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# EDITORIAL

As the weather turns increasingly Autumnal, and the season of Harvest Festivals is upon us (see p5), our front cover image serves as a reminder of Summer. Water Newton's music festival at the end of August was one of the last local events of the season, attracting large numbers of people on a beautiful summer's day. The event took place a little too late for the inclusion of a report in the last magazine, so Tony Capon's report on page 13 will bring back memories of those lazy, hazy days of summer. Many thanks to Charlie Brown for the front cover photo.

Martin Lewis's appeal last month for ideas on how David Brown's collection of cricketing memorabilia from the Wansford club might be preserved resulted in two very helpful offers being received (p34). A happy outcome, and one that demonstrates the useful role that our magazine played in disseminating the story.

Following a recent consultation evening with our volunteer writers and distributors, the focus for our centre pages this month is on Living Villages magazine itself. Some of the suggestions made by our volunteers (see Martin's report on p20 and 21) have been acted upon:

- a recipe is included on page 37, courtesy of the WI
- an article about a local person with an interesting story to tell appears on page 29
- lots of local people are mentioned by name in the Horticultural Society's list of trophy winners (page 15), and local names from the past on page 35
- more photos, including photos of contributors.

Suggestions like these are always welcome, and are acted upon — wherever practicable! **Rosie McDonnell**

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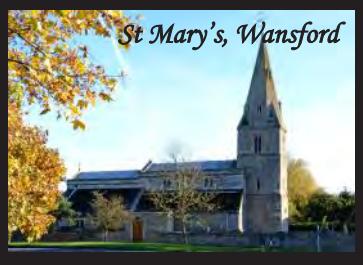
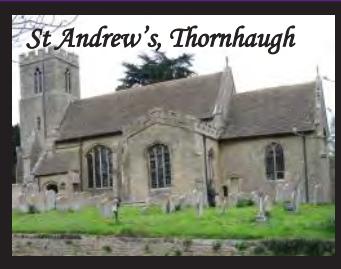
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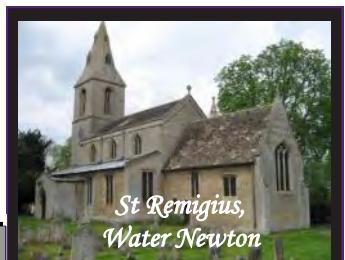
## OCTOBER 2014

Date	Time	Location	Service
5 Oct	9.30 am	St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	St. Mary's, Wansford	Families Service All at sea
	6.00 pm	St. Remigius, Water Newton	Harvest Festival
12 Oct	9.30 am	St. Mary's, Wansford	Harvest Festival Service (with choir)
	6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Harvest Celebration followed by refreshments
19 Oct	9.30 am	St .Andrew's, Thornhaugh	Harvest Festival Service
	10.15 am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
26 Oct	9.00 am	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Holy Communion, followed by our Autumn Churchyard clear-up from 10 to 12noon
	9.30 am	St Mary's, Wansford	Morning Prayer



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The same would be true for many people in parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland too. There was a time when fit and able young men were needed to make our society work. They were needed to gather in the harvest, plough the fields, mine the coal, build the ships, produce the steel, lay out the railways and man our army and navy and so on. And now they are not needed, at least in anything like the same quantities. The physical strength and stamina that was so important to our wellbeing is now surplus to requirement.

This sense of disenfranchisement and dispossession for people is not limited to our island, it is replicated in many parts of the world. In South America it has resulted in some serious and challenging theological work. It is known as Liberation Theology and its best-known exponent was the late Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. He spoke out on behalf of the dispossessed and in 1980 was assassinated while presiding at mass. The hymn of the Liberation Theologians was the Song of Mary, the Magnificat, which contains the lines:

*.....he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty a-way.*

The issue of the deprived and disenfranchised is not just political and economic; it is a matter too of spiritual deprivation, and therefore a theological matter. The church should be in the discussion too, and in fact is, by virtue of the document 'Faith in the City' written a generation ago and the subsequent Church Urban Fund which still exists. It still has a contribution to make in reflecting on our vision of society and the well-being of local communities



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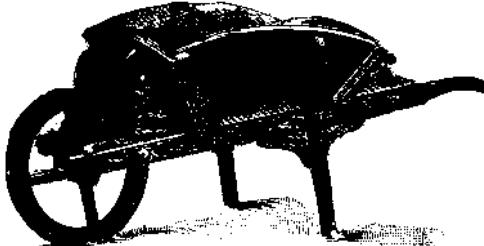
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But now it appears the chain is about to be broken with local schools no longer wishing to teach Religious Education and few children attending Church. So it now falls to parents to make children aware of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, offers, otherwise it would appear the link will be broken, which stops further generations knowing about the greatest gift God has offered, through His beloved Son, that of eternal life. If the chain is broken, we must believe that it can be repaired by us, simply realising what steps should be taken to remedy this situation.

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## FRIENDS OF STIBBINGTON CHURCH

### **Harvest supper**

After last year's excellent turn out for the Harvest Service, this year we are repeating the HARVEST SUPPER on Sunday 12th October after the service in St. John the Baptist Church Stibbington.

A two course hot meal will be served with wine and will no doubt be welcome after some good harvest hymns have been sung! Tickets £8 for adults and £5 for children available by phoning 01780 782932 to reserve yours.

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### **101 club**

The 101 Club's September winner is Joan Canham. Subscriptions will be collected during October.

*Helen Facer*

### **Stibbington Churchyard Clear Up**

It's time for our Autumn Churchyard tidy up again; I hope you can all make it. As usual, please bring secateurs, wheel barrows, rakes etc and don't forget the children!

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## Water Newton Music Fest

Following a week of positively autumnal weather, summer thankfully returned on Sunday 31st August for the 2nd Annual Water Newton Music Fest. Up to 500 revellers joined the festivities and enjoyed some of the best local bands around, including last year's star act 'Grounded'. Also included in the line-up were 'The One Eyed Cats', 'Ramshackle Serenade', 'The Roaring Twenties', 'Adlib' and 'Ain't Misbehavin'. This is a charity event held by the 'Friends of St Remigius', who are dedicated to the preservation of the beautiful St Remigius church for future generations.

It was a beautiful late summer afternoon on the village green, complimented with hog roast, American maxi-sized burgers and brats, vegetarian foods, a cake stall, and a bar serving wines and excellent ales from local micro-brewery 'Castor Ales'.

It was a fantastic event organised by and for the local community; the support from the locality has been tremendous and we are so grateful for all the acts who played for us. Numbers were double those of last year. The event is well and truly on the summer calendar and we are already putting plans in place for next year. Provisional date for diaries is Sunday 23rd August 2015 but watch this space for further announcements.

More photos are on our Facebook page 'Water Newton Music Fest'.

## St. Remigius Service

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As promised in the last magazine, there follows a list of our trophy winners at this year's Annual Show, all of whom deserve our congratulations for achieving such high standards.

A reminder that our next talk is scheduled for **Thursday 9 October at 7.30 in the Christie Hall** when David Pennell will present a talk on **the Burghley House Estate**. Please come along!

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## Trophy Winners 2014

Cup Name	Name
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Christie Memorial Cup	Erin Clipston
The George Moisey Trophy	Ann Allsebrook
Dalgety Produce Potato Cup	Ian Long
The Garden News Challenge Shield	Jean Hillier
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The President's Cup for Adult Art	Jane Tate
The Andrew Walton Cup	Maia Meredith
The Challenge Cup for Children's Art	Sebastian Higgins
The President's Cup for Photography	Ian Molesworth
The Peter Cottrell Cup	Phillip Wiles
The Joan Spencer Trophy	Jean Hillier
The Family Challenge Cup	Eames and Chappell families
The Evergreen Cup	Alan Bentley
Yendall Children's Cup	Alex Caldwell
The Haycock Cup	Sebastian Higgins
The Banksian Medal	Alan Bentley
The Cracknell Cup	Sebastian Higgins
The Len Hall Trophy	Jean Thornton
Chairmans Cup	Mandy Veni
Top Tray - 1st	Ian Long
Top Vase - 1st	Mary Long
Merit Cup 1	Karina Chappell
Merit Cup 2	Elizabeth Eames
Merit Cup 3	Thomas Hunt

# STIBBINGTON & WANSFORD WI



Since the last report we have had a busy time – many thanks to all who participated and supported our cake stall at the Horticultural Show on Bank Holiday Monday – despite a few showers it was a very successful 'outing' with a large number of cakes donated and sold.

At the end of August our Supper Club enjoyed a meal at Loch Fyne albeit with very slow service – not many of us like eating our dinner at 9pm!

On Saturday 6th

September a group visited the National Stud at Newmarket – a most interesting venue with a very knowledgeable tour guide showing us all their facilities and many lovely horses – a happy day out.

Our meeting in September welcomed as guest speaker Paul Johnson from the Wansford Pharmacy who gave us an insight into the service they



provide and also his own background and career. The Book Club met at the end of last month to review their chosen reads and we also had another off-site visit to learn about sausage making at Alec Day Butchers in Bourne – we were able to sample the wares with a home cooked sausage and mash supper followed by apple pie and cream.

## Reminders:

- October Meeting at the Community Hall Tuesday 14th October 7.15pm – a presentation by Jessica of 'Lush Cosmetics' – all members and any guests/ visitors welcome.
- The Autumn Walk takes place at Werrington on Wednesday 15th October – this plus a tour of Peterborough Cathedral the following day at 2.45pm with a group photo and evensong service, are all part of the centenary baton events before its hand over on 21st October to the next federation.
- We will be fielding teams at the Autumn Quiz which will be held on 29th October at Yaxley.
- Our next Supper Club on Thursday 30th October will be an Indian buffet at Kurryz, Hampton.

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## **COMMUNICARE**

The AGM held last month was attended by 31 officers, patients and practice staff. This was a smaller number than last year and although we strive to arrange for interesting guest speakers, it is somewhat disheartening when a number of people leave the proceedings immediately after the talk has finished. We are glad that these presentations attract interest, but patients could find it worthwhile staying to hear the subsequent discussions relating to their surgery and other topical healthcare matters.

We were delighted to welcome to the AGM two representatives from the Peterborough branch of the Alzheimers Society, Manager Kevin Bowyer and Information Officer Nyarai Maziso. They spoke about the structure of their organisation and the various services and support that are offered to both sufferers and carers. The Society deals with all types of dementia and patients can either self refer or be sent by their GPs for assessment at their Memory Clinic. The branch also runs dementia cafés, one at Ferry Meadows where they organize walks, talks by other bodies such as the Carers Trust and Age UK, and various other activities for men and women including 'Singing for the Brain'. Six week courses are regularly held for patients and carers to help them adjust and deal with the condition. Mr Bowyer gave details about the recent opening of their new Dementia Resource Centre at York Road, Millfield, Peterborough which has been commissioned by the City Council to offer services to all residents of the area suffering from one of the many types of dementia, not just alzheimers. The branch office can be contacted between 9 and 4 Monday to Friday on 01733 893853 or [peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk). A selection of the Society's leaflets can be found in the surgery reception area.

Despite a significant drop in available funds due to lack of donations and income from coffee mornings over the past year, the meeting agreed the purchase of a DVT monitoring machine. However it was acknowledged that to continue providing future items of equipment for the benefit of patients, there must be some urgent fund raising carried out and ideas will be sought and discussed at the next meeting.

Dr Takhar announced the new recently launched practice website which will run for a limited time in addition to the old site. He encouraged patients to view the site and acquaint themselves with the enhanced facilities it provides – [www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk](http://www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk). The new car park is nearing completion and will open for staff cars only as soon as the outside kerb is dropped – this should free up a number of spaces within the existing area for patient parking. The next social group coffee morning is on Friday 17th October – 10am at Kings Cliffe Sports Hall.

*Wendy Spencer*

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# LIVING VILLAGES MAGAZINE:

Living Villages magazine is written, compiled and delivered by a team of dedicated and hard working volunteers, with our printing costs being met by income from our valued advertisers, supplemented by subscriptions, donations and contributions from those organisations whose reports are regularly featured.

To say "thank you" to our wonderful contributors and distributors for all their hard work over the course of the previous year, it is now traditional for Living Villages Magazine to hold an annual get together.

This year our gathering took place on 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Stibbington Centre. Over 40 people were able to attend and were treated to a delicious supper, drinks, excellent company and pleasant surroundings. Our Editor, Rosie McDonnell, thanked everyone who contributes their time, effort and creativity to make Living Villages such a successful and popular publication. Whilst the extended team of volunteers were together, the Editorial Team took the opportunity to canvass opinion on what the magazine does well and how it might improve. This feedback serves as a helpful supplement to the views of our readership, which were surveyed a year ago.

The observations we received were wide ranging, but actually remarkably consistent. Spokespersons for our six discussion groups all began their reports by complimenting the magazine's design, presentation and content. Our volunteers like the fact that the magazine is varied, readable

and produced to a high quality. The Diary Dates pages and the advertisements seem to provide a particularly valuable service and are used frequently. It was agreed by all that ads from businesses and tradespeople based in the local area were of special interest. The Letters pages too were highlighted by several as a "must read".

When asked for suggestions, some groups thought that the magazine could benefit from more content for and by younger people. Also suggested were more articles about people in our villages who have interesting stories to tell, more recipes, reviews of tradespeople and advertisers, greater use of photographs, including photos of writers to accompany their reports, more colour pages and a puzzle and crossword section.

The editorial team is carefully assessing the feasibility of these helpful suggestions. Some are ideas that may be impractical due to either cost implications or the limitations of space, some are suggestions that we have experimented with in the past and which may be worth trying again. Readers who have any comments or suggestions about how we might improve our magazine, at any time, are very welcome to contact any member of the editorial team. Our details are on the Contacts page.

Those who attended the evening were also reminded about the Living Villages website which now offers easy access to every magazine produced over the past two years.

# VOLUNTEERS' GET TOGETHER

Editor, Rosie McDonnell commented, "On behalf of the Editorial Team, Carole, Martin and I we were delighted to welcome so many of our volunteers to Stibbington Centre on 11 September (unfortunately Rod Sortwell, the fourth member of the team was unable to attend). The comments made by the discussion groups at the consultation session, which was led by Martin, proved to be extremely useful. In particular it was most encouraging to be reassured that our magazine was so highly regarded by all!"

During the coming months, the Editorial Team will be discussing and implementing some of the suggestions made by our volunteers. To start the ball rolling, we have decided to take action in this month's magazine on one of the ideas: we are including on these pages photos of Editorial Team, and we would like to invite our regular writers to send "selfies" that we might use to accompany their report in future issues when space permits.

**Martin Lewis**

## The Living Villages Editorial Team



Distribution Manager, Rod Sortwell (left) gets on his bike to ensure that our magazines reach his dedicated team of deliverers.

Advertising Manager and Treasurer, Carole Whincup (right) is poised to manage more than 50 advertisers and look after all the £££££.



Editor, Rosie McDonnell (left) slaves over a hot laptop to compile and edit the magazine and breathes a sigh of relief when she sends it off to the printers.

Roving reporter, Martin Lewis (right) ventures out and about to track down and investigate all the top news stories.



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# **WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014, in the Community Hall, at 7.30pm.

Present were Cllr's R Clarke, M Handley, T Pearson, J Stannage, V Thorley and G Stevens. Also present were PCC Cllr Diane Lamb, Mark Deas and five members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from the Parish Clerk, Cllr John Holdich and Cllr L Fox- Clipsham

In the Clerk's absence, Cllr Pearson volunteered to take the minutes.

Cllr Fox-Clipsham has resigned from the Council; Peterborough City Council will be notified, and due process followed to elect another Councillor.

**Mark Deas** gave a comprehensive overview of the recent Housing Needs Survey, and this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **Planning:**

**14/01371/HHFUL** Rivermead, Bridge End. The Council's observation was that the application had a roofline too high and would overlook neighbouring properties. It was suggested a revised plan be discussed with PCC Planning.

**14/01321/FUL** 3 Robins Field. The Council's observation, after an overview by the Applicant's architect present, was that the issues of height, and dominance overlooking the neighbouring property, would be addressed by lowering the whole structure.

**14/01561/HHFUL** 4 Yarwell Road. The Council were in favour of the revised application, but would prefer a wrought iron gate, and that any hedging should be no more than 1.5m high.

Further clarification of the ditch and drainage pipe work to be sought from the PCC Planning

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014** were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes** Ward Extension Proposals were discussed at length.

Cllr Clarke reported on a Parish Liaison meeting, and this Council cannot agree with the Boundary Commission proposal. A further meeting is to be attended on 16<sup>th</sup> September, and following that meeting, the Council will make their views known to the Boundary Commission, PCC Director of Governance, Ward Councillors and our MP.

**Finance** Three invoices were presented and were agreed to be paid

**Leasing of Land** The draft licence from the PCC was agreed, and we are to send a copy to Grantscape for their observations.

**Toddlers Play Area** There will be a further meeting with Nene Valley Tots in September.

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**Village Notice Board** Laura Fox-Clipsham has agreed to proceed with this project, on behalf of the Council.

**A47 Underpass** An extensive survey has been undertaken by the Highways Agency and PCC Highways, and the responsibilities regarding this underpass were defined and issues addressed, Cllr's Pearson and Stannage also raised many issues of highways and foot-paths with PCC Highways on the same day's visit by Peter Tebb. The Council is to send a letter to PCC highways, outlining the issues discussed,

**Reports from Councillors** Cllr Clarke reported on a meeting of the Thornhaugh Liaison Committee, where Thornhaugh 1 and Thornhaugh 2 quarries were discussed.

There are issues with the EA enforcing re-excavation of part of Thornhaugh 1 and that the excavation rights had lapsed for Thornhaugh 2.

Further proposals will be addressed at the December meeting of the Liaison Committee

**Date of next meeting** Please note there will be a change of date to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

All are most welcome

*John Stannage, Chairman WPC*

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## **THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Second Meeting of the 2014/2015 Thornhaugh Parish Council was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014. It was chaired by William Rogers, present were Ashleigh Kewney, Ian Molesworth and Brian Watts and in attendance were PCSOs Gian Nigro and Yane Pokhun and the Clerk. There were apologies for absence from Liam Higgins, John Holdich and Diane Lamb.

### **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

Ashleigh Kewney was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and completed the required paperwork.

### **Police Matters**

The PCSOs stated that there had been one theft on 07/08/14 from a property down Old Oundle Road (the part within Thornhaugh Parish). They advised that the current 60 mph speed limit is too high for speed calming measures to be installed on Old Oundle Road

### **Home Farm Matters**

It was noted that the "mountain" of sand/grit which had been building up at Thornhaugh Quarry has been reduced and is now less intrusive. The Clerk will thank Alan Jones, Senior Minerals and Waste Officer, Peterborough City Council for his help.

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### **Village Improvements**

It was agreed to arrange a time and date to prepare the winter hanging baskets as part of a group activity in the village.

### **Fouling on Footpaths**

The Clerk had requested more signs and asked about the possibility of providing dog fouling bags but the Dog Warden had not responded so she will follow this up.

### **Augean – Variation of Environmental Permit**

Three Parish Councillors stated they would attend the presentation.

### **Wittering Parish Council – Speed Calming Measures, Old Oundle Road**

As the Thornhaugh Parish Councillors had been approached by a Thornhaugh resident, who lives in the part of Old Oundle Road which is within the Thornhaugh Parish, regarding an increase in the number of motorists who will use the road when the proposed housing developments are built in Wittering and his concerns about speeding on this road, they did feel it was their responsibility to respond to his concerns. The Clerk will draft a letter to Wittering Parish Council and send it once it has been approved by the Chairman.

### **Electoral Boundary Changes**

As no clear response had been received from John Holdich regarding the effect of the Electoral Boundary Changes on Thornhaugh Parish, the Parish Councillors did not feel they identified the issues of concern and did not plan to attend the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

### **Highway Matters**

The Clerk will ask the Highways Department whether the roadside on the right-hand side of Russell Hill (going up to the junction with the A47) just past the 30 mph sign belongs to the Highways Department as overgrown trees and hedges are encroaching onto the highway. If the roadside does belong to the Highways Department, it will be requested that they cut back the trees and hedges. This was reported in July but no reply received or action undertaken.

The Clerk will inform the Highways Department that the verges need trimming near Home Farm, Thornhaugh on the Leicester -> Peterborough side of the A47 and the road sign showing the turning into the landfill site on the A47 has been knocked and damaged and is not visible to lorry drivers.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Third Meeting of the 2014/2015 Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh.

***Deirdre McCumiskey, Parish Clerk***

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

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Environment Centre, Stibbington on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. Cllrs Beuttell, Cawood and Price were in attendance. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bradshaw and Wright. Four members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Forum – advised by resident that despite meeting with Balfour Beatty, street light on Roman Derive has totally been removed. Cllr Beuttell will speak with Balfour Beatty as a matter of urgency and request this is replaced as soon as possible.

Since the last meeting the following works have been carried out:  
Allotment area (seat) – area has been cleared of weeds and seat has been refurbished.

Area at junction of Church Lane has been cut back and Public Footpath cleared of overgrown vegetation.

Letter has been sent to Stibbington Centre requesting tree branches around the perimeter of the Centre overhanging into the road are cut back.

No new planning applications have been received.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

***Wendy Grey, Parish Clerk***

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In May 2013 Leonard was at home watching TV when his wife, Jen, noticed that he had a crooked smile. When she tried to talk to Leonard, Jen realised that he couldn't speak, and that's when she knew something was very wrong, and that Leonard needed help fast.

Leonard had had a stroke and was left with right side paralysis, and severe communication difficulties. After an anxious three weeks in hospital, Leonard was discharged. Since then his sheer determination and hard work with physiotherapy and communication have ensured that he has made great progress. Though communication remains difficult, Leonard is now back to running, and sings in the local church choir. He is part of a research project involving stroke patients, and meets with the local Stroke Association communication coordinator and a speech therapist each week.

When the Stroke Association discovered that Leonard was keen to take part in a sky dive they arranged for him to take the plunge at Sibson Parachute Centre on Saturday 18 October.

Local Communication Support Coordinator from the Stroke Association in Peterborough, Hannah Longlands, organised the sky dive and comments,

"When Leonard told me at our Information Café stroke group that he'd love to do a sky dive, I couldn't resist but help his wish come true. I've rallied in a bunch of other supporters to join Leonard on the day and dubbed us the Sky Screamers team! The Stroke Association knows the huge impact a stroke can have on someone's life, and that's why we want to help raise vital funds so we can continue to be there for stroke survivors and their families. About one third of stroke survivors have difficulty with reading, writing and speaking, and it can be frightening and frustrating. I help stroke survivors in Peterborough to improve their communication skills, to adjust to life after stroke, and help them in making positive steps in their recovery. The Stroke Association supports stroke survivors and their families and carers across the country, because together we can conquer stroke."

Despite the seriousness of his stroke, and the fact that 17 months on, communication remains a challenge, Leonard has retained his poise, his charm, his determination and his smile. He is an inspiration to the local community. His sky dive will raise much-needed funds for the Stroke Association. If you would like to sponsor Leonard's sky dive, visit:

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September is hovering between summer and autumn, not knowing which way to go. Our gardens still show masses of colour with dahlias, Japanese anemones and Michaelmas daisies in full bloom. But the sure signs of autumn are the masses of fruit in our hedgerows. Rugosa roses may be displaying their bright swollen hips in our garden borders but are these any more colourful than the vast expanses of red, orange, yellow and black in hedges and woods?

Yes, black as a colour. It may technically be described as lack of colour but who could not be moved by the glistening clumps of **blackberries** cascading down from a tall bramble patch. Similarly, the broad panicles of black **elderberries** stand out against the soft green of the elder foliage, now beginning to turn yellow with the cooler nights. But when you pick both these berries your hands are stained purple. Perhaps less obviously black are the berries of our common climber, **ivy**. At this time of the year they are changing from a greeny grey to a dull black but this strengthens and brightens during the winter when thrushes in particular relish the ripe berries. A number of other hedgerow plants have simple small black berries. The **dogwood**, often found in moister habitats has creamy umbels of flowers followed by pea-sized black berries. **Privet**, both natural and cultivated varieties, produces similar sized shiny black fruits which are particularly noticeable this year. Our most obvious hedgerow berries are the crimson haws of the hawthorn, orangey red hips of the wild rose and the bluey black sloes of the **blackthorn**. More ominous are the orange and red strings of berries produced by the white bryony. This climber's fruits are poisonous but their dayglow tones give effective warning of their presence and danger.

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This year's countryside has the most prolific crop of fruit I can remember for years and this bodes well for our wildlife this winter, whatever the weather. What particularly interests me is what happens if Northern Europe has a very harsh winter. Britain has enjoyed far better weather and growing conditions than much of Europe this year and as a result we could be in for a much greater immigration of fieldfares, redwings and other visitors to our countryside. More likely too would be an influx of waxwings, those colourful visitors to our berried trees and supermarkets where they feast on the bright red berries of cotoneaster, that ubiquitous urban car park shrub.

I look forward to the next few months with great interest and expectation.

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The Perkins Great Eastern Run is one of the biggest and most established events run by the city council and the race is widely acknowledged as being one of the best half marathons in the country.

In 2013 the event attracted record participants against a backdrop of races in general experiencing a drop in entrants.

This year the Perkins Great Eastern run has been given a further boost with inspirational runner Steve Way choosing to enter the half marathon.

Steve finished 10th in July's Commonwealth Games marathon and set a new record for a British runner over 40 years of age when he clocked a time of two hours 15 minutes and 16 seconds.

Entries to the half marathon and Anna's Hope fun run are open until 6 October and this year's event is on target to attract more than 7,000 participants.

Spectators can support runners from The Embankment start and finish area and Cathedral Square in the city centre. The Embankment also hosts a variety of activities and entertainment for the family including a fair and a market.

To enter the Perkins Great Eastern Run to take place on **12 October** visit [www.perkinsgreateasternrun.co.uk](http://www.perkinsgreateasternrun.co.uk)

**Peterborough City Council is organising two fantastic events in October, which make for an excellent family day out.**

## Diwali set to light up city centre

Peterborough's Indian, Nepali and Sri Lankan communities will be celebrating the annual festival of Diwali in Cathedral Square on Saturday 18 October, from 11am until 5pm.

The city centre will be transformed with activities that reflect the festival of light. Shoppers will be encouraged to sample Indian food and learn about the origins of the festival and its traditions.

Local and regional dignitaries will lead the opening ceremony and light lamps to start the celebration, which will begin with a fashion show parading traditional Indian costumes.

Various singing and dancing performances by adults and children will take place throughout the day and other attractions include a Rangoli workshop and Bhangra dancing.

Traditionally, Diwali is the time of the year when people light candles and clay lamps. Houses are decorated and sweets and presents are exchanged.

Diwali literally means an array of lights and it is a time filled with light and love; a time when Indians all over the world rejoice in their triumph of good over evil.

For more information about the event, telephone Peterborough City Council on: (01733) 747474.

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## **GUARDIANS OF OUR PAST — Part two**

In last month's magazine an article by Martin Lewis appealed for someone to come forward to offer to take custody of an extensive collection of cricketing memorabilia. David Brown's treasured Wansford Cricket Club archive was in need of a good home. Martin's article attracted the two very positive responses below. The first comes from the Library's Archive Service:

*Dear Mr Lewis,*

*We were very interested to read your article in Living Villages. If Mr Brown wanted to deposit his records with the Archives Service for the Unitary Authority area we would be very pleased to receive them.*

*The Archives in the Central Library collect records relating to Peterborough and the surrounding area from the earliest times (our first records are 1245) up to the present. We don't have many records for Wansford at present and so would be keen to acquire things that would make sure our collections better represented the whole of the local area.*

*Incidentally, for the other villages in your area we have parish council and school records for Thornhaugh, the inclosure award for Sutton, as well as a couple of records to do with Wansford Young Ladies School. I'd be very happy to give you information to do an article on any of these things or the archives in general, if you'd like.*

*Do pass on our details to Mr Brown and we'd be glad to talk to him.*

*Best wishes,*

*Richard Hunt, Archives Manager  
Vivacity, Central Library, Peterborough*

This second communication from a former resident of Stibbington is a very helpful offer too:

*Dear Martin,*

*Great reading about David Brown - he got me into Wansford's team in 1977 when I was just 14; I captained the club in 1982, playing until 1984, prematurely retiring due to eyesight / contact lens issues causing me to lose my nerve against fast bowlers (a hasty decision, regretted ever since!).*

*I would be pleased to help in any way David feels appropriate. I now live in Gants Hill, Essex but visit my family (in North Road, Stibbington, where I used to live) regularly, hence my reading of the enjoyable monthly magazine. So please let me know if I can assist.*

*Kind regards,  
Paul Pitchers*

# STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS

## World War I in the Stibbington area

Staff and volunteers at Stibbington Centre have started work on a new Heritage Lottery-funded research project to find out about the impact of the First World War on the local area and the contribution made to the war effort by former pupils of Stibbington School.



Preliminary research has revealed the names of those residents of Stibbington, Wansford and Thornhaugh who gave their lives for their country in 1914 to 1918. The majority of the 24 war heroes named below were young men in their twenties. Their loss must have been hard to bear for those left behind, and especially so for those parents who lost more than one son.

Lance Corporal William Beaven  
Private George Harry Browett  
Private John Tom Burbridge  
Laance Corporal Arthur Cox  
Private Percy Crane  
Lance Corporal Arthur Eassom  
Trooper William G Ford  
Private Francis George Freestone  
Private John Robert Glover  
Private Thomas Hazelby  
Private William Hazelby  
Private Arthur Samuel Herbert

Private Albert Knight  
Private Luke Knight  
Private Walter Knight  
Private George Lilley  
Corporal Albert E Mills  
Private Frederick Mills  
Private George Morton  
2nd Lieutenant Ernest Kingston Mould  
Private Thomas Rippin  
Lance Corporal Frank Smith  
Private George Smith  
Private Noel Turnill

We would welcome contributions of information, photos or memorabilia for our research project and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has details they would like to share about any of those named above.



On Saturday 13 December the results of some of the research will be exhibited at an Open Day for all the family at Stibbington Cente. This special event will take the form of a 1914 Christmas Fayre, with stalls, re-enactments, craft activities, entertainment and lessons in the 1914 classroom, as well as an exhibition of documentary evidence and memorabilia.

For further details contact Stibbington Centre on tel 01780 782386 or email [cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Rosie Edwards**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PICK UP A BARGAIN

Elton Methodist Chapel's Bumper Thrift Sale is back. An amazing variety of good quality goods will be on offer including bric-a-brac, kitchen equipment, china, books and toys. The two-day event is at the Highgate Hall, Elton on Thursday 16 October 10am-4pm and Friday 17th, 10am to 1pm. Tea and coffee available. Admission free.

### WINE TASTING

All Saints' Parish Church, Elton, will benefit from a Wine Tasting to be held on Friday 24th October. The event at Highgate Hall, Elton begins at 7.30pm. Amps Fine Wines of Oundle plan to present some of their best stock. £10 entrance includes refreshments. Tickets from Gillian Thompson, 01832-280398 [gillianpt@gmail.com](mailto:gillianpt@gmail.com).

David Housden

Dear Living Villages readers,

I have never doubted that you inhabitants of Wansford are very special, but recently that belief has been strengthened thanks to the amazing support I have received from all of you who wanted to keep me as your post lady. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to every one of you who have been involved in this campaign, and I feel humbled by your determination in making sure your voices were heard on my behalf.

Sadly some things have to change, and now I am off to pastures new in Wittering and someone else will take over the post round I have covered for the past 12 years. But what I take with me is pride in living in a community of kind and compassionate people.

This campaign has given me more than my 15 minutes of fame, as for the past two months I have been stopped on many occasions by people who recognised me and wanted to voice their support. I almost felt like a local celebrity!

It will be a sad day in the not too distant future when I pack my post bag and head to Wittering, although the positives are I know the village from my days attending their Youth Club, and there are hardly any hills!

A big thank you again to all of you. While I may not still be your local 'postie' it is great to live among you.

Martha Powell

### LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS

**Pack Up Your Troubles with the fantastic Yarwell & Nassington**

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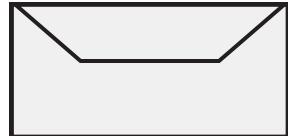
In this special proms concert we feature music from the war years and remember all those who gave their lives for our freedom, culminating in a rousing traditional Last Night of the Proms section for all to sing, clap and cheer along with.

**Nassington Church, Friday 10th October at 7.45pm (doors open 7pm)**

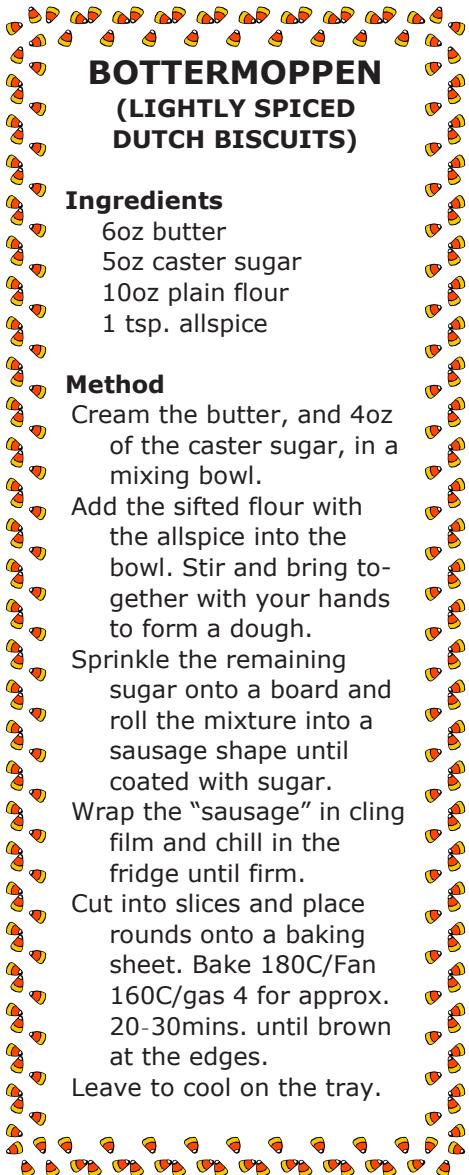
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The recipe below is one of a selection kindly supplied by the ladies of Stibbington and Wansford WI



## **BOTTERMOPPEN (LIGHTLY SPICED DUTCH BISCUITS)**

### **Ingredients**

6oz butter  
5oz caster sugar  
10oz plain flour  
1 tsp. allspice

### **Method**

Cream the butter, and 4oz of the caster sugar, in a mixing bowl.

Add the sifted flour with the allspice into the bowl. Stir and bring together with your hands to form a dough.

Sprinkle the remaining sugar onto a board and roll the mixture into a sausage shape until coated with sugar.

Wrap the "sausage" in cling film and chill in the fridge until firm.

Cut into slices and place rounds onto a baking sheet. Bake 180C/Fan 160C/gas 4 for approx. 20-30mins. until brown at the edges.

Leave to cool on the tray.

Dear Rosie,

Would it be possible to please print a 'thank you', to all those readers of Living Villages who kindly sponsored us in our 60@60 Charity Walk/Run this Summer.

Our aim was to raise money for Children's Charities in South Africa and Multiple Sclerosis. This was because Emilie is going on a Netball and Hockey tour of South Africa next year and a very close friend of Simon's (who he used to walk with) has developed this awful disease and is unable to walk.

Our route followed parts of Wainwright's Memorial Walk. Day one, the 9th of August, was from Windermere to Patterdale, day two, Patterdale to Keswick, via Helvellyn, the third tallest peak in the Lakes, and day three, on the 11th of August, was from Keswick to Buttermere where we celebrated with a large scone, butter, jam and Tea! These three days saw the tail end of Hurricane Bertha arrive in the UK. The visibility deteriorated dramatically which made the conditions more challenging and the navigation more important!

We are pleased to say with the completion of the run/walk we have so far raised in excess of £2500.00 to be split equally between the South Africa Fund and the MS Charity, so a huge thank you to those who donated.

A Facebook page; 60 at 60, was set up and shows photographs of the event.

Kind Regards,  
Simon and Emilie Morris.  
Old North Road, Wansford

# DIARY DATES – OCTOBER 2014

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone	p
Wed 1, 8, 15, 22	St Mary's Wansford church choir practice	7.30pm	19A Old Leicester Road Wansford	Eddie McDonnell	783639	
Sun 5	Families Service All at sea	4.00pm	St Mary's church, Wansford	Church- wardens		9
Sun 5	Harvest Festival & Patronal Festival	6.00pm	St Remigius, Water Newton	Tony Capon	01733 237500	13
Sun 5, 19	Watersmete Young Peoples Group	6.00pm	Nassington church	Maureen Woodd	789908	9
Thur 9	Horticultural Society talk on Burghley Estate	7.15pm	The Christie Hall, Wansford	Gill Fisher	782446	15
Fri 10	Yarwell & Nassington Brass Band	7.45pm	Nassington church	Nassington Stores		36
Sat 11	Friends of St Mary's & St Andrew's Harvest Lunch	12.30pm	The Christie Hall	Dora Baker	782519	9
Sun 12	Perkins Great Eastern Run		Peterborough City Centre	City Centre events	01733 747474	34
Sun 12	Harvest Festival Services	9.30am 6.00pm	St Mary's Wansford St John, Stibbington	Church- wardens		5
Tue 14	WI meeting— Lush Cosmetics	7.15pm	Wansford Community Hall	Jean Yerbury	782510	16
Wed 15	WI Autumn Walk		Werrington	Jean Yerbury	782510	16
Wed 15	Communicare Coach Trip		Springfields Outlet, Spalding	Clare	470437	18
Thur 16	WI Cathedral tour and Evensong	2.45pm	Peterborough Cathedral	Jean Yerbury	782510	16
16 & 17	Bumper Thrift Sale		Highgate Hall, Elton			36
Fri 17	Communicare Coffee Morning	10.00am	Kings Cliffe Sports Hall			18
Sat 18	Diwali Festival of Light		Peterborough City Centre		01733 747474	34
Sun 19	Harvest Festival	9.30am	St Andrew's, Thornhaugh	Church=war dens		5
Mon 20	Wansford Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Wansford Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	25
Mon 20	Thornhaugh Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	St Andrew's church, Thornhaugh	Deirdre McCumiskey		26
Fri 24	Wine Tasting evening	7.30pm	Highgate Hall, Elton			36
Sun 26	Churchyard clear up	10.00am	Stibbington			11
Wed 29	WI Autumn Quiz		Yaxley	Jean Yerbury	782510	16
Thur 30	WI Supper Club		Kurryz Hampton	Jean Yerbury	782510	16

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