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## Editorial

Another wonderful photo by John Measures graces our front cover this month. These swans would not have taken part in Swan Upping—the Royal annual census of mute swans on a particular stretch of the River Thames. I didn't realise until I did a bit of research, but apart from the Crown, there are only three organisations who can own mute swans. Abbotsbury Swannery, Vintners Livery and Dyers Livery. Each of these have their swans ringed. All other swans on the open waters belong to the Queen.

Elsewhere in the magazine this month you will read that Wansford Ukulele Folk have now been going for three years and there are opportunities to attend beginner sessions in September.

We have just come back from a very enjoyable walk around the farm land that now occupies the Roman town of Durobrivae. Students from Cardiff University were on a four week dig after Historic England and the field owner had given them permission. There were a number of trenches, and each one revealed some very interesting sights, including tiled flooring, oyster shells, coins, bones and pottery fragments. It's amazing to realise that we are living so close to such an important historic feature.

*Tracy Sortwell*

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# WORSHIP AUGUST 2019

| <b>St Leonard's, Apethorpe</b> |         |                |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 4th                            | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| 18th                           | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| 25th                           | 6.00pm  | Evensong       |

| <b>St Kyneburgha, Castor</b> |         |                |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 4th                          | 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 11th                         | 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 18th                         | 10.15am | Holy Communion |
| 25th                         | 10.15am | Holy Communion |

| <b>St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington</b> |        |                                  |
|---|--------|----------------------------------|
| 4th   | 8.15am | Holy Communion BCP               |
|   | 9.30am | Holy Communion                   |
| 11th  | 9.30am | Morning Praise                   |
| 18th  | 9.30am | Holy Communion                   |
| 25th  | 9.30am | Holy Communion and Sunday School |

| <b>St Michael and All Angels, Sutton</b> |        |                |
|--|--------|----------------|
| 25th                                     | 9.00am | Holy Communion |

| <b>St Andrew's, Thornhaugh</b> |        |                |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 4th                            | 9.30am | Morning Praise |
| 18th                           | 9.30am | Holy Communion |

| <b>St Mary's, Wansford</b>                    |        |                |
|---|--------|----------------|
| <i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i> |        |                |
| 11th  | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 25th  | 9.30am | Morning Praise |

| <b>St Mary's, Woodnewton</b> |        |                    |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 4th                          | 9.30am | Holy Communion     |
| 11th                         | 9.30am | Holy Communion     |
| 18th                         | 9.30am | Morning Praise     |
| 25th                         | 8.30am | Holy Communion BCP |

| <b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell</b> |         |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 4th                               | 11.00am | Holy Communion    |
| 11th                              | 11.00am | Holy Communion    |
| 18th                              | 3.00pm  | Methodist Service |
| 25th                              | 11.00am | Holy Communion    |



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Often the sights we see whilst relaxing in a holiday environment fill us with a sense of awe and wonder. For people of faith these experiences are times when we are particularly aware of the presence of God. Those moments which are hard to describe when our soul appears to be flooded with light and we experience a great sense of peace and well-being.

These experiences often come at unexpected moments in all manner of different places. In a church maybe, on a mountaintop or elsewhere. Understandably the places where we encounter such powerful glimpses of God's presence become very special to us. They are places to which we long to return again and again in the hope that we will be able to recapture the way we felt on our first visit. It is understandable that we should wish to hold onto these experiences. But this involves looking backwards instead of forwards.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration when we commemorate the occasion described in Matthew, Mark and Luke's Gospels when Jesus took three of his disciples Peter, John and James up a high mountain to pray. Whilst they were there Jesus appearance changed and the three disciples were overcome by the beauty and brilliance of what they saw. Clearly this wasn't a superficial experience, rather something powerful and inspiring was shining through Jesus. It was none other than God himself.

Understandably Peter in particular wished to hold onto this amazing and empowering sense of God's presence. He wanted to stay on the mountain top. He wanted to hug and hold onto the blessedness of the feeling of elation. He did not want to go back down to the everyday and common things again, but to remain for ever in the enchanted land. But Jesus commanded him to go back down the mountain and to face the future.

What the disciples experienced wasn't meant to provide an escape from the struggle that lay ahead, but to help them face it. The hour of light was meant to help them face the hour of darkness.

The same is true for us. We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are traveling in faith. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. But these moments of transfiguration are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday tasks, and to enable us to face the cross which in some shape or form comes to everyone. The moment of glory does not exist for its own sake. It exists to clothe the common things with a radiance they never had before. Prayer and religion are not escapism. They are meant to help us face life with all its difficulties and challenges, to embrace the high and low moments of life, the hilltop and the pit.

I wish you a restful and inspiring summer break and may the things you experience during this holiday season equip and inspire you to face the future with hope and joy.

The poster features a stylized illustration of a guitar neck on the left side, with silhouettes of people at the bottom with their arms raised in a crowd. The background consists of vertical stripes in shades of red and orange. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, starting with the date and time, followed by the event title, featured acts, and ticket information.

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The Durobrivae excavations are going extremely well and we have some exciting news to bring all readers next month. Dr Stephen Upex together with The Friends will be hosting a lecture on the excavations this summer at a special event to be held on Saturday afternoon 2pm - 5pm on 19th October at St Remigius Church.

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However the Coffee Stops will continue on Wednesdays 14th and 28th August at 10.30 in St Mary’s church, after Morning Prayer.

We will also be busy baking for our cake stall at the Horticultural Show on 24th August- we hope to see lots of you there!

Some of you will know that our dear friend Dora Baker has moved to Stamford. We are hoping that she’ll still be around, having been a stalwart supporter of The Friends for more than 20 years, but we wish her every happiness in her new home

*Caroline*



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### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

**Friday, 20th and 27th September 2019, 7:00pm-8:30pm**

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**Saturday, 21st September 10:00am-4:30pm**

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# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

The last quarterly general patients meeting was held in June when a good attendance heard a talk and watched Sarah-Jane Turner giving a demonstration of both CPR and a defibrillator. It was felt that this would interest patients particularly as so many local villages have installed this emergency equipment.

On recommendation by the officials, the meeting agreed that funds should be provided to purchase a 24hour ambulatory blood pressure machine for use by the practice at a total cost of £1110. A further piece of equipment had been requested – a paediatric probe with handheld oximeter for specific use at the Kings Cliffe surgery, but it was decided to leave this purchase in abeyance until further funds became available.

Dr Takhar updated on the proposed new National Primary Care Network due to formally be introduced in this area last month – details had already been outlined and the final arrangements will be available and reported at the next meeting. He also reported on the work of the surgery's research team – following a request six patients had volunteered to join a research panel working in conjunction with Cambridge University on use of anti-depressants. Congratulations were extended to Dr Takhar on his recent invitation with his wife to a garden party at Buckingham Palace – he was nominated for services and work within the NHS.

Congratulations were also passed to the practice and pharmacy on their recent achievement – winners of the GP Partnership of the Year category which acknowledges development and sharing information and ideas between practice and pharmacy teams, and sponsored by NAPP (this was the subject of a special report circulated last month)

It was suggested that a topic for a future meeting might be Self-Care covering emphasis now placed on patients to purchase certain over-the-counter drugs rather than expecting provision by the NHS – this could save some £6M per annum.

It was noted that Mrs Wagstaffe will be tendering her resignation as Chairperson at the forthcoming AGM next month, Tuesday 10th September 2019 at Wansford Surgery at 6.30pm, although she will remain as an official continuing organization of social group activities. Dr Nally will be giving a talk on the very topical subject of mental health at the AGM

The next social group coffee morning is on Friday 13th September at the Kings Cliffe Active Hall 10.0am. There is still limited availability on the late summer 4-night coach holiday to St.Leonards-on-Sea leaving on Tuesday 17th September - further details from Clare tel: 01780 470437 or email: [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com)

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## WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY



The two day excursion at the very end of June took us to Harewood House on the hottest day of the year to date. The views of the Yorkshire countryside and the many themed gardens were at their best in glorious sunlight, and a tour of the magnificent house enabled us to cool off a little before setting course for our overnight hotel. The following morning our coach driver took us to R.H.S. Harlow Carr via a scenic route through the eastern edge of the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. Harlow Carr never disappoints and we enjoyed stunning colour and scent, with inspirational planting and design in the borders and of course a delicious lunch at Betty's.



Our summer party on 13<sup>th</sup> July was a sociable gathering of 43 members and their friends enjoying an ample buffet supper and the challenge of a quiz before sitting around fire pits toasting marshmallows on sticks. And it didn't rain! This was swiftly followed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July by our private tour of the gardens and estate at Burghley House, escorted by the Head Gardener Joe Whitehead, who combines a wealth of historical, horticultural and environmental information in such an interesting way and with gentle humour. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit in idyllic weather and beautiful surroundings and before we knew it two and a half hours had elapsed!



Finally, **the Annual Flower Show** is fast approaching (**Saturday 24 August, opening to the public at 1 p.m.**), and you should by now have your personal schedule and entry form, but, if not, it can be found on our website – [www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk) . There will be refreshments, music from the Yarwell and Nassington Band and WUF, games, stalls, a classic car line-up, fun dog show and much more.

**Please will everyone who has a trophy from 2018 return it, cleaned, to me now so that we can check them. Thank you!** so over to Ian.

#### IAN'S ANNUAL SHOW TIPS!

Well here we are in the windup to the Big Day! We hope we have convinced you to be an active 'Shower' in your chosen field(s), be they flowers, vegetables, crafts, photography, baking, and many more. There is much more to the show with lots going on outside the main tent. We are such a friendly society and welcome 'absolute beginners' and also welcome seasoned old timers back, and particularly a very warm welcome to the younger boys and girls in the area. Come and have a go, it's not that difficult! Good Luck, and don't bribe the judges!!!

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Ian began by explaining how the Trust movement was set up, originally formed by Charles Rothschild in 1912, known as The Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves.

Since then it has evolved and becoming the charity that is known today, with over 50 Wildlife trusts across Great Britain. All the trusts work under a common vision to bring people close to nature in a land rich in wildlife.

His talk was then focussed on the Beds, Cambs and Northants trust, where he is based. The trust currently manages 126 reserves within the three counties, in which they are currently carrying out 170 ecological projects. The most exciting are those that come under the title 'Living Landscapes', where the goal is to make habitats bigger, better, more numerous and most importantly joined up. Ian showed how the site at Rushden Lakes have become one such living landscape, by working alongside the retail park and joining up sites that they manage.



This brought us rather neatly to Old Sulehay. Many of us that walk here, have seen changes recently where the main ride has been cut back to the 2 ditches, opening the spaces to light and therefore encouraging a greater diversity of ground plants flowers. This is all part of a joint project where BCN Wildlife trust has teamed up with Back from the brink Charity. The aim is to reintroduce The Chequered Skipper butterfly. This butterfly used to be common in this area, but now is extinct not only here but throughout England. This joint project is releasing and

encouraging the reintegration of these butterflies.

This project started with Chequered Skipper butterflies that had been bred in Belgium released into Rockingham forest. This population is now established and breeding. The plan is now for these butterflies to spread to further afield. A number of BCN Wildlife trust sites have had changes to make their habitats more suitable for these butterflies, this includes Old Sulehay. The



opening up of to the main ride will encourage the plants that Chequered Skippers feed upon, who knows in future years local walkers will be able to see these butterflies up close and personal.

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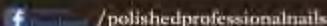
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*Editors note:-*

*Who would have guessed that a Stibbington Community Class would have created such a wonderful fun group! I was unable to go to the very first practice, so sadly can't call myself one of the founders, but I was there the second week with my very cheap and un-tuneable uke, which with great advice was soon replaced.*

*Our membership ranges from people in their twenties through to the slightly more mature. One of our members, Joan Bolton-Frost, has written about her own experiences as a member of WUF*

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"We are thinking of forming a ukulele band, would you like to join?" That dear reader, was my downfall, and so The Wansford Ukulele Folk were born. The ensuing years have been filled with music, friendship, songs and fun.

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*Editors note:-*

*Where have we all gone? Well there was a free bar and refreshments.*

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Stibbington Community Classes



# THORNTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It was chaired by Chris Smith, present were Martin Lewis, Louise Molesworth, Adrian Rodgers, 5 Members of the Public and the Clerk. There were apologies for absence from Ashleigh Kewney.

## **Christie Hall**

Lisa Chambers attended the meeting to give a talk on the background to the Christie Hall and Thornhaugh Parish Council's contractual arrangements with the British Legion. She agreed to provide a copy of the current Lease and confirmed that she will be in contact well before the Interim Rent Review that will take place in 2021. The Chairman thanked Lisa for her talk and stated that it had been very useful for the Parish Councillors to learn about the annual rent payment.

## **Playing Feld/Recreation Area**

A Member of the Public suggested that if Thornhaugh Hall is put up for sale perhaps the current owner could be approached to see if he would be willing to donate 2.5 – 5 acres of land near the Old Post Office on Russell Hill for use as a playing field/recreation area. It was agreed that this would have significant implications for the Parish Council and needs to be discussed further before any approach is made to the owner.

## **Police Matters**

There were no police representatives present. Thanks were expressed to Martin Lewis for forwarding an e-mail regarding three burglaries in Wansford that he had received from Neighbourhood Alert. It is advisable for residents to be vigilant.

## **Dog Fouling**

The Chairman had produced a Draft Flyer asking residents to collect and bin their dog foul and this will be distributed to all residents.

## **Speeding Through the Village**

The Chairman had produced a Draft Flyer asking residents to keep to the speed limit and this will be distributed to all residents.

## **Planning Application 19/00398 – Erection of dwelling with garage at 16 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh**

The Revised Planning Application is the third planning application for this site. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors will make objections on virtually the same grounds as they have for the two previous planning applications but highlight their concerns that the plans for the parking spaces and vehicular access are unsatisfactory. Martin Lewis will draft a response based on discussion at the meeting and this will be put on the Peterborough City Council Website.

## **Pavements**

Peterborough City Council has agreed to inspect the pavements in due course.

## **Footpaths**

It was noted that the overgrown footpaths and grass verges have now been mowed and strimmed.

## **List of Representatives to External Organisations**

It was agreed to delete Thornhaugh Environmental Association from the list as the Parish Council does not nominate TEA' representatives. Martin Witherington has confirmed that he is willing to remain as the representative and to inform the Parish Council on any issues raised by the Augean Community Liaison Committee.

## **A1 North Layby**

There has been no further response/update from the Highways Agency regarding the closure request. The Parish Council will keep pressing

## **RAF Formal Reception**

The Chairman has received an invitation to attend the RAF Wittering Formal Reception on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 that she hopes to attend.

## **Finance**

PKF Littlejohn has confirmed that there will be no External Audit following receipt of the signed Annual Return. The Chairman expressed her view that it would be beneficial to appoint a Treasurer who could support the Clerk with monitoring the finances and producing financial budgets/forecasts. Adrian Rodgers kindly agreed to take on this unpaid role.

## **Village Social Event**

Alan and Joan Bolton Frost have kindly offered the use of their garden for a Village Social Event. It was agreed that this will take place at 2.00 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Louise Molesworth agreed to head-up a Social Committee, working with Alan and Joan to organise the event which will be publicised on a Flyer that will be distributed to all residents.

## **Planning Application 19/01010 CTR – Cherry Tree – crown reduction to 20ft in height at 4 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh**

It was confirmed by the Tree Officer (Stephen Chesney-Beales) that he would be visiting the applicant to discuss the proposals. It was agreed that the Parish Council will, as in the past, accept his advice on the way forward. Comments will be put on the Peterborough City Council Website to this effect.

## **Planning Application 19/00346 – Tree Work at 16 Russell Hill.**

Parish Councillors discussed the lack of response by the Tree Officer, Peterborough Planning Department and Diane Lamb relating to the correspondence to the tree works on Russell Hill. There was disappointment and frustration expressed about the amount of time and effort taken to make constructive comment, only for this to be totally ignored. Although this application is now closed, it was agreed that information would be sought from the new Tree Officer (Stephen Chesney-Beales) on what the actual process is when objections are received and how comments, for or against, are considered.

## **Planning Application 19/00934 LBC - Window replacement at the West elevation of the property at 23 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh**

There were No Objections to this planning application. Comments will be put on the Peterborough City Council Website to this effect.

## **Defibrillator**

Louise Molesworth stated that she been approached by Alan and Joan Bolton Frost with a generous offer to purchase and install a Defibrillator for the village. In addition, she had been approached by Laurence Hall with a generous donation to support the purchase and its running costs. Louise agreed to obtain a fully itemised quotation for the purchase, installation and running costs of a Defibrillator. The Chairman will contact Rev Jane Tailby to ascertain whether permission could be given to site the Defibrillator in the porch of the St Andrew's Church. Thanks were given to Alan, Joan and Laurence for their very generous support.

## **Hanging Baskets**

Martin Lewis agreed to order and collect 10 Autumn/Winter Hanging Baskets later on in the year.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

7.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in St Andrew's Church.

*Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk*



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wansford Parish Council met on the 8th of July. Martyn Handley sent his apologies for absence and one member of the public was present.

The **planning applications** which were discussed related to the provision of improved leisure facilities for the caravan park in Yarwell mill and renovation of existing traditional buildings. There was no disagreement about the application itself but worries were expressed about the continued growth of this site as heavy construction traffic is increasing quite dramatically through Wansford towards Yarwell.

The Minutes of last meeting were discussed and approved with slight modifications.

After approving the months financial expenditure, the major discussion centred on revising and updating the Parish Council's Standing Orders. These are the rules and regulations by which the Parish Council operates. They have not been revised for several years and a new 23-page document has been drafted by Councillor Johnson based on the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) model Standing Orders. Using a projector and screen, each page was worked through and discussed, modifying where needed.

**Progress reports** followed. These included:-

- Wansford community hall renovation will be completed shortly with the installation of new blinds. Some of the plumbing is making strange noises and will be attended to.
- Legal advice has still not been received from Peterborough City Council about WPC's ability to fund anything relating to Wansford cricket pavilion as it lies outside our parish boundaries.
- There was some discussion on setting up an email system to pass news directly to Wansford residents. This is done by some other local Parish Councils. The data protection legislation now makes this slightly difficult and it was agreed to focus on using the WPC website (<https://www.wansfordvillage.com/>) to disseminate information.
- The historic water pump in Nene Close is to be reinstalled and quotations are being arranged.
- Road signs and road markings in the village are being updated and PCC have this in hand. Some of the large signs installed for the no longer extant A6118 will be removed and replaced with signs more appropriate to a village setting.
- A47 dualling. There has been no further response from Highways England and they are now a long way behind their published schedule for this project.
- Kings Cliffe industrial estate. Heavy goods vehicles leaving the site are forced to come through Wansford because signs tell them that they must turn right. This creates repeated dangerous situations at the junction of the Kings Cliffe Road and Old Leicester Road. Wansford Parish Council is making a planning application to remove the requirement for all HGVs to turn right towards Wansford.

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## SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Sibson Parish Council met on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 7pm.

3 Parish Councillors, Cllr S Bywater, Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public were in attendance.

Cllr Beuttell welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that 2 extra dog foul bins have now been ordered (hopefully resolve bins overflowing).

The two Defibrillators have now been installed – unfortunately Cllr Beuttell reported that the Defibrillator outside Stibbington Centre had been removed (ripped out) and picked up by resident (2<sup>nd</sup> July) – CHT are aware and works requested to re fix will be done ASAP.

Email received re bollards (land ownership) Chapel Lane – Cllr Beuttell has requested up to date map to ascertain where highway boundaries are and where Chapel Lane ends.

Request via email from Cllr unable to attend meeting – advising blocked bridle way off the Yarwell Road leading into Sulehay Woods, hardly possible to walk down it.

Hutchison’s Yard – various meetings taken place which resident(s) attended with highways, issue ongoing.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7 pm.

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## Summer News and a surprise visit

What a summer for Cricket so far! Not only have Wansford CC been enjoying many Sundays of good cricket, the England men's cricket team have achieved what has eluded every team previous. The England team defeated New Zealand and lifted the Cricket World Cup in the most spectacular of fashions. After 50 overs, the scores were tied – incredibly dramatic in itself – which meant each team was sent out to bat again with 6 balls to score as many as they possibly could. A Super Over! Watched by millions, the nail biter came down the very last ball before we watched Jos Buttler dive dramatically to smash the stumps and get the final run out to finish off New Zealand.

After such an exciting spectacle, there are no doubts that people are looking to get involved with cricket, and Wansford CC would be the perfect place to do it! If you are interested or have a younger family member that may be interested, why not give our captain Jason a call on 07734 815117 and we will be able to get you involved. After all, you've just seen how exciting cricket can be!

### News from Wansford CC:

On Sunday 7th July we received a surprise visitor from Australia. Dick Smith formerly of Wansford and Thornhaugh joined us and came to watch the match



at Bowden. Both Dick and his father played for the club regularly after the 2nd World War with Dick playing until he emigrated to Australia in 1968. He also received a surprise when we met outside the Haycock to travel to the away match as amongst our regular team members was Steve Taylor his godson who he hadn't seen for a quarter of a century.

Dick presented the club with a very welcome gift of embroidered caps and first class cricket balls which he had especially commissioned from manufacturers in his home town of Melbourne. Sales of these caps have raised some much needed funds for the club.

### Fixtures:

As ever, home support is incredibly welcome down at the Wansford CC ground. Please take a look at the calendar in the back of this issue for our fixture dates and please come down to support where you can!

Sunday 25th August is the most important fixture on our calendar. It's the President's All-Day Tournament with all-day bar and BBQ. All proceeds go towards raising more funds for the club. It's a fantastic day filled with fun and great sportsmanship. Come and support your local club and have a barrel of laughs in the process!

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Have you ever wondered how our birds get their names? Many are obvious; the blackbird for instance, although the female is brown. A golden eye duck has a bright yellow eye. A blackcap is a warbler with an obvious dark cap to its head but like the blackbird the female's cap is brown. A redshank has red legs. Just as obvious are the colour birds where similar species, usually in the same genus, are differentiated by a colour prefix; greenfinch, black grouse, purple heron, red kite and grey or golden plover. There is also a greenish warbler for those who aren't quite sure.

A spoonbill cannot be mistaken for anything else with its long thin bill widening into a broad round tip. Similarly a woodpecker pecks trees to find insects or create a nest hole. A tree creeper creeps up trees. A wagtail noticeably wags its tail. Stonechats can be identified by listening for the 'chat chat' of knocking two stones together.

However, colour and habits are just two matters taken into account when considering the identity of a bird. Bird song is a critical factor and can be both obvious or subtle. The sound of a cuckoo each spring has always been a sign that summer is on the way. Not as common now as in the past but 'cuc koo' can emanate from no other bird. Less common is the repeated sound of 'kitt-I-waaaaake' coming from sea cliffs around our shores - the kittiwake - a beautiful little gull.

One of our largest group of birds is the warbler family. Many can be found in Britain but mainly during the summer months when they come to our shores from the continent to breed. Some thirty warblers are on the British list; they are all small birds, often appear dull brown and need to be identified by close inspection and habitat. However warblers are mainly identified by song. The chiffchaff is perhaps our commonest warbler with the typical 'chiff chaff' call from high up in a tree. Down by the river both Sedge and Reed warblers can be heard. The former is more likely to be recognisable, perched on a reed stem, slightly upright with an off-white eye stripe and a slightly down-turned lower bill. Its song is a continuous chatter of song. The reed warbler remains more hidden, is a plainer brown and has a simpler song.



**Chiffchaff**

Other warblers can turn up anywhere. Last week Robert Phipps heard a grasshopper warbler near the Black Horse in Nassington. Its song seems a cross between the continual 'stridulating' of a grasshopper or cricket and the sound of a fishing rod reel being played out. Difficult to see the bird deep in a bush but unmistakable. I have enjoyed similar circumstances searching for a Cetti's Warbler in a bush close to the road near the Bird Observatory at Clay in Norfolk. It always seems to be there, it's explosive staccato song lasts for ten or twenty seconds but rarely can I catch a glimpse of this little brown bird. Recognising birds by sound is as important as enjoying their distinctive plumage.

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Dear Tracy

Have just finishing reading this month's issue and thank you very much for sending it to me. I really approve of the new sequence of pages! I have been busy watching Wimbledon as I always adored tennis when I was fit and young! I remember playing on Mr Lockyer's court in Stibbington, Thornhaugh's court outside the village and the one in Ailsworth! Wonder if they are still there and are there many more now? In my time I played for several teams - school, university and work and really appreciated Mr Frank Perkins annual gift to attend Wimbledon centre court on day one each year when I played for the Perkins team!

Nan Alden

Dear Tracy

I was interested to read the article about the recent filming in the village. It brought back memories of approximately forty years ago when they were filming 'Caught on a Train' with Peggy Ashcroft at the Nene Valle Railway. Nora met her on a number of occasions when collecting our younger daughter from Stibbington School - despite her stature and reputation as an actress, she was delightful and charming. In addition we put up a number of the technicians whilst they were filming. Wedgwood Cottage tended to be an overflow from the Cross Keys as Jim there would happily book in guests only to be told by Eileen that they were already full. This would result in a panic call to us: 'Jim's done it again, can you cope?' The technicians were an interesting bunch, and became almost part of the family. They would explain the nature of their work, and we marvelled at their ability to create scenery or totally change a visual situation. They even offered to make artificial ceiling beams for the cottage. They baby-sat for us, and would take and fetch Esther to and from her bell-ringing practice. No DBS checks, no thought of possible abuse - what a different (and happier) world it was then. And such was our happy relationship that one of the men later brought his fiancée to see if Nora approved his choice!

Dick Arnold



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|         |  |         |  |                 |                 |    |
|---------|--|---------|--|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| Sun 4   | Cricket match v Motley Crew              | 2.00pm  | Home                                       | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Sun 11  | Cricket match                            | 2.00pm  | Islip                                      | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Mon 12  | Wansford Parish Council                  | 7.30pm  | Community Hall                             | Wendy Gray      | 01778<br>441312 | 24 |
| Tues 13 | T20 Cricket match v Cummins              | 5.30pm  | Hampton                                    | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Tues 13 | WI Meeting –Lasting Power of Attourney   | 7.30pm  | Community Hall                             | Jan Armitage    | 789996          | 17 |
| Wed 14  | Friends Coffee Stop                      | 10.30am | St Mary's                                  | Caroline Ashley | 782408          | 9  |
| Sun 18  | Cricket match                            | 2.00pm  | Howitzers                                  | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Tues 20 | WI Lunch Club                            | 12.30pm | Boxwood café,<br>Barnwell Garden<br>Centre | Jan Armitage    | 789996          | 17 |
| Wed 21  | T 20 Cricket Match                       | 5.30m   | Burghley Park                              | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Sat 24  | Wansford Horticultural Show              | 1.00pm  | Haycock Field                              | Gill Fisher     | 782446          | 14 |
| Sun 25  | Presidents's All –day cricket Tournament |         | Home                                       | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Sun 25  | Water Newton Music Fest                  | 12 noon | Water Newton                               |                 |                 | 8  |
| Mon 26  | Nassington and Yarwell Show              | 2.00pm  | Nassington Cricket field                   |                 |                 | 7  |
| Wed 28  | Friends Coffee Stop                      | 10.30am | St Mary's                                  | Caroline Ashley | 782408          | 9  |
| Sept    |  |         |  |                 |                 |    |
| Sun 1   | Cricket match v Digby CC                 | 1.00pm  | Home                                       | Jason           | 07734<br>815117 | 29 |
| Wed 4   | Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council    | 7.00pm  | Environmental Centre                       | Wendy Gray      | 01778<br>441312 | 26 |
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