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Editorial

Welcome to what I sincerely hope will be the last digital edition of Living Villages. During the last month, the level of support from advertisers, both regular and new has been very encouraging, this coupled with the financial support from a number of local organisations and individuals has mean that we have made the decision to restart our printed edition in October.

Whilst the amount of copy I've received this month is relatively low, I know that next month we will have lots of information and photos from the extremely cold, but very enjoyable Village Show on your Doorstep, I hope for some great photos from a charity parachute jump and there will also be reports from a number of Parish Councils, I think. What has been great is that I have been able to dedicate a page to Church Services. Even if you are not a believer or attender that has got to be a sign of us returning to something near to normal.

One thing that you will notice in this edition is an article about one of our new advertisers - who has written an article explaining how she has started up during the global pandemic. This is a new approach we are taking where we are giving advertisers an opportunity to have an article in the magazine in which they can let us know a little bit about themselves or their business. This will be only available if there is space as local clubs, Parish Councils and societies will always come first as after all this is first and foremost a local magazine. We will also stay away from doing any personal reviews as there are far bigger forums for that. We hope that our advertisers will take up this offer. We have some businesses who have supported us for many years and the 'story behind your enterprise' would make an interesting read, I think.

I would like to say a personal thank-you to those of you who have sent messages of support and financial contributions during these past 6 months. In the theatre world, which many of you know I frequented prior to the pandemic such supporters are known as 'angels.' As in that world, you remain anonymous, but please be assured, I am extremely grateful for your kind words of encouragement.

Tracy Sortwell

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Watersmete Church News

September 2020

A service rota at last! For the first time since March I have been able to send Living Villages a schedule of church services for the month. A sign, hopefully, of steps towards “normality”, whatever that may be in the next few months. The service pattern still isn’t quite as it was, but it is wonderful to be able to hold services in all our churches in the benefice during the month. We are still not able to sing in church, but we are focussing on what we *can* do; that is to gather together to worship God, to bring before him our thanksgivings and our concerns and to meet the Living Bread of Jesus Christ in the bread of Holy Communion.

Our wonderful wardens and others in the churches have worked so hard to provide a safe, yet welcoming place for us to gather – thank you!

There are a couple of changes to the Thornhaugh and Wansford pattern this month. Firstly, we are returning to the more familiar 9.30 a.m. service time for the month. Secondly, please note the change of location for 6th and 13th where the services will be at Wansford on 6th and then Thornhaugh on 13th. This is so that we can “quarantine” (I prefer to call it cocooning!) St. Mary’s following a baptism on 12th. Yes, we now even have baptisms and weddings in our churches again – a great joy!

Needless to say, everything is open to change as circumstances dictate, but in all of it we remember that in these uncertain times, we, and those we love, are in the Lord’s hands.

May this be a month of blessing for us all.

Rev. Jane

Castor Benefice News

September 2020

As you will be aware in recent years we have celebrated Harvest Festival by holding services in each of the six churches of our benefice. In general these services have been well supported and enjoyed by those attending them. However, this year the situation is very different as we are in the midst of the COVID Pandemic. Although we are permitted to hold services in our churches once again, we have to abide by strict rules concerning social distancing, sanitising hands, wearing of masks etc. Also communal singing is not currently permitted. Bearing all this in mind, the celebration of Harvest presents us with a challenge as the numbers who would normally attend these services far exceed those which can be safely accommodated within our buildings if social distancing is taken into account. Added to this we would not be allowed to sing the familiar harvest hymns which we all enjoy.

In view of this, I am proposing that we have one benefice-wide Harvest Festival service this year which will take the form of an outdoor Drive-in Harvest Festival. By holding the service outside many of the restrictions which apply to indoor gatherings will be avoided, although Social Distancing will still need to apply. As the field adjacent to the church at Marholm is vast, and potentially available for our use, this seems to be the obvious venue for the event. The proposed time and date is as follows :-

Sunday 27th September - 4.00pm Drive-in Harvest Festival at Church Field, Castor Road, Marholm

It is very much hoped that this will be an all-age family event and people will be welcome to bring picnics etc to enjoy before and/or after the actual service. Further details will be published shortly but please can you put this event in your diaries and spread the word.

I realise that there may be some disappointment that we will not be holding separate harvest services in our various churches but in the current challenging circumstances the proposed arrangements seem to be the most viable and practical way forward.

Rev David Ridgeway

WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2020

St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
13th	11.00am	Holy Communion
27th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Kyneburgha, Castor		
6th	10.15am	Holy Communion
13th	10.15am	Holy Communion
20th	10.15am	Holy Communion
25th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
6th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
6th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20th	11.00am	Holy Communion



NEW TELEPHONE ACCESS AT WANSFORD SURGERY

Back in 2016 HUC/111 put out an offer to all Peterborough practices to cover their incoming telephone systems between 6.0 and 6.30pm. This offer was not taken up at the time, but we have now decided to do so, as an audit of telephone calls over the last 6 months shows that on average only two calls are received between 6 and 6.30pm.

This now means that any patient telephoning after 6pm will hear a message saying that the practice is now closed. For urgent calls they will be advised to call 111. If the call is non urgent, they will be asked to ring back on the next working day. This brings Wansford surgery in line with all other Peterborough and surrounding area practices.

This change will be advertised on all the appropriate forums, websites, etc. and we trust that it will not have a negative impact on the service delivered to our patients.

Kirstie Lawes – Practice Manager, Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED RELOCATION OF PETERBOROUGH URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE

The following notice has been issued by:

Communications and Engagement Team

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2020

We are launching a public consultation today, Wednesday 5th August, until Wednesday 30th September, to ask the public for their views on the proposed relocation of the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) from City Care Centre to Peterborough City Hospital.

The existing Urgent Treatment Centre sees people with a range of urgent, but not life-threatening, illnesses and injuries such as sprains, minor burns and scalds, sports injuries, minor head injuries and more. These are the types of illnesses and injuries that if left untreated may become more severe quite quickly.

The proposals would see the Urgent Treatment Centre moving from its current site at the City Care Centre on Thorpe Road in Peterborough to Peterborough City Hospital.

Moving these services to one location would create a fully integrated urgent and emergency service. Creating a single front door for all urgent and emergency services, which would mean people would only have to travel to one location for their urgent and emergency health needs, rather than trying to work out which service is the right one for them.

When we spoke to our local community during the BIG conversation last year, 73% of people said they would like just one place to contact for advice and treatment that could book you an urgent appointment with the right service within two days, or sooner if needed. By bringing together the Urgent Treatment Centre and the Emergency Department at Peterborough City Hospital, we can create a seamless service for people with urgent or emergency health needs.

More information about this public consultation can be found on our website -www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk – with links to a questionnaire and other means of presenting your views

Wansford Horticultural Society

Writing on the eve of the mini village show in front of a blazing fire (yes, in August!) and watching a heavy rain shower falling on my distinctly chilly garden, I am hoping that the weather improves somewhat for tomorrow. The sub-committee has put in a great deal of effort to provide an alternative event to our cancelled traditional annual flower show and we all hope that it is well supported whatever the weather.

Although we had provisionally rescheduled the talk on the History of Japanese Gardens to 22nd October, we regrettably have to change the date once more. Patsy Rayner, who will be presenting the talk, has explained that she will have to postpone her visit yet again, as her husband has been told by the consultant that he must self-isolate for several months, almost certainly until well into the new year. She will therefore have to continue to shield with him. Rest assured that this talk will take place in 2021!

Our private guided visit to the 14 acre Kitchen Garden site at Burghley, which the gardening team is starting to restore to its former glory, is scheduled for 9th September. The Head Gardener Joe Whitehead's invite has proved so popular with our members that we have had to close the list. We hope that summer will have returned by then.

Gill Fisher. fisher.gill@yahoo.com. www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Village Show on your doorstep update

"Despite the coldest August Bank Holiday on record it was great to see so many houses decorated with bunting and people out and about buying plants, enjoying cream teas and meeting the Haycock team over bbq & gin.

It was very generous of the Haycock to give all of their donations to our charity (the Alzheimer's Society) and we received £400 in cash from them.

The plant sales and bunting raised a further £290, albeit this will continue for rest of weekend."

Live music by the Nassington and Yarwell Brass Band and Wansford Ukulele Folk was enjoyed by those who braved the elements!

A full report will appear in next month's magazine.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



We are busy preparing for our annual fundraiser – Macmillan coffee morning, from 25th September. With Covid 19 still shaping our lives, this year the coffee morning has a difference.

WI members have been encouraged to host coffee mornings inviting those in their own family/ bubble. The coffee mornings could be a picnic type event held in the garden, or in an open space, remember a rug on the ground will give a one metre plus distance for each participant.

Alternatively, it could be on your doorstep, chatting with neighbours – as we did for the Thursday clap. Even a natter over the garden fence using your own mugs and plates. For those that have been shielding a virtual coffee meeting could appeal.

If you would like to do the same, the official date for Coffee Morning is Friday 25 September, but you can hold yours whenever you like. Small or big, tea or coffee, socially distanced or virtual – Coffee Morning is what you make it. Donations can be sent directly to Macmillan - <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/> and follow the links to the donations page. For those that prefer to donate by cash, please contact Judith Rogers or me (see phone contact below).

[Our current autumn programme has been put on hold, we are planning to have our November meeting in St Mary's Church Wansford, for our AGM. This venue will allow social distancing for our members and will allow us all to be together for the first time since February. These plans are provisional depending on changing advice from both Government and National federation.](#)

Rhona Punter 01780 592 514





Cricket Club News

Finally, Wansford CC have some news to report! We are glad to be back at it and playing cricket. It was late-May time when the club got the go ahead that 1-on-1 coaching sessions could continue, a few weeks later and we got the greenlight to resume 6-person training sessions, and then at the start of July, we were luckily allowed to play out the remainder of our season.

Once we were allowed to hold 1-on-1 sessions, Wansford CC built an app which allowed people to book coaching slots for free and our Club Captain and Club Treasurer took turns in hosting these 1-on-1 sessions up to 4 times a week, which gave a lot of our playing members the opportunity to hold a cricket bat and feel like they were slowly returning back to normality. To aid with this, the club also bought a batting net/cage to roll out onto the field which was much easier than the previous solution. During lockdown we were, of course, not able to use our pavilion so we took the opportunity to arrange for the old changing room to be demolished and replaced with a new structure and at the same time had the exterior of the pavilion repainted. We are unfortunately still not able to use the building given the current regulations, however we continue to upgrade our facilities and in addition to the purchase of new practice nets, replaced the sight screens and improved the pitch.

The club spent funds it had earned from previous fundraisers to purchase this top of the range equipment which meant holding practice sessions was much more seamless than before and bodes well for the future.

When 6-person sessions were allowed, the Captain and Treasurer took turns running 3 sessions a week for all those who wanted to practice in what felt like a proper training situation. The players that attended enjoyed a meet-up with teammates (at a social distance!) and got a real feel for what it may be like when full cricket was able to return. The only thing that the club was waiting for was a greenlight from the ECB to start playing full fixtures, which we got in early July, shortly after international cricket made a return.

Once we got this, there was an early scramble from our fixtures team to confirm all of our scheduled matches to make sure the opposition were still happy to fulfil them (which the majority were) and it was only a couple of weeks later that we were able to play our first game! With the first half of the season lost to lockdown, our fixtures team also tried to schedule as many

midweek games as possible, and we ended up with around 7/8 extra games that we would ordinarily not have played. So, we would like to extend a huge well done to the fixtures team for giving the club what has felt like a relatively full season. There are a handful more games still to play to round off the year, but we are super grateful as a club for the games we have managed to play already.

Unfortunately, there has been one event lost due to the pandemic – our annual presidents day fundraiser tournament – due to the restrictions on the number of people allowed to attend, we can't encourage attendees to pop down so it made sense to cancel the event and reschedule for next season as usual. We hope to see lots of people next summer when we get up and running with our annual 100-Ball Blast tournament. Until then, pop down on a Sunday afternoon through till the end of September if you are walking the dog and want to see a friendly fixture, we will be there!

As for the games we have played, we have had a great deal of success with great performances with both the bat and ball. Towards the end of the season we will be able to update you with all the finest performances from this year and let you know some of the top performances.

But that's all for now! Hope to catch up with all of you soon.

Kelsey Brace - Captain





WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report of meeting held remotely on August 10th 2020

Planning: No objections to the three applications submitted.

A47 Dualling: Following a meeting in July between WPC and the new Highways England management team, Cllr Clarke questioned the inaccuracy of their minutes, including misinformation about the western roundabout at Wansford.

- Inaccurate data from the first traffic modelling exercise
- Where and when were the cameras installed more recently for further traffic modelling?
- Their instant dismissal of including traffic lights at the roundabout to help traffic flow.

20 mph speed restriction signs/ speed camera:

PCC has given permission for WPC to undertake the lowering of the height of the signs.

Having undertaken considerable research, Cllr Clarke recommended the Council purchase a solar powered camera which has clear signage of a vehicle's speed and can be moved to different locations in the village. With the brackets, it will cost about £2500, which was a very competitive price.

Several more questions than answers:

- Play area now open but the surface finish and belting ends still need some repair work
- Old Leicester Road/A47 junction: Still awaiting a response and some action from PCC to improve the junction, despite having been written to several times
- Kings Cliffe industrial site: ENDC has been written to regarding signage for vehicles leaving the site but WPC has received nothing more than an acknowledgement of correspondence.
- The closure of the footpath across the SSI field (on south side of OLR) lead to a discussion about enhancing the alternative footpath which runs from near Paws and Claws to Old Sulehay Wood. This would involve putting in a new drainage system and cutting back the vegetation at the road entrance to allow a clear sight line. The Council will pursue this with funds from a CIL grant in mind.
- Still no action from Highways to remove the now declassified A6118 signage. They will be written to, to request they add this to their future work schedule.
- Some residents had complained about lads "tombstoning" off the bridge in the hot weather. WPC were mostly of the opinion that this is a short lived activity which has been going on for generations!

And finally...

WPC is looking for ideas to improve and maximise the use of the wasteland that lies on the south side of the A47 which is owned by Sacrewell. An ambitious scheme could include an enhanced picnic area, a proper launching area on the bank for river craft, new toilets etc. It was proposed that a plan be drawn up for discussion, with ideas welcome from all. This would then be presented to Sacrewell who have shown an interest in making use of this site.

Cllr Viv Thorley

A New Business during a Global Pandemic

the story behind

Georgina's Curtains and Keepsakes

Many might think that trying to start a brand-new business during a global pandemic might be a bit of a stretch but, you know, I had the time! I'd worked in a local building society head office for the last 9+ years looking after vulnerable customers but learnt last summer that my team was being made redundant in March of this year – so I decided to embrace the opportunity this offered to become my own boss.



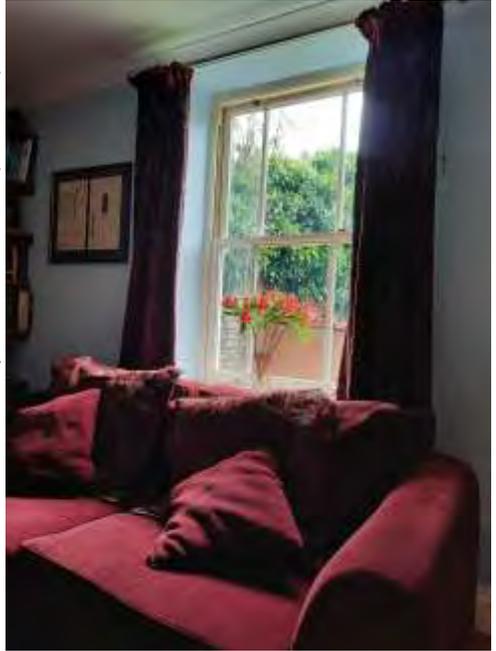
The Clinker Clan includes: 3 kids at secondary school, 1 at Uni, a husband who as an IT contractor who often works away, 2 dogs, 1 cat and 4 chickens - family logistics and general taxi-ing the kids around are my forte. Having made curtains and cushions, and other bits and pieces for years for us as well as friends and family, and sewing being something that I've always enjoyed

losing myself in, I decided that I should turn my hand to providing a curtain making service. I also thought I'd take the opportunity to formalise my skills and have just completed a Diploma in Curtain Making and Soft Furnishings run by the National Design Academy in Nottingham.

However, best laid plans tend to come a little unstuck in the face of a global pandemic and national lockdown. Just as my redundancy kicked in March lockdown began and we went into a month's isolation as 2 of the kids succumbed – we think – to the virus. Thank goodness for our village Care and Share group who kept us topped up with groceries, which was no mean feat with the 6 of us and 3 being teenagers! So, putting the carefully laid plans for my business on hold, I joined the Oundle For The Love of Scrubs Team, contributing to the effort to get adequate quantities of scrubs out to our key workers. Since then I've been making face coverings, both for people locally and further afield.

As things are beginning to open back up, I'm setting my sights on getting my business up and running. If you're fed up of looking at the same curtains for the last few months, I am most definitely your woman! If you're not sure what you want, I offer a design service where we can explore what would work for you and your home. I can source the fabric, linings, curtain tracks and poles etc, as well as provide installation if needed. The curtains and blinds will be bespoke to your taste and budget, hand finished and tailored to your windows. My aim is to offer a truly personal and friendly service that small local businesses are so good at.

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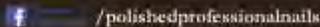
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