

## SKERNE & WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Changes on the Parish Council

A new Chair was elected at the November meeting of the parish council. Councillor Mark Padgett will take over the helm until the annual general meeting in May with Councillor Bristow taking on the role as Vice-Chair

Two new councillors have been co-opted to the parish council.

**Dr John Batham** was appointed at the September meeting. John was born in Staffordshire and after gaining a PhD in Materials Science his career as a Research Metallurgist brought him to Yorkshire and he moved to Wansford three years ago. John has extensive experience on employer and international committees in industry and as a member on



**Dr John Batham**

the committee of the Long Distance Walkers Association. *'Several life and job changes brought me to Yorkshire 30 years ago and I'm still learning about the East riding. It's very different to the foundries and steel mills of the Midlands but I think I have a contribution to make.'* **Mrs Leonie Jordan** was co-opted at the November meeting. Leonie moved to Wansford five years ago after retiring early from a career in mental health. Since retiring she has become a keen gardener, crafter, walker and writer, and also the Chair of the post natal depression charity House of Light in Hull supporting families experiencing depression and loss. *'The past eighteen months have proved we all need to look out for each other, including the community we live in. So I look forward to doing my bit for a great village.'*

### Have Your Say

How would you like to get

your news from the parish council? Next year will see the agreement between Skerne & Wansford Parish Council and Harmony Energy come to fruition and it is with this in mind that the parish council would like to review the way it communicates with the community. Harmony's contribution to the SWPC Community Fund must be spent on projects that will be of benefit to the majority of the community and for this to happen they need community involvement and that means effective communication both ways. Currently there is a parish council website, notice boards in Wansford and Skerne and the Newsletter is circulated to everyone in the parish four times a year. Would you like to see the website updated or possibly a SWPC Facebook or Twitter feed. Do you look at what's on the noticeboards or read the newsletter? You can contact the Clerk with your views at [sandpclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandpclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or come along to the next meeting that will be held in Wansford village hall on Tuesday 18 January at 7.30pm.

### 15th Annual Shoebox Appeal

This year the Real Aid shoeboxes will be distributed to children in the UK due to difficulties transporting the boxes internationally. Please mark the box 'Boy' or 'Girl' together with the age. Shoeboxes can either be collected or delivered to Wansford. Please contact either Hilary Pick on 01377 254600 or Jackie Dobson on 01377 257877 for further details.

**Oil Price** The November ex-VAT oil price achieved by the Humber & Wolds bulk buying co-operative was 49.55p per litre. For joining details please contact Billy Waites at [william.waites@btinternet.com](mailto:william.waites@btinternet.com)



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## IN MEMORY OF KEITH ROBINSON



**Keith Robinson, landlord of The Trout Inn**

This edition is dedicated to the memory of Keith Robinson. A gentleman in every sense of the word and a much loved and respected member of the parish. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by the community he valued so much.



Photograph courtesy of Driffield & Wolds Weekly

## Autumn Fair Success

When the call went out to the parish of St Mary's church in Wansford for help with paying the bills, members of the community led by Sarah Mansell, stepped up to the challenge and raised a whopping £1163! What began as a fundraising coffee morning grew into what will hopefully be the first of many autumn fairs in the village. Members of the Crafty Fingers Group who meet weekly in the village hall provided one of the stalls and an old fashioned ice cream cart was supplied by Wansford resident Hayley Mills with many flavours, including Xmas Pudding, available. There was a tombola and a prize draw that was supported by local businesses including Rafters, The Spread Eagle, Sarah Beauty, Robson's Traditional Butchers and Driffield photographer Annette Ellis. The event was well attended by residents young and old, past, present and new and provided those from in and around the villager with the opportunity to meet and catch up.

## Photographs and comments from the Autumn Fair



Some well known faces from around Wansford

*'Just to say a big thank you for the hospitality and friendly welcome at yesterday's fundraiser. It was a very well organised event and so lovely to see the village hall full of happy, vibrant and welcoming people and as a former villager, a trip down memory lane and lovely to see everyone. Well done all.'* 🍷

Shirley on Facebook

*'Well done Sarah and everyone that helped, had a really good morning with some lovely people'* 🍷 ❤️ Lisa on Facebook

*'I've saved my tub of Christmas pudding ice cream to enjoy while I watch Strictly!'*  
Jacqueline on Facebook

*Thank you Wansford community for the lovely welcome made by many of the local residents to my family and I this morning. After only moving into the village 2 weeks ago it was nice to meet a few friendly faces and introduce ourselves.'*  
Soshana on Facebook



Former Wansford postmistress Margaret Hearn and her son Jason.

### Everyone Welcome at Skerne's New Reading Group



A new group has just started up in Skerne for those who love reading and enjoy chatting about books. The group are currently getting together in the homes of some of the members and enjoy having some tea and cake whilst discussing the books they have all been reading. It is a very informal group that's just as much about having a friendly and sociable time as it is about reviewing books. The group choose a theme for each month, currently the theme is Christmas and next month it will be books that have been adapted

for television and films. If you would like to join them please contact Audrey Bjorndal 07791760220 or email [audreybjorndal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:audreybjorndal@yahoo.co.uk).

## Church News



The traditional carol singing around Wansford will resume again this year and it is hoped it will attract a good 'choir' of young and old alike.

It will take place on Tuesday December 21, starting off at the St Mary's Church lychgate at 6.30pm. The songsters will do a walking tour of the village, singing Christmas carols along the way.

Please come along and join in at any point along the way. The singers will finish the evening in Wansford Village Hall where hot drinks and refreshments will be served.



A remembrance day service was held at St Mary's church in Wansford.

The service was well attended by members of the village, past and present and the wreath was laid by James Cawthorne who is one of the Royal Navy's newest recruits. James, who



grew up in Wansford, recently passed out of the Royal Navy's basic training programme at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth and will be training as a Communication and Information Systems Engineer at HMS Colingwood in Portsmouth.

### Christmas Services at St Mary's and St Leonard's



Sunday 19th December, St Leonard's at 3pm, Christingle Service.

Boxing Day, St Leonard's at 9.15am, Communion with carols.

Boxing Day, St Mary's at 10.45am, Communion with carols.

Christmas hats & jumpers please! And bring along a gift you have received to the Boxing Day services.

## Wansford Village Hall

Coffee mornings are held in the Wansford village hall every Wednesday morning from 10am to 11am at a cost of just one pound.

The Crafty Fingers group, whose stall made £41 at the Autumn fair fundraiser, meet every Monday from 1.30pm to 3pm. All ages and abilities welcome, costs £1 to learn new skills or share yours crafting skills with others.



### Free Trees For Planting Projects.

Are you, or do you know anyone who is planning a tree planting project? eforests are able to supply trees, for free, for woodland and rewilding projects. The minimum number of trees supplied is usually 150 but smaller projects would be able to make joint applications. If you are interested please visit [www.eforests.co.uk](http://www.eforests.co.uk) or email [contact@eforests.co.uk](mailto:contact@eforests.co.uk)

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