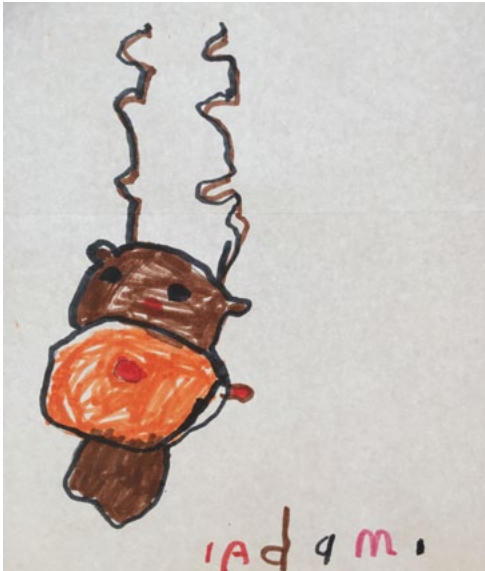
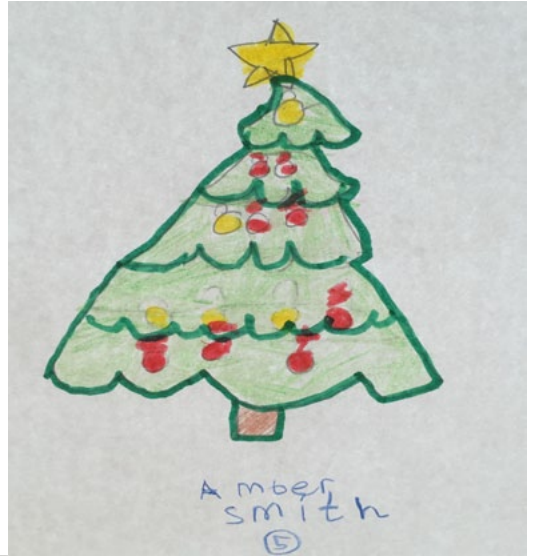


WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2015



**Thank you to
Adam and
Amber Smith
for their
Christmas cover
entries featured
here**

NEWS & REPORTS

The Parish Council met on 2nd November.

Public Time

District Cllr Valerie Raven-Hill came to introduce herself and spoke about the committees she now stands on: Scrutiny, Standards and Complaints, and Rural Affairs. Please see the minutes for more details.

Planning

Council discussed 4 planning applications with the following returns: Cherry Holt Farm - Objection; The Old Milking Parlour - No Objection; 28 Main Street Eucalyptus felling – No Objection; 26 Main Street.- No Objection

St Mary's Hill ownership plan

There is one 60m² section for which the Parish Council may contribute to the cost of resurfacing. This remains under discussion. When residents purchase houses on unadopted roads they should be made aware by their solicitor of the costs involved in maintenance of the road.

Allotments

All rents payable have been collected: a total of £408. There is one vacancy.

Review the budget and set the precept for 2016-2017

Budget proposed was unanimously agreed. The council can afford to meet its commitments and £2,000 worth of projects without raising the precept or any additional external funding. Other projects could be paid for from the reserve or with a grant. Precept to be set in the 7th December PC meeting.

The next Parish council Meeting will be on **Monday 7th December 2015** at 8pm

Liz Holland - Parish Council Vice-Chair

WOODNEWTON NEWS would like to thank the Parish Council for its recent grant of £150. This goes a long way to ensuring we can continue to produce and deliver the newsletter to every household in the village free of charge to you.

St Mary's Church

Benefice vacancy arrangements

The Priest-in-Charge during the vacancy is **Rev Stephen Webster**, in his role as Rural Dean in the Oundle Deanery. The task of co-ordinating arrangements for your worship and related matters has been delegated to **Peter Konig**. Officiants will be asked to lead services on the basis agreed among Churchwardens after full consultation. If you want to know what that basis is, please refer to your Churchwarden 01780 470758.

December services

6th	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	
	Christingle	3.00pm	for making the Christingles, 4pm for Service
13th	Said Matins	9.30am	
20th	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	Followed by Coffee
22nd	Carols by Candlelight	7.00pm	Festive refreshments
24th	Crib Service	4.00pm	
25th	Short Sung HC	9.30am	

There will be no service at Woodnewton on Sunday 27th. However, there will be a Sung Holy Communion Service at Nassington with Yarwell.

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

Online shopping for Christmas? (from www.getsafeonline.org)

Please follow these tips:-

- Ensure you have effective and updated antivirus/antispymware software and firewall.
- Don't pay for goods when using an unsecured wi-fi connection.
- Don't reply to unsolicited emails from companies you don't recognise.
- Remember that paying by credit card offers greater protection than with other methods in terms of fraud, guarantees and non-delivery.
- Some websites will redirect you to a third-party payment service (such as WorldPay). Ensure that these sites are secure before you make your payment.
- Double check all details of your purchase before confirming payment.
- Keep receipts.
- Check credit card and bank statements carefully after shopping to ensure that the correct amount has been debited, and also that no fraud has taken place as a result of the transaction.

Before entering payment card details on a website, here are 3 ways to check that the link is secure:-

- There should be a padlock symbol in the browser window frame, which appears when you attempt to log in or register. Be sure that the padlock is not on the page itself - this will probably indicate a fraudulent site.
- The web address should begin with 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'.
- If using the latest version of your browser, the address bar or the name of the site owner will turn green.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre, by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Are you ready for winter?

The Met Office is hosting a set of web pages with advice and links to a range of information to help you prepare for every aspect of the winter season.

They include advice on keeping warm, keeping well and supporting your community to prepare for winter weather. You can view the pages at: www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter

Top tips this winter...

- Make sure your pipes are lagged and set your heating on a timer to avoid frozen pipes.
- As the nights draw in it's even more important to make use of light timers so that burglars can't tell if there's no one at home. An upstairs light is a particularly effective deterrent. Visit <http://bit.ly/dnburglary> to download more anti-burglary advice.
- Remember that everyday items in the garden - as well as loose slates, tiles and branches - can become "missiles" when it's windy, so clear them away or make sure they're secured.
- Some heating appliances can leak carbon monoxide if fitted incorrectly. Make sure you've got a carbon monoxide alarm.

WHAT'S ON?

Woodnewton Players
proudly present


The Pantomime – Anthony & Cleopatra

Performance dates:- February 4th 5th & 6th

Tickets :-£7 adults - £5 children (under 12)

On Sale date:- 1st January

From Anne Galloway:- 01780 479235



*Whisper Through
The Trees*

Art Exhibition

Yarrow Gallery

Glaphorn Road, (nr the Great Hall)
Oundle PE8 4JF

Paintings, Ceramics, Sculpture, Jewellery, Monoprints, Linocuts, Textiles, Mosaics

Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th December 2015
Open 10.00am - 4.00pm daily Entrance free

Jane Sanders	Caroline Kisby
Pip Rawlings	Margaret Lindsay
Rob Bibby	Deborah James
Dawn Isaac	Jean Linford
Caroline Hawkins	Deirdre Blackburn
Alison Coaten	Tamsin Edwards
Denise Brown	Tony Rawlings
Daphne Winsor	Pam Orme
Katherine Winfrey	Roz Wright
Krys Witts	Sarah Thornhill
Sue Kirk	Sue Gardner
Kay Hall	David Herbert

A local artist Deirdre Blackburn and Rob Bibby, your local potter will be exhibiting at the exhibition. We would like to invite you to a preview of the exhibition on Friday 4th December 6pm - 9pm and look forward to seeing you for drinks and nibbles.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WOODITES !

Yes, December's here, our Christmas menu is up and running, the fire lit and a warm welcome awaiting anyone foolhardy enough to venture in.



We are opening on Christmas Day for drinks between 12 and 2, it would be great to see lots of you for your pre lunch drinkies.

Feel free to operate a "bad present exchange scheme" , actually I will supply a free pint (yes I know!) to whoever has the best bad gift.

I highly recommend booking sooner rather than later, if you would like lunch on Boxing

Day or New Year's Day as our " brunch style " menu is proving a popular choice.

Hoping you all have a fab Christmas and that we share a prosperous New Year.

Cheers,
Ian and Lesley

*My next walk with be
on Saturday 5th December leaving
from the village hall at 10.00am, followed
by refreshments at the White Swan. Hope
to see you there. Gary*

Village Walk

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

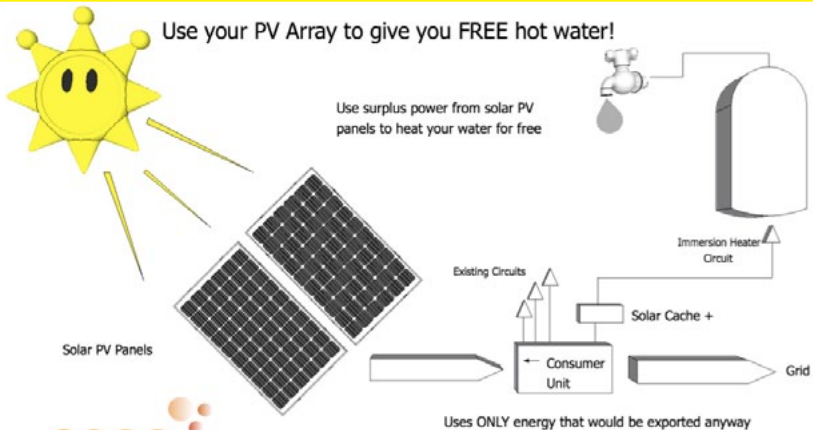
The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 2nd December 2015
at Wansford Surgery - 12.30 pm

Have you seen the new robot in the Pharmacy?
Would you like to know more about it?
Interested in seeing how it works?
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE

We have arranged with the Pharmacy Manager for a demonstration of the equipment during the meeting



All patients are invited to attend meetings and to take an active part in the proceedings and discussions.
Regular agenda items include finance, transport, local healthcare matters, equipment purchase and AOB



COLUMNISTS

Woodnewton History Group

The Drinking Establishments of Woodnewton (Part 2)

2. **The Oak, or The Royal Oak** – The 1851 census records a William Firmeadow (Furmelow, Femelow and Firmilows) living at this address, which was along Fotheringhay Road (the entrance to Stone Pit). As his surname shows several different spellings. This suggests that he was unlettered. The records show that he was a beer seller, so the Oak was not licensed as a Public House. The Oak remained in the Firmeadow family, passing to Thomas in 1885, upon the death of William's wife Mary. Thomas died in 1928 at the age of 86 years. There are also different spelling of Thomas' surname too ; Firmilow and Firmilows.

The 1960 Electoral Roll lists an Akred family as living at the Oaks, but was this at one of the houses alongside, as all the properties had the same address? **Can anyone help on the fact as to when the Oak stopped selling beer please?**

3. **Horse & Jockey** - The house now called Oliver's Folly, a Grade II listed building. It is known to have been built during the early to mid 18th century and extended in the 19th century. The first licensee was Thomas Hardy in 1847, continuing until the late 1860's when it was taken over by his son, John Thomas; information from Kelly's Trade Directories. Joseph Dolby from Apethorpe appears to have taken over in 1846 on the death of John Thomas Hardy, at a very young age of 41 years. A newspaper article from January 1886, states that Joseph Dolby, the publican, was assaulted by two men who were fined 20s. Joseph Dolby left the Horse and Jockey in 1894 and became the Landlord at the Hare and Hounds.



John Lindsey and his family moved from Folkingham, Lincolnshire, to become the next Licensee. John did not run this Public House for very long as he died in 1904 at the young age of 50 years. His wife, Mary Ann, continued as Publican until the early 1920's, as we know that Henry Hind appeared on the Electoral Roll in 1926. The Horse and Jockey continued to trade with different Licensees over the following decades, but the pub fell into disrepair and a change of use order placed on it in 1967, when it was purchased by the current owners.



4. The White Swan, or the Swan as it was recorded in 1914 - The first record of a victualler being recorded here was a Thomas Henson in 1790. However, he only held the licence for just under 10 years as probate records show that he died in 1799. Ann, his widow, followed in his footsteps until her death in 1807. We know from Church records that the Henson family had obviously lived in Woodnewton for well over a hundred years as a Baptism in 1670 provides us with that information.

Two further publicans have been found between 1810 and 1828, when the well known Woodnewton family of the Barfields appeared on the scene. Although the Barfield name is synonymous with Woodnewton over the last 180 years, the name actually dates back many centuries to the old county of Rutland.

Sarah, is the first Barfield name to appear as a victualler at the Swan, but who was she? Samuel, arrived from Kings Cliffe in 1826 with his young wife, Ann and their first child. Life must have been hectic for Samuel and his family, as he had the wheelwright's business to look after as well as the Inn. Although, Samuel Barfield is recorded as a victualler in the records at Northampton Record Office, he died in 1849 and, his wife, Ann, is shown in the 1854 Kelly's Directories as the next Licensee. Ann and Samuel junior, continue to run to run the Swan until 1861, when William Firmeadow took on the Licence. The Swan stayed in this family until the 1920's.

Could the ladies in the picture be Eliza Firmeadow (now Licence holder) and her daughter Louisa Jane?

After 1920, the pub changed hands many times and as we see from this picture, the house alongside the Swan where Miss Burgess lived, was taken down, (date unknown - shown on 1968 Electoral Roll), and in the 90's a porch and toilet extension was built.

So from this research the pub that was the first to open in Woodnewton is still up and running.

Bonfire Night and Halloween Fancy Dress

What a fantastic night we enjoyed on 31st October! The hall was crowded with witches and vampires of all sizes, making Andrew Hansford's choice of winners very difficult. Congratulations then to : Orla, Jasper and Evie. The pumpkin carving winner was Jacob and the raffle prize to start the fireworks was won by Jack. Thanks to Richard Holland for organising the bonfire, including arranging

the next day clear up. Thanks to 1605 for another spectacular display. As ever, the village hall committee drafted in its willing helpers to ensure everyone was able to enjoy pork rolls, hot dogs and mulled wine. We always appreciate the time you give. Over £800 was raised for the village hall which you may have noticed is going towards a new kitchen and re-decorating.



Photos: Abbie Smith

On The Plot



As I wander around in my shirt sleeves enjoying the balmy warmth of an early November morning, my thoughts naturally turn to the approaching festive season. (My proof reader reckons that I should erase the last four words in that sentence). Perhaps some time during that season this year I should resolve to try to be totally truthful! Christmas approaches and with it thoughts of ideal presents for keen (and not so keen) gardeners. Fear not. Dodge has done some of the thinking for you. All you have to do is be trusting and get out and spend! All the recommendations I make in the lists below

are of items that I use and would seriously not be without. I think that many are the best of their type.

My allotment 'bible' has for many years been "Grow Your Own Vegetables" by Joy Larcom. It contains a wealth of gardening information and is written by a real gardener. Other books that I use a lot are: "The RHS Allotment Handbook", "The Fruit Tree

Handbook” by Ben Pike and “Growing Fruit” by Harry Baker. A lovely month by month narrative is written by Terry Walton, and is entitled “The Allotment Almanac”. My membership of the Royal Horticultural Society is something I treasure. It gives me free access to many wonderful gardens, not least those belonging to the Society. Above all I get so much advice and information from other members, the monthly publication “The Garden” and from the website. Gift membership would be a great present for any gardener. Of course, I know I get lots of advice from other plot holders, but as you will deduce, I am talking here about genuine quality.....

If seeds (or seed gift vouchers) are an option, then I recommend Marshalls, Dobies (and here I mean the seed company in Devon, not Dobbies, the garden supermarket) and Edwin Tucker. All can be readily found on a Google search. Mrs Dodge uses Sarah Raven seeds and plants and seems very pleased with her choice.

As for garden tools I really do rate those produced by Wolf - you tend to buy suitable handles into which fit a number of different tool heads. They are excellent. Harrison and Dunn in Stamford also have a great selection of stainless steel spades and forks at very good prices.

In general I do recommend that you buy stainless steel where possible. It cleans and works the soil so much more easily than ordinary steel types do.

As for small hand tools such as trowels and hand forks, those by Burgon and Ball, sold by the RHS and others are just superb. They are ergonomic and just lovely to use. They beat others by miles! In that category also are Felco secateurs.

A final suggestion is that you look at Access Garden Products based in Crick - not cheap, but excellent and Greenhouse Sensation, mentioned last month. All details can be found on respective websites.

Whatever you choose to give, Mrs Dodge and I wish you a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

Dodge the Flak

Oundle & District Care Christmas Appeal 2015

This month you will receive a small envelope through your door, which contains an appeal for donations towards supporting the small locally based ‘Oundle & District Care’ charity.

The money raised is used to purchase medical equipment for Oundle Surgery and the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice. The charity holds a small stock of mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, commodes, crutches, etc, which can be loaned out on a short term basis. Grants are also given to local charities, further details are shown in the Appeal letter (in the envelope).

We also arrange for gifts of fruit or flowers to be delivered to anyone in the village

who has been in hospital for a while and is now recuperating at home. As your village representative I am happy to organise this, but rely on neighbours or friends to let me know.

If you wish to contact me, please call me on 01780 470372 or call in at 10, Main Street.

Many thanks

RosieW

Wendy Clark

My family and I wish to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to all my friends and neighbours, for your overwhelming support and sympathy during our recent bereavement.

I know that Wendy would have been deeply moved to have seen the number of people at the funeral, and the beautiful colourful flowers, of which she was so fond. Wendy always regarded her friends as one of the most important things in her life.

Your generosity towards the McMillan Nurses charity was also heart warming, with a sum of £684 collected at the chapel plus many hundreds from other separate personal donations.

In addition the Woodnewton Players, of which both Wendy and I were founder members, donated the profit of £560 from their recent quiz night. This included the winning team's first prize of £50 which they handed back and asked that it be included in the donation.

I know that your friendship and support, which means so much to me, will continue, and I thank you once again my dear friends.

Peter

Specials

I am pleased to announce that the number of Special Police Constables recruited by Northamptonshire Police has now passed the 500 mark! This is a huge achievement giving Northants Police the largest Special Constabulary per head of population and the largest ratio of Specials to regular officers, in the country. This is testament not only to the hard work of the Force, but also the fantastic support of local people who want to give something back their community.

The ambition over time is to have a Parish Special Constable in each and every village. We would like to help you find a Parish Special constable for your village by inviting you to invite us to carry out a 'knock and drop' event. Knock and drops involve every house in a community being visited by PCSOs, Special Constables and other volunteers. We

invite residents to attend a locally-held recruitment event, usually on the forthcoming Saturday at a venue such as the local pub or village hall. These events provide residents the opportunity to learn more about the role of Special Constables and how to apply, but also allows them to raise any wider policing concerns they may have locally. If you would like any further information on becoming a Parish Special Constable please contact the Specials Recruitment Team at SpecialsRecruitment@northants.pnn.police.uk or phone 01604 888113.

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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.

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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Service of readings and music



Mince pies and a festive cup served after service.



TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER - 7 O'CLOCK

