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## Editorial

I hope you are going to enjoy this month's magazine. It comes packed with information about what's been happening and what's going to happen in and around our lovely villages for the next month or so.

I am particularly excited about having an opportunity to visit the site of Durobrivae this summer and have to admit I have already signed up!

If you are holding an event, or have been involved with something within our villages, please do send me a report and photos, I am always happy when I don't have to write an article :-)

It's holiday time and we are finding that a number of our regular distributors have let Rod know that they can't help us this month. We wonder if it would be possible for a few people to volunteer to be relief distributors? We don't mind doing extra deliveries every so often and understand that you can't be available all year round, but we do get a bit pressed for time sometimes. At this point we wish to thank Mark and Kate for doing the entire distribution for us last month due to our own holidays.

**Tracy Sortwell**

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# WORSHIP JULY 2019

<b>St Leonard's, Apethorpe</b>		
7th	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st	11.00am	Holy Communion
28th	6.00pm	Evensong

<b>St Kyneburgha, Castor</b>		
7th	10.15am	Holy Communion
14th	10.15am	Holy Communion
21st	10.15am	Holy Communion
28th	10.15am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington</b>		
7th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
14th	9.30am	Morning Praise
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School

<b>St Michael and All Angels, Sutton</b>		
14th	9.00am	Family Service
28th	9.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Andrew's, Thornhaugh</b>		
7th	9.30am	Morning Praise
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's, Wansford</b>		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th	9.30am	Morning Praise

<b>St Mary's, Woodnewton</b>		
7th	9.30am	Holy Communion
14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
21st	9.30am	Morning Praise
28th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

<b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell</b>		
7th	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st	3.00pm	Methodist Service
28th	11.00am	Holy Communion

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

The Friends are continuing their successful Coffee Stops- in July these will be 10th and 24th July at 10.30 after Morning Prayer.

The Friends' meetings will be 3rd and 17th July, also at 10.30, in the Community Hall.

After that the Friends will have a break from meetings while preparing for their cake stall at the Horticultural Show , when we hope we will have a return to lovely summer weather.

Caroline

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Recently, I spent four days on retreat in the beautiful surroundings of Launde Abbey, discovering something of the life and example of Julian of Norwich. Some of you may know of Julian; she lived in Norwich in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and amongst other things is remembered as the writer of the earliest surviving book written in English by a woman. The book is called Revelations of Divine Love and relates a series of visions Julian had and her reflections upon them.

Her writing is wonderful and the book itself is worth a lifetime of study and prayer. But what struck me most powerfully in these few days was an image of three windows. Not only did these windows open for me something of God, but also opened to something about our reliance and relationship with others. Windows – a strange theme for a retreat, perhaps?

Julian was an anchoress; a strange idea for our 21<sup>st</sup> century minds. An anchorite or an anchoress cut themselves off from the world to devote themselves to prayer in a very dramatic way. They didn't go off in to the desert, or find an isolated cave, or live in a religious community; no, they stayed in the city or town where they lived and were literally walled up into a small room next to a church. Some might have had access to a churchyard or small garden, or might simply never have left the room for the rest of their lives. Once they entered their cell by only door, that door was bricked up – and that was it. Truly no way out.

And that is why the windows were so important. The cell would have three windows: one through which food and other essentials were provided, one to which people would come who sought counsel and guidance, and the last that looked into the church. The first window for me was the most striking. There would be someone "on the outside" who would bring Julian food and drink. This was total reliance upon another person. If food wasn't provided through that window, Julian would have starved. What trust she had in that person – that she would come each day with what was needed. This window made me think about our reliance upon other people. Some of us might like to think of ourselves as pretty self-sufficient, but actually, we all rely on others to provide what we need; be that the practical or the emotional. Who do we trust and who do we have confidence in? This window helps to remember that our own needs are just as important as others.

Julian's second window was the one where people would come to ask for her prayers or for her guidance; this was the outward looking window. We rely on others, but they also rely on us. Whether we realise it or not, how we are with people makes a difference – a smile or a scowl, a kind word or a frustrated grumble from us can change someone's day completely. This is the window of hospitality and welcome.

A window focussing inward and one looking outward; and third reminding us that there is a spiritual dimension to our lives. Julian's third window looked into the church beside her cell. Through this she could watch the services taking place and the priest would bring her the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Christians know that their reliance is ultimately upon God and we look to him. For others there is a recognition that there is something beyond ourselves; that there are three aspects to our lives, not just two: ourselves, others and God, however we understand that word.

One woman, in a tiny room, all those centuries ago, and yet her story and her writings still have such a resonance today. Spending those few days in her company helped me refocus upon God and my relationship upon him, upon my relationship with others and the value of welcome, and upon myself, recognising that I need others and that is not a weakness but a strength in having confidence in them. I wonder who inspires you, how their stories shape you? And maybe Julian is already a friend to you, or someone you might learn more about?



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Our next service and celebration is our annual 'Strawberry Service' followed by an Afternoon Strawberry Tea - 'All Things Strawberry!'. Come and celebrate summer in the sunshine in the idyllic riverside setting of the Church of St. Remigius, Water Newton.

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Everybody welcome.

Tony Capon  
Friends of St. Remigius Water Newton

## FRIENDS OF ST REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

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### WATER NEWTON MUSIC FEST 2019

Bank Holiday Sunday 25th August

The final details of this year's Water Newton Music Fest are now being put together. This year we will be showcasing a great selection of popular local bands including 'Caustic Lights' and the return of 'Pennyless', 'Nick Corney & The Buzz Rats', and headlining with 'The Hounddogs'

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

There will be delicious food available including gourmet burgers and a wine, 'bubbles' and beer tent serving real ales supplied by Castor Ales

Be sure to note the date in your diaries and let all your friends know of the event. Why not make up a party? Tickets will be on sale from late June by visiting: [www.waternewtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.waternewtonvillage.co.uk)

## WANSFORD AND SACREWELL

St. Marys Church Wansford recently had some interesting visitors when a film crew involved in the production of a children's television series called Little Grey Fergie filmed a sequence in the churchyard. The production company is based in Norway and had previously spent several days filming at Sacrewell Farm.

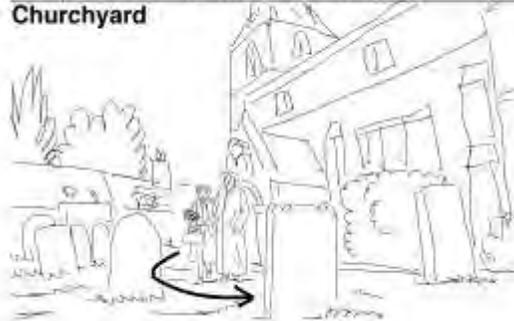
In spite of heavy rain they completed satisfactory takes with the actors sheltering under umbrellas right until the Director called Action! They subsequently kindly sent storyboard pictures.

**Alan Jones**



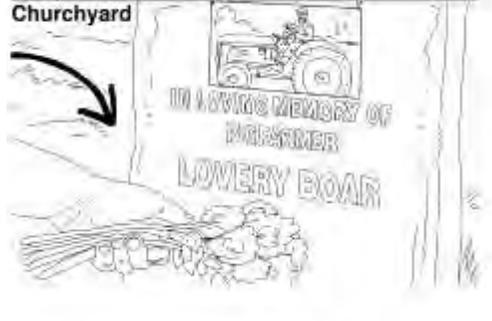
Scene 1  
Peter 23m  
The Clergyman  
2000's Christmas series  
A priest of 60 and a woman in waiting visit the church.

### Churchyard



Scene 2  
Peter 23m  
The Clergyman  
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The woman sits on the ground in the graveyard.

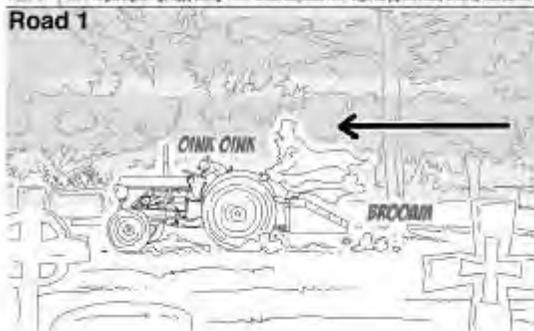
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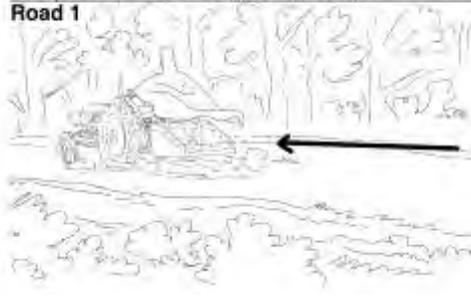


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Storyboard 1  
 Panel 1  
 Action: Fergal's tractor drives along the road, happy working. Fergal, Brian and Louise are in the tractor. Fergal is the driver and Louise is in the back seat. Brian is in the front.



Storyboard 2  
 Panel 2  
 Action: Fergal's tractor drives along the road, happy working. Fergal, Brian and Louise are in the tractor. Fergal is the driver and Louise is in the back seat. Brian is in the front.



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## Wansford Pharmacy and Surgery Win National Award

Superintendent pharmacist, Emily Howlett and locum pharmacist, Gareth Evans, along with Dr Amrit Takhar, attended the annual C & D awards ceremony at the Intercontinental O2 Hotel in London last month. The event is organized by 'Chemist & Druggist', a publication aimed at community pharmacists and pharmacy staff in the UK, founded as a weekly print magazine in 1859 but changed to online in 2016. The awards were hosted by TV presenter, Gaby Roslin, and attended by more than 660 industry professionals – there were 14 winners in the various categories none of whom were aware of their success until the night.

Wansford Pharmacy and Wansford Surgery were announced as winners of the GP Partnership of the Year category which acknowledges development and sharing information and ideas between practice and pharmacy teams, and sponsored by NAPP.



Trailblazers for GP-pharmacy integration, Wansford Surgery and Wansford Pharmacy have developed and harnessed each others' skills in a collaboration that benefits patient care. At its heart is an agreement allowing qualified pharmacy staff members to access and log information directly onto the practice's central patient medical records. Not only does this allow a seamless audit of care given, but the instant message function of the record system enables secure live chats between the doctor, GP pharmacist, nurse and community pharmacist, making the most of every opportunity to add value while a patient is present. Their working is so joined up that GP pharmacists provide locum cover in the community pharmacy, the superintendent pharmacist interns at the surgery, and surgery meetings are open to pharmacy staff. GP trainees also have a session in the pharmacy in which they are given a complete overview of the prescribing process from start to finish. As a teaching practice, trainee GPs and other staff get first-hand experience of how their medicine recommendations translate into supply at the pharmacy. What the judges said - 'A great example of how partnership working brings the benefits of community pharmacies to the wider primary care sector'.

## STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS

### Stibbington Community Classes

Here is plenty of notice for what is bound to be a popular first workshop in the autumn term:

**Saturday 21st September 10—16:30 Cost £50**

Eve Marshall will be returning to Stibbington, offering the opportunity to make a handsome hare using the technique of needle-felting. Previous attendees of this workshop have been so pleased with these floppy-bodied fellows, some have ended up accessorising them with hats and jumpers! Bookings are already coming in after details were circulated to the mailing list, so use the Community Class email address below to book a place sooner rather than later!



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# STIBBINGTON AND WANSFORD WI

Celebrating 100 years

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The talk not only took us through the changes that taken place in diet and health, but also lifestyle. This resulted in heated debate and discussion by members, leading us to wonder if life now could still benefit from aspects of the past, in particular family meals being the norm. Whereas others, such as NHS service and medical advances have led to extended life expectancy and improved quality of life.

This was followed by WI business, during which a report was given on behalf of the five members who had attended the National federation of WI 2019 AGM in Bournemouth. The resolutions that had been considered by the group members previously were debated at National level and we await the outcomes of the voting that took place, as well as how WI as an organisation will be able to implement these.

There were 2 speakers, Lord Bradley of Withington, who is the Chair of Care not Custody coalition. He spoke on the importance of support for those who have mental health issues within the justice system. The second speaker was Maggie Philbin, who many maybe remember from the television programmes Swap shop, and Tomorrow's world. She is now CEO of the award-winning organisation Teentech. This puts on pro active programmes to encourage teenagers to follow tech-based careers. Both speakers gave food for thought for the members attending, as well as those back in Wansford.

## **Upcoming events:-**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July** We have our 3C's regular craft, coffee and chat meeting (Community Hall 10-12am).

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – The work of the Wildlife trust(Community Hall 7.30pm)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>,** Book club meeting (Haycock hotel, 7.30pm), open to members and non members.

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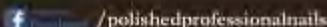


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# WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY

Our first coach trip took place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and, by sheer miracle, on the only dry and sunny day in over a week of rain, heavy downpours and flooding! We went first to Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington, where we had an informative guided tour of the house and enjoyed the surrounding gardens. Some then picnicked whilst others repaired to the Star Inn nearby for an excellent Sunday lunch. The afternoon was spent at Thenford Arboretum, Lord Michael Heseltine's 70 acre private gardens and estate, with over 3,000 varieties of tree and a 2 acre walled garden, lakes and sculpture park to explore and admire.



We were lucky to get tickets for one of the very few open days, and the owner was on hand to answer our horticultural questions.

We now look forward to the two day excursion on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June visiting Harewood House then R.H.S. Harlow Carr including an overnight stop at a nearby hotel. Our fingers are crossed for our luck to hold with good weather.

July sees our **summer social** for members and their friends which as usual will be an ample buffet supper, including wine and soft drinks and excellent company. It takes place from **7 p.m. on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** in the garden of **Stone and Willow, 59, Elton Road** and tickets are £15 a head. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

This is followed on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** by our **private tour of the gardens and estate at Burghley House**, escorted by the Head Gardener Joe Whitehead. The tour starts at **2 p.m.** and we can stay in the grounds until they close at 5 p.m. The cost is £11 a head and I am still taking bookings, so please contact me by email if you are interested.

Finally, the **Annual Flower Show** is fast approaching (**Saturday 24 August, opening to the public at 1 p.m.**), for which the schedule of entries can be found on our website – [www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk), so over to Ian.

## IAN'S ANNUAL SHOW TIPS!

I can't believe it's July already, the time since March has flown by quickly. Our Show Day, now just 8 weeks away, will be here before we know it!. Please consider your entry to the Top Vase class for flowers, as well as the Top Tray class for your vegetables, which we mentioned last month, also separate fruit and veg. classes for junior entrants for the first time this year

Entry main rules: Top Vase: 1) The Top Vase is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten, taken from a minimum of two kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plant are NOT two kinds.

2) The display is judged out of a total of 35 points, split into 25 points for the colour, form and condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 points for the overall presentation and effects of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes

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

Following the article published in the May 2019 edition of 'Living Villages', Tony Capon and Laura Williams from 'The Friends of St Remigius Water Newton' recently met with Dr Stephen Upex from the Nene Valley Archaeological Trust. We were able to get a closer look into where Stephen's passion for archaeology began, as well as gaining greater insight into our local Roman town of Durobrivae together with the planned excavation project commencing this July. The interview was fascinating and we hope you enjoy it just as much as we did.

D.S.U – Dr Stephen Upex



**1.** *Where did your passion for archaeology and Roman archaeology come from?*

D.S.U: "Well, from a very early age actually. I can remember at primary school been given a piece of Roman pottery by the headmaster and I felt a tingle in my hands, and that was it, I was hooked and have been ever since. I've always been fascinated and I expect I always will be"

**2.** *We have a rich Roman history surrounding us although the awareness is not strong. Do you feel frustrated at times of this?*

D.S.U: "Yes, I do. Our Roman history and archaeology is so important, that

we all ought to know about it and enjoy it. Part of the problem is in people not knowing is in some way my fault, or people like me. We need to tell more people about it; we need to get people excited; we need to write more literature that is easily accessible for people to get hold of and we need and want people to be excited about our history and understand that without it we wouldn't be where we are or have what we do today."

**3.** *Can you expand a bit more on Durobrivae and the excavation project? How has it come about? What do you hope to find? And how do you believe we can increase awareness?*

D.S.U: "Well that's a really interesting question. What we have done with Durobrivae is set up a 5 year plan to try and explore this really fabulous Roman town. Which is one of the most unexplored and most important Roman towns in Britain. The intention is, over the 5 years we will try and answer some questions that have always been asked, but we just don't know the answers to. It is a really exciting project and at the end of it we will know far more than we do now. I think the best way to get others interested in the project is to use modern media – it's really about creating awareness to the local community that they have this massive piece of history right on their doorstep."

**4.** *What would be the ideal outcome of the 5-year project for Durobrivae?*

D.S.U: "Well - we are delighted that Historic England and the land owner have given us permission to go ahead with the first stage of the project. This only initially covers year one starting with excavations in July. We are optimistic that permission will be given for the full project but for now we are grateful that we have the go ahead for year one'. "You don't just excavate, because you like excavating. The reason we are excavating is to search for questions and I think the best thing to do is to start off with a series of research questions. 'What are we trying to look for?', 'What are the problems

# Interview with Dr Stephen Upex

we are trying to answer about the town that we do not understand?'. So the outcomes are really based on a series of questions we start off with and in general, that is how archaeology works."

## 5. *What do we already know about Durobrivae?*

D.S.U: "Actually very little. We know it's called Durobrivae from Roman writing. We've looked at air photographs so we can see some of the planning inside the town. We have undertaken geophysical surveys so we now have an even more detailed plan of the town. But what we need to look at is the 'nuts and bolts' of the town and how it operated. Who lived there? What were the buildings like? Were there shops? – there are a whole lot of questions that we are trying to untangle from the excavation and what is left in the field."

## 6. *How can people get involved during the excavation, can they come and see what is happening?*

D.S.U: "Yes, and they will be most welcome. The public should definitely come and have a look at what we are doing, why wouldn't they want to?"

There will be a couple of open days on 14th and 21st July from 2.30pm to 4pm, Places are limited and anybody interested must book via our website where information is posted - go to: ([www.nenevalleyarchaeology.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleyarchaeology.co.uk)) if you are interested."

## 7. *Can you tell us about the significance of the Water Newton Treasure?*

D.S.U: "Ah the significance of the Water Newton Treasure, I'm already smiling, it is fabulous, it is absolutely mind blowing. The easiest way to describe it is that it is the earliest Christian silver treasure that is linked with the communion rites of any churches anywhere in the world and this was found in Durobrivae itself. This really puts the site on the world map, let alone the regional or national map – the Water Newton Treasure is pretty significant actually."

## 8. *Will there be regular walks available*

## *to come and view Durobrivae?*

D.S.U: "You have to remember that the Durobrivae site is on private land. If you are interested, you will have to go on an organized walk that is arranged by some of the local churches and parishes. If you are interested, keep an eye on the websites

<http://www.castorchurchtrust.co.uk/category/news/>

[www.nenevalleyarchaeology.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleyarchaeology.co.uk)

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

or send in an email. All the people involved will be more than happy to provide you with any information you may need."

***There will be an event in October after the first dig is finished, this event will be held at Water Newton Church and is being organized by the Friends of St Remigius at Water Newton in conjunction with the Nene Valley Archaeological Trust. The idea is to give those who are interested an opportunity to come and see what was found; what questions have been answered; and what is still left unanswered. Details will be published in 'Living Villages' nearer the time.***



# THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Thornton Parish Council took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. They were chaired by Chris Smith, present were Ashleigh Kewney, Louise Molesworth, Adrian Rodgers, 3 Members of the Public and the Clerk.

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis.

## **Chairman's Report for Council Year 2018-2019**

The Chairman read out her Report for the Council Year 2018-2019.

### **Public Participation**

*Potential for Defibrillator in the Village* – a flyer seeking residents' views on obtaining a Defibrillator had been distributed to every household in the village and although there had been a majority of positive responses, the response was extremely low and therefore had to be considered as a low appetite for the project. Louise Molesworth stated that there is going to be a talk about Defibrillators at Wansford Surgery on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to ensure people understand how the defibrillators can be used. The Parish Council had hoped to fund this through an Auegan Grant Application but it is not classed as a Community Project by Grantscape, the company managing the applications and is therefore not eligible. Martin Lewis will pursue alternative grant applications but it was agreed to reconsider whether or not to obtain a Defibrillator in a year's time when there may be more appetite

*Dog Fouling* – it was acknowledged that this is a local and national problem. It was agreed to produce a flyer for distribution to every household in the village asking residents to collect and bin their dog foul

*Speeding Through the Village* – it was agreed to add speeding to the flyer (above) and contact the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council to ask if traffic calming measures (rumble strips/speed bumps/20 mph signs painted on the road) could be considered for the village

### **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Chairman - Christine Smith and Vice Chairman - Louise Molesworth

### **Bird Scarers**

Peter Sharpley had responded positively and adjusted the timings. As the season requiring scarers is now passed, it was noted that this is no longer a concern in the village.

### **Hanging Baskets**

The Autumn/Winter Hanging Baskets have been replaced many of which had died or been removed. Thanks were expressed to Martin and Kay Lewis for collecting the summer baskets and also the other residents who helped put them up. Residents adjacent to the baskets have been asked to ensure they are maintained and kept looking fresh during the summer period.

### **A1 North Layby**

Despite further requests, there had been no further response/update from the Highways Agency regarding the closure request. The Parish Council will keep pressing.

### **Planning Application 19/00346 – Tree Work at 16 Russell Hill, Thornton**

It was noted that the Parish Councillors were disappointed at the lack of response from the Planning Department and Diane Lamb to their detailed concerns and comments about this Planning Application.

## Annual Audit 2018-2019

The Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 have been audited by Karen Jones of Thornhaugh and the Annual Return will be signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

## Planning Application 19/000398 – Erection of dwelling with garage at 16 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh

A detailed Objection had been submitted and thanks were expressed to Martin Lewis for his hard work in drafting it. A revised Planning Application had subsequently been made and another detailed Objection which included the first detailed Objection had been submitted. The Planning Decision is still outstanding.

## Pavements

It was noted that many of the pavements are in a poor condition and are crumbling away. The Clerk will report this to the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council.

## Footpaths

It was noted that some of the footpaths are in a poor condition and very overgrown. The Clerk will ask for the Maintenance Schedule from the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council.

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in St Andrew's Church. Lisa Chambers will be attending to give a talk about the background to Christie Hall and the Parish Council's contractual arrangements with the British Legion.

*Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk*

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## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
All councillors in attendance and five members of the public.

Planning: two applications, an extension and tree felling, were both approved.

Defibrillator: The signs will be affixed to the telephone box. Following a discussion about the security of the equipment, it was decided to leave the telephone box unlocked in order to facilitate speedy access. We are still awaiting the instruction leaflets from the company to distribute to residents.

Nene Close Water pump: it was decided after consultation with local residents in attendance that low level fencing or railings should be erected round the pump to ensure both personal safety and preservation of the pump once renovation is completed.

Community Hall: New blinds will be purchased and fitted. The WI, who meet weekly in the hall, have said they would like to encourage younger members to attend and participate in events.

CallConnect: Following a Councillor's experience of problems encountered in using this service, it was suggested we write to the company to ask if there was any way of improving the booking system.

### Progress Reports:

*Road markings, village signage, 20mph, drainage problems, pedestrian crossing, still awaiting action from PCC .*

*Extensive parking in Nene Close still causing concern and proving a great problem for the residents. WPC will continue to monitor this and work with the residents on resolving the situation.*

*A47 dualling: STILL awaiting confirmation of a visit to a WPC meeting from the newly appointed scheme coordinator.*

*A contribution from WPC to the refurbishment of the cricket pavilion is still under discussion and legal advice is being sought.*

Matters for Consideration: Seeds Field: a request will be made to the land-owner to have the overgrown hedge cut back.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE COUNCIL: It has been noted that there has been an increasing amount of illegal parking of cars at dropped kerbs and on narrow pavements around the village. The Council would like to point out that there must be a space of at least 1 metre to allow for pedestrians to walk on the pavement and vehicles should not be parked less than 15 metres from a corner junction.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30 in the Community Hall.



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## SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Annual Parish Council was held at The Environment Centre, Stibbington on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm.

Four Councillors were in attendance and four members of the public were also present.

The Chairman, Cllr Beuttell opened the meeting and gave her report.

This year we have lost Helen Facer from our PC, which leaves one vacancy. We would like to thank Helen for her time on the Parish Council, and her very valuable assistance in planning matters.

There have been 16 planning applications this year, which is slightly higher than last year. Some are still ongoing waiting a decision from HDC.

The situation at Hutchinsons Yard is continuing, and with several agencies involved it has not been easy for residents. There have been two reported incidents at the yard and the last one caused life changing injuries to an employee. A meeting will take place shortly with those agencies to attempt to answer as to how we move forward with Pure Fuels who rent this yard.

There have been several complaints regarding an illegal bollard, which has been erected outside No 1 Chapel Court. This is currently with Highways England, and will hopefully be removed. This bollard was erected to enable parking on the pavement. Can I remind all residents that the bollards at Chapel Court were erected specifically to protect the pathway and pavement?

Other complaints dealt with were regarding proposed building work on the land behind cottages Nos. 12 –22 Elton Road. This work appears to have ceased, but we are watching with interest to see if any further movement takes place.

In May last year I had the great honour of being elected as District Council for Huntingdonshire. I believe and hope that this position will give me a better insight into how we can work more closely with the District Council and other agencies, to speed up decision making.

Once again thank-you to all my fellow PC members, and a huge thankyou to all residents who faithfully attend our meetings, and also last but not least to Wendy Gray for all her dedication and assistance.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-elected. It was reported that some pot holes had been filled in. Speeding issue has increased – problem – can we have a Police presence early in the morning in particular with heavy vehicles in particular crossing the bridge?

Defibrillators have been installed in the two BT Kiosks servicing both ends of the village. Two signs to be fixed in.

The Parish Council meet again on Wednesday 3rd July 2019, meeting commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 are: 4th September and 6th November.

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# Match Reports

Game 5 was enjoyed by everyone. A new fixture saw Wansford CC travel to Upwood for the first ever game between these two sides. The team hosted very well at a fantastic ground set us up for a great day of cricket.

Upwood CC chose to bat first and some great opening bowling saw the sharp dismissal of their opening bats - it was all looking good for Wansford. Then at 3 & 4 we saw two of Upwood's first team batsmen stubbornly occupy the crease and both reached their 50's before retiring in a friendly spirit. Following the retirements, a flurry of wickets fell, rounding out the 40 overs. Upwood finished on 181-7 and on a field which wasn't too easy to score on, was going to make for an interesting chase.

Key bowling figures: Steve: 2-28 (8.0) Sree: 2-31 (6.0) Matt: 1-26 (8.0)

After a fantastic tea that no one could quite praise enough, Wansford CC trotted out to bat weighed down with homemade shortbread, quietly confident they could knock off 182. The pitch initially felt difficult to reach the boundary as Andy and Pete opened the batting at a single run per over after the first 10 overs. Andy persevered and eventually posted a tidy score. A very handy innings from an opening batsman. Next up were Steve and Mo-Z who had a successful innings and began to find the boundary with regularity. On came the Upwood first teamers who brought with them lots of wickets that other bowlers had been unable to take. However, these bowlers also proved costly and allowed Wansford CC to hit their total with 4 overs to spare.



**Mo-Z**

Top Scorers: Steve: 40 Andy: 34 Mo-Z: 32

Huge thanks to Lester for the match-day photography. Well done Wansford CC - back to winning ways! **Record: W3-L2**

**As ever, we are looking for players to practice on Tuesdays and to play friendly cricket on Sundays. If interested, don't hesitate to come down to visit Wansford CC at the back of the Haycock Hotel Tuesday at 6pm and we will be happy to get you involved!**



**Steve**

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## How to avoid summer fraud and the post-holiday burglar blues

WHETHER you've already booked a week in the sun, are planning a short family break – or have yet to grab a last-minute getaway – don't get caught up in the holiday blues this summer. Holiday security is as important to add to your checklist as the usual 'money, tickets, passport' mantra. And there is plenty to consider; last year, holiday scamming accounted for around £7 million being 'stolen' from holiday makers, according to research - with more than 5,000 people the victims of holiday booking fraud.

Travel association ABTA said victims lost an average of £1,380 each, having bought bogus airline tickets, accommodation or organised tours. It said fraudsters were using increasingly sophisticated methods to target people looking for good deals. More than half (53%) of the crimes related to the sale of airline tickets, with scammers particularly targeting people visiting family and friends in Africa and the Indian subcontinent. One in four cases involved accommodation, such as payments to stay in upmarket villas which are either fictitious or are being offered without the owner's knowledge. Spain and France were among the destinations most commonly affected.



Before you click to confirm payment, here are some tips from ABTA, Action Fraud and Get Safe Online:

- ◆ Check the booking agent's web address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name - such as going from '.co.uk' to '.org'
- ◆ Don't just rely on one review - do a thorough online search to check the company's credentials
- ◆ Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA
- ◆ Wherever possible, pay by credit card and be wary about paying directly into a private individual's bank account
- ◆ Study receipts, invoices as well as terms and conditions
- ◆ If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is

We can also greatly reduce the risk of burglary whilst away; a dark home in the evenings and uncollected mail is a sign to burglars that no one is home.

- Also remember, before you go on holiday:
- Set up automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark
- Register for the Royal Mail's 'keepsake' service
- Move valuable items out of view of windows
- Cut front and back lawns and trim back plants
- Don't discuss holiday plans on social media
- Ask a trusted neighbour to watch over your home whilst you're away

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In my last notes I described how my lawn had been damaged by beast or beasts unknown and I debated about who or what had caused the mess. As a result I was delighted to receive a number of readers' comments from which, summing up, the culprit(s) could be scored as Badgers 2, Muntjac Deer 3. In the days that followed I decided that, unlike Brexit, the majority 'had it' and a Muntjac was to blame. You may ask if I have had any recurrence of the damage and until three days ago I could say no. However I have now suffered further similar, but very minor, damage - more easily repaired. No more tulips are available to be eaten but my Canterbury Bells are all still standing, so maybe not Muntjacs this time.

Strangely, since the original incident, I have had a few more irregular visitors to the garden which makes me wonder again. For years I have never seen a squirrel in the garden but last winter I saw one working its way through the bare branches of my rear hedge. I have been fortunate in not having my bird feeders attacked by squirrels - until a month ago when one very large grey squirrel found my peanut feeder, ripped the base out and all the nuts fell to the ground. He still comes occasionally now that he has found a new source of food but does not appear to dig holes to hide his ill gotten gains.

When I first came to the village I noticed the jackdaws around Wansford's church tower but not in Yarwell. Then five or six years ago they found Yarwell church. I quite like their squawks as they sit on the weather vane or fly around Main Street. Earlier this year one found the bird feeder and busied itself beneath before clinging onto the feeder itself. Three weeks ago I looked outside one morning and there were ten jackdaws on the feeders but they flew off as soon as they saw the curtain twitch. They don't appear to be attracted by the lawn.

A Carrion Crow has also been about. I see the odd one or two flying overhead but this was in the top of one of my trees and cawing for quite sometime as if it was considering swooping down onto the lawn.

Finally, I have seen a rat in the garden in the past when we had chickens, but the hens are no longer with us. Their patch has been tidied up and re-seeded but shortly after my original lawn damage I found four neat holes dug into the new turf close to where food might have been spilt. All the hallmarks of a rat but the holes were refilled successfully and remain so.

So, the most recent damage could have been caused by another Muntjac but we also have a very active blackbird family in the garden at present. The parents spend a lot of time on the lawn, cocking their heads listening for worm and insect movement and jabbing their beaks into the grass. This is causing very minor holes but more importantly they are pulling out little patches of turf that were put back six weeks ago and have not yet knitted into the lawn. This morning a pair of song thrushes has joined them. I will just have to keep monitoring my garden visitors. Not an unpleasant task.

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## **Open water swimming comes to Ferry Meadows**

We are excited to announce that Nene Park Trust has launched weekly open water swimming sessions at Nene Outdoors Watersports and Activity Centre in Ferry Meadows. Thursday 6 June saw the first of our weekly sessions, with 23 swimmers out on the lake between 5:30-7.00pm; a fantastic turn out for our first session.

Anna Thompson the Trust's Education and Activities Manager explains "We all know that we should take more exercise and numerous studies have also shown the benefits to our physical and mental health of spending time in a natural environment. With open water swimming you get to combine the two!

In the past our Rangers have had to advise people not to swim in the lakes and river here at Ferry Meadows as we cannot guarantee their safety, so we are really excited to be able to offer people the opportunity to swim in the lake in a safe and controlled way. The water is tested regularly to ensure it meets quality standards for bathing water and our trained staff are on hand to assist should anyone get into difficulty."

The swimming course is a 400m rectangular circuit on Gunwade Lake, marked out by four yellow buoys. Swimmers are required to swim in an anti-clockwise direction and can complete the course as many times as they like within the swim session. The course is patrolled by a safety boat and a kayak-based spotter throughout the swim session.

This really is a sport for all with everyone from triathletes to complete first-timers attending sessions so far. All ages of swimmer are welcome to come along and have a go but they need to be able to swim 1000m confidently in a swimming pool. They will also need to wear a brightly coloured swimming hat, use a tow float (provided) and wear a NOWCA safety wristband. These wristbands allow us to track who is on and off the water and allow swimmers to track their swims. Using the NOWCA system means that swimmers can be confident that Gunwade Lake is well kept, the water tested regularly and the operators are meeting best practice guidelines to keep you safe, challenged and having fun in the open water.

Open water swimming is one of the fastest growing watersports in the country and we are excited to be offering something new to our Park visitors, expanding the range of existing popular watersports activities, already held at Nene Outdoors.

Further information on Nene Park and its current events programme is available at [www.nenepark.org.uk](http://www.nenepark.org.uk).

## Wansford Surgery Dragon Boat Race

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It was awful weather with driving rain and wind blowing over the gazebos but this didn't dampen our spirit and enthusiasm. £30,000 was raised in total.

Our grateful thanks to all those who donated. The Just Giving page is still open, just search Wansford Surgery.

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Wed 3	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	5
Wed 3	Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council	7.30pm	Stibbington Centre	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	26
Fri 5	WI 3C's Chat, Coffee and Community	10.00am	Community Centre	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 7	Cricket match v Rushden	1.00pm	Home	Jason	07734	29
Sun 7	Strawberry Fayre	4.00pm	St Remigius	Tony Capon	01733	9
Mon 8	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778	24
Tues 9	T20 Cricket match v Cummins	5.30pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	29
Tues 9	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Wed 10	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
Sat 13	Horticultural Society Summer Social	7.00pm	Stone and Willow	Gill Fisher	782446	19
Sun 14	Cricket match v Camra	2.00pm	Home	Jason	07734	29
Mon 15	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrews	Deirdre McCuminsky	782668	23
Tues 16	T20 Cricket match v Admiral OBIT's	5.30pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	29
Wed 17	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	5
Wed 17	Horticultural Society visit to Burghley House	2.00pm		Gill Fisher	782446	19
Thurs 18	Sutton Parish Council	7.30pm	St Michaels and All Angels	Deirdre McCuminsky	782668	
Fri 19	WI 3C's Chat, Coffee and Community	10.00am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 21	Cricket Match	2.00pm	Uppingham	Jason	07734	29
Wed 24	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
Thur 25	WI Book Club	7.30 pm	The Haycock	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 28	Cricket Match	2.00pm	Woodford CC	Jason	07734	29
Tues 30	T20 Cricket match v Motley	5.30pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	29

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