

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

**June 2016**



**Woodnewton's Open Gardens is back**

Matthew Roberts took this lovely picture of the garden at  
The Homestead for the 2014 show

# News and Reports

## Summary of Woodnewton's Annual Village Meeting 17.5.16

Guests –Heather Smith (Leader of Northamptonshire County Council), Valerie Raven Hill (Prebendal Councillor), Nadia Norman (Police PCSO)

**Cllr Andrew Hansford** introduced the councillors and the guests then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tom Holmes has decided to resign from the council and a vote of thanks was made to Tom for all his hard work. Tom has been a great asset to the council and we will miss his experience and list of 'useful people' enormously.

**Cllr Heather Smith** spoke about the budgetary pressures the County Council is under. Children's services account for a large proportion of the annual budget and Cllr Smith also updated the meeting on the changes to schools in our area. Northamptonshire has a high proportion of logistics businesses and as a result is one of the top areas in the country for unaccompanied migrant children who are being brought illegally in to the country. Cllr Smith talked about the responsibilities of the Council to look after these children. Cllr Smith was questioned about the state of the roads and local transport.

**Valerie Raven-Hill** outlined what she has done in her first year in post and described how she can be contacted and what she can assist with.

**Nadia Norman** 'At the beginning of 2016 the parish council in Nassington and I embarked on a project aimed at improving security of the village as a whole, getting the residents and council and police to work together to make the community a safer place. This project has previously only been run on estates in Northampton during 2013, where a rise in Asian Gold thefts occurred during certain times of the year. The project aimed to bring everyone together and to make residents aware of their own responsibilities around home security and personal safety, with support from the police and local community groups to achieve the aims.

This village project is working around the six elements of home security: perimeter security, external lighting, external doors, garages sheds and outbuildings, windows and internal security.

I have already been on a walkabout with Nassington parish council to view their village security, which was a great way for us to see the village from a different perspective, and make notes of anything that really stuck out as a possible improvement. Moving forward we aim to hold a security event and make ourselves available for all residents to take part in the security challenge in the hope that we can improve the village security and also make communication better between us, NHW and residents.

I would really like to start this project in Woodnewton; there is already a strong NHW and community cohesion in the village that could make this a success. The first element is a village walkabout looking for household security weaknesses.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE** as all are welcome to come along.

**Chair Andrew Hansford** Last year was my first as Chairman and David is a hard act to follow. Fi Thompson is now fully established as Parish Clerk and our thanks go to Fi for all her hard work. A new Council was elected last May including new Councillors Roger Flack, Russ Jenner and Liz Holland. Councillor Alex Neville joined us last September. We do still have 2 vacancies for Councillors and would welcome new people keen to join us. Cllr Tom Holmes has decided to step down this month and we thank Tom for all his work.

**Gigaclear:** The Council remains in discussion with Gigaclear over the remedial works required to return the village to its pre-works state.

**Traffic calming:** this issue is always near the top of the council's agenda and is monitored on a regular basis. The Council has encouraged local agencies to monitor speeds and has also put up temporary speed awareness signs. The Council did investigate a speed controlled flashing sign but the cost was prohibitive and the effectiveness of such signs is not clear.

**St Mary's Hill:** an action plan regarding the re-surfacing of the lower portion was agreed with residents and now that Gigaclear have finished digging, the work will be planned and completed

**Playground & Playing Field:** the Council is always seeking to improve the facilities both new and existing and keeping the surrounding environment safe, clean and tidy. New Dog signs have been installed; routine maintenance has been carried out by a band of volunteers. Trees have been pruned and the hedge cut. In addition the Council has made improving facilities for older children it's next major mission and as part of that, a survey of teenage children was undertaken to get their feedback on what they would like to see in the playing field. The results of the survey will be used to guide us in the type of equipment to provide. The Council has set aside a sum of money to use as the basis for funding this project and will apply for grants to fill the gap.

**The Bonfire site** was moved this year and access restricted to villagers only at weekends. This was deemed a success in limiting the size of the fire and more importantly the illegal and dangerous dumping that has occurred in the past couple of years.

**Churchyard:** Richard Brown surrendered the mowing contract for the Churchyard and we thank Richard for his work over the past mowing season. It has now been contracted to AR Gardening for 2 years.

**Clean Up day:** this twice yearly event remains a vital part of the Council's work and allows us to do a number of jobs that we would otherwise not be able to afford. The Council extends its thanks to all the volunteers who have taken part. Jobs big and small have been done but all contribute to keeping our village a clean and tidy place to live.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all who have helped me in my first year as Chair. I truly believe that we are your Parish Council, representing you, and to make that effective we need your engagement. Meetings are open to you, we are always willing to listen to suggestions and ideas and we welcome anyone who wants to join us. ‘

**Clerk's Financial report** Administrative costs were slightly higher this year as I have accepted additional responsibilities, such as RFO and Cemetery duties and have attended appropriate NCALC and SLCC training.

In 2015-2016 the council spent £420 installing Part Night Cells, which will ultimately pay for themselves in the reduction of electricity used. EON remain competitive in their prices but have raised their prices from £8 to £12 per kWh

Council installed two new taps at the allotments.

The mowing, HJ Horticulture and Richard Brown and the cost of the mowing contract is a total of £5175 net of VAT, NCC contribute £480.

The loan for the cemetery has been paid off, the last payment of £562 having been paid in June 2015

The Council continues to support the Woodnewton Newsletter and Woodnewton Website giving £150 pa.

Allotment fees remain at £12 per plot and will be collected in September 2016. There are no spare plots at the moment and no waiting list.

The precept has remained at £11,800 pa

The reserves are about £8000 higher this year as the Council builds up funds for playground replacement, Churchyard wall repairs and road repairs. Reserve is £14000

**Cllr Hansford** thanked the speakers and the Clerk and opened the floor to questions. A number of questions were asked about various subjects including signs, pavements, security, and playing field access.

**The Parish Council** met on 9<sup>th</sup> May

### **Resignation**

Tom Holmes has decided to resign from the council and a vote of thanks was made to Tom for all his hard work. Tom has been a great asset to the council and we will miss his experience and list of 'useful people' enormously.

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

Rabbit guards have been installed for the new trees. The broken finger post on the triangle has been reported for repair. The annual gravestone risk assessment has been completed. It was decided to delay the wild flower planting until next year in order to identify suitable sites and prepare the ground properly.

### **Allotments**

Several concerns were raised about the noise from a cockerel on the allotment. The owner has been contacted and asked to take remedial action

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

## St. Mary's Services

June

5th	Sung Holy Communion & Baptism	Revd Peter Konig	11.00am
12th	Evensong celebrating the Queen's Birthday	Bishop John Flack	6.00pm
19th	Sung Holy Communion & Baptism	Revd Peter Konig	11.00am
26th	BCP Holy Communion (said)	Revd Peter Morrell	8.30am

### What is **Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch** ...

Promoted by the Northamptonshire Constabulary, Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch was formed at a village open meeting on 15th September 1988 for the purpose of providing a focus for neighbourly support and protection against crime.

All Woodnewton villagers are regarded as members of Neighbourhood Watch and are entitled to state this on applications for household insurance etc.

A small group of volunteer 'contacts' act as communicators and advisers in their area of the village and constitute the 'committee'. A coordinator acts as chair of the 'committee' and links with the county Neighbourhood Watch organisation and the county and local Police. Contacts meet every 3 months to share information about incidents in the village and intelligence received from the Police and county Neighbourhood Watch. E-mail mainly and telephone warnings about criminal activity are passed around the contacts. Contacts call on neighbours from time to time to introduce themselves and explain the purpose of Neighbourhood Watch.

Woodnewton Parish Council supports Neighbourhood Watch and has made a commitment to provide funds for its administration. The Village Hall committee kindly allows free use of the meeting room for quarterly Contacts meetings and the main hall for occasional open meetings.

Articles about crime trends, police warnings, keeping safe and recent crimes are published via the WNW e-mail service - [woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com](mailto:woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com). You can sign up for inclusion in this service by emailing your details to the above address.

Crime prevention advice is distributed in the form of leaflets and via email. Warning stickers for houses and vehicles are available. Occasional open meetings are held in the village hall with guest speakers from the Police, security firms or other related organisations.

We are always looking to recruit new Contacts to provide stimulation to the group and strengthen the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch. We live in a place where there is not much crime but it is nonetheless distressing to victims and worrying to others when it does happen and Neighbourhood Watch exists to try to reduce this. Please contact Stuart Shaw on 01780 470583 (or via the WNW email) if you are interested in becoming an area Contact.

# What's On

*My next walk will be on Saturday 18th June please meet me at the church at Easton on the Hill at 10.00am if you wish to join me on a walk into Stamford*

Gary Says

**Tickets are now on sale for**

**Woodnewton's Got Talent**

**2nd July at 7.00 pm**

**Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children**

**Contact Alex on 470101**

**Please come along to support the acts and vote for the winner with your entry ticket. There will be a bar on the night and a donation from the nights proceeds will be made to Sue Ryder.**

**We do hope you can come along the show which has been put on by Woodnewton Players**

## COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

Our next meeting is on  
Wednesday 8th June 2016  
Wansford Surgery at 6.30 pm

Guest Speaker  
Representative from Age UK Peterborough  
who will be giving information and advice on  
services provided by the charity

In order that more time can be devoted to guest speakers with an opportunity for the audience to ask questions, at all future meetings formal matters will be curtailed to a short business and financial report - however the opportunity will still be retained for patients attending to ask questions and be given important information regarding the practice and local healthcare issues

---

---

**SHOWTIME**  
**A N EVENING OF SONGS FROM**  
**THE**  
**MUSICALS**



**BY**  
**THE WEEKLEY SINGERS**

**AT ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**11th JUNE 2016**

**7. 30 pm**

**£7.50**

**(includes a glass of wine or juice)**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: ANNE GALLOWAY**  
**Tel NO : 01780 479235**      **Henry.galloway@btinternet.com**

# News and Reports cont.

## Communicare

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday 8th June – 6.30pm at Wansford surgery, when we will welcome as guest speaker a representative from Age UK Peterborough who will be talking about the various services and help that the charity offers. In addition to this, there is now the opportunity to obtain information and advice from Age UK on the third Monday of each month when a representative is available in Wansford reception from 9am to 12 noon.

It has been decided that in future, with the exception of the AGM in September, a different format will be introduced for other quarterly meetings. The officers feel that guest speakers could have more time to present their information and answer questions from the audience. It is noticeable that a number of patients do not remain at meetings for the business section – we appreciate that the majority may not be keenly interested in these matters. However a short report on formal and financial matters will now be given and there will always be the opportunity for surgery staff to answer any queries from patients or to provide important information regarding the practice or local healthcare issues. It is hoped that this new format will be welcomed and may encourage more patients to attend meetings.

A campaign is being launched by advertisement and notices in the surgeries to attract more voluntary drivers for our transport scheme. This is an important service provided to patients who do not drive or have any other means of transport, but the demand is such that Wansford reception are finding provision of adequate drivers a severe problem. To alleviate their workload it is now a requirement that requests for transport should be made 3 days in advance – any less notice could result in the request being refused.

Important note: Any patient who has made an appointment to see a doctor or nurse and then finds they cannot attend for whatever reason MUST cancel as soon as possible by phone, thereby allowing the slot to be allocated to someone else. In the last two months there have been 95 missed appointments which is wholly unacceptable – culprits should reflect that one day they may need an urgent appointment which could have been provided if others had taken the trouble to cancel.

The social group: Coffee morning Friday 17th June at 10am in the Kings Cliffe Sports Active hall. Our next day trip is a visit to Wells on Sea, North Norfolk on Wednesday 15th June, with coffee stop at Sandringham estate - circa £20 per person. To reserve a place, or for further information please contact Clare Wagstaffe on 01780 470437 or email: [superfoguk@aol.com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com)



## PHOTO COMPETITION RESULT

Thanks to everyone who entered! Congratulations to **Jack and Archie Humphrey** who were first out of the hat of correct entries. This is their entry:

1. Hydrants outside cemetery gates
2. Top of Parish Council Noticeboard on Main Street
3. Tap in allotments closest to the gate/Orchard Lane
4. Bench in enclosed playpark
5. Compost bin just inside cemetery gates
6. Small door to the side/front of Church
7. Right hand lamp above Manor House door
8. Date stone at bottom of Pridmore Close
9. Olive tree outside the White Swan
10. Top of the roundabout in the playpark
11. Sign to Apethorpe/Kings Cliffe at end of Nassington Road/Main St
12. Woodnewton Village sign at end of Nassington Road/Main St

# Columnists



## Woodnewton pizza with herby leaf beet topping



### Ingredients

For the base:  
650g flour (half plain, half wholemeal)  
450 ml warm water  
6 tsp. dried yeast  
Pinch each of sugar & salt  
3 tbsp. olive oil  
1 egg, beaten

For the topping:  
2 tbsp. olive oil  
3 large onions, finely chopped  
1 colander-full of leaf beet or spinach  
Generous handful each of oregano, thyme and chives  
2 cans chopped tomatoes and thyme  
Red pepper, finely chopped  
200g grated mozzarella  
200g mature cheddar, grated

**Makes 4 large pizzas - serves 4 hungry people with leftovers for lunch**

### Method:

- 1) Put the water in a jug and dissolve the dried yeast in it, along with a pinch of sugar and salt. Stand in a warm place for 10 mins until beginning to froth.
- 2) Put the flour in a mixing bowl, make a well in the middle and pour in the yeast mixture, beaten egg and olive oil.
- 3) Mix with hands to form a pliable dough, adding more flour or water if necessary.
- 4) Knead vigorously for ten minutes, then put back in the bowl, cover with a tea towel and leave in a warm place for around an hour.
- 5) Meanwhile make the sauce. Heat the olive oil in a saucepan and fry the onions until soft. Add the spinach and wilt over a high heat with the lid on for 5 minutes, stirring regularly.
- 6) Add the herbs and tomatoes, season to taste, then heat through and set aside.
- 7) Once dough has risen well, remove from bowl and divide into four pieces.
- 9) Roll out on a floured worktop to the size of the tins.
- 7) Brush tins with a generous amount of olive oil. Then put in the dough and push it to edges by hand. Brush top of the dough with more olive oil, especially the edges.
- 10) Spread a layer of tomato mixture on top.
- 11) Sprinkle over red pepper and cheese.
- 12) Bake at 200 degrees for around 20 minutes.



## On The Plot

As summer really gets into its stride and the longest days are here to enjoy I start to think about stress. There are many stressful things on and around the plot and no doubt if asked, you might identify some with two legs, many with six and some with more. Well, fine, but I was

thinking more of plant stress.

Most plants are now growing very quickly and although temperature and light encourage this, maybe the soil is holding things back. A huge demand is placed upon soil resources at this time of year. Water is very large part of all plant tissue and yet soils can be very dry around now especially in much of this area. As a result plants will struggle to get all they need and will show signs of stress if they do not. This at the very least will reduce your crop yield.

I really do dislike having to water even though I save in barrels and have a tap not too far away. You may feel the same, but some watering is hard to avoid. I find that a good plan is to divide my needy crops up into three or four lots. I then take it in turns to water one lot one day and one another. I also make sure that when I do take action I do a good job. It is of little use to apply a brief shower. Make sure that you really do wet the ground because if you don't you are pretty well wasting any time that you spend. I water leafy crops, beans and peas and strawberries quite a lot. Roots I tend to leave alone because in general it does them good to search down for water as they grow. It is almost impossible to water to the depths required for many of these plants.

Nutrients are used very rapidly and it certainly helps to replenish them, if possible. I am a great believer in seaweed fertiliser as I try to grow organically as far as I can. If bought in fairly large quantities it is not too expensive. Added to water and used as a foliar and/or root feed it can work wonders very quickly. I find it great for tomatoes and use it once a week, but it is good for most other plants too, especially strawberries. Mulching I mention regularly I know, but if you can add a layer of mulch here and there it will help to conserve moisture in the soil and add nutrients too. Do try to add this after a good wetting though - for obvious reasons.

Regular hoeing before weeds get to any size should be an aim. Not only will you keep your plot tidy, but you will ensure that soil resources are reserved for your crops alone. Well, now if the sun shines relax and enjoy life, once your jobs are done. However, watch out for a chap in sunglasses, a broad brimmed hat, shorts and wellies. Not me, not nice and certainly to be avoided.....

Dodge the Flak

## Stephen Mold

Stephen is the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire. Stephen is happily married to Nikki. They have a young family and are seeing first-hand how wonderful & challenging bringing up children in the modern world can be. Stephen had a normal upbringing; climbing trees, playing football and then joining the Air Training Corps. This taught him tolerance, how to work with others through teamwork, the importance of taking responsibility and the value of public service. Over the last 30 years, Stephen worked his way up through the ranks, from his first job unloading lorries through various senior roles onto running his own business. Stephen is passionate about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to make the most of their lives. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen wants to ensure victims are put at the heart of everything he does. He is focused on addressing the problem with alcohol and drug fuelled crime across Northamptonshire, as well as working to end domestic violence. In addition to this, he also wants to make sure that the towns and villages of Northamptonshire are safe for children and free from those who wish to harm them, either physically or online. Stephen is committed to protecting the number of frontline officers and believes that there is an ever increasing opportunity to exploit new technologies, to enable more officers to be visible on the streets of Northamptonshire tackling the issues important to local residents; rather than being stuck at stations filling out paperwork.

If you would like to contact Stephen, he can be reached at [Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk) or via post at:

Police and Crime Commissioner  
Force Headquarters  
Wootton Hall  
Northampton  
NN4 0JQ



**cope**  
ELECTRICAL SERVICES  
Domestic Commercial Solar Pv

Andy Cope  
Tel : 07905 138846  
email : [cope.electricalservices@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cope.electricalservices@yahoo.co.uk)  
[www.cope-electricalservices.co.uk](http://www.cope-electricalservices.co.uk)  
Unit 10 Elliott's Yard, Kingscliffe  
Peterborough PE8 6ER





**VICTORIA NEWTON**  
www.victoria-newton.co.uk

Made-to-measure curtains, blinds and soft furnishings perfectly suited to your home. With a large fabric library available, impeccable hand-sewn skills and a friendly service from a studio in Woodnewton village we offer:

Roman Blinds • Hand Pleated Headings • Rollers • Venetians  
Pelmetts • Valances • Headboards • Poles and Trimmings

Stockist of Cabbages & Roses, Sanderson, Prestigious Textiles, Ian Mankin, James Hare Silks, Moon Wools and more.

To book a no obligation measuring-up and quotation call today.

T : 01780 479140 | E : enquiries@victoria-newton.co.uk

## **A R Garden & Landscape Services**

The Quality is in the Work

A friendly, experienced & high quality service for all your gardening needs.

Large or small gardens undertaken for regular or one off work.

Full CRB checked & References available on request

RHS Trained

Call: 07807016480 or 01536 524151

Email: reid\_alastair@yahoo.co.uk



## **WENDY'S WOOD, WOODNEWTON**

Logs For Sale

Logs seasoned mixed hardwood

Full trailer load (10x6) - £140

Half load - £70

Nets of wood - £4

Logs cut to length on request

Contact Wendy 01780 470062 Mobile 07814224805

Email: winterrottie@yahoo.com

Woods wanted for coppicing

## **GRIFFINS SOLID FUEL MERCHANTS**

**The Old Station Yard, Nassington**

### **Suppliers of:**

- Coal and Smokeless Fuels
  - Cash & Carry Pre-Packs
  - Flo Gas
  - Coal Bunkers
  - Charcoal
- Coal Yard Tel : 01780 782540**

**Office: 12 Church Hill, Castor Tel: 01733 380470**

## **JC.HEATING SERVICES [www.jc-heatingservices.co.uk](http://www.jc-heatingservices.co.uk)**

8 Black Swan Spinney, Wansford, PE8 6LE

Tel: 01780 781778

Mob: 07729036942

Email: [jo.childs@jc-heatingservices.co.uk](mailto:jo.childs@jc-heatingservices.co.uk)

- Oil Boilers
- Gas and LPG (Calor) Boilers, Cookers and Fires
- Service, Breakdown, Repairs
- New Installations
- Oil Tank Replacements

OFTEC Registered Business CORGI Gas Safe Register 230429

## **Village Pizzas**

**Freshly made & delivered to your door.**

View our Menu at

**[www.villagepizzas.co.uk](http://www.villagepizzas.co.uk)**

Tue -Sat 6pm 'til the phone stops ringing

**01780 784587**

## USEFUL NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

For more see the village website: [www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk](http://www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk)

**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.

## DIARY DATES

### June

Monday 6th	Parish Council	pg. 3
Wednesday 8th	Communicare meeting	pg. 7
Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th	Open Gardens & Flower Festival	back cover
Saturday 11th	Concert	pg 6
Wednesday 15th	Communicare day trip	pg. 8
Friday 17th	Commincare coffee morning	pg. 8
Saturday 18th	Village walk	pg. 5

### July

Saturday 2nd	Woodnewton's Got Talent	pg. 5
--------------	-------------------------	-------

**NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE CONTACTS** Editorial Team: Liz Holland, Jane Martin, June Moore, John Russell, Anouk van Royen, Ivan Walker, David Webb

**Advertising:** Ivan Walker, Tel 470438

**Contributions:** Please send articles by email whenever possible to [newswoodnewton@googlemail.com](mailto:newswoodnewton@googlemail.com) Handwritten / non-electronic contributions can be delivered or sent to June Moore, 5 Lindsey Close.

**Closing date for all copy 14th of previous month.**

The Newsletter is co-edited and published by Liz Holland, 26, Orchard Lane, Woodnewton and David Webb, 7, St Mary's Hill, Woodnewton.

Any views expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council unless otherwise stated.

**VILLAGE WEBSITE:** [www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk](http://www.woodnewtonhub.co.uk)

**Website Manager:** Matthew Roberts. Email: [info@woodnewtonhub.co.uk](mailto:info@woodnewtonhub.co.uk)

# WOODNEWTON OPEN GARDENS & FLOWER FESTIVAL

SHOWTIME



**11TH & 12TH JUNE 2016**

**12 noon to 5pm**

**Entrance £5 - Under 16's free**  
**Free Car Parking**

Tour the village to view the country gardens  
Visit St Mary's church and enjoy the flower displays  
representing Musicals  
Art Display at the Pottery - Teas - Book and Plant Stalls