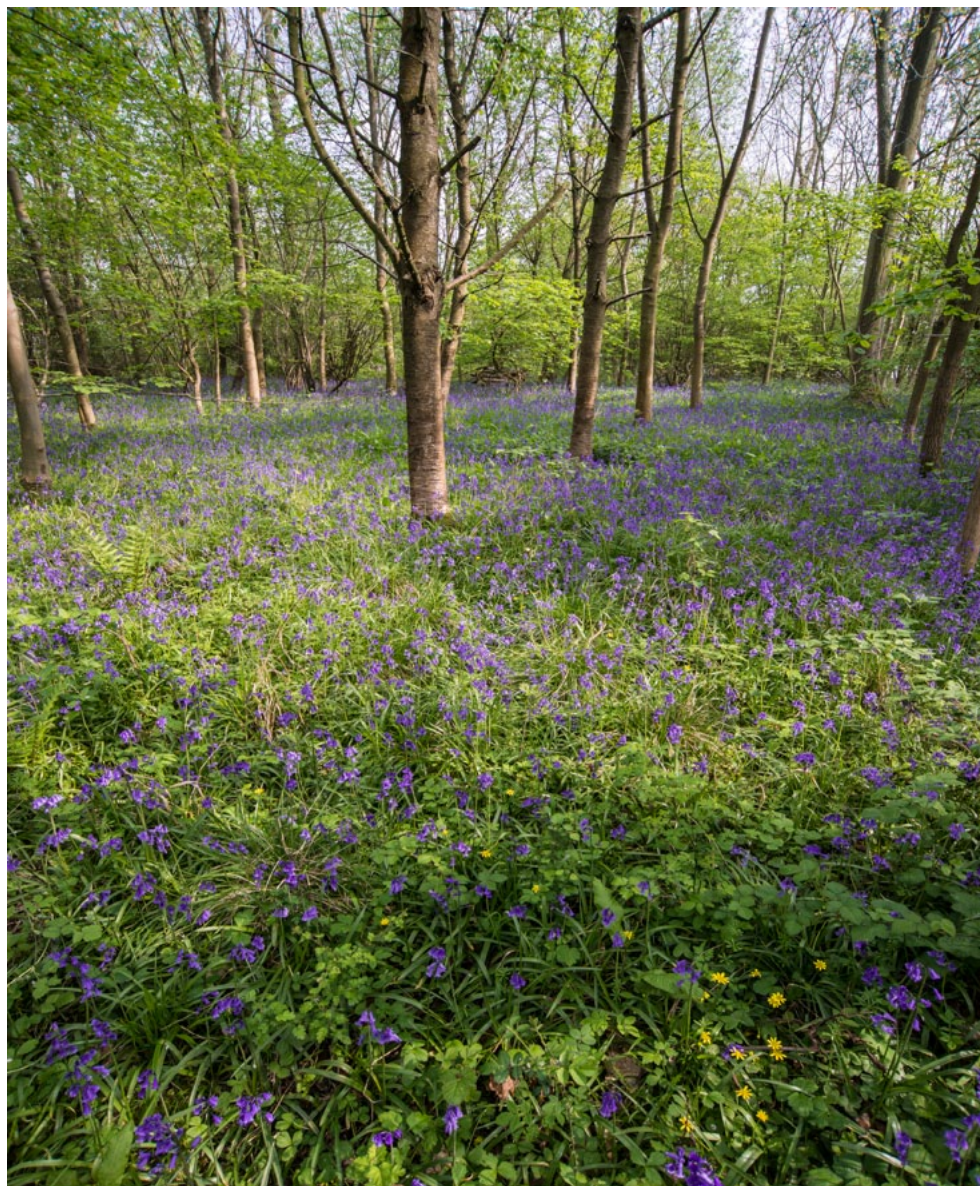


# WOODNEWTON NEWS

May 2016



Bluebells in Southwick wood

Photo by Matthew Roberts

# News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 11th April

## **Matters arising from previous meeting**

The mowing contract for the Churchyard has been awarded to AR Gardening on a 2 year basis so that all contracts have the same end date.

The Clerk's annual review has been completed

## **Accounts & Audit**

Every year the Council has to submit it's accounts for external audit. This is in addition to the rigorous internal audit process and monthly review of finances at each meeting. While the budget small in relative terms the Council has to operate to the normal standards expected of a public authority and ensure that your money is being spent properly and correctly accounted for.

## **Clean Up Day**

A huge thankyou to all those who volunteered for the Spring Clean Up day on 16th April. An incredible amount of work was done by the various teams of people allocated to different tasks.

New Dog signs were erected in the playing field, brambles cleared from the Hall car park, paths edged, litter picked, and ivy trimmed etc.

All workers enjoyed tea and home baked cakes thanks to Liz Holland. For those that couldn't make it this time we look forward to seeing you at our autumn Clean-up day in October.

## **Annual Village Meeting**

The annual village meeting will be on 17th May in the village hall. This is a great opportunity to question your local representatives and the Parish Council about issues affecting you and the area in which you live. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th May

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

## **Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch**

Are you thinking of installing an alarm system for your property? If so here's some advice from the police:-

### **Do I need an alarm system?**

Intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars. They provide a useful warning and limit the risk of theft and damage to property. Criminals do not like attracting attention to their activities. They do not know what response the alarm has triggered.

### **Are there different types of alarm systems?**

Essentially there are two types of alarm systems.

- An audible only system, which will sound a bell or siren to attract attention and help deter any potential burglary. This system should comply with the current recognised standards.
- Monitored systems will, in addition, send a signal to a central monitoring station that can alert the Police. This type of alarm system should be installed by a Police compliant company to the current standards. Some systems can be programmed to dial direct to a key holder for those purposes. They must not be programmed to dial any Police telephone numbers.

### **How do I choose a company to install an alarm?**

We recommend that you obtain quotes from at least three security companies who are subject to independent inspection by a recognised body such as:

- NSI (National Security Inspectorate) [www.nsi.org.uk](http://www.nsi.org.uk) Tel: 01628 637512
- SSAIB (Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board) [www.ssaib.org](http://www.ssaib.org) Tel: 0191 296 3242

Details of security companies in your area can be obtained from the two organisations above. Or you may wish to take advice from your insurance company to ascertain which installation companies they may accept. This could lead to a reduced premium.

### **Will the police attend alarm activations?**

The Police will attend when they receive notifications from a central monitoring station that a monitored system has been activated. The Police will also attend the activation of an audible only alarm system, if there is additional information that an offence is in progress.

**Before deciding on a particular system, are there any questions I should ask the security company?**

- Ensure that before you disclose any personal details that you have checked the identify of the representative and the company's credentials.
- You should only discuss your requirements with a company you have contacted. Do not have any dealings with companies that could call you by the telephone or knock on your door.
- If you have any doubts, contact your local Trading Standards office for advice.
- Ask which independent inspectorate the company is subject to e.g. NSI, SSAIB, etc.
- Does the alarm system comply fully with the current recognised standards?
- Are there any maintenance and/ or monitoring contracts, or additional hidden extras such as call-out charges etc?
- Do you own or rent the system?
- What period of time does the guarantee last for and what happens if there is a problem after that?
- Ask if there is a 24 hours call-out service and emergency attendance within 24hours.
- Ask the installer if they provide adequate training for you on how to operate the system.

Do not accept verbal contracts. Ensure that any agreement between you and the company are written and that you or your representative read the contents carefully before signing.

However, if you have any further questions, contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 03000 111 222

## **St Mary's Church**

### May Services

1st	9.30am	Sung Holy Communion	Bishop John Flack
8th	9.30am	Common Worship Service	Rev Peter Morrell
15th	9.30am	Sung Holy Communion	Tom Tomalin      coffee served after service
22nd	8.30am	BCP HC (said)	Rev Michael Matthews
29th	10.00am	Benefice Service	

We are holding a coffee and cake morning on Saturday, 21st May when it is hoped that those people who are interested in helping out at the Open Gardens and Flower Festival weekend will come and hear about the preparations for the weekend.

Many people are needed to make this a successful and smooth running event, so if you have half an hour do pop by the church from 10.30am.

### **SHOWTIME - 11th June 2016**

As part of our weekend celebrations the church will be the venue for a Saturday night concert of songs from the Musicals.

The Weekley Singers (choir of 25 singers) will be providing the entertainment from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £7.50, which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice and are available from Ann Galloway: [henry.galloway@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.galloway@btinternet.com), telephone number 01780 479235. Tables can be booked for up to 6 people.

Special Offer - you can take advantage of our joint ticket - £10 gives you entrance to the Open Gardens, Flower Festival and evening concert.

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### **Appeal for books & plants**

There will be a book and plant stall at the Open Gardens and Flower Festival, so if anybody would like to donate any items we would be very grateful.

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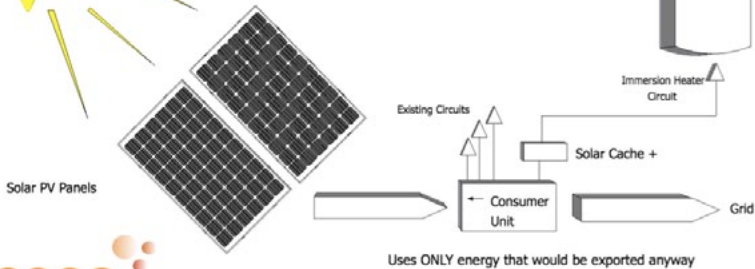
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After 2 years absence the first two dates that Thomas will be steaming at his home the Nene Valley Railway have been announced.

The finishing touches are currently being carried out in the Railways own workshops and he is set for his first two big events in June and July

The all-important dates for the family diary are 11th & 12 June and 9th & 10th July

Rather than everybody having to travel directly to the Railway's main Wansford station, Thomas fans will be welcomed to any of the Nene Valley railway's stations and can jump on board the big steam train there, paying only a single ticket price which will include everything including travel up and down the whole of the line, entertainment and the all-important ride behind the star of the show Thomas.

For those who choose to travel directly to Thomas' Wansford home the ticket price will include a ride on one of his bigger friends all the way along the line to Peterborough and back.

Wansford station will be transformed into a special place where children will be sure to recognise the characters dotted about and Thomas fans can expect plenty of fun with the Super-star engine doing what he does best... Pulling his special branch line train through the tunnel giving all the boys and girls a ride. The all-inclusive ticket prices are...

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Advance bookings may be made at [www.nvr.org.uk](http://www.nvr.org.uk) more details 01780 784444

Nene Valley Railway

Wansford Station

Stibbington

Peterborough PE8 6LR

**Woodnewton Players AGM  
Thursday 12th May 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall**

**All welcome, especially anyone wishing to become a member.**

**We are always looking for new people and have opportunities  
both on stage and behind the scenes.**

**If you are interested in joining but unable to attend please  
email [woodnewtonplayers@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonplayers@gmail.com)**

*Gary's village walk*

*Our next walk will be on Saturday 7th May*

*leaving from the Chequered Skipper at  
Ashton at 10a.m.*

*Hope to see you there.*

**Woodnewton ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**

**Tuesday 17th May 2016 7.30pm**

**In the Woodnewton Village Hall**

**All welcome**

REFRESHMENTS - on arrival

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Welcome – Cllr Andrew Hansford
3. Guests: Heather Smith (Deputy Leader of Northamptonshire  
County Council)  
Valerie Raven- Hill (Councillor Prebendal )  
PCSO
4. Chairman's report – Andrew Hansford
5. Financial report – Fi Thompson, Clerk
6. Any matters from the public



## **Flower festival - appeal for sponsors**

You will be aware from previous articles, that there is planned a “Flower festival and Open Gardens” event in the village, to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday weekend. There is also a concert in the church on the Saturday evening.

In order to maximise the effect of the flower festival, we are looking for sponsors to assist in the purchase of the flowers. This can be done in the name of your business, individually or perhaps in memory of a loved one. Acknowledgements will be published in the programme, please show your support of the village and this event.

Donations, large or small, can be delivered to me at home or please contact me to discuss the options.

Peter Atchison, 10 Main Street, 470372

## **Communicare**

Advance reminder: The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June when we are welcoming as our guest speaker a representative from ‘Age UK’ who will be talking about all the various services and help that the charity offers. Please note that this meeting will be held at the Wansford surgery at 6.30pm.

The social group’s first day trip of the season in glorious spring weather took members to Lincoln last month for a few hours shopping and browsing the city’s many attractions including the magnificent cathedral – this was followed by a fish and chip tea rounding off a very enjoyable day out. This month’s coffee morning is on Friday 13th May at 10am in the Kings Cliffe Sports Active hall, after which over 30 members will be setting off the following week on our spring holiday to Melrose, Scotland.

Our next day trip will be a visit to Wells on Sea, North Norfolk on Wednesday 15th June, with a stop for coffee on the way at the Sandringham estate. Exact cost is not yet confirmed but will be circa £20 per person. If you would like to reserve a place, or require further information on any of the social activities please contact Clare Wagstaffe on 01780 470437 or email: superfoguk@aol.com

Wendy Spencer

# Anouk's recipe for May



## Woodnewton Nettle and Feta Quiche



### **Ingredients**

#### **Pastry:**

250g plain flour  
A few sprigs of thyme  
A handful of sage  
125g Trex vegetable  
fat/butter

#### **Vegetable mixture:**

1tbs olive oil  
1 onion  
1 red pepper  
½ cauliflower  
100g stinging nettles  
(use tender tops)\*

150g feta cheese

#### **Egg mixture:**

4 large eggs  
200ml milk  
Mint  
Parsley  
Thyme

### **Method:**

- 1) Make the pastry; measure the flour into a mixing bowl with the herbs and combine. Add the Trex/butter and rub together until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- 2) Add small amounts of water to the mixture until you form a pliable dough.
- 3) Put in the fridge for around half an hour to make it easier to roll out later.
- 4) Make the vegetable mixture; pour the olive oil into a large saucepan. Chop the onion and add to the pan. Fry for a few minutes until translucent.
- 5) Meanwhile, chop the red pepper, break half a cauliflower into small florets and add to the saucepan, then add the nettles. Add some water and sweat with a lid on a low heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are just tender.
- 6) Make the egg mixture; crack four eggs into a mixing bowl along with the chopped herbs and milk. Whisk until well combined.
- 7) Take the pastry out of the fridge and roll out to fit a large flan tin. Blind bake for ten minutes.
- 8) Pour in the vegetable mixture.
- 9) Grate the feta cheese and sprinkle evenly over the quiche.
- 10) Pour the egg mixture on top and put in the oven at 200°C for half an hour.

\*Harvest the top two leaves of young stinging nettles. Be sure to avoid nettles growing near sprayed crops. Did you know that nettles are a great source of iron and fibre and are said to have a host of other health benefits?

## **Thank you**

Through the magazine I, and probably many more people, would like to send a huge thank you to the kind and enterprising person who planted the daffodil bulbs along the Apethorpe road. The approach to the village has never looked more beautiful and it is wonderful to think it will go on doing so each Spring for years to come.

Janet Rawding

## **The White Swan**

Assuming that this has hit your mat before the first May Bank Holiday -  
We are open all day, Sunday & Monday.

(If not, we are open the same for the bank holiday at the end of the month)

Diary dates -

Fish night - Wednesday 11th May

A selection of fish dishes that will only be confirmed on the day, reflecting what was caught the day before and delivered fresh that morning, but rest assured our team will produce some great dishes and a night to remember.

2 - courses £16.50

3 - courses £20.50

Then lots of sunshine and balmy evenings down the local, pint / wine in hand, followed by -

Woodite Night - Wednesday 25th May

The normal great deal of 2 courses for £12.50

Another new twist is the addition of an early bird / family option -

Arrive and order by 6:30 Kids get unlimited free Coke, lemonade or Diet Coke with their meals ( when dining with equal number of adults, table will be required back by 8 )(( kids meals from£5))

Finally - Friday nights happy hour -Brilliant to get so many regular faces week in week out, if you're looking for an excuse to meet people and celebrate having a pub in the village then this is the night to start on.

**& IT'S NOT JUST A HAPPY HOUR , IT'S A HAPPY HOUR AND A HALF!!**

Happy hour Friday's 6:00 - 7:30

followed by free tapas on the bar at 8:30

# Columnists

## On The Plot

May is a glorious month when, with luck, the weather really improves and plant growth of all sorts is very evident. I love it, but I am also aware that amongst all the good, the bad lurks not far away. Yes, I'm sure that one or two regular readers will wonder if I am referring to them, but no, I refer to insect pests and to the possibility of frost. As we all know, it is easy to be carried away by the promise of a few sunny and warm days. However, rather cold nights are far from uncommon in May in this area and so it is very wise to have protection at hand.

'Solid' forms of protection such as cloches and cold frames are great, but do remember that ventilation during the day is vital as very high temperatures can build easily if that is not provided.

More versatile in many ways are the various forms of fleece and veggiemesh. I say this because to a degree they are self regulating. Once covered, crops will be protected and, because the material is essentially porous, excessive temperatures will build less easily. However, where possible you should try to raise the material so that it does not touch the leaves of especially frost susceptible plants. Potatoes are a good example. I have covered these in the past without taking such precautions and wherever the fleece made contact with leaves, they were frosted.

Are you aware that there are different weights and qualities of fleece? I tend to purchase the heavier version (30g) because it lasts longer and provides better protection. 17g is OK, but to my mind is a bit flimsy. The latter is very common in many garden centres, so reference to specialist catalogues is recommended.

Thermacrop is a new type of protective material not unlike fleece, but it is stronger, easier to handle and longer lasting. It is more expensive, but I am going to try it because it could offer advantages and be economic over time. I notice that it appears in catalogues from Gardening Naturally and Harrod.

Veggiemesh (also called enviromesh and insect-mesh) is another material I would not be without. It comes in different mesh sizes - the smallest for protection against such pests as flea beetle and the larger size for protection against many other insects, especially carrot fly.

Essentially I do use this material to protect crops from insects, but it does have some thermally protective qualities and so can protect against frost quite well at this time of year. Without it my brassicas and carrots would be mercilessly attacked to the point where they are rendered useless, so I strongly recommend its use.

Do get the correct mesh size for your purpose though and, if in doubt, always buy the finest.

If a framework to support these materials is required, a cheap and effective method is to use hoops formed from blue alkathene water pipe.

Here's to a season free from pestilence of all types.I wonder ??...

Dodge the Flak

### **Bee - moaning the lack of honey bees!**

This winter has been disastrous for my 4 hives of honeybees in Nassington. The mild winter ensured the bees were flying more than usual rather than going into torpor. Many could not make it back to the hive due to the lack of winter food and then with reduced numbers could not survive the cold snap in February, despite emergency feeding. The wonderful weekend at the beginning of April was warm enough to allow a quick inspection. This is normally an exciting time, when the queen has begun laying eggs and the hive is preparing for a season of work. Sadly all I found was 4 hives with bees dead on their frames. In the 8 years of beekeeping I have never lost 100% of the hives I have.

I now need to restock.

If anyone has a swarm of bees in their garden I would be very willing to rehouse them. Honey bee swarms may look alarming, but are in fact quite docile when they have settled. It looks like a rugby ball of bees, usually hanging down from a branch. Bees that have entered old tree holes or into cracks in masonry are unlikely to be honeybees but are probably another species of bee.

If there are any beekeepers in the village who would like to make up a nuc or perhaps do an artificial swarm then I would love to hear from you as well.

Ruth Rigby

email: [ruth.rigby169@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.rigby169@btinternet.com) or mobile: 07800 518103

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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

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

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**Woodnewton Inter village  
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campaign**

**Come along for a fun family day out and support children affected by the crisis in Syria through the Save the Children Syria campaign. There will be food and drink on sale as well as a bouncy castle and face painting and more...**

**10am - 4pm Sunday 12th June 2016  
at  
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