

# Season's greetings to you all



It is that time again that I, as parish council chairman, would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I also believe it is time to reflect not only on the events of the past year, but also that 100 years ago it was the World War I Armistice.

We must remember not only all those who gave their lives but also those who fought for our country in all conflicts.

Henry Parker's Union Flag has been placed at St Mary's,

Wansford, for all to see - tying that time to the present day.

The two villages' Armistice centenary commemorations finished with Joe and Julie Brierley, of Skerne, inviting all parish residents to mark the Armistice with a beacon bonfire and refreshments, courtesy of themselves, friends and neighbours.

Toby Bates played the bagpipes and, as another facet of Battle's Over—A Nation's Tribute, Nick Minns and Bob Ireland

pealed the bells in both churches.

Thank you to all involved in any way.

We continue to improve both villages through planting, refurbishment and new assets such as the Wansford telephone kiosk: we still need ideas for it, so if you have any please contact me or any parish councillor.

The new Skerne Village Show, and fund raisers for both villages at the Trout as well as the pie and pea nights held there continue to bring us all

together. The Trout events are largely due to the support and generosity of fellow villager and landlord Keith Robinson and Marie.

Keith has now celebrated 50 years and more behind the bar there, having started as a teenager working for former landlord Bill Phillips.

We wish both Keith and Marie well—long may they continue.

Ian Lamble

## Dates for your diary...

**Saturday  
December 15:**

4pm, Carol service at St Mary's Church, Wansford.

**Sunday  
December 16:**

4pm, Christingle with Children's Nativity on held at The Beeches, Skerne, by kind permission of the Dixon family. This will be followed by a bring and share supper, and donations can be made to The Children's Society which is a charity supporting vulnerable children in England and Wales. If any children would like

to be part of the nativity, please contact Catherine Bristow, telephone 250190.

**Christmas Eve:**

3pm onwards for 30 minutes, St Leonard's Church will be open for villagers to sing carols and enjoy a Christmas drink and treat. A great way of getting into the Christmas mood. Please let Margaret Brennand on 252157 or Catherine Bristow know if there is a carol which you would like to be included.

**Thursday  
January 17 2019**

7pm, quiz at The Trout Inn by kind permission of Keith and Marie Robinson. £20 for a team of four which includes a supper. Please contact Margaret Brennand on 252157 to register your team. Any proceeds to St. Leonard's Church Funds.

**Saturday  
February 24:**

7.30pm, Winter Warbler: Dave Whimpenny has kindly offered to entertain at Skerne again with an evening of singing and music. More details to follow in the new year.

### Annual meeting

The Wansford Village Hall annual meeting will take place on Friday February 15 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Any Wansford residents wishing to be considered for the committee should attend the meeting or contact chairman Judith Jarvis.

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## Santa Claus is coming to Skerne

Santa Claus, riding in his sleigh, will be travelling through Skerne village at 4pm on Saturday December 15, so please line the streets to see him and his helpers. Any donations made will be in support of Hutton Cranswick Pre-School.

## Wind Farm windfall for St Leonard's Church

St Leonard's Church, Skerne, has been awarded a £2,253 grant from the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund to support the installation of a shed in the church yard.

St Leonard's supporter Catherine Bristow said: 'This is very exciting as it will mean that the church, being the only

community facility in the village, can be more easily used for community events.

'The grant will provide 70 per cent of the costs and the other 30 per cent will be funded using the monies raised at the Skerne Village Show earlier this year.

'We would be delighted to

hear from anyone who is interested in helping with the plans for the shed, which needs to be installed by September 2019.

'This is first part of some exciting plans we have to develop the church into a great, accessible community hub for the village.'

## Bingo—£8,643 and still counting

The beginning of November saw Wansford resident Val Wiley ending her 13th year of organising bingo sessions in and in aid of Wansford Village Hall, by which time she had raised an impressive total of £8,643.63.

At last week's village hall committee meeting

Val was complimented on her success over the 55 bingo nights which contributed to this total. 'It's been very worthwhile,' said committee chairman, Judith Jarvis. Val began her 14th year with another full house on Friday night and more sessions are eagerly anticipated in 2019.

## Carol singing at Wansford

Carol singing around the village will take place at Wansford on Friday December 21 starting at 7pm from St Mary's Church lychgate. All are welcome to attend and, once again, the event will finish at the Trout Inn, where the 'choir' will sing to the diners before enjoying the hospitality of mine hosts Keith Robinson and Marie.

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Soloist Sheila Cadman, Pete Dawson, who read the names, piper Toby Bates, readers McKenzie Mills and Layla McGreal and Gabriel and Sonny McGreal who laid the wreath at the Wansford service.

## Battle's Over—the parish's tribute

Acts of Remembrance took place in both St Mary's and St Leonard's on the Armistice centenary when the names of the fallen were read out.

Several residents took part in the Wansford service which incorporated the dedication of the Union Flag which dressed the coffin of Pte Henry Parker at

his military funeral in France last year, 101 years after he was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme in September 1916.

The flag is now displayed in an oak cabinet—funded by Pte Parker's extended family. It was made by Nafferton joiner Steve Moorcroft, who, because of the nature of the job in hand, donated his time.

In turn, the Parker family donated the balance to Wansford Church.

The day finished with a beacon bonfire at the home of Joe and Julie Brierley, Skerne, to the sound of church bells being pealed in both villages.

A further Act of Remembrance was led by parish council chairman Ian Lambie and host Joe Brierley.



Toby Bates playing the pipes

Left, Martin Parker unveiled the flag which dressed his great great uncle's coffin.



Caterers Bev McLoughlin and Joe and Julie Brierley.

## Telephone kiosk decommissioned

The telephone kiosk in Nafferton Road, Wansford, has been decommissioned and purchased by the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council for the princely sum of £1.

It is anticipated that work on the kiosk will start in the spring but meanwhile the parish council would like residents' views on what they would like to see happen to it.

So far various ideas have been put forward from a mini heritage museum to an emergency mobile phone charging point.

Other suggestions have included using it as tiny tourist information office for the many

cyclists coming through to a book exchange.

All ideas are welcome and taking up any one does not preclude taking up another.

If you have any ideas please tell any parish councillor or inform the clerk—the parish council e-mail address is Sandwpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Some volunteers have already come forward to help with the kiosk refurbishment.

If you would like to become involved contact any parish councillor.

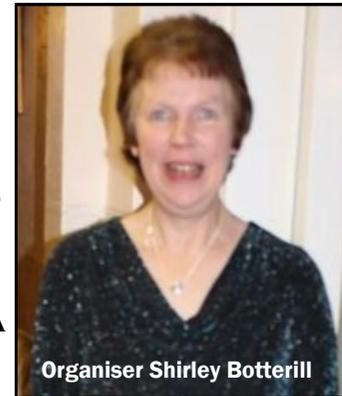
The parish council will be responsible for any costs of refurbishment and the insurance.

## Trout dinner success

More than £900 was raised to share between Wansford Village Hall and St Mary's Church by a dinner at the Trout Inn, which was attended by almost 70 people. It was organised by Shirley Botterill with the invaluable clerical help and support of her neighbour, Margaret Newland.

An auction, conducted by Adrian Harrison, followed the meal and was a great success. A raffle also took place.

The total raised was £914.



Organiser Shirley Botterill

**£202 raised**

A dinner at the Trout Inn in October, at which Jill Pick spoke about the research for her book, Yorkshire Wolds Soldiers of the Great War, raised £202 for St Leonard's Church, Skerne.



Evie Dobson at the service

## Supporters' 72 shoeboxes

Organisers, supported by residents and friends, gathered up 72 shoeboxes for disadvantaged children overseas when they held a service in St Mary's Church, Wansford.

Refreshments were served after the service.

## Concert time

Terry Jarvis's Christmas concert takes place in Wansford Village Hall on Thursday December 20 at 7.30pm. Free entry, donations welcome and refreshments available at a small charge.

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