

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015



**The Aviva Women's Tour  
June 19th 2015**

Photos by Daniel Hauck

On the left- leaving Oundle

Below-approaching Woodnewton



# NEWS & REPORTS

**The Parish Council** met on 6<sup>th</sup> July

## **Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Following feedback from residents about the standard of mowing in the verges the Clerk wrote to the contractors and the mowing has improved.

Sarah Barnwell from NCC highways attended the meeting and spoke in Public time.

## **Planning**

Council discussed 1 application; an application for a replacement wooden garage at 9a Main Street. It was returned without objections.

## **Bonfire Site**

Following a site visit, feedback from allotment holders and the W VH committee the proposal to move the site south west of the original site was agreed. In addition access for tipping will be at weekends and only rubbish from Woodnewton residents allowed

## **Speeding**

More information to be obtained on signs and the issue carried over to next meeting.

## **St Mary's Hill**

After a presentation by 2 residents on the condition of the road on St Mary's Hill, Council decided that further research required to develop a map of ownership.

## **Playground**

The ivy growing in trees around the playing field will be tackled at the next Village Clean Up day

## **Diamond Jubilee Trees**

Council noted that the newly planted trees have been deliberately damaged, with 4 of them having the tops cut out to inhibit growth. The incident has been reported to Police. Anyone with any information should contact Oundle Police.

The next Parish council Meeting will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015** at 8pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

## **St Mary's Church**

## **Resignation of the Revd Michael Matthews**

Unfortunately, the family issues for Michael and Stephanie have intensified over the past couple of weeks, so Michael has made the difficult decision to resign from early October.

In his statement on 30<sup>th</sup> July, Michael said that, *“I will be formally liaising with Bishop Donald at the beginning of next week, and I am hopeful that he will give me ‘Permission to Officiate’, so that I can continue to offer regular service to Parishes across the Deanery, especially if they, and our Bishop, feel I can be of use. My last Sunday in Churches will be Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, that being the Yarwell Scarecrow Festival Day, with Afternoon Tea. It has been great fun, and a privilege to work with you all, on our first steps as a common Christian community. I will use the next few weeks to assist in putting together plans, rotas, and arrangements for the Vacancy period ahead.”*

I am sure we are all very disappointed in this news, and we will continue to provide support for Michael and Stephanie over the next couple of months. We need to say a big thank you to Michael for all he has achieved over the past two years.

During August Churchwardens have looked at the options for replacing Michael, however, we may have to accept that there are very few candidates available at the moment and a large number of local similar vacancies, so we may be in a vacancy period for some time.

### **Toilet Project**

Fundraising continues for this project in the form of a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am until 1pm. Besides coffee and cake, there will be books and plants on sale, together with a display of old photographs of Woodnewton from the village History Group. So if you are interested in how the village has changed over the last 110 years, then do come along and support our fundraising event. (If you have any herbaceous plants that you are splitting, we would welcome these).

In continuing the celebration of the centenary of the Harrison and Harrison Organ, we welcomed Eric Tyson from Bristol on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. Around 40 people enjoyed an hour long programme that he had put together. It consisted of popular organ pieces from Fatasia in G by Bach to the ‘Suite Gothique’ which was written by the Belgian composer Leon Boellmann. We were also privileged to have in the audience, Paul Ayres, the composer of a ‘Suite’ that was written specifically for Eric which was part of the programme.

Also, later on in early evening, we were delighted that Eric played for our Choral Evensong, whilst John Miley conducted the choir which was made up of local people from the surrounding area.

## Church Services

Spetember 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Said Morning Prayer/Matins	9.30am
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am (Coffee served after the service)
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Said BCP Communion	8.30am

## Woodnewton Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Dog Show on July 19th. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and the dogs provided us with lots of fun. As ever a small army of volunteers made sure the day ran smoothly - starting the night before with erecting the marquees, a huge effort in the morning to put up the agility course and have everything ready for the show, through to all those who dealt with our competitors and visitors during the afternoon PLUS The Weekenders who gave their time for free and the weary band of people who stayed on to clear up.

All the classes were well supported and many dogs enjoyed the chance to show off their agility skills, culminating in a timed competition. Teas, cakes and sandwiches sold well. We only had a small entry to the children's pet show so may not run that again if the event happens next year - we certainly had a lot of people ask us if it will! Our small set of traders seemed to enjoy their time, too.

It was lovely to sit down with tea and cake at 4pm to hear some live music, giving many of the volunteers a well-earned break.

Our overall champion was LOTTIE (winner of the best pedigree class) who won a photo shoot donated by Matthew Roberts. Reserve champion was KITE (junior handler). Other class winners were SKIPPY (crossbreed), INDIE (waggiest tail), MIST (prettiest bitch), NELSON (handsomest dog) and KITE (best sausage catcher).

All prizes were donated by our sponsors including local businesses: Matthew Roberts Photography, Oundle Veterinary Surgery, Total Clothing, Leo's Pet Supplies, Waggy Tails, Halefield Equestrian centre and national companies: Purina, Wagg, Kong and Tesco. Many thanks to them all.

I'd like to name a couple of people in particular amongst all the volunteers (sorry I can't mention you all individually) - Fiona Stevenson, our judge who has no connection with the vilage but freely gave her time plus Eunice & Alex who supported the idea from the start and made sure it happened. IN TOTAL WE RAISED AROUND £550 FOR WOODNEWTON VILLAGE HALL. The committee are putting together the funding to refit the kitchen and to redecorate throughout so this money will soon be spent.

Please see page 9 for a selection of photos of the day, courtesy of Matthew Roberts.

Liz Holland

## Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

Notifications of phone and email scams.

Fine Art Scam - People nationwide are receiving cold calls and are being persuaded to invest in 'Fine Art'. Concerns around this include:

- How the commodity is being offered, such as how the cold callers persuade victims to part with their money.
- Hidden costs charged to the victims to view the product, shipping costs or additional fees to store the item.

How to protect yourself:

- If the investment sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Hang-up on investment cold calls. Legitimate companies will not ring-up and offer you an investment out of the blue.
- Do not give out personal financial information to cold callers
- Check whether the art dealer is a member of a trade association, such as The Society of London Art Dealers (SLAD), The Association of Art and Antique Dealers (LAPADA), The British Art Dealers Association (BADA) or Confederation of International Dealers in Art Work (CINOA).
- Request copies of old receipts, invoices and question the history of the previous owner of the art investment, to check if the product is genuine before investing.

### Fake Bailiffs

There has been an increase in the number of small to medium sized businesses being contacted by fake bailiffs requesting payments for a phantom debt. The scam involves the business being cold called from someone purporting they are bailiffs working on behalf of a court, attempting to recover funds for a non-existent debt. The caller will then request payment by means of bank transfer and if this is refused, will threaten to visit the premises to recover the debt that is owed.

A range of different businesses are being targeted; including Nurseries, Manufacturers, Hotels and Taxi Services.

Protect yourself by :-

- Confirm what the debt is regarding; bailiffs are only used to recover certain debts such as council tax, child support and compensation orders. Bailiffs are not used to recover debts relating to private advertisement; these would be collected by debt collectors. Debt collectors do not have the same legal powers as bailiffs and will not have special court authorisation to act. For more details regarding this, please look at the Citizens Advice website.
- Double check with the Court or originating company to confirm whether the suspects are legitimate; if you use a landline make sure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling as the suspects could still be on the line.
- Request details of the debt in writing to access its legitimacy.
- Do not feel rushed or intimidated to make a decision based on a phone call.

Lottery email scam

Finally - A WNW contact has recently received the following email ...

UK MILLIONS LOTTERY

RE: WINNING RESULT NOTIFICATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to notify you that your email address has won £1,000,000.00 (One Million Great British Pounds Only) in the UK Millions Lottery. It is a random computerized selection With Raffle no: 56475600545 188 Serial No: 5388/02 Winning Number: 05-11-13-17-44-48-(25) Draw (#1055).

... etc ...

Apparently this is a well known email scam. The WNW contact in this instance was suspicious as he doesn't take part in the UK lottery! Please ignore this type of email.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by these frauds or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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

## **News from Nassington School**

With so many activities and opportunities throughout the year, we hope your family's experience have been good. As well as the operation of the school, which keeps everyone fully occupied our strategic priorities have been OFSTED and the two tier change.

We have been expecting Ofsted since Easter with no visit at the time of writing. It will be five years in October since the last visit – well outside the expected window. We should be encouraged by this as any problems would have precipitated an early visit, we remain on full alert!

The plans for moving to full primary are in place – tablets in classrooms will replace the computers in the room which will be refitted as a classroom for September.

The building programme is due to start mid-September. When this is complete there will be 5 classrooms, a new office for the Head teacher and space to welcome an out of hour's club. Exciting times for us.

Looking forward, the school is fully complemented from September with permanent staff all enthusiastic to embrace another year at Nassington School.

Governors need to plan for succession – have you thought of becoming a governor? The skills we will need are data analysis and strategic planning. Please consider if you could become part of our Governing Body. Contact Mrs Gunning for further information.

Loraine Allen, Head teacher & Judith Farrow Chair of Governors.

## Nassington and Woodnewton Twinning Association

We had great fun hosting our French friends from St Andre de la Marche over the weekend of 15th and 16th May. They arrived in a cavalcade of minibuses and in a deluge of rain this year.

On Friday 15th one group went to London on the train and the majority drove to Cambridge for the day. We organised a party in Nassington Church on Friday evening ,with excellent food by Rustic Catering and great music by Captain Backwash.

The weekend coincided deliberately with Nassington School's May Fayre, which entertained many of the young families. This year a record number of 32 children were involved in the twinning. Many other activities were sampled by the French families including the Tigers v Saints rugby match, shopping in Uppingham and Oundle ,a visit to Wicksteed Park, cricket at Yarwell and a day in Stamford.

The Chair of the French Twinning Committee, Dominique Pohu, has reported back that they were all delighted by their three day stay with us and has invited us back in the second May bank holiday in 2017.

If you would like to get involved in the twinning activities please contact the committee.

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fi.thompson@

lineone.net

Catering

Sue Stegeman

Secretary

Suzanne Jones

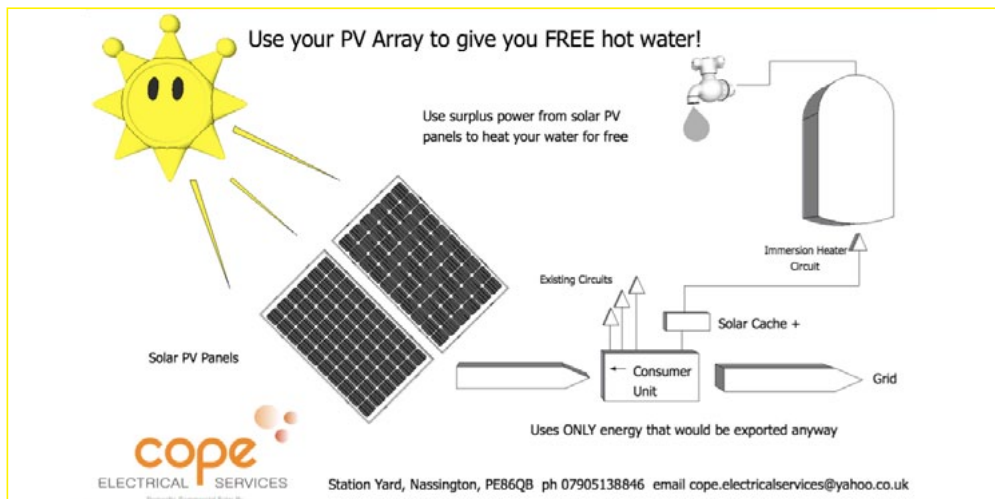
Treasurer/ communications

Keith Horsted

keith@nassingtontwinning.eu

Primary school contact

Sophie Grig



# WHAT'S ON?

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**10AM UNTIL 1PM**

**COFFEE AND CAKE**

**BOOKS AND PLANTS ON SALE**

**DISPLAY OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF WOODNEWTON  
FROM THE VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP**

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

*If you*

*fancy joining Gary for a walk,  
the next one will be at Hunstanton in the  
afternoon of 12th September.*

*Please contact Gary for further details and to have your  
name added to the mailing list.*

*470593*

*[gary.bradbury@btopenworld.com](mailto:gary.bradbury@btopenworld.com)*

## Village Walk

COMMUNICARE  
(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday 9th September 2015  
6.30pm at Wansford Surgery

AGM agenda : 2014 Minutes / Matters Arising, Officers' Reports,  
Transport, AOB, Meeting Dates for 2015/6

All patients are invited to attend  
This is an opportunity to find out more about your practice, the patient group and  
what is happening with local healthcare services

THE WHITE SWAN

Brilliant! - thanks to all who have been popping down for the odd beer or bite, it's really feeling like a village boozer again, with a fair throng of drinkers enjoying the warmer evenings on the patio, or around the bar.

We have a new menu just starting, some of the old favourites remain and an array of new dishes move in too.

Our lunchtime menu has been extended to offer more sandwiches and ploughmans, you can now get a 2 course lunch from as little as £9.50

As we have our own Italian chef, who has served at many top end restaurants, including Nobu, I thought we should have an Italian Night !

So Italian Night will be on Wednesday 16th September  
3 courses £20  
Book soon.

See you soon.

WOODNEWTON MUSIC AFTEROONS

We are a small group of adults that originally played with Bulwick Beginners Orchestra. We mainly consist of Flutes, Bflat Clarinets and Strings (violins and Cello). The afternoons are usually on a Monday, once a month from 2.30-4.30 in Woodnewton Village Hall.

We get together for the fun and enjoyment of playing (with lots of mistakes) so the dustier and rustier the better.

If interested please contact  
Angi Aspland on 01780 470368



**Woodnewton  
FUN Dog Show  
July 19th 2015**



# COLUMNISTS

## On the Plot

I have gardened for most of my life and, on my allotment plot, I have tried to follow what has seemed to be 'good allotment practice'.

One practice that I latched onto very early and which has stayed with me ever since is that of the inventive use of materials to make whatever equipment I might need. Allotment gardeners, it seems to me, rapidly become experts at bodging bits together to make the things that they need. Many of us here are of an age that allowed us to watch Geoff Hamilton each week on Gardeners World - and boy was he an expert at this very thing!

I still get very great pleasure from making various bits and I suspect that I always will. However, during this year I decided that I had been taking things too far. Areas of my allotment were full of things that 'might come in handy'. So for once I decided to be ruthless. I have thrown a certain amount out - not all, by any means, but quite a lot! Having done this I then decided that I should buy a couple of bits of kit instead of doing making do, as I have done for years.

This was not a cheap option by any means and maybe that is partly why I have never ventured too far in this direction before. I spent a considerable time searching for what seemed 'the best' and of course that choice added to the price tag. However, what I now find is that life is considerably easier and that there is very great pleasure in having things that are well thought out and that work easily and well. I am so glad that I spent a little extra, rather than making do with cheaper equivalents.

And the purpose of this ramble? Well, to suggest that you might consider doing likewise on occasions. It seems to me that quality products will do the job intended well and for very many years, so the expense is probably justified. Also it is hard to put a price on the pleasure gained from using well designed and well made equipment.

As I mentioned above, I shall not stop bodging, but I'll just do rather less of it! Yes, I know there are those who consider my allotment one great bodge, but I am trying to improve - and now with a little more expense than before! On

As for jobs I need to get on with, there are very many. I would suggest that as ground becomes vacant you try and sow some green manure. It is an exceptionally good soil conditioner (been listening to 'The Archers'?) and it does a very good job of keeping weeds at bay until you dig it in. Field beans, ryegrass and phacelia can stay in the ground over winter and be dug in next spring. Nutrients in the soil are held rather than leached out as they often are over winter when soil is fallow.

What a lot of good ideas. No doubt feedback will be quick to come my way.....!

Dodge the Flak

## **Thunderclap from Northamptonshire Police**

As I'm sure you are aware, Northamptonshire Police is currently recruiting Special Constable to support to the work of regular fulltime officers and make our police more visible.

A big part of the expansion of the Special Constabulary is the drive to recruit the newly founded role of Parish Special Constables.

As a partner agency and representative of your community, I would like to invite you to support the Force's push to raise awareness on the role.

If your council runs a 'Twitter' account, please consider supporting the Force's Thunderclap campaign, to raise awareness in your area.

Thunderclap is a platform which allows a common message to be sent from a number of social media accounts at one time, optimising the reach and message.

Please support the campaign and sign up using the following link: <http://thndr.it/1MtNUWn>.

It only takes a minute to sign up and your support is greatly received.

We will be inviting partner agencies, local stakeholders, MPs, councils and local individuals to support the campaign to work together and raise awareness.

Please feel free to invite anybody you know to sign up to the campaign too.

If you have any questions or queries about the campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Adam Simmonds

Commissioner

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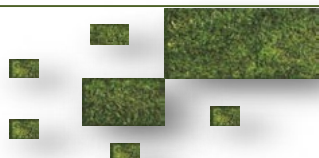
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**Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch** [woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com](mailto:woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com)

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

### **Doctors Surgeries**

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### **Veterinary Surgeries**

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.

## DIARY DATES

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