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## **2022**



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## Parish Council Report – November 2022

The Parish Council met on 7th November

### Public Time

No members of the public attended.

### Churchyard & Cemetery

The area in the cemetery behind the tree in the centre has been mown and the grass raked up. It now needs to be scarified ready for seeding. The area behind the Church where the more recent graves are, was discussed, and it was agreed that this would be cut next year and not be part of the rewilding area.

### Speeding in and through the Village

All speed signs are fully operational and functioning well.

### Playing Field / Playground

The temporary bolt fix in the carriage of the zip wire had been replaced with a permanent repair.

Cllr Blackmore has overseen the full table tennis installation; the Council has noted many positive responses and thanks for this facility. The table tennis company have provided some basic bats and balls. Cllr Blackmore will build a holder attached to the table to store these for all to use.

Details of the installation of the adult exercise equipment is included in an article in this issue.

The custom-made picnic table donated by the Grunseid Family has been installed and pictures sent to the family. It has been engraved with Kurt Krunseid's favourite turn of phrase "*it was alright.....here KG 1933-2022*". A great addition to the play area.

### Planning

No new applications or decisions have been received.

### Financial Update

The quarterly review July-September 2022 has been carried out with the oversight of Cllr Guttridge, the report is available on the woodnewtonhub website. Budget-to-actual remained inline and on target and all reconciliations were in order.

### Allotments

A leaking tap had been reported and added to the job list for the village clean-up day, all four taps were checked but no leak found.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Robert Bellairs for organising some top-grade manure for the allotment holders, who were most grateful. We would also like to thank Mr Berton who delivered the manure and at the same time, pushed up the bonfire into an orderly heap to burn later.

**The date of the next meeting is Monday 5th December**

**Alex Neville - Vice Chairman**

# St Mary's Church News

## Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton - December 2022

Regular services at St. Mary's, Woodnewton:

4th December – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

11th December – no service at Woodnewton. 9.30 a.m. at Nassington and 11 a.m. at Yarwell

18th December – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

WEDNESDAY 21st – 7.00 p.m. WOODNEWTON CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE – 10.00 a.m. WOODNEWTON CHRISTINGLE MAKING AND FAMILY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY – 9.30 a.m. WOODNEWTON CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

(Note: 11.00 a.m. services at Apethorpe and Yarwell)

1st January – 10.00 a.m. BENEFICE COMMUNION AT THORNHAUGH (No service in Woodnewton)

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

CAROL SERVICES: Apethorpe 18th December 11.00 a.m.

Wansford 18th December 6.00 p.m.

Yarwell 18th December 6.00 p.m.

Nassington 19th December 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES: Nassington 4th December 3.00 p.m.

Thornhaugh 24th December 3.00 p.m.

CRIB SERVICE: Nassington 24th December 4.00 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS: Wansford 24th December 11.30 p.m.

**Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane**

Not long now until Christmas! As well as our own services in St. Mary's, Woodnewton, you'll see that I have included the Christmas services across the Benefice (our group of churches and villages) when we celebrate the wonderful good news of God's love shown in the birth of the Christ Child.

People appreciate different styles of Christmas services and across the Benefice we have many different styles of service this month. Christingles are informal family-friendly services (but even grown-ups also enjoy them!) while some of our Carol Services are more formal, including all the familiar carols and readings. For those who appreciate the special feel of Midnight Mass, that takes place at Wansford, and if you enjoy Carol Services, why not go along to some of the other churches as well as Woodnewton? If children (or grown-ups!) love Christingles, they're very welcome at any (or all!) of our Christingles, and if you've already something in your busy Christmas schedule on the day of one our services at St. Mary's, do go along to one in another of our churches on a different day. Whichever services and churches you choose, you will be most welcome. You'll probably find people you know and if not, you'll leave with some new friends. As a sign by my father's front door used to read: "Arrive as strangers, leave as friends".

Friendship is at the heart of Christmas in so many ways. We renew friendships when sending cards or other greetings, we meet friends and make time for them, and we are reminded, I hope, that there are those who will feel particularly friendless at this time of year and we need to look out for them. Maybe there are "strangers" around us who might become friends?

And above all, this is the time to recall the friendship of God who sent his Son, Jesus, to show his friendship for us. Jesus was born into a human life, just as each of us has been and he lived a human life to show us what true friendship and companionship is all about. As we celebrate our Christmas this year, with friends old and new, let us also rejoice in the friendship of God who will never leave us, never forget us, and with whom our lives are enriched and brightened.

With every blessing of the season,

**Rev. Jane (jdtailby@aol.com 01780 782271)**



## **Mr.B THE BEEKEEPER**

**by Ian Blackburn**



I have been a beekeeper for 7 years now having been intrigued about the ecology of this social insect since being a young lad. It all started out as a visit to a hive with a beekeeper who was a friend of an acquaintance of mine. This quickly turned into a birthday gift of a bee suit, equipment and a training course with the Cambridge Bee Keeping Association. It was very much an eye opener and whilst I now say



to people I am a seasoned beekeeper I am no expert and the bees still keep me on my toes. No matter how many times I think I have mastered beekeeping they suddenly do something unexpected and back to square one I go.

Beekeeping has been many things; social, fun, fascinating, surprising, practical, educational as well as frustrating, alarming and depressing but I have no regrets about getting into the second oldest profession in the world.

Beekeeping is not as niche as you may think and I have now met countless people who have links with or who are interested in this hobby. A casual conversion usually leads to more in depth discussions about the plight of bees and/or questions about where to buy honey, where to get taster days, how to deal with a swarm in my garden, or how do I start



beekeeping? I have now mentored three local beekeepers over the last few years.

I can't say I was a big fan of honey back in the beginning but now enjoy this gift the bees supply me. I have found lots of fun things you can do with honey and its by-products. Honey is great in cooking from honey dressings and marinades to yummy spiced honey cake. I have also made honey rum which is a great winter tippie and use the wax to occasionally produce candles, hand cream, lip balms & furniture polish. I'm currently melting some wax down for an archer for waxing bowstrings and wax blocks/combs for a jeweller who uses it in the creation of some fantastic jewellery.

# Woodnewton Playground Upgrade 2022

For many years Woodnewton has benefited from a comprehensive and popular range of infant and junior playground equipment but the Parish Council were concerned that there were limited outdoor facilities suitable for adults. As councillor responsible for the playground, Paul Blackmore was asked to lead a project to establish what equipment might be suitable, a budget for providing these new facilities and what grants might be available to help with the expenditure.



Various ideas were considered and it was finally agreed that the preference was for an outdoor table tennis table with all weather base plus a range of outdoor adult gym equipment. Paul then worked with members of the village table tennis club and Kay Franklin, a personal trainer based in Woodnewton, to develop detailed plans for the project. Potential suppliers were contacted to provide costs for products that matched the specifications and a small team reviewed installations in neighbouring villages to decide on the preferred providers.



Village residents were asked whether they supported the addition of these new facilities as part of a comprehensive online survey conducted in 2021 and a large majority were in agreement so the scheme was approved by the Parish Council late in the summer of 2021.

Paul then worked with the Augean Community Fund and GrantScape to create a suitable grant application which was submitted in October 2021 and finally approved in April 2022. Suppliers were immediately contacted and orders placed, but due to "post covid" materials and manpower shortages the installation was only finally completed in November. However Woodnewton now has many superb new additions to the facilities at the playing fields ready for when the sunshine returns.



## Woodnewton's **TALLEST** sunflower challenge. The results...



This year's winner is Henry Galloway, seen here being awarded his trophy & certificate by Joy Martin, representing the Peterborough Parkinson's branch.

Henry's row of sunflowers reached a magnificent 3.03m, despite this Summer's intense heat & drought. Well done, Henry! Hilary Blackmore ran a close 2nd place with 2.94m; Ian & Deidre Blackburn & Brian Anson also deserve an honourable mention.

Although we will give the Challenge a break for 2023, we hope it will run again in 2024 - plenty of time to prepare your plot. Just a village-based Challenge this year, we raised £130 for Parkinson's UK; every penny contributed goes towards funding the on-going research, better treatments &, eventually, a cure.

Meanwhile, last year's winner, Brian Anson, has a message ... "I'm after you Henry!"

Thank you to everyone for your support.

*Phil & Jennie*



*Merry Christmas*

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2023 from *Marilyn & Russ Jenner* as they will not be sending Christmas cards this year, instead they have made a donation to the running of the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year  
*Liz & Eric*

*Joan and Dillon Danks* wish all their friends in the village a Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

# What's On?



**WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH  
ST MARY'S CHURCH WOODNEWTON  
FOR TEAS AND MINCE PIES**

**2.00-4.30PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE KITCHEN SERVERY  
AND TOILET PROJECT**

## **Friends of St Mary's tea and cake afternoon on the 25th September.**

A massive thank you to all of you that supported us in such a generous way with donations which totalled £170.00.

It was lovely to see such interest in the Woodnewton Village History group's display at the same time.

Again many thanks, as each event generously supported enables us to be a step closer to a kitchen and toilet within the church.



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We were delighted to see some new faces at our get together on 4th November for the talk by Barbara Doxey. Barbara was born in the village and she came back to share details about her grandfather's experiences in the Boer War. She is in possession of his war diary and record book and told us about his circumstances and conditions as a soldier serving with the King's Royal Regiments. You can read all about Edward Gilbert in the Boer War and World War I on our website <http://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk> under the Military Records menu.

There are two new editorials on the website this month:

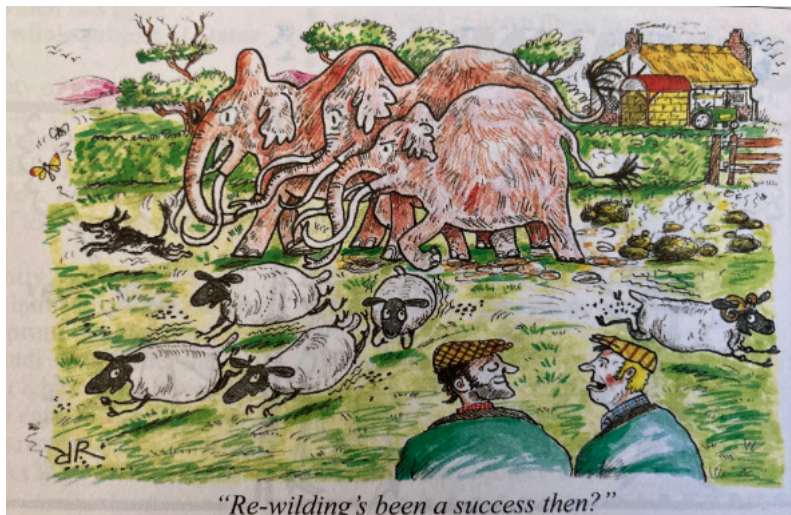
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Should you live in one of the older, possibly listed, houses/cottages in the village that does not appear on our 'current research' list, please do contact us if you would like the group to research your property.



The Jubilee Tree planted in the location that was proposed for the 5G mast on Orchard Lane had been accepted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and has been uploaded to the map.



*Spotted in Private Eye. Available at all good newsagents*



## MISTLETOE orders & sale for Christmas period 2022



All monies raised will go to St Mary's Church fundraising for a toilet & servery

*There is mistletoe galore on our apple tree & it's time to make good its harvest!*

Please contact Phil & Jennie at 7, Wades Close or tel. 01780 470462 / 07840717765

Please place your order for Christmas mistletoe sprigs – large or small - this Christmas. There is a limited supply of course, it's only one tree, but your donations (minimum £2 please) will all help swell the fundraising & make your Church more comfortable.



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Are there any residents who would like the village to have a Petanque (Boules) Court? Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (email below) or come along to the next Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall at 8:00pm on Monday 5th December**

**To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council:  
[woodnewtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonpc@gmail.com)**



Hall bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or [villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com), but are subject to change if the regulations change.

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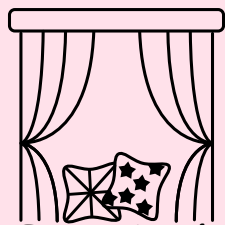
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