

WOODNEWTON

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News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – March 2019

The Council met on Monday 4th March

Playing Field & Equipment:

The field and play equipment are the most used asset the Council has, and as such it is always an area for investment and on-going maintenance. By the time you read this, the fence around the toddlers' play area will have been repaired, the safety surface surrounding the roundabout power washed and cleaned of all the rotted leaves from the nearby trees, the seat on the zip-wire replaced, and new goalposts erected. Apart from the goalposts, all the work has been done by volunteers, which allows the Council to save money, that can then be put to capital funding items such as new play equipment. A big thank you to the volunteers who contribute so much.

Street Lights:

Cllr Blackmore attended a Street Lighting Forum held by ENC in March, from which we learnt that virtually all Councils have been unsuccessful in applying for grants to replace lights. Therefore, the Council decided the only way forward will be through a loan. There are some different options for loans and the next step is for Council to evaluate the various options and their impact on the budget and future precept rises. The Council has to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to take out a loan and a number of other official steps to go through before anything is actually agreed.

Wild Flower Area:

The turf has been stripped from the wildflower area in readiness for sowing. In Year 1 the display will be limited to some annual wildflower varieties. It is hoped that over time, the area will develop into an attractive area both visually and for wildlife, especially pollinators which are so important. When sown the area will be covered by a net to prevent birds and rabbits undoing the hard work. Please keep your dogs off the seeded area.

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st April at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford

Chairman

Spring Clean-Up Day

The Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday 6th April 10.00am at the Village Hall,

Tasks big and small to suit all ages/fitness levels. This is a great opportunity to join in with your fellow residents and help to keep your village somewhere we can all be proud of. Meet friends new and old. Enjoy home-made refreshments. Please bring basic tools/wheelbarrow if possible

St Mary's Church



April Church Services at St. Mary's

5th April 2.00 p.m. Service of Reflection for Good Friday

7th April 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

14th April 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language) for Palm Sunday

21st April 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion for Easter Day

28th April 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Easter Celebrations

Do come and join us to celebrate the wonderful festival of Easter! And as we rejoice in the beauty of Spring as a sign of new life and hope, may the joy of the Easter message of God's love and new life in him bring us new hope and thanksgiving.

As our Annual Church meeting approaches, we thank everyone who has a part in our church life and who contributes so much to its well-being. THANK YOU all!

Nene Valley Care Trust

Help Young People Leaving Care through the The Nene Valley Care Trust

Are you starting the new year with an ambition to run a marathon, climb a mountain or to do another challenge? If you are planning to earn some money through sponsorship, please please think about making a contribution to The Nene Valley Care Trust.

The Nene Valley Care Trust has two projects in Peterborough and Northamptonshire. The Trust is funded by sponsors and fundraising. Every penny of the money raised for the Trust goes into the services for young people. The projects provide support for young people who have left the Care System and still need a high level support .

This is what our client Rachel said about the Trust

"My experience started a few years ago when I was allocated a worker called Ami. I had no idea how to sign up for apprenticeships, work or write a CV. I did not even have my certificates. Ami helped me to track them down. She pointed me in the right direction, she helped me to like realise what I wanted to do, as I had art qualifications .She maybe thought that I could go to college and do art and things like that.

She was amazing. She always contacted me, saw me and did as much as she could. She put everything out there for me. I love her to bits. Without you I would probably not even have been able to write a CV, organise my life or get a job, which I can do now."

If you would like more details please contact NVCT

r.taylor.07@btinternet.com

COMMUNICARE April 2019

The general patients' meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 1.00pm at Wansford surgery – We are pleased to be welcoming Carolyn Noble from Oundle Volunteer Action who will be talking about their services with particular reference to the transport scheme they operate for the benefit of local people. Other items on the agenda will cover practice update news, finance and hopefully some discussion about potential subjects and speakers which patients would like to be included for future meetings.

The next social group coffee morning is on Friday 12th April (a week earlier than normal due to the Easter weekend) at the Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall at 10.0am. The first day trip of the spring/summer season will take place on Wednesday 10th April to Ely – the coach will pick up from local villages and 30 bookings are needed to make the trip viable. To reserve a place contact Clare tel: 01780 470437 or email: superfoguk@aol.com

Other days out are scheduled for 12th June to Ashbourne & Bakewell and 14th August to Cromer & Sandringham - watch out for future prompts re booking.

The spring short break coach holiday leaves on Monday 20th May for 4 nights in the Grand Atlantic Hotel at Weston-super-Mare – there is still one twin room available – price £330 per person inclusive of all travel, dinner, bed and breakfast, and insurance. For further details please contact Clare.

Wendy Spencer

WHAT'S ON



BINGO *is Back*
Sat April 13th
£10 per Ticket
includes book of tickets and the now famous Ploughmans Supper.
Doors 7.0pm. Eyes down in the village Hall at 7.30pm
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The poster features a bingo card in the bottom left corner with numbers 4, 16, 17, 40, 69, 39, 58, 8, 26, 51, 33, 68, 2, 65, 7, 18, 42, 71, 73, 2, 25, 44, 55, 62, 67, 3, 21, 30, 39, 65. It also has several colorful bingo balls with numbers 25, 7, 88, 5, 3, 9, 1, 11, and 013.

WHAT'S ON 2

Woodnewton Cinema

Forthcoming attractions

Our next screening will be 'Mamma Mia – Here we go again' on 18th May. For your information the bar will open earlier than normal that night as we will be complementing our normal bar with a Gin and Prosecco bar and hope that you can enjoy drinks al fresco before the film. More details to follow next month.

I can also confirm that we shall be screening 'Bohemian Rhapsody' on September 14th.

Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Brass Band

Winter is almost behind us, hopefully! So it is time to look forward to the summer and where better to start than to get a few brass band concerts into your diary. I would normally be giving our St George's Day concert a plug. However, St George's Day is so close to Easter we thought we would be competing with too many other events, so it was a perfect opportunity to break the mould and do something new.

We are working with the Nene Valley Care Trust again to produce an early summer concert with a bit of a twist - or should that be a bit of fizz! Come and join us for a light hearted concert of brass band music and we will greet you with a complementary glass of prosecco and a few canpes. We will still be in Nassington Church and the date for the diary is Friday 10th May.

Tickets are now on sale from all the usual outlets as well members of the band and the Nene Valley Care Trust committee. Online booking is also possible.

Some more dates for the diary as we start to firm up our 2019 programme - watch out for further details nearer each date.

Friday June 14th - Whit Friday marches (Saddleworth)

Saturday 6th July – Barnwell Country Park

Saturday 24th August – Wansford Annual Show

Monday 26th August – Nassington Garden Show

Friday 11th October – Nassington Church

Thank you to all who supported us throughout last year and I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Party concert.

Quentin Arnold

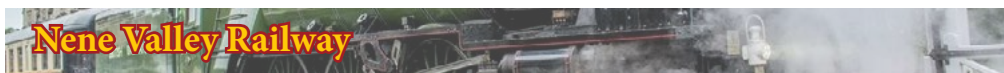
Gary's Walk

My next walk will be a circular walk from Southwick followed by drinks at the Shuckburgh Arms.

The walk is on April 6th , if you would like to come along please meet outside the Church for a 10.00am start.



Refreshments in the sunshine at Barnwell Country Park after Gary's walk on March 2nd.



Steam Folk and Morris 13th April

Enjoy Steam trains and traditional English folk music plus morris, clog and sword dances on the platforms.

Who's at Wansford 20th 21st April

Join the 15th Cyber legion charity costume group and the heroes and villains from the long running TV show, prop and costume displays, sonic screwdrivers optional!

Flying Scotsman at NVR

The Flying Scotsman will return to the Nene Valley Railway on 28-30th September 2019 for public running. Tickets must be purchased in advanced for a trip behind this iconic locomotive. The Jolly Fisherman Fish and Chips service will also be hauled by the locomotive and an evening Dining train will be operating offering a full three course meal. The locomotive appears with kind thanks to the National Railway Museum and Riley & Son (E). **Please do not contact our office for enquires, all the current information will be published on our web page.**<https://nvr.org.uk/product.php/58/flying-scotsman>

Nene Valley Railway - Wansford Station - Stibbington - Peterborough - PE8 6LR

www.nvr.org.uk

Lost the Plot

Who swiped our knobs and buttons?

Everywhere you look there are touch screens. Smartphones, tablets, laptops, supermarket self-checkouts, cars. Don't get me wrong, I love the utility and entertainment that my iPhone provides but I am getting a bit bored of the ubiquity of the touch screen. Sometimes a touch screen just does not do as good a job as a knob, a button, a switch, or a slider. I find this to be particularly true in some of the latest cars. A touch screen is fine for setting the destination on a SatNav, isn't it just plain dangerous to have to swipe and prod your way through several screens to turn down the heat or switch on a heated seat? What was wrong with the buttons and knobs that have controlled these things for years? Car manufacturers promote their shiny new technology toys and new interfaces but what they don't tell you is that it's cheaper to embed all these features in a touch screen than to install separate switchery (is that a word?). The most absurd example I have come across is in some upmarket Audis and Porsches. In most cars you control the direction of the air coming from the dashboard air vents with a little lever and you control the air flow with a wheel or a plastic knob in the middle. Simple time-honoured approaches to a pretty simple task. But the Germans decided that you need to use a touch screen which presents you with a virtual representation of the little lever and sliders in place of the wheels. Why? Did anyone ask for this? And in 15 years time when these cars have been sold on to the 10th owner will they still work? The other great advantage of buttons and switches in a car is that you know where they are. They don't move and you don't have to swipe left or right and take your eyes off the road to find them.

Another loss is the physical keyboard. A few years ago, I was unlucky enough to have to use a Blackberry. It was basically rubbish, but the tiny physical keyboard worked a treat. Clever though the on-screen keyboard is on my iPhone, I make far more mistakes then I did with the Blackberry. Add to this the loss of tactility; sliding your grubby finger across a piece of glass with no physical feedback is no substitute for the delightful feel of a nicely engineered metal volume control on an old hifi or the satisfying click of a nicely damped switch. Then when you try to polish away the smeary finger marks your satnav thinks you want to go to Barcelona.

Of course, with enough money there is still a place for beautifully engineered knobs, switches and buttons – just take a look at the latest Rolls-Royces and Bentleys – shame they are way above my pay grade. At a more prosaic level HP do still make the HP12C calculator which they introduced in 1981. Its keyboard has the same buttons and feel as the original and it must be one of the longest produced pieces of digital technology. I imagine they must only sell a handful as most people just use the calculator app on the phone but it's nice to see some companies still providing tactile feedback!



The Grumpy Geek

Woodnewton Players : AGM

Woodnewton Players will hold their Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 25th April at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. Who knows you could be on stage or helping behind the scenes in the next production?



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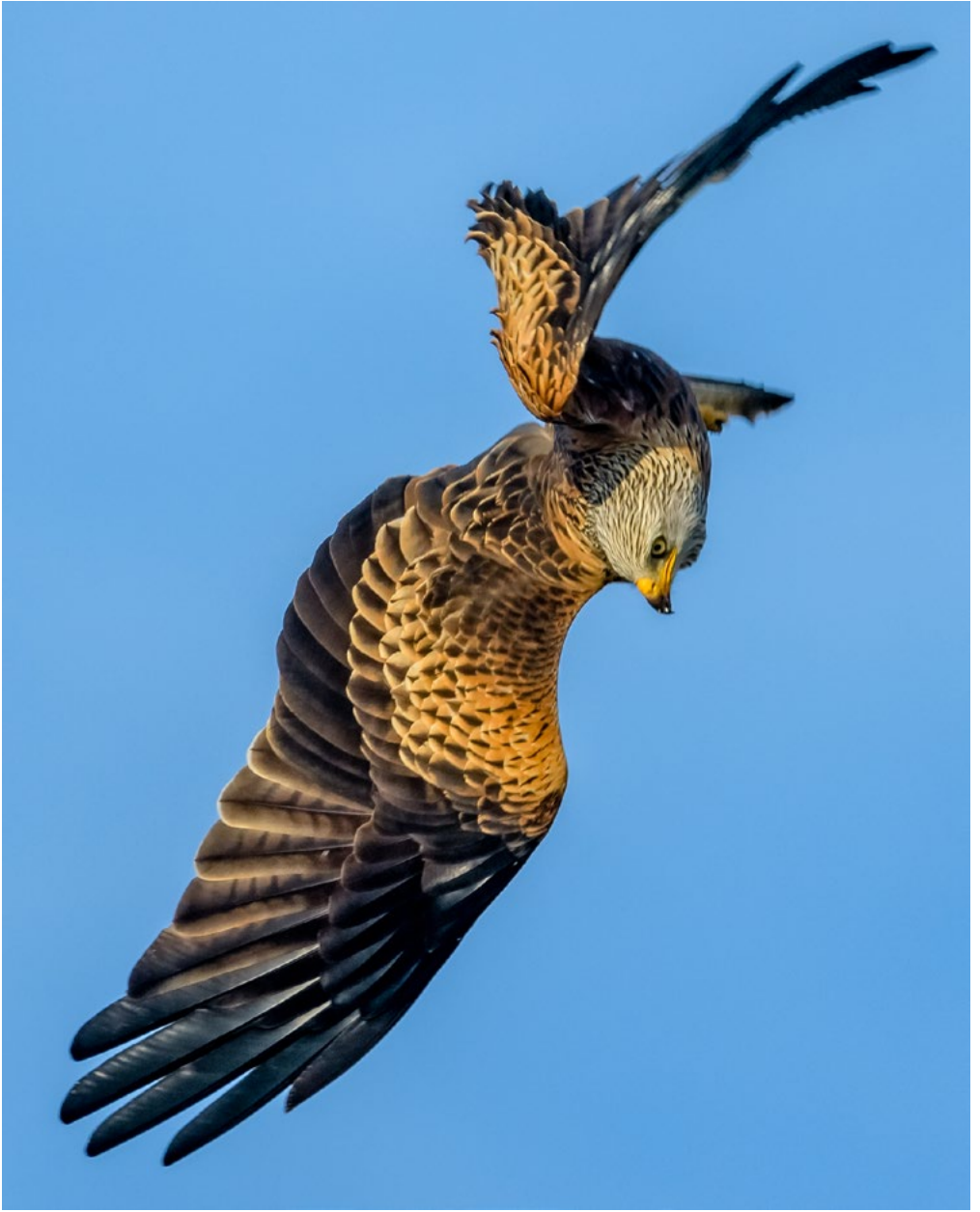


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