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# EDITORIAL

I hope that you will enjoy this month's Living Villages and perhaps even notice some of the small changes I have made.

Whilst I was putting this month's edition together I heard on the news that a very famous locomotive was staying nearby. It was a very damp and misty morning down at NVR and whilst it was sad to know that she wasn't in perfect health, it was lovely to see engine no. 60103.



And now onto Editorial Team news. Sadly Sue Kudlinski has decided that after moving away from our villages a few months ago she feels that she is no longer able to continue as our Treasurer. Sue has done a tremendous job for us and has set up an easy to use system, which she is sure a new volunteer will be able to use and develop. Please contact me if you are interested in joining our small team.

*Tracy Sortwell*

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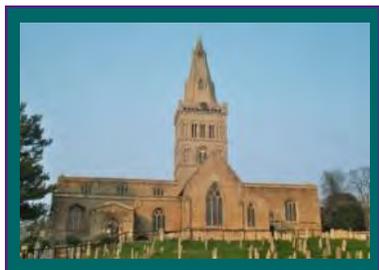
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# WORSHIP NOVEMBER 2017



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Service</b>
5 Nov	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Morning Praise
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	St Kyneburgh, Castor	All Souls Service
12 Nov	9.00am	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Family Service
	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Meet for Coffee followed by Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
19 Nov	9.30am	St Andrews, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion
26 Nov	9.00am	St Michael & All Angels, Sutton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Marys, Wansford	Morning Praise with Baptism
	10.15am	St Kyneburgh, Castor	Holy Communion



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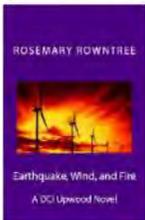
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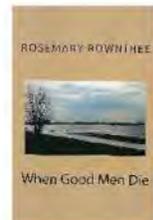
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Remember, remember, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.... This little ditty might remind us of Bonfire Night, but it seems to me that November is the month of remembering. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, the church celebrates All Saints' Day, when we recall those regarded as saints, offering examples of a good Christian life and God's purposes for us. The day can also be regarded as a reminder that the light of God will always overcome the darkness as it follows the night of Hallowe'en (All Hallows Eve).

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day, when we are invited to give thanks for all those we have known and loved who have passed through death to God's eternal care. This may be a time when we acknowledge our grief, but also we can give thanks for the memories they have left behind, and the way those memories continue to shape our lives.

Of course, Remembrance Sunday is kept on the second Sunday of November – a day full of remembering, respect and commitment. In services across the country, those of our own nation and others who have died in the heat of war are commemorated, as we seek to commit ourselves to building a better future for our world in whatever way we can.

As we move through November, we draw closer to the end of another year, and that is most particularly true in the church as the church's year begins at Advent which this year falls just at the beginning of December. The end of a year makes many of us look back and reflect upon what has been good and what has been challenging, what we have done well and the mistakes we have made, what we intend to continue and what we want to change.

In this month of remembering, we can give thanks for all those, known and unknown, who have shaped our lives for good, we can recognise our own impact upon the lives of others and we can make our own resolutions in the light of the memory of those we recall. We can commend our past to God, and commit our future to his care.

**Watersmete Benefice All Souls' Service.** We will be holding a special service on **5<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 p.m. at Woodnewton Church** when all those whose funerals have been led by benefice ministers this year will be named before God in thanksgiving. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, whether they died recently or a long time ago, there will be lists in each of the churches so that you can add their names to those to be read out. Alternatively, please contact Rev. Jane with your names. The service will be quiet and simple, with hymns, readings and prayers, and an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and thanksgiving. All are welcome and do invite any friends who have been bereaved.

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**Come along and join us for a special 'Festival of Christmas Carols and Lights' in Water Newton Church at 7pm on Friday 15th December.**

Bring along your own candle lit lantern to add to the plethora of lights. We will be serving mulled wine and seasonal foods whilst we join in the singing of carols to celebrate the season. Everybody welcome. Put the date in your diary for now and further details will follow in the December edition of Living Villages.

**Tony Capon**

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



We would like to thank all who supported our **HARVEST LUNCH**. It was a lovely occasion. We managed to fill the Christie Hall with happy people and raised the wonderful sum of £ 671.50 ! This money will help to provide a Christmas meal, which the Salvation Army will again be serving to families in our area. Captain Rachel and Anne Marie from the Salvation Army came to give us a very informative talk, and Anne Marie presented a beautiful performance of the tambourine on a Harvest theme.

A very special "Thank You" must go to all the kind men, who looked after "The Bar" and helped with the tables and chairs and transport of food etc. and to Satish from the Village Shop, who provided several Raffle prizes.



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We will make everyone very welcome. Just come along !

**Date of the Meetings in November:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> , The **AGM**, at 10.30 after Morning Prayer at St. Mary's at 10 a.m.

# FRIENDS OF STIBBINGTON CHURCH

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington - Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper  
*'All was safely gathered in and ye thankful people came'*

On Sunday evening, the 8th October, surrounded by beautiful floral and vegetable arrangements, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving service, this was led by the Reverend Dr. Rebecca Winfrey. We were delighted to be aided in our worship by Eddie McDonnell providing the music and choir members from St. Mary's, Wansford leading the singing, it's always a bonus to be joined by our friends from over the bridge.

After our service of celebration, a hearty supper comprising sausages, mash, onion gravy and vegetables was served up by the Friends of Stibbington Church (FOSC), followed by dessert and as always plenty of liquid refreshment.

A most splendid evening was enjoyed by all - for which we were 'truly grateful' Our next convivial evening will be our Carol Service on Sunday evening the 10th December at 6pm when mulled wine and mince pies will be served, hope to see you there.

**Carol Lindsay**



## Stibbington Churchyard Clear Up

Sunday, 12th November

It is that time of year yet again, for the pre winter churchyard tidy up, As usual, it's 10 am until Noon, please come along with your wheelbarrows, rakes and secateurs. Children are always welcome and we shall be having our well earned break in the church porch. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you  
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## WUF Sound Bites

Wansford Ukulele Folk have continued to be busy in recent weeks and are now preparing for Christmas.

On August Bank Holiday Sunday they appeared at the highly successful Water Newton MusicFest when around 600 people enjoyed a variety of Bands in glorious Sunshine.



WUF then celebrated their First Birthday in some style by embarking on a Tour on a London Bus visiting and performing in Elton, Ashton, Nassington and at their home base at The Cross Keys in Wansford. This was followed by participating in the OXJAM Festival in Peterborough City Centre.



The next Concert in Wansford will be on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Christie Hall with a Seasonal Singalong including a selection of Popular Christmas Songs and various hits of yesteryear. There will be a Fully Licensed Bar. All the proceeds of the Concert will go to The Children's Society. Tickets will go on sale soon from Wansford Post Office, Alan 01780 783205 and Caroline 01780 782408.

Wansford  
Ukulele  
Folk 



# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

As discussed and agreed at our recent AGM a special meeting would be beneficial for patients and representatives from all the district and relevant parish councils to gain information regarding the proposed new healthcare project in Kings Cliffe. Initially it was hoped to arrange this for the end of November, but unfortunately this has not been possible – a longer period of time is required to establish contact with all relevant parties. However it is envisaged that the meeting will take place within the next month or so and details will be circulated and posted as soon as possible.

The quarterly general patients' meeting will now be held on Wednesday 29th November at 12.30pm at Wansford surgery – see notice below – please note that in line with previous years, winter meetings are held at lunch time to avoid the necessity for patients to travel during darkness hours.

*Wendy Spencer*

## **COMMUNICARE**

**(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)**

**A general meeting open to all patients will be held o**

**Wednesday 29th November 2017**

**at Wansford Surgery – 12.30 pm**

**Guest Speaker: Emily Howlett  
On-Site Pharmacist**

Emily will be giving an update on pharmacy matters in particular current work on the support of isolated elderly patients and the recent accreditation as an official Healthy Living Pharmacy with all staff trained as Dementia Friends.

Other items on the agenda include surgery news and finance

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# HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Thursday 19 October our two very talented flower arranging members, Gill Shanks and Stella Joyce, gave us a demonstration entitled "Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness". For two hours they worked side by side, each creating five arrangements and each using exactly the same plant material but with very different, individual results. Both are very accomplished and acclaimed in flower arranging circles, having worked all over the world and



in prestigious locations in the U.K. such as Westminster Abbey and Ely Cathedral. As they worked with such amazing speed and skill, their teamwork and warm, anecdotal banter interspersed with helpful tips thoroughly engrossed the audience of 33 ladies – and three men. (Shame on our male members for not turning up in droves!) The ten arrangements were auctioned at the end of the talk and ten lucky people, myself included, are now enjoying their lovely displays in our homes.

Our **Christmas highlights coach trip** is two thirds full. The coach holds 49 passengers, so don't miss out if interested. The details again: on **Saturday 25th November** we are visiting **Blenheim Palace**, leaving Wansford at 11 a.m. to arrive at 1 p.m. for lunch, a look around the formal gardens in daylight and a visit to the house which will be decorated for Christmas. There will be an art exhibition, a Victorian carousel and stalls selling mulled wine. We embark on the after-dark Festive Trail of Lights at 5 p.m. which takes about an hour, after which we will return to Wansford in our coach. The inclusive cost, coach and entry/trail will be £40. To join us, please contact me.

Finally our **A.G.M. and Christmas party** will take place at **7 p.m. on Saturday 9 December** in the **Christie Hall**, members £9, non members £11. We promise to keep the former brief and to endeavour to make the latter as enjoyable as ever! We will be serving the usual generous 3 course supper with wine and have already started a list of members keen to attend, so please get in touch if you would like to join us.

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# Stibbington Centre News

SAVE THE DATE: Quiz Night

Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

## Stibbington Community Classes



There are still some places available on the 2 day **Willow Reindeer** workshop on 7th and 8th December. As you can see, these are charming and compact willow sculptures while still being realistic. **You need one of these!**

Our **Stained Glass** workshop at the start of October, required a high level of concentration with a number of skills being taught during the day. The candle boxes created were quite beautiful. A satisfying day!



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Most of our readers will be familiar with the location and significance of Kings Cliffe airfield which was situated on the north western borders of Wansford and Thornhaugh parishes. Some of the remaining buildings can still be seen at Leedsgate Farm opposite the Industrial site on the Kings Cliffe road and are now being used for manufacture of garden sheds and fencing. These distinctly wartime structures were once the combined gymnasium, cinema and chapel. Several other now derelict buildings survive within what is now Bedford Purlieu Nature Reserve and formed part of the off base community including a mess and a pub. On the opposite side of the road the former KSR site was the officers mess. Further along the Kings Cliffe Road on a hill top before the village is a memorial to the Servicemen which was unveiled by the Duke of Gloucester in on 25 August 1983, exactly 40 years after the 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group occupied the facility. To the south of the memorial was the actual site of the airfield which stretched across the fields almost as far as the road between Nassington and Apethorpe. If you look at Google Earth it is easy to see the location of runways and perimeter tracks even though much of it is under cultivation these days.

So much for the present and the tranquil woods and fields we see today, but what about the wartime years when servicemen thousands of miles from home lived, worked and died to help bring peace to a war torn Europe. Kings Cliffe airfield was a busy community and home to

thousands of American personnel between 1943 and 1945. In the beginning it was laid out as a grass field in 1941 by the RAF and intended as a back up to RAF Wittering. In early 1943 it was transferred to American command and a building frenzy followed with construction of concrete runways, perimeter tracks, barracks and hangars. It then became home in August to the 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group comprising the 55<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> squadrons together with supporting service groups. At this point I should mention my gratitude to Toni Palenski who is an historian for the base and who lent me the comprehensive history of the 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter group compiled in 1946/47 when memories and photographs were fresh in the minds of those who were there. It is a truly astonishing tome running to nearly 300 large format pages and it records personnel, missions, flight records, and photographs of pilots and their personal fates. We even have records of sporting prowess for the basketball team against other bases and golfing success on local courses.



*Kings Cliffe Airfield in April 1942*



*The Haycock Belle*

Given the local infrastructure in the 1940's this largely agricultural area would have been overwhelmed by the influx of personnel and the 24 hour activity necessary to keep the P38 Lightnings and P51 Mustangs in the air supporting US bombing raids. Not all socialising was conducted on base of course even though the cinema had access to the latest Hollywood releases, the local pubs and hotels were kept very busy serving thirsty airmen looking for some off duty fun. They even named one of their aircraft The Haycock Belle. It is known that movie legend Clarke Gable serving as an air gunner in B17 bombers at Polebrook airfield was a customer at the hotel along with other stars who toured UK bases to entertain the airmen.

Regular entertainment was provided on base and it is here that the world famous bandleader Glenn Miller played his last outdoor/ hanger full band concert for combat troops and the spot is marked by a memorial which can be accessed by the bridleway from the Apethorpe Rd. The date was 3 October 1944 and the weather was getting too cold for

further such events that winter. Miller returned to his UK base near Bedford and gave several smaller indoor concerts before his fateful journey to Paris on 15 December 1944. He was flying to meet up with his band to perform for the Allied Forces who by then had retaken the French capital. His transport was a US Airforce single engine Norseman flown from US base Alconbury to Twinwood near Bedford to collect him before the onward channel crossing. He was never seen again and after much recent research it has been concluded that the plane crashed in the channel due to carburettor icing, a well known fault in the Norseman during poor weather. Thus there is no substance to the myth that his last ever concert was at Kings Cliffe or that he departed from there on his last journey.



*The Glenn Miller Memorial*

The airfield was handed back to the RAF in 1945 and was used for storage until it was sold off as farmland in 1959. As a schoolboy making my way home to Essex, I stayed one night at the Kings Cliffe Youth Hostel, long since closed. Little did I know there was a massive airfield round the corner and a functioning steam railway station.

# Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

## Local appeal

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People has announced that it will be launching a brand-new puppy socialising scheme this month in Peterborough and is appealing for more volunteers to step forward and help the life-transforming charity. The charity desperately needs more dog lovers to apply to become puppy socialisers and is now seeking volunteers in the area, to care for adorable hearing dog puppies for one year. Volunteers receive full support and guidance from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and will learn to teach the puppy basic obedience skills.



Puppy Hebe in an oversized Hearing Dog jacket

Victoria Leedham, Volunteering Manager at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, said: "We are delighted to be launching our puppy socialising scheme in Peterborough. "The new project will enable the charity to train more puppies to change the lives of deaf people, and we are now appealing for dog lovers in the area to apply to be a puppy socialising volunteer. "Volunteering is an extremely rewarding experience,

and puppy socialising is a great opportunity to learn or improve your dog-training skills - and meet lots of new friends along the way!"

Deborah Maloney, Hearing Dogs volunteer for over 10 years, said: "My reasons for becoming a Volunteer originally stems from my wish to find out more about short term dog ownership. However, as soon as I started to meet recipients of Hearing Dogs, I realised the impact that having one of these highly-trained dogs has on their lives. Deafness is invisible and a Hearing Dog really helps a deaf person become visible and hopefully shown more understanding. I give the puppy the best possible start before they head off to "big school" (the Hearing Dogs Training Centre) and begin their journey. I would thoroughly recommend becoming a Volunteer as it enables an individual to continue to learn new skills and be part of a kind charity whose purpose is to provide the gift of a Hearing Dog and transform a deaf person's life."

Puppies will be placed with their volunteer socialiser at around eight weeks of age and will work with them at home for around 14 months, before they return to the Charity for further training. Volunteers should be over 18, have enough time to care for and socialise a puppy on a daily basis, own a car and have access to a secure garden. Puppy socialising volunteers receive full support from Hearing Dogs, as well as regular home visits and puppy training classes.

Hearing loss affects 1 in 6 people in the UK, with more than 900,000 severely or profoundly deaf. Since its launch at Crufts in 1982, Hearing Dogs has become a world-leader in breeding and training hearing dogs, but the charity relies heavily on amazing volunteers who help socialise puppies, teaching them basic obedience skills in the early stages of their development.

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## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Community Hall with six councillors present. The Clerk and our Ward Councillor Diane Lamb were also in attendance.

A full report of the meeting's minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

The Picnic site off the A47 still has major issues and the Chairman will again discuss this with Highways England (HE). Their response to Jason Ablewhite, the Police and Crime Commissioner was unsatisfactory, and failed to address the issues, and we are still waiting to hear back from our MP's Office. Some work has been done to tidy the area, but much more is needed.

The upgrading of the A47 is likely to be on the agenda for some time, with HE preferred route being challenge as not agreeable to local residents. Whilst the significance of the Scheduled Monument site at Sacrewell is recognised, the extent of the site surely needs investigating to allow further thought for a more northern route to be discussed. Taking the new road closer to the River Nene is in itself destroying an area of valuable environmental importance. Local opinion is very important, however you feel about this, please have your say and make Highways England aware.

You may have noticed the phone has gone from the telephone box on Old North Road, and there is to be a defibrillator installed. We are planning this will be under the continuing supervision of Community Heartbeat.

At last we have some news on the 20mph speed limit for the centre of the village! The legal process is soon to start, with advertising and letters to residents. The crossroads, pedestrian crossing and bus stop are becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians, especially children and the elderly, so please let Peterborough City Council Highways know how you feel about it, or come along to a Parish Council Meeting and express your view. Yes, it would be helpful to have both belisha beacons flashing, but we have seen the white line road markings refreshed recently!

Further improvements are planned for the Community Hall, and an application will be made to the Augean Landfill Tax Fund to part fund the project.

It is good to see the lights and handrail working well, and again many thanks to the Wansford and Stibbington WI for their very generous support as part of their Centenary Year.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 13th November 2017, at 7.30 pm, and everyone is most welcome.

**John Stannage**  
**Chairman, Wansford Parish Council**

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Third Meeting of the 2017/2018 Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017. It was chaired by Chris Smith, present were Liam Higgins, Ashleigh Kewney and Louise Molesworth and in attendance were three Members of the Public and the Clerk.

The Chairman read out the following statement regarding the late Brian Watts:

"We would like to record formally for the Minutes the sadness we all feel at the loss of Brian. His shoes will be very large ones to fill by any incoming Chairman. His unflinching humour, energy and commitment have left a lasting legacy for the village, for which we are truly grateful. Our heartfelt condolences go to Penny and the family, with a firm promise that his contribution will never be forgotten".

There were no apologies for absence.

## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Public Forum**

A Member of the Public raised the following issues:-

There have been reports that RAF Wittering will provide a Christmas Lunch for local Senior Citizens this year. The Clerk has not received any correspondence from RAF Wittering about this but will circulate any correspondence that she does receive. The Parish Councillors are aware of whom would wish to attend.

A47 Sutton to Wansford Dualling – he had attended a Joint Sutton and Wansford Parish Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to discuss the proposed plan which is to site the road south of the A47 rather than north of the A47 which is preferred by most residents. He confirmed that residents can still submit their comments for consideration by Highways England.

## **Police Matters**

There were no police representatives present.

## **Home Farm Matters including Dog Foul Bin**

As no suitable location has been found to site the Dog Foul Bin at Home Farm, it was agreed to look at whether there was a suitable location in the village. The Clerk will find out whether Amey would be willing to refund the price paid for it as it has not yet been delivered.

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

The Parish Councillors were extremely disappointed to discover that the Community Leadership Grant cannot be used to fund the repair of the stone wall on Russell Hill when Diane Lamb was aware of the siting of the stone wall and its ownership when she suggested that a grant application was made. They were also disappointed that she has made no direct contact with the Parish Council regarding this issue. The Clerk will contact Diane Lamb to confirm the status of the grant. Once the status of the grant has been established, if it has been withdrawn, the Clerk will contact the contractor to apologise but explain that unfortunately the funding has now been withdrawn and the Parish Council is not in a position to proceed with the work. Louise Molesworth will inform Stuart Foreman who instigated the repair.

## **Lights adjacent to Apple Grove**

Informal approaches have been made to the householder to no avail. It was agreed that the Parish Council had done what it could to resolve this issue informally. Those residents who have complained about the lights will be advised to make a formal complaint direct to Peterborough City Council.

### **Gate via the path by the Chicken Farm**

The Chairman summarised the correspondence regarding this issue and a discussion took place as to the way ahead. It was agreed that Liam Higgins will draft a letter to Mr N Bailey, MD of Joice & Hill stating that unfortunately a compromise has not been reached and the Parish Council does not plan any further action on the issue but will leave it to the residents of Home Farm to apply for a Right of Way to be recorded on the Definitive Map.

### **Peterborough Local Plan Update**

The Chairman reported that the two proposed housing development sites (Wansford/Thornhaugh and Wittering/Thornhaugh) included in the Draft Local Plan do not appear on the latest version of the Local Plan. Bunny Guinness has informed the Parish Council that these sites have been removed in the version drafted for consultation. The Clerk will contact Gemma Wildman, Principal Planner, PCC to confirm this. The Local Plan can be accessed via <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies/new-local-plan/>.

### **The late Brian Watts**

The Parish Councillors agreed to purchase the plaque to be attached to the bench that will be purchased in memory of Brian Watts by his family.

### **Chairman Vacancy**

**Liam Higgins proposed that Chris Smith fill the Chairman Vacancy; this was seconded by Louise Molesworth and agreed by all present. Liam Higgins proposed that Louise Molesworth fill the Vice Chairman Vacancy; this was seconded by Chris Smith and agreed by all present.**

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

**The Clerk will inform Peterborough City Council of the Parish Councillor Vacancy and this will be advertised to give the residents the opportunity of calling an election. If an election is not called, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a Parish Councillor.**

### **Christmas Party 2017**

**Mick and Anne Castellano have kindly agreed to host the Christmas Party 2017. It was agreed that this will take place after the carol singing around the Christmas Tree. It was agreed that the most suitable dates would be 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Chris Smith will discuss the date with Mick and Anne Castellano.**

### **Litter Picking Group**

**Nikki Higgins has suggested that a Litter Picking Group is organised and will litter pick once a month. The Parish Councillors expressed their support for this community event. Chris Smith will talk to Nikki about getting this activity started.**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Fourth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in St Andrew's Church.

*Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk*

## **SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The next Parish Council meeting for Sibson-cum-Stibbington will take place at the Stiibington Centre on Wednesday 1st November 2017 commencing at 7 p.m.

## STIBBINGTON AND WANSFORD WI

It has been a busy month for the ladies of the WI, which kicked off with the Macmillan Coffee Morning that was held at St Mary's Church, Wansford. Our grateful thanks to the Church for allowing us to use the space, and to the Church members who were so helpful in setting up and on the day. With everyone's efforts we raised £380 – a fantastic effort which we will hope to do again next September.

We also visited the amazing new space that is the hospice at Thorpe Hall. Everyone was impressed at the combination of first class clinical care in a space that felt very welcoming and more like a first class hotel than a medical facility. The staff were very warm and welcoming, and we were very conscious that our small donation was a drop in the ocean of the £1.6million that they have to raise in order to survive.

The Stibbington and Wansford WI is also a part of a regional group of 5 WI's that have regular annual meetings. The group was hosted by Orton Waterville this time and we were treated to a floral art demonstration by Barbara Collins who used autumnal colours and accessories to paint lovely autumn pictures in flowers.

November will see the continuation of our busy year with our AGM on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The focus for this year was to introduce new people to the WI. We have been working at that by holding our 3C's mornings, by holding open meetings in places such as the church, and by inviting guests to join us at our book club, walking group and supper club as well. Most of all we want to dispel the myth that we are jam and Jerusalem – and we are pleased to say that we have seen several new faces at our various events. We hope to continue that process next year and see our membership grow.

In November we also have our 3C's craft, coffee and chat meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 10.a.m. til 12 noon. Please join us for craft or coffee or chat if you would like to!

The book club will meet on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. at the Haycock Hotel. The book for consideration this month will be Lies by TM Logan.

Please contact me if you would like to join us for any of our events, and more details and news can now be found on our blog [www.swwiblog.com](http://www.swwiblog.com)



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I tend not to replenish my bird feeders in the summer or early autumn as there is plenty of food available in our nearby hedgerows and woods. I also leave old flower heads on my shrubs and herbaceous plants well into the winter thereby allowing me to enjoy the goldfinches acrobatically searching for seeds.

Before I leave the feeders empty in early summer my regular visitors are the tits; great, blue, cole and long-tailed; chaffinch, goldfinch and house sparrows. Blackbirds, robins and hedge sparrows scratch for crumbs beneath the feeders while wood pigeons, collared doves, starlings and even jackdaws struggle to get in on the act. A great spotted woodpecker is also welcome. In a cold winter less common farmland birds join the queue. When the fields are iced up and the riverside is frozen I enjoy visits of reed bunting, tree sparrow, yellow hammer and lesser redpoll in addition to the above. Occasional Siskins and bullfinches are colourful visitors.

Another bird that can often be found on feeders is the nuthatch. I have seen plenty of them on feeders in woodlands and in friends' gardens around the country. The latest one was in suburban Edinburgh. But not in my garden! The nuthatch has a grey-blue back above an orange underside but its most striking feature is a strong black eyestripe on each side of its head. They are birds of trees and woodland and I have seen them in Sulehay Forest but have always assumed that there are not enough trees in the centre of the village to attract them. Their most obvious habit is climbing down trees seeking their food headfirst, often circling the branch or trunk behind the trunk from an observer, seemingly determined not to make a good sighting easy.



While the nuthatch climbs down tree trunks the tree creeper does the opposite. I have often seen this little mouse of a bird fly down from one tree to the base of another and then work its way up the trunk looking for insects in the bark as it climbs. The bird has a bark-brown back and silvery-white underparts. However it has a prominent downward pointing bill and a comparatively long stiff tail which appears to support the bird on its upward climb. These opposing characteristics will always separate these birds. But will I ever see one in my garden?



## **Brian Watts - Christie Hall**

It was with great sadness that the Management Committee of the Christie Hall learned of the death of our Chairman Brian.

Brian had been Chairman of our committee since 2009. His exuberance and determination to get things done played a crucial part in what has been achieved at the hall in that time. Nothing was too much trouble. He made the idea committee member and Chairman!

During Brian's term of office, many improvements have been made. He had substantial input in a large overhaul of the hall at the beginning of his chairmanship. He then helped with the funding and establishing of a new heating system and more recently it was his drive that finally, after much negotiation, facilitated a new roof for the hall.

Brian could be relied upon to help with niggling problems to make sure the hall was in the best possible condition for hirers. Currently the hall is looking very spick and span, with new paint inside and out and a much improved outhouse as well as the new roof.

Brian's contribution was much appreciated and during his time on the committee it had always been an aim to hang new more modern pictures on the newly decorated walls. In honour of his contribution we are intending to hang a picture of Abbot's Wood where Brian walked his dog most days to remember someone whose lively personality and enthusiasm will linger long in the memory. Meetings will never be the same again.

Lisa Chambers  
Vice-Chairman  
Christie Hall Management Committee

### Kings Cliffe Players now recruiting!

Kings Cliffe Players are looking forward to putting on a production of 'Lark Rise' in June 2018. You've seen it on TV, read the book, now is your chance to be involved in an exciting stage production. We are currently recruiting a production team i.e. producer, lighting designer, set designer, costume designer. There will also be a need for musicians of the folk variety. Please call Felicity on 01780 470275 if you are interested in helping in any way, on or off stage. Performances are expected to be Thursday - Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

To whet your appetite, the Kings Cliffe Players are performing 'Honk' – an award winning musical for all the family, based on the story of the Ugly Duckling, to be performed on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> (with matinee) and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale soon, online at <http://kingscliffeplayers.org> and at Kings Cliffe outlets.

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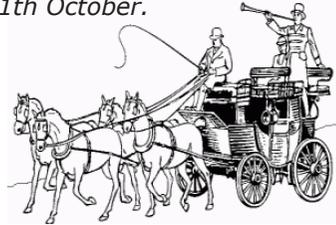
I should be very pleased to hear from singers who would like to join our St Mary's, Wansford choir for the Christmas Carol Service which will be held on Sunday 17 December at 6 pm. Practices will take place at 19A Old Leicester Road on Wednesday evenings at 7.30, starting on Wednesday 15 November. Do contact me if you are interested, or just come along.

**Eddie McDonnell 01780 783639**



### **Transport then and now**

*Thank-you to Gill Fisher for forwarding this wonderful photo taken on Wansford bridge on 11th October.*



*My thanks to Dave Johnson for forwarding the following travel information from Highways England.*

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Wed 1	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's</b>	10.30am	Community Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Wed 1	Stibbington - Sibson Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	Stibbington Centre	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	26
Fri 3	<b>WI 3C's Craft Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Sun12	Stibbington Chururhyard clear-up	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Suzy Story		10
Mon 13	Wansford Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	24
Tues 14	WI AGM	7.15pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Wed 15	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's AGM</b>	10.30am	<b>St Mary's</b>	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Wed 15	Choir Practice	7.30pm	19a Old Leic. Road	Eddie McDonnell	<b>783639</b>	37
Fri 17	<b>WI 3C's Craft Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27
Sat 18	Peterborough Christmas Lights Switch on					29
Mon 20	Thornhaugh Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	<b>St Andrew's</b>	Deirdre McCumiskey	<b>782668</b>	26
Wed 22	Choir Practice	7.30pm	19a Old Leic. Road	Eddie McDonnell	<b>783639</b>	37
Sat 25	Hort Society Trip to Blenheim	11.am		Gill Fisher	<b>782446</b>	15
Sat 25	The Friends Christmas Bazaar	2.00 - 4.00pm	Christie Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
Wed 29	Communicare General Meeting	12.00 noon	Wansford Surgery	Clare Wagstaff	<b>470437</b>	14
Wed 29	Choir Practice	7.30pm	19a Old Leic. Road	Eddie McDonnell	<b>783639</b>	37
Fri 30	WI Book Club	7.30pm	The Haycock	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	27

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