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# EDITORIAL

I start with a couple of apologies regarding last month's magazine. I spelt one of my dear friends and regular contributors name wrong- Carol Lindsay, I'm sorry. Also, the lovely photographs which were part of the Watery Theme on pages 21 and 22 were taken by Marie Lewis.

I am also indebted to one of our regular readers, Nan Alden who now reads the magazine on line, for letting me know that the February edition wasn't available. She was also able to share some lovely memories after seeing the Norton Rickett advert. The house for sale had originally been The Cottage for the gardener who worked at Stibbington Hall. Mr and Mrs Wren and their son Phillip lived there and worked for the Thorolds. She commented that it has "trebled in size" since then!

Following last month's Watery Theme, I was almost tempted to call this one the Pottery issue, having received a couple of communications about Heraldic Pottery. So far I have only heard about Wansford mementoes—I wonder if anyone has anything from the other villages?

And finally Alex, who is rebuilding the wall on Old North Road, would like to let everyone know that the footpath will be fully open again in about three weeks.

*Tracy Sortwell*

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# WORSHIP MARCH 2019

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

St Kyneburgha, Castor		
3rd	10.15am	Holy Communion
6th	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Evening Service
10th	10.15am	Holy Communion
17th	10.15am	Holy Communion
24th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
3rd	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th	9.30am	Morning Praise
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong
31st	9.00am	Benefice Holy Communion
	10.00am	Benefice <i>Mothering Sunday</i> Service

St John the Baptist, Stibbington		
3rd	6.00pm	Pancake Sunday

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

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

St Mary's, Wansford		
6th	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
13th	11.30am	Lent Service
20th	11.30am	Lent Service
24th	9.30am	Morning Praise
27th	11.30am	Lent Service

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
6th	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
1st	2.00pm	World Prayer Day International Service
3rd	11.00am	Morning Prayer
10th	11.00am	Holy Communion
17th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
24th	11.00am	Holy Communion

**The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast will be on March 23rd** at the Queens Head in Nassington from 8.30 -10.00 a.m.

The breakfast group is steadily expanding with 20+ attending the February meeting. Our speakers come from within the group (2 at each meeting on a 10 minute subject of their choice) and last time we enjoyed varied topics from the world of corporate turnarounds and lessons from challenging illness. Please do come – new members very welcome! To book your place or if you have any queries, please contact Ian Scott by email: [mensbreakfast@btconnect.com](mailto:mensbreakfast@btconnect.com)

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March this year brings the beginning of Lent, and the fantastic flower arrangers in our churches come to their enforced "lay-off" period as we don't have flowers during Lent. People, with a note of regret in their voices, sometimes ask why we don't have flowers in church during Lent (and sometimes Advent, although that is more difficult with early carol services, Christmas trees and so on). The tradition is an ancient one, seeking to reflect the nature of the season in the Church, as we try to take a little more time to think about the ways we let God down by what we say and do, about how easy it is to follow our own path instead of walking the way of God. That doesn't mean we need to "wallow in the mire of our sinfulness" so to speak, but if we recognise our shortcomings, then the unconditional love of God for us, and the gift of the life, death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ seem even more amazing. Keeping the church empty of flowers for the next few weeks helps us to mark the season.

We have perhaps rather lost the sense of the seasons in nature now that we can buy strawberries in January and sprouts in June, and our climate seems less predictable than it was. If we can have things all the year round maybe we appreciate them less; if we wait for something it is often seems so much better. That is true of our flowers in church – how wonderful it is to see the churches so beautifully decorated on Easter Day after the austerity of Lent – a symbol of new life indeed.

The church has its own round of seasons, reflecting the story of God and his love shown in Christ and again we lose something if we seek to stay in one season all the time. No matter how much we might love Christmas, we'd appreciate it less if we had it every day, Easter would be meaningless without the story of Good Friday before it. God always seeks to draw us on, he doesn't let us stay put, and as we celebrate the annual festivals perhaps we come each time to understand more of the great workings of God.

Noticing the seasons in the world around us and in the church perhaps also help us as we face the seasons of our life. These are much more unpredictable; who knows when great joy will come, or heart-breaking sadness? In our national life many of us feel a sense of great anxiety and uncertainty as our government grapples with our future relationship with the European Union. I am conscious, as I write, that the date set for our departure from the European Union falls at the end of this month. Whatever our political opinions may be, we can offer this time to God and, as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have encouraged us to do, pray for those who take decisions that will affect our future so profoundly. Knowing that God is with us in "all the changing scenes of life", that his love is present all things can help us to recognise his purpose for us and that nothing is beyond his care.

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With my thoughts and prayers,



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The first Friday in March is **the World Day of Prayer** and we will be holding a special service at **Yarwell** at 2.00 p.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Do come and join us for an international service, this year prepared by the women of Slovenia, joining with people across the world. *ALL* are welcome!

**Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** There will be two services to mark the beginning of Lent:

10.00 a.m. at Wansford and 7.00 p.m. at Woodnewton. All are welcome. The services will be Holy Communion with the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ash if you wish.

**Mothering Sunday** this year falls on **31<sup>st</sup> March**, which is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and we will be celebrating with a benefice service at **Nassington at 10.00 a.m.** that morning. All the parishes are warmly invited to share in a special family service giving thanks for our mothers in the traditional way with flowers and recognising and celebrating all those who care for us, and the ways we support each other, whether as families or as people who live alone. Do come along and bring family and friends! There will also be a short service of Holy Communion that day, also at Nassington at 9.00 a.m.

At the Nassington Church Coffee morning on 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will be making posies to be given out at the service the next day, and we hope lots of families will come along to help our posy making. There will also be a children's craft table where there will be a chance to make a Mothering Sunday card, a special gift for someone one, or something to remind everyone how special this time is together. All children, of any age, are welcome to take part – and Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandads and anyone else who'd like to have a go are all welcome as well! Again, all those in our parishes are invited!

## **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STIBBINGTON**

We would love to see you at our next service; do come and join us on

### **Sunday evening the 3rd March at 6pm**

just two days before Shrove Tuesday, we are calling it Pancake Sunday! Looking forward to seeing you there...

Carol Lindsay



### **Stibbington Churchyard clear up**

It's that time of year once again, to tidy our graveyard ready for the grass cutting, the date is March 24<sup>th</sup>, as usual the time, 10 am for a couple of hours,

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**Quiz night** passed with much good-natured competition and laughter.

The overall winners were “The Three Bs”. Had there been an award for the most charming name, it would surely have been won by “The Quizzington Bears”

One of the more fiendish questions was to “Name a small state between two containers”. Our clever Editor cracked this one, although many, including myself were perplexed. See the bottom of the page for the answer.

**A Quiet Retirement and Birthday Plummet .....** One of our recently retired



teachers, Richard Green, has decided to mark this event and celebrate a significant birthday with a parachute jump for charity on 18th April. He is splitting any funds raised between the Stibbington Appeal Fund and Alzheimer's Society.

The Alzheimer's Society works to create a society where those such as affected by dementia are supported and accepted. Our Appeal Fund is in place to help improve facilities at the Centre and provide bursaries for disadvantaged children to be able to visit. If you would like to support Richard's fundraising please visit **www.JustGiving.com** and search under the name Richard Green. Alternatively you can contact the Centre.

### Stibbington Community Classes



After a pleasant and productive morning sewing on 2nd February, we are looking forward to our Screen Printing workshop on 3rd March which is now fully booked.

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We began the worrying statistic that within UK homes 30 million tonnes of waste was thrown away per year. Jon then went on to explain the role of the Waterbeach site. Depending on which side of the bridge we live the non-recyclable waste is dealt with differently, however the recyclable waste (blue or green bins) is all sent to Waterbeach for recycling, giving it a new role. It was good to hear that plastics including films and clingfilm can be recycled, with the obvious exception of black plastics. With the advent of compostable plastics, it was advised that these are best placed within domestic garden compost heaps, rather than the brown/ grey bins; as the commercial process is too quick to allow the bags to decompose sufficiently. The overall advice was to reduce use whenever possible, for example a reduction of paper by 10% would result in 5 million trees being saved. The meeting ended with many of us now aiming to reduce the amount put into the various bins – no matter their colour!

*Stibbington and Wansford WI is celebrating its centenary, and there will be several celebratory events, so advance notice of the quiz night on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Christie hall 7.30pm. More details will be available in future reports.*

**Upcoming events:-**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, The work of a Private Investigator (Community Hall, 7.30pm).

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, Book club meeting (Haycock hotel, 7.30pm).

**Friday 1st and 15th March**, 3C's (Community Hall, 10.00am)

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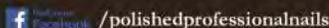
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## WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY

Despite the freezing fog which formed during the evening we had a good turnout for our first talk of 2019 when Dr. Twigs Way introduced us to Artists and their Gardens. One of our members present described her as "a very passionate and knowledgeable speaker with a wealth of stories to illustrate her talk". Another wrote "Great talk on Thursday night. Twigs Way is such a character - fascinating to listen to."



Our next talk again falls just after the deadline for this article and features Joe Whitehead, formerly of Blatherwycke Walled Gardens but now Head Gardener at Burghley, so it will be reviewed in April's magazine. A reminder that on **14th March Geoff Hodge** will speak on "**Colour all Year Round**". Geoff is a local gardening writer and radio and TV broadcaster but used to be Web editor for the RHS and Garden News and Garden Answers magazines..

We are taking bookings for our first coach trip on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June which takes us to Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington in the morning, Lord Michael Heseltine's Thenford Gardens and Arboretum in the afternoon. We are privileged to have obtained access on one of just 10 days that these private gardens are open to the public. The cost of the trip is £36 per person and there are a few places left on the coach for anyone interested.

Our two day trip on 29th/30th June is finally confirmed visiting Harewood House on Saturday and R.H.S. Harlow Carr on Sunday with an overnight stop in a Mercure hotel nearby. Dinner, bed and breakfast, coach travel and entry to both properties is £135 for a single room and £210 for a double or twin room (i.e. £105 each). For anyone wishing to join us we should be able to increase our numbers at the hotel for a short while, so please do contact me promptly if you are interested.

**Ian's tips for March:** don't be fooled by February's warm sunshine courtesy of Mr Jet Stream, we could have frosts until the end of April! The soil needs to warm up for outdoor planting to germinate seeds, also seed potatoes, so go by the sun, not the date!

With the Annual Show just **TWENTY FOUR WEEKS** away, here are some Sewing to Harvesting times:-

French Beans 8 to 12 weeks. Runners 12 to 14 weeks after starting in greenhouse. Courgettes 10 to 14. Beetroot 12 to 14 sow outside. Parsnips outside in growing position, difficult to germinate, 24 to 34 weeks, also carrots (sowing continues in position)!

First early potatoes plant last day in March (approx.) then as and when for seconds, and main crop. Say 2 weeks between to avoid frosts. Happy Planting.

**Gill Fisher: [fisher.gill@yahoo.com](mailto:fisher.gill@yahoo.com)**

In my write-up in February's *Living Villages* on the origins of the Wansford crest I observed that my enquiries, while researching my publications on the history of Wansford, had taken 'many unexpected, interesting and curious turns'. I should therefore perhaps have not been the least surprised when shortly after February's *Living Villages* had been distributed, I was contacted by a reader (who wishes to remain anonymous) who shared that they collect crested china and had in their possession examples of Carlton Ware heraldic pottery which included items bearing a Wansford crest. Carlton Ware pottery was first manufactured c1890 by Messrs. Wiltshaw & Robinson in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, an area famously known as The Potteries.

The Wansford-crested specimens in the above collection differ from the pink bathing hut example I had happened upon in two significant respects. Firstly, the crests are in colour and, secondly, immediately above the crests are depicted the images of a wheatsheaf (or a haycock?) and a plough, both clear symbols of the essentially agricultural nature of the village and of its inhabitants' principal employment during the period in question, namely the late 19th and early 20th century.

It is safe to say that Wiltshaw & Robinson would not have produced souvenir items of Wansford heraldic pottery speculatively, the production of such items doubtless would have been specially commissioned locally. Pending the discovery of any evidence to the contrary, it would appear entirely reasonable to speculate that the most likely local candidate at the period in question, the early 20th century, would have been George Frederick Haseldine who it is known commissioned the production of scenic and picturesque postcards of Wansford on the back of which he described his business as both 'stationer' and 'general stores'.

Haseldine's stores and post office was situated at 1 Bridge End, Wansford on the corner of Peterborough Road. The business was run by Thomas Haseldine from 1875 until his death at the age of 90 in 1918. I have read how Wansford post office collections and deliveries, via the north-bound mail coach services, were conducted 'on the move' as, before motorised transport, stopping and then starting a laden coach at the unmetalled crossroads on the incline of Stamford Road (since re-named Old North Road) was understandably problematical. This might have contributed to the reason why, in 1906, the Wansford post office element of the business was given up and was relocated opposite The Haycock Inn in London Road in the parish of Stibbington, while still retaining its Wansford designation.

From the 1880s until his death in 1939 both Thomas's son George worked in the family business as did his daughter, by then Mrs. D. Emblow, who continued right up until 1963. By this time the business was styled a 'stationers and bookshop'.

Doubtless there may well be yet more examples of Wansford-related Goss and Carlton Ware heraldic pottery squirreled away in boxes, cupboards and cabinets awaiting disclosure. Anyone?



An artillery shell inscribed verso:  
**The Victory of Justice.**  
**Armistice of the Great War**  
**signed November 11 1918**



A treadle sewing machine.



A longcase clock bearing the inscription:  
**Make use of time**  
**Let not advantage slip**  
**Shakespeare**



A miniature Toby jug inscribed:  
**No tongue can tell**  
**No heart can think**  
**O how I love**  
**A drop to drink**

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Fifth Meeting of the 2018/19 Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 28th January 2019. It was chaired by Chris Smith, present were Ashleigh Kewney, Martin Lewis, Louise Molesworth, Adrian Rodgers and the Clerk. There were apologies for absence from Liam Higgins, Lucy Sharpley, Penny Lewin-Watts and Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor.

## **Public Participation**

Further to the two points raised at the last meeting, the Chairman confirmed that Mr A Sharpley had been sent an e-mail regarding his query about parking in Meadow Lane adjacent to the entrance of his field and a request was made to Peter Sharpley to pass on the information to Andrew. It had been established that the Parish Council was not responsible for the poppy wreathes and this was normally done via the Church, as had been the case last November in Wansford.

## **Precept 2019-2020**

The financial information which had already been circulated was discussed and it was agreed to set the Precept for 2019-20 at £6,557 which is a 3% increase on the previous year and includes the increase in rent for the Christie Hall. It was noted that the Precept has not been increased for at least five years. It was agreed to create a more detailed and cumulative financial spreadsheet for future meetings so that Parish Councillors have a clearer view of the on-going financial situation.

## **Repair of the stone wall at the top of Russell Hill**

The work on the repair of the stone wall at the top of Russell Hill has now been completed. The Parish Councillors felt that this is a visual improvement when entering/exiting the village and thanks go to David White of DWG Stonemason for a great job, and of course to Mick George who donated the stone.

## **Telephone Box (Library)**

Louise Molesworth will speak to her decorator again about a formal quote for the work and confirmation on whether or not he will take on the work, which can be any time during the year to suit his workload.

## **A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling**

Thanks were expressed to Martin Lewis for liaising with Highways England (HE), Crosskeys and Lindsay Searle regarding the issue of the new planned slip road severely affecting access for the residents of the four houses on the A1 southbound carriageway onto the A1. A meeting took place on 26/11/18 and HE has agreed to come back with a possible much safer solution, possibly providing access to the rear of the properties.

## **Provision of a Defibrillator in the Village**

Louise Molesworth had been in contact with Wansford Parish Council who had purchased a Community Heartbeat Defibrillator at a cost of £3,000 plus £150 annual maintenance. She will invite Community Heartbeat to speak at a future Parish Council Meeting, hopefully 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. An article will be put into Living Village giving more detailed information to residents since the Parish Council will not be able to fund the cost of the Defibrillator, and fund raising or sponsorship will be required if the village residents show an appetite to have a Defibrillator available in the village.

## **Hanging Baskets**

Martin Lewis had found out the costs of using a Wisbech wholesaler - c £20 for a 16" basket. This does not include delivery/hanging the baskets. Several Parish Councillors volunteered to fetch the baskets and help install them. He will find out when the baskets will be available and will order 10 baskets for the Spring.

## **Speeding Motorists in the Village**

Thanks were expressed to Nicki Rogers for designing and printing the flyers discouraging speeding in the village at a discounted cost of £40. These have

been distributed to all residents and there are some spares left for future use. Diane Lamb had obtained some 30-mph stickers for the rubbish bins but these are unsuitable as there are only 20-mph and 40-mph limits in the village. The Clerk will return these to Diane Lamb.

### **A1 Access and Exit Signage and Layby**

There were no further updates available despite chasing e-mails. The last communication confirmed that application would need to be made for permanent closure but there was no news on a temporary closure whilst the application is considered. The Chairman will follow this up with the Highways Agency.

### **Christmas Events**

Thanks were expressed to Mick and Anne Castellano for hosting the Christmas Party, Nicki Rogers for providing the Christmas Tree and the Parish Council for funding the refreshments for the Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on. £65 had been collected for the Children's Society.

**Planning Application 18/01358 – Conversion of farm barns to provide two holiday lets and erection of cart shed at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh** The Planning Re-Consultation has now been approved

### **Light Pollution from the Shell Garage**

The adjustments to two flood lights at the Shell Garage has decreased the light pollution across the fields to the village. A request for better hedge screening has been made to the owners of the fuel station (The Motor Fuel Group). We are awaiting a response.

**Policy on GDPR** The GDPR Policy is now on the Parish Council Website.

### **Draft Policy on Declaring Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairman had circulated this prior to the meeting. This was discussed and approved at the meeting and It will be put onto the Parish Council Website.

### **Draft Policy on Business Procedures**

The Chairman had circulated this prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors would e-mail any amendments to the Draft Policy and subsequently put on the Parish Council Website.

### **Draft Policy on Council Composition**

The Chairman had circulated a discussion document prior to the meeting. Following discussion, a way forward was agreed and the Chairman agreed to e-mail the three co-opted volunteers with a summary of the discussion and agreed way forward.

### **Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal**

As not all of the Parish Councillors had had time read this 40-page document, it was agreed to delay making any comments, the deadline for which is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It was agreed that Councillors will e-mail their thoughts and a consensus view would then be sent to PCC. The Clerk will re-send the link to Ashleigh Kewney, Martin Lewis and Louise Molesworth.

### **Possibility of Getting Mains Gas in the Village**

It was noted that we are not aware of any plans at present to bring gas into the village and that in any event this would not normally be part of the Parish Council remit. Residents are able to register a personal interest online which is reviewed regularly by suppliers to look at the financial viability of providing a service.

### **Faster Broadband to the Village**

**As with the comment re mains gas above, it was noted we are not aware of any plans at present but residents are able to register personal interest online.**

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in St Andrew's Church.**

*Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk*



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors but one were available for February's Parish Council Meeting, which was attended also by several Residents, Representatives from Sutton and our City Councillor, Diane Lamb.

**Planning.** Three Planning Applications were considered. Two for building extensions and as no objections were raised by neighbours the Parish Council had no objections. One though, was for the removal of a Cotoneaster adjacent to the Village Green and this was perceived as a valuable Village Asset. The Council recommended that the advice of the Tree Officer should be adhered to, but should PCC be minded to approve its removal a suitable replacement should be planted.

**Requests for Funding.** A request for funding from Peterborough Cycle West was considered with the WPC being unwilling to fund Consultancy fees. WPC recommended that Cycle West approach Highways England for support as funding should be available as part of the A47 non-motorised traffic scheme. Wansford Cricket Club too sought financial support and WPC is to seek guidance from PCC legal department regarding any possible financial payment. The issue being that WCC has no formal tenure of its site and therefore WPC is reluctant to allocate public monies.

Nene Close Residents sought support for the reinstallation of the now magnificently refurbished Nene Green Water Pump. WPC will seek the services of its regular builder for a proposal and costings.

**A47** Now, **IMPORTANT**, please advise the Parish Clerk, [clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk) should you wish to attend the next WPC meeting on the 11 Mar 19 where the new Highways England A47 Project Manager will be in attendance. The whole HE A47 team has been replaced and this will be our first meeting with the new PM. If numbers are sufficient we may chose a different venue as the Community Hall capacity is somewhat limited.

**KSR Site** The HGV traffic associated with the King's Cliffe Industrial Site has long been a cause for concern within the Village and, at last, WPC has made some progress with Northants Council. WPC will now seek Northants Council's support to have the HGV traffic from the site mandated to leave the site to the left and so use the improved junction at the rear of RAF Wittering rather than transit through Wansford.

**Defibrillator** The Defibrillator is now up and running and there will be an opportunity for residents to be trained in its use. Please advise the Parish Clerk, [clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk), should you wish to be considered.

**Delaine/Call Connect.** There was some discussion regarding other Parish Councils providing funding for a continuation of the Delaine 205 Service for a period of 6 months. However, the Call Connect Service appears to be an eminently useable alternative, and delivers door to door. Having used this Service myself I am able to recommend it to you. Please let the Parish Clerk, [clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wansford-pc.gov.uk), know of your own experiences.

**Oundle Marathon.** WPC has been advised that the Oundle Marathon is scheduled to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> Mar and will enter the Village from the Yarwell Road, into Old Leicester Road and exit along the King's Cliffe Road. WPC has been in contact with the Organiser who has promised that signs and Marshalls will be in place for the duration of the race.

**And finally**, the Seed's Field Developer has approached the WPC with an offer of funding and professional support to conduct a survey of the Residents' wishes with regard to the type of development that would be acceptable. This offer has been unanimously rejected by the WPC as wholly inappropriate and professionally unacceptable.

For the rest of the news bulletin please refer to the formal Minutes for your bedtime reading. As always I sign off with Dave Allen's salutation; God Bless and may your God go with you.

**Dave Johnson, Wansford Parish Councillor**

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## Nassington Health Walks – The First Year

It was a chilly morning on 9th March 2018 when 13 intrepid walkers met outside the Black Horse for Nassington's very first walk as part of the Walking for Health scheme. Since then, the group has gone from strength to strength with 70 people now signed up, and often 25 or more participating each week.

Walk leader Robert Phipps commented "I am delighted that so many people have joined our group and regularly enjoy the benefits of fresh air and exercise for an hour on a Friday morning. Walking is a very sociable way to stay active, and newcomers to the area have found them a great way to make new friends. Best of all, our walks are completely free!"

The success of the scheme has resulted in additional volunteers being recruited to ensure the walks run smoothly, and it is planned to introduce new routes in the Spring.

The walks take place every Friday, starting at the Black Horse at 11am, and ending at the Queens Head for a hot drink. They are open to anyone whatever their ability, and participants are encouraged to go at a speed that suits them.

For more information, Robert can be contacted on 01780 782558, or visit the Walking for Health website.



# Wansford in England Cricket Club



Good News !

We are now the proud owners of a Ransome grass cutter which will make its debut shortly ! It came from Hatfield House so it has a great pedigree. Many thanks to Terry Hull for helping us transport it.

Work rebuilding the veranda has commenced - we did find much infestation so had to replace more timbers than we anticipated. This work has only been possible with kind donations from Bob Reeve, Brian from Easton Lodge Storage and Paul Styles. The next job is to paint the veranda - volunteers most welcome !

Fund raising activities continue with the Race Night on the 23rd March, 7.00 Christie Hall which features 8 races sponsored by Colette of Cross Keys, Chrissie Mitchell, Lester Milbank Photography, Wansford Post Office, Giggles Galore Nursery - Folks can purchase their very own horse before the event as well as bet on the night.

Purchase your horse by contacting Phil on 07925 720195 or Matt on 07947136134. Entry tickets are £5 which includes a curry and a drink.

Secretary, Lester Milbank says " We have a great fixture list of Sunday friendlies starting early in the season on the 7th April going right through until the 29th September. It great to be welcoming some new teams as well this year. We are warming up playing indoor cricket every Thursday night before everything kicks off . "

Many thanks to all the people who have contacted the Club offering to help. We are always looking for players, umpires, cake bakers, carpenters, painters, fund raisers and groundsmen.

**Lester Milbank, Club Sec**

## **Race Night** **Saturday 23rd March—The Christie Hall—7pm**



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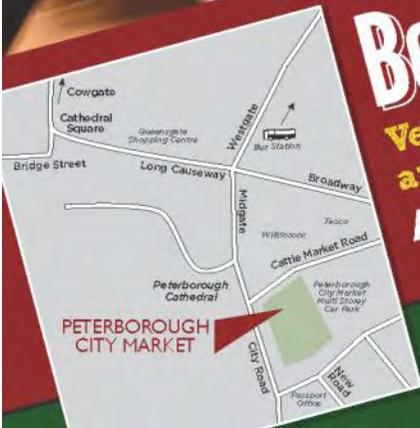
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The past thirty years have seen companies changing their business models and structures with greater frequency in order to compete successfully in their respective markets. Whilst such change can open up new opportunities for employees there are also the inevitable casualties of companies ending jobs through redundancy.

It is difficult to find anyone nowadays who hasn't been at risk of redundancy in the private sector. Its personal impact can range from being a devastating blow to self-esteem through to "laughing all the way to the bank". As someone who has experienced redundancy both as a casualty as well as in an HR capacity, I've seen people thrive as well as crumble because of it. Technically, it is the person's job that is made redundant and not the person but, as a consequence, the job holder's employment ends unless a suitable alternative role can be found within the company. There is a common misuse of the wording when you hear someone say "he was made redundant". No, he wasn't – it was his job that was made redundant – and understanding this can help people to regain their confidence and realise that as a person they are not redundant and that their skills and knowledge still have potential to be used in a job elsewhere.

Of course, proposed redundancies must be justified by a robust business reason and can be challenged by the person whose job is at risk of redundancy during the consultation process. I have known such challenges to overturn a proposal for redundancy. It may be that a "stand alone" role is ended because of efficiencies made by a company, or a team of people doing the same role is reduced because of less business. Being part of a diminishing team through redundancy can be particularly hard as the criteria for selection can be due to weaker performance, length of service or unplanned absence. Weaker performance doesn't necessarily mean poor performance but just weaker than others you are competing against in your team. Too often I have known roles being removed and six months later there has been a need to reinstate them because the business reasons haven't been thought through properly. Some people are brave enough to return to their old job and some have moved on and established themselves in new employment.

The best way to survive your job disappearing is to achieve a "win-win" situation by benefiting financially through the redundancy payment (tax-free up to £30k) and securing immediate employment with a new employer. Of course, this is not always possible and depends upon the nature of the job you've been doing but when considering options it helps to be creative and to consider self-employment or starting your own business. I have known several casualties of redundancy who have turned their hobbies and previously hidden skills and knowledge into successful business ventures and have never had cause to look back. Those people who see redundancy as an opportunity and remain positive are most likely to succeed in going forward.

The era of remaining with the same employer for a lifetime has long gone and created the need to consider multiple careers. I personally believe that exposure to different types of work enriches us as individuals and gives us different perspectives of life within the working world. Redundancy should no longer be whispered in hushed tones and it will likely appear with greater frequency in the future as businesses learn to dance a quickstep to survive – a slow waltz is no longer possible in today's economic climate – and we will all do well to perceive it as an opportunity to move on to new and exciting things.

**M Lewis**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[editor@livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk](mailto:editor@livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk)

Dear Editor,

Following D.S-M's article concerned with the Wansford crest I have a small china goss type jug bearing a similar crest. The ornament was produced by W & R, Stoke on Trent.

The crest differs in that the right hand quadrant illustrates a white heraldic rose on a red background with a scrolled panel above the bridge in blue and a motif over.

Wansford is titled beneath the panel on a ribbon background.

Regards,

David Brown



Dear Tracy,

I'm afraid I have to take issue with one of your correspondents in February's magazine, Owen Brown. I don't think we could have been at the same Parish meeting

I also attended the Wansford Parish Council meeting in December, albeit as a Thornhaugh parishioner interested in any future Wansford village developments. And I thought the comments made by Cllr Garner for the magazine were totally correct, and reflected exactly what had gone on in that meeting. So I think the balance has to be made for the benefit of those who didn't attend the meeting.

Hally Hardie  
Thornhaugh

*Editors Note; - this will be the last item published relating to the December WPC meeting*

The Diocese of East Anglia are bidding for two new Voluntary Aided (VA) Catholic Schools in the Peterborough area—Hampton East and Great Haddon. To have a chance of being approved they need to be able to show that people want a Catholic Primary School in these areas.

The key characteristics of a VA school are that they are multi-cultural communities that respect all faiths and none, all cultures and languages. They offer a broad and balanced curriculum where Religious Education and the Gospel values are at the heart of all they do. There are plans to offer nursery provision to children from the age of two.

If you would like to support these bids register at [www.rcdea.org.uk/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/) vaschools

Dear Tracy,

We battled high winds on 9/2 to clear the footpath to Wansford from Meadow Lane and the A1 entrance to Thornhaugh. However, we predominantly cleaned along both sides of the A47, between the 2 villages. The amount of rubbish was astounding and you will see by the pictures we collected it was a ridiculous amount. We simply can't cope alone to do it all, so if anyone would like to set up a Wansford group we could liaise to try and keep more areas clean. I am happy to help get equipment etc.

This time we were 9 in total, including 3 year old Molly who is an eco-warrior in the making.

It's both depressing and rewarding doing the litter pick but a chance to catch up with neighbours and overall very satisfying.

Please do enjoy the clear stretches along the areas we cleaned for the short time they remain so.

Next date 8/6.

Nikki Higgins



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Further information will be released over the coming months.

The open air one day event starts at 12 noon and is held on the village green with continuous music through to 7.30pm.

This year there will be delicious 'street' food, together with locally made hamburgers and a beer tent serving real ales supplied by Castor Ales together with a gin bar.

Be sure to note the date in your diaries and let all your friends know of the event. Why not make up a party? Tickets will be on sale from June by visit-

ing: [www.waternewtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.waternewtonvillage.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES – MARCH 2019

Fri 1	<b>WI 3C's Chat, Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community Centre	Rhona Punter	<b>597514</b>	17
Fri 1	Mayors Charity Greyhound Racing		Greyhound Stadium, Fengate	Maureen Woodd	<b>789908</b>	
Sat 2	Screen Print Workshop	1.30— 4.30pm	Stibbington Centre		<b>782386</b>	13
Sat 2	Mayors Charity Zumbathon	2.30— 4.00pm	20 High Street, Eye	Maureen Woodd	<b>789908</b>	
Wed 6	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	<b>782408</b>	11
Mon 11	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall ****TBC****	Wendy Gray	01778	24
Tues 12	WI Meeting—The Work of a Private Investigator	7.30pm	Community Hall	Rhona Punter	<b>597514</b>	17
Wed 13	Lent Lunch	12.15pm	Christie Hall	Caroline Ashley	<b>782408</b>	11
Thurs 14	Art Society Peterborough Lecture—The Sacred Art of China	10.15am	The Fleet, Old Fletton, PE2 8DL		<b>01733 233022</b>	
Thurs 14	Horticultural Society Talk Geoff Hodge, Colour All Round	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	<b>782446</b>	19
Fri 15	<b>WI 3C's Chat, Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community Centre	Rhona Punter	<b>597514</b>	17
Mon 18	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrews	Deirdre McCuminsky	<b>782668</b>	22
Wed 20	Lent Lunch	12.15pm	Christie Hall	Caroline Ashley	<b>782408</b>	11
Thurs 21	Sutton Parish Council	7.30pm	St Michaels and All Angels	Deirdre McCuminsky	<b>782668</b>	
Sat 23	Mens Breakfast	8.30— 10.00am	Queens Head, Nassington	Ian Scott		5
Sat 23	Cricket Club Race Night	7.00pm	Christie Hall	Phil Roberts	<b>07925 720195</b>	29
Sun 24	Stibbington Church Clear Up	10.00am —noon	St John the Baptist	Suzy Story		9
Wed 27	Lent Lunch	12.15pm	Christie Hall	Caroline Ashley	<b>782408</b>	11
Thurs 28	WI Book Club	7.30pm	Haycock Hotel	Rhona Punter	<b>597514</b>	17

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