chance to start discussing how the group may attract more men and assist in our local communities.

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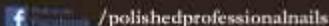
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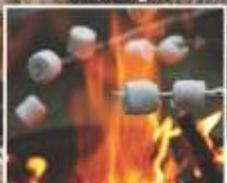
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### Stibbington Community Classes

We will start our Autumn classes on **Saturday 29th September, 10:30 -12:00** with **Paper Projects for Children**. In this informal session there will be a selection of activities for children to share with their accompanying adult, who in turn will leave with plenty of ideas for craft activities to try at home. Keep an eye on the Wansford shop window and the Facebook page from the beginning of September for examples of activities on offer. The price will be £4 per supervised child and the session will be suitable for children from the age of 6.

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# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

## Wansford & Kings Cliffe Practice

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO PATIENTS

We will be commencing our influenza vaccination campaign in September 2018. We will be running various walk-in clinics at both Wansford and Kings Cliffe as well as pre-bookable appointments.

Due to demand NHS England have restricted delivery of the vaccines so we have had to plan our flu clinics very carefully. With this in mind here are the planned flu clinic dates:

Walk-in clinics at both Wansford and Kings Cliffe on Saturday 15th September between 9am and 12noon. Note: if you attend the Wansford Walk-in clinic you may use any of the three car-parks. Do not be put off by the crowds!

We will be having two nurses at each site and each jab takes one minute so we can get through a lot in this time. Please have bare arms at the ready!

Bookable clinics every day during weeks commencing 1.10.18 and 29.10.18(a mixture at both sites)

Please be pro-active and check with the surgery during September for further information and advice about eligibility.

## COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

### 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 12th September 2018**

**6.30pm at Wansford Surgery**

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The meeting is also a good venue for patients who wish to find out more about how Communicare operates and provides benefits for both patients and practice.

# HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our second coach trip, held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, came at the end of the heatwave, and we were glad to avoid the sweltering 30+ degree temperatures of the previous days. Luckily we still had plenty of sunshine and no rain barring one 5 minute shower while we were all indoors having lunch. Our party was so captivated by the quirky Tudor delights of Little Moreton Hall with its rickety, uneven floors, windows and walls that we stayed longer than anticipated. The spectacular



Biddulph Grange Gardens were an excellent contrast with Bateman's creation taking us to many parts of the world, each garden hidden from the others using



heaps or rocks and thickly planted shrubberies and linked by tunnels and secret passages. From the Italianate terraces you move to a Chinese garden, a Stumpery, Pinetum and Wellingtonia Avenue, through the precision of topiary in the Dahlia Walk to a mysterious Egyptian Garden and much, much more. Small wonder perhaps that when he left the house to move near to Hyde Park it had a mortgage of £30,000 which is close to two million in today's money!

Our Annual Flower Show takes place after this report has to be submitted, so details will appear in the

October issue of Living Villages. However I can already thank the many people in the village who were generous enough to donate bottles when we called, so that we can run a bottle tombola to help cover the not inconsiderable cost of the marquee hire and running the show generally.

Our final talk of the year will take place in the **Christie Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25 October**. Sue Jakeman, who has been recommended to me by two sources now, will come along to tell us about **Bees and Beekeeping**. She will be dressed up in her bee suit and will bring an empty hive, equipment, photos and honey, if she has any! Please do join us, admission is free.

Full details of the society can be found on the website: [www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk). Please contact me if you would like to join (£2.50 per person which will cover 2019 membership too) or if have any other queries.

*Gill Fisher*

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I hope this enigmatic title encourages you to read further because I am hoping you will be interested enough to then visit the Casterton Working Weekend which takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September just north of Stamford beside the Toletorpe road. I was told last year by one of the participants, whose 1917 tractor I was examining, it was one of the top 3 shows of its type in Britain.

A number of steam traction engines will be present and there is a unique opportunity to see steam ploughing which was common place in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. To put it simply, two traction engines park either end of a field, and using a thick steel cable, pull a large plough backwards and forwards across the field with signals relayed on their steam whistles. To guide this process a farm worker rides and guides the bouncing plough with little regard to health and safety.

With cultivation complete you can move on to crops being harvested using a tractor drawn binder which cuts and ties bundles of corn, ready to be carted and stacked. These sheaves were normally kept in stacks until mid-winter when the steam engine powered threshing machines arrived to separate the corn from the straw and chaff and finally complete the cycle. These activities which would normally take place during the farming year can all be seen in one place thanks to the planning of this annual event.

But there is much more, many of the 60 or so tractors come to show their ability to plough immaculate straight furrows and this is where the aroma of paraffin and diesel is the strongest. Many are nearly 100 years old and power outputs are not nearly up to modern standards so plenty of exhaust fumes result. There are also many stationary exhibits such as saws, pumps, dynamos and chaff cutters all powered by steam, heavy oil or paraffin. These stand alongside the resting Steam Traction Engines and maybe a Foden Steam Wagon used extensively on the A1 between 1900 and 1930 to haul large loads.

The 20/49 Motor Club of Stamford usually have a display of classic cars to mirror part of the agricultural period in question. There is also a refreshment tent and stalls selling local honey and produce. All of these activities can be viewed in complete safety thanks to the dedicated walkways and tractor trailer rides which take place all day. If it rains then wellies are advisable but otherwise walking shoes and boots are perfectly alright. This is an open air event so come prepared. Aim to arrive around noon on Saturday so that all the activities are up and running, but probably earlier on Sunday because things will be set up from the day before. Last year there was a Spitfire and Hurricane fly past on both days in the early afternoon. And the cost of all is likely to be around the £5 of the last two occasions I went.

See you there !!

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**We lead such busy lives that sometimes, we wonder how suddenly it's Friday again and we haven't seen our neighbours all week. Living Villages special report writer, Nicky Rogers, is trying to change this and has been chatting over a cup of tea with some local residents.**

I am the first to admit that work takes priority over almost everything. To a degree it has to if we want a home and food on the table. But however busy or important we may think we are, what is the point of working so hard that days run into each other, another weekend comes round and we're too whacked out to do much more than plan the next week?

This has to stop and what better way to unwind than chat with a friend over a cuppa? I'm not suggesting that you nip next door right now on the off chance they've got the kettle on – so I'm doing it for you in the hope that you'll get round to doing it yourself one day. There are some fascinating people living in our villages.

My first 'tea chat' was with Peter Kemp, a Thornhaugh resident who, once he'd raced Bertie the Labrador, to get to the back door to let me in, told me about his journey from the Royal Air Force to open mic performances with his four-string tenor guitar, via clock-making and a pretty amazing acting career at Tolethorpe.

Beautiful Bertie brought a succession of toys and a pretty spectacular stick to show me, but once he'd settled on my foot to rest, Peter and I started off by talking about what brought him to our area.

Peter and his wife, Liz lived in Apethorpe until he left the RAF in 1977. Still young, Peter needed to find something to do so he said: "I had the option to go to the Congo as a mercenary or take up clock and watch repairing..." bit of an extreme choice, but luckily, his interest in clocks that had been piqued by an old French clock works, which had been found in the bottom of a hedge by his son, won.

This led Peter to study at the Horological Institute in Upton, near Newark, for three years and he then set up a workshop at his home.

Home, by the way, was a water pumping station when he and Liz bought it. It used to pump 10,000 gallons of water a day before water companies were nationalised, from the valley towards Collyweston and off the fields, all the way to Stamford, using two Mirlees Blackstone engines.

I digress, interesting though wasn't it? Years ago, Peter was a member of the Daniel Lambert Dining Club, and one day, when he was lying "giggling under a table" (Peter's words) a fellow diner said: "With a voice like yours Peter, you should act at Tolethorpe."

# with Peter Kemp

Obviously not a shrinking violet and with some time on his hands as he was at this stage only repairing his own clocks, this chance remark set Peter off on his acting career with the Stamford Shakespeare Company.

Short diversion again here – Stamford Shakespeare Company was established in 1968 by Jean Harley, its first performance (of A Midsummer Night's Dream) took place in the George Hotel's monastery garden. Then for one season only (1973) it moved to the Talbot Hotel in Oundle. As audiences grew, it became clear that a permanent home was justified and with the help of benefactors and masterminded by Jean, the Company moved to Tolethorpe Hall.

Peter auditioned and Jean said: "Oh yes, with your voice you could be Don John in Much Ado About Nothing." But then she changed her mind and instead, cast him in the massive role of the Prince of Arragon. His first role!

Many people would have run a mile, but Peter got stuck in and learned his lines, in the early days Peter remembered playing to audiences of 30 or 40 people and perhaps the odd dog, but even then, the adrenaline rush, he said, was incredible.

Acting at Tolethorpe is a huge commitment, rehearsals start in January, often three times a week, then performances from June until

September, so all family life has to fit around that.

Even though Peter has retired from acting at Tolethorpe, his focus has shifted again, but this time, not such a giant leap. He developed a keen interest in music (Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette were mentioned more than once) and he taught himself to play the ukulele at first, then steel guitar and his beloved four-string tenor guitar. This, he plays at open mic sessions in Helpston, so he is still getting that adrenaline buzz that an audience provides, (which in my book sounds only a short hop from blind terror.)

A truly fascinating half hour with Peter, and you know what - it was inspirational. Here is a man who has looked for opportunity, been brave enough to jump at it and continues to reap its benefits.



Right, I'm off to find another neighbour to talk to...



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Wansford Parish Council (WPC) meeting in the Community Hall, on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018, had four Councillors in attendance, along with the Parish Clerk and five members of the public.

The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at [www.wansfordvillage.com](http://www.wansfordvillage.com)

The meeting had two planning applications put forward, which raised comments from the public present, and were discussed at length with the WPC agreeing responses to be sent to the respective Planning Authorities.

The A47 Dualling project continues to be contentious, with Highways England (HE) determined to maintain the stance of their preferred route continuing to impact on the Nene Valley.

HE are proposing some mitigation of the impact this will have, but with a bat nursery now discovered and the wide ranging ecology of the river valley, this mitigation will have to have some substance.

Further meetings are planned with HE and their advisers, a Statement of Community Consultation has been received which WPC will robustly reply to by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018, and there is to be further public presentations, dates, time and venue will be widely advertised.

The A1 is in the process of having road surface repair, WPC have made representations to HE and their contractors, Grahams, to address the noise pollution suffered by Wansford residents, with total resurfacing proposed for a section of the highway adjacent to the village, and some deep surface works required on the northbound bridge crossing the river.

Road surfaces and road markings in the centre of the village still have not been repaired, with further requests made to PCC Highways.

Road signage has to be installed to reflect the de-classification of the A6118 through the village, and further work has to be done with the 20 mph signs.

Residents are still complaining of excessive speed of vehicles travelling along Old Leicester Road, therefore some attention will be focused on this.

The old bridge repairs have been put back until 5<sup>th</sup> September at the earliest, when there will be a need to close the bridge to motor traffic for the duration of the work. WPC will liaise with PCC Highways to minimise the impact on residents visiting shops, pubs and businesses on the south side of the river, and indeed to those businesses.

WPC now have the grant confirmed from Grantscape to commence repairs and improvements to the Community Hall, with completion by the end of December 2018. Unfortunately some interruption could occur to users, but all efforts will be to minimise any inconvenience.

The next WPC meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, in the Community Hall, at 7.30pm, all are most welcome to attend.

***John Stannage. Chairman WPC***

# The A47 & other roadworks

***Editors note: I am grateful to the local Parish Councillors who are forwarding me regular information regarding the local roadworks***

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION EXHIBITIONS**

Highways England are once again hosting exhibitions which will give visitors an opportunity to view the scheme proposals, talk to the project team and provide feedback comments. Feedback can be submitted online via the project website, alternatively feedback forms will be available at the events.

Location	Date	Opening Time	Closing Time
St Michaels and All Angels Church Sutton	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	11am	5pm
Haycock Hotel Wansford	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	1pm	8pm
Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre, Thornhaugh	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	1pm	8pm

Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils continue to work on the A47 dualling project with Highways England. Highways England are still persisting with the southern route although they have gone some way to minimising the impact of this route. The formal public consultation on the scheme will be in September and October 2018 with public events at the Haycock, Sutton Church and Sacrewell.

The elected Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is running a campaign to get the whole of the A47 Yarmouth to the A1 upgraded to dual carriageway. Both Parish Councils have lobbied him on this with Wansford PC particularly stressing the need to move the A1/A47 junction away from Wansford so that a full free flow link can be built.

The resurfacing and repairs on the A1 are ongoing but regrettably Highways England seem to have backed away from using low tyre noise surfacing throughout.

Related to the A47, Historic England are seeking to reconfirm and expand the area of the Scheduled Monument which is north of the existing A47 and west of the old railway line to Stamford. There is an obvious need to expand the area to the north as the existing area excludes identified Roman remains but HE also wants to include additional areas to the east which have been identified as being quarried in modern times. Both Parish Councils will be making submissions on this.

There is also an application to list the old station house by the junction of the A47 and Sutton Heath Road. The building has been substantially altered in recent times and its location means that it will never be a feature of the local landscape. The results of the official survey are awaited.

## Arts Society Peterborough

### Lectures September – December 2018

#### 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – The Glasgow Boys & Girls, the Scottish Colourists and the French Connection

This lecture covers the rise of artistic colonies in the 1880s and 1890s. The paintings of one such colony, the Glasgow Boys, became the toast of Europe. The Glasgow Girls were their contemporaries and achieved international recognition. The Scottish Colourists had direct contact with French Post-Impressionism, particularly Matisse and the Fauves. As a result, their paintings are considered some of the most progressive in British art of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – The Boy Who Bit Picasso

The lecturer is the son of the American, Lee Miller, photographer, and Roland Penrose, surrealist artist and biographer of Picasso. He first met Pablo Picasso, when he visited his family home in Chiddingfold, East Sussex. Picasso painted his mother's portrait six times and she photographed him more than 1,000 times. This amusing lecture also covers the process of writing and the design of his book – *The Boy Who Bit Picasso*.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Germany's Post-WWII Culture of Memorials & Counter Memorials

This lecture looks at commemoration and Germany, which are highly topical subjects during the current anniversaries of the two World Wars. However, relatively little is known about Germany's complex post-WWII process of remembrance, which resulted in the fascinating counter memorial movement from the 1980s onwards. Germany's very specific situation rendered all traditional concepts of memorials irrelevant and inappropriate. So, German artists looked to create art forms that would respond to questions of apology and atonement for their victims.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Messenger or Missile: Angels with Glad Tidings, Doom, Gloom or Perdition

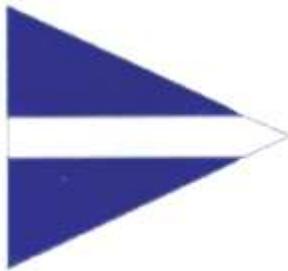
This lecture looks at angels, familiar and fantastic, playing major and minor roles, in centuries of paintings, engravings, illustrations and sculptures. Angelic references also abound in Islamic and Jewish traditions, the latter beautifully evoked in Chagall's 'Bible Message'. It will also contrast the beauty and light of cherubim and seraphim with the dark, fiery abyss of Satan and contemplate the 'Angel of the North'.

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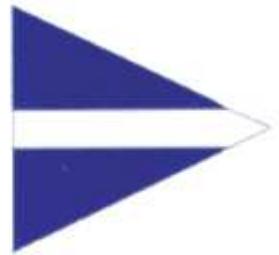
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## STIBBINGTON AND WANSFORD WI

Does the WI ever take a holiday you may ask yourselves? Well it seems not. August has been busy with a couple of really interesting events.

A group of us went to Apethorpe Palace. For some it was a return visit and for others a completely new experience. Many of you may already know of Apethorpe's history, and especially of the sale to Baron von Pfetten in 2015. Part of his commitment to English Heritage is to open the house for 50 days annually. We were lucky enough to secure tickets for one such day. We were escorted on our visit by very knowledgeable guides - one of whom is the granddaughter of a WI member. Her commentary helped to bring the place alive, with snippets of information about James 1. We were also blessed with the presence of a visitor who had attended the building when it was a school, and he was able to confirm and expand some of the anecdotal information. Those who had attended before were able to see the progress that had been made in restoration since their previous visit. The truth is of course that there is a long way still to go, and it would be a good note to self to diarise a return visit every 3 years!

The second visit was to Peterborough's ERF facility. Having been suitably clothed we were treated to 2 hours of really interesting information, and a tour of the facility which evidenced that our black bag rubbish is not going to landfill, but can end up as aggregate for the road building programme, or building blocks for construction. It is very impressive that almost nothing now goes to landfill, that metal is extracted from the resulting ash and recycled, that the steam to drive the turbines and generate electricity is re-condensed and reused on the process, that the plant is powered by the energy that it generates and that Peterborough City Council benefits from the income from electricity that is fed into the National Grid. It was really impressive and the WI would recommend that you also visit if you get the chance!

**Finally, please do join us for our Macmillan coffee morning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

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At this time of the year the countryside becomes a little quieter. Most birdsong has stopped. Even the song thrush has ceased calling from a tall tree at dawn and dusk. When the wind has died and the combine harvesters no longer drone up and down the cornfields all is at peace - except for the call of doves or pigeons: the words are often interchangeable.

Over fifty years ago pigeon song was generally limited to the woodpigeon, or ring dove, particularly in the countryside. Its five note call was common out in the fields and this was occasionally supplemented by the rarer four note call of the stock dove and, in summer, the purr of the turtle dove. Nowadays the woodpigeon has spread into suburbia leaving its cousins in fewer numbers in the countryside. The turtle dove, in particular, is a very rare find.



However the 'new kid on the block', the collared dove, has spread across Europe from Asia over the last fifty years and could just as well be called the common dove. It can now be found repeating its three note call from every rooftop and television aerial in Britain. This small greyish-pink dove with a thin black collar on either side of its neck seems to be dwarfed by the much larger woodpigeon. This is most pronounced when both species are seen on the ground together under bird feeders.

Another small dove is the rock dove/pigeon. This wild bird of sea cliffs and mountains has many domesticated versions. It was originally caught and bred for food, often kept in dovecotes, and from these escapes led to flocks of the feral pigeons that are common in all our towns and cities. Through interbreeding these semi-wild birds exhibit a range of colours and patterns through grey, blue, pink and white, all displayed in any city square or park. However the true rock dove is a handsome blue-grey bird with a green and purple glossy neck and two black bands across its wings.

Owners of early dovecotes noticed that their birds exhibited a homing instinct and generally returned to their roost in their cote after flight. From this developed the homing or racing pigeon. Pigeon racing has become a popular sport, particularly in the north of England. This instinct came into its own during the First World War when pigeons were used to carry messages back from the front. So successful was this military use that in 1937 the National Pigeon Service was created.

The birds were so successful that the Germans endeavoured to shoot pigeons down and also trained Peregrine Falcons to stop them. Some of our most successful birds arrived home with shotgun damage or bits ripped out of them by the hawks. But they still got through. After the Second World War 32 pigeons were honoured with the Dickin Medal, known as the animal VC. A much more noble use for these birds than being bred for the pot!

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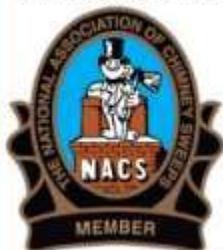
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A big thank you to all who so generously came to, donated to, helped with and enjoyed this year's Ukulele Picnic by the River. It was another glorious summers afternoon and again an amazing amount was raised for NoGainNoPain UK. On the day, £1033.00 and the remaining £67.00 was raised within a couple of days. This means another syringe



driver will be available in our community and will make a real difference to both patients and families during very difficult times. Thank you all very much.

*Elin Styles*

**NGNPUK**  
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I was saddened to read of the passing of Tony Caruth in your August issue.

I played cricket with Tony for Wansford in the late 1970's / early 1980's - as well as being a fine bowler, he was also a gentleman and an inspiring character to play cricket with as well as a 'wise old head'; just what a somewhat hot headed player that I was then in my late teens / early twenties, needed.

Kind regards,  
Paul Pitchers. ( former Captain of Wansford CC ). Gants Hill,, Essex.

Dear Villagers,

We have the privilege of living in beautiful villages in the countryside alongside some of the best of British nature and wildlife. However, nature needs help and I am writing to ask for our villages to work together to become more hedgehog friendly.

Hedgehogs are declining faster than tigers worldwide!

I have recently encouraged my own villages of Castor and Ailsworth to become more hedgehog friendly and hope that other villages will also make changes to help our prickly national treasure.

There are 5 things that you can do to help

- Put water and meat base food out
- Stop using chemicals such as slug pellet or rat poison
- Join the hedgehog highway by making a 13x13cm hole in a fence to allow hedgehog to roam
- Build a wild corner in your garden
- Make ponds safe by adding a ramp

For more information visit – [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)

Many thanks,

Anna Wood

## OUR HEDGEHOGS NEED YOU!

<p><b>1. PUT OUT WATER</b></p> <p>Use shallow dishes and offer meat based cat food. NO milk or bread.</p>	 <p><b>ways to help</b></p>	<p><b>5. BUILD A WILD CORNER</b></p> <p>Let the nature take over and remove hazards like netting to encourage hedgehogs in.</p>
<p><b>2. STOP USING CHEMICALS</b></p> <p>Garden chemicals can kill ! Use non-toxic alternatives for slug pellets, rat poison and pesticides. .</p>		<p><b>3. JOIN A HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY</b></p> <p>Linking gardens increases the area hedgehogs can roam. Use a 13x13cm hole in fences. Ask your neighbours and work together.</p>

Visit- [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)

## DIARY DATES – SEPTEMBER 2018

Wed 5	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	8
Wed 5	Sibson-cum Stibbington Parish Council	7.00pm	Stibbington Centre	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	22
Fri 7	<b>WI 3C's Craft Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Sat 8	BBQ	4.00 - 8.00pm	37 Gt North Road	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Sun 9	Thornhaugh Summer Party			Louise Molesworth		23
Mon 10	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	24
Tues 11	WI meeting - <b>'Bottoms Up' (wine tasting)</b>	7.15pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Wed 12	Welcome Coffee Stop	10.30am	Wansford Church	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	8
Wed 12	Communicare AGM	6.30pm	Wansford Surgery	Clare Wagstaff	<b>470437</b>	14
Sat 15	Walk-in Flu Clinics	9.00am - 12.00	Wansford Surgery		<b>782342</b>	14
Sat 15	Photography Exhibition	10.00am - 4.00pm	St Andrews			9
Mon 17	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrews	Deirdre McCumiskey		24
Wed 19	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	8
Fri 21	Communicare Coffee Morning	10.00am	Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall	Clare Wagstaff	<b>470437</b>	14
Fri 21	<b>WI 3C's Craft Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Sat 22	Men's Breakfast	8.30am - 10.00am	Black Horse, Nassington			9
Sat 22	WI MacMillan Coffee Morning	10.30 am - 12.30	<b>St Mary's</b>	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Wed 26	Welcome Coffee Stop	10.30am	Wansford Church	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	8
Thurs 27	WI Book Club	7.30pm	Haycock	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Sat 29	Paper Projects For Children	10.30am - 12.00	Environment Centre		<b>782386</b>	13
Sat 29	A47 Project Exhibition	11.00am - 5.00pm	Sutton Church			23

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