

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

**February 2015**



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# NEWS & REPORTS

**The Parish Council** met on Monday 5th January

## **Matters arising from previous meeting**

Grass cutting invitations to tender have been sent to 5 different parties.

A villager has reduced overhanging shrubbery allowing full width access of the pavement.

Allotment work / additional water supply work is planned for late February. This will hopefully be tied in with the planting of the village orchard on part of the playing field.

An order has been placed to convert the remaining street lights in Main St. to 'white' lights to achieve consistency with the recently installed lamps.

## **Planning**

Council were advised that a planning application has been made seeking to create a caravan and camping site with playground facilities on a site at Jack's Green near Kings Cliffe. In addition a letter of objection had been received from a resident on behalf of their family whose house is near the proposed site. Following a discussion Council agreed that no comment should be submitted.

## **Grass Cutting**

Councillor Hansford advised Council of the proposed requirements of the new grass cutting contract which includes 18 cuts per year plus hedge and verge trimming. Cemetery and churchyard cutting and strimming with cuttings being removed. This is a 3 year contract.

## **Parish Council Vacancy**

Council discussed the existing vacancy on Council and it was agreed that each member of council would identify a prospective councillor and approach them with a view to joining.

## **Playground**

Following the latest playground inspection a post from the adventure trail is out of position. Cllr Holmes agreed to remove the post in the short term from a safety aspect until permanent repairs can be arranged.

The next Parish council Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm.

**Please note the change of day from the usual Monday meeting.**

David Webb – Parish Council Chairman

## **Parish Council Vacancy**

**Would you like to get more involved and have an influence on what happens in your village ?**

**Woodnewton Parish Council are looking for someone to fill a vacant position on Council.**

**Candidates need to have lived in the village for at least a year and be on the electoral role.**

**For more information telephone David Webb (470619)**

## **St Mary's Church**

Spring has Sprung' and Lent is nearly upon us. The new green shoots are sprouting through; the winter debris, the drabness made bright by the first snowdrops and daffodils. Yet the winter mists and frosts linger to threaten to smother their coming promise of the spring. Sadly many people in our Villages are in a dark place after losing loved ones who have died, or for the many who are seriously ill, and those who carry the burden of care for them. During this period of Lent in all our villages, our prayers and thoughts are with them all and we share with them their loss.

The word 'Lent' comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring, because it fell at this time of the year. The term describes the season that precedes Easter, and for Christians a sort of time of preparation and reflection. The period of Lent is the forty days, which is the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness; it was the time that he spent in preparing for his death and resurrection, and for the whole of his ministry.

The Lent period culminates in the 'Passion' of Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. Jesus spent this time in fasting, prayer and quiet, and during this period today, many of us will be involved in study, prayer and abstinence as a spiritual and physical preparation for Easter and the year ahead. At this time we remove many of the flowers from Church and sing quieter hymns.

Like the unpredictable February and March gloomy weather, some people consider that Lent is a rather sombre and gloomy time that gets in the way of spring's arrival. This is not so at all! Lent is meant to be joyful. But it is a joy in a different way from the outward 'party' type joy of Easter or Christmas. Lent is inward looking time as we attempt to focus on the essentials of life. We discover that our relationships with one

another, and amongst each other, at home, at work at school etc., are the places where we find the new shoots of deep rooted joy and love.

Jesus spent his time in the wilderness being reconciled to his Living and his Death. A period of illness, and death, reminds us to be prepared for the difficulties and loss in living, but to also be prepared to share with those we love, the new shoots of spring.

This spring we have said goodbye to many, and we still support many, yet we have also celebrated their lives and have been inspired by the new Life and Joy each one has and continues to share with Have a joyful Lent. We look forward to spring bringing a new light in the lives of all who feel sad and lonely. The spring flowers are deeply rooted and come back year after year despite the weather. Like Gods’ love we can always be sure that spring and summer will come forth in due course in all its beautiful splendour.

Very Best wishes  
Michael

**Church Services For February**

1 February	Sung Holy Communion	9.30 am
8 February	Said Service	9.30 am
15 February	Sung Holy Communion	9.30 am
22 February	BCP Said Holy Communion	8.30 am
	Candlemas Family Service	4.00 pm

**Diary Dates**

We have dates for musical events that are to be held at St Mary’s during the summer: Saturday, 13th June and Sunday, 12th July. The Organ Centenary celebrations will culminate with a grand finale in the autumn.

P.S. St Mary’s PCC are delighted to announce that the Christmas Carol service collection raised £140 and a cheque has been sent to the Peterborough Hospital at Home.

## **Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch**

Start the new year by subscribing to our email service.

Currently there are 48 households in the village that receive email police messages from Neighbourhood Watch. If you wish to be kept up to date with information about criminal activities in our area then just send an email to [woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com](mailto:woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com) and we will add you to our distribution list.

### **Keeping valuable Christmas gifts safe after the big day**

Once the big day has been and gone, homes across the county will be full of new and often expensive items and police are urging people to mark their valuable gifts to help make them less attractive to burglars.

Whether it's a new laptop or tablet, the latest mobile phone or computer game, or a unique piece of jewellery, many people will have something new and special they don't want to lose.

The Northamptonshire Police is encouraging owners to make sure valuable items can be identified in some way to make them more difficult for thieves to sell on. Marking property can act as a deterrent to would-be thieves or people who deal in stolen goods, as it makes it easier to identify the property as stolen if they are found in possession of it.

There are a number of security devices and marker systems on the market that can personalise property, such as forensic marking type products that have a special code unique to the owner, allowing property to be easily identified. However, simply taking a few minutes to write your name and postcode on valuable property with an ultra violet pen can help police return the goods you if you are unfortunate enough to be burgled. It's a good idea to take a photograph of valuable property too and log any serial numbers, keeping them in a safe place.

It's also worth taking a few minutes to register your property on the free national property register [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This will help police return your items if they are stolen and later recovered.

Be careful about leaving gift packaging and boxes outside or sticking out of your bin. Thieves will notice boxes for branded products like laptops, TVs or accessories, which could indicate an expensive piece of kit somewhere in the house. The safest thing to do is to break down any cardboard boxes or fold them inside out so that you cannot see the branding. You can then store them out of sight inside your home until collection day or take them to your local recycling site.

## Communicare

In December it was reported that a new NHS England form - **The NHS Friends & Family Test** - will be available to patients both at surgeries and online asking one simple question – “**How likely are you to recommend our service to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?**” The form also allows suggestions for any improvements you think the surgery should consider. This method of gathering information has replaced previous years’ annual patient surveys and a sample of results will be submitted to NHS England on a monthly basis commencing end of February. You may not have visited the surgery during the past few weeks, but should be made aware of this new method of gathering feedback. If, however, you have been to the surgery recently and did not complete the form whilst there, you can now do so on the practice website [www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk](http://www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk) The format is very explicit and completion will only take a couple of minutes. You can add your name or submit the form anonymously.

Our January meeting was very poorly attended but we were pleased to welcome both Dr Nally and Mrs Kirstie Lawes, who following a period as acting practice manager has now been appointed to this post.

Assisted by the generosity of Elton Garden Centre, 200 spring bulbs have been purchased at discount and planted around the car park entrances and connecting pathway. Although previously agreed, Dr Nally confirmed that the purchase of a DVT monitoring machine was not now justified due to changes in guidelines on frequency of testing. Instead approximately one year’s supply of consumables for the D-Dimer Kit will be purchased at considerably less expense – this monitors blood for clotting and, after being prescribed clot bursting drugs for a few days, patients can then have an ultra-sound test – a procedure carried out at the surgery. It was also agreed to purchase a mobile ECG machine for use by the two frontline healthcare assistants, who triage patients on a daily basis – costing approximately £1500.

The meeting discussed at length a new government proposal to provide funding for extended services – the ‘Prime Minister’s Challenge Fund’ – within the Peterborough and Borderline area there would be four ‘hubs’ providing daily 8am-8pm cover staffed by local GPs. Patients contacting 111 or ‘out of hours’ service could be directed to the ‘hub’ for advice from a doctor – hopefully in many cases thus avoiding attendance at A&E.

38 patients enjoyed the Social Group’s post-Xmas lunch in January – monthly coffee mornings recommence on Friday 20th February 10.0am at Kings Cliffe Sports Hall.

Wendy Spencer

## Woodnewton Art Class

The picture depicts the Village Art group celebrating with drinks and nibbles a successful and creative end of term under the guidance of our Artistic Director John Russell. A Plethora of work has been produced in oil, acrylic, and watercolour by our Impressionists, Surrealists, Abstract artists, and others. The group meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays mornings in the upstairs studio of the Village Pottery. The next Art class is on Wednesday 7 January 2015, If you wish to join us please call John Russell on 01780 470474. All are welcome, it is great fun and no experience is necessary.



# WHAT'S ON?

Woodnewton  
Players

Proudly present the pantomime

## Treasure Island

At Woodnewton Village Hall

Performance Dates

Thursday 5th February 7.30pm

Friday 6th February 7.30pm **SOLD OUT**

Saturday 7th February 2.30pm **SOLD OUT**

Saturday 7th February 7.30pm **SOLD OUT**

Licensed bar & refreshments available

Ticket prices: Adults £7    Children (under 12) £5

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

Tickets available for Thursday **ONLY**



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



**Woodnewton Village Hall AGM**

**23rd February at 7.30pm**

**All welcome**

## **Charity Curry Night**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

**Nassington Village Hall**

**Tickets £12 for a curry and Pudding.**

**Please bring your own choice of drink and glasses**

**Raffle and some surprises on the night**

**Tickets available from:**

**Janine Buck 784544**

**Debbie Clancy 783936**

**Fern Goldsmith 783356**

**George Clinker 782125**

**All proceeds will go to Arthritis Research UK**

## **Gary's Walk**

**My next walk will be at 10.00am from Nassington Church on Saturday 21st February.**

**Hope you will be able to join me on a relaxing walk followed by refreshments at the Black Horse.**



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*Fri 13th & Sat 14<sup>th</sup> February*

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## **SECONDS SALE**

*joules*

**Friday 30th January**

**6pm—8pm**

**Yarwell Village Hall**

**Tickets £3 in advance or £4 on the door**

**Tickets available from Nassington  
pre-school.**

**nassingtonpreschool.team@outlook.com**

Please note as this is a seconds sale, goods are non-returnable. If possible please bring cash as this will help to minimise queues

# COLUMNISTS

## On The Plot

February is a month of great anticipation as far as the garden is concerned. Well, that's true for me, anyway. It is a time when, having made plans for the coming year, I become increasingly aware that if I don't get on with certain tasks, events will overtake me and I will be further behind than usual for the rest of the season.

The important thing is to actually get on and not spend too much time thinking. The days when real gardening - sowing, weeding, cultivating - will no longer wait are fast approaching, so things need to be ready.

Normally I would be digging over my plot, tidying things up and making sure everything is prepared for the new season which arguably begins in March, I suppose. This year I have been reorganising my plot and have made a series of beds separated by pathways. I have enjoyed doing this and feel quite excited at the prospect of growing my fruit and vegetables in a slightly different way to the way I have done for most of my life.

Growing on beds, usually about 1-1.5m wide has become very popular in recent years and I accept that I am one of the last to adopt this practice. I have done it mainly to reduce the total area I have to cultivate each year and because I realise that, using my old method, I was growing far too much for us to use. It will be quite a change for me and I am really looking forward to 'starting again' as it were.

Using beds, I will rarely have to stand on the soil in order to cultivate it. This can only be a good thing as compaction will be reduced and I will be able to work each bed from either of the paths on each side.

I chose not to use any raised beds, apart from the ones I already have. I am no great fan of spending ages on the building and expense that this system requires or of finding the soil required to fill each bed on completion. In a relatively dry area, with sandy loam soil which naturally dries out very quickly, raising the soil into the air - which essentially is what happens with such a system - does not seem a particularly good idea to me. I do find that carrots and salad crops seem to do well in the beds I have already, but when the timber around them rots I shall be in no great rush to start again. Perhaps one of the reasons for my success with these crops has been that the raised beds have soil in them which is never compacted. Well, this will now be the case everywhere on my plot, thanks to the new master plan!

I can think of a few folk who will be lining up to watch progress, or the lack of it. I'd better go and get the seating arranged for them. In the meantime, that new season will soon be here - don't waste any more time, get to work.

Dodge the Flak

## **Woodnewton Historical Society**

### **23 Main Street**

The property was originally a grain barn and part of Spinney Farm. Subsequently it became a house and then it was bought and renovated in 1972. During the renovation work it was found that:

- The roof was originally thatched and the old “branch and twig” trusses were still there under the tiles but they were so rotten they had to be replaced.
- Three doorways were located in the east wall leading directly into the farmyard
- “Owl holes” (triangular shaped stone openings to allow owls to fly in and hunt for mice) and “drying slits” (to allow the air to circulate) were found and retained.
- Three pig sties and two outside lavatories were also found.
- The building that is now a garage had previously been used as a wheelwrights/ carpenters’ workshop by the Barfield family whose main workshop was next door to the White Swan. Some of the horse names and sizes of the carriage wheels were penciled onto the walls of the building

Reference has been found that a stay maker lived in the property and made corsets there.

The land was used as a market garden and the produce was sold locally and on market stalls.

There is a right of way through a small gateway to the adjoining property to draw water from the well which still exists.

If your property or garden has an original historical feature, would you please let Woodnewton History Group know so that it can be added to the village history archives.

### **Advice for Online shopping**

A new survey from Cyber Streetwise has revealed that only a quarter of shoppers look for the ‘s’ indicating ‘secure’ in ‘https://’ and just over half actively look for an image of a padlock in the URL on the payments page.

Other precautions you should take:

- Use a search engine to check reviews of the store
- Use a credit card as it affords greater protection
- If ever in doubt, or if something just doesn’t feel right, don’t enter any details and leave the online store immediately
- Check delivery and returns policies
- Most importantly, remember, if an offer looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Advice provided by Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

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For more see the village website: **[www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk](http://www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk)**

**Village Hall Booking** Abbie Smith 01780 470691

**Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch** [woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com](mailto:woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com)

**Police** 101 (non emergency report, suspicious behaviour and enquiries)

**Doctors Surgeries**

Oundle	01832 275375	Wansford	01780 782342
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**Veterinary Surgeries**

Oundle	01832 273521	Yarwell	01780 783910
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**Woodnewton Mobile Library** 16:00 - 16:45 Orchard Crescent every fourth Wednesday of the month.

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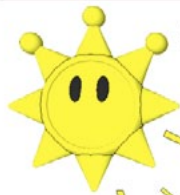
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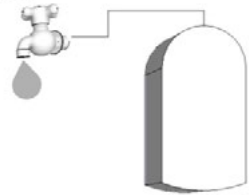
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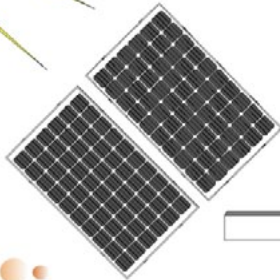


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