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# EDITORIAL

Celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday in June feature on several pages in this magazine because so many local organisations were involved in the four different events that took place in our villages over the weekend of 11 and 12 June. So it seemed appropriate to use an image of Her Majesty's visit to the party at Stibbington Centre on the front cover.

The first of the weekend's celebrations was the Royal Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon (see p28), and as our front cover shows, Her Majesty was poised at Stibbington Centre's Reception to welcome her guests. This event was organised by representatives from eight of the organisations whose reports are regularly featured in this magazine, our Living Villages contacts list being the starting point for drawing the team together. Several of the co-ordinating team enlisted the help of their partners and members of their organisations too, so the whole event proved to be a very successful team effort, thanks to the goodwill and voluntary contributions of many.

The next morning saw a special service for the Queen's birthday at Wansford church, with hymns and anthems appropriate for the occasion, led by the choir. Following the service, a peal of bells heralded a celebratory brunch in the churchyard, see p9.

On the Sunday afternoon Thornhaugh Parish Council's garden party and hog roast took place at The Old Rectory, (see p28) and Sutton Parish Council gathered village residents for a street party. Her Majesty even managed to fit in a visit to the Sutton party too (see p25). What a busy weekend it must have been for her!

***Rosie McDonnell***

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| Date | Time | Location | Service |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 July | 9.30 am | St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15 am | St. Kyneburgha, Castor | Holy Communion |
| 10 July | 9.00 am | St John the Baptist, Stibbington | Morning Worship |
| | 9.30 am | St Mary's, Wansford | Sung Holy Communion with choir |
| 17 July | 9.30 am | St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15 am | St. Kyneburgha, Castor | Holy Communion |
| 24 July | 9.00 am | St John the Baptist, Stibbington | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30 am | St Mary's, Wansford | Morning Prayer |
| 31 July | 10.00 am | St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell | Benefice Service |
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## By Rev Dr Rebecca Winfrey

# AN INTRODUCTION

Hello again! It is such a joy for me to return to working in the villages of our Benefice after several years of being a trainee vicar elsewhere. For those of you who don't know me, my husband Peter and I first moved to Castor in 2003 on our return from three years working in a hospital in Uganda. Castor Church had been one of the churches which supported us when we were abroad, and were kind enough to send Maggie and David Noble to visit us in Africa. They were a wonderful encouragement in a difficult time. Our involvement in Castor goes back further than that though. Peter's family have lived here for generations and I first knew of Castor through being taught bell-ringing here in order to ring in the Millenium.

In 2003 I returned to working as a doctor at Thorpe Hall, a role which I loved. I appreciated the time I could take listening to patients and their families, helping them to come to terms with facing a terminal illness and to make the most of the life left. But getting involved with the children's work at St Kyneburgha's Church and the village school changed my life: I realized that what was getting me up in the morning was the thrill of helping stories from the Bible come alive for the kids in church and in school. When William Burke suggested I ought to think about ordination, at first I thought he was mad, but later I realized this might be the right way for me.

Fortunately for a Mum with two children, the Church of England provides a way of training which fits with family responsibilities. Over the next three years of part-time study, I began to understand how to integrate medical and psychological perspectives with spiritual ones, amongst other theological things. That journey continues: I'm still a doctor at heart, but now have an active interest in a spiritual type of health too. Some of you will remember my ordination in Peterborough Cathedral in 2013 and the lovely party you put on for me afterwards in the Cedar Centre. Since then I have gained experience in churches, schools and a nursing home as a priest in Barnack, Bainton, Helpston and Wittering, and in Ortons Longueville and Waterville. In Helpston I had a particularly exciting start when I was assisting Father Haydn at communion and his vestments caught fire. The cool head of a doctor under pressure came in useful, plus my memories of my Brownie Guide handbook (yes, really!) with a picture of someone whose clothes were on fire being rolled in a carpet. Being a priest takes all kinds of unexpected skills!

I look forward to renewing friendships and making many new ones. I shall be working two weekdays and Sundays; if you could use my work email address and phone number for church-related messages I would be very grateful, and it will help with confidentiality.

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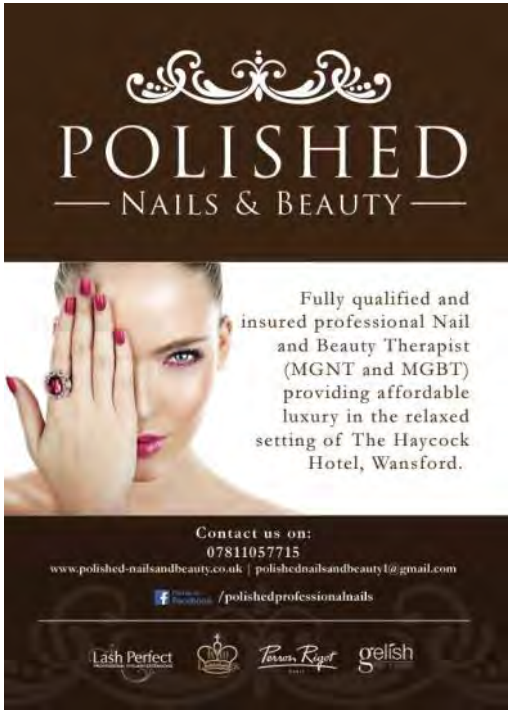
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# FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S AND ST. ANDREW'S

June has been the month of sandwiches and scones for The Friends of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's. They helped with **the Royal Garden Party at Stibbington Centre, the Brunch after the Queen's Birthday Service at St. Mary's,** and the **Ladies Breakfast** in the Christie Hall.

Many of our members enjoyed the Breakfast together with the speaker Major Kathleen Versfeld from the Salvation Army, and gave her a very special Farewell, as she is moving on. She has become a lovely friend over the years that we have been supporting the Salvation Army with the proceeds of our Harvest Lunches. (se report below)

The Friends also enjoyed an outing to the beautiful **Cotterstock Gardens.** These are part of **the Quiet Gardens Trust** at the home of the Reverend David Bond. Even the sun appeared just long enough to wander through this lovely, peaceful place with its many old roses, shrubs and trees round a water fountain. Afterwards we had Tea at the "Brew Baboo" in Oundle, which everyone enjoyed very much.

**Meetings in July** will take place on Wednesdays the 6th and 20th, at 10.30 in the Community Hall after Morning Prayer at St. Mary's at 10 a.m.

There will be no official meetings in August. **Dora Baker (Secretary)**

**Ladies Breakfast 18th June at the Christie Hall**

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! All 43 ladies who attended our third Ladies Breakfast would certainly agree with this. We were served by three gallant men folk which added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Our speaker was Major Kathleen Versfeld of Peterborough Salvation Army who inspired and moved us in the telling of her story. She spoke of God's presence, guidance and love for her as she moved from Cape Town to the U.K. over twenty years ago, firstly to work in the City as an accountant and then calling both she and her husband Alistair into full time service in the Salvation Army. Those of us who belong to the Friends of St Marys and St Andrews have grown to love Kathleen over the years and have supported the work amongst the needy in Peterborough, especially the Christmas Outreach. Kathleen referred to Psalm 139 pointing especially to the fact that God is our creator and has "Knit us together in the womb" This was beautifully illustrated by some special sculptures which Nathera Alaam had brought along. Chris spoke at the end of the meeting telling us that she is off to Kenya on Tuesday to review the possibility of building a centre for 60 children with Downs Syndrome, Autism and other special needs. At present they are being looked after in a shack by a wonderful Mama called Gladys. All the ladies present agreed to hear what Chris has to report at the next Ladies Breakfast planned for November 12th 2016 ... anticipating that we could help in some way.

***Rosemarie Jobson Liz Bolderston***

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**Civic Society visit to Stibbington Church and Hall**
On Monday 20th June David Ridgeway (Vicar) showed 31 visitors from the Peterborough Civic Society around St. John the Baptist Church followed by myself conducting a tour and talk at Stibbington Hall. A lovely afternoon tea was served by Carol Lyndsey (Church Warden) and Margaret Warrener. The group were interested in the architectural heritage of the buildings and organiser Pauline Sidebottom kindly donated a cheque for £200 to the FOSC on their behalf.

**Concert — Diary Date**
On Saturday September 17th we are holding a joint event in Stibbington Church from 7.30 to 9.30pm with a local Choral group "Divers Voyces" who specialise in Renaissance music. Tickets will be £10 including wine and canapés and can be reserved by calling 01780 782932.

**Royal Garden Party**
The Friends of Stibbington Church were pleased to support the Royal Garden Party at Stibbington Centre on 11 June. The celebratory event attracted a good number of villagers, including residents of long standing as well as newcomers, and a very pleasant social occasion was enjoyed by all.

***Helen Facer***

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**The 3C's group** went to the Spalding Quilt Show and enjoyed the huge array of talent that was on display, from traditional quilts to multi-media examples. Almost everyone was also enticed by the large number of craft stalls which were selling every imaginable thing that could relate to quilting. It was agreed that the adventure was much enjoyed and that future trips to view crafting events would be welcomed. The **July 1st and 15th** meetings will be at the community hall as usual. If you would like to join us for craft, coffee and cake, please just turn up – 9.30 to 12 noon.

In June we supported the **Queen's Birthday celebration** at Stibbington Centre, helping with cakes and sandwiches. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring different organisations and members of the community together and we welcome being involved in future events.

Our bake sale on May 28th raised more than £150 – thank you to everyone who baked and bought. The monies are divided between our own funds and our annual charity.

The **supper club** reported a very tasty meal at Peterborough regional College in late May, and have booked the date for their next foodie adventure - **11th August, 2016**.

The **book club** will next meet on **28th July** at the Haycock Hotel at **7.30p.m.**

Finally, our next group meeting on **12th July** will be entertained with a speaker from Hambleton Bakery and have the opportunity to try a selection of different produce. We meet at 7.15 in the Community Hall. If you would like to find out more about us, please do contact me or come along as a guest. We look forward to meeting you.

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We moved on to Helmingham Hall where the walled gardens were vibrant with colour and a glorious variety of summer flowering plants. The topiary – bee, snail, frog, snowman etc. – was some of the best I have seen anywhere. An added bonus was the musical entertainment taking place on the lawn that afternoon: The Three Chordettes were singing songs from the Glen Miller era up to the 1950s and people were dancing along.

By the time this appears it will be too late to reserve a ticket for the Summer Social which will be held this year on Saturday 2nd July at Sacrewell. However it will still be possible to come along to our **private evening visit to the Grimsthorpe Estate**. It is scheduled for **Monday 25th July** between **6 and 8 p.m**. when, after a welcome glass of wine, the head gardener Jim will show us around the gardens and wider estate including areas not normally accessible to the public. Ray Biggs, who delivered such an inspiring talk on the estate back in March, will also be on hand to take any of our group round the house if they wish to view the interior. The cost of tickets is £15 per person. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list.

As I write we have a couple of cancellations for the second coach trip going to R.H.S. Harlow Carr and Knaresborough Castle on 16th July; if interested, please contact me.

Finally planning is well underway for this year's **Annual Flower Show** on **Saturday 27 August**. The schedule is online at www.wansfordhorticulturalsociety.org.uk. We have introduced several new classes into the craft section because there were so many entries deserving of a FIRST last year that we saw the need to separate the different skills. Tapestry, cushions and quilting are now separate from embroidery and cross stitch. We know that there are so many talented people in and around the village that we hope it will be another year of stunning entries. Please take a look at the schedule and enter as many categories as you can and, above all, come along!

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# COMMUNICARE

Our quarterly general meeting was held on Wednesday 8th June when we welcomed as guest speaker Amanda Claxton, the Information and Advisory Manager for Age UK Peterborough. As well as attending this meeting and giving out a great deal of information about the services the charity offers in our area, Amanda also comes along to Wansford surgery on the third Monday of each month between 9 am and 12 noon. She is available in the reception area to give information and advice to patients who might have a specific problem or who are interested in the various voluntary activities that Age UK provide. A selection of leaflets are always displayed in the Wansford reception area.

Items of interest from the business meeting of officials held prior to the general meeting were announced and discussed – these were as follows:
A new Communicare noticeboard is being created at the Kings Cliffe surgery which will display items shown at Wansford.
After receipts and expenditure, funds are now in excess of two and a half thousand pounds – there were no requests from the practice for contributions towards any new equipment.
The quarterly practice newsletter is now being made available in the Wansford newsagent's shop – copies will also be placed in the Nassington and Kings Cliffe shops and publication via email to patients has also been agreed.

The practice has appointed a new doctor – Fenella Powell – who will be joining the team this month. She qualified in 1997 from UCL originally training as a surgeon but then moved to general practice and now specializes in family planning and women's health.

Following complaints about the lack of seating for patients awaiting dispensing of their prescriptions in the Pharmacy the door between that area and the adjoining corridor, where there are several chairs, will be left open.

In conjunction with our current campaign to encourage more voluntary drivers for our transport scheme, we are now also looking for people who might be prepared to man a telephone line for a few hours at home, maybe one day a week or fortnight, to provide co-ordination for this service – call costs would be reimbursed. This is currently carried out by surgery reception staff taking up valuable time. If you feel that you could offer some help on a regular basis, please contact reception.

The next social group coffee morning is on Friday 15th July at 10am in the Kings Cliffe Sports Active hall. Our next day trip is a visit to Wells on Sea, North Norfolk on Wednesday 13th July, with a stop at Sandringham estate - circa £20 per person. To reserve a place, or for further information please contact Clare Wagstaffe on 01780 470437 or email: superfoguk@aol.com

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# STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS

**Community Classes News**

**Ukulele Sessions**
These proved so enjoyable that plans are a-foot for a splinter group for those who attended to continue meeting, strumming and singing. You may even chance upon us in a local hostelry sometime soon! If you can already play and would like to join us, then do get in contact.

**Willow Sculpture**
This weekend proved very satisfying and resulted in a Highland calf, two stags, one doe, a goat, goose, piglet, duck……and an alpaca travelling away from Stibbington. It is a good job no-one requested a giraffe since Sue Kirk would have been very likely to make it possible!

**Printmaking**
By the time of publication our second fully booked printmaking workshop will have been held. We will be looking at different techniques in the future.

**Felted Landscapes**
The workshop on 9th July is now fully booked but we will be holding another workshop on 26th November. The November workshop will be a half day, making wet and needle felted animal pictures so if you miss out on the July session there's another opportunity to master the same skills.

**Autumn Sessions**
Other sessions for later in the year will be released shortly so look out for details in the Wansford shop window, on the Facebook page and of course, right here in the magazine. If you would like to be put on our email mailing list so you hear about the new sessions early, contact us on the tel or email below.

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LOCAL HISTORY
By David Stuart-Mogg

# THE 1795 REBUILDING OF

I am most grateful to Peter Lee of the Peterborough Civic Society for passing me a copy of an invitation to tender for the reconstruction of a significant section of Wansford Bridge after it had collapsed as a result of the winter floods of 1794/5. The outcome of this scheme was the replacement of three original smaller arches with the wide, elliptical arch under which the river flows today and that bears a 1795 date-stone in the centre of its western elevation.

*Below: Wansford Bridge tender 1795*

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**The Pumping the same dry, and also for the Time of Working.**

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**The Stone for the internal Part of the Piers and Abutments to be raised at the nearest Quarry.**

**The Carriage of the Stone, also loading and unloading the same.**

**The Lime to be used to be of Easton or Collyweston including loading and Carriage.**

**All the Outward part of the Work and Arch to be wrought with Lime intermixed, that is, one Quarter of whole Lime, Two Bushels of Smethy Dust, and Two Bushels of fine Gravel – These to be beaten.**

**The internal Parts of the Work, called the filling of the Piers and Abutments, to be wrought with the Lime intermixed, that is Two Quarters of whole Lime, and One of Sand.**

**The Centering for the Arch – the Ironmonger's Bill, the Scaffolding – and every other Expence for the re-building and repairing in a strong and substantial Manner to the full Satisfaction of the said County.**

**By Order of His Majesty's Justices,**
**Wm. STEPHENSON**
**Clerk of the Peace for the County of Huntingdon**

# WANSFORD BRIDGE & THE PEACH FAMILY STORY

It is worth noting that as the major damage had occurred on the Huntingdonshire half of the bridge, that authority was responsible for its repair. The northern half was then situated in, and consequently the responsibility of, Northamptonshire. Today the entire Grade 1 listed bridge is the sole responsibility of Peterborough City Council. It is also worth noting that Barnack Rag stone (oolitic limestone), the same stone as used to build Peterborough and Ely Cathedrals, was specified and also that the mortar was to be made with lime quarried at Easton or Collyweston. The requirement to build a coffer dam, or dams, to exclude the river from around the footings while the foundations of the new arch were set in the river bed would have required a marked degree of engineering skill, and likely carried no little risk for the workmen.

**The Peach family of the Marquis of Granby Inn, Wansford,** *continued:*

Since May's Local History contribution in which I introduced the Peach family, I have serendipitously happened upon an original, early 19th century hand-written receipt issued by landlord Charles William Peach at the Marquis of Granby. Naturally, I couldn't resist purchasing such an interesting, possibly unique, piece of local social history, and reproduce it here (right).

The charges comprise:
4 shillings [20p] for hay for 3 horses,
4 shillings & 6 pence [< 23p] for 3 pecks of oats,
5 shillings [25p] for 'eating & ale' and
1 shilling [5p] for the services of the ostler [to tend the horses] & a maid.

Grand total: 14 shillings & 6 pence [some 73p. This equates to about £73 in today's money compared with the 1825 equivalent].

The pecks referred to in the supply of oats item above were a volume [not a weight] measure, a peck equalling the space required to contain the dry equivalent of 2 gallons or 16 pints. This offered considerable scope for an unscrupulous ostler to ensure that the contents of the measure were not too compacted and, as with many grocers and similar traders of the period, could also contain substances of lesser value. Floor sweepings were ever a favourite.

*To be continued*.

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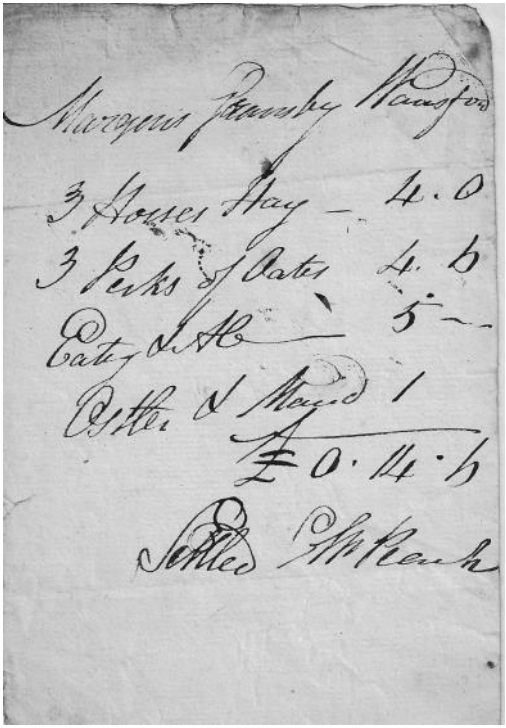
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# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting of Monday13 June.

**Overhanging Trees and Bushes** – At this time of year, trees are in full leaf and are growing rapidly. Please check your property regularly to make sure that your trees, bushes and hedges are not causing a problem on the roads and footpaths. In particular please check that they are not obscuring road signs and street lights. If you do not attend to them, Peterborough City Council can do the work and then send you a bill for removing the nuisance.

**Planning** – The Parish Council looked at a number of planning applications the most contentious of which was for signage around the old Little Chef site, now more correctly known as the Archaus. Generally the Council agreed that most of the signs were acceptable except for the proposed tall Ducati sign on Peterborough Road. The Council has suggested that a single lower sign showing the way to the Archaus, the Ducati Dealership and the new houses would be more appropriate.

**Christie Hall** – After an excellent discussion with representatives of the Christie Hall Committee, the Council has agreed to pay a modest increase in the rental with the Committee funding part of the increased charges by the British Legion. This will allow the signing of a new lease which will in turn safeguard the grant obtained for replacing the roof of the hall.

**Speed Limits** – After much discussion, the Council has decided to investigate having a 20mph speed limit in the very centre part of Wansford. An option would have been to install 30mph repeater signs along the five roads coming into the village. Unfortunately, using such signs is against government policy so the only viable option is to apply a lower limit to part of the village. This is being pursued with Peterborough City Council Highways Department.

**Queen's Birthday Garden Party** – The Council thanked those who had organised this excellent event at the Stibbington Centre and agreed to underwrite the finances of the event up a maximum of £300.

The next meeting of the Wansford Parish Council is in the Community Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 11th July. All are welcome.

***Richard Clarke***

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# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The Annual Meetings of the Civil Parish and its Council were held on 26th May.**

The following were agreed:
**Councillors**: Peter Lee (Chairman), Craig Kidd (Vice-chair), Dr Mike Caskey, Keith Yerbury, Anne Bodily.
**Parish Clerk**: After ten years as Parish Clerk, Patricia Stuart-Mogg had decided that, due to substantially increased responsibilities in her role as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer at Stamford Town Council, she would have to resign from her Sutton role. She was thanked for her valuable services. A replacement is being sought.
**Internal Auditor**: Anne Grange agreed to continue in this role.
**Neighbourhood Watch**: Marilyn Gardner and Anne Bodily would continue as co-ordinators.

Matters discussed included the following:
**Peterborough Local Plan**: The City Council had now published the proposals for development sites submitted by land owners, developers and others. They included the proposal by the Homes and Communities Agency for the development of their land north and south of the A47 Castor bypass and north-west of Sutton. No details were included, but the meeting was shown draft plans made available to Castor and Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan team. Opportunities for comment would arise once the City Council had evaluated the submissions and published them as a Further Draft of the Plan in late Summer.

**Proposed extension at Heath House, Sutton Heath Road:** An extension is proposed on the existing foot-print of this house to create additional first floor accommodation. No objection was raised.

**Other matters**: Attendees raised a number of matters, including the need to repair the burial ground gate-post, Verge maintenance, Litter and fly-tipping and the investigations into the feasibility of a village CCTV system.

**Next Parish Council meeting:** Thursday 21 July, Sutton Church, 7.45pm

**Sutton Street Party**
On Sunday 12th, Sutton did its bit to celebrate the Queens official birthday. A grand gathering saw most residents, plus friends and relatives take over part of Nene Way for the afternoon. Flags and bunting were flown, garden gates decorated, food and drink a-plenty enjoyed in the presence of the Royal family itself (well, in full size cardboard cutout form anyway!) all served to keep the rain at bay (just about). Excellent work by a team of volunteers led very ably by Anne Bodily.

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**Fixtures**

Fixtures for the season 2016 are on the right.

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***John Stones - President***

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**SPECIAL REPORT**
**By Martin Lewis**

# GARDEN PARTIES FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

It was wonderful to see the community spirit, generosity and joie de vivre in our villages when two garden parties were organised to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday last month.

The first party, held in the grounds of Stibbington Centre, was brought about by the collaboration of representatives (left) of no fewer than nine local organisations; the Parish Councils of Wansford and Stibbington, the Church Friends of Wansford, Thornhaugh and Stibbington, the WI, Horticultural Society, the Christie Hall committee, Stibbington Centre and Living Villages!

The end result was an afternoon of games (I loved the "wellie wanging", left), exhibitions, entertainment and a delicious afternoon tea with fizz. Surplus funds from the event went to the trust set up to improve facilities at Stibbington Centre and to provide bursaries for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The following day, a second garden party took place in the grounds of The Old Rectory at Thornhaugh, with a Hog Roast, barbecue, a "bake off', hat competition and a hard fought quiz. This event was organised by Thornhaugh Parish Council and a number of volunteers from the village, and proceeds were split between the #TeamGeorge trust set up for the injured rugby player and former Stamford schoolboy George Robinson and Thorpe Hall.

Both events were hugely enjoyable and as someone who attended both I can vouch for the exceptional quality of the food (especially the cakes and puddings), company and entertainment at both events. I know that everyone who enjoyed these parties would like to say a big "thank you" for the hard work of the organisers. And it's so nice to see that worthy local causes will benefit as a result.

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# WANSFORD & KINGS CLIFFE

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I met with Dr Rhiannon Nally, one of the partners of Wansford and Kings Cliffe Surgeries (with Dr Amrit Takhar), to discuss the merger.

**Why is this merger necessary?**

The NHS continues to change and evolve. We want to continue to offer the best possible range of services to our patients, but in the modern NHS we will become too small to do that on our own. All over the country small surgeries are merging to create significantly larger groups with the resources to bid for new services for patients, to be provided locally rather than in hospitals. We have to change otherwise our patients will suffer the consequences of us not keeping up.

**In what way will patients benefit after the merger?**

There are many different ways, all because we will be part of a much larger, stronger and more diverse organisation. We will be able to attract, recruit and retain the very best doctors and healthcare professionals to our area because we will be able to offer them a varied and exciting career. And as I said, we expect to be able to bid for services currently offered in hospitals, for example outpatient services such as dermatology, ophthalmology, musculoskeletal treatments, geriatric medicine and mother and baby services. It is also possible we may be able to provide an ambulatory care service, community care and even have our own consultants in some areas. Of course it's difficult right now to say specifically what we will be able to offer, but our aim is certainly to increase our range and scope of services, dependent on how the NHS develops. This will mean working far more closely with the hospitals in the area as we try to integrate services. Lakeside Healthcare supports all the specialist hospitals in our area including the University Hospitals of Leicester, Peterborough and Stamford Hospital as well as Kettering and Northampton Hospitals. And training will continue to be important to us, in conjunction with the University of Leicester Medical School and de Montfort University.

# SURGERIES TO MERGE WITH LAKESIDE HEALTHCARE "SUPER-PRACTICE"

**So will we all have to travel to surgeries across the region to see a GP?**

No, not at all. Patients registered with us will continue to see their GP at either the Wansford or Kings Cliffe surgeries. It's just that over time, I hope patients will be able to see a much richer variety of services being offered in our surgeries. And we will still be able to refer patients to specialist services in the same hospitals we use now. I can't see any downsides associated with the merger for our patients, really. It's all good news as far as I can see, otherwise we wouldn't do it.

**Has this got something to do with the Government demanding a 7 day a week NHS?**

Well, that's in the mix too. There is a proposed requirement for surgeries to offer 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week opening hours. We would struggle with that at the moment but as part of a much larger group with many more doctors available, it becomes possible.

**As a patient, do I need to worry about anything?**

You really don't. We are positioning ourselves to provide (in the jargon) more joined up, proactive and personalised care for our patients. That's the way the NHS is going. It's not going to happen instantly, but over time you will see an improvement in services. Dr Takhar and I have always wanted to provide high quality family medicine with a personal touch, and we will continue to do that after the merger.

**When will the merger happen?**

We are quite advanced in the process now, but these things are not straightforward and we don't expect everything to be completely finalised until early next year. But we wanted to let our patients know as soon as possible.

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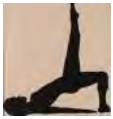

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**NATURE NOTES**
**By Graham Blagden**

# SUMMER SONGBIRDS

Midsummer is normally thought of as long, warm, summer days - and nights. Not this year though; at least, not yet. Everything is much greener, footpaths are overgrown and it is damp. I hesitate to say wet as it only needs a touch of sun to dry out the paths and lawns and the puddles disappear. However some insects are about; bumble bees are hunting for pollen and thrushes are having a wonderful time feeding on all those snails and slugs. We were warned that as the past twelve months' weather conditions offered perfect development conditions for slugs there would be a lot about this summer. The wet conditions over the last month or two have also been ideal and they seem to be everywhere at the moment with plenty of lush green leaves for food.

Thrushes may be doing well but some of the smaller birds like tits may be suffering through the cold conditions and late development of the small caterpillars that many feed on.

Warblers are typical small birds of the countryside searching greenery for the small insects that make up most of their diet. Most are summer visitors although the Goldcrest is resident and Blackcaps increasingly stay over winter. We nearly lost our Dartford Warblers in the harsh winter of 1962/3 but they hung on and are now making a comeback, helped by the positive effects of global warming.

We enjoy four common summer warblers. Brownish Sedge and Reed Warblers can be heard, and seen, down by the river. The little brown reed warblers flit about in the reeds from where they sing their song of churrs and warbles. The Sedge Warbler, more recognisable with its yellow eye stripe, will often sing its more urgent song perched on top of the reeds.

Our common green warblers of woods and hedgerows are the Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler. They are both small birds, smaller indeed than a goldfinch, but what they lack in size is made up by their penetrating song. They are visually very similar to each other and only easily told apart by their singing. The willow warbler has a pretty song lasting five or six seconds, strengthening and then finishing with a descending flourish. The Chiffchaff sings its own name, often for minutes on end. There has been one singing in a tree between the church and Yarwell village hall now for several days. - chiff - chaff - chiff - chaff - chiff - chaff etc. It can get quite monotonous, particularly as it can be a piercing song. Next time you hear one listen more closely as there are subtle variations to its vocabulary. The song is more reliably recorded as chiff - chaff - chiff - chaff - chipp - chapp - chipp- chipp - chiff - chaff.

Well there's a challenge for you to sort that out!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## STUDYING FOR A COURSE?

## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Since the early 1990s the **Reverend Thomas Woolsey's Charity** has been giving book tokens or money for equipment to all students from Thornhaugh and Wansford attending a higher education course. The charity also gives monetary help to students of any age or situation on other educational courses leading to a qualification.

The Trustees of the charity will be meeting in September to allocate the grants, so there is plenty of time for any student to apply. Just contact Stuart Foreman by e-mail on foreman2004@hotmail.co.uk for an application form. Applications need to be returned to him via e-mail by 31st August for consideration at the September meeting.

***Lisa Chambers, Secretary, Rev. Thomas Woolsey's Charity***

Dear Rosie,

Thanks so much for helping to publicise the latest running of the Gashes in the June edition of Living Villages (see poster, left).

The event saw a bumper turnout of around 120 people and helped to raise £270 towards the cost of a much needed new roof for the cricket club pavilion.

Yarwell took victory by the slimmest of margins with a score of 59 for 10 not out versus Wansford's 58 for 15 all out.

Thanks to Jim Boulton, Nick Lander and Peter Robinson for organising the match; to Sean Muir for not poisoning us with his barbeque; to Jim and Collette Ledger for the post-game hospitality; and, most of all, to everyone who came along and made it a great afternoon.

***Michael Carroll, Old Leicester Road, Wansford.***

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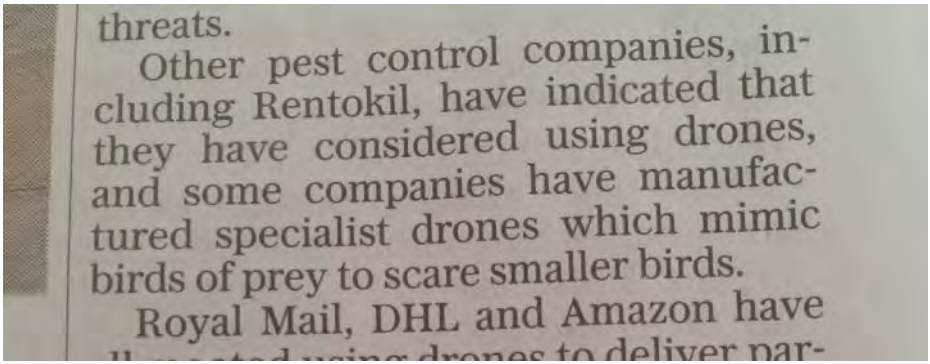
## You read it here first!

Readers may recall Martin Lewis' April Fool article in which he reported on drones being used by farmers to scare birds, suggesting that the drones could identify different birds and mimic their calls.
Little did we know that reality is not far behind Martin's imagination.
This piece was spotted in the Daily Telegraph by Rod Sortwell.



threats.

Other pest control companies, including Rentokil, have indicated that they have considered using drones, and some companies have manufactured specialist drones which mimic birds of prey to scare smaller birds.

Royal Mail, DHL and Amazon have

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Readers may recall that the Living Villages editorial team chose to sponsor a hearing dog this year. His trainer, Elin, tells us that our puppy, Victor lives up to his name — he likes to play games and he likes to win!

Elin says, "Victor loves learning new things and picks up training quickly. He also likes getting lots of treats for being a good boy! That's how we train our pups, with plenty of praise and treats when they get something right. For them, life is a wonderful game. For deaf people they are life-changing."
Victor is now working towards his Two Star award and Elin says he is shaping up very nicely.

# DIARY DATES – JULY 2016

| Date | Event | Time | Venue | Contact | Phone | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri 1 | WI 3Cs — Coffee, Community and Craft | 9.30am | Wansford Community Hall | Jean Yerbury | 782510 | 13 |
| Sat 2 | Friends of Stibbington church Family Feast | 6..00pm | Stibbington Hall | Helen Facer | 782932 | 11 |
| Sat 2 | Horticultural Society Summer Party | 6.30pm | Sacrewell | Gill Fisher | 782446 | 15 |
| Sun 3 10 17 24 31 | Wansford-in-England Cricket Club match | 1.30pm | The Haycock Park or away venues | John Stones | 782109 | 27 |
| Wed 6 | Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's meeting | 10.30am | Wansford Community Hall | Dora Baker | 782519 | 9 |
| Thur 7 | Garden talk — Unexpected tales | 12.30pm | Rose Landscapes | | | 39 |
| Sat 9 | Felted landscapes Craft Class | 10—4 | Environment Centre, Stibbington | Stibbington Centre | 782386 | 18 |
| Mon 11 | Thornhaugh Parish Council meeting | 7.00pm | St Andrew's church, Thornhaugh | | | |
| Mon 11 | Wansford Parish Council meeting | 7.30pm | Wansford Community Hall | Wendy Gray | 01778 441312 | 23 |
| Tues 12 | WI meeting—Hambleton Bakery | 7.15pm | Wansford Community Hall | Jean Yerbury | 782510 | 13 |
| Wed 13 | Communicare visit to Wells & Sandringham | | | Clare Wagstaffe | 470437 | 16 |
| Fri 15 | WI 3Cs — Coffee, Community and Craft | 9.30am | Wansford Community Hall | Jean Yerbury | 782510 | 13 |
| Fri 15 | Communicare Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Kings Cliffe Active Sprots Hall | | | 16 |
| Sat 16 | Horticultural visit Harlow Carr & Knaresborough | | | Gill Fisher | 782446 | 15 |
| Wed 20 | Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's meeting | 10.30am | Wansford Community Hall | Dora Baker | 782519 | 9 |
| Thur 21 | Sutton Parish Council meeting | 7.45pm | St Michael's church, Sutton | Peter Lee | 782703 | 25 |
| Fri 25 | Horticultural visit to Grimesthorpe Estate | 6.00pm | | Gill Fisher | 782446 | 15 |
| Mon 28 | WI Book Club | 7.30pm | The Haycock | Jean Yerbury | 782510 | 13 |

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