WOODNEWTON NEWS

March 2015



"That's my heart, you fool". Mrs. Hawkins (David Webb) puts Dr. Livesey (Irene Kerr) right in Treasure Isalnd. Review pg. 9.

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The Parish Council met on Tuesday 3rd February.

Public Time

Paul Bimson from the BT Group spoke about BT's plans, in collaboration with Northants County Council, to roll out Superfast Broadband to reach 95% of businesses and residential premises, including Woodnewton, with 50 to 80 MPS, by Easter 2015. Recent installation of a new Open Reach fibre cabinet near the cemetery in the village means that, once commissioned, residents will be able to upgrade to BT Infinity and initiate this service. Residents will receive advanced notification.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Grass cutting tenders have been received from 5 interested parties. The Clerk and Cllr Hansford will be meeting shortly to review the tenders and report back with their recommendations at the next Council meeting.
- Allotment work and the installation of an additional water supply will hopefully be carried out by the end of February / beginning of March.
- In addition 25 fruit trees will be planted in the newly created communal orchard on the playing field.
- The street lights in Main Street are now uniform following the installation of 6 'white' lights to some of them. Part night cells for these lights were installed at the same time.

Planning

- Council discussed the proposed urban extension in Corby.
- An appeal has been lodged in relation to the planning application for 17 Main St. which had been previously refused. The Parish Council's objections remain and have been re-submitted.

Allotments

Council agreed to a request for the erection of a shed and a greenhouse.

Other Matters

- The Clerk advised Council of a new ENC Transparency Code initiative for Smaller Authorities. She and the Chair had already met to review Council's current operating procedures and it is evident that we are already complying with the new requirements.
- Council agreed the date for the next village Clean up Day Sunday 12th April

Councillor's Updates

- Cllr Hansford suggested that following a recent public meeting with Gigaclear, Council will need to get clarification about works affecting roads and footpaths in the village. We will require an assurance that if they proceed with laying fibre optic cable in the village that all affected areas are re-instated as before.
- The Clerk has received an update on the opening days and times of all Waste Sites in the area. This will be posted on the Parish Council notice board and the village website.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 2nd March at 8pm. David Webb – Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

Geoff Harris, for many years Churchwarden and Treasurer of St. Mary's Woodnewton, died suddenly at home on 5th February.

The PCC and past members of the PCC who served with him, remember him with affection and extend sympathy to his widow, Dorothy, and his sons and their families.

March Services

| - | Sung Holy Communion | 9.30 am |
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| - | Evensong | 6.00 pm |
| - | Mothering Sunday Service | |
| | With Holy Communion | 9.30 am |
| - | BCP Holy Communion | 8.30 am |
| | Family Service | 4.00 pm |
| - | Benefice HC at Apethorpe | 10.00 am |
| | - | Evensong Mothering Sunday Service With Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Family Service |

Church clock

For those of you in the village who rely on the church clock, I must apologise for the incorrect times that it has been showing over the last few months.

The clock repairer made a visit last autumn, installed a new part and thought that this would rectify the problem. However, as you can see, it has not done so. To say that this problem is making him 'scratch his head' is an understatement – the digital clock face within the church shows the correct time, so it is something that is affecting the movement of the hands on the outside clock; possibly an impulse......so it's back to the drawing board.

Organ centenary

We were very grateful to Alexander Eadon, Choirmaster and Organist at Oundle Public School, for stepping in and replacing the organist from Sydney, days before the organ recital in January. He entertained the audience with a selection of music from Bach,

Mendlessohn, Widor, Arcangelo Corelli and many more popular pieces.

Our musical theme for 2015 carries on throughout the year with our next organ recital by Eric Tyson, Organist at Bristol and this will be on Sunday, 12 July 2015. But before that event we are going to celebrate our first evensong on Sunday 8th March.

However, a totally different type of musical evening is being planned for Saturday, 13th June 2015. Watch this space.......

Dear All,

As you probably know I am a bit of a film fan. When we get a chance, Stephanie and I like to watch a movie together. Our tastes are slightly different and so we sometimes have a lengthy discussion before we start watching. We also differ as to how much we want to know about a film before we watch it.

I am generally happy to watch a film with no information whatsoever. Stephanie, however, wants to know who is in it, what it's about and, given the chance, know how it all works out! In my approach to movie-going, I believe that to really get the most out of a film you have to experience things as they happen without knowing the outcome. I feel a bit the same about Easter. Because we know how the story works out, we don't engage as fully as we might do with the experiences that the disciples had or really think about what Jesus went through. Perhaps this year we might make an effort to engage and be carried along with the passion narrative from Palm Sunday through Holy Week. You might be reading through our local Lent book and exploring it by joining in the Lent discussion groups. ('God is on the Cross' -Reflections on the Lent and Easter journey, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer); you might be thinking about coming along to one of our extra 'Compline reflective' services during Lent; or the very moving and participative Service of the Last Supper; stripping of the altars and watch in the Garden at St.Mary's, Woodnewton on Maundy Thursday; and the varied Reflective and prayerful Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday.

You might be planning to spend time on your own reading your Bible. You might simply be planning to come to the Palm Sunday Benefice Service at Apethorpe. (It would be great to see you at any of these services!) Whatever your plans, try to listen to the readings as though you had never heard them before. Especially try to listen to the readings as though you didn't know what was going to happen next, and didn't know how things were going to work out, and be carried along by the experience.

Try to share the disciples' reaction as Jesus' knelt to wash their feet; their confusion as Jesus talked about a betrayer after the last supper; try to imagine Jesus' anguish in the garden; his disappointment when he found Peter, James and John asleep after asking them to pray with him; listen to the crowds calling for Barabbas to be released and Jesus to be crucified; try to identify with Peter as his fear led him to deny Jesus three times; try to stand with the women at the cross; stand with Joseph of Arimathea as he asks for

Jesus' body.

Then, on Easter Sunday morning, let's visit the tomb with the women, or with Peter and John; let's walk with Jesus on the road to Emmaus; let's meet with Jesus in the locked room in the evening.Let's share the confusion, the despair, the pain, the loss, the fear and the glory and the celebration.

Let's Experience Easter to the full!

With all of God Blessings,

Michael, Vicar

PS Talking about 'being carried along', once again we will be carrying the large Benefice Cross, in a walk of witness, to link all of our Church and Village Communities together, over the end of Holy Week....please do help in sharing the journey and its load.

St Mary's Church Flower Rota

Many thanks to all of you who have arranged flowers in the church so beautifully over the past year. Also to those who helped with the Flower Festival. Well done and again many thanks,

Peggy Bierton

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

Phil Wood and WNW

In our last WNW meeting Phil Wood relinquished his role as WNW coordinator and stated that he could no longer carry out the role due to spending most of the foreseeable future away from the village.

Phil has been the WNW coordinator since 1988 when the group was first set up. Back in "88" Phil worked for the Probation Service and he had lots of contact with the Police. He was the ideal candidate to lead the group. If it had not been for Phil's continued hard work Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch would not be as visible and as strongly supported as it is today.

We wish to pass on the best wishes of the village to Phil and his family at this time. On Phil's return to "normal" village routine he will be welcomed back to the team as a WNW contact.

Stuart Shaw has taken over the role of coordinator for the WNW.

Other News

Anne and Henry Galloway have been recruited as new contacts to WNW. Anne and Henry moved to the village last year and are actively joining in with village life. Our local police team has been expanded with two new officers: PCSO Norman & McShannon. The other team members are PCSO's Phil Dobson, Joanna Wells and Natasha Fountain.

Crime in our area

At the end of January an attempted burglary was reported in a cottage off Main Street. The burglar was disturbed by the resident and thankfully he made off without stealing any property or causing any damage. There have been a number of burglaries in rural locations around Oundle in the last few weeks and all residents must remain vigilant and take steps to ensure that they make their properties as secure as possible and look out for their neighbours.

The police have advised phoning 101 if any peddler or such person comes to the door or is seen calling at a neighbour's home. The Police policy is to come out and interview them. Recently, one peddler had his 'goods' confiscated as he did not have a licence. It is recognised that burglaries and other crimes often take place on the days after 'peddlers' have been in the area. NB should a peddler or other caller get 'stroppy' close your door and call 999.

The police also have warned that Amazon and other 'civilian' deliverers present a risk - who is to know if criminals are not posing as delivery drivers - after all you only need a hi-viz vest and a made up badge to gain access to properties?!

The Police are campaigning to get people in rural areas to lock their vehicles after a spate of crimes linked to people's casual disregard for security, feeling they are safe in their rural location.

Oil theft remains a major concern and security measures are recommended. Also, we are all asked to keep an eye open for items such as hosepipes or jerry cans 'stashed' behind fences/hedges etc for use in oil theft. 20 jerry cans were recently found on a farm at Brigstock. The thieves do not like to carry such items in their vehicles in case they are stopped and charged with 'going equipped'. They also tend to use inconspicuous vehicles nowadays, less often the suspicious looking Transit van. Regarding hosepipes, householders are advised to store them securely so they cannot be used for siphoning oil.

Please contact Stuart Shaw(470583) or Trevor Danks (470363) if you are interested in becoming an area Contact.

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High Speed Broadband update

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in the Gigaclear HSBB fibre to the premises FTTP service; we achieved the requisite 77 (in fact 97) expressions of interest in double quick time so now Gigaclear are offering the opportunity to sign up. Remember that nothing happens unless at least 77 of us actually want the service and commit to it by placing a future order with them on-line, following the steps using the Web address: Gigaclear.com. You will find that at the end of the process, you will be asked to set up a DIRECT DEBIT for future use. This is the final step to show that you are seriously interested. NO MONEY WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOUR ACCOUNT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL YOU ARE CONNECTED.

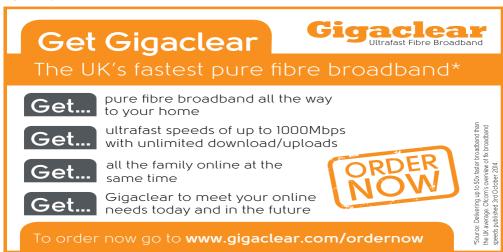
We (Geoff and Peter) are going to meet with Gigaclear to obtain answers to any outstanding question any of you may have whether or not you were at the meeting. Remember there is no such thing as a stupid question, the only stupid question is the one you don't ask! If you let us have any questions either by e-mail or hand we will ensure that they are answered and the answers shared (anonymously) with all. Please e-mail to: Peter@pageo.co.uk OR geoffrey.dannell@btinternet.com

Some basic facts: (as we understand them!)

There are two ways of delivering higher speeds:

- 1. By a Fibre connection to a Cabinet (**FTTC**), which is what BT are currently proposing.
- 2. By a Fibre connection to your premises (FTTP), which is the Gigaclear offer.

If and when BT offer their FTTC service to the village, you would have to cancel any existing subscription, pay out the contract and take a new service at additional cost from BT.



The monthly cost comparison of the two services (from Gigaclear's site) is:

| Service | BT Superfast FTTC up to 38Mbps down/up to 9.5Mbps up) | Gigaclear Up to 50Mbps down/up |
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| Broadband | £23.00 | £38.80 |
| Line Rental | £16.99 | 0.00 |
| Unlimited Anytime Calls | £7.50 | £7.00 (optional) |
| Popular Call Features | £.3.70- £9.95 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | £51.19 - £57.44 | £45.80 |

There is an installation cost of £100, and an optional connection cost of c. £95 (which we are working on to reduce, using a village contractor).

A commentary on the **BT FTTC** offer is quoted from another pure fibre supplier, Boris Ivanovic, chairman of Hyperoptic:

"There is a fundamental difference between FTTC and 'fibre' broadband," Ivanovic said. "FTTC broadband is still delivered over copper, which is why the service is unreliable, distance-dependent and subject to peak-time slowdowns. With true FTTP broadband, speeds are faster, symmetric and reliable. The products and consumer experiences are completely different." FTTC lines from BT's network currently provide top download and upload speeds of 79Mbps and 19Mbps. The actual speeds you get depend greatly on your proximity to the cabinet. The further away you are from the cabinet, the slower your speeds will be--Speeds on FTTP connections by contrast don't degrade over distance and can offer faster download speeds."

The Gigaclear offer allows telephone, mobile and Broadband to all be transmitted via the cable thereby allowing you to dispense with the fixed telephone line rental to BT if you wish (or it can be retained as suits). **The telephone service is provided by VONAGE** http://www.vonage-deals.co.uk/voip-offers/.

E-mail addresses are sometimes supplied by your ISP and therefore limited to your staying with that provider (notably Talk Talk and Plusnet), however it is possible to take a new address and arrange for all the existing ones to be transferred for a period of time. BT will allow you to keep your address, but may charge £12 annually for the service.

Most customers who need to change, go to main internet based providers such as AOL, Microsoft Yahoo, gmail, etc which are independent of the ISP and are easily picked up via any connection.

Landline numbers can be ported across (unless you have a Sky number, and a very few on Talk Talk) so would be transferred to the Gigaclear provider (Vonage) plus if you have separate phone numbers (say for a business run from home) this can be arranged via the Vonage system far less expensively.

There are a lot of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Gigaclear website <u>www.gigaclear.com</u>



COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th March 2015

at Wansford Surgery - 12.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Hannah Longlands

Communication & Long Term Support Co-ordinator from the Peterborough Branch of The Stroke Association (Hannah will be talking about her role in the local community giving details of support available to both stroke survivors and carers as well as information and advice on possible stroke avoidance) All patients are invited to attend - take an active part in the meeting or just listen and learn from the discussions. Regular agenda items include finance, transport, healthcare matters, equipment purchase and AOB

To save patients attending on a cold dark evening the new time of 12.30pm will hopefully encourage more to come along to this meeting – in particular those patients who might have experienced strokes first-hand or through family and friends

The next walk will be on March 21st leaving from Titchmarsh church at 10·00am· Hope to see you then

Gary Says

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COLUMNISTS



A Critical Review of the Village Pantomime "Treasure Island

In a week of British Bafta success and Oscar Nominations, it is appropriate to congratulate the Woodnewton Players on their performance of Treasure Island. The spectacle of packed houses was a triumph for the Director, Sarah Roberts and Producer Andrew Hansford. The set design by John Russell and his team was perhaps the best ever. Costume design reflected a huge amount of work by the village haberdashers. Sound and music from the Orchestra, complemented the performance.

The exquisitely dressed dame, a proprietor of a bawdy hostelry not unlike the village pub, was played outrageously by a well know pillar of the community. The Inn was frequented by villains, buccaneers and wastrels. The Dame uttered a string of double entendres and smutty jokes, not unexpected from a former Waitrose Senior Manager. These one liners caused the elders of the village to mutter, groan and giggle. Parents and grandparents will have fun trying to explain the meaning of some of these one liners to the youth of our nation. The Chorus lines of glamorous ladies performed traditional and well known ditties and dance routines on stage. No collisions were witnessed on a very crowded stage but it was a close run thing! The audience were aroused by the grass skirts



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Throughout the performance, Long John Silver and his pirate crew spoke in gruff, gravelled, guttural tones, and it is hoped after 4 performances their voices will return to normal with some Benylin and Gaviston therapy. The song "All the Nice girls love a Sailor" applied to the nautical themed cast with the exception of Morgan the Pirate and Mr Arrow, the Captain's ineffective first mate. These limp wristed camp sailors are not representative of Nelson's Navy and all children should be educated accordingly. The comedy WAFTA award of the show must go to Morgan, a pirate still unable to hold his cutlass correctly who had clearly imbibed too much of his rum ration prior to his performance.

The story of course was adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's Classic novel Treasure Island. Stevenson was born in Edinburgh in 1850. In his life he toured the Pacific and the Polynesian islands, and he died in Samoa in 1894. He was thus inspired by ancient tales of lawless pirates, buried treasure, secret maps with "X marks the spot" and piratical curses related to the dreaded Black Spot. That said, I doubt Stevenson, envisaged an island inhabited with vegetarian cannibals, ghosts and roving herds of Friesian cows with drooping udders. Nevertheless, Buttercup had to appear in this as in all previous pantos because it is tradition in Woodnewton. So, say no more. Thank goodness Squire Trelawney and Henrietta Hawkins did not fall in love, and get married to give us a happy ending. That would have been just too much! We are fortunate in our lovely village to have such a committed and enthusiastic group of thespians who make up the Woodnewton Players. In all respects, the performance, front and back of house, sets, music and lighting was brilliantly done. If there is to be a criticism, Buttercup's udders are drooping excessively and she needs milking. Moreover the actors portraying Morgan the Pirate and Mr Arrow should be auditioned for future roles with a more Shakespearian bent and gravitas otherwise the WAFTA judges may consider them type cast.

The Newsletter Arts and Culture Correspondent.

On The Plot

After a week of very cold weather I sit writing this as the sun shines and the outdoor thermometer reads 10 degrees C. Such days tempt me to get outside and start sowing and planting, but realistically I know that to do so would be folly. I shall wait until the days are that bit longer and the ground has had a chance to warm up a little, for it is still cold beneath our feet with night frosts a regular occurrence.

The main job this month is to lay the foundation for a good growing year. This means getting your growing areas ready for crops, mending broken bits of kit, tidying storage

places etc. By doing this you will have time for 'real' gardening when the weather really does make that possible. You will not be held back by annoying jobs that should have been completed before the main season began.

Despite all this, do try to get your shallots planted soon as they benefit from a long growing season. A bed that has been well prepared by adding organic matter of some sort will be ideal.

Later in the month is a good time to plant onion sets too and of course early potatoes can be put in too.

You may not have an allotment or large garden, but can I suggest that you think about growing a few tomato plants - maybe in pots or growbags by a sunny wall? That are easy to care for and generally produce very large crops with wonderful flavour. I shall sow a few each of varieties called 'Gardeners Delight', 'Apero' and 'Sungold', but there lots of types from which to choose. We like these because they produce cherry type fruits with a particularly good flavour. These all need supporting later on, but more about that in due course.

Sow the seeds in a small tray of compost and keep them warm - something like an airing cupboard is good, or a heated propagator best of all. After germination, which usually takes a week or so, get them out into a well lit area and allow them to grow until they get to about 2-3cm tall. If they get away from you, don't worry. Gently tease them out of the compost and plant each one in a 8-10cm pot so that the whole of the stem is covered and the tiny seed leaves just show above the soil. The buried area of stem will develop sturdy roots to better support the plants later on. Just keep them moist and in a warm, well lit place. They will grow away and be ready to plant out when the frosts have gone. I always wait until at least mid - March to do this job. This is because I grow most of my tomatoes outdoors and if you do likewise and rush to get seedlings going they will often be ready to plant out before the weather is suitable. If you grow in a greenhouse, you have less to worry about. I will write about growing on another month.

Dodge the Flak

West Main Street, Woodnewton

This article deals with the western end of Main Street (formerly known as Town Street). It comprises the Mill, the Church and the private buildings around the church. The Domesday Book only lists one mill, but in documents dated 1574 and 1706, two are mentioned. The Domesday mill may be on the site of the current one, but more probably is that downstream, of which only a little remains, beyond the eastern end of the village.

The present mill building comprises both the Mill and the Mill-house, which were

combined in 1936, and were constructed in the early 18th century. The door jambs have the dates 1732, 1733 and 1737 carved into them, and the little bridge at the edge of the mill-pond is later than the house. In 1822 Thomas Broughton is recorded as a miller in the village, as were the members of the Needham family between 1846 and 1881. They were succeeded by Sydney Spademan in that year until 1906, when the mill ceased to function.

St. Mary's Church stands on high ground (similarly to St. Andrew's, Cotterstock), and may once have been more isolated from the main village core. One feature indicates that it may have had a Saxon origin: a triangular-headed rear arch in a window, and if so it would have been an aisled building. There is also an arch between the central area and the south transept, which dates to c. 1100, and this implies Norman redevelopment. The chancel dates to the beginning of the 13th century and then there was extensive rebuilding of the whole structure, but the asymmetrical form of the church results from the north aisle being demolished in the 17th century. Apparently, by 1830, the chancel was roofless, perhaps reflecting the poor state of the village at that time. Fragments of mediaeval glass survive. The tower was first built in the 14th century, but heavily modified in the 17th century perhaps when a bell by Thomas Norris, 1640 was installed (recast in 1910). The other bell is by Henry Penn, 1720.

To the north of the church was a row of stone cottages known as Church Row (perhaps eight in all), of which the best surviving is Stone Cottage, which had the tombstone of John Desbrow (d. 1719) used as a hearth-place on the first floor. Carved pilasters from another fireplace were found in the garden. The western most cottage of the row is dated to the early 17th century, Stone Cottage probably a little later, so the whole row must all be of that period. The 1901 OS Map shows that the four of the cottages to the east (which were detached from Stone Cottage) seem to have been demolished when St. Mary's Hill was built around 1903.

Woodnewton History Group

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