

WOODNEWTON NEWS

July 2015



Woodnewton Dog Show judge, Fiona Stevenson showing her Welsh Springer Spaniel, Lily. See page 5 for further details.

NEWS & REPORTS

The Parish Council met on 1st June

Matters arising from previous meeting

A letter asking residents not to park on road on the morning of 19th June to keep the road clear for the Aviva Women's Tour will be distributed to all houses in Orchard Lane.

Planning

Council discussed 2 applications; an application for an extension at Willowbrook Cottage and the removal of Leylandii trees at 31 Main Street. Both were returned without objections.

Bonfire Site

It was proposed that a consultation with Woodnewton Village Hall committee and interested allotment holders should take place. All comments to be directed to Cllr Flack or Clerk.

Allotments

Plot 7 has now been vacated and the next residents on the waiting list have taken this on. There is now no waiting list and no vacant allotment plots

Insurance

Council agreed to go ahead with a 3 year contract with Hiscox for £575.75 per annum. This was a significantly reduced price compared to the previous insurer.

Playground

There are insufficient bird spikes on the swings. Cllr Holmes to purchase and reinstate. Pedestrian gate is overgrown with foliage Cllr Flack will prune. 'No dogs' sign is rotten. Bin at far side has not been emptied recently. Clerk to contact ENC

The next Parish council Meeting will be on Monday 6th July 2015 at 8pm

We currently have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. Council meets once a month and exists to represent the village and to try to ensure that Woodnewton remains a great place to live. If you are interested in joining the Council or want to know more about what being a Parish Councillor involves, please contact me or speak to the Clerk.

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

Woodnewton Annual Village Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015, attended by the Parish Council, 14 residents and guests –Heather Smith (Deputy Leader of Northamptonshire County Council) & Paul Mitchinson (Police PCSO).

Full details can be found on the Parish Council noticeboard or the website.

Thanks to Eve Cakes of Main Street, Woodnewton for the refreshments.

St. Mary's Church

Church Services

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| June 7 th | 9.30am | Sung Holy Communion |
| June 14 th | 9.30am | Said Matins |
| June 21 st | 9.30am | Sung Holy Communion (coffee served after service) |
| June 28 th | 8.30am | BCP holy Communion |
| | 4.00pm | Family Service |

Events

July 12th – Organ Recital – 4.30 pm, followed by tea and Choral Evensong at 6.30pm.
For catering purposes, please email jmiley@iee.org with your intention to attend.

Dear All

July is a time to be dreaming of holidays, or of actually buying the tickets and packing the suitcase. All the preparations for a holiday.....insurance, foreign currency, taxis, dog care, how are you going to fit all you need into the case, petrol and foreign rail workers' strikes, the carbon footprint (to mention only a few). Surely, these are enough stresses to put you off ever leaving home? However, if you persevere, you get there in the end! And I hope arrive at the holiday destination safely, to recover fully from the preparations and from the rigours of the journey itself.

Essentially, I suggest holidays should be a time to relax, to have fun and enjoyment, with family, friends, or just by yourself. A time to be 'kind to yourself and to those whom you love'. A time to slow the pace of living.....to recharge your batteries and to relax. Sometimes this is very hard to find, when we live in a society that suggests a good holiday is only achieved by expensive and distant travels, to exotic sun drenched locations, with a tight timescale and bulging luggage. Perhaps we need to look closer to home for the really good and fulfilling holiday that doesn't have an inappropriate cost to wallet or our stress levels.

Many of us will travel abroad to enjoy meeting new people and have fresh adventures. Many local people will stay at home this summer and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours; a few will stay with family and help with the grandchildren's' care during the holidays; some people will enjoy the local opportunities of exploring our local rivers and Northamptonshire's countryside. Perhaps a steam train ride or a walk around Rutland Water. Or just watching the wildlife, the feeding birds and the beauty of creation through our back windows.

All these show that you don't have to leave home to have a good holiday. Whatever you plan to do this summer, do relax and enjoy the whole experience. Don't let being

alone at home, or if you endure the preparations, expense or travel, then do not let them obscure the real benefit of a really refreshing break.

Do have a very joyful and refreshing summer.

Happy Holidays, Michael, Vicar

Communicare

Our quarterly June meeting was poorly attended by only 10 patients – this was disappointing as the guest speaker, Maggie Fay, Practice Educator from Thorpe Hall gave a most interesting talk about the Sue Ryder charity's hospice, how it is funded and currently run. She also spoke about the new extension which will provide twenty en-suite single rooms within four sections, each decorated with a seasonal theme with doors opening onto the gardens. Two 'shared' bathrooms provide large bathing facilities incorporating ambient lighting and music to enhance patients' relaxation, and there will be a 'Sanctuary' to encompass all faiths. The completed project was on view at open days in June and the first patients will move in early this month which coincides with the 25th anniversary of the charity taking up occupation of Thorpe Hall. Currently the hospice needs £1.2M to sustain the new wing where it will provide quick response to GP referrals – funding from outside sources depends on keeping the occupancy rate as high as possible. As well as income from Sue Ryder charity shops throughout the local area, the hospice works with a 'charity partner' – Morrisons - who help to fund the provision of 'hospice at home' and all new nursing staff are trained to carry out their work both within the hospice and with patients at their own homes. There is also a close liaison with the Marie Curie charity who help cover home assistance and in-house nurses provide a befriending scheme for patients. A new events company will oversee activities within the main Hall such as weddings, corporate events, etc – a major source of income for the charity. The onsite charity shop and coffee shop remain and it is hoped that the 200 odd volunteers will help to develop extra attractions as and when funds are available including an urban farm, a summerhouse and a vegetable garden.

Rev David Parkes reported that the chairman of the Borderline patient forum, Michael Bacon, had tendered his resignation due to other business commitments, vacating his post at the end of July – at a subsequent meeting of the forum David has been elected as the new Chairman, and Wendy Spencer as joint Vice-Chair.

Dr Nally reported that the Peterborough & Borderline's bid for the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund had been one of 37 successful entries throughout the country. Plans are now underway for weekday 8-8 hours of GP cover

to be delivered by individual surgeries operating within localized 'hubs' and also at weekends by a GP based at Peterborough Hospital ED. Following an invitation from the Transformation Board overseeing the implementation of this new regime, representation from the Borderline patient forum will be undertaken by Wendy Spencer.

Dr Nally also gave details of a new facility becoming available shortly - 'E-Prescribing' - a prescription issued at another location (hospitals, etc) can be transmitted back to our pharmacy for action. A robotic system is being installed in the pharmacy to speed up shelf stacking and issuing of stock - it is hoped that a demonstration of this can be arranged for the next meeting.

The Social Group's next coffee morning is on Friday 17th July 10am at Kings Cliffe Sports Hall. A day coach trip is planned for next month to the Peak District on Wednesday 5th August - anyone wishing to join the trip should contact Clare - superfoguk@aol.com or 01780 470437

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

As in previous years, there will be no newsletter in August.

INVITATION to WOODNEWTON BUSINESSES - LARGE & SMALL CALLING ALL WOODNEWTON CLUBS & SOCIETIES

We are in the process of revising, re-writing and re-launching the Woodnewton website www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk We'd like to compile a list of all businesses operating from Woodnewton which will form a permanent page on the website PLEASE submit your company name, a brief description of your business and contact details to newswoodnewton@googlemail.com

Similarly - we'd like to include a list of all societies operating in the village PLEASE submit the name of your club, a brief description (including any membership restrictions) and contact details to newswoodnewton@googlemail.com This is a completely free service funded through the Parish Council Please help us to put together a comprehensive list useful to all residents and non-residents. Thank you.

The newsletter team have a KYOCERA FS2020D laser printer which is surplus to requirements. It was purchased in 2011 for £350 and is still in working order.

B&W only.

Please call Liz on 470676 if you would like it. **FREE** to first caller. (A donation to the newsletter would be appreciated).

WHAT'S ON

Fun Dog Show

+ Children's Pet Show - *sorry no cats, though!*

at Woodnewton Village Hall

Saturday July 18th Starting 1pm

Registration from 12.30

6 Fun dog classes including *Best Sausage Catcher, Junior Handler, Waggiest Tail etc.*

+ **children's pets** (*any except cats*)

£1.50 per class or 3 for £4

All dog show class winners gain free entry to Best in Show for the grand prize of a **professional photo shoot** for your dog!!

HAVE-A-GO DOG AGILITY, REFRESHMENTS

(Dogs must be over 6 months old)

followed by

Afternoon Tea with music by



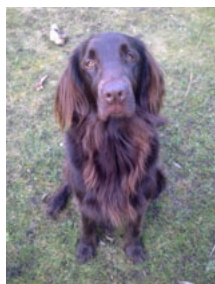
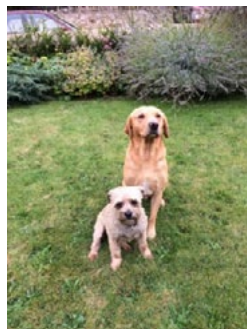
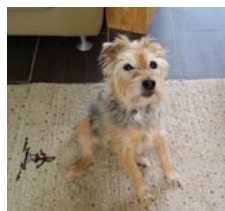
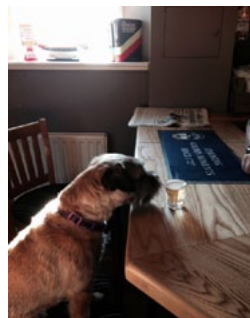
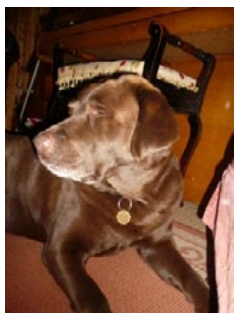
Starting approx. 4pm

Teas & coffees, cream scones, cakes and sandwiches

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Dogs of Woodnewton



Gary says:

My next walk will be Nene Valley Railway's Wansford Station PE8 6LR on Sunday 26th July to coincide with the Classic Car Event which they are holding there. The walk will commence at 10.00am from outside the station at the end you will be able to enjoy their event should you wish or just a cup of tea at the Turntable Cafe.

I hope you can join me.

COLUMNISTS

A Critical Review of Wolf Tale; A ditty by the Woodnewton Players

David Webb, a Past Director of the Woodnewton Players returned to his Director's Chair to inspire village thespians in their latest endeavour. Transmitted live "on air" from the brilliantly lit radio studio of the Woodnewton Players Broadcasting Corporation, the production will soon be available in podcast when Gigaclear has dug up the road.

Wolf Tale was a liberal, very liberal, adaptation of the classic fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood, the earliest version of which was penned by Charles Perrault in French Folklore in 1697. All children will know of Grandmamma, the big bad wolf and the dangers of venturing into the dark forest alone. However, in this production children should have no fear, for the cast were not really menacing, they were just funny, which was the whole idea of course.

In this version, the cast were dressed in modern attire; there were two wolves, both slightly short of a full pack. The bad wolf was dressed like Rambo and the other quite decent wolf wore red trousers, which really should have been the colour of choice of the beautiful Red Riding Hood. There were lots of the Hood family in the cast, namely Grandma Hood, Little Red Hood with a bad attitude, Mrs Hood, so very prim and proper and wait for it- Robin Hood! Children should not be confused by this accident of history. This latter Hood (Robin) had no merry men and could not possibly be related to the outlaw of Sherwood Forest – could he? He was also slightly campish and was not the steely eyed superhero we expected, nevertheless a convincing performance by a man who normally lives in an animal suit.

Then there was the Good Fairy, no wand, no wings nor a fluffy frock. The good fairy was dressed in a business suit and resembled a politically correct RBS bank manager just prior to the bank financial collapse. She also communicated in the same calm and naive way.

The musical director and special effects team were both original and funny. Most of the sound effects, feet crunching on paths and slamming doors were either generated electronically or with innovative props. However, the rude sounds of other organic human belches and noises from the nether regions may just have been the result of

indigestion or flatulence in the sound team.

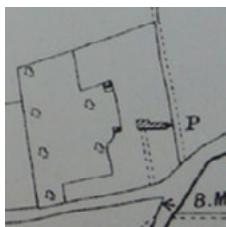
Perhaps the greatest disappointment of all was the break with tradition, there was no sign of Buttercup and her drooping udders. Buttercup has been in nearly all Woodnewton Player Productions since time immemorial; instead we got sheep – BAH – it was just not the same. I am afraid the disappointment to our younger generation was heart-breaking but repairable.

The evening was a joy, all preceded by a tasty pre theatre supper created by Hannah Bradbury. Thank you players for another fine evening of fun and entertainment much enjoyed by the audience. The evening ended with a big thank you to Peter Clarke, a stalwart founding member, past director and actor who has contributed so much to the Woodnewton Players. We critics can't wait for the next Panto.

The Newsletter's Arts and Cultural Correspondent

ORCHARD LANE (East end to Playing Field)

Originally known as Back Way, the Landin Family, were the only recorded inhabitants of this road in the 1841 census. (*The 1841 census was the first recording of names and addresses in England and Wales*). By 1871, we find that there are another five families listed, with the original property still in the Landin Family; the head of the household's occupation shown as a Market Gardener. It is not until the 1891 census that the house named Cherry Holt appears, and the road is now called 'Back Lane'. Thomas Mould, who is listed as the 'head' of Cherry Holt, and whose occupation is a self-employed gardener leads us to believe that Cherry Holt was also the home of the Landin family back in 1841.



The map on the left is from the 1800's showing Cherry Holt and an Orchard where Landin and Thomas Mould would have run their Market Gardening business from.

It wasn't until the early 1960's that the building of new homes commenced on the north side of Back Lane. Outline planning permission was applied for in July 1960 for properties on land that was under the ownership of Conrad Wells, the Saddler in Main Street, namely plots 18 to 24.

The first plots numbered 18 and 24, were sold for £250, and we can see from the 1965 aerial picture below, number 18 was the first home to be built. Although number 24 was the second plot to be sold, due to problems with the original buyer, this development actually ended up being the last one to be completed, and Joan and

Trevor Danks, moved into this bungalow in 1967. It was some two years before the final 2 plots were sold.

The next piece of land to be sold on the north side belonged to Jimmy Chambers of Cherry Holt. Outline planning permission for properties number 6 to 16 was applied for in January 1965, and the building of the bungalows followed from 1966 onwards. In such a short space of time the value of land had increased and by the time plot number 16 was purchased the price had quadrupled.

Also shown in the picture is the land which was purchased by New Era Development (Peterborough) Ltd from Phipps Brewery in 1967. For many years, this field had been used as the village playing field. However, it wasn't until 1972 that the building of the four houses was started, and a new village playing area had to be found.

I am sure many of you will have noticed the little brick building covered in ivy, on the land joining number 11; this was the old Slaughter House which was built on the land belonging to the Saddlery.

The renaming of Back Lane was first mentioned in Parish Council minutes in 1963 and on Monday, 6th May at the Annual Parish Meeting a vote for suggested names was taken: Cherry Tree Lane -2 votes, Cherry Lane – 3 votes and Orchard Lane – 5 votes; these suggestions were sent to the RDC.

The street name plate 'Orchard Lane' finally made an appearance in 1975, according to the PC minutes from April 21st of that year. Street lighting was then installed and the 30 mph road sign followed.



The History Group

On The Plot

In theory July is one of the warmest months of the year. Maybe as you read this it will be keeping its promise, but it is hard to think about that right now in mid-June on a day with temperatures forecast to reach the dizzy heights of 15C!

It has certainly been rather cooler than it might have been so far this spring and summer. Additionally it has also been extremely dry. Just home from a few days in Devon where an evening and night's rain was enough to make a real difference, the same weather system here has produced the odd spell of drizzle with very little useful rainfall.

We should be grateful for what we get, I know, but at times the lack of rainfall over the summer months can be a serious challenge. Am I the only one to believe that watering plants by hand never achieves quite the same results as natural rainfall?

I garden because I enjoy it, but there is just a tinge of disappointment when plants that I have spent long hours nurturing fail because the weather is dry. I suspect that I am not alone.

Any suggestions that I can offer are nothing compared with a good night's proper rain, but I'll do my best!

Drought conditions are exacerbated with the type of sandy soil that many of us have here. Commonly known as 'hungry', if you can regularly add organic matter such as manure or compost to it, it will hold water and nutrients far more readily than if you do nothing. Our garden soil at home is rich and dark - mainly because of the matter that has been added over many years.

On my allotment however things are very different because over time far less has been applied. All I know is that on the parts of my plot where I have religiously forked in organic material, my soil is far easier to work, holds water better and produces crops far more readily than that in less pampered areas.

After a good rain it does help to mulch plants where that is possible. A couple of inches of well rotted manure, compost or similar material retains moisture in the soil very well. Plastic material such as mypex is also good for this, but it isn't beautiful and it adds nothing to the soil in the longer term.

Strong plants withstand adverse conditions far more readily than weaker ones. Sensible use of fertilisers assists in helping to grow healthy specimens, although the type of fertiliser used is a subject for debate. I use chicken pellets and blood, fish and bone apart from my own compost and liquids such as seaweed and comfrey feed.

Finally, hand watering has to be done. If you ignore the need of plants to be kept moist you tend to ensure that your crops are greatly reduced and have plants running to seed very readily. Try to water in the evening and add enough to get roots damp. Great fun.....Oh no - it's raining!

Dodge the Flak

THE WHITE SWAN

Well July has quickly come around, hopefully we are heading into a month of great weather, perfect for popping down to the local for a glass of crisp dry white wine (from £3.60, not £7.50), perhaps our local Jollydale Cyder or a pint of premium quality real ale.

Happy hour each week is Thursday 6-7pm - £2.50/pint or £3/large glass of wine.

The June Woodite Night was really enjoyable for staff and, I think, customers alike, so many thanks to the 50 odd attendees.

Hopefully July's will provide the opportunity for al fresco dining?

Woodite Night will return to Wednesday in July (as Barry plays pétanque on Tuesdays).

Wednesday 15th to coincide with St.Swithen's day - lets hope it's dry -

St. Swithen's day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain,
St.Swithen's day if thou be fair,
For forty days, 'twill rain nae mair,

Starters £3

Mains £7

Pudding £3

And remember, kids menu £3 for bookings between 5:30-6:30 arrival.

The pub is steadily getting nice and busy again for diners, but is slightly lacking in drinkers. We have our groups of regulars that pop in throughout the week (for which we are most grateful) but have the desire and room for many more.

I recognise that the layout of a single room pub tends to make it either feel like a bar or a restaurant, but with the new "bar style" high seating the room now has two distinct areas.

Anyhow I suppose what I'm rambling about is that I'm keen for the whole village to feel that The White Swan has something for them, whether it be a diet coke, glass of wine, beer or pub lunch, so suggestions about our offer, be it ales, menus or events are most welcome.

NEW IDEA !

Woodnewtoners drop in night, not a happy hour, but a happy night!

It's a one off, unless it's really popular.

Thursday 9th - happy hour prices all night.

Lesley and I hope to see more of you.



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www.woodnewtonvillagehall.co.uk

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com

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Doctors Surgeries

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Veterinary Surgeries

Oundle 01832 273521 Yarwell 01780 783910

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

DIARY DATES

July

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| Saturday 18th | Woodnewton fun dog show + The Weekenders | p5 |
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August

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| Wednesday 5th | Communicare trip to The Peak District | p4 |
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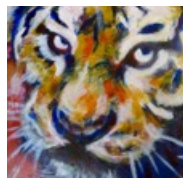
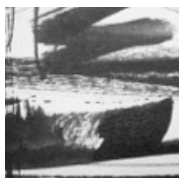
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Private View
 on Friday 3rd July
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Summer Exhibition
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a selection of work from the

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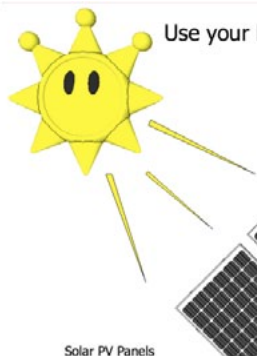
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