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This months edition has a bit of a watery theme, an idea suggested by one of our readers. Many thanks to John Measures for his wonderful photographs and to Marie Lewis, Richard Clarke, Graham Blagden and David Stuart-Mogg for their contributions.

I would also like to thank Sharron from Little Mouse Marketing who hosts our website and as long as I remember to send her the PDF in time, always has the magazine online by the beginning of each month. We are aware that it is being read by people far and wide.

I know that many of us will have received the leaflet from Call Connect, but thought it was worth including in this months edition, you will find their details on pages 10 and 11.

I also need to correct something I wrote in last month's article about speed limits. When distributing the January magazine I 'discovered' a local 40mph—on the road into Thornhaugh from the A47. Thank-you to the reader who also pointed this out to me.

Tracy Sortwell

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

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

St Kyneburgha, Castor		
3rd	10.15am	Holy Communion
10th	10.15am	Holy Communion
17th	10.15am	Holy Communion
24th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	9.30am	Morning Praise

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
3rd	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th	9.30am	Morning Praise
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong

St Remigius, Water Newton		
3rd	6.30pm	Candlemas Service and Supper

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

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

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
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17th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
24th	11.00am	Holy Communion

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The role of the shepherd is a familiar one in biblical teaching and the care provided by a faithful shepherd is often used as a metaphor for God's loving care for his people. Shepherds also provide a role model for parish clergy and Christian ministers. It is no accident that a bishop's crozier is shaped like a shepherd's crook.

The Church of England's Ordination service for priests reminds us that "*Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent*". This part of the service then goes on to speak of the other things that priests are called to do. The words provide us with a helpful summary of what the role of a priest should be and I quote them in full:-

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

At the time of the Reformation during the sixteenth century Martin Luther and other reformers argued that all who belong to Christ through faith, baptism, and the Gospel share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Thus, he introduced the idea of the "Priesthood of all believers". Luther's teachings remind us that priests cannot minister alone. Their ministry only becomes meaningful when it is carried out in the midst of a community of other Christians. A shepherd is no use unless he or she has a flock to care for.

One of the important roles of a shepherd is to seek out and care for any sheep that get lost. The same is true of Christian priests. They are called to search for the needy and care for them on behalf of Christ's body the Church. In order to do this effectively priests need the support and guidance of the communities they service. This is particularly the case when it comes to seeking out those in need. If you know of someone who might like a call from one of the clergy or you would like a visit yourself please feel free to contact us.

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Castor	Royal Oak Inn	0942	1142	1342	1612	1757
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If you use social media, do take a look at the pages for **Stibbington Community Classes** and also **Stibbington Survivors & Friends**. A “like” and a “share” is always appreciated!

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As the next general patients meeting is not until next month (Tuesday 19th March) this gives the opportunity to share some important information regarding patient online access which has recently been published by the Primary Care Digital Transformation team of NHS England.

'As the public are using more digital services for banking, shopping etc, the NHS is now making more of "digital" - internet, smartphones and tablets. As 60% of over 65's use the internet, and 76% of the population own a smart phone, the benefits of encouraging more digital access to GP surgeries would improve patient experience and save time for both patient and surgeries. Figures show signing up two extra patients per day to this service would save a practice 30 hours admin time a year.'

Wansford and Kings Cliffe practice have procedures in place for those patients wishing to make use of online access - these are detailed on their website - www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk - open the link 'GP Online'. For more information about keeping your healthcare records safe and secure, a helpful leaflet has been produced by the NHS in conjunction with the British Computer Society: *Keeping your online health & social care records safe and secure* <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Documents/PatientGuidanceBooklet.pdf>

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It seems as if January has disappeared before we have had a chance to blink, and the WI got off to a racing start as well!

Our home-grown speaker this month was Marie Lewis who spoke about employment law rights and compared them with how they have changed in our life time. It was a very interesting talk that ranged from issues of discrimination to maternity and paternity leave, and we wonder how they will change when and if Brexit is achieved!

It was also the month to consider the resolutions to go forward to our national conference in June. There were 6 to consider and we had informed discussion around all of them, but overall we voted for the government to implement a mandatory plant certification scheme to ensure that the plant biosecurity of our native flora and fauna is preserved. In the last 2 years we passed resolutions concerning plastic soup (do come to hear more on plastics recycling on February 7th at the Christie Hall) and mental health. Both of these issues are now high on the public agenda – I wonder where biosecurity will sit?

We also start the New Year in anticipation of celebrating 100 years of the Stibbington and Wansford WI. We have a special centenary quiz booked for June 21st – being the summer solstice I guess we all have an opportunity to stay up late and have a great time!

This coming month we have our normal monthly meeting morphed into the talk about plastics recycling on February 7th, Christie Hall, 7.30 – do come along and we hope to have some of the myths de-bunked of which plastics to recycle where.

We have our 3C's regular craft, coffee and chat meeting on 1st February, 10-12 at the Community Hall, but if you would like to join us on 22d February we shall be going to Ely Cathedral for the embroidery exhibition, The Beautiful Stitch. Please call to book in.

Not forgetting food – our lunch club will meet at The Paper Mills on 19th February. Again, please call to book in if you would like to join us!

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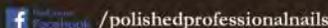


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WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY

Our first talk of 2019 will take place after this report has to be submitted so more on Dr. Twigs Way and Artists' Gardens next month. We are delighted that **Joe Whitehead**, formerly of Blatherwycke Walled Gardens but now Head Gardener at Burghley, will be coming over on **Thursday 21st February** to tell us about his new job and plans for the future of the estate. Having witnessed his amazing transformation of Blatherwycke, even though Burghley already has established gardens, we feel sure he will be enhancing them further.

On **14th March Geoff Hodge** will speak on "**Colour all Year Round**". Geoff is a local gardening writer and radio and TV broadcaster but used to be Web editor for the RHS and Garden News and Garden Answers magazines. After 2 months of winter gloom, a look at how to fill our gardens with colour will be most welcome.

Finally on **11th April Anne Biddlecombe** from Stamford Flower Club, who has worked on floral arrangements at the Chelsea Flower Show, will be demonstrating her ideas for interpreting the Floral Art classes in our 2019 Annual Show schedule, which will include exciting new ideas. Her arrangements will be auctioned at the end of the talk. As always these will take place at **7.30 p.m. in the Christie Hall** and all are welcome.

And now continuing our new feature! **IAN'S ANNUAL SHOW TIPS!** These are his thoughts for February.

There's an old saying 'Sow onion seeds in your greenhouse Boxing Day, and harvest grown onions from your garden on mid-summer's day'. The trend nowadays is to buy onion 'SETS,' small onions that have been stopped growing by laser treatment, which you can plant out from end of February, and have a good healthy crop without the hassle of heating the early plants. Garden centres and seed and plant companies supply these and also 'PLUG' vegetable plants of almost any variety, similarly grown, and ready to plant out later in Spring, once the last frosts have finished. Simple, time saving gardening for a busy household! Leeks are particularly happy to be transplanted this way, and when planted out (about pencil thick), will produce a good crop. If space allows, maybe parents can consider allocating an area for their children to enter the 'Wonderful World of Growing Living Plants'. Once started, they will always continue, either with flowers, veggies or both. A good motto for a gardener is 'This year is going to be a better year than last', and I **will** show my crop at Wansford show in August !!!

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"You live by the river?" asked Mole of Ratty from 'The Wind in the Willows' to which Ratty responded "by it, with it, on it, and in it". "In winter, summer, spring or autumn, it's always got its fun and excitements". "What it hasn't got is not worth having".

My daughter asked me to take care of her cocker spaniel puppy whilst she holidayed on the Cote d'Azur last year. You may think that I got a raw deal with the arrangement: my week with a young puppy was certainly a steep learning curve as I had little knowledge of dogs. But the havoc and destruction caused by this playful puppy are now a misty memory as what the puppy introduced to me was The River. We walked along the river bank from Wansford bridge every morning, through fields, and along a path that leads to the weir. I found that each day the river was different. Its reflections, colour, currents, sounds and inhabitants were a constant cycle of change and since that first week with the puppy, he and I have gone on to discover the life and personality of the River Nene as it flows through the seasons and serenely courses through our familiar landscape of Wansford. There are mornings when a cormorant will startle us with its laboured flight to find another place of seclusion. Whilst our backs are turned we hear the splash of a fish jumping for insects hovering above the water. A heron will sit on a wooden post by the river bank looking for its next meal. Little black coots hide in the reeds. Was that an otter bathing in the distance? A lone swift patrols above the water. Ducks show off their skills by swimming underwater. And all the while the swans gracefully oversee their territory.

Warm days bring out the boats. Riverboats, motorboats, canoes and an occasional rowing boat with the occupants waving at us as they make their way towards the weir. The boats bring their own individual sounds: the chugging of an engine, a canoeist's paddle slices through the water, and laughter from a rowing boat. The river commands respect from all who use its waterways and is no place for the speed of travel we have all come to expect on our highways. It seems to observe humanity with a dignified silence.

Last winter's heavy snow hid the river bank and puppy momentarily fell into the river's icy waters. He now prefers the safety of paddling and not to swim in its waters but I have witnessed some people doing what they call "wild water swimming" in the river at all times of the year! In the summer the willow tree meadow was left to grow a variety of tall grasses and wildflowers and for a few weeks their height hid the crows, rabbits and dogs in what became a massive and mysterious jungle of grassland. Then one day the air was sweet with newly mown grass which was left to dry in the heat of the summer before being baled and stored for livestock. Along the river, water Lilly pads proudly display their flowers in the summer and the river banks are decorated with reeds, bulrushes, and teasels in abundance. They collapse with the cold of the winter and the heavy spring rains make the river broader and faster as it carries broken branches - casualties of strong winds and storms.

Many years ago a Polish nanny looked after my children during the summer. It was her first visit to England. She told me that people in Poland liked to

promenade and chat within their community after dinner each evening and she observed that very few people did this in Wansford. Perhaps the English equivalent is those people who walk their dogs each morning and evening as the puppy and I have come to know a variety of dogs and their owners down by the river. Dog leads become entangled, owners chat, dogs are let off their leads and play tag. Some dogs swim or paddle in the river. There is life by the river, in it, on it and by it and I would recommend that you take time to stroll along it - and you don't need to have a naughty puppy!

Marie Lewis

Photo:- John Measures



“There’s nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as messing about in boats” (*Wind in the Willows*)

Except on the Nene it is very difficult!

As a youngster I lived in Henley on Thames and I spent a lot of time rowing on the river in traditional clinker skiffs. Steadily this has progressed to canoes, racing sculls, sailing dinghies, sailboards and eventually to racing and cruising yachts offshore. Messing about in boats on the river started a lifelong hobby.

I have lived in Wansford for 32 years and one thing that has always frustrated me is how difficult it is to actually use the river which flows through the village. There used to be quite a few canoes launched under the bridge on the south side and this is still possible despite a gate being put across this access to the old tow path.

If you want to launch a dinghy to go for a row, and you are not lucky enough to own one of the properties with river frontage, there is nowhere in the village. Waters Edge has a slipway but this is a gated community with no public access.

Looking further afield there is a slipway at Yarwell Mill but it is next to the main access road and its use is very restricted. On the two occasions I have tried to use it I have been told it is not available because of passing road traffic. The Elton Boat Club slipway has permanent rails and a carriage for river cruisers so is unusable for small boats. There is an excellent slipway at Oundle marina but that is some way away and only gives access to a very short stretch of river. Some years ago planning permission was granted for boat moorings and a slipway near the Anglian Water pumping station but the land was bought for other purposes and now lies derelict. At about the same time, Wansford Parish Council came up with a plan to build a slipway immediately upstream of the A1 river bridge. The Council talked to the Environment Agency, who control navigation on the river, and were told that they would only grant permission if the slipway was kept locked with someone to check boat registration and insurance before granting access. This rendered the scheme impractical and made the Council wonder whether the EA were actually interested in encouraging the use of the river.

Sibson Marina is due to open in 2019 and promises a slipway but costs and availability are uncertain at this stage. The A47 Wansford to Sutton improvements will bring about large changes to the Wansford picnic area and it may be that some sort of launch facility can be built there.

Am I the only one who wants to make better use of the Nene around Wansford for rowing and generally messing about in boats? I would be keen to hear from anyone with similar interests to see whether we can improve local facilities.

Richard Clarke

Photo:- John Measures



The Story of the Wansford Crest.

Villagers browsing the pages of *Living Villages* are likely to have noticed the crest (see illus.) at the masthead of the page devoted to Wansford Parish Council. Some, perhaps, may have pondered in passing as to its age and origins. Although hardly of any moment, the story is probably worth recording nevertheless.



When I was researching the booklet that I published on the history of Wansford to commemorate the Millennium, my enquiries and interviews took many unexpected, interesting and curious turns. Amongst these was happening upon a piece of W. H. Goss & Co. crested china (1858-1939), typically manufactured as models in the shape of local landmarks, or commemorating seaside towns, bearing the appropriate geographical name and/or a crest and sometimes an additional message such as 'A Present from Skegness' etc.

I found it somewhat surprising, not to say a little visually alarming, to happen upon a model of a bathing hut, somewhat resembling a sentry box, of the most garish of pink hues and bearing a crest with the legend 'Wansford'. I looked at the crest in understandable askance, but sure enough it depicted the old bridge, our familiar church and the coat-of-arms of Northamptonshire, the county where Wansford and Peterborough were formerly located.

I knew from interviewing villagers such as Sybil Audsley and Frank Sumpter, neither now sadly with us, that as children in the early 1930s they could respectively raise their dress and ford the river on stepping stones at the old Wansford bridge or in Frank's case tuck up his short trousers and wade across the river at the Sutton ford. Swimming in the river at the old Stanch (between Wansford & Sutton) was a popular summer pastime for all ages. But whether Wansford ever boasted the relative sophistication of a riverside bathing hut or two I would have thought questionable. Especially decked-out in such an eye-watering garish pink. Certainly, none are visible in any of the vintage photos I have seen of local people disporting themselves in the river.

Intrigued with the possibilities such a Wansford crest offered I asked an old friend, illustrator and graphic designer Pastor Theo Campbell-Barker to redraw the fuzzy image I obtained of the crest and to substitute the Peterborough coat-of-arms for that of Northamptonshire. I presented the resultant draft at a meeting of Wansford Parish Council for comment with a view to possible future adoption subject to any necessary permissions being obtained. After due discussion, it was decided there and then to adopt the 'new' crest forthwith, *nem con*. The rest, as they say, is (local) history.

David Stuart-Mogg



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 14th January there was another well attended meeting of Wansford Parish Council at which the main area of interest was the revised plan by Barker Storey Matthews for potential development in Seeds Field, adjacent to Robins Field to the North West of Wansford. The developer's proposal was the centre page article in the December edition of Village Villages and the editor pointed out that it was an item for discussion at the following Wansford Parish Council meeting. Unfortunately, it was construed by some that this meant that WPC were somehow supporting the application. In 2003 and later when the Barker Storey Matthews had submitted their initial plan in 2017, WPC had unanimously objected to any development outside the village envelope (as is PCC's policy), adding other reasons for rejection. There are some exceptional circumstances under which development outside village envelopes can be permitted but it is clear that this proposal is not covered by any of them. However, it is right and proper that any outline development proposal, which might affect the village, should be discussed by the Parish Council, and local residents given a chance to air their views. The developers indicated at the December meeting that they would probably be submitting a full planning application in due course.

As reported in the January edition of Living Villages, strong views objecting to the proposed development were expressed. Emails received after the meeting indicated that some people at the meeting had felt unable to express their views and at the January meeting the Chairman apologised if this had been the case. Emails were also received objecting to the tone of the Parish Council article in the January edition of Living Villages, one pointing out that PCC's own planning policy and Core Strategy Development Plan Document (as well as the National Planning Policy Framework) is very clear that residential development outside the existing village envelope of small village will not be permitted and Wansford is classified as a "small village". If a full planning application is submitted to PCC, it has to be notified to local residents and the Parish Council. The plans would then be discussed at a Parish Council meeting and a formal response voted on by your democratically elected Parish Councillors, and submitted to PCC. As with any planning application, if the Parish Council object, and the Planning Officers are mindful to approve, then representations can be made at a full Planning Committee meeting, comprising democratically elected City Councillors who vote on the final decision.

It is worth observing that WPC's articles in Living Villages are not minutes of our meetings, but a record and reflection on the previous month and we take it in turn to write our articles. Minutes of any meeting can be viewed on line (after they have been signed off at a subsequent meeting). At our January meeting, among other items we discussed, was a request for support for Wansford Cricket Pavilion restoration work, but since they do not have tenure of the building, we are not allowed to make any financial donation. The current A47 situation is that the whole of the Highways England management team for the Wansford to Sutton section have been replaced. For their preferred southern route, which we have opposed vigorously, their reassessment of the extra cost has been reported as increasing from £6m to £11m ! The Head of the new management team is coming to our meeting on February 11th so if you expect to attend, please let our Clerk, Wendy Gray, know (wendy7wansford@gmail.com or 01778 441312) because we might need to hire the Christie Hall !

Tim Pearson

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We are also in need of a grass cutter - we have our eyes on a Ransome triple cutter but the cost is £750.



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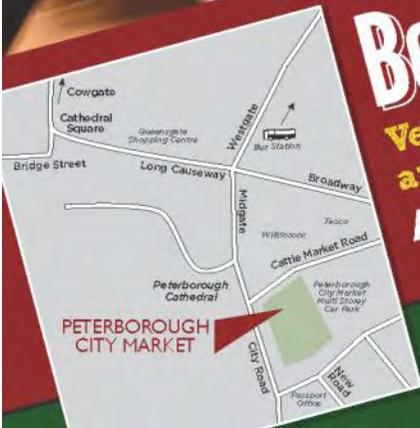
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Mallard will make their nests almost anywhere - on islands, in marshy ground, under bushes, in trees or even on ledges of high buildings. This year local friends enjoyed the company of a young family of ducks two metres up in a hanging basket right by their front door. Once the mother believes they are all ready she encourages the ducklings to jump down to the ground. They have a marvellous propensity for surviving such 'falls' as they float down from even high buildings.



In some cases the mother may nest several hundred metres from water. She will then shepherd her brood along paths and across roads to find some water where they will be safer and able to find food.

Historically mallards have themselves been a source of food for humans. Since medieval times ducks have been caught in a variety of traps. Our countryside was much wetter in those days and millions of mallard would have lived at that time. The Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire Fens were typical of such habitat. Here it was common to use decoy traps where the wildfowlers would make use of the ducks' innate curiosity to swim towards a trained dog who would lead them into a narrowing netted feature where they could be caught. One such decoy can still be found between Peakirk and Crowland where it has been declared an ancient monument. In some seasons over 30,000 birds were caught in one village area. Records from the late eighteenth century suggest that London markets were receiving 200,000 birds each season.

Such trapping declined as bird numbers fell. This was partly due to the high losses from trapping but drainage reduced the wet habitat and duck shooting became a popular field sport. Decoys required calm, undisturbed conditions so fewer birds went elsewhere for a bit of peace.

The wild duck continues to decorate our language. Trapping may well be a 'dead duck' and rain and wet conditions are known as 'good weather for ducks'. Even now, hearing the report of a shotgun makes you duck!

Mallard was also the name given to the railway engine that set the world speed record for a steam engine of 126 miles per hour achieved in 1938. Fittingly this feat was achieved on the London North Eastern Railway at Stoke Bank, barely ten miles from those Lincolnshire Fens where I can still hear thousands of wild duck quacking their support.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tracy, thank you for your work on Living Villages, having lived in Wansford for over 20 years I have read quite a few & they are a great way of keeping me informed.

Or at least that was what I thought until I read the report of the December Wansford Parish Council meeting in the January edition. I don't normally attend these meetings but felt strongly about an issue on the agenda & felt that for the good of the village I should show my support. I shall not go on about the subject discussed as this is for another day & for other people, but the report given in the magazine was nothing like the meeting I attended. The Parish Council is important to us all, as is Living Villages, please in the future lets get an unbiased & factual report for all to see.

Regards
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Mayor's Charities

Thank you everyone who has responded to my articles on Light Project Peterborough and the winter night shelter. It is wonderful to know we have village support.

The Mayor of Peterborough has kindly chosen Light Project as one of his 3 charities this year and with this privilege comes the responsibility of selling tickets to Mayoral events! Anyone who is interested in buying tickets to the following events please get in touch with me on maureenwoodd@gmail.com or 01780 789908:

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Saturday 18th May - Mayors Ball - join us for an evening of glitz and glamour - tickets £50 each or tables of 10 for £45.

I do hope there is something you would like to attend - Thank you for your support,

Maureen Woodd

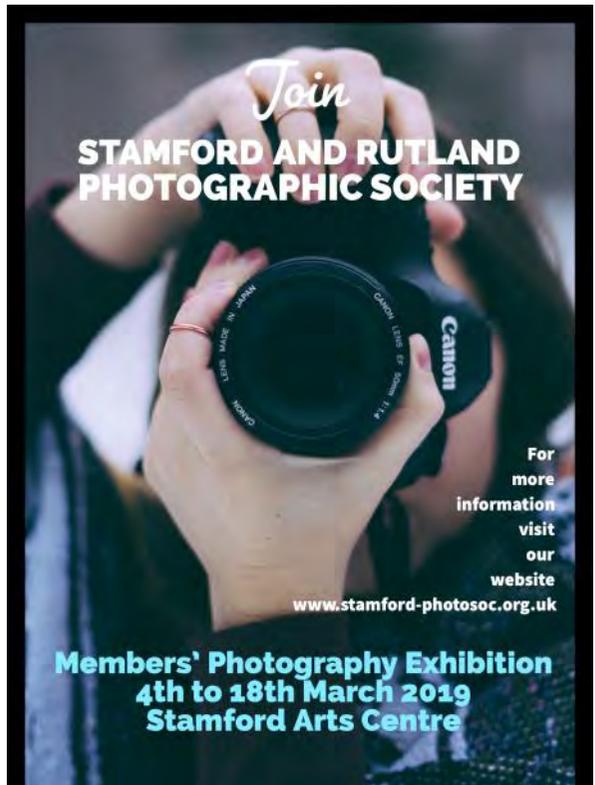
Dear Tracy,

I'm writing to let you know about our forthcoming exhibition at Stamford Arts Centre in March, and sincerely hope that you will be able to advertise it for us in your magazine. Partly as a result of coverage you have given the society previously, our membership has increased and hopefully promises to keep doing so. The increased membership of course means that new ideas come in, so everyone benefits, as we all support one another towards improving our photography.

I have attached a flier for the exhibition, which I hope you'll be able to include in the magazine. It gives relevant information, but just to recap for you - the exhibition opens on Monday, 4th March, and ends on Monday, 18th March. It will be held at Stamford Arts Centre. It will consist of probably around 50 images, displaying a wide range of subjects and the high standard of photographic abilities our group has as a whole. I'm hopeful that you could perhaps also include a short piece about the society, with a further reference to our monthly meeting time and place (8.00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Great Casterton Village Hall), and of course the contact details for the society. Anyone interested in joining us, or even just wishing to pop along and see what we do, is welcome to email the secretary, Gordon Brown, at secretary@stamford-photosoc.org.uk for further details, or of course, can access our website, www.stamford-photosoc.org.uk.

As a further bit of information about the society, we will be judging the Stamford in Bloom competition, in conjunction with the Stamford in Bloom Committee, later this year. I don't have any more details at the moment, but I believe any photos submitted for the competition have to be taken during the month of June.

Kind regards,
Veronica Watson



DIARY DATES – FEBRUARY 2019

Fri 1	WI 3C's Chat, Coffee and Community	10.00am	Community Centre	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sat 2	Lucia from ShooSo Workshop (making bags)	10.30am	Stibbington Centre		782386	13
Wed 6	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Caoline Ashley	782408	9
Thurs 7	Talk about Plastic Recycling	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Fri 8	Quiz Night		Stibbington Centre		782386	13
Sat 9	Thornhaugh Litter Pick	10.30am	Village Green	Nicola Higgins	07773 728731	
Sat 9	Mayors Charity Event Afro Caribbean Evening	6.30pm	Caribbean Centre PE1 5GD	Maureen Woodd	789908	36
Mon 11	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	24
Thurs 14	Art Society Peterborough Lecture Hogarth: Harlots, Rakes and Crashing China	10.15am	The Fleet, Old Fletton, PE2 8DL		01733 233022	
Tues 19	WI Lunch Club		Paper Mills	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Wed 20	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Caoline Ashley	782408	
Thurs 21	Mayors Charity Event Quiz night		Peterborough Town Hall	Maureen Woodd	789908	36
Thurs 21	Horticultural Society Talk Joe Whitehead	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	782446	19
Fri 22	WI trip to Ely The Beautiful Stitch			Jan Armitage	789996	17
Thurs 28	Christie Hall Management Committee AGM	7.30pm	Christie Hall			15

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