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EDITORIAL

After assembling the magazine for the first time as editor, I am now faced with the daunting task of an editorial column. Following in the footsteps of Rosie will never be easy, but the team are determined to continue her great work. Thank-you to readers and contributors for the encouragement I've received and also to Marcus at PPS for his technical expertise. I am also indebted to the support from Martin, Kate, Sue and of course Rod for their help and guidance during this first month.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to Eddie for providing me with the computer files containing previous editions of Living Villages and for forwarding numerous emails.

If you are only coming to this column after flicking through the whole magazine you will have notice a change. It was Rosie's plan to go full colour for this edition—something that I was determined to achieve. I hope you like it—I am sure that our advertisers will.

For our cover picture this month, I have chosen a scene reflecting harvest contributed by a mystery photographer—Camershy. Perhaps readers might like to guess who they are, but I do know that they visited four counties on their day off just to get this picture. So many thanks Camershy!

One final message—my sincere apologies if you were expecting to read a specific article this month. Editing was completed at a campsite near Edinburgh, I may have therefore missed some communications.

Tracy Sortwell

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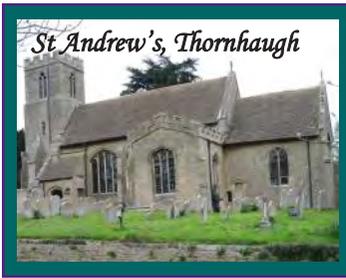
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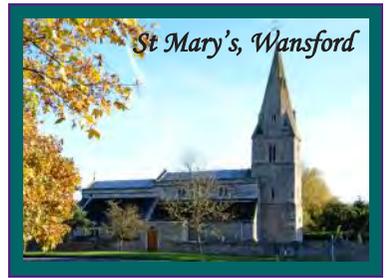
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September

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Date	Time	Location	Service
4 Sept	9.30am	St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
11 Sept	9.00am	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St. Mary's Wansford	Holy Communion
18 Sept	9.30am	St. Andrews, Thornhaugh	Holy Communion
	10.15am	St. Kyneburgha, Castor	Holy Communion
Sat 24 Sept	3.00pm	St Mary and All Saints Nassington	Induction Service Rev Jane Tailby
25 Sept	9.00am	St. John the Baptist, Stibbington	Holy Communion
	10.00am	St Mary's Woodnewton	Benefice Service



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Since 1970 the Church of England has made decisions about Church order and doctrine through a system of Synodical government. The base upon which this system depends is the Parochial Church Council (PCC). In our benefice we have three PCCs which are responsible for the three parishes of Castor with Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton, Marholm and Sutton.

It is inevitable that at the meetings of our church councils a lot of time is spent dealing with practical matters such as maintenance of our buildings, finance and ensuring that our churches are properly run. Our buildings are important; as a well maintained and welcoming church building is an excellent witness to the state of the Christian community which meets in it for worship.

Important though our buildings are, a church building that is no longer home to a living Christian community, no matter how small, becomes nothing more than a museum. As well as considering practical matters it is important that we work to ensure that our church communities remain spiritually healthy. This involves making sure that things are arranged in such a way that people feel WELCOME, that the worship offered is a WORTHY OFFERING to God and that those who enter our churches are FED AND NURTURED in their faith.

To help ensure that these issues are properly addressed we are planning a Vision Day for the Benefice on Saturday 1st October. The aim of the day is to identify our priorities for the next few years so that we can do our very best to continue serving God in our local community.

The day is due to be led by Canon Miles Baker, the Director of Mission for Peterborough Diocese, and it is open to anyone from our benefice who wishes to attend. Further details about this important event and information about booking will be available in our churches and from the benefice office from the beginning of September. I hope that as many people as possible will be able to come along to help shape our vision for the future.

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Our meetings in September will take place as always on the first and third Wednesday of the month, the 7th and 21st at 10.30 in the Community Hall after Morning Prayer at St. Mary's at 10 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming our new Parish Priest, the Reverend Jane Tailby to one of our next meetings.

We shall also be delighted to welcome new friends to join our group after the Summer Break. Just come along for a cup of coffee to meet us all. We shall start to plan our annual Harvest Lunch, which takes place on Saturday, 15th October in the Christie Hall. This is always a popular village event. Put the date in your diaries. Posters will be displayed and tickets will be available nearer the time.

Dora Baker (Secretary).



Wansford Choir

The choir of St Mary's Wansford, will resume practices on Wednesday 14th September, 7.30 pm, at 19A Old Leicester Road. We sing in church on the second Sunday of each month, and will soon be starting rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service. Most of our pieces are in 3-part arrangements: soprano, alto and men.

We should be delighted to welcome new members. It's all quite informal. Perhaps you used to sing but haven't for some time; perhaps you have never sung but would like to try. We'll look forward to having you with us.

Eddie McDonnell

FRIENDS OF ST REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

Our next service is the Annual Patronal and Harvest Festival service which will take place on Sunday 2nd October at 6 pm. As usual, fellowship will follow the service with light refreshments, wine, tea and coffee. All from surrounding villages are invited to join us for both the service and the hospitality. We would very much appreciate any gifts of dry foods - cans, packets etc which we will take to the local Peterborough foodbank. Please bring them along to the service or leave at the church if you are unable to join us.

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The next opportunity to get together socially is for a Choral Evening on Saturday 17th September in Stibbington Church from 7.30 to 9.30pm with local Choral group "Divers Voyces" who specialise in Renaissance music. Tickets will be £10 including wine and canapes and can be reserved by calling 01780 782932. Look out for the posters

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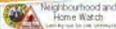
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STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS



Our Summer term of workshops ended with the creation of some beautiful felted pictures, as you can see from this group shot of some of the happy participants. In every workshop we run, it is always surprising how varied the final items are, given the same starting materials. If you did not fit on to this session, see below for another opportunity.

The Autumn sessions will open with **Enamel Jewellery—Saturday 24th Sept from 10-4**. Our tutor, Louise Denney, will lead attendees through an introduction to the ancient craft of fusing powdered glass to a metal base to beautiful effect. Learners will prepare the copper base, add vitreous enamel, use decorative techniques and kiln fire their items. Appropriate jewellery findings can then be attached enabling learners to leave the workshop with two or three unique pieces of jewellery. The cost will be £35 which includes all materials.



Further details of the other Autumn workshops below will be released soon but as dates for your diary.....

Sunday 30th October 1-4 Craft Medley

Saturday 26th November 1-4 Wet and Needle Felted Pictures

Sunday 4th December 1-4 Christmas Willow Workshop

Groups hiring the centre over the Summer have included 30 members of an extended family group from across Cambridgeshire staying at the centre for ten days, a touring choir, an intensive revision workshop for teenagers and groups making enquiries are becoming ever more diverse. If this venue is suitable for your family or group we may even be able to arrange a visiting tutor for an activity session.

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They started their fundraising in Whittlesey when local man David Jarrett needed a syringe driver to manage his pain in the final stages of his battle with cancer. David had to wait round 24 hours before a syringe driver became available to him. These machines manage pain by administering a steady stream of drugs via a needle that is attached to the patient.

The NHS only use one type of syringe driver called the Mckinley T34 and these cost just under £1400 each . So far NGNPUK have been able to supply a total of four more drivers to the Whittlesey area with more planned in the next few months.

Their aim is also to raise awareness of what a syringe driver is, how much they cost and monitor the numbers so they can fundraise and buy more as and when they are needed. They now want to expand to other local communities as their research has made them aware that a lot of other areas only have one or two devices to share over large areas.

Wansford surgery has 2 drivers to cover the areas from Wansford to Laxton covering Tixover, Wittering, Collyweston, Stibbington, Barnack, Sutton, Castor & Alisworth; including all surrounding villages around this area.

Oundle surgery has 2 drivers and covers as far as Achurch, Pilton, Luton, Benefield, Polebrook, Warmington; including all surrounding villages around this area which makes the list even larger.

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LOCAL HISTORY

By David Stuart-Mogg

REQUIEM FOR A VILLAGE?

During the past few months there have been a number of 'alarums and excursions' circulating in local villages in respect of proposed building developments and related consultations. These have ranged between the substantial proposed township adjacent to the villages of Ailsworth, Castor and Sutton; the possible future development of Seed's Field between Wansford and the A47; an application to enlarge the oil depot operation on the King's Cliffe Road and, most recently, the 'expression of interest' document relating to the possible construction of up to 2,500 new dwellings and a 'stunning new environment' (sic) at Sibson. Should we be the least surprised at the gradual translation of what was once a largely agrarian-based environment into cheek-by-jowl suburbia?

My bi-monthly Local History excursions in *Living Villages*, after all, relate mainly to the heritage value of those remaining elements of the built environment that we have been fortunate enough to inherit more or less intact. However, the question arises as to whether we (that is all of us) need to be more aware of this inheritance and demonstrate a willingness to safeguard its future should it be threatened? In October 2009, the Peterborough City Council (PCC) Conservation Officer requested that Wansford Parish Council (WPC), in common with certain other village councils, submitted a reasoned list of 'Buildings and Features of Local Importance' for possible inclusion on a central register. I was asked to table such a list for WPC's consideration which, in the event, comprised 17 such recommendations. Only two of my recommendations were rejected by the Parish Council, although I am subjectively pleased to note in retrospect that these have not been entirely lost to posterity. One was the iconic Sir Giles Gilbert Scott K6 telephone box in Old

North Road and the other was a recommended retention of the distinctive deco / Bauhaus outer shell of the former Little Chef which the PC considered best demolished.

Certainly, there is serious archaeology beneath the Sibson site including, if my eyesight is not deceiving me on the small map integral to the recently published marketing document, the site of Sibson's (possibly Saxon) church as clearly delineated on my 25 inches to the mile, 1901 edition, Ordnance Survey map. Of more recent origin, the substantial WW2 brick-built, sand-filled firing range into which aircraft zeroed their guns before taking off on wartime sorties also remains intact at Sibson, still with the vestiges of its flagpole when last I was there. Can any of the above claim significance in the 21st century, when weighed against the need for ever more housing and social facilities given our capitalist, profit-driven economy?

Well over a decade ago now I wrote in the foreword to my booklet *The Story of Wansford*: "Increasingly, villages everywhere are threatened with the prospect of becoming mere dormitories for commuters who work, shop and often socialise away from their villages. This potential is arguably encouraged by so-called 'brown-field development', where gardens are lost to new housing and properties demolished for profitable rebuilds at higher density levels; often at the cost of irreparable damage to long-term village ambience. More cars, more motor mowers, more hedge cutters, more strimmers, more power-washers, more bonfires, more fireworks – all occurring at even closer proximities and with greater frequency – thereby detracting from those very qualities that have hitherto been a keynote attraction of villages and rural life everywhere. *Clearly Wansford [and elsewhere] must evolve and grow if it is to survive.* However, such growth must surely be

WANSFORD DAIRY AND CHARLES PEACH (CONT.)

both sensitive and organic. In the wake of continuing losses of amenity, all manner of local enterprises come under threat as Wansford and surrounding villages gradually morph into little more than suburbs of Peterborough – perhaps eventually with their own Tesco Metro supplanting the traditional village post offices and stores. That said, Wansford is indeed fortunate in still having a community that welcomes, indeed embraces the new whilst, on occasion at least, minding a duty of care as a custodian of the past.” Plus ça change, it seems. End of polemic!

Wansford Dairy.

I have been contacted by a Living Villages reader for information regarding Wansford Dairy which used to operate from the buildings to the north of Sacrewell Farm. Other than a brief reminiscence by the late Frank Sumpter about a ferocious bottle-washing machine of uncertain temper he sometimes operated as a schoolboy for pocket money (no Health & Safety considerations in those days) I have little to offer. Does anyone know more, please?

Charles William Peach, proprietor of the Marquis of Granby Inn, continued.

As one ascends the churchyard steps of St. Mary's, Wansford, the three headstones to the fore, and immediately to one's left, are dedicated to members of the Peach family: Charles William in the centre is flanked by a wife to either side. These grave plots would have offered a fine view of the Marquis of Granby Inn until the latter's demolition. I find these several unusual conjunctions strangely satisfying.

To be continued.

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SPECIAL REPORT By Martin Lewis

LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE. IN O

If you ever wondered what it takes to become a winning cyclist these days, you could do a lot worse than do what I did and spend a couple of hours with Jerry Norman.

Jerry, who is 16, lives in Wansford with his parents John and Anthea and is an active member of the Fenland Clarion Cycling Club based in Peterborough. And he's good. He's won a host of cups, medals and awards, and is the current Northampton and District Cycling Association's Juvenile (up to 16 years old) and Junior (up to 18) Time Trial Champion and is a member of his club's senior top team. He also holds the club record for the fastest time trial for a juvenile, breaking a record that had stood for 38 years, missing the National Clarion record by only two seconds.

So how did he get to be so good at cycling? Listening to Jerry try to explain it is like listening to another language; full of technical jargon, abbreviations,

training regimes, aerodynamics, endurance, strength and speed issues, diet demands, heart rates, power outputs, recovery periods and a variety of equipment requirements and cycling disciplines I didn't even know existed. But Jerry is also kind and patient and tried hard to use terminology I could understand.

He started riding his first proper bicycle when he was about 9 years old, doing what many of us do, riding around outside his house and sometimes farther afield. But he enjoyed it, it gave him a feeling of freedom, and so he joined the junior section of his local cycling club, the Kings Cliffe Flyers, where he was taught the basics of cycling in a field. Mainly within the disciplines of mountain biking and cyclocross (more muddy, hilly and physically challenging, requiring riders to jump off and carry their bike at times), he learned technical skills, control and how to overtake and race in a group



ORDER TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE, YOU MUST KEEP MOVING.

Albert Einstein

when other riders are very close to you (which is scary at first).

It was only when he changed clubs and joined Fenland Clarion and became inspired by dedicated coaches and enthusiastic mentors, that he started to get serious and began training to win. It's clear at that point his competitive instincts emerged - he does not like being beaten. These days he trains most days for up to 20 hours a week, watches his diet carefully and on race days has to preload with carbs to ensure he has the necessary energy. Along the way he has acquired some impressive bicycles including a specialist cyclocross bike (very light for carrying), a mountain bike, a track bike for the velodromes (he is accredited to use any velodrome in the country), a road bike and, the most impressive of all, a state of the art time trial bike, for which he saved every penny for 3 years to buy. It's all very scientific; he wears a heart rate monitor to measure how his body is performing (especially in recovery) and has pedals which measure the force his legs exert to create forward motion.

It was fascinating to learn the differences between each type of bike and the specialist equipment (gears, frames, wheels, tyres, helmets etc) each discipline requires. Did you know for example that the bikes used in the velodrome have no brakes, have only one fixed gear and are unable to freewheel?

At the time I spoke to him, Jerry was also juggling the demands of his GCSE exams at Arthur Mellows Village College. He wants to do his 'A' levels and then go on to university. He's definitely a man with a plan.

When I ask him if he thinks he's good enough to become a professional cyclist, he is quiet for a moment. "It would take a lot of hard work," he said, "but I'd love



to make my living from racing." But, he explained, the sport is very expensive to compete in and at some point he would need sponsors, which at this stage seems a little daunting.

I got the impression, though, that if he set his mind to it, you would be foolish to bet against this impressive young man. He's certainly keeping his balance in life by moving forward - very quickly!

Thanks are due to Jerry (who has been a dedicated Living Villages Magazine Distributor since he was 11 years old!), John and Anthea Norman for their time and assistance in the preparation of this article

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council (WPC) held its regular meeting on 8 Aug. I shall not bore you with a verbatim report of routine administrative stuff as, if you're really interested, you can read all about it in the published Minutes.

This is about the more interesting stuff:

WPC was concerned as to why the Police had failed to attend the Meeting, as requested, to explain why they haven't addressed serious concerns at the Picnic Site, why they have not dealt with the reported altercation and bad behaviour at the Burger Van, why they have not dealt with the illegal behaviour on the Picnic Site that has prevented the Public Toilets from being reopened and why the public generally feels uneasy using the picnic site. WPC considered the failure by the Police to attend the meeting, submit a written response or at least offer an apology to be reprehensible and totally unacceptable. WPC has subsequently requested an immediate response to its concerns. Failure to submit an acceptable and reasoned response will leave WPC with little option than to bring the matter to the attention of the Police Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, in the strongest terms.

About working with Peterborough Highways to establish a 20 mph speed limit in the Village centre. We will join with several other villages seeking similar restrictions so that the cost of advertising and managing the implementation will be reduced. An ongoing plan that looks promising.

About the Peterborough Highways placing parking restrictions along the Old Leicester Road at the Village perimeter to prevent parking on the footpath and reduce the risk to pedestrians forced to walk in the road by the inconsiderate parking.

About, Planning Application 16/01497/FUL; Watsons submitting a revised application to extend the activities on the Rutland Oil Depot site and increase the amount of materials stored and the number of HGV movements. This is of course an East Northants considered application whose impact is felt solely in Wansford and you should visit its web site to make your views known.

About Huntingdon's proposal for Sibson Village. A new Garden Village on the Sibson Airfield site with ultimately 2,500 homes, a school and a new interchange onto the A1 with a proposal that the Nene Valley Railway should provide a commuter route to Peterborough.

And about Regional Devolution. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough devolution deal includes:

- * A new £20million annual fund to improve local infrastructure - such as road and rail projects. This would total £600million over 30 years
- * A new £100million housing fund to be invested over the next five years to build more homes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- * A new £70million fund to be used to build more council rented homes in Cambridge over the next five years because house prices are so high in the city
- * Transferring other powers and funding that currently sit with Government down to the Combined Authority – in areas such as public transport, apprenticeships and helping people get back into work
- * A Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a locally elected Mayor

And without launching into fine detail, that’s about it for this month. Perhaps you’d like to come to the next meeting on the 12th Sep and share your views.

And, taking a lead from Dave Allan, ‘bless you and may your God go with you’.

Dave Johnson
Councillor, Wansford Parish Council



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THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Second Meeting of the 2016/17 Thornhaugh Parish Council took place on 11th July 2016. It was chaired by Brian Watts, present were Liam Higgins, Ashleigh Kewney, Louise Molesworth, Chris Smith and in attendance were Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor and the Clerk.

There were no apologies for absence. Diane Lamb gave apologies for her prolonged absence over several months due to breaking her arm and not being able to drive to the meetings.

Home Farm Matters

Ashleigh Kewney confirmed that the hedges have been cut back at the entrance of Home Farm and visibility has improved. Brian Watts has filled in the pothole at the entrance of Home Farm. Brian Watts has not yet been able to complete the repair of the Noticeboard but Diane Lamb agreed to follow this up with Martin Benn (who has replaced Brian Rowthorn) at Peterborough City Council to see if he would be willing to help. The Clerk will write to Mr W Adderley to request that the footpaths that are on his land are strimmed back as the overgrown grass is making it difficult to walk along the footpaths.

Queen's 90th Birthday

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations held in the village were thoroughly enjoyed by approximately 90 people. It was a happy occasion and grateful thanks are expressed to all the Committee for all their hard work in making the event so successful. The proceeds were donated equally to Team George and Thorpe Hall Hospice. Plans for a Christmas Celebration will be discussed shortly.

Path Alongside A1

Brian Watts reported that the potholes on the path have been filled in and the overhanging grass has been strimmed back. He will monitor the situation.

Bus Stop

It was noted that although the local bus company has indicated its willingness to use the layby before the entrance to the village off the A1 Northbound as a bus stop, the Highways Division are not willing to allow this. Diane Lamb agreed to follow this up and also establish whether it would be possible for a bus to pick up/drop off passengers in the village.

Meadow Lane Drainage

It was noted that this is not an Anglian Water problem but rather a Peterborough City Council problem. Peterborough City Council had tasked Dyno-Rod to sort out the problem. A Dyno-Rod employee spent several hours clearing out the drains but commented that he felt there was a blockage which he was not able to clear. It may be that there is a problem with the soakaway.

Back Lane Hedges

It was agreed to delay requesting the cutting back of the hedges on Back Lane until the berries have been harvested. The Clerk will put this issue on the Agenda for the next meeting. All residents should be encouraged to cut back hedges belonging to them as it has been noticed that several paths are difficult to use due to overhanging hedges.

Back Lane Passing Places

It was noted that the spoil that has been laid down has made the condition of the passing places worse. The work needs to be done properly or the passing places need to be turned into a verge. Brian Watts will speak to Peter Sharpley and Diane Lamb will follow this up with Peterborough City Council.

Dog Foul Bin

It was noted that because Thornhaugh Parish Council is not on Amey's Account Database, it is proving difficult to obtain a Dog Foul Bin as it needs to be paid for before it is delivered. Diane Lamb will follow this up with Amey.

Parish Watch

It was agreed that no further action will be taken on this subject.

Parking on Verge outside St Andrew's Church

It was noted that the grass is getting very 'chewed up' due to inconsiderate motorists parking on the verge. It is believed that these are visitors to the village rather than people attending church services. Brian Watts will produce and install some A5 'No Parking' signs.

Hanging Baskets

It was noted that the hanging baskets are looking very bright and colourful and there have been many positive comments received about them.

Woodview Café

It was noted that Woodview Café on the A1 Northbound appears to have been turned into a Truck Stop. The Clerk will check whether planning permission should have been applied for.

Litter on Layby

Liam Higgins reported a large amount of litter on the layby before the entrance to the village on the A1 Northbound. Diane Lamb will follow this up with Peterborough City Council/Highways England. Thanks very expressed to all the residents who regularly pick up litter thrown from passing cars and generally keep the village in a tidy state.

Mrs R McDonnell

It was sadly noted that Mrs R McDonnell, Editor of Living Villages, has died suddenly. The Clerk will write a letter of condolence to Mr E McDonnell, her husband

The third meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 26th September 2016 in St Andrew's Church. It was agreed that in future Parish Council Meetings will take place on the 3rd Monday of alternative months.

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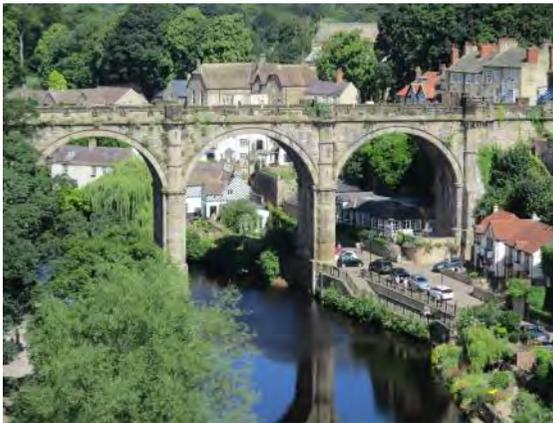
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WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFTS SOCIETY

With the August edition of Living Villages understandably cancelled as a result of our shocking loss of Rosie, staunch member and promoter of the Horticultural Society, there is much to report this month. Our Summer Social, held this year on Saturday 2nd July at Sacrewell, was a welcome change for the hard working committee from the self catered socials of recent years. By providing us with an ample buffet and liquid refreshment, Options 8 enabled us to socialise with our members and enjoy the relaxed and memorable private tour of the Heritage Mill and its surroundings on a pleasantly warm and sunny evening.

This was followed at the end of the month by our private evening visit to the Grimsthorpe Estate. Meeting up at 6 p.m. in sunshine for a welcome glass of wine beside the magnificent portals of the castle, we were then shown around the gardens and wider estate by the Head Gardener Jim, whose horticultural knowledge and expertise were impressive. Ray Biggs, the Estate Manager, brought up the rear to answer more historically orientated questions. We went into the vast walled kitchen garden, not normally accessible to the public, where art installations are a recent addition and the evening proved most enjoyable.



Our second coach trip of the year, this time to R.H.S. Harlow Carr stopping first in the delightful small town of Knaresborough Castle took place on 16th July, a warm, sunny day. We enjoyed strolling around the castle grounds with their magnificent views of the river Nidd and the iconic railway bridge which spans it. We were greeted warmly in the many charming tea shops, whose proprietors were pleased to have an influx of 40 thirsty visitors, not averse to adding toasted tea

cakes or other confectionery delights to their coffee orders! We headed to Harlow Carr for lunch – Betty's never disappoints – and then enjoyed the gardens, ablaze with colour with their streamside walks and abundant kitchen garden.

Although our 70th Annual Flower Show will have taken place by the time this magazine reaches you, the deadline for articles prevents me from writing about it this time. However all results and details will be included in next month's edition.

It just remains to remind members and guests alike of our next talk which takes place on **Thursday 6th October at 7.30 in the Christie Hall. Dr Twigs Way**, a professional garden historian, will be talking about **"Virgins, Weeders and Queens: Women Gardeners"**. All welcome.

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WANSFORD-IN-ENGLAND CRICKET CLUB

Season 2016 continues and the last match reports up to 1st May reported that Wansford had won 2 out of 3 matches. The club has salvaged 6 matches despite the odd monsoon. Fortunately, due to a cancellation of the scheduled match on 8th May, the club managed to conjure a fun match using club connections. Good cricket all round and useful to keep the players in good nick for a home visit from Rushden.

15th May home to Rushden

Wansford bowled first and had Rushden all out for 112 runs. Bowling features were Matt Mitchell 2 for 14 off 5 overs ; Jason 'Biscuits' Stafford with 2 wickets for 22 off 5 overs and Hassan with 2 wickets for 14 off 3.2 overs. All went off for Collettes welcome teas and on their return Wansford soon knocked off the total for the loss of only 3 wickets. Batting features were opener Sohail with 32 runs, Captain Darren Sweary with 36 runs and Vidit Matta not out on 28

29th May away to Old Eastonians, Rockingham Castle

Old East batted first and scored 169 runs. Bowling feature this week was Tom Wilkin with an impressive 4 wickets for 24 of 8 overs. The only other wicket taker was Ali with 1 for 30 off 8 overs. After a large away tea Wansford chased down the total in the 37th over with 5 wickets to spare. Batting stars this week were; Opener Pete Lucas & Sohail both with 62 runs and a welcome return for Rachit who finished the match not out with 21runs

June 5th home to Stoneygate

I was not present (Matt Mitchell) for this match but was reliably informed by budding deputy match reporter Harrison 'Hazza' Dyehouse (14years) that we came 2nd but he took an impressive 6 wickets. Mark Dale also scored 51 runs.

19th June away to Uppingham

A privilege as always to play at the Lord's Taverners constructed facility in Uppingham. Wansford batted first scoring an impressive 212 for 9 after 40 overs. Batting features were ; Sohail with 63runs and Risvi with 30 runs. After tea Wansford took to the field and restricted Uppingham to 152 runs all out. Bowling features were Matt Mitchell with 3 for 27 off 8 overs and Harrison with 2 wickets for 27 off his 8 overs.

26th June away to Motley Crew

Motley Crew batted first and Wansford felt content restricting them to 135 at the end of 40 overs. Great fielding all round and the bowling features were ; Risvi with 3 for 36 off 8 overs and Kev' the rocket' Botley with 2 for 24 off 5 overs. Unfortunately despite the low total Wansford's batsmen didn't 'turn up' and were all out for 110 despite 'Biscuits' top scoring effort of 19 quick runs before being caught out and ending the chase.

So at the end of June the gap between wins and losses had closed with club now having 5 wins out of 8 matches

3rd July away to Pytchley

Wansford headed to Pytchley eager to avenge their first loss of the season and return to a winning streak. Pytchley batted first and things looked bad as they accrued an impressive 228 runs for the loss of only 5 wickets. Bowling features were Vidit with 2 for 23 off 7 overs and economical bowling from Matt Mitchell with 1 for 20 of 8 overs and Az with 1 for 31 off 8 overs Determined to balance the books Sohail and Az opened the batting and scored an aggressive 50 partnership very quickly. Az scored 32 runs and Sohail lost his wicket for 23 but a solid foundation had been laid with 57 runs after only 7 overs. Wansford stole the win in the 38th over with an impressive 77 not out from Vidit Matta. Well done all and a great win to make it one a piece and 6 wins and 3 losses so far

Future match reports will follow in subsequent issues of Living Villages and we welcome anyone who is interested in joining, playing or spectating.

Practice nets continue on Tuesday evenings from 6pm behind the Haycock for those interested in having a go, or please feel free to join us and watch the games. Who knows you might even get a cup of tea or one of Collette's famous sandwiches if you time things right

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NATURE NOTES

By Graham Blagden

No sooner are we getting used to the much longed for summer weather we realise that our days are drawing in and our evenings are cool with the earlier onset of dusk.

Swifts have already come, raised their young and flown back to Africa but because of the wet early summer butterflies were late to put in an appearance but are now common in our fields, woodlands and gardens. Many of our butterfly species are native and overwinter as the adult butterfly: how often do you find an adult Small Tortoiseshell in a shed or fluttering around the house during a particularly warm winter's day. Others are migratory spending our winter in Africa but flying north in the spring, across the Mediterranean Sea, to Northern Europe where they delight us with their kaleidoscopic beauty.



Some years we see more of a migratory species than others. Red Admirals, Clouded Yellows and Painted Ladies are all prone to such eruptive behaviour. This is commonly caused by high numbers of a species stripping available food plants in their African home leading to large swarms flying north in search of food. This year the Painted Lady butterfly has been a welcome visitor to our countryside in large numbers and throughout England and into Scotland. Exceptionally, a Painted Lady is the only butterfly to have reached Iceland.

The Painted Lady is from the Vanessid family comprising other colourful examples, Peacock, Red Admiral and Tortoiseshell. It is closest in appearance to the orange tortoiseshell but is more salmon pink than orange and appears particularly so when flying. When at rest it appears to have longer wings than its cousin as the wings remain more fully open. Its favourite food plant is the common thistle on which it lays its eggs, less commonly on nettles, and it is here each caterpillar develops and subsequently forms a chrysalis.

When the adults break out of the beautiful coloured chrysalis they bask on warm, sunny, sheltered patches in the garden or hedgerow. When mated the females seek thistles on which to lay their eggs and the process continues again. Adults may hibernate but they have not been known to survive our winter. Next year's butterflies will arrive from Africa's surplus stock. However, as this is a Painted Lady year you should still be able to find them in your garden or hedgerow right through September and into October. Go outside into the sunshine and identify both the Small Tortoiseshell and the Painted Lady. They are quite different and both beautiful.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From your new vicar.

Now that I will soon be joining you in the Watersmete parishes, I thought that this would be a good opportunity for me to introduce myself to you.

I was born and brought up near Rugby in Warwickshire and after leaving school I trained as a teacher. For the last 23 years of my teaching career I was teaching in Bristol, where I was ordained in 2004. After ordination I worked as a non-stipendiary (self-supporting) priest in two large villages just north of the city and continued my work as a teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed my teaching, particularly my main focus of foreign languages, but I knew that eventually God would call me to full-time parish work and in 2009 I moved to South Wiltshire as Team Vicar in a group of 14 rural parishes. I have always felt called to be involved in rural ministry with all its joys and challenges, and in coming to join you now I feel I am coming home in a way, as I will now be only an hour from where I was brought up. I am looking forward to exploring the countryside, and probably getting a bit lost finding my way around the parishes!

My leisure activities (when I have time!) include singing and walking and I am looking forward to exploring the opportunities for good walking around here. As you will be able to tell from what I said about my teaching I also enjoy foreign languages and try to follow what I used to tell my pupils about not assuming that everyone speaks English when abroad! I like to have a try at learning at least some basic communication skills wherever I am travelling. I particularly love France and Italy for holidays.

One of my interests in the church, apart from general parish activities, which are such a joy, is developing prayer life and spirituality, and encouraging people to have confidence in their faith. I have been fortunate to have wonderful support from a convent in South Wales where I am an Oblate (that is someone closely associated with the Community living in the outside world) and where my spiritual roots are deeply planted. I also recognise the importance of children's work and outreach, building on my previous career in education, and simply to be with people for whom faith has been and continues to be a key part in their lives, and to show, by what we say and do, that God cares about his world and his people. Who knows where God will lead us together?

I am very much looking forward to joining you at the end of September and to getting to know you all, and to discovering God's purposes for us in the Watersmete Benefice. You are very much in my prayers and I would very much appreciate your prayers as I prepare to move.

With every blessing,
Jane (Rev. Jane Tailby)

19A Old Leicester Road, Wansford

Dear Tracy,

I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the people of the local community for the countless messages of support and condolence, and the very many acts of kindness shown to me since Rosie's death. We shall all miss Rosie, but It has been very comforting to realise, in a time of great distress, just what a truly thoughtful and caring community this is. With my thanks and best wishes to everyone,

Eddie McDonnell

On behalf of all the members of the Wansford-In-England Cricket Club may I extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Rosie's husband, family and close friends at this very sad time.

John Stones (President)

Thank you for sending me your letter of appreciation for Rosie. I just could not believe she has died and the news saddens me greatly. Please give my condolences to her husband, he must be devastated at this time. He and Rosie came to see me in Felixstowe when she recorded my memories of Stibbington and over the past years we have been in regular contact with letters, emails and chat. She certainly made "Living Villages" the great magazine it is today. I wish you and the editorial team the very best for the future - "Keep up the good Work"!

Yours sincerely

Nan Alden (was Nancy Death, ex 13 Council Houses, Stibbington!)

Nassington Bells

We have been informed that due to the bells at Nassington being refurbished we will hear some of our church bells being rung on Monday evenings as the Nassington Bell Ringers wish to be able to continue their practice. They will be at Thornhaugh on September 5th and Wansford on November 7th.

Local ringers are welcome to join them from 7.30 to 9pm, please contact Brian Hardie, the Nassington Tower Captain 01780 783855 brian.hardie@talk21.com if you would like any further information, or would like to learn to ring

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Fri 2	WI 3C's —Coffee, Community and Craft	9.30am	Wansford Community Hall	Jean Yarbury	782510	
Sun 4	Wansford-in-England Cricket Club match	1.30pm	The Haycock Park	John Stones	782109	30
Mon 5	Nassington Bell Ringers	7.30pm	St Andrew's church, Thornhaugh	Brian Hardie	783855	37
Wed 7	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's meeting	10.30am	Wansford Community Hall	Dora Baker	782519	9
Sun 11	Wansford-in-England Cricket Club match	1.30pm	The Haycock Park	John Stones	782109	30
Mon 12	Wansford Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Wansford Community Hall	Wendy Grey	01778 441312	22
Tues 13	Stibbington and Wansford WI meeting	7.15pm	Wansford Community Hall	Jean Yerbury	782510	
Wed 14	Wansford Choir	7.30pm	19A Old Leic. Road	Eddie McDonnell	783639	9
Wed 14	Communicare AGM	6.30pm	Wansford Surgery	Clare Wagstaff	470437	16
Fri 16	WI 3C's —Coffee, Community and Craft	9.30am	Wansford Community Hall	Jean Yarbury	782510	
Sat 17	Saints and Seafarers Choral evening	7.30pm	St John the Baptist church, Stibbington	Helen Facer	782932	11
Sun 18	Wansford-in-England Cricket Club match	1.30pm	The Haycock Park	John Stones	782109	30
Wed 21	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's meeting	10.30am	Wansford Community Hall	Dora Baker	782519	9
Sat 24	Enamel Jewellery class	10-4pm	Environment Centre, Stibbington	Stibbington Centre	782386	15
Sun 25	Wansford-in-England Cricket Club match	1.30pm	The Haycock Park	John Stones	782109	30
Mon 26	Thornhaugh Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	St Andrew's church, Thornhaugh	Deirdre McCumiskey		
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Sat 1	Benefice Vision Day					7
Sun 2	Annual Patronal and Harvest Festival	6.00pm	St Reiguis, Water Newton	Tony Capon		9
Thurs 6	Horticultural Society talk: Virgins Weeders & Queens	7.30pm	Christie Hall	Gill Fisher	782446	28
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Sat 15	Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's Harvest Lunch	12.30pm	Christie Hall	Dora Baker	782519	9

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