

WOODNEWTON NEWS

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NEWS & REPORTS

The Parish Council met on 1st December

Matters arising from previous meeting

Council were advised that permission had been granted for the reduction of a number of trees at 55 Main St.

Following Council's request a resident has cut the grass in the churchyard. The cemetery grass will also be cut.

The Clerk will visit a resident whose foliage has reduced the width of the village footpath in Main St.

Planning

Council discussed an application for a barn conversion at the Royal Oak Woodnewton Rd and returned it without objection.

Village Defibrillator

The Clerk presented Council with information from other parishes who had installed a defibrillator, and also from a local doctor's surgery. In light of this information council decided to defer the decision to support the Village Hall committee until they had more information with regards on-going servicing costs, insurance ,etc. The clerk will write to the Chair of the VH committee.

Grass Cutting Contract

Council formulated a 'wish list' based on their own views and those from villagers, with regards to the next grass cutting contract. This included an increase in the number of cuts per year and collection of the cuttings from the Churchyard and cemetery. Contractors will be invited to tender for the work with a decision being made early in the new year in time for next year's cutting season.

Street Lighting

Council agreed to go ahead with the conversion to 'white lights' for 5 street lamps in Main St. at a cost of £110 +VAT per lamp.

The painting of the new lamp posts in Main St. will be rolled over to another financial year.

Accounts

Council resolved to apply for a 2.5% increase in the precept.

The next Parish council Meeting will be on Monday 5th January 2015 at 8pm

David Webb - Parish Council Chairman

St. Mary's Church

Dear All

Most people have faith in someone, or something. I have recently been asking people that if they were to describe what their 'Faith' felt like, when comparing it with a chair, then what type of 'chair' would it be for you?

Some said: it would be a cosy old battered, yet comfy armchair that has been their place of rest for many years; some said: a modern fashionable plastic chair that is practical, and can be used for all occasions, be it to sit on, stand on etc.; others said: a portable stripy canvas deckchair that reminds them of sunny beach days, and yet it is portable and moulds itself to you (even though it can collapse when you've dozed off). If you were asked what type of chair would support you in your faith and in your life, what type of chair would it be?

In some of our local ancient Parish Churches, we have old rigid pews that are fixed in formal rows, which force you to sit upright whilst we explore our life of Faith and Worship together. In Nassington, they are very fortunate to have had old pews that were poorly built, replaced by modern comfortable, individual seats that can be moved around. This greatly improves and extends our experience of life together when using the Church.

Over the last few years, we have used our Parish Church in Woodnewton even more for Music, Concerts, informal meetings, and the recent Coco the Clown Celebration. The year ahead we want to use it even more for Concerts, community events, displays and gatherings for Worship and for fun events. These might be new events, but don't forget, we invite you to join us at any time.

Your Parish Church is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and as a good mother, she would wish to provide a warm welcome to all comers, and to make you comfortable in her home. Do join us for a comfortable and warmly welcoming chair in your Church sometime over the next few months.

With very best wishes and a Happy New Year, Michael,

January Services

4th January	Sung Holy Communion	9.30 am
11th January	Said service	9.30 am
18th January	Sung Holy Communion	9.30 am (coffee served after service)
25th January	BCP Holy Communion	8.30 am.

Don't forget the Organ Recital by Oliver Brett from Sydney on Saturday 24 January. Retiring collection.

Communicare

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group

The next meeting will be held on

Thursday 8th January 2015

at Wansford Surgery - 6.30 pm

All patients are invited to attend the meeting and take an active part in the proceedings and discussions. Regular agenda items include finance, transport, healthcare matters, equipment purchase and AOB

Neighbourhood Watch

Advice on Phone scamming ('Vishing')

Cold call scams typically involve fraudsters deceiving victims into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff, or a representative of another trusted agency, such as a Government department. Typically, the criminal will convince an individual that they have been a victim of fraud, and will ask for personal and financial information in order to gain access to their account. This can include card details, four digit PINs and passwords. Another variation of the scam involves the fraudster persuading their victim to transfer money to other accounts or to hand over cash directly to a courier.

Be wary of:

- Unsolicited approaches by phone.
- Cold callers who suggest you hang up the phone and call them back. Fraudsters can keep your phone line open by not putting down the receiver at their end

Your bank or the police will never:

- Phone you to ask for your 4 digit card PIN or your online banking password, even by tapping them into the telephone keypad.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- Ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons, even if they say it is in your name.
- Send someone to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book if you are a victim of fraud.
- Ask you to purchase goods using your card and then hand them over for safe-keeping.

Never disclose your:

- Four digit card PIN to anyone, including the bank or police.
- FULL password or online banking codes.
- Personal details unless you are sure who you are talking to.

Remember:

- It takes two people to terminate a call.
- If you feel something is suspicious or feel vulnerable, hang up, wait five minutes to clear the line, or where possible use a different phone line, then call your bank or card issuer on their advertised number to report the fraud.
- If you don't have another telephone to use, call someone you know first to make sure the telephone line is free.
- Your bank will also never ask you to check the number showing on your telephone display matches their registered telephone number. The display cannot be trusted, as the number showing can be altered by the caller.
- Criminals may already have basic information about you in their possession (e.g. name, address, account details), so do not assume a caller is genuine because they have these details or because they claim to represent a legitimate organisation.

Next month: Advice on buying online

**** Wishing you all a safe New Year (woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com) ****

Village Hall

Happy New Year!! Hope everyone's sobered up after Xmas!!

The New Year heralds more events in the Village, so keep your eyes on websites for more details as they become available. It has been proposed to do another joint venture between the PCC and the Village Hall, given the success of the Open Gardens this year. One proposal was for a Scarecrow display - basically people make a scarecrow and display it in their garden and, like the Open Gardens, people walk around the displays. Something like this needs a great deal of support to make enough scarecrows to make it interesting. Can you please contact anyone on the committee if you would like to get involved.

I would also like to mention our Hall cleaner, Jill Roche, who has stepped down from her cleaning duties. The Village Hall Committee would like to express its thanks for her many years of service and also to encourage applicants for the position of Village Hall Cleaner. For more details and to apply please contact anyone on the Village Hall Committee.

Finally an update on the plans for a defibrillator. Fund raising continues and we have been gathering specifications on various makes and models. There will be fund raisers held in the future for this project, however if you would like to make a donation, you can do so to anyone on the Village Hall Committee.

Please add the Village Hall AGM on 23rd February to your diaries. 7.30 start.

Dillon – Village Hall Chair

A message from Nassington School

PREPARING FOR THE MOVE TO A TWO TIER EDUCATION STRUCTURE

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been some time since we last wrote to you about plans for a move to a two tier education system in our area. While we may have been quiet, we've also been busy. This letter provides you with an update on all the latest developments in our preparation for those changes.

As you may have heard, the Cabinet at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) met on 11th November and approved plans to restructure schools in our area to a two tier model of primary and secondary schools. Those changes will be introduced in September 2015.

While the political process has continued, schools – including our own – have been developing plans for the changes. We have had a number of discussions between all cluster schools at Governor Level, including joint meetings with NCC. Staff within schools have also been working together in a number of areas, and this will get stronger still now that a final decision has been made. In addition to this local planning, a central steering group has been set up by NCC to oversee these changes, which includes 2 Governors and 2 Heads from across the cluster. Some of the most significant developments over recent months include:

- Detailed implementation plans are being developed with NCC, covering all aspects of the change – Heads from across the cluster have agreed plans for benchmarking and monitoring pupil progress before, during and after the transition to two tier. Those plans aren't just about academic progress, although that is important – they also cover pupils' attitudes to school & learning, as we know that pastoral care and support for children were important issues raised during the consultation process.
- Schools across the cluster are working together to plan for the staffing changes needed. Those changes will be co-ordinated across all schools, so that staff in middle schools are well supported and recruitment activity is carefully managed to ensure that staff are in place for the new school year. We are currently developing our new staffing structure, ahead of commencing recruitment.
- A great deal of work is underway to ensure that arrangements are in place for delivery of the full Key Stage 2 curriculum from next year. NCC have allocated funding to support teacher development, so that staff are ready to teach a wider age range.
- Discussions with NCC about building works are continuing, so that we can finalise the accommodation plans for enlarging our school. 2 Governors are working with the Head & NCC.

With all of this activity underway, and more to come over the next few weeks & months, we are confident that we will be ready to take on pupils up to the age of 11 from September 2015.

We will write to you over the coming months to keep you up to date with the latest developments.

Judith Farrow
Chair of Governors

Lorraine Allen
head teacher

WHAT'S ON?

GARY'S WALK

HAPPY NEW YEAR

My next walk will be on 17th January. Meet 10am at King's Cliffe church.

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Saturday 7th February 7.30pm

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Tickets available from Peter Clark (01780 470407) or
David Webb (01780 470619)

Tickets on sale 1st January 2015



Script by Limelight Scripts, adapted by Sarah Roberts &
Andrew Hansford

The editors would like to thank the village hall committee for their recent donation of £50. Thanks, too, to Communicare for their donation of £40.

We are also grateful to NICK PATTERSON-GORDON for supporting the newsletter through discounted prices at COLEMANS.

Why not consider making a donation? Just £10 would pay for all your copies in 2015 (see page 15 for the treasurer's details). If you'd like to make a contribution by means of an article or photo we'd love to hear from you.

Job Vacancy

The Village Hall Committee are looking for someone to take on responsibility for the cleaning of the village Hall.

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COLUMNISTS

FED UP WITH YOUR INTERNET SPEED?

Many of you will be aware that Gigaclear are providing a High Speed Broadband cable service, known as “**Fibre to the premises**” (FTTP) service in Kingscliffe and Apethorpe.

You will be aware from a previous leaflet drop; that Gigaclear are prepared to extend their offer to Woodnewton if enough villagers sign up (they are looking for 30%).

You will also be aware that BT have started work on their “Infinity provision” under the government sponsored, “rural broadband provision” scheme through the County Council.

The BT scheme is **Fibre to the cabinet (FTTC)** but uses copper after that, **resulting in a slower service**, however is almost certainly cheaper.

Gigaclear are still interested in offering a superior service against the BT one if we are interested, so Geoff Dannell and I are gauging interest in the village to allow Gigaclear to explain their offer.

As the provisioning in Apethorpe is happening now, we would need to strike whilst the iron is hot so if you are interested in hearing what Gigaclear have to say and where we are with this process can you please contact Geoff or myself:

Peter Atchison peter@pageo.co.uk 470372

Geoff Dannell geoffrey.dannell@btinternet.com 470477

Woodnewton Historical Society

Market Gardeners by Janet Rawding

The History Group recently found reference to 27 Market Gardeners and Farmers in Woodnewton in the 1900's. This is an amazing amount for quite a small village but is probably due in no small way to the quality of the soil and the large sunny plots on the south side of Main Street. The individual area of land would not have been large by today's standards but big enough to grow a supply of seasonal produce for the likes of Victor Walker who, himself a market gardener, would buy from the villagers and then sell it in the surrounding villages from his small van.

The land stretching to the north of the village was mainly orchard with daffodil bulbs planted between the rows of trees. Joyce and Jimmy Chambers lived in Cherry Holt (one of the last houses on the left on the road to Nassington) and in the Spring Joyce picked hundreds of snowdrops and daffodils to take to the twice weekly Peterborough Market. At the same time she would take leeks and cabbages from her father's garden in Main Street and then as the year progressed it would be soft fruit, plums and vegetables - hours of back-breaking picking and sorting.

Joyce was a well known figure in Woodnewton as she also delivered the milk produced

by one of the herds of cows owned by a village farmer, the milk was in a big churn and Joyce poured it into the buyers own milk jug.

When she left the village to live in Market Deeping nearer to her son Joyce still didn't give up her market life and continued to make cakes and jams for the W.I. stall at Stamford for many years until her retirement a few years ago.

INTRODUCING: an occasional series brought to you by the editors

THE PARISH COUNCIL



My name is David Webb

Have lived in the village for 16 years and currently live at 7, St. Mary's Hill (470619)

Brought up two children in the village who moved away but my daughter is still a frequent visitor as are my four grandchildren who particularly enjoy the playground.

Have been Parish council Chairman since 2006. Joined Council to be more involved with the village.

Chairman of the Woodnewton Players & directed the last 3 pantomimes. Became co-editor of the village newsletter earlier this year.

Recently sold my house and moved in with my partner Jill. Have bought a cottage in Norfolk, an area we both love and plan to spend more time there.

My name is Fi Thompson

lived in the village for 20 years and currently at 6, Lindsey Close (470580)

Position on Parish Council: executive officer known as 'clerk'

Married with two sons

Member of the Woodnewton Ladies cycling group

Favourite holiday destination: France and am chair of the Woodnewton & Nassington Twinning Association



My name is David Burgess

Have lived at 46 Main Street (470504) for over 20 years with my wife Janet Gibson

Have served on the Woodnewton Parish Council for seven years and am still passionate about preserving the heritage and rural charm of the village.

Am a member of the Stamford & District Geological Society and involved with the Welland Rivers Trust. Have been known to dig our village allotment and am an active member of the Woodnewton Wine Tasting group.

Janet and I are keen travellers, own a caravan and have ambitions to take it to the most northerly tip of Scotland next year.



My name is Jill Roche

Have lived in Woodnewton for over 9 years at 7 St.Mary's Hill (470619) Previously in Nassington for 24 years. I have two children and two grandchildren.

I joined the Parish Council this year and as I am a keen gardener and also have my own allotment I took up the position of Allotments Officer.

I have enjoyed many interests/hobbies in the past which mostly involved horses.

Now my interests include walking and of course acting the fool in the Woodnewton Players.



My name is Jennie Haynes

I have lived in Woodnewton for 4 years at The Old Post Office, Main St. (479102) with my husband Greg and two boys.

I joined the Parish Council 2 years ago and am currently responsible for trees in the village which have preservation orders applied to them. I am also Footpath Officer.

I love the sense of community and have family and friends living here too. I love reading and gardening and with my two young budding rugby and cricket playing boys it keeps me busy

My name is Andrew Hansford & I have lived in Woodnewton for 17 years & am now at 5, The Paddock. Tel: 470xxx. Being out and about with muddy boots on, rather than being in the office is something I really enjoy.

When not working, I can be found at a racecourse as a mad keen horse racing fan, or following Northampton Saints. I have been a member of the Parish Council since 2007. One of my responsibilities is to organise the Clean-up days which help to keep Woodnewton looking tidy. I am involved in various other village activities such as the Pantomime, and you may have also seen me playing the Double Bass as part of 'The Weekenders' at various local gigs.



The 6th member of the council is Tom Holmes. He lives on 470770 Main Street with his young family. He has been on the council for less than a year & now takes responsibility for street lights, pavements highways

No. 7: Could this be you?

There is a current vacancy for a councillor.

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Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com

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Veterinary Surgeries

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Woodnewton Mobile Library 16:00 - 16:45 Orchard Crescent every fourth Wednesday of the month.

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