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Editorial

There always looks like there is plenty to do in and around our villages when I look at all the adverts for events that I receive. I hope you are able to support some of them. However I also recognise that we may have neighbours who are feeling quite lonely, for all sorts of reasons, that's why I've published an article about 'The Silver Line' on the centre pages this month.

As this September issue goes to print, I'm looking forward to the August Bank holiday weekend and the Wansford and District Horticultural Society Annual Show. No doubt people are busy preparing their entries, I look forward to seeing them all and publishing the results in next months magazine.

We are very lucky that so many businesses are prepared to advertise with us. If you do use one of them as a result of one of our adverts, please will you let them know — it will help when it comes round to their renewal time.

Thank-you, once again to everyone who sends me contributions, each month I wonder if there will be enough!

Tracy Sortwell

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WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2019

St Leonard's, Apethorpe

1st	11.00am	Holy Communion
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd	6.00pm	Evensong

St Kyneburgha, Castor

1st	10.15am	Holy Communion
8th	10.15am	Holy Communion
15th	10.15am	Holy Communion
22nd	10.15am	Holy Communion
29th	10.15am	Holy Communion

St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington

1st	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th	9.30am	Morning Praise
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School

St Michael and All Angels, Sutton

8th	9.00am	Family Service
22nd	9.00am	Holy Communion
29th	4.00pm	Harvest

St Andrew's, Thornhaugh

1st	9.30am	Morning Praise
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's, Wansford

Every Wednesday	10.00am	Morning Prayer
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	9.30am	Morning Praise

St Mary's, Woodnewton

1st	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th	11.00	All Age Praise Service
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
29th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell

1st	11.00am	Holy Communion
8th	11.00am	Holy Communion
15th	3.00pm	Methodist Service
22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion



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As well as enjoying the contents of our fantastic "Living Villages" magazines, I always appreciate the beautiful covers and August's swans photograph was particularly lovely. I'm rather hoping that they were pictured on the River Nene as that gives me an ideal link to my theme this month. I know the river, and spending time by or on the river, - any river, is very special to many in our villages; not least many of our congregations and even church wardens!

I am most fortunate that the vicarage garden in Nassington runs down to the River Nene. Standing down there watching the water, or when I see the boats going past from my window always reminds me of how the River Nene links most of the parishes of the Watersmete Benefice (not for nothing was the name for the new parish grouping chosen as "Watersmete").

In the benefice we celebrated our life next to the River Nene at a special outdoor service a couple of weeks ago. The service was held at Yarwell Mill, a growing new development by the river that also includes space for caravans and boat moorings. It is beautiful spot and we held our service overlooking the small lake created there, with the lock, the river and the mill stream behind us.

As part of the service, one of our Readers, Maureen Woodd was commissioned as a Waterways Chaplain. If you want to know more of their work, have a look at www.waterwayschaplaincy.org.uk, but essentially the chaplains provide a Christian presence along our waterways. We couldn't have been closer to the river for Maureen's commissioning. The service drew people from the parishes along the river, and many from Yarwell Mill itself, which was wonderful.

The service was called *The Water of Life*. I know I have written about connections before, so instead of thinking how the river connects us, this time I was reflecting on life-giving water. Our waterways were once a vital source of income and for some they still are, but for most they are now a place of recreation and refreshment; life-giving indeed. Water is vital to life – to our own and to nature itself – a gift indeed in God's creation. Water (although maybe not always river water!) is also cleansing as well as vital to our thirsty bodies.

Jesus spoke of himself as the water of life which brings cleansing, refreshment and renewal, but in the service I chose the passage from the end of the Book of Revelation (the last book of the Bible) which describes "the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city." (Revelation 22 v. 1) How appropriate as we think of our own River Nene flowing past our villages. However, the passage continues by saying that the tree of life grows by the river of life and "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." The river of life flowing from God nourishes the tree of life which brings healing for the nations. How much is that healing needed now – in the world and in our own nation!

As we enjoy the beauty of our river, perhaps we can reflect more on where our water of life comes from, and pray for the healing of the nations; and that what we do may part of the healing flowing from here into our world.

With every blessing, Rev. Jane



Kairos Prison Mission at Stocken Prison

Many of you contributed to the Kairos Mission into Stocken Prison last year by baking cookies and I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to bake again this year. As you may know, a mission team of 25 volunteers, including myself, went into Stocken Prison last year and spent five days working with 24 inmates, sharing our faith and the Christian message of forgiveness and hope. As a result of that mission many of the men's lives were dramatically changed and they are now facing the future in confidence and faith in God. I have visited the prison monthly since the Kairos Mission and can see the transformation in each man's life.

Part of the impact of Kairos comes from people on the outside baking cookies to send in to the prison as a sign of love and support for the men, who cannot believe that they are remembered and cared for by people who have never met them. We commit to providing every single inmate in Stocken - not just those selected to be on Kairos - and every single member of staff a packet of 8 home-baked cookies. As prison regulations are very tight, bakers have to follow a simple recipe which cannot be altered in any way. This year our target number is 14,000 cookies and so we are very reliant on your support.

This year a team of 25 volunteers will be going in to Stocken Prison from October 14th - 18th to work alongside another group of 25 inmates. If you would like to contribute to the transformation of these men's lives and bake a batch of cookies in late September this year, could you email me back and let me know. I will then send you the recipes and other necessary information. Also, if you know anyone else who might like to be involved, please could you ask them to get in touch.

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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 villages are most welcome. As this is our Harvest Festival, we will gratefully receive any tinned or dried foods. All food donations 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 towards the supper.

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Tony Capon

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Carol Lindsay

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AND ST ANDREW'S

The Friends hope that everyone has had a good summer despite the weather, and that many of you were able to attend the Horticultural Show and buy cake!

Our meetings will recommence in September and will be on 4th and 18th September in the Community Hall after Morning Prayer.

Coffee Stop will be Wednesdays 11th and 25th September at 10.30 in St Mary's Church after Morning Prayer.

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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:

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WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SOCIETY



Unfortunately this article has to be submitted before our Annual Flower Show takes place and so I will not be able to report on the event until the October issue of Living Villages. I can vouch for the huge amount of work that our committee and many active members have put in already and can assure you that they will be beavering away for the next five days to ensure that the show runs smoothly and is a success, enjoyed by our many visitors.

Exhibits from previous shows



Already 15 of our most committed members have been delivering schedules followed by requests for donations to our bottle tombola in the streets of Wansford, Stibbington, Thornhaugh, Water's Edge, Sutton and Water Newton. Their hard work has been rewarded by many very generous residents who have contributed over 300 bottles for the tombola. Our expenditure to run the show is considerable – over £3,000 last year, and I have no doubt that it will be a similar figure this year - so the proceeds from the tombola help to cover these costs. A big "thank you" to all the above!

A list of the award winners will be published in the October copy of this magazine along with some photos of the day's activities.

Gill Fisher: fisher.gill@yahoo.com



Friends Against Scams Online Learning

Be armed with the right information in the battle against the scammers Eileen Le Voi, Safe Local Trades

It seems that not a week goes by lately without warning of a new scam – with cyber criminals becoming more and more sophisticated.

An email from a supposed legal or Government source can be so convincing that it can fool even the shrewdest among us, as can a request to transfer money or pay a bill.

However, the fight against scams is hotting up. As well as the many reliable channels which can inform and advise about scams (including the UK Action Fraud), there is also a user-friendly Friends Against Scams website - a National Trading Standards Scams Team initiative which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to 'Take a Stand Against Scams.'

Friends Against Scams is designed to inspire action, highlight the scale of the problem, change the perceptions of why people fall for scams and make scams a community, regional and national topic.

And what's more, Friends Against Scams offers a free, easy-to-use online learning service where anyone can learn about the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim.

The session – which takes around 15 minutes to complete – can be done in the comfort of your own home, in the workplace or even on your phone while on the move. When you have completed it – you will even receive a certificate. Visit <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/training/friends-elearning> to find out more.

With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others.

Friends Against Scams also offer easily accessible awareness sessions run by SCAMchampions, who are trained and supported by the NTS Scams Team. Each 45 minute awareness session is fun and interactive and a chance to meet other people who want to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'. The website will have all the details.

Scams can vary from postal to online. Don't be caught out by things like:

- Phishing – this will most likely be an email from the 'bank' designed to trick victims into revealing personal information and passwords
- Phishing: where you receive an email that pretends to be from an authority (e.g., your bank) in which you're asked to give out your passwords or personal information such as your address, telephone number, or other data.
- Pharming - the fraudulent practice of directing online users to a fake website, which mimics the appearance of a real / legitimate one
- Romance Scams - a confidence scam whereby a criminal displays fake romantic intentions towards a victim in order to gain their affection to then extort money
- Impersonation of UK officials - criminals impersonate a UK official to obtain personal information by claiming that the victim is due a refund or must make an urgent payment
- Ad Clicking: where hackers encourage you to click on a link (perhaps by email, or on a webpage) which will then open malware or simply ask for your personal info.

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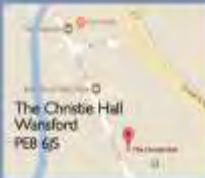
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Loneliness and the Elderly

The Silver Line By Elaine Davis



Seeing my Dad struggle through loneliness after my Mum's death really opened my eyes to how devastating it can be for those living alone and isolated.

In the blink of an eye our lives can change and older people are especially vulnerable to loneliness and social isolation – and it can have a serious effect on health and mental wellbeing..

According to Age UK, more than 2 million people in England over the age of 75 are living alone, and more than a million older people say they go for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member – these are heartbreaking statistics.

People can become socially isolated for a variety of reasons, such as getting older or weaker, no longer being the hub of their family, leaving the workplace, the deaths of spouses and friends, or through disability or illness.

As our communities become more fragmented – sadly, it is often the elderly who are left without support systems that were more prevalent in the past.

When my Dad sadly passed away only seven weeks after my Mum, I was drawn to volunteer for an organisation that worked with lonely and isolated older people.

Still grieving after losing both my parents so close together, I saw a poster at the local hospital for **The Silver Line** - I took note and went back home and investigated what they were all about.

The Silver Line operates the only national, free, confidential helpline for lonely and isolated older people and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It currently receives a staggering 10,000 calls per week. Not surprisingly many of these are in the evenings and weekends – these can be the loneliest of times.

It was set up in 2013 by Dame Esther Rantzen after she received an overwhelming response from elderly, lonely people who had read her personal account of loneliness after losing her husband.

After reading about the great work they did, I signed up to be a telephone volunteer. Once you have been trained you are matched to a Silver Line friend and make weekly calls at an agreed day and time.

As well as the telephone service the Silver Line also runs:

Silver Line Connects

Connecting older people with services in their local area. This could be anything from face-to-face befriending to finding a local coffee morning.

Keeping in Touch (KIT)

Whilst an older person is waiting for a Telephone Friend, a member of staff will make contact each week or every other week to reassure them and have a chat.

Silver Circles

Facilitated group friendship calls between older people each week for up to an hour. This brings Silver Liners together who may have a common interest and allows them to be part of a group, all from the comfort of their own home.

The Silver Line is there for anyone who thinks they need their services (they must be 55 years or older). The wonderful thing is that they do not define what loneliness or isolation can mean to an individual older person.

It took me quite a while to be matched to my Silver Line Friend (a bit like a dating site!!), but I was finally matched to Pam and we have been chatting and laughing now for nearly 2 years.

We never get to see each other (it's only a telephone friendship), but we can exchange photos and cards and I must say it's one of the highlights of my week speaking to her. We've got to know each other really well and share what we have done over the week, our plans for the future and lots of laughter. We pack quite a bit into our weekly half an hour!!

If she's a little down (she has some chronic conditions that affect her mobility), I now know how to cheer her up and make her feel a little better. I'm so fond of Pam and I have a sneaking suspicion she's a little fond of me too

If you are experiencing loneliness or isolation there are ways to overcome this, even if you are living alone and are finding it hard to get out.

I wouldn't hesitate to contact The Silver Line - They are a lifeline to so many people and enrich the lives of thousands of volunteers.

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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

In May I was elected Chairman because a Chairman can only serve a maximum of 3 years on WPC. John Stannage had been doing an excellent job and with extremely able support from Richard Clarke had tried to cope with the inadequacies of Highways England (HE) w.r.t A47 Dualling – Wansford to Sutton.

Wansford Parishioners must be interested to know what has been happening so here is my attempt to update you:

By November 2018 the Consultation period had ended but there were so many responses to that HE was going to take at least until the end of the month to get through them. Part of their problem must have been that not everybody received A4 sheets requesting responses to the critical and hotly contested issue over the route of the road, added to the main document but were informed that "*HE expect to go to the Planning Inspectorate in June. At that stage the Parish Councils and individuals get another chance to give input.*" We then learned that the entire HE management team and design team had been replaced. We were assured that the new HE project manager, *Jon Donlevy - Regional Investment Programme (East)* would attend a WPC meeting in February/March.

HE cancelled their attendance at the February meeting "due to not enough information being available" but *Tracey Harvey, Assistant Project Manager-Regional Investment Programme* wrote "*Yes I can confirm that both myself and Jon Donlevy (PM) will be attending the Wansford Parish Council meeting on the 11th March.*"

Anticipating a large turnout for this meeting, our chairman, John Stannage, arranged to use the church for this meeting but on 4th March, HE withdrew their intention to come to the meeting on the grounds they hadn't sufficient information to give to us. They were "*Overwhelmed with responses that came through following statutory consultations*". Jon Donlevy wrote "*We are committed to keeping you updated on progress with the A47 Wansford to Sutton project and had hoped to be able to give you a full update at your March Parish Council meetings, especially given the high level of local interest in the scheme. Unfortunately we will not be in position to give you a meaningful update in March, so will need to withdraw our attendance and arrange to attend a future meeting.*

We are currently analysing the statutory consultation results and planning how to utilise the information effectively to move the project forward. We are in the process of onboarding our new Principal Designer and will be able to give you an update when they are fully onboard. We are keen to ensure that we are taking the project forward in the best way possible, giving full consideration to the views of our stakeholders and will keep you informed once there are developments.

I am pleased to inform you that the last part of the design process for the designated fund project to improve the footpath area from Wansford under the A1 to the Picnic area is nearing completion. Once a contractor is procured specifically to deliver designated funds projects, we will be able begin works in this area. We are working on a number of other ideas for designated fund projects and hope to be able to provide an update on these in the next few weeks.

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by this decision, but remain committed to communicating with you once we are able to have a more meaningful conversation.

John Stannage responded - "Although Wansford Parish Council were disappointed you could not attend our meeting on the 11th March, we have noted your update. We did, however, hold a very constructive meeting regarding the A47 Upgrade, whereby residents contributed positively. From this meeting, it was agreed I invite you to our next meeting on 8th April at 7.30pm. If it is not possible to attend, it was further agreed to ask if a meeting would be possible with yourself and two councillors each from Wansford and Sutton, at your offices, to further discuss the A47 project. I appreciate all information may not be to hand, but feel this to be a well worthwhile opportunity".

HE did not come to our meeting in April but on the 12th wrote "*Thank you for your email. I apologise for not replying sooner I appear to have missed this one. I regretfully have to decline your invitation to attend on the 13th May 2019 at this stage. I should know in the next couple of weeks exactly when I will be able to provide a full update to the Parish councils. Please rest assured my priority is to provide a full update when I am able to do so and will be in contact as soon as I am able to*".

In May we learned that the HE model had been changed completely. Everything is now to be contractor led.

Jon Donlevy then wrote "*Apologies I did not get back to you sooner but I have been on leave. Thank you for your invite to the Wansford Parish Council on the 10th June unfortunately at this stage I will have to regretfully decline. Please be assured that as soon as I am able to come out to provide an update on the scheme I will be in contact with you. My main priority is to provide an update to all stakeholders when able to do so*".

On the 2nd July Jon Donlevy wrote to Cllr Richard Clarke "*Dear Mr Clarke, Thank you for your email below and highlighting the timeline on our Highways England website.*

Unfortunately I am still unable to provide an update to the local communities at this stage. I appreciate this means our timeline on the website is now wrong and when able to I will also arrange for this to be updated.

I understand this is frustrating for everybody interested in the scheme but please be assured I will provide an update when able to do so". The timeline on the website has not been amended. It still says that the Development Consent Order will be submitted in Spring 2019!

On the 9th August, Jon Donlevy provided the following apology for Mick Grange, Sutton Parish Councillor and Chair of the A47 Community Consultation Team -

"Thank you for your email of 24 July and your interest in the A47 Wansford to Sutton scheme. I do appreciate your concerns on the scheme and the length of time it has been between scheme updates. Work is still continuing on the improvements taking in to account the responses from the Statutory consultation. We have been onboarding a new supplier during this time as well and this has taken longer than expected but is due to be completed soon. Unfortunately until this is complete it would not be fair to provide an update on the plans for the scheme. I can only apologise for this delay and I do appreciate this is frustrating for all stakeholders. As soon as I am able to provide an update I will happily come to explain to you all at the local Parish council meetings.

With regards to the scheme starting in the next year in the Construction Enquirer the Start of Works for this scheme is the financial year 2020 to 2021 and therefore may not be shown in any outside publication.

The road closures planned are to complete some much need patching work along the route which will help to improve the quality and safety of the road.

After the Wansford to Sutton improvements have been completed, some of the existing route will remain in place and therefore supports the needs for this patching work."

We feel sure that Wansford (and Sutton) Parishioners feel as frustrated and let down as we do and accept that we have been doing everything in our power to find out precisely what is going on.

Many other issues occupy our time and we would ask that parishioners wishing to learn of police activity in our area refer to <https://www.ecops.org.uk>.

If you have trees or hedges overhanging public pathways, please keep them trimmed, especially because they droop even lower in wet weather. Of course the best way to find out about all our concerns and activities is to come to meetings (Community Hall, second Monday in the month at 7:30).

Tim Pearson

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

As some of you may know, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combines Authority has produced a draft Local Transport Plan. This is open for consultation until the 27th September 2019. There will be a display about the plan at the Peterborough Town Hall between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 7th September. To get more information go to the Combined Authority web site and then look under News. The link will also be published on the Wansford Parish Council web site <https://www.wansfordvillage.com>

The draft Transport Plan has some very interesting ideas about new transport links and it talks about rural transport issues (but does not come up with many solutions).

As far as the residents of the Living Villages area are concerned, the plan completely fails to address the need to upgrade the A1 North of the A605 junction and it ignores the A47/A1 junction at Wansford. It talks at some length about improving the A47 but the authors do not seem to realise that traffic going north off the A47 is landed into an area of regular delays and traffic disruption. This is particularly odd as the plan does include upgrading the A1 south of Huntingdon even though the report's own figures show that the northern section is much more congested.

We all know from the struggles with Highways England that they have no intention of making significant improvements to the A47/A1 junction at Wansford because it is impossible within the space available. The only solution is to combine the upgrading of the A47 with significant improvements to the A1. This was all planned in the mid 1990s but was scrapped as part of government cut backs. 25 years later the A1 is at choking point around Wansford and a proper co-ordinated improvement to the local trunk road network is needed.

The Combined Authority cannot actually carry out these improvements but having them in the Local Transport Plan will help to bring them to the attention of the government and Highways England.

Wansford Parish Council has already responded to the consultation, pressing for the A1 and A47/A1 junction upgrades to be included in the plan. The more people who respond the greater the chance of improving the Local Transport Plan. Please look at the Combined Authority web site and submit your comments.

Richard Clarke

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New venues include the 18th century D'Arcy Jewellers' Shop in the city centre, the ArchAhaus architects' offices located in a carefully restored 1930s *art deco* building near Wansford, the magnificent ground floor reception rooms of Thorpe Hall, and a range of fine churches – Longthorpe Church, rebuilt on its present site in the 1260's by the Thorpe family; Castor Church opening its wonderful tower; Marholm's medieval church with impressive memorials to the Fitzwilliam family; the listed church in rural Upton; Water Newton's medieval church set beside the River Nene; and, also on the river, the ancient church at Stibbington. Many venues will be offering guided tours, talks and displays whilst others are opening their doors for visitors to wander freely as they choose. These events provide the opportunity to explore the history of Peterborough and, in some cases, to visit buildings not normally open to the public.

The programme is the result of close co-operation between Peterborough Civic Society, Peterborough Cathedral, Peterborough City Council and Vivacity who have encouraged participants to open their doors free of charge. David Jost, Organiser for the Peterborough area, said:

"We have a number of buildings that are exciting newcomers to the heritage celebrations which we feel are sure to be popular. We are enormously grateful to all the owners who so generously give their time to open up their premises".

Andy Tannock, Chairman of the Peterborough Sea Cadets, explained that the Old Customs House has been featured in previous years. "I am proud that we have a responsibility for such an interesting and historic building which I'm sure people will be fascinated to discover when they visit."

Martin Russell, Head of Support Services, for the Thorpe Hall Hospice, said "The Sue Ryder organization is pleased to be able to open Thorpe Hall for the Heritage Open Days in September. We look forward to welcoming visitors to the Hall and the Gardens. Refreshments will be available in our café"

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or charge an entrance fee, and specially organised events to showcase a property's history. Heritage Open Days has been running as a national celebration since 1994 – celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2019.

Pick up a copy of the flier from the Visitor Information Centre, the Cathedral or your local library. Alternatively, check the Civic Society, Vivacity, Cathedral or Council websites for information. And for complete details of events across the country as a whole go to the national Heritage Open Days website: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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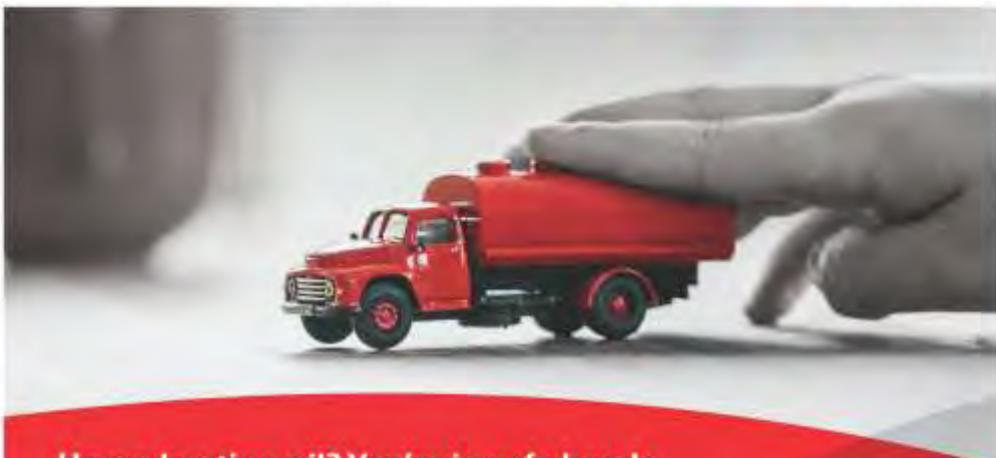


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Birdsong has largely ceased now - apart from the continual calling of doves and pigeons in the early mornings. I tell myself that they are just saying good morning to each other and turn over and go back to sleep. Swifts have left us, swapping their evening screaming flights around our chimney pots for the long flight back to Africa. Flocks of jackdaws still make quite a cackle as they fly from one high vantage point to another, usually the church tower.

Other sounds now predominate. Have you heard the irregular tap, tap, tap of the song thrush in the evening as it takes a juicy snail in its beak and bashes it against a stone or path in order to break the shell revealing the 'succulent' snail inside. I thought I heard this a few nights ago but it didn't sound right. A more careful investigation revealed a great spotted woodpecker was tapping away at one of my pear trees. It had found an old knothole in the trunk, had placed a hazel nut in the hole and was tapping away to break the shell of the nut. Below the tree were the remains of a dozen or more nuts filched from my hazel hedge.

This woodpecker is a charming sight. Slightly larger than among thrush, it is mainly black and white with white shoulder patches and white barring on its open wings in flight. The adult birds have a deep red patch beneath the base of the tail and the males have a red patch at the back of their head. Juveniles sport a red crown for a while. They are now commonly seen on bird feeders, particularly those containing peanuts. They have realised that ready shelled nuts take less effort to eat than their ages old habit of using a hole in a tree to hold their nut.



In spring it is the great spotted woodpecker that makes the drumming noise to be heard reverberating round the treetops in woodlands. Both sexes take part in this activity created by striking their beaks repeatedly against a suitably rotten or hollow branch which acts as a sounding board.

The other relatively common woodpecker is the green woodpecker. Larger than a mistle thrush it is usually seen feeding on the ground or flying from tree to tree in open countryside and parkland. It has broad olive green wings, a yellow rump and a red cap. It usually lands on a tree trunk a few feet above the ground and rests in an upright manner. It will often make its loud call as it flies away, a laughing 'Yaffle', which also gives it its common country name. The green woodpecker feeds on ants, both in the ground and on anthills. Look out for them, while their food is plentiful.

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The Arts Society Peterborough Lectures **September – December 2019**

12th Sept 2019 – Materials & Techniques of Constable's Great Landscapes

This lecture is based on extensive technical research for a detailed catalogue essay for the *Constable: The Great Landscapes* exhibition, at Tate Britain in 2006. It discusses Constable's diverse painting methods and brings to life his dynamic personality and artistic temperament, revealing a 'Jackson Pollock of the 1830s'. It is illustrated with highly detailed, colour slides taken during studio examinations of the paintings in preparation for the Tate exhibition.

Constable's famous 'six-footers' include some of his most well-loved paintings: *The White Horse* (1819), *The Haywain* (1821), *The Leaping Horse* (1825) and *Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows* (1831). Their compositions were derived from small pencil and oil studies and, for each, Constable painted a full-size sketch. These sketches are extraordinary creations for the early 19th century and were unseen by all but his closest friends during his lifetime.

10th Oct 2019 – Northern Lights: Scandinavian Design in the 20th Century

This lecture looks at the influence of the great Scandinavian designers of the mid-20th century. The beginning of the new millennium has witnessed a growing taste for clean lines and lack of clutter, which has stimulated interest in 20th century design.

With many of us visiting Ikea on a regular basis, Scandinavian designers have had more of an impact on contemporary design than most people realize. Some of the most important designers, whose influence remains extraordinarily strong, were Scandinavian, such as Alvar Aalto from Finland, Henning Koppel, working for Georg Jensen, and Arne Jacobsen from Denmark or Orrefors glass from Sweden. These were designers and makers of the new 'antiques', pushing the boundaries in the use of design and materials, with a lasting legacy.

14th Nov 2019 – Art, Design & Photography in post-Revolutionary Russia

This lecture surveys developments in Russian art and design during the twenty years or so after the 1917 revolution: from the vigorous experimentation of the first decade, to the stranglehold Stalin exerted upon the arts during the 1930s. It is often falsely assumed that the art produced in Russia after 1917 is characterised mainly by pictures of heroic, muscular workers and adoring images of Lenin and Stalin, but nothing could be further from the truth. Russian artists and designers, such as Tatlin, Malevich, Eisenstein and the Constructivists, attempted to design for a new, unprecedented society. Their achievements in the fields of painting, sculpture, photography, cinema and all forms of design, from posters and ceramics to monuments, clothing and theatrical sets, are still keenly felt today.

12th December 2019 – Jane Austen's Christmas

This lecture looks at Christmas before the Victorians reinvented it. In Jane Austen's time, the traditional Christmas was a very different affair. Devoid of Father Christmas, Christmas trees and commercialisation, the emphasis was on gentility, tradition and sociability.

Jane Austen set many scenes from her novels during the Christmas period exactly because this was a time for social gatherings. We'll look at the balls, parties, dinners, games, traditions and celebrations that filled the festive season. Novels, letters, paintings and engravings are used to bring the Georgian Christmas to life.

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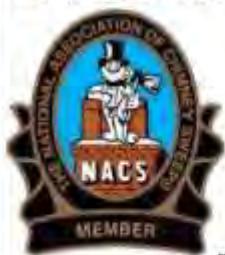
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Tracy

For the third year running, around 50 people came to Ukulele Picnic by the River, in aid of NoGainNoPain UK.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Wansford Ukulele Folk, everyone who came, donated, supported and otherwise helped to raise an amazing £1171.00 on the day which has been Match Funded with a grant of £1000.00. More donations were made in the following few days and the grand total is now £2220.00. This incredible generosity means that 2 more syringe drivers will be available in our community and make such a difference to people at very difficult time.

Elin & Paul Styles

For more information about the charity: <http://ngnpuk.weebly.com/>



Hi my name Jan Peacock

I run a small food bank from home in Elton I have a Facebook page "Elton Chapel, Helping others in Need!"

I sell donated items for food or money I am always looking for donations they can be jewellery, kids toys, bric a brac anything of good condition. I am also happy if people contact me for help even if it is only for a week to tied over Thank you Jan, any questions please call me 01832 281561

DIARY DATES – SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun 1	Cricket match v Digby	1.00pm	Home	Jason	07734	
Wed 4	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
	Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council	7.00pm	Environmental Centre	Wendy Gray	01778	24
Fri 6	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 8	Cricket match v Woodford	1.00pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	
Mon 9	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	01778	22
Tues 10	Communicare AGM	6.30pm	Wansford Surgery	Clare Wagstaff	470437	14
	WI Meeting – Tolethorpe	7.30pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Wed 11	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
Thurs 12	Arts Society Lecture	10.15am	The Fleet, Old Fletton		01733 767539	35
Fri 13	Ukulele Class	7.00pm	Environmental Centre		07580 218792	29
Mon 16	Thornhaugh Parish Council	7.00pm	St Andrews	Deirdre McCuminsky	782668	
Wed 18	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrews	10.30am	Community Hall	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
Thurs 19	Sutton Parish Council	7.30pm	St Michaels and All	Deirdre	782668	
Fri 20	WI 3 C's Chat, Coffee and Community	10.30am	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 22	Cricket match v Uffington	1.00pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	
Wed 25	Friends Coffee Stop	10.30am	St Mary's	Caroline Ashley	782408	9
	WI Book Club		Haycock Hotel	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Fri 27	Ukulele Class	7.00pm	Environmental Centre		07580 218792	29
Sat 28	McMillan Coffee Morning	10.00am	St Mary's	Jan Armitage	789996	17
Sun 29	Cricket match v Camra	1.00pm	Home	Jason	07734 815117	

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