

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

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# NEWS & REPORTS

**The Parish Council** met on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## **Planning**

Alterations to two earlier applications were discussed and returned without objection. A third application was returned with objections.

## **Grass Cutting**

Five potential candidates for the grass cutting contract had submitted quotes. Council agreed to split the contract with H J Horticulture of Molesworth responsible for 18 cuts of the playing fields, verges and cemetery. Richard Brown from the village will be responsible for the churchyard.

## **Parish Council Election**

The current Parish Council term of office comes to an end at the end of April.

### Timetable

- All present Councillors and any potential new councillors will need to declare their interest to Fi Thompson Parish Clerk (Tel:- 07779 850477 or at [woodnewtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonpc@gmail.com)) by 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- Voting in the event of more declarations than seats on council will be on 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- The new councillors will officially take office at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Jubilee tree planting**

Money collected during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations is being used to fund an arboretum on the playing field behind the bonfire site. The initial idea was to plant a communal orchard. However Cllr Hansford together with the Parish Clerk have managed to negotiate an extremely attractive deal which will enable us to have 2 oaks, a tulip tree, a walnut tree, a mulberry tree, a Turkish hazel and a hornbeam tree. All of these are established trees and a firm of landscapers will be planting them for us.

They will require watering once a week for the first year and a rota will need to be drawn up to achieve this. Anyone willing to be involved please contact Fi Thompson at [woodnewtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonpc@gmail.com).

## **Allotments**

Council agreed to a request from a resident to erect a hen house on an allotment which is suitable only for this purpose.

Allotment holders have reported an infestation of rabbits which are beginning to destroy allotment crops. Cllr Holmes undertook to deal with the issue.

## **Clean up Day**

This was confirmed as Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April starting at 10am. Cllr Hansford will draw up a list of tasks to be undertaken. All volunteers will be welcome.

## Other Matters

- Council agreed to a resident's request to place a bench in the village in memory of her father who was born in Woodnewton. It will be positioned on the playing field near the newly created arboretum.
- Council were informed that the PCC plan to install toilets at the church and as a result they may need to dig through the churchyard to connect to the main sewers.
- The footpath and road outside 49 Main St. has been dug up to connect electricity. Cllr Webb has contacted Western Power to rectify the situation.

Post meeting note:- The footpath has now been re-instated as before.

- The church wall was recently damaged by a delivery vehicle.

Post meeting note:- The wall has now been repaired.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm

David Webb – Parish Council Chairman

## St Mary's Church

### Services for April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maundy Thursday Eucharist	7.30 m
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday 'Meditations on the Cross'	2.00 pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day Sung Holy Communion	
	And Easter Eggs	9.30 am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30 am
	Followed by APCM	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Holy Communion	9.30 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Holy Communion	8.30 am
	Family Service	4.00 pm

## Communicare

The March meeting held at lunch time was well attended by 23 patients. Guest speaker, Hannah Longlands, local co-ordinator for The Stroke Association gave an informative talk about the work and support her local branch offers to stroke victims and their carers. She gave details of a forthcoming event at PCH for 'Stroke Awareness Week' commencing on 11th May and encouraged patients to drop in at the hospital to see the presentation. There was good inter-action with the audience and feedback has been positive, although some concern was expressed by patients living in East Northants, where the Association does not operate. Hannah assured them that if they were treated within the Borderline area, then every effort would be made to offer ongoing support or

provide information on other similar organisations within Northamptonshire. Hannah provided information leaflets for the surgery reception; she was warmly thanked for her valuable contribution to the meeting.

Take-up of the NHS Friends & Family Test had been low, but since patients attending appointments have been given forms by doctors and nurses response has improved.

Following the sudden death of her husband, a generous donation had been received from Mrs Ann Holland in memory Dr John Holland, who along with Clare Wagstaffe was the founder of Communicare; she has asked that it be used for the benefit of members.

It was agreed that future meetings will be held quarterly, instead of bi-monthly - this will be adequate for business purposes and will help with provision of suitable speakers. Timings will be geared to season – December & March at lunchtime - June & September early evening.

Questions were raised regarding possible future change of location of Kings Cliffe Surgery: A recent meeting of local interested parties was unfortunately not attended by practice staff, but a further meeting is now being arranged.

An attending patient and member of Yarwell Parish Council, David Sidgwick, was asked to explain the Wansford 'Land Grab' situation. Wansford Parish Council has put forward a proposal to change parish/county boundaries, taking in some 'Yarwell' land which includes the surgery site. However due to local opposition, this plan has not progressed, but it was agreed that there could be tangible benefits to the surgery being located within Cambridgeshire.

A new telephone system recently installed at the Surgery has thrown up a number of teething problems – efforts are being made to eliminate these. One aspect of the new system is a 'call through' speaker in the waiting room, enabling staff to remotely summon their next patient.

The Social Group's next coffee morning is on Friday 17th April 10am at Kings Cliffe Sports Hall. The 4-night holiday in May to the Isle of Wight at present has a waiting list pending further rooms at the hotel being made available. Anyone wishing to join the trip should contact Clare – [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com) or 01780 470437

## **Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch**

How to avoid being a victim of online auction scams?

Online auction sites are regularly targeted by fraudsters advertising desirable items for sale which are below market value, but do not exist. Fraudsters use a variety of techniques to persuade the potential buyer that the item is genuine and that any advanced payment will be protected or reimbursed should the product be faulty or not received.

Protect yourself:

- Stay within the auction guidelines stipulated on the website.
- Payments made via bank transfer, money transfer or e-money are not protected, should you not receive the item.
- View the item in person if possible.
- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is.

“Fraud of the rings”

Please look out for a fraud which is being reported around the South-East of England at the moment. Whilst driving, the victim is flagged down by a man (or men) next to a broken down vehicle. The man states that he needs money to get petrol. As payment, the man offers the victim one to three “gold” rings and may also provide a business card suggesting links to Berlin, Germany or Glasgow, Scotland. The amount of cash taken is between £20 and £300. However, the rings are worthless and definitely not precious.

Offences are occurring on ‘A’ roads and slip roads at major junctions. All suspects are described as male and with dark hair. The description of the “broken down” vehicle varies. Offenders seem to target men over the age of 55.

Prevention advice: - Do not accept jewellery as payment!

Unsolicited telephone calls

Trading Standards has been contacted by consumers who have received unsolicited telephone calls from companies offering to install security systems.

Initial contact is made by telephone cold-calling residents to arrange an appointment; however although the security system may be free or available at a nominal cost, the ongoing maintenance costs are high and there may be a cancellation fee. In addition, the business may say that they are working with the Police, or make claims that owners of their alarms will receive an instant response should the alarm be activated, when this may not be the case.

Trading Standards advise that consumers should not purchase security systems, or any other goods or services from businesses that are cold-calling either on the telephone or at the door.

Instead, consumers who are considering investing in an alarm system should obtain quotes from at least three security companies who are subject to independent inspection by a recognised body, either NSI (The National Security Inspectorate) or SSAIB (Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board) or who are members of the Buy With Confidence scheme.

In addition, anyone who is concerned about a caller at their door or suspect that distraction burglars or rogue traders are operating in their area should call the dedicated Doorstep crime Action Network (DAN) on:

0345 23 07 702 or notify the police on 101

Please contact Stuart Shaw(470583) or Trevor Danks (470363) if you are interested in becoming a Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch Contact.

# WHAT'S ON?

**WOODNEWTON PLAYERS AGM  
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL  
7.30PM  
PLEASE COME ALONG - EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME**

## **Woodnewton Village Hall 2015 EVENTS**

**Bingo evening Saturday 9th May  
Dog Show Saturday 18th July  
Hallowe'en, Bonfire & Fireworks 31st October**

*The next walk will be on Saturday 18th  
April. If you would like to join me on a  
walk please meet at Warmington Church  
at 10.00am.*

*Hope to see you there.*

**Gary Says**

## Parish Council Election

**Our current Parish Council's term of office comes to an end this month**

**Anyone wishing to serve on the Parish Council**

**should declare their interest by 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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# COLUMNISTS

## Village Hall Special

Ivan Walker on the heating system:

In 2013 the decision was made to replace the 20 year old antiquated heating in the hall and after much deliberation and a visit to a hall in Peterborough, we decided to install an air source heat pump system.

This would provide heat to all areas of the hall (yes, even warm toilets !) with the main hall being served by two overhead fan coil units and the other areas by traditional water filled radiators.

The fans were installed as they would provide a faster heat up time in this larger space than radiators. In addition, the system allowed us to set a low level 'background' heat, so we banished the cold and damp feeling on entering the hall and keep it 'frost-free'.

Like all new systems we encountered teething problems and a faulty relay caused more than its fair share of stress in the early days !!

We feel we now have a system that is fit for purpose and hopefully last another 20 years !

Eunice Williams on fundraising:

I am extremely proud of what our group has achieved over the last 4 years. We have purchased a new oven, new glassware, totally refurbished the meeting room, the flooring in the meeting room has been sanded and sealed, we have paid for all new loft insulation and last year we were fortunate enough to secure a £10,000 grant to replace the very old heating system.

We have been able to do this by organising numerous events which the village and people from surrounding areas have supported. We have held: village fun days, dances, car boots, open gardens, bingo evenings and bonfire & firework nights. We are hoping to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator, non slip flooring for the kitchen and for redecoration of the village hall. We are also in the process of applying for a grant to replace the kitchen!

Being a member of the village hall committee can be very rewarding. You can put in as little or as much time as you like and it's a great way to meet new people.

If you would like to join the village hall committee, add your name and telephone number to our supporters list (to help out at events) or if you would just like more information please ring any of the committee members or myself on 01780 470708.



Philip “Dillon” Danks on the past year:

The Village Hall AGM was held in February, the main aim is to elect or re-elect members of the committee to oversee the maintenance and general running of our Village Hall. The posts we have are The Chairman – currently me, The Treasurer - Ivan Walker, The Bookings Clerk – Abbie Smith and the Secretary - Alex Neville. These are the minimum roles required for a quorum. Additional roles may include a specific person dealing with promotions and advertising, and various people acting as handy men, and we have Eunice Williams who although having no specific ‘job title’ is still a much valued member of the committee.

The AGM is also a time to reflect on what we have achieved and to begin future plans. Last year’s major project, and resounding success, was the heating, and of course post heating fit, we are looking to get the whole Hall redecorated, including new curtains. With the recent arrival of Gigaclear we are looking to get the village ‘Wired’ hopefully broadening the appeal for rental .Along with all this, we keep up with general maintenance of the hall, The porch will be replaced this year and we have our 5 yearly electrical check to pay for. It’s all these type of things we spend our time and your money on

Although a lot of time and effort goes into the events we run, there is a strong social element to what we do, and we always welcome new members as part of the committee.

Alex Neville on the kitchen project:

The village hall kitchen is looking decidedly tired these days so the committee decided to make this the next project.

In May we will submit our application for a Lottery grant, which we hope will cover the costs.

We have obtained a number of quotes to remove and replace the old kitchen including a new water heater. Cupboards will be a little lower so that those of us who are shorter in stature can reach the top shelves and the shelves themselves stronger to cope with all those plates. New tiles will be put behind the existing cooker and above the worktop.

We are also looking to replace the flooring with something less treacherous when wet. Ideally we would like to get everything completed before this year’s bonfire night. This should make the hall a more pleasant place to use and increase its appeal for renting out and paying its way.

**INTRODUCING: an occasional series brought to you by the editors**

**THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**



Abbie



Alex



Dillon



Eunice



Ivan

My name is Abbie Smith and I have lived in Woodnewton for nearly 9 years now with my husband Adrian in Pridmore Close.

I am a part time Solicitor and a full time mummy to our two small children who keep us busy.

I love our beautiful village, and am very keen to be involved in looking after it and bringing people together. I previously served on the Parish Council for 4 years.

I am now the bookings secretary for the Village Hall, so if you ever need the hall for anything - please give me a call! on 470691.

My name is Alex Neville

My husband Grant and I have lived at 20 Orchard Lane off and on for 10 years (470101)

This is my second year as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

I enjoy being outside either in the garden or walking my dog

Travelling also plays a big part in my life with family on the west coast of Scotland and Sweden.

That said I always look forward to coming back to Woodnewton.

Name Dillon

AGE – 48

Lived in the Village – 47 years

Hobbies - playing the guitar, Pyrography, Airbrushing, Travelling. Reading, Writing.

Football Team - West Bromwich Albion – Where my Dad grew up

Favourite places been to – San Francisco, New Orleans, Quebec.

Favourite car – GT 500 Shelby Mustang

Hi, I'm Eunice Williams and have lived in Lindsey Close for 7 and half years, having moved from my home town of Whittlesey. I live with my husband Mark, my 18 year old Son Matthew and my 15 year old Daughter Sarah. Mark isn't a member of the committee but is often called upon to "just do a little job"!

This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year on the village hall committee.

My name is Ivan Walker and I moved into the village, 29 Orchard Lane, with my wife Anne in September 1995. We now have two children, Jack and Samuel.

After serving for six years as a parent governor at Nassington school, whilst the boys were at school there, I joined the Village Hall Committee as treasurer in March 2010.

When not working, my spare time is filled with being a taxi service taking Jack to referee local youth football or Samuel to play for Kings Cliffe Red Kites. In between, I am a long suffering season ticket holder at the mighty Posh and also enjoy going to music and comedy concerts. I can also be spotted attempting to keep on top of my allotment !

## On The Plot

April's the time when sowing and planting can begin in earnest - and in soil for that matter. It is pretty well safe to assume that soil temperatures will allow seeds to survive and to germinate. This would have been far from certain a month ago. Those with an allotment or plenty of garden space will be thinking of long lists of seed types to get started. One group that they and others with less space should seriously include are salad leaves. These are so easy to grow and yours will be vastly superior to even the best that you can buy from the supermarket, and you need to use no chemicals for growing or washing.

As for types, I recommend salad leaves as opposed to 'heading' lettuce. The difference essentially is that the latter forms a solid head which is cut and that is that. Leaves are cut regularly. They then regrow and can be cut again and again, thus keeping you supplied for quite a while.

I like a mix of leaves such as 'Baby Leaf Mix', 'Spicy Salad Mix', 'Red and Green Salad Bowl', Rocket, Mizuna, (the lovely frilly leaves you find in supermarkets), and Red Vein Spinach. These offer a great variety of leaf shapes and flavours. Thus your salads will not only taste wonderful, they will look pretty good too. All of these are easily available from local garden centres or suppliers such as Dobbies or Marshalls.

I find a great way to grow them is to take a modular seed tray, and then sow around half a dozen seeds into each cell. I sow a few cells of each type of seed and when they have germinated and grown a little I take each plug and plant it out on my allotment, in a group just a few cm apart.

With care, in a few weeks there will be more salad leaves than we can cope with! But like me, despite their best efforts the plants do eventually run out of steam and will need replacing. The best way to deal with this is to sow another lot, as before, when, or very soon after you plant out each module. In this way you will have a continuous supply for as long as you want them.

A note or two of caution however. In warmer weather (temperatures above 20 degrees C), salad seeds tend to be tricky to germinate. You can overcome this by putting your modules in a cool place until growth begins. Salads are also thirsty beasts - so try hard not to forget to water them regularly.

The final problem is that of pestilence!! Slugs and snails enjoy your salads just as much as you do, so get out the barricades. I'm told that rabbits are around too, despite the old boy who stands stock still on the allotments waiting to sort them out, (no, not me.....). I understand he only moves into action when offered a dram. If they are indeed present, prepare your armour. I'm preparing mine - and not just for the rabbits.....

Dodge the Flak

We've been asked by Paul Bimson, BT Regional Partnership Director - East Midlands to print this article

## **Superfast fibre Broadband for Woodnewton**

Woodnewton along with the neighbouring communities of Nassington and Yarwell are beneficiaries of BT's investment partnership with Northamptonshire County Council to extend the reach of superfast broadband to around 95% of the County.

As part of this rollout programme, a new fibre cabinet has been installed in Woodnewton and once engineering work is complete by early spring, residents and businesses will be able to order a fibre broadband service from their current broadband provider or choose a service from over 150 service providers (e.g. BT Infinity, Sky Broadband, Talk Talk and Plusnet) using the Openreach fibre infrastructure to provide services to their customers.

Once the new fibre cabinet has gone live, any member of the community with a telephone line will be able to upgrade to the new fibre broadband service (offering speeds of up to 80Mbps). No digging of verges, pavements and driveways is needed to connect a property to the new fibre broadband service.

Woodnewton residents and businesses requiring even faster broadband speeds, will also have the option (when this is made available in the area) to order a fibre to the premises connection via an on-demand arrangement. Speeds of up to 300Mbps are possible via this technology.

When the new fibre cabinet has gone live, residents/businesses will be notified via Superfast Northamptonshire (leafleting, cabinet stickers and local media). Residents/businesses may also wish to view further details/list of ISP's using the fibre infrastructure etc. via the Openreach website: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/>

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## USEFUL NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

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**

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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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