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# EDITORIAL

Now that Summer has finally arrived, in the form of a **heatwave in July**, **Charlie Brown's cover photo** of hay making at Water Newton provides a perfect seasonal illustration of a local rural scene.

Continuing the theme from last month of Summer events, our August issue is packed with reports on events past, including the Horticultural Society party (p15), the Friends Tea Party (p9), the Stibbington Village Fete (p11), a Swiss choir concert (p20), and Songs of Praise (p20). Looking ahead into August and September, we also have news of forthcoming events, including the Great Gatsby Garden Party (p21), the Horticultural Society Annual Show (p15), the Water Newton Music Festival (p13), a Wansford Open Party (p21) and Stibbington Centre's Home Front Festival (p35). Our "Diary Dates" section on **page 38 is packed, so don't miss out** - is YOUR diary packed with our local events too?

Many of this month's event reports are illustrated with photos that capture the occasion. For a full appreciation of the images, don't forget that this magazine can be viewed online at the website address below. You'll find that on the website all the photos are in full colour, and of course you will have the option to enlarge them to full screen size for a closer look!

**Rosie McDonnell**

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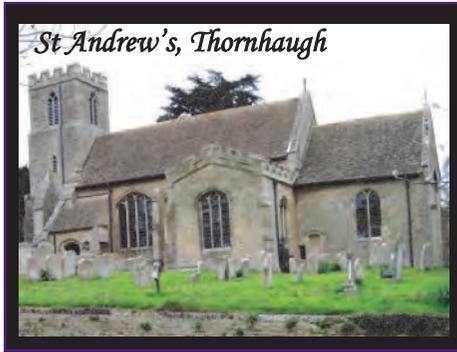
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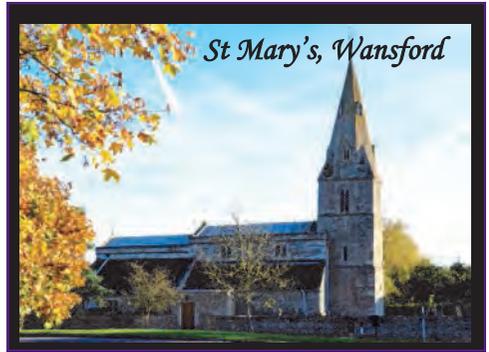
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11 August	10.00 am	<b>St. Mary's</b> Wansford	Parish Communion
18 August	10.00am	St. Andrews Thornhaugh	Parish Communion
25 August	10.00am	<b>St. Mary's</b> Wansford	Parish Communion
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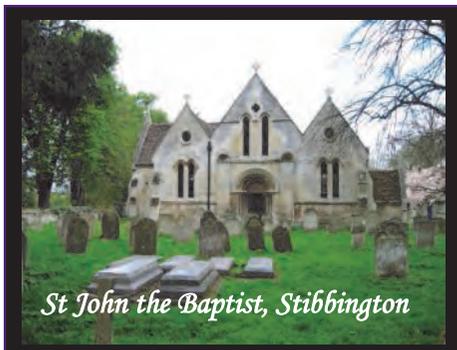
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4 Aug	10.15 am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
11 Aug	9.00 am	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Morning Worship <b>Brasses and flowers – Val Reeves</b>
18 Aug	10.15 am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
25 Aug	9.00 am	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Holy Communion <b>Brasses &amp; flowers – Jo Baines</b>

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By Father Michael Matthews

## AN INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure and a privilege to introduce myself to you, as your new Vicar, along with Stephanie, my wife.

I have been Vicar of the 'Mareway Group' of seven rural parishes in South Cambridgeshire for the past seven years. The parishes I leave have been working together, at a time when small village communities are changing so much, and when there is no longer one Vicar to care for each Church and each community. I am excited at the prospect of being part of a local team which is planning to establish and to extend our Church at the very heart and centre of village life.

A big thank you to everyone for the warm welcome we have already received in Nassington. As I have been visiting, naturally people have asked me about my family, and about myself.

**I am a 'Norfolk Bouy' having grown up in a small village on the outskirts of Norwich, and despite having lost my 'bootiful Norfolk' accent, I am very much a country lad.** I left home to study History and Sociology at University in the Midlands, and later pursued a career as a Social Worker in Essex and in Derbyshire. During the late 80s and 90s I undertook management qualifications and contributed to the teaching of Social and Community Workers at Bradford University, helping people explore the concepts of ethics and morality.

In 2000 I offered myself for Ordained Parish Ministry. I trained at Mirfield, an Anglican monastic-based Theological College in Yorkshire, and I served my Curacy (training period) in Featherstone and its neighbouring South Yorkshire rural villages, before arriving to be a Team Vicar in South Cambridgeshire in 2007.

My two children (young adults!) are a great joy to me. Eveleigh is 25 years old, a post-graduate in 'Peace Studies', and Lawrence, 26 is training to be a **teacher**. **My children's mother Judith sought her own path in the mid-90s** and I met Stephanie in 1998, and it has been a journey of sheer delight. **We were married in Halifax, in 2000, and she has shared in my 'spiritual' journey fully with the kids.** She is a very chatty person who loves reading detective novels and gardening. Stephanie is from South Lincolnshire; however, having lived and worked in West Yorkshire for over 20 years she **sounds very 'Yorkshire'**. **Stephanie has followed a professional career as a senior manager of Voluntary and Social Care Services.**

We have now moved into the new Vicarage in the centre of Nassington, and I personally aspire to ride a horse more regularly (subject to finding a docile and large enough one). We both love gardening; taking walks (especially if there is a pub involved); visiting old buildings, or, even better, **friends' houses; collecting books as a good reason to regularly visit charity shops; and meeting people.** We look forward to meeting you and your families as we embark upon this wonderful adventure in being part of your local community.

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

The Friends of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's would like to thank everyone who supported their Tea Party at Mulberry House on Sunday, 7th July in aid of Macmillan Nurses and the local Dementia Society. We were delighted to welcome so many people, who had managed to tear themselves away from the tennis final and risk the heat of the afternoon. They all found plenty of shade under the trees, and delicious sandwiches and cakes, tea and cool drinks prepared and served by the Friends with their usual wonderful teamwork.



We would like to thank Martin Bolderston, who put up the marquee on the hot Saturday afternoon, John Stannage, the Chairman of the Community Hall Committee, for letting us use the tables and chairs from the hall, Ian Turner for transporting them to the garden and Charles Cartwright for taking them back after the event.

Thanks to your great generosity we were able to send £250 to Macmillan Nurses and £250 to the local dementia group in Stamford. Another

joyous and worthwhile village event.

During August The Friends are looking forward to their Summer Lunch at "The Fox and Hounds" at Longthorpe on Wednesday 7th and a Social Meeting on Wednesday 21st, when we hope to welcome Nicola from the Food Bank in Stamford to talk to us. The venue for this will be announced at the Summer Lunch.

The next official meeting will take place in the Community Hall on Wednesday, 4th September at 10.30 after Morning Prayer at St. Mary's at 10am.

***Dora Baker, Secretary***

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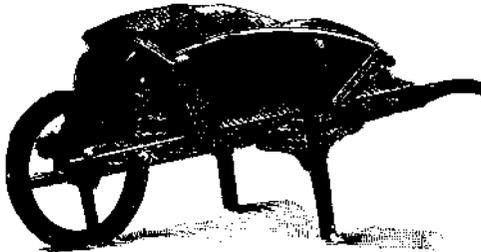
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On behalf of the Friends of Stibbington Church we would like to offer our sincere thanks to all those who attended the Fete. So many people gave their time, produce or gifts to help us to raise funds and we were really grateful. Approximately 450 people attended and we took £1700 on the day from the stalls, dog show, teas and games. There was a wonderful community spirit which defied the showers and we knew it was going to be fun when the first person to go down the 25ft bouncy slide declared they were 84yrs old! We shall spend the money raised prudently on trying to make the Church more accessible to the community and look forward to hosting a Harvest Supper there in the Autumn. A massive thank you for such a great start!

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A hog roast will be provided together with a licensed bar. Admission is just £12.50 to include the hog roast. Feel free to bring your own picnic if you wish and don't forget to bring folding chairs or a rug to sit on the grass.

This will be a terrific fun afternoon. Tickets can be obtained by email from: [friendsofstremigius@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstremigius@gmail.com)

or by telephoning,

**Tony Capon** on 01733 237500.

All profits will go to the 'Friends funds for St.

Remigius, Water Newton Church'.

A poster for the Water Newton Music Fest 2013. The background is red with white diagonal stripes. On the left, there is a black silhouette of a person playing a guitar. In the center, there are silhouettes of people with their arms raised in a 'V' sign. The text is white and black. The main title is 'Water Newton Music Fest 2013'. Below it, it says 'Sunday 1st September from 1pm - 7pm Folk, Jazz, & Rock On The Village Green Featuring Great Local Acts: 'Pennyless' 'Ain't Misbehavin' 'Identity Crisis' and 'GROUNDED''. There is also a 'Licensed Bar Hog Roast' section. At the bottom, it says 'For Tickets/Info: Phone Tony on 01733 237500 or email: friendsofstremigius@gmail.com'.

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On a beautiful July evening, members met at Toleshorpe for their visit to the **Stamford Shakespeare Company's production of Dad's Army (the lost episodes)**.

As is now the custom, members brought along a delicious picnic supper selection of savoury and sweet plates for all to share.

There being no formal business, members were only reminded of the dates of the August visits to Houghton Hall and Highgrove Garden.

After the picnic, members took their seats for the performance, which everyone agreed was of the usual high standard, with inspired scene changing in a spectacular setting.

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After a blazing week with temperatures approaching 30 degrees, we awoke to overcast skies for the coach trip to R.H.S. Harlow Carr. Nevertheless the cloud cover was thin and almost broke several times, making for a pleasantly warm visit. The garden was stunning but, for Yorkshire, amazingly dry: I never dreamt that I would see cracked earth and wilting shrubs and herbaceous plants in an R.H.S. garden so far north! As always our Dews coach was well appointed and smoothly driven, but our coach driver took a wrong turn near to the venue, which resulted in a delightfully scenic, if narrow, detour through the winding and undulating lanes near Harrogate before we reached our destination! (Oh! The dangers of trusting Sat Navs and smart phones instead of reading the brown road signs!)

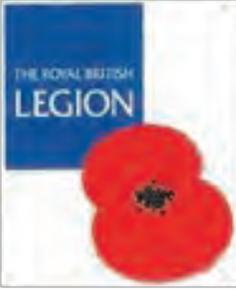
When this magazine reaches you, you may well have already received on your doormat the schedule for our **Annual Show on Saturday 24 August**, to be held in **the Haycock Park from 12 noon**. (also online at [www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)). Please do take the time to look through the many categories as there is bound to be something you can enter to be a part of this traditional village event. We hope to have lots of entries from adults and children alike, and a reminder that you do not have to be a Horticultural Society member or live in the village to participate.



There are prizes and cups to be won across the board. (If you are the holder of a trophy from last year and **haven't yet done so, would you** return it to me promptly – cleaned please!)

Above all, please do come along to enjoy lunch from 12 noon, to browse the stalls and sideshows and view the colourful exhibits in the marquee while you listen to the Gretton Silver Band and enjoy tea and cake in the sunshine. Bring friends and the whole family including the dog and enter him/her in the Fun Dog Show, details of which appear in the schedule. There is plenty of space and it is not too late for anyone wanting to have a stall to get in touch and join us.

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# Chocolate Tombola

*We are now seeking donations of any chocolate items for our fundraising Tombola to be held at the Horticultural Show in Wansford during August.*

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# COMMUNICARE

Our July meeting was well attended when guest speaker Dr. Nigel Hume **talking on 'Dementia – An Overview' gave a clear and concise explanation** of this condition, risk factors, methods of possible prevention and treatment. The power-point presentation was extremely informative and prompted many questions from the floor as several members of the audience were obviously experiencing problems within their own families. It was very pleasing to note the interest this talk generated and how well it was received – attendees were asked to put forward any more health related subjects that could be of interest for future talks.

Work on the new car park has temporarily been put on hold due to a problem encountered with regard to the dropping of the kerb, along with a problem that has been highlighted with regard to the lighting for the link path due to the oil pipeline which runs across the paddock– both these issues are currently being addressed.

**The new 24hour ECG machine is now in use and the two new 'stand-alone' monitoring machines** which will be sited in the reception areas of both surgeries are due to be delivered shortly. As the cost of this equipment is less than had been anticipated, it was agreed that available funds should be used to purchase two suction machines for the resuscitation equipment. Our next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – a **notice of agenda and relevant nomination details for officers' election will be published** next month.

**The social group's coffee morning is now being held at the Kings Cliffe Active Site hall** on the third Friday of each month at 10am – anyone requiring transport contact Clare Wagstaffe - Tel: 01780 470437 email: [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com).

There is a day trip taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August to the Grand Union Canal at Tring for a two hour boat cruise with fish & chip lunch – seats still available £35 per person – contact Clare to book. There are also still places available on the four night holiday to Llandudno on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Doubles £295pp Singles £310pp).

***Wendy Spencer***

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## NENE VALLEY TOTS

We are an informal group of parents / carers and children under 5, we meet on Monday mornings 10-11.30 am in the Christie Hall, Wansford. Come along with your babies and toddlers for play, crafts, a snack and a sing-song. To cover costs we charge £2 for each visit – some of us are there every week, others drop in when it suits. All are welcome!

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## **PAST EVENTS:**

### **SWISS CHOIR CONCERT**

Our Villages were alive with the Sound of Music at the end of June. What an amazing weekend Rosie and Eddie McDonnell had laid on for us.

Led by Directors, Lilian and Jurg Koehli, some 32 youngsters from a music school in Chur, Switzerland delighted an evening audience in St Marys Wansford with their wonderful singing. Encouraged by the warmth of the audience response, the choirmaster finished by inviting those present to join in a chorus in Hebrew. A few actually managed it!

The evening continued in the marquee where we were treated to a fabulous buffet supper, all prepared during the day by our Swiss guests using speciality ingredients brought from Switzerland. It was difficult to get near the food tables within minutes of the end of the singing – so delicious were the pastries, meats, cheeses and breads on offer.

All in all a very special evening in Wansford the like of which we may never see again.

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

The singing weekend continued the following morning when St Mary's hosted this year's Songs of Praise. The congregation were treated to a performance by a group of children who had been skilfully coached by Eddie, and went on to enjoy a relaxing opportunity to sing some of their favourite hymns.

### **BENEFICE CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

The weekend was rounded off with the Swiss choir performing again at the benefice confirmation service at Nassington, when some 21 candidates for confirmation were given a very special evening which was a first for the Rural Dean, and for the Swiss choir.

**Paul Tate, Churchwarden**

## **SUMMER SEASON SPECIAL**



## EVENTS AROUND WANSFORD

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:



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People are still talking about the 2009 party (see left) and this time it will be better still. Tickets are £20 and include food but bring your own drinks or buy on the night. Numbers are limited so buying tickets early is recommended. Contact [Carole.whincup@googlemail.com](mailto:Carole.whincup@googlemail.com) or [jane.tate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jane.tate@hotmail.co.uk)

### LATE SUMMER OPEN PARTY

Sue Westcott at 2 Waters Edge is giving us a chance to sign off the summer in style by hosting an Open Party on Friday 13th September.

As ever please bring along your own drinks and glasses and a plate to share. September so often gives us fine weather and a lovely light in the evenings so please be sure to come down and share it down by the river with your neighbours and friends that evening

For more information contact Paul or Jane on 01780 782965 or email [jane.tate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jane.tate@hotmail.co.uk)

A poster for the Great Gatsby Garden Party. The top text reads 'GREAT GATSBY GARDEN PARTY' and 'HOSTED BY 24 WATERS EDGE, WANSFORD'. The central image features a woman in a fur collar and the word 'GATSBY' in a stylized font. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013' and '7.30PM TILL LATE'. The bottom section lists activities: 'VINTAGE CARS & PHOTOGRAPHER', 'CANAPÉS FOLLOWED BY BUFFET SUPPER', and 'LIVE BAND & AUCTION'. At the very bottom, it says 'DON'T MISS THE PARTY OF THE SUMMER'. The poster is framed with a decorative Art Deco border.

### Another forthcoming event not to be missed is the **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW**

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See details from Gill Fisher on page 15.

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# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Inaugural Meeting of the 2013/2014 Thornhaugh Parish Council was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013. It was chaired by William Rogers, present were Ian Molesworth, Brian Watts and Martin Witherington and in attendance were two members of the public and the Clerk. There were apologies for absence from Liam Higgins, PCSO Aimee Hunter, Diane Lamb and John Holdich.

**Public Participation** The Members of the Public raised the following issues:

**Speeding** – the Chairman will check whether “Slow” can be repainted on the road, Brian Watts will look at Speed Watch data and the Clerk will ask if it would be possible to have a 30 mph speed limit throughout the village and additional Slow signs. **Excessive speed** of a metallic blue quad bike – the Clerk will report to the Police and write to the owner of the quad bike

**Dog Foul** – the Clerk will put a notice in Living Villages and request an additional Dog Foul sign from PCC

## **Planning Applications**

PCC – Consultation on Planning

**Application 13/00733** and Listed Building **Application 13/00734**

Refurbishment, repair and alterations to Mill complex including Mill pond repairs, installation of a cross flow turbine, addition of a new escape stairway, and enhancement of interpretation facility at Mill House (*Noted, no objections*)

PCC – Consultation on Planning

**Application 13/0629** Temporary permission for 8 mobile buildings at Leedsgate Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford (*Noted, no objections*)

## **Home Farm Matters**

Martin Witherington reported on his attendance at the Planning and Environmental Committee to discuss the Consultation on Without Compliance to amend operating hours at Cook Hole, Thornhaugh. Permission had been

granted but there will be an investigation into noise levels if there are reported concerns.

## **Village Sign**

Cllr Holdich and Cllr Lamb had secured £500 towards the purchase of a Village Sign through the PCC Community Leadership Fund. Brian Watts had been given permission by the Duke of Bedford of Woburn Abbey to use the Bedford Coat-of-Arms. Glynn Mould will be given the go-ahead to start producing the village sign once the TEA have made a decision about making a grant towards the purchase. Glynn Mould had indicated that he could have the Village Sign ready by the end of September.

## **Time Capsule and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queen’s Coronation Celebrations**

It was agreed to finalise details once there is a date for completion of the Village Sign.

## **Thornhaugh Parish Council Records**

Brian Watts reported that he has received more records from Hubert Warren but still needs to check if there are any further records in the crypt.

## **Purchase/Relocation of Benches**

The Clerk had approached the relevant local landowners who had given their permission for the Parish Council to erect a couple of benches along the footpaths in the woods. The Chairman will investigate the purchase of ‘sleepers’ to construct three benches.

## **Cambridgeshire Police**

Martin Witherington will be at the Peterborough North West Rural Police Neighbourhood Meeting on 11/07/13

## **Website (TEA)**

Liam Higgins had suggested a TEA link/page on the Parish Council Website (plus agree principle if other similar organisations wish to do something

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similar) eg simply provide a link/page where a summary of information can be added with contact numbers, e-mail addresses and links to other sites or documentation/forms etc). As Liam Higgins was not present, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

### **Relocation of the Pedestrian Sign**

Brian Watts wanted to discuss the proposal to relocate the Pedestrian sign when approaching Thornhaugh from the west. He felt that it should be relocated to outside the entrance to Thornhaugh Hall. As there are many ramblers who walk through the village whilst undertaking a circuit of the woods, it is important to ensure motorists are warned of pedestrians at an earlier location rather than at present. If PCC are unable to do this, the Parish Council will seek funding to purchase an additional Pedestrian sign.

### **Footpath Bridges**

Liam Higgins had suggested sending a note of thanks to Mr A Sharpley for digging the ditch by the main wood where the existing culvert had partially collapsed creating a potential hazard in the gateway for anyone who could have dropped into it, especially younger children. A temporary footpath bridge has been erected over the newly dug ditch. It was agreed that there will be no further action regarding the footpath bridges.

### **Bus Services to/from Thornhaugh**

Martin Witherington stated that it had been reported in the Evening Telegraph that the bus service to Thornhaugh is to be terminated. It was agreed to contact Peterborough City Council to ascertain why the Parish Council had not been consulted about this.

***NB The decision to cut subsidised bus services in Peterborough will be reviewed by the council's cabinet after Councillors said not enough consultation had taken***

*place. PCC's decision to cut £500,000 from the budget, which meant a removal for Local Link services, was met with anger from many elderly residents, and a large number turned up at the meeting of the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Committee Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the Town Hall. Councillors at the meeting unanimously agreed to call in the decision, meaning the council's cabinet will review the cuts on a later date, after agreeing the consultation process had not reached enough people.*

### **Parking Permits and Parish Councillors' Travelling Expenses**

Martin Witherington asked the Clerk to request an update on the Parking Permits issued to Parish Councillors to enable them to park free of charge when attending meetings in Peterborough/Cambridge.

***NB The Clerk checked regulations which state "Travel and subsistence allowances may be paid to Councillors when they carry out certain 'Approved Duties' "***

### **Representative on Thornhaugh Environmental Association**

Martin Witherington stated he had resigned as a representative on the TEA and had been replaced by Mr R Clarke of Wansford.

### **Overgrown Trees**

Brian Watts and Ian Molesworth stated that they had some concerns about (private) overgrown trees in the village (within the conservation area). The Clerk will request that a PCC Tree Officer visits the village to look at the trees before any contact is made with the residents concerned.

### **Next Meeting**

The First Meeting of the 2013/2014 Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in St Andrew's Church.

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# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held in the Community Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm.

There was also an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> July in the Community Hall, at 7.30pm, to discuss plans that had not been forwarded by PCC in time for the Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

In attendance, on 8<sup>th</sup> July, were three Parish Councillors , Peterborough City Council (PCC) Cllr Diane Lamb, Cambs County Cllr M MacGuire, P. Tebb PCC Highways and residents Mr. & Mrs. Cox together with the Parish Clerk.

## **PLANNING:**

**13/00851/HHFUL;** 9, Old Leicester Rd., Wansford. Councillors raised no objections to this development.

**13/00432/WCMM and 13/00434/WCMM:** There was a PCC Planning Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July attended by Cllr Clarke, applying for a variation of consent at Cooks Hole Quarry.

The Parish Council opposed this application to extend the opening and closing (work-day) times of operation to 06.00hrs and 18.00hrs respectively

The PCC permitted the application only to the extent of allowing a six month variation.

During this time, the impact on the village will be monitored and residents are advised to convey any instances of noise or dust nuisance to the PCC immediately, either by email to [alan.jones@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:alan.jones@peterborough.gov.uk) or [enforcement@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:enforcement@peterborough.gov.uk) or, during office hours, by `phone to 01733 453 410.

## **PCC and CAMBS HIGHWAYS:**

Peter Tebb and Cllr MacGuire answered questions raised over the A6118 de-classification and weight limits; HGV's illegally using the Nene River Bridge in the centre of the village; Nene Close, and other areas, of parking. PCC will come back to the Parish Council, detailing the areas where they can assist.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Vtesse cable laying; the PCC and Street Works will ensure the route taken through the village is re-instated satisfactorily for the next two years. Trees/foliage overhanging the footpaths are progressively being trimmed back. Our Council Quality Status is progressing.

## **ACCOUNTS and FINANCE:**

Various invoices were presented and agreed to be paid.

## **LEASING of LAND, TODDLERS PLAY AREA and VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD/MAP:**

These are all progressing.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cllr Sortwell has resigned from the Council.

We now have two Councillor vacancies , which have been notified to PCC and we await their guidance to fill the positions.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

Various reports etc. centred on the Liaison Committee Meeting attended by Cllr Clarke on 27<sup>th</sup> June, an invitation from RAF Wittering Families Day, and a meeting with the PCC Tree Officer, who visited on 5<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the **Hedgerow Act and it's workings.**

The Extra Ordinary Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July was attended by three Councillors, and six residents

## **PLANNING:**

**13/00836/HHFUL ;** 14, Old North Road, Wansford.

A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed by Councillors that we had no objections to this development providing various issues were addressed by the PCC Planning through conditions to the consent.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Community Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, and residents of the village are warmly welcomed.

***John Stannage, Chairman WPC***

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

The meeting took place at the Environment Centre, Stibbington.

Cllrs. in attendance, M. Beuttell, P. Styles, D. Price, I, Turner, N. Cook and M. Bradshaw.

Apologies for absence – D. Wright.

The meeting was duly opened with comments from the public. It was brought to the attention of the Council, again, that signs on the A1 are still suggesting a Phone Box in the Village. It was also pointed out the weight limit signs outside the village suggest a weight limit of 7.5 tons. The Council will write again The Highways Agency regarding these comments.

There were no planning applications; the payments which were on the Agenda were duly authorised.

Cllr. Beuttell announced that the funding to erect Bollards around the edge of The Highway in front of Chapel Court had been authorised and this work is to be carried out as soon as possible. The Parish Council is paying £1000 towards this work.

Cllr. Beuttell also announced that the Speed sign change has been authorised, and this work is also to be carried out as soon as possible. The Sign is to be purchased immediately, and HDC have agreed that the cost of this sign should be the amount in force at the time of the initial request for this change. The Parish Council are paying for this sign.

The meeting was duly closed and the date of the next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

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This spring and early summer, although late, has flourished with the last month's combination of warmth and rainfall. Trees, shrubs and plants are lush with growth, although starting to look a little parched, and it seems there are as many birds as normal. The dawn chorus has been pretty loud for the last few weeks and I have regularly woken before five o'clock to the call of the cuckoo. I heard my first cuckoo in mid April and then just about every morning until late June. I saw a pair flying over the allotments a week ago and the next evening heard the burbling of a female quite close by, possibly as the result of laying an egg in an unfortunate Hedge Sparrow's nest.

Cuckoos are certainly heard more regularly than seen and there are a number of other birds that indicate their presence by sound rather than sight. Who has not heard the beating wings of Mute Swans as they fly overhead or the continual call of the Collared Dove as it sits on your chimney, often all day? At night the 'tu whit tu woo' of the Tawny Owl is unmistakable but it is rare to have the opportunity to see one of these night-time hunters.

The most likely sighting of an owl is the early morning or evening flight of a Barn Owl, seeking its dinner. Although I have regularly seen this owl near Nassington I had not seen one in the village until about ten days ago. I have now had the pleasure of seeing one three times and am delighted that this beautiful bird appears to have taken up residence near Yarwell. It has been hunting around the centre of the village, behind the Village Hall and over the allotments, but also across gardens, including my own.

It is an eerie sight. Close up the barn owl has a large white round facial disc and pale yellow plumage but in flight it appears a ghostly, chalky white as it silently quarters the ground looking for small rodents in the long grass. If you see anything large and white flying in this way it could be nothing other than a Barn Owl. It could possibly be confused with a gull but the owl's aimless moth-like flight is unforgettable.

This one will be seeking food for its young back at its nest in an old barn, church tower or quite commonly now, an owl box. There are perhaps barely 5,000 pairs in Britain but more than 1,000 will use artificial nest boxes now as traditional sites are becoming scarce. My three sightings have been between six and seven o'clock in the evening so do look out for this welcome visitor and remember that its continued presence of the countryman's friend will reduce the likelihood of mice and voles invading your houses.

Welcome to this month's blog. Today is the first day of the summer holidays and typical it is raining and cooler than it has been lately. And just as we put on our tee shirt and shorts we need to be digging out our jumpers again. But hopefully it will pick up again.

With the end of term coming to a close there have been many school trips like the one to the British Museum to see the Pompeii and Herculaneum exhibition. At the exhibition, which took us 2 ½ hours to get to, we discovered just how many exhibits there were relating to Pompeii. Even though there were lots of exhibits it was not as interesting as visiting Pompeii in real life. As when you are there you get the sense of just how different it was back then. You can see the houses and the layout of the streets including the ruts in the road.

We also went to Duxford, to the museum there. This was a lead up to next year's history, where we will be looking at the First and Second World Wars. Another way it was linked to the 1940's was that we all had to dress up as people from the 1940's. One of the students dressed as a teacher that looked like they were from the Victorian age. So not everyone's outfit was completely accurate! While we were at Duxford we spent the first hour looking around the main aircraft hanger that was full of old aircraft like Concord and the Lancaster. There was also an American plane that had a huge wing span that filled the hanger. I think it was a B17. They also had the plane that dropped the atomic bomb. It was a very large museum and I felt very small standing next to some of the aircraft.

Last month I was talking about the England Youth Fencing Championships where I said I had come 10<sup>th</sup>. A few days later I got the results and found out that I had come 9<sup>th</sup>, inside the top 10. So I was really pleased with that. At school we have been having a mini competition for both the year 7 and 8 and year 9 and 10. I competed in both of them in the beginning rounds but I was only allowed to compete in one of the knockouts. So I competed in the year 9 and 10 which put me at a disadvantage as I am only year 8; but I won it anyway.

Over the summer holidays I will be off in the caravan but more of that later.

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## MEMORIES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Following the distribution in June of its "Memories from the Home Front" booklet, Stibbington Centre has now published on its website recorded interviews with several of the local people who kindly agreed to talk about their memories of life during the war years. Their fascinating memories have been assembled, along with images, to provide an insight into life in the Stibbington and Wansford area during World War II. For links to the interviews, visit the "Historical research" tab at [www.cees.org.uk](http://www.cees.org.uk), and go to the Memories section of the World War II page.

The concluding stage of Stibbington Centre's Heritage Lottery-funded Memories from the Home Front project will take the form of a Home Front Festival to be held at the Centre on Saturday 28 September. The attractions on the day will include lessons in the 1940s classroom, dig for victory, make do and mend, refreshments from Lyon's Corner House, children's competitions, and exhibitions of photos, memorabilia and vintage vehicles, as well as a 1940s singalong.

Full details will be available next month, but in the meantime we would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to offer to loan items for display on the day.

***Rosie Edwards, Stibbington Centre***  
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## WANSFORD-IN-ENGLAND CRICKET CLUB

### Fixtures for August and September

DATE	TEAM	HOME/AWAY
04/08/13	TO BE ARRANGED	
11/08/13	TO BE ARRANGED	
18/08/13	SINGLE WICKET	HOME 2:00
25/08/13	PRESIDENTS XI	HOME 2:00
01/09/13	RYHALL	HOME 1:30
08/09/13	OLD EAST	AWAY 1:00
15/09/13	ORTON PARK	AWAY 1:00
22/09/13	UPPINGHAM	AWAY 1:00
29/09/13	CAMRA	AWAY 1:00



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am planning to run drama workshops for children to adults at The Christie Hall from September and will be holding an Open Registration day on Sunday 25 August from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Come along then to find out more, or tel 07986 149756 or 01733 566872 or email kiln3@live.co.uk or visit [w.summerstockdramaworkshops.co.uk](http://w.summerstockdramaworkshops.co.uk). Mark Wright, Principal

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Dear Rosie,

Would you let readers know that we're looking for a part time cleaner/kitchen assistant to join our happy team at Stibbington Centre?

The post would be Monday to Friday, term-time only for up to two hours daily, after 4pm. Anyone interested should contact me on tel 01780 782386 or Email [alison.gibson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:alison.gibson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Thank you, Alison

**rosied@globalnet.co.uk**



## **Doctor Who 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Join Peterborough Museum in a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Doctor Who on Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 August! Doctor Who's famous (and infamous!) characters are taking over the Museum – including K-9, Ood, Clockwork Robot, Weeping Angel, new Paradigm Dalek, and Davros – creator of the Daleks!

Peterborough Museum is delighted to welcome back Hyde Fundraisers\*, and their spectacular Doctor Who characters, in association with the summer exhibition *Space: Fact & Fiction*. Their last visit to the Museum was hugely popular, with people lining up around the building for a chance to meet their favourite characters, so we just had to bring them back in Doctor Who's 50<sup>th</sup> year!

**"As museums are about visiting the past, how could we resist celebrating this special anniversary of our best-known time traveller, and the world's longest running science fiction series?"** explains Vivacity's Heritage Interpretation Manager Stuart Orme. **"This is going to be a really exciting event, with visitors having the opportunity to come face-to-face with some of the Doctor's most famous enemies!"**

\*Hyde Fundraisers replica characters are created to raise funds for BBC Children in Need and other nominated charities. Hyde Fundraisers is not affiliated or licensed by the BBC and no attempt is made to supercede any copyrights held by them or other organisations.

This event will run from 10am-5pm. Special event day charges apply: adults £3, concessions £2, families £6. Under 5s and **Heritage Pass holders go FREE. There's no need to book – just drop-in to the Museum to join in the fun!**

For details

## **Rocket Wednesdays at Peterborough Museum!**

Children will love flying to the moon with Peterborough Museum's build-your-own-rocket workshops, which will be available on Wednesday 31 July and then every Wednesday in August, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Design and build your own bottle rocket, then put it to the test. What features make the best rocket? How are bottle rockets like real rockets? Plus make a hovercraft to demonstrate Newton's third law!

**"This will be a very hands-on workshop with plenty of science content,"** says Carol Law, Vivacity Heritage's Education and Learning Officer. **"Plus while you're here, make sure you see Peterborough Museum's *Space: Fact & Fiction* exhibition, which is supported by the UK Space Agency."**

Space snacks included! £5 per child (accompanying adults free). Sessions aimed at children 7-14 years old. Booking is essential, call the Museum on: Tel 01733 864 663, Email [museum@vivacity-peterborough.com](mailto:museum@vivacity-peterborough.com) or visit [www.vivacity-peterborough.com](http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com)

## DIARY DATES – AUGUST 2013

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone	p
Sat 3 & Sun 4	Dr Who's 50th Birthday Party		Peterborough Museum	Peterborough Museum	01733 864 663	37
Sundays from 4th	Wansford in England Cricket fixtures		Various	Darren	07850 074400	35
Weds 7	Friends of St Mary's & St Andrew's Summer lunch		Fox & Hounds, Longthorpe	Dora Baker	782519	9
Weds 7	Early Music Concert	7.45pm	Nassington church		470368	36
Thur 8	Communicare day trip to Tring			Clare Wagstaffe	470437	19
Sat 10	WI visit to Houghton Hall			Jean Yerbury	782510	13
Sat 10	Great Gatsby Garden Party	7.30pm	24 Water's Edge	Jane or Carole	782965 783055	21
Tue 13	WI meeting	7.15pm	Rita Kendrew's home	Jean Yerbury	782510	13
Fri 7	Communicare Coffee Morning	10.00am		Clare Wagstaffe	470437	19
Wed 21	Friends of St Mary's & St Andrew's social meeting	10.30am	To be confirmed	Dora Baker	782519	9
Sat 24	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Midday	The Haycock Park	Gill Fisher	782446	15
Sun 25	Drama workshops registration	2.30pm	The Christie Hall	Mark Wright	01733 566872	36
Fri 30	Communicare holiday to Llandudno			Clare Wagstaffe	470437	19

## Looking ahead: SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun 1	Water Newton Music Festival
Weds 4	Friends meeting
Weds 4	Stibbington Parish Council
Weds 4	Communicare meeting
Mon 9	Wansford Parish Council
Wed 11	Thornhaugh Parish Council
Fri 13	Wansford Open Party
Sat 28	Home Front Festival



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