

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2015



An Autumn morning by The Willowbrook (Matthew Roberts)

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# NEWS & REPORTS

The Parish Council met on 5<sup>th</sup> October

## **Public Time**

Our Police Community Support Officer, Nadia Norman attended the meeting and spoke about the need to maintain vigilance even though we are fortunate that crime in the village is relatively rare. If suspicious people and/or vehicles are seen, these can be reported via the 101 number. It is always better to report concerns as it may help the Police with enquiries regarding crimes in other villages. For urgent issues or suspicious activity in the night ring 999.

## **Matters arising from previous meeting**

The Northamptonshire Police & Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds visited the village on 30<sup>th</sup> September. During his visit, Speeding, the demise of the Safer Community Partnerships, and the need to maintain Police cover in rural areas was discussed.

## **Planning**

Council discussed 2 minor applications, regarding pollarding of trees and installation of solar panels. Both were returned without objections.

## **Budget Planning**

Council has begun the task of planning our budget for 2016/17. Councillors came forward with a number of projects and areas where some contingency funding needs to be planned. Projects for consideration include wild flower planting, playground improvements, new signage for walkers and visitors. Other works where funding maybe required include the Churchyard trees,

## **Allotments**

75% of all Rents due had been collected and a final demand to the remaining few tenants would be sent out.

## **Clean-Up Day**

By the time you read this our autumn Clean-Up day will have been and gone. This twice yearly event is a wonderful way to contribute a couple of hours of your time towards maintaining the village, and meeting friends and neighbours old and new. Over the years we have completed many projects that have made the village a nicer place to live and allow us to do more with our limited budget. On behalf of the Parish Council - a huge thanks to all those who volunteered.

## **Other Issues**

Council agreed a donation of £100 towards the defibrillator fund.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 2nd November** 2015 at 8pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

*There is a vacant allotment plot available  
immediately @ £12 per year.*

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*Tel No :- 07779 850477*

## **St Mary's Church**

### **Harvest Festival**

Within a wonderfully decorated church, this festival was celebrated with the help of Tom Tomalin, a visiting choir and organist. We welcomed back Michael who mentioned in his sermon a reference to the 'Bake Off' and the school children's baking of the harvest bread. We are very grateful to them for providing this for us. A shared bring and buy supper and wine provided by the PCC was enjoyed by all after the service.

### **Remembrance Service**

This year we will be remembering at Woodnewton all those who have died for us. Please join us on the 11th at 10.30 am., for this special service.

### **Kitchen & Toilet Project**

We continue our fundraising in November for this project. Do join us for our Auction of Promises on Saturday, 21st November. What a wonderful opportunity to bid for some very unusual Christmas Presents.

### **Church Services for November**

1st	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am
8th	Remembrance Service	10.30am
15th	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am followed by coffee
22nd	BCP HC (said)	8.30am
29th	Benefice Service at Thornough	10.00am

**ST MARY'S PCC PRESENTS:**

# An Auction of Promises

**A fundraising event for the toilet & kitchen project**

**Saturday, 21st November**

**Tickets** **£10** **to include a hot supper**

**LOTS INCLUDE:**

**Many ideas for unusual Christmas Presents**

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Email: [jennerruss@gmail.com](mailto:jennerruss@gmail.com)**

Should you not be able to come along on the 21<sup>st</sup>, but might be interested in some of the unusual ideas we have as lots, please contact Marilyn ( [jennerruss@gmail.com](mailto:jennerruss@gmail.com) ) for the list and then notify her of your written bid.

## Communicare

The 35th annual general meeting was held in September with the poorest attendance ever seen – very disheartening for both officials and surgery staff, all of whom give time and effort to preserve the existence of this patient participation group. Having survived for thirty five years it would be a great shame to see the group become just a paper formality – fund raising and generous donations have helped to provide valuable equipment over the years, and regular exchange of views also benefits both patients and the practice. The main reason for non-attendance at meetings is hopefully general satisfaction with the service provided by the surgery, but keeping up to date with the ever changing healthcare scene and ongoing additional services offered by the practice is always advisable.

During the next twelve months we will continue to provide interesting speakers and discussion on national and local topics – many of you will have seen the recent changes in the pharmacy with the installation of a robotic stocking and issuing system. At our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2nd December 12.30pm at Wansford surgery it is hoped to provide a demonstration of this new robot - come along and be 'wowed' by the amazing and futuristic addition to the pharmacy.

Other matters discussed at the AGM included problems encountered with breast screening location – efforts are being made to resolve this but a satisfactory conclusion could take time. In April the 'Older Peoples & Adult Services' were taken over by Uniting Care Partnership– it is important their progress is monitored carefully and any feedback from patients would be valuable. If you have any comments, good or bad, please either come along to the December meeting, or put them in writing to the Practice Manager, Mrs Kirstie Lawes, who will pass them to the relevant persons.

Replying to a question raised regarding the future of the surgery at Kings Cliffe, Dr Nally reported that no changes were envisaged at this stage with no imminent plans to close or resite it. However she could not rule out possible restructuring within primary care at some point in the future.

With our funds being fairly healthy and with two generous patient donations, we have been able to provide a mobile ECG machine for the practice which is proving invaluable to both staff and patients. Wansford surgery is now open until 8pm on Tuesday evenings and there is also a 'duty doctor' available during normal opening hours 8am-6.30pm who can be seen without appointment. Patients arriving are triaged by healthcare assistants and then referred to the doctor if necessary.

The Social Group continues to meet for coffee mornings – this month on Friday 13th at 10am in the Kings Cliffe Sports Hall. For any information on social activities please contact Clare – [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com) or 01780 470437

Wendy Spencer

# Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

## Protect your phone/tablet

Many people believe that smartphones and tablets are not susceptible to viruses, spyware and other malware. This is certainly not the case ... in fact the more people that use these devices, and the more apps that are available for them, the greater the level of harmful and criminal activity.

Viruses and spyware can attack your smartphone or tablet via the following means:

- Downloading from websites that have either deliberately or accidentally been infected by virus.
- Downloading apps which are infected. These include apps which are downloaded from the device or operating system's official store, and increasingly, fake stores which have been set up solely for the purpose of distributing malware.
- Connecting your device to a computer, for example in order to install updates, sync and load music. Viruses and spyware can cause very serious consequences including:
- Identity theft from apps working in the background to steal personal information stored on the phone.
- Fraud from apps working in the background to steal personal information stored on the phone.
- Calls and text messages being sent from your phone without your knowledge.
- Deletion and corruption of data as well as a slow or unusable device.

## Protecting your Mobile Device

iPhone and BlackBerry devices have extremely good built-in safeguards against malware. You can, however, install third-party apps and browsers to enhance security.

Android and Windows devices, however, are more vulnerable to malware and for this reason we recommend that you install one of the many reputable antivirus / antispyware apps now available on the market. These include products made by Norton by Symantec, BullGuard and Kaspersky. It is important to download updates for security apps as soon as you are prompted to guard against new malware.

Always check the security settings in your device to ensure maximum protection.

Periodically check on your service provider's website for updates for your make and model of smartphone or tablet.

Before connecting your device to a computer, ensure your computer has the latest anti-virus/antispyware and firewall installed and running.

When setting up mobile banking, make sure any apps you download for the purpose are published by your bank.

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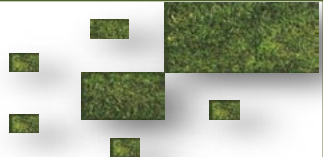
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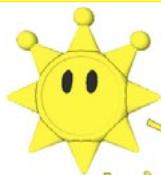
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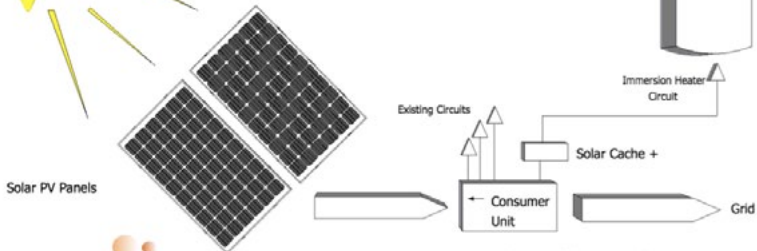
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**The White Swan.**

**Remember, remember the 4th of November, log fire, fresh fish & pop !**

**Yes it's our Fish 'n' fizz night, start with a glass of Prosecco or Cava, then two top quality courses of great fresh fish dishes, followed by pudding for £27.50/ head.**

**Wednesday 18th November is WOODITE NIGHT.**

**Every Thursday is Happy hour for the villagers 6-7pm, come and spoil it for the old boys - they are loving having the place to themselves.**

**Lesley and I look forward, even more than normal, to welcoming you all through the colder months. The log burner is already fired up and the menu changing to reflect the season & by the time you read this Mulled Wine will be on the bar.**

**Cheers,  
Ian and Lesley**

**Gary says:**

*My next walk will be on November 14th  
starting from  
Barrowden church at 10.00am  
The walk will be followed by refreshments  
at the Community shop / tea room*

*Hope to see you there.*

**Village Walk**



## Volunteer Action

I have just started work for Volunteer Action (VA), a local charity based in Oundle. I thought this would be a great opportunity to promote the service to Woodnewton and encourage both new members requiring our services and new volunteers to drive and to visit older members of our community.

Our members can sign up for our volunteer driver service and/or the befriending service. The driver service is aimed at those who have difficulty accessing conventional public transport, often, but not exclusively, due to mobility issues. We take people to hospital and doctor appointments, shopping and visiting etc. There is a 40p per mile cost which all goes to the driver to pay for fuel and the costs of running a car. If you think you could benefit from our help and might be eligible, please give us a call. The befriending service is available to any older person who would like regular company. Our drivers and befrienders are all volunteers. We do need more volunteers based out in the Woodnewton & King's Cliffe area. Currently many drivers are based in Oundle. If we have to send someone out to Woodnewton VA will incur a cost to do so as we only charge members for the cost of the journey they book. Drivers can choose how often they drive and if there are certain routes they prefer. All cars are suitable for someone, if not everyone. We have a list of 30 volunteer befrienders who donated 1500 hours in the past year.

Carol Underwood will be taking on the role of manager from October when Nancy Taylor retires after 11 years developing the service. Carol says "Although we are not an emergency service, we do provide a vital lifeline to many vulnerable people living in all the villages around Oundle. Our drivers donated their time for 11,000 trips last year, totalling over 80,000 miles and the service continues to grow with the decline of rural bus services. Some drivers drive week after week, often several times, others drive when we need them, perhaps once a fortnight. We have 630 members and 72 drivers and always room for more!"

Join today!!

See our website for more details or contact us:

Volunteer Action, Fletton House, Glapthorn Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4JA.

Telephone: 01832 275433

E-mail: [admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk](mailto:admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk)

Or give me a call at home – Liz 01780 470676

**Do you support a charity working in the local area?  
Why not tell everyone in Woodnewton about it.  
Submit your own article or ask to be interviewed.**

## Woodnewton Running Club

Have you heard of the Woodnewton running club? Well, it started in June when Eunice Williams wanted someone to help her do 'couch to 5k'. So, Liz Holland decided to set up a running club and advertise it to the village. Now, around 6 enthusiastic villagers have joined the running club and some have already managed to run 5km, even though some of them had never run this far before.

People who have joined are enjoying their experience; both the physical and social aspects of the club. This is what some club members have said:

"I am not a running kind of person. I heard that Eunice was going to join the running club so I thought I would go and give it a try, I thought I might meet some new people as well! Much to my surprise, I loved it. I managed to run much further than I thought. It doesn't cost a thing and you don't have to drive anywhere to do it."

*Vicky*

"I first joined because I wanted to improve my stamina; this came at exactly the right time. I usually struggle with self motivation but joining the running club has made me realise that I can do it if I try. I don't want to slow anyone down. I don't mind doing it because everyone is very encouraging and supportive."

*Alex*

Now it is getting darker, we haven't agreed a regular starting time but let each other know when we are going out using What's App - usually a Tuesday evening and a weekend morning.

We would absolutely love to see more people join the running club. Anyone can come along even if you think you are unfit. We run at the slowest person's pace and can split the group to suit your experience.

If you are thinking about joining, please phone one of these numbers:

*Liz: 470676, Eunice 470708*



Words and photo by Anouk van Royen

# COLUMNISTS

## On The Plot

Another season is nearly over and, like many of you I suspect, I am ready for a break. Well, a break of sorts, for there is lots to do.

I wrote about my plans to change my allotment plot quite radically around this time last year. As predicted, that change has drawn many interesting comments from passers by, most unprintable of course. The network of paths is more kindly referred to as the M1. Be that as it may, I have to report that I feel that it has been a very great success.

The beds that I have created have been so much easier to cultivate and I have not had to mow as the paths are of Mypex. The feeling of achievement is considerable for it is easy to see and measure progress over the small plot areas I created. Compare this with the whopping plot that I used to face!

The one problem with the paths is that of my carelessness. Garden tools soon perforate the plastic matting and I have to be very careful not to thoughtlessly put down, for example, a fork as I would have done in the past. Of course I do this and holes that are then created are soon exploited by weeds.

All in all the time spent creating the change last winter and the cost involved has been amply rewarded and I am very pleased. I should have done this years ago.

Talking of success, I purchased a Quadgrow planter for my tiny greenhouse from Greenhouse Sensation. I recommend this company to you because they seem to produce clever products of the highest quality and back this up with really great customer service. Anyway, the planter is designed for crops such as tomatoes. It is essentially a unit that holds four large pots with a sizeable water reservoir beneath. The plants are self-watered from the reservoir to which can be added liquid fertiliser. I found that I had to replenish the reservoir about once a week. The plants that grew in it were excellent and produced very heavy crops of fruit. A great buy!

Enough of past events. Time to get on with planting new fruit bushes and trees. The soil is still warm and plantings will get off to a good start. I bought raspberries and blackcurrants from Ashridge Nursery last year and they have done wonderfully well. The plants I received were superb and I planted them with mycorrhizal fungi added to the planting hole. I got this from [rootgrow.co.uk](http://rootgrow.co.uk). We have had almost too many autumn raspberries, and this from plants that are only just a few months into growth.

Try to get pruning jobs done now. Apples, pears and soft fruit trees and bushes will amply repay your attention! If you haven't done so already, do put grease bands on your fruit trees to prevent insects such as winter moths from climbing up and laying their eggs.

Any spare time? Tidy up and turn the compost. Oh! The howls of laughter I can hear already, but I'll .....

Dodge the Flak

## Woodnewton History Group

### The Drinking Establishments of Woodnewton (Part 1)

The White Swan has been the only public house in Woodnewton since the 1960's but for around 130 years four establishments had provided sustenance to the locals; two other pubs and one beer house.

When the first Public House opened the population of Woodnewton was around 268. It continued to rise and peaked at 529 in 1861. Presumably this was the reason for the opening of more outlets during the ensuing decades. However, by the turn of the 20th century the population was back down to 271.

So in which order did they appear? Let us have a look at the facts.....

1. Although, the Hare and Hounds (now known as Willowbrook Farmhouse) was built circa 17/18 Century, records show that it didn't become a public house until 1805, under the licence of John Goodyer. We assume that John was born in Woodnewton, as we have found a Baptism record for a John Goodyer on 26 January 1749. The Goodyer's



were also listed in the Tithe records of 1778, so we know that several generations of this family must have lived here. John, who died in 1826, is buried in the churchyard alongside many family members

Although, John Hill, is listed as the next victualler, between 1828 and 1861, the 1841 census still shows Mary Goodyer living at the Hare & Hounds, as she didn't die until the following year aged 84 years. Further research shows that John Hill, who was from Polebrooke, married Elizabeth Goodyer and that is why they are all shown as living at the Hare and Hounds. Upon John Hill's death in 1861, a Juno Paine would be the next licensee for twenty years. After that a Thomas Royale and Lot Lucas appear to have held the licence but the dates are conflicting.

Dolby was the last name to be recorded at the Hare and Hounds, and as we know that Joseph died in 1913, Mary, his wife, continued for a few years as Licensee, but the 1920 Electoral Roll shows that she was no longer living in Woodnewton. Information from an ancestor, who lives in Canada, tells us that she moved to live with one of her children on a farm near Northampton. The 1922 Kelly's Directory does not have a listing for the Hare and Hounds, so we must assume that after Mary left, the property reverted back to a place of residence.

Part 2 in the December edition

## Woodnewton Defibrillator Appeal

As Woodnewton is some distance from the nearest hospital, it would be of great benefit to the village to install our own defibrillator. To that end, we are launching a **defibrillator appeal**. We are aiming to raise **£1350** to purchase a defibrillator and protective box, which would be sited on the street-facing end of Woodnewton Village Hall. The Woodnewton Village Hall committee have agreed that the defibrillator can be sited there and that it can be connected to the hall's electricity supply.

The East Midlands Ambulance Service estimates that up to 200,000 lives are lost every year due to cardiac arrest. The first 3 to 4 minutes of first aid are vital to a casualty's survival, and access to a local defibrillator helps save lives. The defibrillator is automated, and in an emergency, will issue clear verbal instructions telling you exactly what to do.

The defibrillator that we intend to buy is the one recommended by the East Midlands Ambulance Service, and once installed, will be included on the CAD database that informs dispatch officers that a defibrillator is in the village should a 999 call be made. EMAS also offers **free training for 12 village volunteers** in how to use the defibrillator and in basic life support.

If you would like to **donate to the Woodnewton Defibrillator Appeal**, please **either** transfer your donation via internet banking to the Village Hall bank account:

Account number: 40988316

Sort code: 20-67-37

Reference: Defib

**or** donate by cash or cheque, payable to Woodnewton Village Hall, delivered to Eunice Williams, 10 Lindsey Close, tel. 01780 470708, mobile 07904 997 637. Funds raised by this appeal will be held within a restricted fund under Charities Act regulations to ring fence them for this cause.

If you are interested in training as a one of the **12 defibrillator volunteers**, please contact Eunice Williams either on the phone numbers above, or by email:

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**Village Hall Booking** Abbie Smith 01780 470691

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

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

### Doctors Surgeries

Oundle 01832 275375 Wansford 01780 782342

### Veterinary Surgeries

Oundle 01832 273521 Yarwell 01780 783910

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

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## NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE CONTACTS

The newsletter team are delighted to welcome Anouk van Royen as a contributor. She designed the back cover and wrote about the running club. Look out for more from Anouk next month.

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# Christmas

## cover

## Competition



# December 2015

Calling talented young artists to design this year's December cover for the newsletter!

Your drawing should be Christmas themed and include colour. You have to be 16 years or under to take part. All you have to do is email your picture to: [newswoodnewton@googlemail.com](mailto:newswoodnewton@googlemail.com), or just drop it through our letterbox, 5 Lindsey Close. The deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> November, so please get them in ASAP.

We would love to see lots of local youth take part!

Even if your picture doesn't quite get to the front page, we will try our best to include all of these year's entries in the December edition.