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Editorial

To quote 'Game of Thrones' (which I haven't watched but am reading) it looks like 'Winter is coming'. Before that we will be treated to the wonderful autumnal colours as our trees drop their leaves

I am really thankful that I receive lots of copy for the magazine each month and try to publish as much as I can. Sometimes there is not enough space to include everything and I either have to edit items or choose only those which have a direct link to our villages. I hope you all understand.

I am also happy to include letters and notices from members of the community. Occasionally these will be published anonymously, but only if I know where they have come from.

Please do keep sending me items for inclusion, I may not respond to your emails or letters immediately as I only tend to 'work' on the magazine from about 17th to 23rd of each month.

Thank-you

Tracy Sortwell

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WORSHIP OCTOBER 2019

St Leonard's, Apethorpe		
6th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Kyneburgha, Castor		
6th	10.15am	Holy Communion
13th	10.15am	Holy Communion
20th	10.15am	Holy Communion
27th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington		
6th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00am	Harvest Festival
13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong

St John the Baptist, Stibbington		
13th	6.00pm	Harvest followed by refreshments

St Michael and All Angels, Sutton		
13th	9.00am	Family Service
27th	9.00am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh		
6th	9.30am	Morning Praise
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
13th	9.30am	Joint Harvest Festival Communion for Thornhaugh and Wansford, with choir
27th	9.30am	Morning Praise

St Remigius, Water Newton		
6th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival and Patronal Service followed by light buffet

St Mary's, Woodnewton		
6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
13th	11.00am	All Age Harvest Celebration
	6.00pm	Traditional Harvest Festival
20th	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell		
6th	11.00am	Holy Communion
13th	11.00am	Holy Communion
20th	5.30pm	Harvest Festival
27th	11.00am	Holy Communion



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I sit down to write these words whilst in the midst of preparing the orders of service for the various Harvest Festival celebrations which are due to take place in our benefice over the next month or so. Although the celebration of Harvest in one form or another is very ancient indeed, and has taken place in virtually every human culture, the celebration as we have come to know it is largely a nineteenth century custom.

No Harvest Festival would be complete without the lusty singing of "We plough the fields and scatter". This particular hymn actually has its origin in the eighteenth century when it was written in German by Matthias Claudius. The hymn began life as a poem which Matthias wrote following a period of illness. His health problems caused him to regain his Christian faith which he had abandoned whilst a young man in his twenties. In 1782 Matthias was invited to dinner by one of his friends and was asked to bring some of the Christian poems he had recently written. The poem he chose to take with him was based on Psalm 144 and it originally had seventeen verses. Matthias' creation was eventually trimmed down and published as a hymn in a number of hymn books across Germany. I suspect that the hymn would not have become nearly so familiar had it not come to the attention of Jane Montgomery Campbell who in 1862 embarked on a project to translate a number of German hymns into English. Thus, the hymn we love to sing at Harvest time, came into being and over the past one hundred and fifty years has become one of the most popular hymns of all time.

Another popular, though slightly less well known, Harvest hymn is "Come, ye thankful people, come". This is another product of the Victorian era. This hymn started life in English and was written in 1844 by Henry Alford whilst he was serving as Rector of Aston Standford in Buckinghamshire. Like Matthias Claudius' poem, Alford's hymn takes up the theme of thanksgiving for the Harvest. However, although the first verse is written as a celebration of the Harvest, the rest of the hymn is inspired by the Parable of the Tares and reflects upon the last Harvest at the end of time marked by the second coming of Jesus. "We ourselves are God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;" writes Alford and he goes on to ask the Lord of the Harvest to grant "that we, wholesome grain and pure may be."

Alford's hymn reminds us that there is more to Harvest Festivals than simply thanking God for the crops, our food and the earth's rich bounty. Harvest is also a time for considering how we ourselves can bear fruit. One obvious way that we can respond to this challenge is by being generous and sharing the many good things that we receive from God. The offering of Harvest gifts as a sign of gratitude is an important part of our Harvest celebration. This year we will once again be collecting offerings of non-perishable food items which will be taken to the Peterborough Food Bank to help needy families in the area.

However, to really follow Jesus' call to be fruitful perhaps should involve more than offering items of food just at Harvest time. To be really fruitful we need to be generous throughout the year. The Food Bank collection box remains accessible behind the door at the back of St Kyneburgha's during daylight hours every day of the year. The Food Bank, and those helped by it, need our support every day. By responding generously to this need we can help to ensure that we may be "safely gathered in, Free from sorrow, free from sin, There, forever purified, In God's garner to abide;

Come, ten thousand angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home!"

Harvest Lunch



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The last Coffee Stop will be Wednesday 9th October at 10.30 in St Mary's. On Wednesday 23rd October we are having a Harvest Lunch in St Mary's at 12 instead.

The Friends' meetings will be Wednesdays 2nd and 16th October, in the Community Hall from 10.30

Caroline

FRIENDS OF ST. REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 6th October

Our next service at St. Remigius will take place on Sunday 6th October at 6 pm.

This is our annual combined Harvest Festival and Patronal Service and all from our village and surrounding villages are most welcome. As this is our Harvest Festival, we will gratefully receive any tinned or dried foods. All food donations from all the churches from within the Benefice will be delivered to the Peterborough Food Bank.

Following the service, we will enjoy a light buffet and refreshments. We will request a small donation of £5 towards the supper.

We do hope that you will be able to come along.

Tony Capon

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON

Do come and join us on Sunday evening **13 October at 6 pm** when we will be celebrating **Harvest Thanksgiving**, refreshments will be on offer after the service. As always, you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Donations of tinned and packaged produce will be gratefully accepted on behalf of the Peterborough FoodBank...



Carol Lindsay



Thornhaugh and Wansford Harvest Festival Service

This year we are holding our Harvest Celebration on 13th October at 9.30 a.m. at WANSFORD Church. Do come and join us to celebrate our Harvest Home and to praise God for his gifts, giving thanks for all who work on our farms. Gifts of non-perishable food for our local foodbank will be received and blessed during the service.



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Geoffrey Dannell of the NVAT will take a brief look at the life of Edmund Tyrell Artis, (1789-1847), the first excavator during the 19th century at this significant Roman Site.

Adult Ticket Price £10 plus £1 booking fee. Tickets are available on-line from:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofstremigiuswaternewton/292143>

The venue is the church of St. Remigius, Water Newton, PE8 6LU.
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This October the most famous theatrical car will be arriving at The Cresset. The award winning local society, Peterborough Operatic and Dramatic Society (PODs) will be performing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang during half term (22nd– 26th October) Tickets are available from the box office 01733 265705 or [www,cresset.co.uk](http://www.cresset.co.uk)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is the only book for children ever written by famous James Bond author Ian Fleming and was intended as a present for his son Casper. Sadly, Fleming passed away just before the book was

published in 1964 when Casper was only 12 years old. He was inspired in this motoring classic by his memory of watching monster cars racing at the long since derelict Brooklands race track in the early 1920's. Parts of the circuit can still be seen today along with a museum and several buildings near Weybridge.

The cars that Fleming watched were fire spitting monsters which used huge aeroplane engines of over 20 litres capacity left over from World War 1. They were nothing like the quiet smooth power units we see today, and their Chitty Chitty name was derived from the mechanical noise they made when idling, the Bang Bang being the explosive noise of unburnt petrol igniting in the exhaust. They were driven at reckless speeds around the banked track by thrill seeking ex-pilots and rich noblemen like Polish Count Louis Zborowski. He was responsible for constructing four versions of the car, one each year from 1921 onwards, each one being a development of the previous one. Chitty 1 was eventually sold to sons of author Conan Doyle of Sherlock Holmes fame while Chitty 2 finished in a Museum in the USA. Chitty 3 used Mercedes components and was in regular road use by the Count although by now the local population around Canterbury were complaining bitterly about the noise.

The last and most famous version, Chitty 4 was constructed in 1924 around a 27 litre Liberty aero engine and using other Mercedes components. It was the largest car ever raced at Brooklands and was still being developed at the time of Zborowski's untimely death whilst racing for the Mercedes team during the Italian Grand Prix at Monza. Chitty was then sold to a Welsh engineer called Parry Thomas who renamed it 'Babs' and developed it for his attempt at the Land Speed record on Pendine Sands in South Wales. Sadly, he crashed at high speed in 1927 and was killed instantly. The car was buried deep in the sand for more than 40 years. It was excavated by Welsh enthusiast Owen Wyn Owen and painstakingly restored by him to its original condition. It can be seen today at the Pendine Museum or Brooklands Museum depending on the season.

And what of the creator of the famous Chitty. Count Zborowski inherited vast wealth in 1911 at the age of 16 through his mother who was related to the Astor family which had owned parts of Manhattan and 5th Avenue. His father William Zborowski was also a racing driver who died at the wheel of his Mercedes in 1904. The young Louis was a talented engineer and built a narrow-gauge railway at the family estate near Canterbury and this was eventually used as a model for the Romney-Hythe railway which still runs today. As well as circuit racing and railway engineering, Louis was a dedicated huntsman who rode regularly in the prime hunting countryside of the day around Melton Mowbray. He had a hunting lodge for entertainment of his friends and following his untimely death he was buried in the family grave in the quiet village of Burton Lazars. The church stands beside the A606 Oakham to Melton road.

Rod Sortwell



Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

At the recent AGM of Communicare Mrs Clare Wagstaffe resigned her position as Chairperson and presented the following report to the meeting. As many local patients may be unaware of the facts and history of the Group, this might be of interest.

In September 2018 I gave notice of my intention to stand down from the Committee of the PPG at this year's AGM which is our 39th. I have been involved since the very beginning, so my decision was taken with very mixed emotions.

I feel it appropriate at this time to give a brief summary about the PPG (Patient Participation Group) and its beginnings, for those who are not aware of the facts. Back in 1981, Dr John Holland, who was the single-handed GP at Kings Cliffe Surgery, decided that patients should have more involvement in their local practice ('Patients have more to offer their GP's than their illnesses'). The aims of the PPG were threefold:

- To help yourself - health education talks, becoming better informed.*
- To help others - The social group, voluntary transport, prescription delivery, news etc*
- To help the practice - Being a mechanism for discussion and feedback. It has also resulted in a large amount of equipment being purchased to increase patient comfort and care - over £100K since the outset.*

Dr Holland also felt there was a need to remove the sense of isolation from elderly patients in rural areas. Situations had moved on and extended families were often no longer able to offer support. To these ends he paid for a coach to go around the villages once a month and bring the elderly into a central/social environment and at that time nurses or a health visitor would join us for coffee and a chat. All this was very forward thinking within the medical community - we have a lot to thank the late Dr Holland for. These gatherings were originally at Apethorpe Hall (now Palace!), then for many years at Laxton Hall. Since then we have met at Yarwell Village Hall and now at Kings Cliffe Active Hall. These events are still well supported with additional short break holidays each year and several summer day trips - This year our destinations were Weston-super-Mare and St Leonards-on-Sea.

We are very lucky that when Dr Gill Tuck, Dr Amrit Takhar and Dr Rhiannon Nally joined the Practice they were all equally supportive of the concept of the PPG and Drs Takhar and Nally continue to encourage and develop the PPG today.

I feel the time is now right to step down and for fresh blood and ideas to take over. I have enjoyed all the involvement and seen many changes (some good - some not so good!) and I shall be happy to continue to serve the PPG, in the background, with particular emphasis on the organization of the group's social activities for as long as I am able and needed. My thanks for all the support I have had over the years and I wish the PPG continued success and development.

Clare Wagstaffe



Stibbington Community Classes



September was a busy month. At the time of writing the first of two introductory ukulele sessions, two weeks apart, has taken place. The gap should give ample time for the fourteen attendees to practice and for tender finger tips to toughen up!



You can see from the photo that the felting workshop which was also in September, yielded much laughter as well as some very handsome hares!

UPCOMING SESSIONS:



Sunday 3rd November 11:00—12:00



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Sunday 8th December (Share-a-Skill)

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Stibbington Community Classes



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September has been a busy month for WI members, with two external visits taking place.

The first was to Riverford foods. Here we had a guided walk over the farm, followed by a supper cooked by the onsite chef and her team, the sharing meal was made using Riverford produce. During the walk, as well as over food the staff explained the history and ethos of Riverford foods, working organically along the challenges and positives that are involved in this method of farming.



Our second event was to go behind the scenes at Tolethorpe. We were taken backstage and taken through the activities that need to take place for a production to take place. Then it was back to the hall for a lecture on the history of Tolethorpe hall from when it was a private house, through when Stamford Shakespeare purchased the hall, all the way through to the renovations to its current incarnation. The icing on the cake was being taken through the many costume rooms. Here we detailed steps that need to be taken by the costume team to



produce outfits that are correct for the time period, would be robust enough to be worn for each and every performance, and would look good on stage.

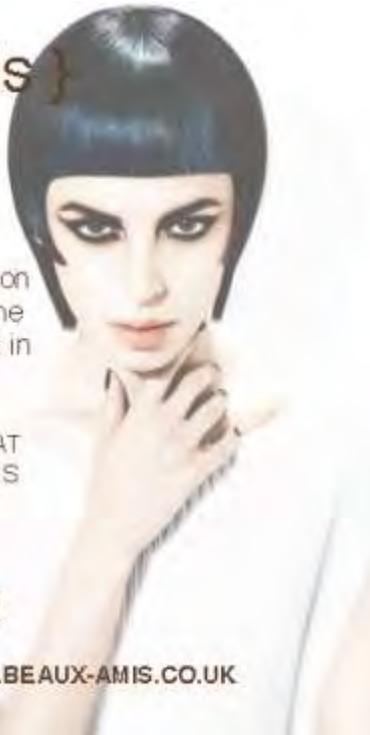
Friday 4th and 18th October We have our 3C's meeting (Community Hall 10-12am).

Tuesday 8th October – Xmas decoration making (Community Hall 7.30pm)

Thursday 21st November, Book club meeting (Haycock hotel, 7.30pm), open to members and non members. Please check as date is not confirmed at time of going to print.

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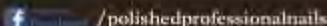


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Glorious sunshine greeted us on Saturday 24 August as we opened up the marquee to receive this year's entries for our show, the result of countless hours of hard work by the committee, our active members and enthusiastic local residents. The most important aspect of the Annual Show, which has been taking place for 73 years now, is of course the exhibits in the marquee. Although the emphasis has gradually changed over the years from predominantly vegetable, fruit and flower exhibits to more craft, cookery and photography entries, it remains a traditional flower show, held in a traditional "Sandringham style" marquee. The number of entries was up on 2018 and the standard of exhibits was high and much appreciated by our judges.

Inside the marquee the temperature rose steeply but outside it was even hotter. There were stalls, children's

Exhibits all in place awaiting the arrival of the judges



games and a carousel, the dog show, a bar and barbecue and of course tea and cake to enjoy whilst listening to the music from the Yarwell and Nassington Band and Wansford Ukulele Folk.



Our classic car line up this year was much more extensive. There were I believe 21 vehicles on display including a rather stunning Harley Davidson motorbike! The owners of these cherished machines were glad to have plenty of mature trees along the riverbank under which to relax and picnic out of the 28 degree heat while we all admired their vehicles.



Heartfelt thanks go to all who worked so hard to make the day enjoyable and successful and indeed to the people of Wansford, Stibbington, Sutton and Thornhaugh who donated a record number of bottles for our tombola - 450 in total - which enabled us to raise a figure not far short of half the hire cost of the marquee.

The list of trophy winners follows, all of whom are to be congratulated.

We have taken a well earned rest in September after a busy year of talks, visits and events, but now we look forward to our final talk of the year which has at last been confirmed. We are excited and privileged to welcome Joel Ashton of the award winning Butterfly Brothers, based in Bourne, who specialise in landscape gardening with emphasis on wildlife gardening. In July they appeared on Gardeners' World and have also been interviewed with Sir David Attenborough as they are ambassadors for Butterfly Conservation with him. They are greatly in demand as a result with work pouring in both here and on the Continent and so we are lucky to be hosting Joel's talk on Thursday, 24th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Christie Hall. Please do come along - all are welcome.

Gill Fisher: fisher.gill@yahoo.com

WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY 2019 TROPHY WINNERS

Cup Name	Description	Winner
Skevington Cup	Best exhibit in the Members Vegetable Section	Phillip Wiles
Christie Memorial Cup	Best exhibit in the Open Vegetable Section	Phillip Wiles
The George Moisey Trophy	Best exhibit in classes 5 & 6	Ian Long
Dalgety Produce Potato Cup	Best exhibit in classes 1 & 2	Phillip Wiles
The Garden News Challenge Shield	Best exhibit in classes 26 & 27	Jean Hillier
The Benton-Jones Dahlia Cup	Best exhibit in the Dahlia Section	Maggi Cracknell
The Marina Kruger Award	Most pleasing garden, voted by 'peoples choice' ballot on the day	Liz Harris
The President's Cup for Flowers	Best exhibit in the Flowers (except Dahlias)	Bridget Bradley
Philip Wiles Cup	Best hanging basket	Liz Johnson
The Elborne Cup	Best exhibit in the Floral Art Section (adults)	Gill Fisher
The Coronation Cup	Best exhibit in the Adult Cookery Section	Jenny Manners
The Thompson Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Cookery Section	Elizabeth Eames
The Elcombe Trophy	Best exhibit in the Drinks Section	Samantha Bradshaw
Tom Guy Trophy	Best exhibit in class 66	Sue Arnold
The Rosie McDonnell Award	Best exhibit in class 67	Sue Arnold
The Craft Cup	Best exhibit in Adult the Craft Section	Maggi Cracknell
The A.R.C. Shield	Best exhibit in the Children's craft Section	Annabelle Eames
The President's Cup for Adult Art	Best exhibit in the Adult Art Section	Marie Murphy



Cup Name	Description	Winner
The Andrew Walton Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Art (under 8)	Ruby Bradshaw
The Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in the Children's Art Section	Lena Cartwright
The President's Cup for Photography	Best exhibit in the Photography section	Nigel Fawthrop
The Peter Cottrell Cup	Gentleman with the most points classes 1-37	Phillip Wiles
The Joan Spencer Trophy	Lady with the most points classes 1-37	Jean Hillier
The Family Challenge Cup	The most points gained by a family	Eames Family
The Evergreen Cup	Highest points by a Member Senior Citizen	Phillip Wiles
Yendall Children's Cup	Most points by an exhibitor under 8 years old	Annabelle Eames
The Haycock Cup	Most points by an exhibitor aged 8-16 years	Thomas Hunt
The Sponsor's Cup	Newcomer Adult with the highest points	Nigel Fawthrop
The Banksian Medal	Winner of highest prize money in classes 1-64	Phillip Wiles
The Cracknell Cup	Best Child's Exhibit in Show	Lena Cartwright
The Len Hall Trophy	Best Exhibit in Show	Jean Hillier
The Chairman's Cup	Person with the highest number of entries	Liz Harris
Top Tray 1st		Ian Long
Top Vase 1st		Dawn Lange
Merit Cup 1		Lucy Hunt
Merit Cup 2		Dexter Fox-Clipsham
Merit Cup 3		Edward Eames

SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council met on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

5 Councillors, Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public were in attendance. Report of heavy goods vehicles coming in off A1 by Community Centre – causing traffic safety issues. Cllr Beuttell reported Highways and Police are aware.

Cambridgeshire County Council Local Highways Officer made visit to village and is looking into various highways issues particularly blocked drains and flooding.

Road line markings need re-painting from Elton Road turning left into New Lane plus other end of New Lane T Junction.

Pot holes on New Lane.

Residents from the cottages at the front of Hutchinson's yard attended, and gave photographs of oil spills and complained of other infringements made by Pure Fuels which affects their day to day lives. These will be sent to HDC and other agencies for inspection.

Two (large) litter bins now received - to replace smaller bins sited on the bridge and outside the Haycock (slip road onto A1). The two smaller bins will be re-sited. This is to address several complaints made by nearby residents when the bins overflow.

Sulehay Gate – hedge is totally overgrown – Wildlife Trust may be responsible, Parish Clerk will follow up.

Apology letter received from Whirlpool following recent major fire at their site in Morley Way, Peterborough.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November 2019 commencing at 7pm.

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Practice

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO PATIENTS

Influenza Vaccination Programme 2019

We will be running walk-in clinics at both Wansford and Kings Cliffe as follows:

Saturday 26th October 2019 : Wansford Surgery : 8.30am-12noon

Saturday 23rd November 2019 : Kings Cliffe Surgery : 8.30-11.30am

Please attend with loose fitting sleeves

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Note: If you attend the Wansford clinic you may use any of the three car-parks.



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Just 4 Councillors were available for September's Parish Council Meeting, which was attended also by Mr Allen.

Planning.

Two Planning Applications were considered. One for 2 houses on a vacant plot adjacent to ARC Haus, at the side of the A1, to which the Council saw no reason to object; subsequent to the Meeting the Applicant has withdrawn the Application.

The other was for some serious tree surgery in Robin's Wood and the Council recommended that the advice of the PCC Tree Officer should be followed.

Requests for Funding.

Nene Green Water Pump. WPC has received some quotations for a plinth and railings, but the submissions lacked detail. WPC will revise the requirement specification and request new proposals.

A47

Yet again, the Highways England Project Manager declined to attend our meeting citing a lack of information to submit. WPC has written to both our MP, Shailesh Vara, and Mayor Palmer seeking their intervention at the highest level possible.

A1

The Council remains concerned over the impact on the Village of the many closures of the A1 following accidents and will request incident facts from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The aim being to provide evidence for the WPC's submission for the inclusion of the A1 and A47 in the Peterborough and Cambridge Transport Plan.

WPC has instructed the Clerk to write to Stibbington cum Sibson Parish Council to seek its support to have a weight limit sign situated on the Elton Road near the Haycock such that HGV drivers are forewarned of the weight limit on the Wansford Old Bridge and can exit along London Road to the A1.

Environmental

Mick George Limited (MGL) had submitted an Application to cease monitoring an area of woodland in Cook's Hole quarry as work in that area was essentially completed. The PCC Wildlife Officer was very much against approval and he was supported by the WPC and adjacent property owners.

MGL has withdrawn the application.

The WPC had received several complaints regarding a cockerel being kept in a residential area causing a nuisance and determined to refer the matter to the PCC Environmental Protection Team.

A fairly routine meeting, and so for the rest of the news bulletin please refer to the formal Minutes for your bedtime reading.

As always, I sign off with Dave Allen's salutation; God Bless and may your God go with you.

Dave Johnson, Wansford Parish Councillor

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Augean Community Fund

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The company's donations relate to its two landfill operations located at Thornhaugh near Peterborough, and King's Cliffe in Northamptonshire. Recommendations on all grants from the Fund are made by King's Cliffe Environmental Association (KCEA) and Thornhaugh Environmental Association (TEA).

These two committees comprise volunteers from the villages of King's Cliffe, Thornhaugh and nearby who are best able to represent local community priorities.

Who Can Apply?

Groups with projects that are located within 10 miles of the King's Cliffe landfill site or the Thornhaugh landfill site may apply for grants, subject to the Fund's eligibility requirements.

Normally the minimum grant is **£5,000**, although applications for slightly lower grants will be considered. The maximum you can apply for is **£50,000**.

The Fund has already benefitted many groups in the area and Augean PLC is committed to continuing to provide grants for worthwhile projects which make a real difference to the built and natural environment within the local communities.

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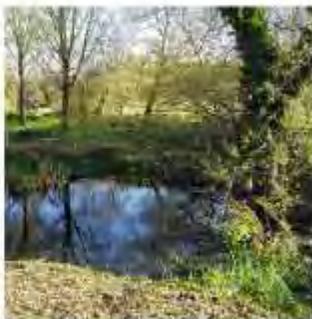
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There are usually two funding rounds each year, the next two closing dates are:

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What an odd summer it has been for our butterflies this year – a season of extremes. Who has seen a Small Tortoiseshell this summer? I don't recall having seen one since April. Spring Tortoiseshells overwinter in our sheds, outhouses and chimneys, come out of hibernation, mate and lay their eggs in May. But for some reason these have not developed in anything like their usual numbers into caterpillars, pupae or adult butterflies. Has this lack of Small Tortoiseshells been a result of the weather? Or were there exceptionally large numbers of predators in our gardens hunting the eggs and caterpillars?

Any gardener will know that we have had spells of cool conditions interspersed with hot, dry periods this summer. The year has also been more windy than usual. This will have affected butterfly numbers generally but has also brought us thousands of Painted Lady butterflies. These are immigrants from North Africa which swarm in their millions across the Mediterranean Sea and northwards over Europe. I have seen them all over the village but commonly basking on the warm, bare soil in my garden from where they make periodic flights in search of a mate. They are a warm brownish-orange with smaller scale black and white markings unlike the brighter orange and bolder black and white of the Tortoiseshell.

I saw a Small Copper butterfly in the garden this week. Both sexes of this small insect have upperwings of brilliant shining copper with black marks and borders on the forewings. I kept my eyes open and saw two more. Unmistakable and a delight to see. A number of new Parish Allotments have been taken this year which has inevitably led to a vast variety of weeds and wild flowers germinating following the new turning of the soil. Many have been allowed to develop on the less well tended plots which have provided rich pickings for our butterflies. A haven from the over-manicured arable land which produces fine crops but fosters little wildlife.

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STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS

The autumn term is now well under way and the teachers are busy with visiting pupils immersed in one of the many themes for visits. They may be WW2 evacuees or Victorian children for the day or perhaps Eco-Explorers during a residential stay. Whatever the topic, it is a delight to see the children so energetic and enthusiastic when learning in such a different setting.

Behind the scenes, support staff are equally busy. You may be just the right person to join this team! **Watch this space in the next issue for an upcoming job vacancy!**

Can you help? We would like to replenish an area of the grounds with bark chippings and are looking for a plentiful supply. We are also still eager to source owl pellets (unfortunately these need to be from wild birds). If you are able to assist with either of these then do contact us on the number below.



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Dear Tracy

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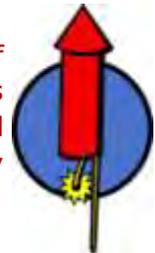
Elli Boroughs

A reminder there's a Thornhaugh Litter Pick on Saturday 5th October

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Nikki Higgins, 07773287312

I have received a request from a resident to ask that if any householders are intending to let off fireworks around Halloween, Nov 5th or to celebrate Diwali, would they please let their neighbours know, especially if they know they have animals.



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The next in the series of charity concerts run by Wansford and Thornhaugh Church will be on Friday 11th October at 7.30pm

It will be an informal performance of choral music by the highly acclaimed Stamford based group St. Peters Singers. The variety of the music is reflected in the title of the concert BACH to BEATLES.

For further information please see page 13

Alan Jones

DIARY DATES – OCTOBER 2019

Wed 2	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	8
Fri 4	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sat 5	Thornhaugh litter Pick	10.30am	Village Green	Nikki Higgins	07773 287312	
Tues 8	WI Meeting – Christmas Decorations	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Wed 9	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	8
Thurs 10	Arts Society Lecture	10.15am	The Fleet, Old Fletton		01733 767539	
Fri 11	Bach to Beatles, St Peter's Singers	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church	Liz Kemp	782333	13
Mon 14	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	25
Wed 16	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	8
Fri 18	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee and Community	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sat 19	Unearthing our Roman History	2.00pm	St Remigius Church			11
From Tues 22	PODs present Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	2.30pm 7.30pm	The Cresset	Box Office	07133 265705	14
Wed 23	Harvest Lunch	10.30am	St Mary's Church	Caroline Ashley	782408	8
Thurs 24	Horticultural Society Talk Joel Ashton, Butterfly Brothers	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	782446	21
Sat 26	Flu Jabs	8.30 to 12noon	Wansford Surgery			24
Nov						
Sun 3	No Name Orchestra	11.00am	Stibbington Centre		07580 218792	16
Wed 6	Sibson– cum Stibbington Parish Council	7.00pm	Stibbington Centre	Wendy Gray	01778 441312	

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