

# Parish library open to all Zooming towards the end?



Ken and Shirley Botterill browsing at the kiosk library.

Coffee mornings have continued in Wansford via Zoom, with a regular six or seven attendees.

They only last 40 minutes—the maximum time Zoom allows and, of course, you have to supply your own coffee.

When lockdown eases further and numbers allow, actual meetings will be resumed and, the weather being kind, will probably take place in private gardens - albeit in a socially distant way. Meanwhile if anyone wants to join the coffee morning you can contact the host, Jill Pick at [jill\\_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jill_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk)

Wansford Village Hall's Monday Crafty Fingers session has also continued and is hosted by Judith Jarvis.



The ongoing refurbishment of the Wansford telephone kiosk is still under way with Terry Jarvis regularly working on the project.

Terry's ultimate aim is a village information centre with maps, leaflets, etc.

However the lockdown restrictions caused him to take a temporary diversion and establish a village library.

There is a wide range of books in there and anyone from either Skerne or Wansford is welcome to borrow one.

However, it is felt that there is now no need for anyone to supplement the supply of reading material.

## Taking survey will help funding

A final assessment of the contract regarding the transfer of land at Skerne is currently taking place following a Zoom meeting with the parish council solicitor, Gemma Foster, of Williamsons, Driffield, who is doing the work pro bono.

Thus, with the transfer likely to take place at any time, the village green committee is asking residents of both villages to fill in an on-line survey - the more people who complete the more hope the committee has of obtaining grant

funding from various sources.

It is hoped there will be play equipment, a youth shelter, etc on the land.

The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MP9BGRJ>

Heartfelt thanks go to all those who have taken the survey already and the village green committee would urge any resident who hasn't yet logged on to express their views about the village green to do so very soon.



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# Communities rally round

Several people answered the call when Caroline Harrison and Catherine Bristow volunteered to co-ordinate any help residents needed in their respective villages.

One upshot was the regular weekly bread delivery to Wansford village by Higginsons Bakery in Bridlington, which was brokered by Jo Akers.

Caroline Harrison, who distributes the goods, is pictured transporting the baked items by the best means available.

Catherine and Caroline's efforts have been registered with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council community hub so are the first point of call for residents in need.

Anyone vulnerable or self-isolating and in need of assistance can contact them direct on: **Catherine—250190, 07774 402577; Caroline—254452, 07703 354394.**

They will do their best to organise help for you with picking up shopping, collecting prescriptions, urgent requests or just a friendly telephone call.

### Facebook

Skerne has had its own Facebook page for some time but Wansford was without.



However, when lockdown started one was set up—Wansford YO25 Community—and the combined reach of both pages enabled the two villages to stage VE Day celebrations in short order during the first week of May.

PA systems were set up, afternoons teas eaten and Wansford even had its own VE Day parade and ice-cream cart.

Too many people to thank individually helped make the socially-distant celebrations a success—but we and you know who you are!

Should anyone want to join the Wansford YO25 Community, just sign onto Facebook and make the request. It features general chit-chat and photos and updates from ERYC and the MP.



## St Leonard's shed taking shape

The shed at St Leonard's Church, Skerne, is almost built thanks to the hard work of resident Joe Brierley.

The church was awarded a £2,253 grant from the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund in 2018, which was approximately 70 percent of the cost.

At the time Catherine Bristow hoped that the presence of the shed would mean that the church could be more easily used for community events.

Catherine hoped that the shed, taken in tandem with other plans for the church, would mean that eventually it could become an accessible community hub for the village.

The balance of the cost was paid for with money raised at the first ever Skerne show which took place in 2018.

## VE Day and clapping for keyworkers picture special



## Zooming along to church

Although both churches remain closed for the duration it is likely that they will open in a limited form in July.

Meanwhile, priest-in-charge the Rev Simon Elliott is holding a weekly Zoom service for parishioners.

If you are interested in joining a service or have a question about a wedding or baptism, call Mr Elliott on 271592.

## Planning application responses

Parish council meetings are currently in abeyance although one will be held in July probably remotely, to approve the annual return.

Meanwhile, should there be a planning application submitted about which you wish to respond, this can be done on the ERYC planning portal at <https://newplanningaccess.eastridin.gov.uk/newplanningaccess/>

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