

Casual vacancy on council

A casual vacancy has arisen on the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, following the resignation of a councillor.

A bye-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, by Saturday, October 12 2019, 10 electors for the parish give notice in writing to the Chief Executive of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council at County Hall, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 8BA, claiming such an election.

If no such notice is given the parish council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 19 in Wansford Village Hall.

Anyone interested in filling the vacancy should contact parish clerk Jill Pick at Church Cottage, Wansford, tel 254741, e-mail Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk or talk to any parish councillor.



Best in show for Shirley

Last year's show success was built on by Shirley Botterill this season when she won best in show at Hutton Cranswick with her ginger cake (see picture). Shirley also won a second prize at Nafferton Show with her fruit loaf.



Skerne church barbecue

Almost 70 adults and children attended the St Leonard's Church, Skerne, barbecue earlier this month. Nick Madden organised games, including welly-throwing a treasure hunt and knocking down the chickens. Chief cooks were Nick Minns and Joe Brierley, pictured above. The puddings were made by Margaret Brennand and Audrey Bjorndal.

Free defibrillator training offered

Free training in the use of community defibrillators is being offered by the Hull-based City Healthcare Partnership.

The company is offering the training in the safe use and monitoring of AED equipment in one-hour sessions, which are delivered by qualified First Aid instructors and in accordance with

Resuscitation Council guidelines.

They will attend at Wansford Village Hall in either a day or an evening session for up to 12 people.

If anyone is interested in attending a session please contact the clerk, Jill Pick at Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk, who, if there are sufficient numbers wishing to be involved, will liaise with the providers.

Shoobox service

It is anticipated that the annual shoobox service at St Mary's Church, Wansford, will be held on November 24—details to come nearer the time..

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Work starts on village green

The ultimate goal for the Skerne community land would be a play area with seating and sufficient open space for community events it was decided at a village meeting in St Leonard's Church.

A parish council working party was formed at the parish meeting on September 9.

It has already met and will meet again shortly – so the task of transforming the area into a useful community facility and grant funding the project has begun – all that's needed now is patience, money and hard work

The land transfer from Warrendale Farms to the parish council is expected imminently.

Another survey is to be circulated asking for a clearer vision of exactly what is wanted on the land – please do respond as evidence of community involvement is crucial to grant funding applications. And a parish bonfire is to take place behind Angus Naylor's Paddock House garden on Friday November 8; full details to follow. Those attending will be asked to take a firework each which will be lit by pyrotechnic John Jackson, of Rosedale Farm.

Many offers of help were made at the meeting on September 9 – these included Andrew Dixon who offered farm equipment, expertise and labour (see picture); current owners, Warrendale Farms, who are willing to give labour for erection of the perimeter fence and offered a site and material for a bonfire; David Tite who will bring his grant application



expertise to the project as well as hard work; Angus Naylor who offered use of equipment and a site for a bonfire; Dave Hall, who has offered to draw up any plans required; Clive Lester who would help with grant applications.

Following the meeting, Hurrells donated the grass seed. Gemma Foster, of Williamsons Solicitors is dealing with the land transfer pro bono. Many others indicated a willingness to help in any way they could, whether with fundraising, groundwork or whatever – heartfelt thanks go to all of them as the project would not be viable without them.

The meeting closed with parish council vice-chairman Jackie Dobson thanking Warrendale Farms for the offer, the working party members who agreed to take on the task of transforming the acre of land into a useful and versatile village space, and Catherine Bristow for spearheading the initiative.

'Amazing summer' at Tythe Farm prompts plans for 2020



Susanne's grandchildren enjoying the garden.

About £6,000 has been raised over 'an amazing summer' after Terry and Susanne Hardcastle started opening their Tythe Farm, Wansford, garden to visitors.

'The response has been amazing since the National Garden Scheme approved the gardens just over a year ago,' said Susanne Hardcastle.

'Thanks go to everyone from Wansford and Skerne and wider afield who helped out and attended on our main public open day in June when nearly 600 visitors descended on us!

'Including other organised visits we have raised £6,000 for the NGS. Last year the NGS distributed £3.2m to charities such as Macmillan, Marie Curie and Hospice UK among others thus making a great difference to many people in the most challenging moments of their lives.'

The couple have already planned their 2020

open day – it being scheduled for June 21 when they hope to have other attractions as well as the lake and gardens.

'Any suggestions are welcome,' said Susanne, who serves home-cooked teas in their garden room.

She added: 'In addition we have two classic car events pencilled in, one on July 4 and the other on the September 13, which may be open to the public - more details later.'

The couple are taking bookings for other organised groups to visit and enjoy the gardens – and sample Susanne's home baking.

You can keep up with all the latest news and make enquiries or bookings by checking out the website at tythefarmgardens.com or through the NGS website and the yellow book the organisation distributes.

Food Bank harvest festival call

A call for non-perishable foods has gone out by Wansford church leaders. It will be used in the church at the harvest festival before being passed on to the Driffield Food Bank for distribution.

The church would like gifts of tinned food and dried goods –

pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee, etc for display in the church before being passed on to the Churches Together Food Bank based at the All Saints' Parish Hall, Driffield.

St Mary's is open for donations, which can be left at the back of the church, on

Thursdays and at weekends.

They can be left at any time between now and the harvest festival service, which will take place on Sunday, October 13 at 6pm.

All are welcome to attend and coffee and biscuits will be served after the service.

Terry starts kiosk renovation work

The process of renovating the telephone kiosk at Nafferton Road, Wansford, has been kick-started by Terry Jarvis, pictured right.

Terry, of The Square, has started cleaning up the glass and paintwork on the box, which was decommissioned by BT earlier in the year.

At last week's Skerne and Wansford Parish Council meeting members backed Terry's plan to repaint the box inside and out, put any opaque glass to the back, the clear to the front and replace the top glass with some etched with the words 'Wansford Information', all the time striving to keep costs minimal.

That 'information' could include business cards from people within the area, a footpath map of the area and pinboards for leaflets. Several ideas have been put forward for the eventual use of the box but these decisions have been deferred until the box is repainted and the glass cleaned or renewed.

Any business or individual who wishes to sponsor etched glass in the kiosk should contact the clerk Jill Pick on 254741, e-mail Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk. Similarly anyone who can help Terry in this endeavour should contact the clerk who will put them in touch with him.



Bingo at the village hall

One of Val Wiley's popular bingo nights will take place in Wansford Village Hall on Friday October 4 at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend this event and add to the £1,000s that Val has raised for the maintenance and upkeep of Wansford Village Hall over the years.

Terry's do

Kicking off Christmas in Wansford will be Terry Jarvis with his annual festive sing-song which will take place in Wansford Village Hall on Thursday, December 19, at 7.30pm.

Singing the blues

A Blues And Jazz evening will be held in Skerne on Saturday October 19 in aid of church funds.

The event will be held at St Leonard's when music will be provided by Michael Nagasaka and Martyn John.

The fun starts at 7pm; tickets cost £10, which includes a glass of wine and puddings. They are available from Margaret Brennand, telephone 252157.

Date for the nativity play

The nativity play at St Leonard's Church, Skerne, will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm.

All are welcome to attend the event.

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