



Some of the attendees at the St Mary's barbecue.

## Barbecue success

About £100 was raised for Macmillan at the St Mary's Church, Wansford, barbecue in August which was attended by about 70 people from the two villages and others from further afield.

## Book now for Skerne church autumn dinner

The St Leonard's Church, Skerne, autumn dinner takes place on Friday, October 12 at the Trout Inn, by permission of mine hosts Keith Robinson and Marie.

At the event parish clerk Jill Pick will give a talk about local soldiers in the Great War.

It starts at 7 for 7.30pm and will cost £20 for the meal. Tickets and more information are available from Margaret Brennand on 252157 or Catherine Bristow on 250190.

**Bingo sessions in Wansford Village Hall are planned for October 26 and November 30. Both start at 7.30pm, tea and coffee will be served and there will be a raffle.**

**Terry Jarvis's annual Christmas concert will take place on Thursday December 20 at**

**7.30pm. All welcome.**

**Weekly events at the hall include the Wednesday coffee morning from 10 to 11am and Crafty Fingers on Mondays from 1.30 to 3pm. It is available for hire at £5 per hour by contacting Mary Hudson on 254760.**

## Looking for light at the end of the tunnel?

Wansford resident and retired therapeutic counsellor Leonie Jordan has been appointed chairman of House of Light, which was established in 2007 as a support group for women suffering with post-natal depression.

It has since gone from strength to strength and its team of counsellors provide a service to men and women suffering with any mental health problem within the perinatal period as well as support for bereavement, depression, anxiety, trauma and self esteem, to name but a few.

Its growth has included looking at the needs of parents during pregnancy and returning to work.

It runs a support group in Hessle every Wednesday where Mums support Mums with two House of Light facilitators in attendance. You can attend without referral.

To access counselling you can self refer via the East Riding Emotional wellbeing service on 01482 335451 or just call the office on 01482 580499. A free national helpline—0800 043 2031— is also available.

The office is in the K2 Building, Bond Street, Hull, where it offers a welcoming environment—and a cup of tea.

Check the website [www.pndsupport.co.uk](http://www.pndsupport.co.uk)

## Shoebox appeal

Details about any Wansford shoebox service will be available by flyer later in the autumn.

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## Armistice centenary — join the parish commemorations

As the country and continental Europe prepares to celebrate 100 years since the signing of the Great War Armistice, Skerne and Wansford parish is also preparing for the event.

A special service is to be held on Sunday November 11 at 3pm at St Mary's Church, Wansford, when villagers will take part and the Last Post will be sounded by a bugler.

Everyone from either village is welcome to attend.

In the evening, the celebrations of 100 years to the day since the signing of the Armistice will continue with the church bells being pealed at

7pm—as will be church bells nationwide—and the lighting of the parish's beacon bonfire, one of thousands to be lit in the UK.

This will take place at Lilleygarth Farm, Skerne, the home of Joe and Julie Brierley, who have very kindly offered to host the event.

Food, drinks and tea and coffee will be served from 6pm on the evening, but Joe and Julie need to have an idea of numbers attending.

A further flyer will be distributed nearer the time. Meanwhile, if you intend to attend you can let Joe and Julie know as soon as you wish by emailing [aj.brierley@icloud.com](mailto:aj.brierley@icloud.com)

## Henry Parker flag

The flag which covered the coffin of Pte Henry Parker at his funeral last year will be dedicated at the Armistice service at St Mary's Church, Wansford.

It will be displayed in a discreet oak cabinet beneath the village memorial on the north wall of the church.

Permission to display the flag, which was presented to the church by Henry Parker's extended family, was given by the York Diocese earlier this month.

Pte Parker, of The Square, Wansford, died at the Battle of the Somme in September 1916. His remains, complete with 5th Yorkshire Regiment



cap badge, were discovered in a French farmer's field near Martinpuich and subsequently identified using family DNA.

**A talk entitled Finding Henry: Somme Battlefield Recovery and Identification is to be given at the Treasure House, Beverley, on Thursday November 22 at 6.30pm by Steve Erskine, assistant curator of the Green Howards Museum. It was the work of researchers at the Richmond-based museum which led to the identification of Pte Parker's remains. To book call in at the Treasure House or telephone 01482 392699. The cost is £5.**

# Showing the way to have fun...

Skerne's very first and highly successful show prompted Shirley Botterill, of Wansford, to show off her cooking skills over the summer and she met with a modicum of success.

Her 'good old-fashioned butterfly buns' earned her a first at the Skerne event, which took place at St Leonard's Church in June, and prompted her to enter for the Nafferton Show in July.

There Shirley took another first prize—this time for her fruit loaf—before trying her hand at the Hutton Cranswick show, which took place on the Cranswick Village Green.

There Shirley, baking to Val Thompson's special recipe, picked up a third for her 'sunshine loaf'.

**Elsewhere mother and son team Sally and Toby Bates have been parading their**



Toby and Sally with 'the girls'.

**Suffolk Punch horses around the show rings with not a little success. Here Sally takes up the story:**

'Around the village lots of you will recognise me and my son Toby and our Suffolk Punch young mares Holbeache Mirabelle (Miri) and Dunkirk Gold Dust (Dusty).

'As you may know, the Suffolk Punch breed is critically endangered and we are very lucky indeed to own these two beautiful horses.

'We have had a lot of success with the girls this year at local agricultural shows and also further afield. Our season started at East Riding Country Fair where Miri stood champion in her section and also took first place in her ridden class, Dusty as a novice did well with a second in hand. We then went further away to Newark and Notts County



**Shirley with her prizes.**

Show where Miri was top-placed Suffolk Punch mare with seventh in the Kilmannon Ridden Heavy Horse class followed up by fourth in Barren Mare or Gelding (top placed mare).

'This was the first time she had competed against her own breed so we were thrilled with her performance.

'After this was Driffield Show where we were thrilled to be placed second (Miri) and third (Dusty) in Barren Mare. There were shires that left the ring unplaced on that day so a big occasion indeed for the Suffolk Punch breed in Driffield.

'After that we competed in harness at Malton and Ryedale Shows with numerous placings along the way.

'Additionally, I have been competing with Miri in dressage

where we have never been unplaced, with, at the final championship show, a first in our category followed by third in the championship. At the end of the day she is a carhorse, so this is a great achievement!

'We have just returned from the Suffolk Punch Spectacular where we took just Miri and she achieved second place against her own breed in the Ridden Competition, which she followed up with third in her Harness Class and Toby gained third in Young Braider.

'We have had a fantastic season but our favourite activity with the girls is always riding them out around our lovely village, visiting my Mum and her neighbour, Jan, for carrots and enjoying riding such beautiful horses in a such a great location.'

**Malcolm Jordan, of Wansford, has been exhibiting his miniature steam engine at rallies through the summer. Here Mal discusses his hobby:**

'My interest in steam and related vintage machinery began many years ago. I can recall sitting in front of a very large musical organ being powered by a showman's traction engine at an early Pickering Steam Rally, most probably around 1958, and my parents were unable to move me.



**Mal at the Lincoln Steam and Vintage Rally in August.**

'It would be many years later that I exhibited barn engines like Lister, Petter, Coburn and Norman at local events and then the opportunity to purchase a miniature steam engine arose in 1996.

'It was a joint venture with my parents and we have been exhibiting it for 21 years.

'The four inch scale Burrell single cylinder engine pictured was built by the late Harry Andrews from North Ferryby, a great friend and knowledgeable engineer who taught us how to operate it correctly.

'For safety it requires annual boiler and hydraulic testing so that it can be insured for use in public places.

'The engine, named Percy's Pride after my late father, has now attended over 300 events. Including village fetes, the Driffield Steam and Vintage Rally, the Driffield Show and

even as far afield as the Great Dorset Steam Fair near Blandford where the engine was exhibited eight times between 2000 and 2010.'

**\*If any like-minded readers are interested in joining the East Riding Engine Club contact Mal through the parish clerk at Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk.**

**He will then put you in touch with the club's membership secretary. The club meets in Driffield usually once per month with an annual quiz and guest speakers at other meetings. Everyone will be made very welcome.**

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